

Skyline Church of Christ 60th Anniversary Celebration

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It All Began With A Vision.....

It all began on February 14, 1960, when several families from two congregations, the Central & Chester congregation and the Allen & Edgewood congregation, met at the Central building to discuss plans for a new church in Jackson. Both of these congregations saw the need for another church in Jackson to help carry on the Lord's work. The city was beginning to move in the Northwest direction and the need for a church in that area of Jackson was strong.

A large group was in attendance for that first meeting and it was assured that there was enough interest to pursue plans for a new congregation. Skyline's first worship service was held on Feb. 21, 1960 in the Tigrett Junior High Auditorium.

In speaking with Shelby Broyles, the last original charter member attending Skyline, she stated that, 'It was a time of excitement, new beginnings, a newness, and a chance to see the Lord's church grow in Jackson. But it was also a time of nervousness, the unknown, sadness of leaving people we knew and loved to become involved with people who were unknown to us. But it didn't take long for us to become as one with our brothers and sisters from the other congregations who joined us and grow to love them.'

Land was purchased, 'the white house' was renovated and then outgrown, a building was built, the parking lot was enlarged, more land was bought, another larger building was built, the Way Of Life was created, the CAC was built, elders were elected, deacons were elected, the congregation went through good and bad times. But over these last 60 years, Skyline is still following the vision of those first members — the vision God set for them in 1960! A vision of constant prayer and spirit and determination to see the Lord's Church go forward in Jackson. 'To love God, love people to the praise of God's glorious grace!'

History of Skyline Church of Christ

This booklet is a combined history of Skyline Church of Christ's 60 years. We are sure some important facts and individuals have been overlooked, but not purposely. In this booklet, we have tried to lay out by years some of the more outstanding bits of history for reflection. This is only a small portion of the rich history of Skyline Church of Christ. There have been so many people involved in creating Skyline's history, that all of them could not be named. Below are groups of some workers at Skyline. But it is only a small list of names of those who have helped create Skyline's history.

Music leaders were the ones to set the atmosphere for worship. Over the years there have been many men who have stepped up and did this every worship service. This list is not a complete list of those who led the worship's singing. Some of the leaders were Jack Forbis, Bobby Hopper, Taylor Robinson, Dr. Bob Smith, Jack Raines, Keith Mosher, Ben Mehr, Ernest Scarbrough, John Dedmon, Joe Riggs, Jeff Howell, Jesse Gatlin, Mark Hawk, and Blake Beckham.

There were several who helped with the youth before Youth Ministers were recognized as a needed church position. They helped shape the young people into adults by leading them in their Christian faith. This list of Youth Ministers include but is not limited to Drew McGurkin, Dan Coffel, Kevin Owen, Erwin Gunnells, Phillip Cummings, Jamie Leland, Todd Miller, Mark Hawk, and Cory Lee.

The position of the Church Secretary is a very special ministry and important in a church setting. They are on the front lines and one of the very first people the public sees and talks to. They have to be ready to take on anything at a moment's notice. There have been several ladies that helped in the office at any given time during these 60 years. This is a small list of some of the ladies who have helped or worked in the church's office: Betty Raglan, Brenda Downing, Shirley Mitchusson, Susan Stanfield, Sylvia Daniel, Anna Stanfield (Way of Life secretary), Leslie Raines, Nelda Owens, Linda (Daniel) Moore, Jane McBride, Peggy Forbis, Cathy Adkins, Barbara Young, Andrea Hendley, Lorene Clark, Brenda Long, Lora Blankenship, and Ava Storie.

Skyline Church of Christ History

Established Feb. 21, 1960

In a spirit of love and with a determination to see the church of our Lord go forward, a group representing each of the local congregations, Allen and Edgewood, and Central and East Chester along with the elder of each, met in the Central building on February 14, 1960 at 3:00 pm to further discuss plans for a new congregation. A large group was in attendance and from this group the families interested in working with the proposed congregation met at the front of the auditorium and general plans were discussed. After it was assured that there were enough who were willing to carry on the work, this group met in a private room to make definite plans to carry on the work. Those represented in this group included the families of Gene Davis, Grady Butler, V.A. Cooper, Jack Forbis, Walt Mestan, Ray House, Clayton Powell, H.N. Stroud, M.C. Van Dyke, C.R. Womack, and Harry Saunders.

In this meeting, it was decided that the new congregation would meet on the coming Lord's Day and Walt Mestan and V. A. Cooper were appointed to secure a meeting place. The proposed property for a future building was presented and discussed, this property being located at Wallace Road and Skyline Drive. H.H. Stroud agreed to preach until a regular preacher was secured. It was also agreed that they would meet on Thursday night to make further plans for the new work, but this was rescheduled for Wednesday night after Prayer Meeting at the Allen and Edgewood building.

In addition to those who were present at the first meeting on Sunday, February 14, 1960 at the first meeting, the following were present that Wednesday evening and became a part of the new work: The families of: A.G. Tines, Dick Lane, and Joe Horn. In this meeting, the initial teaching program was set up to be on Sunday at 10 am with four classes being taught by Elaine Stroud and Frances House, Rosemary Mestan and Anita Davis, Gene Davis and A.G. Tines. The adult classes met in different areas of Tigrett School's auditorium with the children's classes meeting in the band room and on the stage. The proposed property was again discussed with suggestions that if any other property were available that it should be submitted for approval. Brothers Cooper and Mestan reported that the new Tigrett Junior High School auditorium had been secured for a temporary meeting place which met with the approval of the group. The rent on the building was to be \$1.00 per hour to provide funds for payment of a janitor. Brother C.R. Womack was selected to lead the singing and Brother Grady Butler was asked to serve in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer. Brother H.N. Stroud presided at this meeting.

Sunday, February 21, 1960, came and there was found a new congregation of Christians meeting in the Tigrett Junior High auditorium. Those in attendance for Bible Study morning and evening worship included:

Harold, Shelby, and Mitzi Broyles
Grady and Ollie Butler
V.A., Bonnie, Deborah, and John Cooper
Gene and Anita Davis
Hilda, Carol, and Dennis Evans
Arthur and Faye Farmer
Peggy, Rachel, and Connie Forbis
Bobby, Lawana, Phyllis, and Bobby (Jr.) Hopper
Joe, Arnell, John, and Reggie Horn
Ray and Frances House
Dick Lane
Walt, Rosemary, Marilyn, and Wally Mestan
Netta, Billy, and Shirley Mitchusson
William, Nell, Susan, and Sam Moore
Tommy Pearce
Glyn and Dovie Phillips
Clayton, Cornelia, Julie and Jerry Powell
Harry Todd Saunders
James, Shirley, and Amy Spencer
Anna and Susan Stanfield
Paul, Dottie, and Becky Stephenson
H.N., Elaine, Judy, and Lynn Stroud
A. G. & Elta Tines
Myron, Ruth, and Mark Van Dyke
Charles & Sally Womack

Those visiting during the day included Mr. Bill Mitchusson, Miss Clarice Delaney, Mrs. James Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Saunders, Mr. J. R. Bell, Mrs. Cora Graves, Mrs. Elmer Cooper, Mr. Charles Nolan, Miss Mary Glaydis Sevier, Miss Margaret Clark, and Mrs. James Sevier.

The interest in the new work was an inspiration to all, as the attendance in Bible Study was 61, morning service was 71, and evening service was 58. Brother H.H. Stroud preached at both services and served as the minister until a full-time minister was secured.

While the Tigrett School served its purpose, the new congregation was interested in finding a permanent home, so Walt Mestan and V.A. Cooper were given this assignment. Among

other locations considered, the property on the corner of Wallace Road and Skyline Drive was discussed and purchased on February 26, 1960. This area had just been made into a subdivision and the purchase consisted of four lots on which an old two-story frame residence was located, facing Wallace Road. The house was located where eventually the pulpit of a new auditorium was to be built. Trustees for the church property were C.R. Womack, Joe Horn, H.N. Stroud, V.A. Cooper, and Jack Forbis.

Work began to immediately convert it into a meeting place. A wall was removed between the living room and dining room to make space for worship services. The bedrooms upstairs and downstairs served as classrooms, as well as the kitchen. Several wooden benches and chairs were donated by Central Church of Christ and Allen and Edgewood Church of Christ, along with substantial cash contributions to purchase the property. Sometime in April Skyline began to worship there (in the white house).

In August 1960 a tent meeting was held on the front lawn with Bro. Andrews of Texas preaching. In September 1960 Jimmy Rogers came to work as the first full-time minister. In November 1960 the first elders were ordained: Grady Butler, David Snider, and C R. Womack.

By this time, our renovated house was becoming crowded and a new and larger building was needed. Joe Horn was named chairman of a building committee and C. R. Womack chairman of a finance committee for new facilities on the property.

In January 1961, our first deacons were selected: Walt Mestan, Jack Forbis, H.N. Stroud, and V.A. Cooper.

Three additional lots had been acquired on the east side of the property and in May 1961 construction began in May on a new \$100,000 facility, designed and erected by Paden Construction Company of Cleburne, Texas. This was financed by the sale of a like amount of church bonds. It was necessary to move the old house in which we were worshiping, so we returned to Tigrett Junior High until the new building was completed.

On November 12, 1961, the first service was held in the new building. Bro. O.D. Johns began a Gospel meeting with us on that date.

Waylon Lawrence came in August 1962 to serve as our second full-time minister. In November 1962, John Allen Chalk conducted a Gospel meeting for us with seven baptisms. Our first Vacation Bible School was held in June 1963 with an average daily attendance of 138. A kindergarten was begun by members of the congregation and met in the church

building. In the fall of 1963, J. Walker Whittle preached for our Gospel Meeting. A tradition of having a New Year's party for the members began either in 1962 or 1963.

During February 1964, the elders authorized the establishment of a church library for the use by the congregation. Allen Highers held our meeting that year.

1965 was a fruitful year. We sent Janet Terrell to serve as hostess in the Church of Christ booth at the New York World's Fair, a home for our preacher was purchased adjoining the church property, and we began support of Don Hall as full-time minister for the church in Elkton, Kentucky. Also, Wayne Poucher held a very successful Gospel meeting for us.

In 1966, three new elders were ordained: K.T. Edwards, Taylor Robinson, and John Terrell. We also added new deacons: Billy Allen, James Brady, Harold Broyles and Neal Maners. Our first singing school was conducted by C. E. Baggett of Harding College and Howard Parker held our Gospel meeting.

January 1, 1967, Lee Rogers began his ministry with us and organized a Christian Service Training School. It met in our building for several weeks. Also, a visitation program was started. During August we purchased property on Mitchell Street for a Children's Home. Howard Parker held our Gospel Meeting that year.

Jim Mahaffy began as Educational Director the first of 1968. We sent Lee Rogers on a two-month mission to Ghana, Africa and Jim preached in Lee's stead. Our meeting this year was held by Bro. Rogers.

