

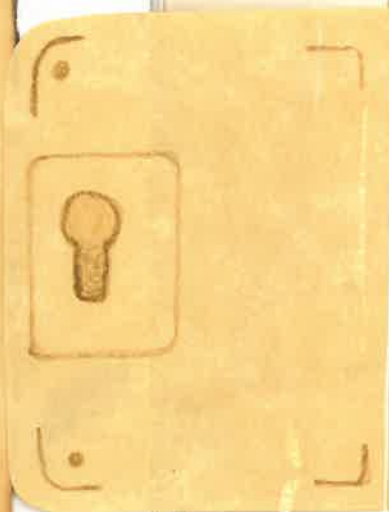
*A
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*Presbyterians
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A History... terian

*written by Donald
Stephenson*

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TO CITIZENS OF COVINGTON

City Taxes were not paid at once. The City requires. This is to notify all

ON FEBRUARY

all unpaid taxes bearing 7 per cent interest from 1930, as provided by law, will be undertaken by the City. There Will BE NO

J. H.

By order of Mayor

5c to \$5

A Modern 10c Store

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This is the Building Committee and members of sub committees at the Ground breaking for the Educational Building. Herbert Vining was the General Chairman of the Committee.



1958

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E. G. Lassiter

*Donald
Stephenson*

*Howard
Brooks*

Hugh King

*Herbert
Vining,*

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Building
Committee*



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*The Garrisons and the Gardners at
Ground breaking.*

1958



Mr. and Mrs. James S. Gardner

Mr. Gardner was employed by The Covington Mills in the management of the Mill Village. He was elected a deacon in 1907 and an elder in 1908. He served as Clerk of Session from 1916 - 1953. Their son, James S. Gardner, Jr. became a deacon in 1942. Miriam Gardner Wheeler, presently a member of the church is the daughter of James Gardner, Jr. and the grand daughter of James Gardner, Sr. This Miriam has a daughter, Miriam and a daughter Elizabeth.



*Mr. Garrison and Mr. Gardner at Ground breaking,
for the Educational Building, in 1958.*



*Mr. Hugh King, Elder in 1937 when
he moved from the Porterdale Church
to the Covington Church. He is standing
at the back entrance of what was
originally the Pastor's Study, later
the secretary's office, and still later
the church library and Sunday
School classroom.*



*Mr. Herbert Vining (Right) with
Dr. J. R. Sams at the entrance to
Newton Federal Savings Office
Building. Both were on the
Board of Directors of Newton Federal.*

Mr. Vining was President.

