

Kinmundy Christian Church

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Having grown up in Kinmundy Christian Church with so many fond memories, I don't know where to begin so I have chosen a few that stand out in my mind.

In the seventies, Ron and I were Youth Sponsors, and I remember taking our station wagon packed full of teenage girls to the Clinton, Illinois overnight rallies. I still don't know how we got that many girls and their clothes into a station wagon!

We had such an abundance of youth in our congregation during the 70's that our board decided we could buy a bus. We purchased the bus, and Paul Montgomery painted it two-tone blue with white trim! It was not unusual to have 30 to 40 young people boarding "Ole Blue" each month to attend Marion County Youth Rallies. She was a dependable means of transportation for taking the youth to and from camp and for attending area revivals. Then we decided to go to the "Passion Play" in Bloomington. It was a wonderful experience, and all went well until on our way home. Ole Blue started "showing herself" just as we were approaching Champaign. We all prayed and finally made it to a gas station just off the interstate. This was not without "Man Power" however. Several of the men on board had to get out and push! Romans 5:3 says: We glory in tribulations; knowing that tribulations worketh patience. I like to think that we were all a little more patient because of this experience!

We also built a lot of floats in our time: The Gospel Train (pulled by a "very young" Ron Zinser), the Muppet Float (pulled by Jim Diss) and Noah's Ark (It floated!) just to mention a few.

Our years of working with the youth were quite a life changing experience!

Contests were always a fun thing at church, and many involved our former ministers. Dale Hunt, of course, implemented the "World's Largest Banana Split" which was made in a (new) 12 food section of guttering! Ron Riley became a "Human Hot Dog," complete with mustard, catsup, and pickle relish. Mike Courson got to cream Ron Zinser in the face with a pie! Harold Phillips preached from the "Roof top" of the church! But memory of all memories, who will ever forget Les Boldt singing "Excuses"!