In 1969 our teenagers began participating in youth programs with those of other congregations. During this year, our childcare home was placed under the West Tennessee Children's Home charter. 1969 was the year of Hurricane Camille and a truck load of food and clothing was collected by our members and sent with Jim Mahaffy and others to these victims. We also issued our first pictorial directory that year.

On January 1, 1970, Wayne Emmons began as temporary minister and served until Tom Scott came in August of that year. Our fall meeting was conducted by our preacher and others from Jackson and surrounding areas, speaking on different nights.

In 1971, we began the first Training for Worship class. The Christian Activities Building (CAC) was constructed in 1971. It was the first such building around Jackson. About the middle of 1971, we sent David Sellers on a preaching mission to Ghana with Lee and Jeff Rogers. We also began supporting Ed Glover as a missionary to Australia. That fall we had

our first booth at the West Tennessee District Fair and Paul Matthew preached our fall Gospel meeting.

In early 1972, Skyline held their first teacher's appreciation banquet. Jim Mahaffy preached for us after Tom Scott left and until Lindell Doty came on Sept. 1, 1972. Sister Allie C. Carr donated the cost of a new public address system for the auditorium. James Vandiver held our spring Gospel meeting and Rod Tate held the fall meeting.

In the spring of 1973, Thomas B. Warren held a Family Enrichment Series at Skyline. In fall of 1973, Tom Holland preached at the Gospel Meeting. Ray Wilder began to work with Skyline as Youth Minister in June. In August, the first Joy Bus was painted blue and was ready to pick up children and bring them to Skyline. Later that fall, a second Joy Bus was purchased. Doug Daniel was selected as an elder and Larry Pritchard and Bob Smith as deacons. Those serving as directors for the Joy Bus were Lindell Doty, Bobby Hopper, Larry Pritchard, and Dan Coffel.

1974 saw a year in which the parking lot had to be expanded as parking had become a problem. Drew and Dee Dee McGukin began working with the young people. Wayne Kilpatrick held Skyline's spring Gospel meeting and Clarence Dailey was the preacher for fall's meeting. Bro. Doty began using puppets to teach the children in Bible Hour. The wives of the deacons and preachers prepared a dinner for the newcomers to Skyline. Skyline also helped send Sylvia Daniel on a campaign to Germany.

Early in 1975, 26 men graduated from the Leadership Training Class organized by Bro. Doty. Thomas Warren returned for another series on the Family and The Home, and Billy Ringold preached the fall Gospel meeting. Bro. Doty was sent on mission meetings to Colorado, South Dakota, and Kentucky. A homecoming celebration was held in October to celebrate payment of the last bonds issued on the building. Ralph Casey held a singing worship in December of 1975. Also, Bro. Doty resigned in December to accept a position with the Church of Christ in Glasgow, Ky. Drew McGukin preached for Skyline throughout the remainder of that year.

January 1976 witnessed the election of Bob Osborne as an elder and David Barton, Bob Higgs, Clark Cowart, Bill Howell, and Ben Way as deacons. In March, Skyline hired Joe Riggs to begin work with the congregation. Drew McGukin continued to preach until Joe came in June. During July, a day camp was held for three weeks. Dan Coffel began work with Skyline in August as Youth Minister. In September, Billy Schrivner was selected as a deacon and Bro. Riggs held the fall meeting.

Please Note: The following years were very exciting years for Skyline as our membership increased to an average of 450, we outgrew our facilities and many, many new programs were started. Therefore, the bulletins available were becoming more detailed with all of these ministries than the previous years. Because of this, the following years have more information than the previous years do. One important thing to note is that throughout all of these years, the leadership of Skyline was always in prayer for the Lord to lead them.

In early 1977, Clayton Pepper held the first Personal Evangelism workshop. In May, the seating in the auditorium became a lot more comfortable thanks to Bro. and Sis. Mike Tucker, who purchased new pew cushions. June of 1977 saw Skyline begin full time support of James Palmer in the mission field at Sebree, KY and that summer a group of young people went on a campaign there. A new Nursery Class was established for children aged birth to 2-year old in the upstairs classroom. The eldership made the decision to go into the TV Ministry using the local cable station and in July work began on the new TV Control room. Initially, they were going to do only black and white recordings but realized the importance of everything going to color. So, a decision was made to spend more and upgrade to color recording. Bob Smith and Dan Coffel were placed in charge of this program, which involved purchasing the equipment, learning how to operate it, and working with the cable company. August 23, 1977 was the first Sunday the worship service was recorded for the new TV Ministry and was shown on TV in September 1977. And so "The Way of Life" was born. Clarence Daily preached for the fall meeting and in December the first Joy Bus Workers Banquet was held.

Welcome to 1978! The elders were C.R. Womack, K.T. Edwards, Doug Daniel, Bob Osborne, and John Terrell. Joe Riggs was the minister and Don Coffel was over youth, Joy Bus, outreach, and TV ministry. The deacons in 1978 were Billy Schrivner, Clark Cowart, Ben Way, Harold Broyles, Bill Mitchusson, Bill Howell, David Burton, Jack Forbis, Larry Pritchard, Bob Higgs, and Bob Smith. A new college class began for those who were college age up to 25 years. Rubel Shelly taught a five-week class on "Christian Evidences" in the CAC that spring. Skyline's TV Ministry completed its first series of programming for commercial television. E. Ray Jenkin, well known marriage counselor and lecturer, contracted with Nashville for 13 weekly programs which would be produced at Skyline and shown to approximately 4 million people. The Way of Life staff was increased by the addition of Sam Wylie, Aaron Ruff, and Dave Phillips. The television crew consisted of Jim Moore, Jimmy Johnson, Martin Smith, John Newman, and Ben Way. Lawayne McBride was appointed Bus Director for the Skyline Bus Ministry. Work on the grounds behind and around the CAC was needed as it was giving way behind the building. Two men from the Allen and Edgewood congregation came and took care of this for Skyline. Gospel Meeting

was held in the fall with Adron Doran preaching. The Youth Group at Skyline sponsored a Haunted House to help raise money for Jackson Christian.

1979 saw several changes. Randy Nipps was hired to be the youth minister and Dan Coffell oversaw the TV Ministry. The first Young Married group was organized and met. On January 21, a contract was signed to begin construction on The Way of Life building. This new building would house the TV van, equipment, tapes, lights, and sets to use to tape shows. Bob Smith was appointed as an elder, and LaWayne McBride, B.J. Rachels, Carl Rudd, and James Tracy were appointed as deacons. Anna Stanfield was hired as an additional secretary to the office staff in March. In June Linda Moore resigned as a secretary and was replaced by Jane McBride. The new building housing the Way of Life held an open house on July 1. Brother's Keeper program began in October and Buddy Gresham was asked to lead this program. A food pantry was started for needy people. Jim Moore and Johnny Newman were added as new crew members of the Way of Life. There would now be two crews operating at all times to make sure everything is covered. Randy Nipps resigned as youth minister in order to attend Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis.

1980 was a year of many changes and happenings. Skyline observed their 20th Anniversary Homecoming on Feb. 24 with worship and a meal. Lindell Doty, former minister, was the speaker. First Annual Mid-South Evangelism Kickoff "Go for 1980" was held at the Civic Center and Skyline elders hosted 125 elders, ministers, and their wives for a kickoff dinner. A Way of Life team visited Abilene Christian University consisting of Bruce Buckley, Dave Colvert, Dan Coffell, Anna Stanfield, Joe Riggs, and Doug Hays. Anna Stanfield resigned as church secretary due to illness and Cathy Adkins was hired in her place. Also, Linda Womack resigned as Nursery Supervisor and Tish Dedmon consented to take over this ministry. Bro. K.T. Edwards resigned as an Elder in May. One of the first Joy Bus riders, Timothy Ross, preached his first sermon at South Halsted Church of Christ in Chicago. Skyline was the first Church of Christ in Jackson to begin a Blood donation program in Jackson. The fall gospel meeting speaker was Jay Lockhart. Dan Coffell resigned to accept a commission in the U.S. Air Force. Two Sunday morning services were beginning on October 5. Average attendance figures for 1980 were: Bible Study (337); Worship (428); Sunday evening (324) and Wednesday evening (306).

1981 saw the reorganization of Skyline visitation program. Sam Wylie was named as the new Way of Life Director. He and Beverly were given a pounding with Sam quoted as saying, 'We will not have to buy groceries for at least 3 weeks.' Wanda Hayes was recognized for her many efforts at Skyline in leading the kitchen for the monthly fellowship meals for years, being in charge of refreshments for VBS, plus countless other jobs of

similar ventures. A Mother's Day Out program began and a fellowship group for the 60+ age group was started. The first of many Panama Medical Mission groups traveled to Panama in March to work on eye problems. Fall Gospel meeting was led by David Sain. Treva Bogle and Debbie Pendergrass joined the Nursery Staff.

Beginning in January of 1982, Skyline went back to one service on Sunday mornings. The Visitation Program was reorganized with a planning dinner and program. Brother's and Sister's Keepers were continued. On February 3, Brecheen and Faulkner presented a 'Marriage Enrichment Series' at Skyline. Joe Riggs resigned in June as minister of Skyline to take a job at a church in Florida. The Skyline Men's Basketball team was honored with a hamburger supper in the CAC. They were undefeated for the season and also won the tournament. Team members were: Mike Short, Lynn Bogle, Charles Corley, Tim Pritchard, John Richardson, Allen Richardson, Steve Tracy, Luther Bakken, and Randy Stewart. Coaches were Sam Wylie and James Tracy. The fall Gospel meeting was held in September and Joe Beam was the speaker. The elders announced that Billy Ringold had been hired as the new minister at Skyline and would begin December 1. Tom Sullivan would be the interim until Billy was to begin.

1983 saw the addition of Tom Sullivan as the new associate minister and educational director. The elders in 1983 were Doug Daniel, Bob Osborne, Bob Smith, C. W. Womack, and John Terrell. Deacons were David Barton, Clark Cowart, Jack Forbis, Bob Higgs, Lawayne McBride, Larry Pritchard, Carl Rudd, Billy Schrivner, James Tracy, and Ben Way. Beginning in Feb., each Wednesday night through March, the film series, "Focus on the Family" by Dr. James Dodson was shown. The Mission Committee met and discussed several dates and places for the Caribbean Campaign. Nelda Owens went on one the year before. Phil Rogers began working with the young people. The Mother's Day Out program turned out to be a very successful program under the direction of Tish Dedmon. An 'Ole Fashioned Prayer Meeting' was held one Wednesday night with Jack Forbis and his Wednesday night singers showing everyone how to improve their worship singing. The nursery was enlarged and improved due to the growth of so many babies being born. Also, all classrooms were renovated and updated. With an average Bible Class attendance of 350 and worship of over 400, the need for expansion by adding additional classrooms and possibly a new auditorium was discussed. Training for Worship had to limit the ages to 2 and 3-year-old children due to space. Debbie Pendergrass took over as the Director of the Nursery. Bob and Helen Smith began a Singles class; a fellowship breakfast was begun the 1st Monday of each month; A gospel meeting was held in November with Walt Leaver speaking. Men's Softball team played in the State Finals. Coach was James Tracy and the players included Charlie Richardson, Doug Hays, Jim Moore, Lynn Bogle, Danny Walker, Phil Rogers, Bruce Buckley, David Crossett, Davie Tines, Pete Richardson, Sam Wylie, Greg

Walker, Mike Short, Warner Taylor, and Steve Tracy. The ladies' Softball Team led in their division and the players were: Nita Pennington, Panda and Reba Donaldson, Dorothy Richardson, Christy Buckley, and Deborah Turner. Wanda Hayes and Carole Ann Brown were part of a four man/woman golf team that won at local golf tournament.