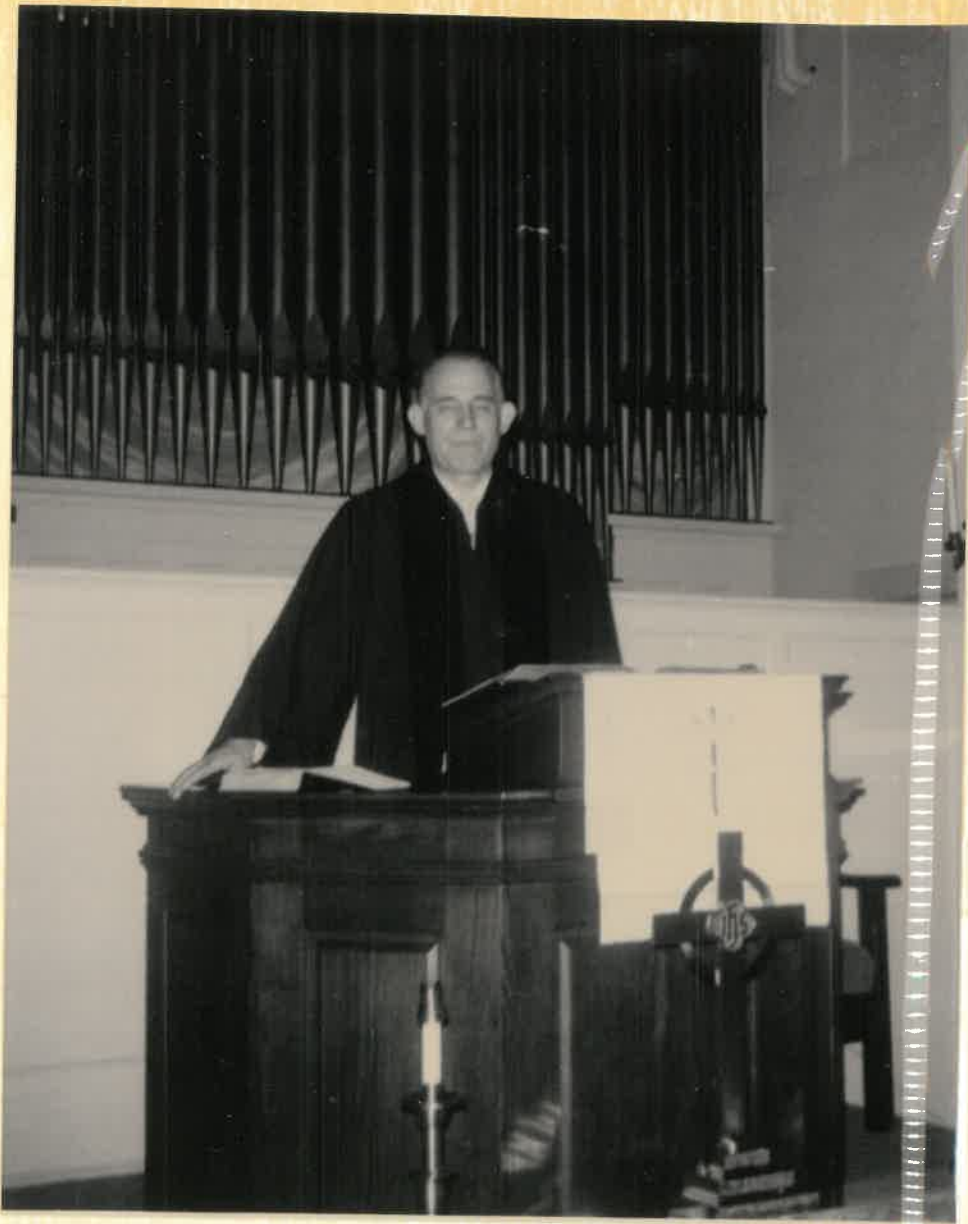
*Herbert was the son of Georgia Flowers
and "Doc" Vining who operated Vining Drug
Store on the west side of the square where
the R*L Shop now stands. Georgia Vining
grew up in the 'Flowers Hotel' across the
street from the church (where Ginn Motor
Co. was formerly located). She was a loyal
member of the church for many years
and conducted the nursery and
Beginners Classes in Sunday School.*



"Tom and Louise"

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas J. White

LIFT
HERE
TO
READ





Women of
The Church
"BIRTHDAY PARTY"
1970's



... men were
included

CLERKS OF THE SESSION

J. S. Black 1877 - 1878

D. A. Thompson 1879 - 1913

R. R. Fowler 1914 - 1916

J. S. Gardner, Sr. 1916 - 1952

H. L. King 1953 - 1956

C. T. Bohanan 1957 - 1961

Donald G. Stephenson 1962 - 1968
1981 - 1983

John Prescott 1969 - 1970

E. G. Lassiter 1971 - 1972

James Lord 1973 - 1974

Charles Strickland 1975 - 1976

James Hardman 1977

Louly Fowler Hay 1978 - 1980, 1986

Sarah Chesnut 1984 - 1985

Jerry Bouchillon 1987

Sam Hay, Jr. 1988

Barbara Johnson 1989 - 1990, 1994

Mary Bollinger 1991

Linda Boyd 1992 - 1993

George Stamps 1995 - 1997



Wayne
Scarborough

Carl
Bickering
Jack
Chandler

Helen
Patrick
Blair
Bollinger

Jay
Howard

Sam
Hay III



Pictures from Helen Patrick's SS Class
52374 mid 70's



Presbyterial
Officers
from
Atlanta

Louise
White





A Sunday School Class in session
(All men) 1973



Elders
1973



Rev.
White

James Lord

C.T.
Bohanan

Bill Hitchcock

Ed. King

Dr. Exley

Ed Robinson

E.G.
Lassiter

Dewey Hicks



Ruth Frankena
 Judy Hooten
 Lee Ellen Digby
 Elinor Chandler



Young adult SS Class late 70's

Class held in what is now the senior pastor's study. (2001)