In 1984, attendance skyrocketed at Skyline. We also recognized Skyline's 24th Anniversary Homecoming on February 19, 1984 and 612 were present for the worship and 544 for Bible study. Sam Wylie placed TV equipment in some of the classrooms in order for the overflow crowd to be able to see the service. Reorganization of the Visitation Program was completed for 1984. A 'Dinner on the Ground and Singing' was held on February 19 and all of the charter members were recognized. The Ladies' Evening Bible Study was continued with Lisa Key teaching, Sister's Keepers continued, the Blood Drive Program was ongoing, and each Sunday chairs had to be set up due to large crowds. Teens were in singing classes taught by Dian Eddleman, Tom Sullivan, and Neil Etheridge. A Telephone Tree was started to keep members informed and Bob and Helen Smith returned from a Panama Mission Tour. In April, David Barton and Forrest Parkey were appointed as elders. In June, Jack Forbis and Bob Higgs stepped down as deacons. There was a Family Retreat in Milan at the 4-H Camp with Jimmy Adcox as the speaker. Four new men were appointed as deacons, Buddy Gresham, Doug Hays, Joe Pickler, and Danny Walker. The youth had a summer full of activities with hosting the Monday Night Youth Devotional (300 in attendance), fellowship and fishing at the Youman's farm, a Buffalo River canoe trip, a trip to Opryland, and a youth rally in Murray, Ky. A building committee was appointed to work on plans for enlarging the building. The committee was Joe Pickler, Doug Hays, Joe Sykes and Greg Walker. A Benevolent committee was formed by Danny Walker. A food box was organized by Wanda Hayes and Glenda Sasser-Rogers which would feed a family of 4 and cost \$20 each. A clothing room was established, and the food pantry was reorganized. A planning retreat was held at Pickwick State Park which 60 attended. Dorian Flynn was the preacher for the November Gospel meeting. James Treacy resigned as a deacon due to work responsibilities. 374 attended on Sunday night, Dec. 5, as Jackson Christian School Chorus, led by Dian Eddleman, put on an hour-long concert following a full hour of congregational singing. Work was completed on additional parking for the church.

1985 – Neal Pryor held January's Gospel meeting. Margaret Stansberry, who had prepared the communion bread for several years, had to discontinue this service due to illnesses in her families and Mrs. Helen Smith took over the responsibility for this ministry. Dr. Bob Smith reported on a medical mission trip to Panama he had just returned from. This was his 4th trip and several at Skyline expressed an interest in participating. An updated list of elders and deacon was made available. The elders were Doug Daniel, Forrest Parkey, Bob Smith, Bob Osborne, John Terrell and C.R. Womack. Deacons were Clark Cowart, Buddy

Gresham, Doug Hays, Lawayne McBride, Joe Pickler, Larry Pritchard, Carl Rudd, Billy Schrivner, Danny Walker, and Ben Way. Tom Sullivan, resigned as Education Director, but would stay on the Educational Committee. Bo Miller took his place as director. John Dedman offered a Greek class for those who would like the ability to look up Scriptures exact meaning. Way of Life taped the series for the Mid-South Training for Service in the Mid-South Coliseum in Memphis. Wanda Hayes received well-deserved recognition and was honored with a plaque from Danny Walker for her many years of faithful service. Wanda planned and oversaw all the pot-luck meals, refreshments for VBS and youth, and all other meals. Tom Sullivan also received a plaque for his service as Educational Director. A building permit was obtained to begin construction of a new auditorium. The Jail Ministry consisted of Nelda Owens, Linda Lampley, John Dedmon, Jimmy Johnson, Brad Osborne, and Bob Smith. Parking was a problem due to the construction and areas to park were discussed. Sam Wylie traveled to Turkey with Jerry Marlin and his wife. He would be recording the tour and lectures on videotape for the Marlin's and for the congregation to view when he returned. It was decided to not have a VBS this year. Phil Rogers, who served as the part-time youth minister until the size and needs of the youth grew to the point a full-time Youth Director was needed, was replaced by Kevin Owen. Larry Pritchard resigned as a deacon. October 20 was the first Sunday in the new auditorium and 601 were present for the morning worship with an Open House held that afternoon. Wanda Hayes and Marge Lane coordinated the refreshments. The 25th Homecoming was set for November 3 with Waylon Lawrence speaking at 9 and Lindell Doty speaking at 10. Lunch would follow in the CAC. December 15 was Commitment Sunday.

1986 saw Skyline purchase a new bus to be used in addition to the smaller van. Helen Smith and Peggy Weaver organized the Food Teams to help families when there was a need for meals. Allen Hollis became the Maintenance Supervisor at Skyline. April's Gospel meeting speaker was Jack Reese from Florida. The four new deacons that were appointed to serve were John Dedmon, Rick Hopper, Glen Pendergrass, and John Robinson. John Dedmon would serve in the Way of Life ministry, Rick would work with the Brothers' Keeper program, Glen would work in programming, arranging men to serve worship, and John would be involved with Benevolence. Skyline's men's basketball team won the Jackson Recreation and Parks Division A Church League tournament. Randy Brown was the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Doug Hays, Mike Short, Lee Whitham, and Sam Wylie made the All-Tournament team. Wanda Hayes, Helen Smith, Bob Smith, Mark Harville, and Julie Smith went to Panama for an intensive 10 days of service to the spiritual and medical need of the people. Brothers' Keepers reorganized in April. Danny Walker assumed the leadership of Involvement. Bobby and Jorita Richardson cleaned and organized the teachers supply and equipment room. The youth took 18 people to Anderson, SC for a campaign. VBS was held that summer with the

addition of adult classes. Speakers each night were, Ray Hawk, Ron Readhimer, Tom Childers, Leo Powers, Mac Patterson, Danny Walker, Ralph Gilmore, Carl Rudd, and Jim Kee. A Singles program was started by Brad and Laura Osborne and David and Betsy Perkins. Tom and LaVelle Sullivan were the new coordinators of the Visitation Program. Lawayne McBride resigned as a deacon. Skyline's men's 'A' softball team won the Class 'C' State Tournament for church teams. Skyline competed in the tournament with an undefeated record. Randy Brown, David Crossett, Joe Syles, and Warner Taylor were placed on the All-Tournament team. 36 teams participated in this tournament. The team consisted of: Lee Whitham, Jimmy Larry Lewis, Phil Rogers, Bob Glisson, Mike Short, David Tines, Tommy McDonald, Doug Hays, Sam Wylie, Danny Walker, Terry Igou, Randy Brown, Warner Taylor, David Crossett, Joe Sykes, and Billy Schrivner. Fall Gospel meeting was held in September with Charles Hodge speaking. 1st Annual Area's All-Night Singing was held on September 12 at Exchange St. Church of Christ in Union City. A door knocking campaign was held before the fall Gospel meeting. Skyline hosted over 600 teens and chaperones from 5 states for Teen Quest '86 on Saturday November 1. The Keynote speaker for this event was Jeff Walling in California. Manna from Ole Miss Student Union would be bringing Biblical messages to life and 'Henderson Station', a gospel quartette will end the day. Lunch was catered by Taco John's. Bob and Helen Smith hosted their annual 'Coon' supper at their home. December was the month for jail visitations with Linda Lampley, Ruth Ringold, John Dedmon, Jimmy Johnson, Pat Kerstiens, Kevin Owen and Greg Walker leading the visitation. The end of December saw the Jackson Christian Chorus present a program led by Dian Eddleman. Bro. Ringold reported on the figures from 1986. They were most encouraging and reflected a good measure of spiritual progress. Here are some of the figures: Skyline had 473 members, average Sunday morning worship attendance was 438, Bible Class average was 329, Sunday Evening was 325, and Wednesday was 309 average attendance.

In 1987, Bob and Helen Smith were in Panama along with Carl Rudd. Billy Ringold traveled soon to work with the Panama preachers, Natalio Rivera and Alfonso Smith, that Skyline supports. Mark Harville traveled to New York to help arrange for the medicine and its shipment to Panama for the medical mission trip, and also the singles campaign to the Caribbean this summer. Jane McBride resigned as the church secretary after 7 ½ years and Nelda Owens took over the job. Skyline ladies were invited to a coffee in the CAC where the new Women's Ministry Program was introduced. Bob Smith, David Jones, Wanda Hayes, Sandra Bateman, Phil Forsythe, and Mark Harville left for a medical mission trip in Panama in April. 'Successful Family Living Series' was held in June and E. Ray Jerkins was the speaker. Way of Life TV Studio was continuing to grow in many ways. The director was Sam Wylie and administrative assistant was Anna Stanfield. Technical Assistants were Dave Colvett, Mike Smith, Bob Glisson, Alan Richardson, and Greg Walker. Camera Operators

were Bradley Hayes, John Favara, Bryan Pendergrass, Clint Gresham, Josh Igou, Joe Igou, Jason Rudd, Seth Dedmon, Josh Bowling, Chris McDavid, Patric Hopper, Bryan Hopper, Kenny Craig, Tony Parson, and Adam Rudd. The Skyline Singles went on a mission campaign to Antigua in the Caribbean in August led by Dorian Flynn. Those going were Brad Osborne, Joel Maners, Clara Richardson, Dorothy Richardson, Panda Donaldson, Reba Donaldson, Lou Riddle, Sharon Hammond, Sandra Riley, and Sam Wylie. The first Ladies' Night Out' was held in Sept. in the CAC, Dianne Short and Tishia Igou coordinated the collection for money and school supplies for needy children, Wanda Hayes received the top award for 10 years of service in delivering "Meals on Wheels" in Jackson, and Trish Dedmon coordinated service programs for the ladies. The Monday Evening Ladies Bible Study changed their name to Women Encouraging Women. Several ladies got together and made communion bread in the office kitchen and conference room. Buddy Gresham resigned as a deacon due to work changes and responsibilities. The Skyline Singles treated all of the members who were 55+ to a night of food and fellowship in the CAC in December.

1988 started off with a bang! The Women's Ministry met and planned their year, several members cooked chickens behind the CAC for the Mid-South Youth Camp, ladies gathered up goodie bags to take to the Critical Care waiting room at the hospital, Sister's Keepers met and reorganized for the new year, Parent Activity Committee dinner meeting for the youth was held, and Forrest Parkey, Bob Smith, Carl Rudd, and Billy Ringold went on a Panama mission trip. February saw Kevin Owen and Bob Smith on the program for the upcoming Freed-Hardeman Lectureships. A video cassette player was donated to the church for the teachers supply room. Jack Reece was the speaker for the April Gospel Meeting. TeenQuest '88 was held in April with Ronnie Norman the main speaker. Several classes were taught that day by Jerry Sawyer (Dyersburg), Frank Bellizzi (Henderson), Lester Ferrell (Jackson), Chris Smith (Memphis), David Johnson (McKenzie), Howard Howell (Millington) and Richard McCaskill (Mila). Joe Pickler took over the responsibilities of arranging and coordinating our worship service. Kevin Owen went on a mission trip to the Cayman Islands and Wanda Hayes, Nelda Owens, Helen and Bob Smith, and David Smith went to rural southern Honduras. The Ladies held a retreat at Natchez Trace State Park. The men's softball team placed 7th out of 57 teams at the State Tournament, and Conversational Spanish was offered on Thursday nights for those who had or would be attending a Panama Mission Trip. Fall's Gospel Meeting had Dr. Terry Bell from Texas as the speaker. A Family Halloween Costume Party was held in the CAC for the whole congregation. The Way of Life held a holiday open house.

In January of 1989, Skyline hosted the Harding University Singers and The Harding Chorus overnight and provided homes and meals for them. Sandi Richardson was the director of the Mothers' Day Out program that met on Thursdays for children up to 5 years old.

Wanda Hayes, Nelda Owens, and Bob and Helen Smith went on a medical mission trip to Honduras. Beginning in February, all the church families were placed into Life Groups to help strengthen the bonds of fellowship. Each group was led by an elder or deacon. These groups were made up of everyone in the family with the exception of those 6th grade and below. A Ladies Retreat was held at Pinson Mounds State Park. Teen Quest '89 was held in April with Dorian Flynn and Walt Leaver speakers. Special entertainment was Dedication from Nashville. Ruth Ringold and Clara Richardson both spoke at a Ladies Day in Pickwick Church of Christ. The speaker for April's Gospel meeting was Roy Sharp. Dr. Bob and Helen Smith, Mark Harville, Say Wylie, and Dr. Paul Schwartz left on a medical mission trip to Honduras. The Ladies Annual Coffee was held in the old auditorium. The first Skyline Family Day was held at Ellington Center in Milan with lots of games, activities, and food. Panda and Reba Donaldson returned from a campaign to South Africa, with Sam Wylie traveling on campaign there in the next few weeks. The teens honored Kevin Owens and his fiancé, Cindy Terrell, with an old fashioned 'pounding' in the CAC. A program for new members was started by the Involvement and Women's Ministries called "Welcome Home". Nashville Jubilee was held for the first time in July. The Way of Life had a booth at Jubilee and then one in Indianapolis that was manned by Anna Stanfield and Nelda Owens. The visitation program was revitalized and reorganized by Tom and Lavelle Sullivan. There was a ladies retreat, a singles retreat, and elders and deacons retreats at Pinson Mounds each weekend in October. Alfonso Smith, one of the ministers in Panama, was in Jackson and spoke about the work in Panama. Dorian Flynn and his family were back in the US to work and raise funds for the relief effort on St. Croix following Hurricane Hugo. Commitment Sunday was December 10.

1990 saw a new Pictorial Directory completed of the Skyline family. On February 23, An Evening of Singing with Ray Walker was held. Friend Day was March 4 with 411 in Bible class and 588 in worship. The nursery department held an open house for the congregation. Doug Daniel, Billy Ringold, Kevin Owen, and Bob Smith went on a mission trip to Panama. Another new minister was added to the Panama group, Aristedes Otero. April 8 was Revival Day with Dorian Flynn, missionary to the Caribbean, speaking. The Annual Women's Ministry Coffee was held to form new committees and overview their current ministries/committees. Thanks was due to Jack Seward for the long hours he spent building the pavilion located behind the CAC. Skyline's 30th Homecoming was June 10th and was a great success. Nelda Owens and Anna Stanfield took the Way of Life display to Indianapolis, Indiana for the Mid-America Evangelistic Worship. In July a once-a month newsletter replaced the weekly newsletter. A group went to Antigua the first of August and a group went on a medical mission trip to Panama at the end of August. Due to the many trips and involvement in the Panama trips, Skyline assumed responsibility for spreading the gospel in that part of Panama called the Darien.

1991 saw the election of 8 additional deacons. They included Steve Stroud, Mark Harville, Tommy McDonald, Sam Turner, Brad Osborne, Mike Short, David Perkins, and Jimmy Johnson. A Ladies Prayer Group met each Monday night to pray specifically for our men and women involved in the military. A.D. Wells donated the money to have the building repainted. A new Skyline Singles group was formed by Brad and Laura Osborne. In March there was a medical mission trip to Panama with 15 people going. They included Bob and Helen Smith, Billy and Ruth Ringold, Wanda Hayes, Kim McCaskill, Nelda Owens, Mark Harville, Drew Eason, Jim McCauley, Phil Forsythe, Mack Long, Lloyd McKelvey, Kevin Owen, and John Dedmon. One week, Kevin, Lloyd, Billy and Bob helped construct a building at Jaque. Teacher's Training Worship was held in April with Sarah Rickey speaking. April was a busy month for the ladies as the Skyline Annual Ladies Retreat at Pinson Mounds was held. New members class, 'New Beginnings' was organized by David Perkins. Skyline participated in the One Nation Under God nationwide campaign for 1991 in which every mailbox in the US received information regarding the Lord and His church. September 4 was the last Sunday for Kevin and Cindy Owen, as he took a job in Marietta GA. Dorian Flynn spoke on his mission in the Caribbean. The Skyline Singles gave a Christmas Banquet for those 55+ aged members. Skyline gave a Christmas Party for underprivileged children.

In 1992, Erwin and Julie Gunnells moved to Jackson to become Skyline's youth minister. Ladies' Night Out was held in the office building. The youth went to Winterfest in Gatlinburg for the first time. The Women's Ministry began recognizing members who went about doing the Lord's work quietly, doing tasks that may not be routinely recognized with a 'Quiet Mouse' award. The first Quiet Mouse awards went to Mona Chambers and Jane Goode for their work on keeping the hospital CCU goodie boxes filled. A pounding was held for Erwin and Julie Gunnells. Jim Bill McInteer held a Gospel meeting in April. Billy Ringold was given a horse trailer as a gift by members of the congregation. Classrooms for the nursery and younger children's classes were updated and renovated. MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) met on the 2nd Thursday of each month. A Small Group Bible Study Retreat was held at Pinson Mounds. A picnic was held at the park for those parents who were interested in the Training for Worship Ministry. A mission trip to Panama consisted of Sandra Bateman, Donna Taylor, Wanda Hayes, Kim McCaskill, Nelda Owens, Seth Dedmon, Mark Harville, Steve Stroud, Bob and Helen Smith, and Ray and Jane Goode. Skyline turned their home that was available on Skyline Dr. into a Host Home for those who needed a place to stay when their families were in the local hospital. Barbara Higgs was the coordinator of the home updating, with many people taking care of the renovations. Greg Walker labored many hours working on the house. Fall saw the return of the Ladies Bible Class which met in the CAC and heard Laurie Vanderpool speak. Skyline helped notify and coordinate getting supplies, clothes, and other necessities for people when Hurricane

Andrew hit Florida. An opportunity to serve came available for Skyline by helping gather supplies for the Crossroads Shelter for Men. Carol Davis, Karen Griffin, and Laura Osborne were in charge of this. A Christmas Party for underprivileged children was held in the CAC on Dec. 16. The first Christmas Ladies Night Out was held in the CAC and everyone brought an ornament to exchange. Laurel Sewell was the speaker, and there was special Christmas entertainment.

1993 started with the resumption of several ministries that took a break during the Christmas holidays. The monthly Fellowship meals started back, the Mother's Day Out program, new pictures were made for the directory, visitation teams began again, and different Life Groups took trips and met for meals. Barbara Young was hired as the new church secretary. She replaced Nelda Owens who wanted to cut back on her hours. The Skyline Host Home had helped 66 different people who needed to stay due to families in the hospital, from Sept. 1992 until Jan. 1993. Skyline sent funds to help send a ½ ton shipment of tracts, study books, and correspondence courses to Panama. The CAC was remodeled and repainted. There was a Ladies Retreat at Pinson Mounds State Park. A Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program was begun for the youth at Skyline. 22 went on a Panama Medical Mission trip in March. 15 Youth went on a mission trip for the summer with Dorian Flynn to the Grand Cayman Island. Training for Worship was started in April for all small children and met in the old auditorium during worship. Coordinating Training for Worship were Jim and Melissa Pentecost, David and Cathy Burlison, and Sam and Deborah Turner. David Sain, a regular Way of Life speaker on the TV program, was the visiting speaker at Skyline on May 30. Josh and Carl Rudd went on a mission trip to South Africa. John Terrell retired as an elder. Other things Skyline participated in were Dorcas Day clothing drive at the former Allen and Edgewood parking lot, collected items for flood victims, made 'Welcome to Skyline' baskets, and there was an elders/deacon planning session and lunch held in October. The elders for Skyline included Doug Daniel, Bob Osborne, Forrest Parkey, Bob Smith, and Charlie Womack. Deacons were John Dedmon, Mark Harville, Rick Hopper, Jimmy Johnson, Tommy McDonald, Brad Osborne, Glen Pendergrass, David Perkins, Joe Pickler, John Robinson, Carl Rudd, Billy Schrivner, Mike Short, Sam Turner, Danny Walker, and Ben Way. A special contribution was taken up for the spring of 1994 Panama Medical Mission trip. Carl and Flo Rudd held a Christmas Open House for church members with co-hosts the Corsetts, Dedmons, and Weavers.

1994 saw a new tax law go into effect that required all contributions to church over \$250 receive a receipt for this donation. Also, a Weigh Down Program was began at Skyline. Members donated clothing to be taken to Panama in March. A pocket directory was printed and distributed to the membership. In February of 1994 there was a large ice storm that left many without power. 23 people went to Panama in March for a Medical Mission

Trip and took the clothes that had been donated by the member. The Deaf Ministry was started at Skyline by Shane Richardson. Bob Higgs began a class for college age students. LaGard Smith was the guest speaker for two sessions on Sunday, that were taped by the Way of Life. Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes program held an area-wide adult meeting at Skyline. The elders had a special Prayer Service in June. New song books, 'Songs of Faith and Praise' were ordered and the elders asked that each family agree to purchase one at the cost of \$7.95 each. Three new elders were added and included Doug Hays, Billy Ringold, and Carl Rudd. David Burleson began a class on Spanish to help with speaking to the Panamanians. Charles Hodge held a Gospel meeting in December.