Midge Bohanan
Sarah Chesnut
Sarah Adams
Helen Marcock
Sappi Marcock
C.T. Bohanan
Marge White
Sarah Hooten
Hughie Hudson
Catherine Stephenson
Catherine Bellew
Madge

The Choir
in the '70's

THE
**CHILDREN'S
CATECHISM**
FOR
FAMILIES
AND
SABBATH SCHOOLS

Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Board of Publication
Due West, S. C.

from
Mrs. Gardner

This room changed from ...



Pastor's Study/Office

to

Church Secretary's Office

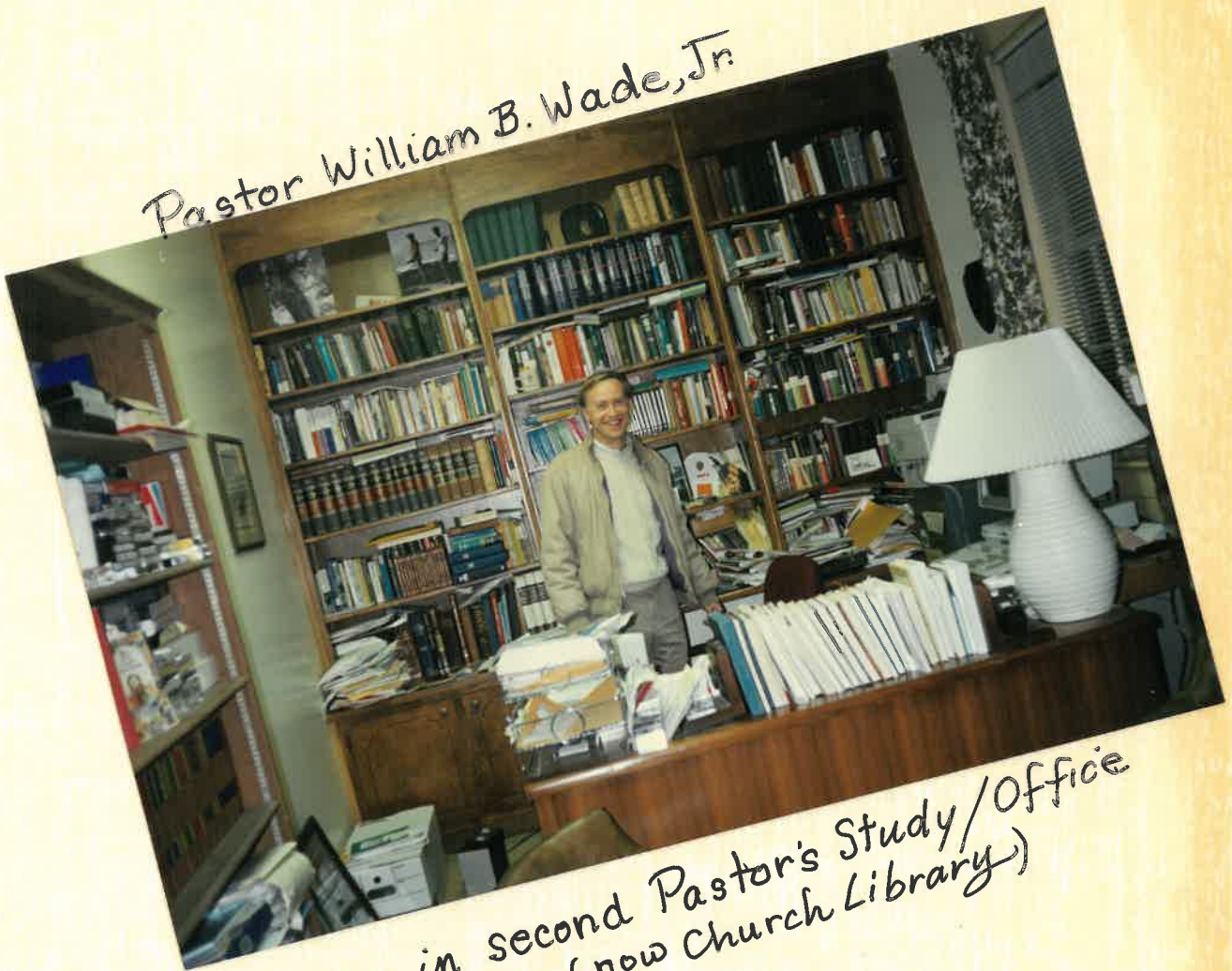
to

Sunday School Room

to

Church Library then Entry Way '95

Pastor William B. Wade, Jr.



in second Pastor's Study/Office
(now Church Library)

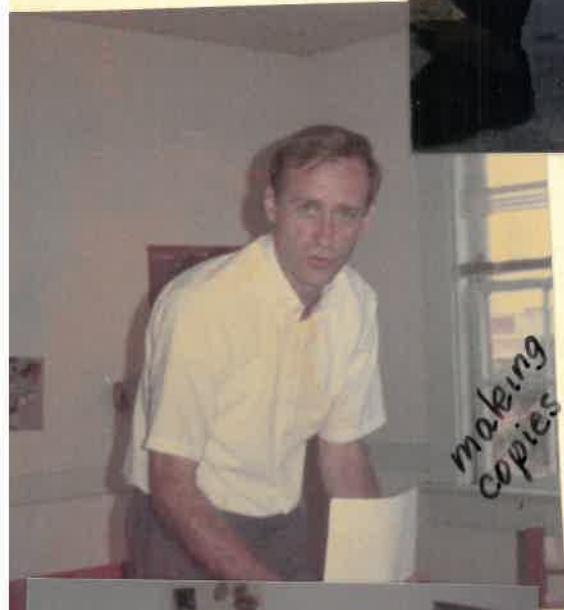


A larger view of Pastor's Study

teaching
Sunday School
in the
Parlor



Pastor William B. Wade, Jr.
at work



making
copies



reflecting



arriving
at the 'office'



Margaret Turney-Ayer

Margaret Turney began serving at the Covington Presbyterian Church as Choir Director, then as Organist Choir Director. She then married Mr. Sydney Ayer and became Margaret Turney-Ayer. Feeling a call to the ministry, Margaret left and enrolled in Candler School of Theology with a scholarship. She graduated and was ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Decatur. After a time she came back to Covington as an assistant to Mr. Wade, and was in Covington at the time of moving into the new sanctuary. She then left and returned to Atlanta.