February 1995 saw new deacons appointed. They included Ken Cargile, Larry Chambers, Bret Christenson, Alan DeJarnatt, Shannon Dunlap, Jim Pentecost, and Chuck Purcell. A Valentine luncheon honoring Skyline's Seniors (aged 70 and above) was given in the CAC. The Way of Life went on location in Oklahoma City, Mobile, and other workshops. They upgraded their editing to the latest Sony computerized graphic and editing system available. 20 people left in March for a Medical Mission trip to Panama in the Sambu region of the Darien. A workday was held for the men to replace the room in the office building. The area-wide youth rally was held at Skyline with Sean Katinga, from South Africa speaking. A marriage retreat was set up for October. DeAnn Ellis was the new Mother's Day Out director. Erwin Gunnells resigned as youth minister and Philip Cummings was hired to replace him. More than 50 couples went to Gatlinburg for a marriage retreat. Skyline Singles held a retreat at Lake Barkley.

In January 1996, Willie Franklin came to speak at Skyline. Three of the deacons asked to be relieved of their responsibilities as deacons: Ken Cargile, Joe Pickler, and Sam Turner. People were needed to volunteer to take care of locking and unlocking, etc. the building on Sundays and Wednesdays. Ladies Retreat was held at Chickasaw State Park and a marriage retreat was held at Lake Guntersville, Alabama. An organizational meeting for the Men's Ministry was held. Several ladies got together in the CAC and made tablecloths. Mailboxes were set up in the teachers supply room for the elders and deacons. In March a team of 36 flew to Panama for a medical mission trip. A Praise Night was held in the CAC with singing and finger foods. The first annual West Tennessee Youth Rally was held at Skyline, sponsored by Skyline and Campbell Street. The speakers were Jimmy England, Ralph Gilmore, and Stan Smith with a concert by Free Indeed. Ben Way resigned as a deacon. September saw Willie Franklin return to Skyline to speak Saturday and Sunday, with a pot-luck meal on Saturday night. A Hallelujah Party was held in the CAC on October 31 and Friend's Day was held in November with 600 in attendance. Bro. Charlie Womack resigned as an Elder. He was one of the first elders appointed to Skyline in 1960. Ladies Holiday Dinner with decorated tables and ornament exchange was held in the CAC. Recognition

and plaques were given to Dr. Bob Higgs and Dr. Bob Smith from Skyline upon their retirement from their occupations as physicians. Family Night was held in the CAC for all families to get together and fellowship, play games, and enjoy each other's company.

January 1997 had a lot going on. Jeff Walling came to speak for a three-day revival, the upstairs classrooms were repainted, a Praise Service was held in the CAC with prayer, singing, and fellowship, and the Women's Ministry created a prayer chain. February was just as crowded with a Valentine's Luncheon for those 70+, a men's breakfast, a singles' chili supper, and the teens traveled to Winterfest. In March there was a Ladies Day at Skyline with Lisa Kee, Shirley Willhite and Theresa Yenawine speaking. Bro. Ringold reported that in the first 2 months of 1997 there were 11 people baptized, 23 came forward for renewal of their commitment to the Lord, and 6 placed membership. The seniors (age 55+) were named the Trailblazers, Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes worked up a puppet show for the convention, 18 traveled to Panama to go to El Real, the visitation program was reorganized, the Ladies took a Nashville tour of the Governor's Mansion, Capital and Legislative Chambers. New deacons were appointed and included Scott Owens, David Johnson, Mike Philpot, Allen McKelvey, Greg Walker, John Mehr and Buddy Gresham. Lads to Leaders puppet team placed 1st place at the recent convention. Trailblazers planned trips to Holly Springs, MS, Shiloh and Haggy's Catfish Hotel and a fall trip to Branson, MO. Skyline held a workday for cleanup of the grounds, building, etc. and the Singles were going to Memphis for the day. Billy Ringold resigned as minister of Skyline so he and Ruth could move back to the family farm in Clarksburg to take care of his mother. Bob Clark was hired as Skyline's new minister. He and his wife, Lourene, children Keith and Laura moved here from the Provident Road Church in Virginia. A youth rally was held with Don McLaughlin speaking, a song leading class was established by Jeff Johnson for young men, and Billy Schrivner and A.D. Wells worked on some long-term drainage problems in the parking lot, after which it was resurfaced. Bob Clark, Bob Osborne, Bob Smith and Larry Chambers met with the missionary preachers and their families during a trip to Panama. Skyline's 6 missionary preachers in Panama are Udinio Cabrera, Jesus Cedeno, Aristides Otero, Natalio Rivera, Melchor Romero, and Iver Valencia. Elders, deacons, and ministers had a meeting at the Old English Inn in Jackson. The deacons were divided up to be over twelve different ministries. In December on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, there would be only one assembly in the auditorium. The Deaf Ministry provided a Christmas party for the children of the deaf school. And Bob Clark learned what 'Skyline Time' meant.

In 1998 Joe Beam was the speaker for a Gospel meeting. The teens attended Winterfest in Gatlinburg, a Men's breakfast was held in the CAC for organizing yearly events, the yearly Valentine's banquet was held for the senior members of Skyline, and Skyline collected 505

canned goods, 12 boxes of macaroni & Cheese and \$285.00 on Super Bowl Sunday to give to the Women's Care Center. February saw two days set aside for 'Fasting and Prayer' as Skyline made plans to appoint more elders. The Panama mission team needed clean summer clothes and teaching materials to take with them in March. The Jail Ministry is doing well in both the Madison County and the Chester County jails. The new sound system allows for those who have trouble hearing to have a wireless personal assisted listening device during service. Two teams went on a Panama Medical Mission trips in March. 14 members went to Jaque and 15 went to Sambu.

There were 470 in attendance as Skyline's young men led the Sunday night service and Jackson Christian Chorus provide a program. Small Groups were formed and set up for the first time with Danny Walker and David Perkins leading the effort. The parking lot was torn up to have a new drainage system installed. Danny Walker, Mike Short, and Tommy McDonald were appointed as elders. May saw a Ladies' Day held at Skyline, Bryan Britt began working as a summer youth intern, and several women met in the CAC to sew tablecloths to be used for weddings. The team of Jack Seward, Danny Jackson, Larry Chambers, A. D. Wells, Tim Williams, David Raines, John Mehr, Mark Goff, John Robert Mehr, and Kevin Allison barbequed chicken served as a fund raiser for FHU. Each Sunday following worship two elders were available in room 104 for prayer or spiritual counseling. Phillip Cummings resigned as youth minister in order to complete his education and Jamie Leland was hired as the new youth minister.

Jamie Leland began 1999 as youth minister at Skyline, the Tennessee Vols won the National Championship, snow and ice covered everything, and Dr. Bob Smith decided to stay warm and take a medical mission trip to Honduras. A daddy/daughter banquet took place in the CAC, Carl Rudd talked to the congregation about the Y2K issues, the 1999 tornado that hit Jackson was very close to the church but did no damage, TWRA taught a hunter's safety course at Skyline, and 82 from Skyline went to Winterfest.

Adam Rudd preached one Sunday in February and a Valentines Luncheon was held for the Skyline Senior member. Family and Friends day was held March 28 at the Fairgrounds. The Deaf Ministry was growing and Billy Leavell, Deaf Minister from Memphis spoke one Sunday. Clara Richardson was honored for her years of working with children. During the recognition of Ms. Clara, all the children she taught throughout the years came on the stage and thanked her personally. Rick Atchley held a revival in April. West Tennessee Workcamp asked churches to help with minor repairs or painting for the low income or elderly. The Workcamp painted 10 houses and there were 130 teens and 20 adult helpers from Skyline, Campbell St, Henderson, Troy, McKenzie, and other churches of Christ throughout the area. Dorcas Day was held Sept. 11. A church-wide retreat was held at Ken Lake Hotel in KY with Don McLaughin speaking. A high school girls prayer group was established with Norma and Jill Taylor leading it, Dorcas Day was held in the CAC, and Lynn

Anderson from Texas came to Skyline and spoke one Sunday. In October a new 25-passenger bus was purchased with special contributions and donations covering the cost of the bus. It was announced that renovations on the old auditorium will begin in 2000.

2000 was Back to the Basics! Bob Clark's preaching theme was about getting back to the basic in scripture by emphasizing the nature of God, family life, the Holy Spirit, worship, grace, fellowship, baptism, sharing our faith, and the church. The elders were Doug Daniel, Bob Osborne, Tommy McDonald, Carl Rudd, Mike Short, Bob Smith, and Danny Walker. Deacons were Larry Chambers, Bret Christensen, Alan DeJarnatt, Shannon Dunlap, Buddy Gresham, Mark Harville, David Johnson, Allen McKelvey, John Mehr, Brad Osborne, Scott Owens, Glen Pendergrass, Jim Pentecost, David Perkins, Mike Philpot, Chuck Purcell, John Robinson, Billy Schrivner, Greg Walker. Skyline hosted a dinner for all the elders and minister of the Churches of Christ in Jackson. A day of prayer was held at Skyline. Those who participated were given a notebook full of prayer requests. A Super Bowl party was held in the CAC following evening worship at 4 pm. Everyone ate soup and watched the Titans and Rams on the big screen. 115 people went to Winterfest in February.

Construction was underway to update the classrooms and the old auditorium, added new equipment in the auditorium, which included a fixed camera for the deaf ministry that allowed the deaf community to watch the services, new microphones, a new projection system was also installed for video and computer presentations, a new mixer, monitor system and compressor for better sound recording. Karl Warren was added as deacon of children's education, Glen Pendergrass will now be working with Sam Wylie in communication and media outreach and Alan DeJarnatt will be deacon over education. Due to the new equipment, training sessions were held for those who expressed an interest in working with PowerPoint. Construction of the new Education Wing is complete and will be occupied on June 18. Skyline's new website, Skylinechurch.com, was completed. New video monitors were placed in the lobby for announcements, etc. A support group, LifeLine, for people dealing with addictions began with Bob Clark as the leader. The group met on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Skyline elders proposed having a congregational '40 Days of Prayer' which began in September, Dorcas Day was held in the CAC, a Marriage Enrichment Class His Needs/Her Needs began, Alison Jones' Tae-Bo Class resumed, and Steve Flatt spoke one Sunday in December.

2001 had Family Meals each Wednesday night in the CAC, a Valentine's Luncheon honoring 70+ aged senior adults was held, the youth were preparing for Winterfest, Skyline's Mezamix Coffee Co. opened up for high school youth in the CAC on Friday night (lots of coffee, fun, fellowship, from 9 to 1 am), and a new ministry for college students began at Skyline. A dedicated telephone was installed in the CAC, the His Needs/Her Needs classes started in March. A very large crowd turned out for Skyline's Family and Friends Day held

on April 1 at the Fairgrounds, the recent Panama mission trip resulted in 12 baptisms, Parents Night Out was started, and a marriage retreat at Ken/Lake State Park was planned. The property at 36 Wallace Road was acquired to provide more parking. Plans were made to move the church office into the house on the property. The middle school girl's prayer group made blankets that were sent to orphans in China. Three new fall classes began, First Steps in Faith for new members, The Rebuilders class for men and Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World for women. Evertt Huffard was guest speaker one Sunday and spoke on 'Understanding Muslims'. Baby Day was held in November, Paul Pryor and Bob Clark attended a meeting in Texas for CACA (Christians Against Substance Abuse) and in which they heard Tommy and Clara Williams' son, Craig Williams who is the director of CACA. The high school group went to Panama on a mission trip, the small groups at Skyline became more involved in Youth Town, Jackson Meadow Retirement Center, Soup Kitchen, Montgomery Hall, The Care Center, and The Men's Shelter. A Divorce Care group met each week with Bob Clark and Mitzi Brown as the facilitators.

2002 the Youth Hut, in the Way of Life building, was nearing completion and needed donations of couches and chairs. A ping-pong league was formed, over 100 registered for Winterfest, and Jane Goode and Mona Chambers held a CPR class. Jeff Walling led a successful revival in March. New deacons were announced and included Keith Anderson (Preschool), Lance Boyd (VBS), Eric Cohe (Youth), Al Earls (Honors Program), Alan Ellis (Host Home), Jeff Howell (College Ministry), Danny Jackson (Assembly), Charlie Lansdell (Youth), David Raines (Small Groups), Todd Swims (Small Groups), and Tom Ward (Visitors). Skyline had a group of 45 which went on a Cucunati Medical Mission Trip. A Grief Share group began meeting on Wednesday nights. A new class on Conversations Spanish was held to help those traveling to Panama on mission trips. Skyline's Fantasy Football league began in August. In August, Barbara Young resigned as church secretary and Andrea Hendley was hired to replace her. Blood Pressure screening were offered the first Wednesdays of each month in the old foyer at church. The new church office, 36 Wallace Road, was totally remodeled and redecorated by Billy and Margie Schrivner. An open house was held for the church office, The Way of Life, and The Oasis (new facility for the youth). Poinsettia Sunday began in 2002, a Ladies' Holiday Coffee was held at the home of Susie Walker, visitor parking was relocated, the first Cider Sunday was held, and Sunday evening worship was changed to 5 pm.

2003 started with a men's retreat held in January at Lipscomb University, the newest addition to the parking lot was paved, and April 7 was set aside as a day of Fasting & Prayer for the 38 going on the Panama Mission Trip. Jamie Leland resigned as Youth Minister to continue his education. People throughout Jackson were still recovering from the tornado. Skyline's office began emailing church bulletins to members, a Financial Peace University

class was held, Dorcas Day was held in the CAC, and a new Wednesday night College class was started. Trunk or Treat was held in the CAC parking lot with approximately 70 cars present. Todd Miller was hired to replace Jamie Leland as Youth Minister and began in November. Alison Jones headed up the first Ladies Holiday Recipe and Gift Exchange in the CAC. Ricky Long announced there were 'stockings for soldiers' in the lobby for pickup to fill with items to send to those serving in Iraq. A Phone Tree service was implemented that would allow the office to notify members in case of bad weather, or other announcements.

In January 2004, Skyline had a new logo. A housewarming was held for the new Youth Minister, Todd Miller. A singles 'Get to Know You' party was held in the CAC, a Nascar Racing Fantasy League was formed and Kim Adams, Shannon Dunlap and Jerome Cawthon as leaders. Tapes of sermons were available for order and be picked up later that week. Charlie Lansdell joined the church staff as a part-time College Minister. The Tuesday Lunch and Study class remodeled the Host Home. Joe Beam was the speaker for the alumni of His Needs/Her Needs classes. A special offering was taken up for new playground and equipment, a scrapbooking class began, an exercise class was started, and Skyline reserved one of the theater rooms at Hollywood Cinema for the church to view *The Passion of The Christ* together. Summer Interns Natalie Graham and Myles Turney arrived in May to work with the youth. In 2004 a church was planted in Wala, Panama. Keith Mosher and a group of Skyline members came together to create a chorus called Melody of The Heart. The group included Keith Mosher, Ginger Newbill, Nan Raskopf, Mary Alice White, Barbara Higgs, Melissa Milson, June Creasy, Diann Robinson, Tom Ward, Paul Pryor, Greg Wood, Greg Lee, John Robinson, Taylor Pendergrass, Bob Smith, Larry Johnson, and Norvell Robinson. The Marriage Hall of Fame wall was added in the first-floor classroom hallway. The wall included photos of couples at Skyline who have been married 50 years or more. A new 15 passenger minibus was purchased for Skyline, new counter tops were installed in the teacher supply room, new literature racks were placed in the LifeLine room, literature boxes were placed under the visitor signs in the parking lot for visitors to see what classes were available, and work progressed on the new playground. Scott Owens was appointed an elder. Andrea Hendley resigned as church secretary and Brenda Long was hired to take her place.

2005 saw a Marriage Enrichment retreat, Skyline had a Relay for Life team, small groups reorganizing, Melody of The Heart presented another program and recruited more members. Dorian Flynn was the guest speaker for a revival held in February, a Men's Prayer breakfast with the elders and deacons was held in the CAC. Erin Martin was hired as the youth intern for the summer. The Cry Room at the back of the auditorium was closed and all parents were encouraged to use the infant and toddler nurseries. July 3 saw a Church Family Celebration in the CAC and tents around the church yard. Jeff Barnett and Mark

Taylor were appointed as deacons. Jeff Brown was hired to work with the Skyline College Ministry. A special contribution was taken up for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Skyline's elders made themselves available in room 104 following worship for prayers, meet visitors, and spiritual counsel. The children's classroom expansion was almost complete. Jeff Brown spoke on the College Ministry at Skyline. Danny Walker presented an outreach program for 2006 to the congregation called Life on Purpose.

2006 started off with a bang! Life on Purpose was a three-day event held at the Civic Center. Speakers were Rick Atchley and Jeff Walling. Thousands came from across Tennessee. Mark Harville was appointed as an elder. A wild game supper was held in the CAC, Skyline Family News were sent out by email, however hard copies were available each Wednesday and Sunday for members and guests. Joseph Horton and Erin Carter were the youth interns for summer and a mission trip to Panama included Larry Chambers, Bob and Lourene Clark, Ricky and Brenda Long, and Bob Smith. Skyline sent Jeff Brown and a mission team to Australia with the intention of planting a church in Wollongong. Skyline Ladies held a retreat at Victory Ranch in Bolivar, College and Career held a retreat at the Mid-South Conference Center in Cordova, and the Small Group Leaders held a retreat in the CAC. Small groups were renamed CORE groups (Community, Outreach, Relationships, and Encouragement). Betsy Summar and a group of 17 women got together and made felt flannel boards to send to Panama's Sunday school teachers.

2007 started off with a successful Life on Purpose with over 6,000 attending and over 160 churches represented. Jeff Walling was the speaker for the event. The teens traveled to Winterfest, held a retreat at Victory Ranch, a wild game supper was held in the CAC, and a medical mission team of 44 went to Garachine, Panama. An updated deacon includes Greg Wood, Mark Goff, John Mehr, John Robinson, Keith Anderson, Greg Lee, Jerome Cawthon, Todd Mullins, Joel Odell, Karl Warren, Danny Jackson, Church Purcell, Lance Boyd, Todd Swims, Larry Chambers, Mark Taylor, Jimmie Welch, Buddy Gresham, Alan Ellis, Ray Goode, Mike Philpot, Todd McCall, Hal Burlison, Jim Pentecost, George Thornton, Tom Ward, Jeff Howell, Greg Griffin, Ricky Long, Taylor Pendergrass, David Perkins, Erwin White, Greg Walker, Glen Pendergrass, and Rick Faulk. Alan DeJarnatt and Mark Harville were ordained as elders. Stuart Penhall from Gosford, Australia spoke during Sunday worship which was followed by a lunch with the 2007 Australia team members. The office did not print a bulletin for the months of June and July of 2007 but resumed in August. In August, Praise & Pizza with College students was held at Skyline, 'The Bridge', a Saturday night worship experience, began meeting on the 2nd Saturday night each month. Two ladies Bible study groups met weekly, a Hayride, Fall Parties, and Trunk or Treat were held in the parking lot. Skyline began hosting Room In The Inn on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights during the winter. Doug Daniel retired as an elder at Skyline after serving 33 years. The children put on a

Christmas program directed by Jeff Brown and Betsy Pendergrass. The special contribution day for missions raised \$158,000. The SkyKids went Christmas caroling with the Worship Team.

In January 2008, the College & Career class attended Gulf Coast Getaway in Florida. Skyline began work on their first Skyline Cookbook. Life on Purpose was held in January at Carl Perkins Civic Center with Don McLaughlin speaking during the 3-day event. Remodeling began in the auditorium and lobby with new screens, lights, carpet, flooring, and equipment. The pews were removed and replaced with chairs to allow for more feasible use of the auditorium. Mark Hawk was hired as Youth Minister. Clara Richardson set up a basket in the church lobby for people to put their notes of encouragement to the 33 going on the Panama Medical Mission Trip. On Easter Sunday, Skyline held worship at the Fairgrounds followed by lunch and an Easter egg hunt. In March Skyline transitioned to two worship assemblies on Sunday mornings. One at 8am and the other at 10am. Prayer Force was a new youth program that asked 85 adults to pray for the Skyline teens for a year. Youth Interns for the summer were Laura Beth Lloyd and Kenly Penn. The Summit was held each Wednesday night in the Oasis for the Teens and was a time for them to get together, unwind, and reflect on their week. The Australia Summer Mission team consisted of Jeff & Ashley Brown, Lauren Chambers, Shawn Griffith, Grant Moore, Scott Owens, and Sam Wylie. Tom Adams was hired as the new College & Career Minister and Jeff Brown assumed the role as Outreach Minister. After-School Mentoring was introduced as a new ministry at Skyline by Jeff Brown. Laura Beth Lloyd was hired to work part-time during the school year as a youth intern. Marriage Commitment Sunday was held in September with Mike Danchak and Scott Weinhold as the speakers. Abby Bell was hired as the new Children's Minister. The Special Missions contributions goal was \$173,000 and the elders and ministers pledged \$71,675 toward this goal.