Seminary Student Interns

- 1974 C. E. Committee proposed looking into possibility of securing a youth adviser for the summer. The Session approved a \$500. grant to help set up offices for a minister of education to serve a cluster including Covington, Conyers and Lithonia. Annette Vaughn filled the position
- 1977 The Covington^{Church} voted to withdraw from the Cluster.
- 1978 Phil Johnson, son of Barbara and J.L. led the youth.
- 1979 Mike Stewart, a second year student from Columbia Seminary served for 13 weeks.
- 1980 Paul Irwin, a first year student from Columbia.
- 1981 Kimberly Lynn Clayton, a student from the seminary who served through July of '82
- 1983 Mark Monfort - a seminary student
- 1984 Jeri Lee Parris - a seminary student
- 1985 Sarah Speed - a seminary student
- 1986 Pastor William B. (Billy) Wade was installed
- 1987-8 Kim Kingshill came from the seminary as the first full time intern for 1 year.
- 1988-9 Beth Hutton - student intern from Columbia Seminary
- 1989-90 Colleen Bachman - student from seminary married Matt Allison, another seminary student - both from Florida
- 1990-1 Elizabeth (Libby) Inman - a Phi Beta Kappa student from the seminary
- 1991-2 Bill Perman - seminary Intern
- 1992-3 John Hinkle - seminary Intern
- 1993-4 David Bradley - a seminary student who, while serving, was called by the Search Committee to be Associate Pastor upon graduation from Columbia Seminary in 1995.



Intern
Bill Perman '91



Bill and 'Billy'



Sarah Speed
Intern 1986



Colleen 189
Allison
with
husband Matt
and Billy



Colleen with family
...Rachel and Matthew



Libby Inman 1990



'Billy' and Libby



'Billy' with John



Intern - John Hinkle
1992



Beth Hutton
Intern

1988 Intern Beth Hutton



Jeri-center- now Ferkins
with family

At work in the Food Pantry





FRONT

Mae Kessinger
Helen Patrice

BACK

Edith Walker
Maynard Kessinger
Bob Young

The Church at work in the community



Left to right

Fern Deconinck

E.G. Lassiter

Betty (Mrs Ed.) Robinson

Sarah Hooten

Courtney LaCroix

COVINGTON
NEWTON COUNTY
CLOTHES CLOSET



E. G. Lassiter
Zig Calloway



Mary Crudup

Literacy
Volunteers



Helen Exley



Mary Bollinger



HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY
VOLUNTEERS

- 1 Martha Taylor - Director
- 2 Susan Neely
- 3 Sarah Chesnut
- 4 Libby Jo Johnson
- 5 Karen Burnsed
- 6 not Presbyterian member
- 7 Annie Lura Young
- 8 Vadie Hunt



Dr. Robert Dunham
with son, Aaron
1981

with daughter, Leah
1993



CHURCH
RETREAT
AT
CAMP
CALVIN
1986



Names





TOP Left to Right

- 1 Friend, Laney Harris
- 2 Grady Wade
- 3 Emily Prince
- 4 Campbell Wade
- 5 Sarah Prince
- 6 Lucye Jordan
- 7 Bonner Jordan

MIDDLE Lt to R
Front Row

- 1 Graham Wade
 - 2 Sarah Prince
 - 3 Lucye Jordan
 - 4 Campbell Wade
- Back Row
- 5 Friend, Rob Jones
 - 6 Walker Jordan
 - 7 Friend, Lanice Harris
 - 8 Emily Prince

BOTTOM Lt to R
Front

- 1 Campbell Wade
 - 2 Emily Prince
 - 3 Lucye Jordan
 - 4 Sarah Prince
 - 5 Graham Wade
 - 6 Friend, Rob Jones
- Back
- 7 Eleanor and
 - 8 Wayne Scarborough

- 9 Jeanne Smith
- 10 Velma Prescott
- 11 Grady Wade
- 12 Theodosia Wade
- 13 Pastor Billy Wade
- 14 Linda Boyd
- 15 Sara Hooten



Mr. Donald
and
Katie
Stephenson



Stephanie
Scarborough



Katie
Stephenson

Don
Bollinger

Jerry B.

Wayne
Scarborough

Jerry
Bouchillon





Left
Lynne Jordan

Right
Ann Bouchillon



The group
at play...



Gary
Massey

Bill
Taylor

Jo
Kirkpatrick

Helen
Patrick



Campbell Wade

Donner Jordan

Lucy Jordan

Leigh Taylor



Billy Taylor

Graham Wade



Fran Prince

Theodosia Wade

Bill Taylor



1987

Montreat Historical Foundation

BEGINNING
RETREATS



Libby Jo and Julius Johnson
Esther Guritz
Intern Kim Kingshill
FAR RIGHT Helen Patrick



Libby Jo and Julius Johnson
Annie Lura
Esther Guritz
Sarah
Helen Patrick



Julius Johnson



Montreat
Retreats



Sam Hay
at
window





Rita Harrell



↑ H



George and Helen Stamps



Robinsons Ed Betty

Helen Patrick

Sarah Chesnut

1991

Fran
Prince



Theodosia
Wade

Rev.
Billy
Wade

Fran

Theodosia

Graham
Wade
(oldest
son)