2009 saw Training for Worship expanded to include all children ages 2 years to 2nd grade. David Fleer came to speak on Sunday, January 25. A Sweetheart Banquet was held in the CAC for all adults, the teens attended Winterfest, and the College & Career Ministry had a Wedding Banquet as they celebrated their marriage to Christ. The Ladies Ministry held a retreat at Victory Ranch with Charmé Robarts speaking. The cookbooks had arrived and were ready to sell. Several mission trips were planned for 2009 and included Dominican Republic, Kenya, Wala in Panama, Cambodia, and Shawn, Kendra, Brenna, & Darian Griffith moved to Australia to begin work with the Wollongong congregation. Danny Walker resigned as an elder. Mike Short took an elder sabbatical. Summer Camp's part-time interns were Blake Wright and Bethany Vaughan. The teens went on a mission trip to work with the Navajos, Spiritual Might Night took a summer break and was reorganized, Abby Bell resigned as Children's Minister and was replaced with Laura Beth Lloyd. Spiritual Might

Night resumed with children from ages 2 years to 2nd grade and met on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month. Mentors were needed for the After-School mentoring program. Ladies were invited to A Morning of Tea and Teaching in the CAC, a blood drive was held at Skyline, flu shots were given, Dorcas Day was held, and Skyline went back to 1 Sunday morning service with worship at 9:30am and Bible Classes 11-11:45am. The elders set aside the 4th Sunday night of each month as a night of rest. On this night no worship service, small groups, nor Might Night will meet. This was a time for each person to spend time relaxing with their families. Bob Clark resigned as minister and Jeff Brown was hired as the new minister.

2010 saw Vision 2010 addressed by Jeff Brown. A reception honoring Bob and Lourene Clark for their many years of dedication was held in the CAC. Ava Storie was hired part-time in the church office to replace Lourene Clark. Scott Gatlin was appointed as an elder. Four Corners, a time to pray with the elders or others in our church body during Sunday morning worship, was implemented. Skyline held a combined service with Campbell Street Church of Christ at Campbell St., the Welcome Center was staffed with workers each Sunday and Wednesday, new directories were available, 40 days of prayer was introduced, a Valentines Banquet was held in the auditorium with an 18-piece orchestra provided music, and the Sunday morning Coffee Bar was introduced to members. Skyline began supporting Gentry and Liz Morris as missionaries in Northern Ireland. A church-wide clean up day was held to work on the playground. Church Outside the Wall's was a new opportunity for Skyline to become one with the community. 12 teams made up of adults, teens, and children worked on 12 different projects across Jackson. Some helped with Youth Town, some visited the hospitals and nursing homes, some paid for people's laundry at the laundromats, built wheelchair ramps, cleaned yards, painted houses, washed cars, and most especially did a prayer walk for our community. 31 went to the Darien, Panama for a mission trip and the summer interns were Kimberlyn Frensley and Doug Ryan. Skyline celebrated 50 years as a congregation. Kevin Owen was the speaker that day and lunch followed worship in the auditorium. Skyline's new website was finally up and running. Mike Short resigned as an elder. After-School Mentoring resumed, the old accounting room off of the old lobby was turned into a Prayer Chapel, Praise & Pizza was held for returning college students, a Worship Ministry Workshop was held, Might Night resumed with ages changed to include 3rd through 5th graders, and Family Fun Day was held at Jackson Christian for the whole church. Laura Beth Lloyd resigned as Children's Minister and Alison Jones was hired to replace her. SkyKids held a family camping trip to Chickasaw and a new Skylink class began. Skylink is a class which meets 2 times per year for 3 weeks each for new members, visitors thinking about joining skyline or anyone who wanted to know more about Skyline. Skyline began participating in Samaritan's Purse Operation Shoeboxes, and Cider Sunday was held.

2011 a new bulletin format was introduced that included the visitor form as an attachment. Wednesday night meals were held the 1st Wednesday night of each month. Sunday morning worship and class times were changed. Bible Classes met at 9am with worship to follow at 10:15am. Danny and Susie Walker lead a Marriage Enrichment/Dynamic Marriage Course in March. Skyline hosted Campbell Street for a combined worship and meal. All bulletins were placed on the website, along with the sermons, schedules for soup kitchen and small groups. Directory pictures were made for a new online directory. Skyline hosted a Holy Week service with Campbell Street Church of Christ providing the lunch. Holy Night service was held in the CAC on Good Friday. Tom Adams resigned, and Josh Walden took his place as Outreach Minister. There was a Father's Day Breakfast in the CAC. Family Fun Day was held at JCS, mentoring resumes, Youth had a retreat at Victory Ranch, and Church Outside the Walls was held for the 2nd year in a row. The new directory is completed and printed with each family receiving one. Special Mission Contribution goal is \$100,000 for 2011. The new church directory is now online at Skyline's website.

In January 2012, Mark Hawk hosted a parenting class for parents of school-aged children. Skyline was to serve a week at Soup Kitchen. Skyline and Campbell Street held a combined service at Campbell Street Church of Christ, the church food pantry was established and held a pack the pantry day in February, kids went to Wintefest, and a new youth group was started at Skyline called G'Life, led by Josh Walden. A reception was given for Danny and Susie Walker upon his retirement and their move to Martin. A new membership program was now in place where people could use online giving for their contributions, pay for youth trips, events, etc. Cory Lee was hired as the new Youth Minister to replace Mark Hawk. Family Fun Day was held again at JCS for the church family, Small Groups reorganized, Skyline held a 1 day VBS, Church Outside the Walls was held again, a Holy Ground service was held at Skyline, a Christmas program was put on by the children, and Cider Sunday was held the Sunday after Christmas.

2013 saw a change in the leadership of the Trailblazers. Hal and Nancy Burleson decided to step down with Ray Good and Sandra Bateman took over as leaders. The Ladies ministry, Passion to Action, was reorganized with a new handbook provided to all ladies detailing all ministries which were available for ladies. A bi-monthly fellowship meeting for ladies called Monday Night Live began meeting. Easter Egg prep day was held to fill Easter eggs with candy for the upcoming Community Easter Egg Hunt. Skyline hosted a Holy Week service in March and provided a light lunch. A Good Friday service was held in the CAC with babysitting available. The church directory was upgraded with an app available to download for all iPhone users. With this app, members were able to see Skyline's

members, where they live, and their contact information. For security reasons, the only way to download it is if they were a member and in the directory. Hunter Moss was hired as a summer intern to work with the mentoring program. Skyline held three weeks of prayer, three days of fasting, and then shared a meal to break the fasting as new servant leaders and deacons were selected. Change for Life baby bottles were distributed with the money raised going to Birth Choice. Combined worship service with Campbell Street was held at Campbell Street Church of Christ with Jeff Brown speaking. Skyline's adult summer classes on Wednesday nights were combined and featured a meal followed by a different guest speaker and were called The Feast. Mark Harville resigned as an elder. The Dorcas clothing room was moved downstairs, the directory was updated to allow people with iPhones, iPads, Androids, or Kindle Fire to sync all their devices to access the directory, and Summer Camp mentoring made the Jackson Sun newspaper. A new fellowship called Look Who's Coming To Dinner was implemented in the fall with a host home preparing a meal for unknown guests. The guests were given an item to bring and an address, the host did not know who were showing up and the guests did not know until they arrived who were their host. A Church-Wide Family retreat was held in the fall at Victory Ranch in Bolivar, TN. It was a weekend full of fun, fellowship, games, and creating new friends. Sisters of Strength (SOS), a Bible study for working ladies, begin meeting each week in the church building. Fantasy Football signup was held, After-School Mentoring returned, a new meal scheduling program was implemented (Take Them A Meal) to help with meals for members who had surgery, a new baby, etc., and a new church fellowship was introduced, Birth-a-Versary, where members shared a meal and birthdays and anniversaries were recognized. A 5K was held to raise money for the mission trip to Christianville, Haiti, a Slice-of-Pie night was held on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving, and the Special Mission Contributions goal was \$116,515. The Children's Christmas Program was held with a meal following for all to enjoy.

In 2014 Online Contributions were available for those wishing to use this option for their Sunday contributions, pay for youth retreats, etc. A time of Prayer & Fasting began in March for the season of Lent, the yearly combined worship service with Campbell Street was held at Skyline, it was fantasy baseball signup time again, and a Panama Medical Mission trip was planned for March. Skyline's Men Ministry had a 'Smokeout' for the men, preparation day was held to fill Easter eggs with candy for the Easter Egg hunt, and items were donated for needs in Haiti. Holy Week services were held at Skyline with Skyline furnishing the lunch, a meal was prepared for all college students on Sunday, and a cross was placed in the front yard of the church for children to decorate with flowers. The pavilion behind the CAC was repaired and cleaned up by the men's ministry and new picnic tables were added. Church Outside The Walls was held with 15 projects available for members and families to work on. Members were able to register their children for VBS

online, the youth left for Nashville Shores, and the Trailblazers traveled to Loveless Café and Chaffin's Barn. Summer Camp needed workers, VBS was underway, and the Wednesday night Summer Series ended in August. Skyline men had a golf scramble, Victory Ranch family retreat was fast approaching, and school was just around the corner. Skyline provided new coffee cups for all the members for their use. Haley Baker was added to the church staff as an Associate Youth Minister to work with Cory. Worship songs were now online and available for download on Sunday by anyone who to sing along with the music while singing. Trunk or Treat was held, Ladies Holiday Party was scheduled, and prayers were offered for the appointment of additional elders.

In 2015 four additional elders were added. They included Glen Pendergrass, David Russell, Jimmie Welch, and Sam Wylie. The current elders at that time were Alan DeJarnatt, Scott Owens, Scott Gatlin, Tommy McDonald, and Carl Rudd. Several went on a mission trip to Haiti to work with the organization Live Beyond. QR codes were available in the bulletins for people to scan and download songs on Sunday. A Night of Praise & Worship was held in the auditorium with dinner following in the CAC. Two mission trips were planned for 2015, Haiti and Panama, the combined service with Campbell Street Church of Christ was held at Campbell St., a Community Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday with lunch provided, and the Cancer Care Center appreciated the hats and blankets provided to the chemo patients, and Skyline's Relay for Life team held a fundraiser in the CAC. Skyline began making plans to produce another cookbook, using the recipes from the 1st cookbook and combining them with any new recipes submitted. Landon Moore was hired as Summer Youth intern, the Summer Series began on Wednesday nights, the teens went to Impact Jr. & Sr., the Men's Ministry held a golf scramble, and the youth went to Nashville Shores. Gluten Free communion bread was made available on Sundays for those who need it, draft night for falls Fantasy Football teams went well, After-School Mentoring resumed, and a new roof was put on the church building. Dr. Jerry and Lynn Jones presented a 4-day series, Relationships Matters which was well attended by Skyline members and others in the community. Cookbooks came in just in time to be purchased as Christmas presents. Pie Night was held in the CAC, the ladies enjoyed their Gift Exchange, and the children and families enjoyed the meal after their Christmas program. On Christmas Eve, Skyline and Northside Assembly of God held a combined worship service at Northside on Oil Well.

2016 saw new Servant Leaders presented to the membership. They and their ministries were: Sean Evans (Adult Ed.), Bobby Morrison (Benevolence), Glen Pendergrass, Greg Walker, Matthew Wylie (Building & Grounds), Alison Jones, Teresa McCuiston, Dorothy Steele (Children), Blake & Blair Beckham, Todd & Laura Roland, Matthew Wylie (College). Ginger Hawk (Deaf), Mark Hawk (Discipleship) Larry & Ava Storie, Cathy Burlison (Fellowship & Sp. Events), Bret Beckham, Jeff Blankenship, Glen Pendergrass (Finance),

Jordan Perkins, Casey Meek (Home Bound Services), Dannie Wilkes (Homebound Services), John Redden (Media & Technology), Brian Pearson (Men's), David & Betsy Perkins, Phyllis Darby, Josh Walden (Mentoring), Mark Steiner (Missions), Kindall Walden (Nursery), Blake Beckham, Jesse Gatlin (Praise Team), Pat & David Russell (Room in the Inn), John Robert Mehr, Jay Walker (Security), Ginger Hawk (Sign Language), Keith & Lisa Anderson, Jonathan Wheeler (Small Groups), Ray Goode, Sandra Bateman (Trailblazers), Ray Goode (Transportation), Horace Taylor (Ushers), Ricky Long, Josh Walden (Welcome Team), Debbie Pendergrass, Liz Wellington, Stefanie Gatlin (Women's), Bret Jones, Danny Jackson (Worship Assembly), Mark Hawk (Worship Experience), and Mark Goff (Youth). Giving Statements could be downloaded online or emailed out for the first time. A Family Fun Night was held at the Family Fun Center, combined service with Campbell Street Church of Christ was held at Skyline, and Skyline's girls' basketball team won the Championship Trophy for the Youth Church League. Their coach was David Russell. Crowley's Ridge Choral group presented a program and members provided meals and overnight accommodations for them. The elders set aside a time each Wednesday night to pray with every family at Skyline. Nolan Huber was hired to take over the College & Career Ministry. He created a place for college students in downtown Henderson called Encounter. A student would attend, have coffee, snack, visited, and form relationships. A Men's Dove Hunt was held in Denmark, Adopt a College Student was up and going, and Praise & Pizza for college students was held. A church-wide weekend retreat held at Victory Ranch was well attended by several families. The CAC was overflowing with people at the first church-wide potluck held in many years. These will continue to be held on the 5th Sundays during the year. December saw the church observing Advent and had a combined Christmas Eve service with Northside Assembly of God at Northside.

In 2017 the Ladies held a retreat at The Country Place in Moscow, TN. The teens prepared a Valentine's Dinner for all adults, Small Groups signed up for new groups, and the 5th Sunday meal was held in the CAC. Skyline hosted the Watoto Children's Choir. There was standing room only in the auditorium with several church members providing meals and overnight accommodations. Skyline provided pies for the Holy Week meal held at Englewood Baptist Church. College & Young Professionals went on a white-water rafting trip. The Feast began meeting again on Wednesday nights and summer food helpers were needed. Jeff Brown resigned in July to take a job at Woodmont Church of Christ in Nashville. During the new preacher search Cory Lee, John Mark Hicks, Jeff Kenee, Dorian Flynn, and all of the elders preached on Sundays. Praise & Pizza was held in the Encounter building in Henderson. Skyline's Field Day was rained out in October and had to be rescheduled. Mark Hawk introduced the study, Discipleship Paths: Following The Way of Jesus, which provided members an avenue for deepening their walk with Christ. Mike Long placed several books in the church lobby that were free to anyone who would like one.

Nolan Huber resigned as College & Young Professionals Minister. Special Contribution Sunday's goal was \$200,00 for missions.

2018 saw the hiring of Eric Petty as Skyline's new lead minister. Eric, Stacy, Lily, and Chaney moved in January. A Marriage Retreat scheduled for January was rescheduled for February. A Potluck was held in March for the Petty's. The website underwent an update. The church pantry was closed down. A wild game supper was held in the CAC, Skyline set up a Facebook page, Friday's Holy Week service was held at Skyline, Stations of the Cross were set up in the CAC, the Good Friday service was held in the auditorium, on Saturday a Community Easter Egg Hunt and meal was held. March Madness brought a madness to Skyline with Eric Petty challenging everyone to participate by filling out a bracket. The winner got their name engraved on a large trophy proclaiming them 'The World's Smartest Human'. Greg Griffin was the winner in 2018. Eric preached a series entitled My Generation and used different songs, bulletin outlines, and material relevant to 6 generations. Wednesdays in the summer saw 'The Gathering' take place. Everyone met in the CAC for food, fellowship, and a short devotional by the ministers and elders. Skyline night was at Pringles Park and a mother-daughter brunch was in the CAC. All teachers and students were recognized on Teacher Appreciation Sunday. Wednesday nights saw all adults gather around The Table in the auditorium. Tables were set up, people divided into groups, and each group answered questions relative to different topics. Coffee and snacks were served at the beginning of the night. The bulletin was updated to add a tear-off visitor form. A Ministry Fair was held in the auditorium showcasing all the ministries and their leaders. November was Skyline's 30 Days of Thanks and everyone being asked to post something they were thankful for on Facebook each day. In December Eric presented a Sunday night service called The Empty Chair for those who were grieving the loss of a loved one. The men held a Chili Dog Supper & Tool Exchange, the Ladies held their Holiday Party, Larry & Ava Storie hosted a Christmas Open House for senior members, the children's Christmas Play and meal took place in the auditorium, and poinsettias covered the stage on Poinsettia Sunday. Brenda Long retired as full time Secretary at Skyline and Ava Storie took her position as full-time Secretarial Ministerial Assistant and Lora Blankenship was hired part-time as Financial Manager.

In 2019, Skyline held a Family Skate night at Magic Wheels in Jackson, Heart/Moms and Heart/Sisters begin meeting in homes in January, teens went to Winterfest, and the Ladies had a Winter Retreat at The Country Place. Sunday worship services were shown on Facebook or on JEA, Direct TV, Charter, Dish, and outside antenna. Four deacons were appointed and included Mark Hawk, Bret Jones, Jonathan Wheeler, and Walker Wellington. Ricky Long was the senior deacon. Dorian Flynn spoke on Sunday to give an update on missions in South Africa. Skyline had a family campout inside the auditorium, the teens

went to Winterfest, and a meal was held for William Murphy. William worked with the teens part-time for a couple of years until he took a job in Arkansas. Again, March Madness brought madness to Skyline with Eric challenging everyone to participate and fill out a basketball bracket. The 2018 winner was unseated by Karl Warren as Karl was crowned 'The World's Smartest Human.' Friends Day was held in April, Terry and Beverly Acker taught a Basic Camera class in the CAC, a Wild Game Supper was held in the CAC with several different kinds of wild game available. The Dorcas Clothing Room was closed down due to lack of use and the room was refinished and made into a new Nursing Mother's room. The old Nursing Mother's room was gutted and integrated into part of the Skykids room. All of the Children's classrooms, upstairs and downstairs, were remodeled with new paint, carpet, and fixtures. The old lobby and old restrooms were totally remodeled, repainted, new fixtures, etc. The Oasis also was updated and received new paint, carpet, doors, lighting, sound equipment, and roof. The auditorium received new lighting and sound. Skyline also purchased the property on Wallace Road that adjoins the church office and church parking lot. Church Outside The Walls was revived with 12 different projects going on at the same time. 300 pairs of shoes were cut out for the Sole Hope project with 50+ working on it in the auditorium. The Gathering returned in the CAC on Wednesday nights. Day of Man was at Jackson Christian for all the men to eat, play softball, cornhole, and eat more. Skyline Night at the Jackson Generals was held, the teens went to Wyoming for a mission trip, and teachers and students were prayed over as they returned to school. All Fellowship linens, serving pieces, etc. now have a permanent home in the Church building. Diana and Charles Taylor hosted a movie and cook-out at their business in Milan, The Caldwell Inn and Skyline members were treated to the movie 'Overcomer' at the Milan Ritz. In October a camping trip to Chickasaw Park was planned but canceled due to weather. Socktober for Dream Center and Safe Harbor was held in October. New socks and underwear (all sizes) were donated by members for these two organizations. Small Groups were updated with the introduction of 4 new groups. Colton Shannon, a licensed grief counselor, spoke on the 5 steps of grief on Sunday morning. The Empty Chair service was held that night for those who grieve. A Preview & Pie was held on Wednesday night to let everyone know what the upcoming classes for the next quarter were and also to share a piece of pie with the church family. December saw several things going on, The Taylor's invited everyone to 'An Evening of Christmas Music' at The Caldwell Inn and Taylor's Vintage Chapel, Soul Sister's held their first Soup For The Soul Day and gave away several gallons of soup, men's ministry held a bowling night, men also had a Tool Exchange and Chili Dog night, Special Mission Contribution day was set with a goal of \$200,000, and a combined Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Northside Assembly of God was held at Northside.

2020 is here and we are celebrating 60 years as a congregation of believers. Those first few people who saw the vision that God placed before them to expand the church of Christ in Jackson would be very blessed to see how Skyline has grown and touched so many lives. Skyline is a praying church, a church that puts Christ first in all endeavors, and one who loves people and loves God to the praise of His glorious grace!

We, the Skyline Church Office Staff hope you enjoyed looking over the rich history of Skyline Church of Christ.

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Skyline Ministers 1960 to Present

Date of Ministers

Feb. 1960 – Aug. 1960
Sept. 1960 – July 1962
Aug. 1962 – Dec. 1966
Jan. 1967- Dec. 1969
Jan. 1970 – July 1970
Aug. 1970 – Dec. 1971
Jan. 1972 – Aug. 1972
Sept. 1972 – Dec. 1975
Jan. 1976 – May 1976
June 1976 – Dec. 1980
Jan. 1980 – June 1997
July 1997 - Dec. 2009
Jan. 2010 – July 2017
Aug 2017 – Jan. 2018
Feb. 2018 – Present

Ministers

H.N. Stroud (Interim)
Jimmie Rogers
Waylon Lawrence
Lee Rogers
Wayne Emmons (Interim)
Tom Scott
Jim Mahaffy (Interim)
Lindell Doty
Drew McGukin (Interim)
Joe Riggs
Billy Ringold
Bob Clark
Jeff Brown
Elders Of Skyline (Interim)
Eric Petty

Elders of Skyline Church of Christ

- 1960 Grady Butler
David Snider
Charlie Womack
- 1966 K.T. Edwards
Taylor Robinson
John Terrell
- 1973 Doug Daniel
- 1976 Bob Osborne
- 1979 Dr. Bob Smith
- 1984 David Barton
Forrest Parkey
- 1994 Doug Hays
Carl Rudd
Billy Ringold
- 1998 Danny Walker
Mike Short
Tommy McDonald
- 2004 Scott Owens
- 2006 Alan DeJarnatt
Mark Harville
- 2010 Scott Gatlin
- 2015 Glen Pendergrass
David Russell
Jimmie Welch
Sam Wylie