"Billy"



Cindy
Moon

Libby Jo
and

Julius Johnson

"Billy"

Pam
and
Dr. Jim
Stillerman



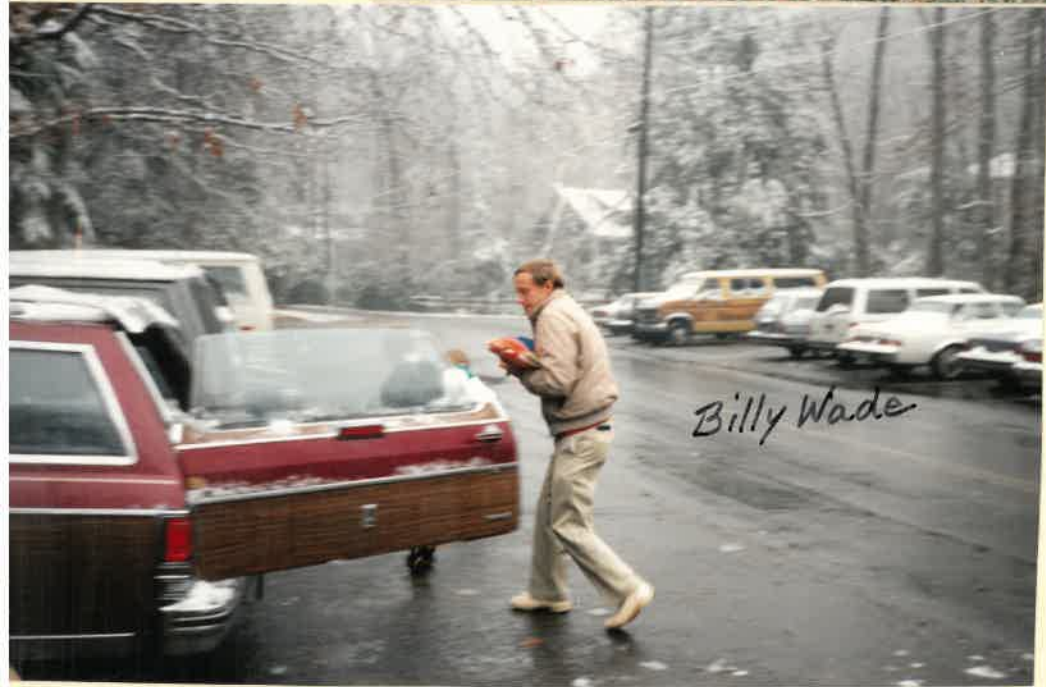
Bob
Young



Mae
and
Maynard
Kessinger



Chris
Martin



Billy Wade



Cindy
Moore



94. Retreat



Susan Neely

Billy Wade

Sarah Chestnut

11 6'34

Dr. Jim Stillerman
wife, Pam

Kessingers



Joe Moon

11 6'34







Betty
Robinson
Ruth
Lassiter





1994







Ruth
Laseter

Betty
Robinson

E. G.
Laseter



ST. AUGUSTINE
POLO TEAM



Fran
Prince

Margaret
Turney-Ayer



NEW CHURCH MEMBERS



RUNELLE BORGESON 4/18/93



DON + CORRINE DOWIE
JASON + JENNIFER



Stephanie Jimmie Ruth
Doug John
ROOKS



Annemarie and Heinz
Meierhof



Katie and Bert
Wilson



Brenda and John
Howell



NEWEST MEMBER 2-23-86
CHARLENE GWEN



John and Jeanne Cannon



Sara McGaughey



Penelope Hale



Dr. ED FORRESTER



Bob and Annie Lura
Young



Emily Ruth & E.G. Bitsy
McLean Lassiter Harwell



Velma Prescott Pastor
Billy Wade



Jesse Helen Emily
Adams Adams McLean



Irene Katherine Sara
Barnett Johnson Hawkes



Southwood Mary
SA. (Sappy) Morcock