

*Phoenix Laestadian Lutheran Church*



*Celebrating 50 Years*  
1959-2009



*The Desert Shall Rejoice  
and Blossom as the Rose*

*Isaiah 35:1*



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*Phoenix Laestadian  
Lutheran Church*

*1959-2009*

*November 27-29, 2009*

**Laestadians  
in  
Ghost  
Towns?**

# Ghost Town



# The Early Believers

**Henry  
and  
Olga  
Meilonen**



# The house by the tracks



# The Meilonen's and Lisa 1962



# Meilonen's and Koistinen's



# Olga, Elsie and Elmer



# 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 1964



**1947**  
**The**  
**Koistinen's**  
**Arrive**

# The Koistinen's Early 1950's



# Wild Bill “Koistinen”



# Koistinen's 1951



**1950's**

# The Kippola's



# Kippola's



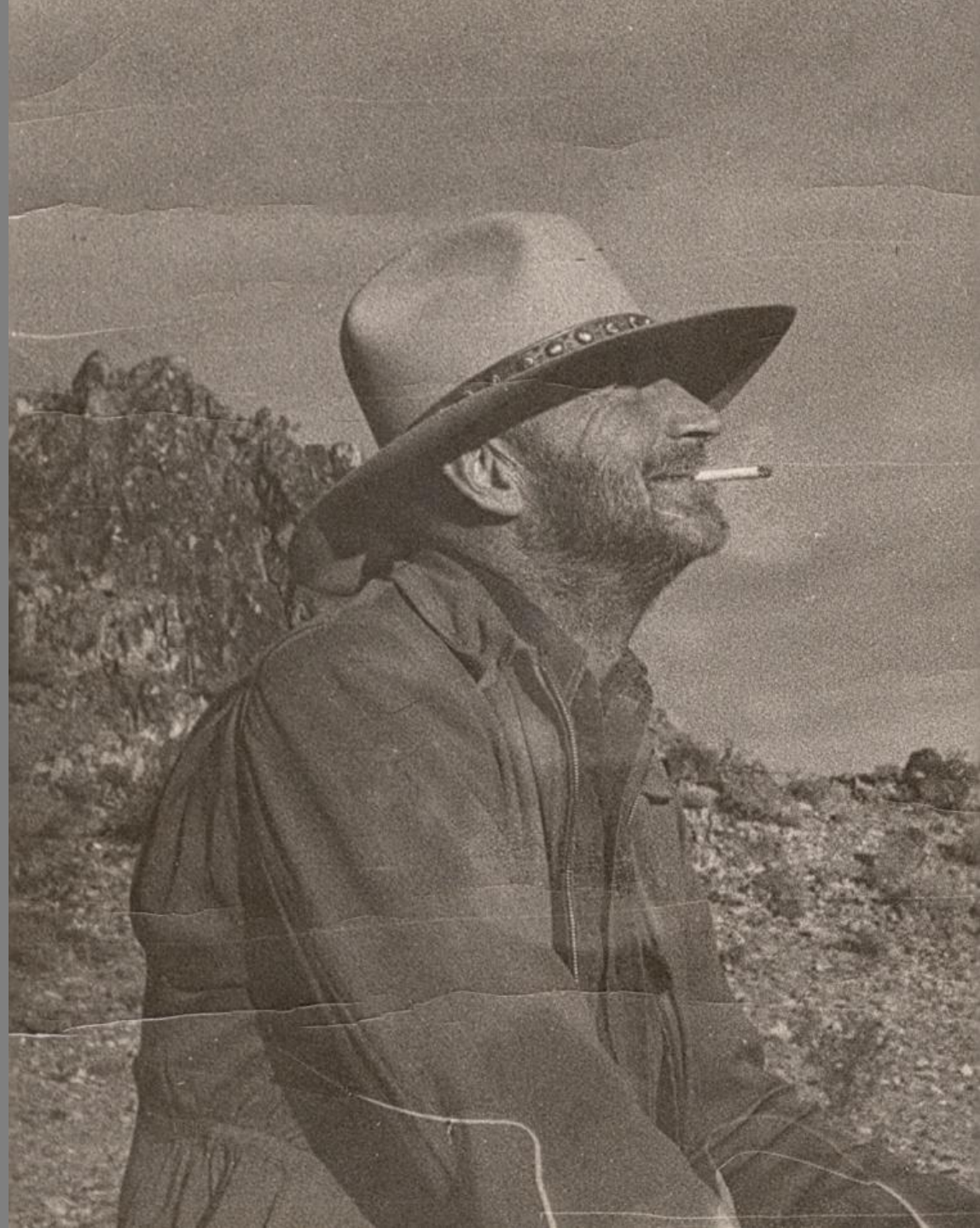
**Lempi  
Johnson  
Mitchell**



# The Blatt Family



**Charlie  
the  
Arizona  
Cowboy**



**Charlie,  
Marty  
and  
Ailene**



# Paul Jarvi, Doc and Chris Wiinikka



# Gust Wisuri



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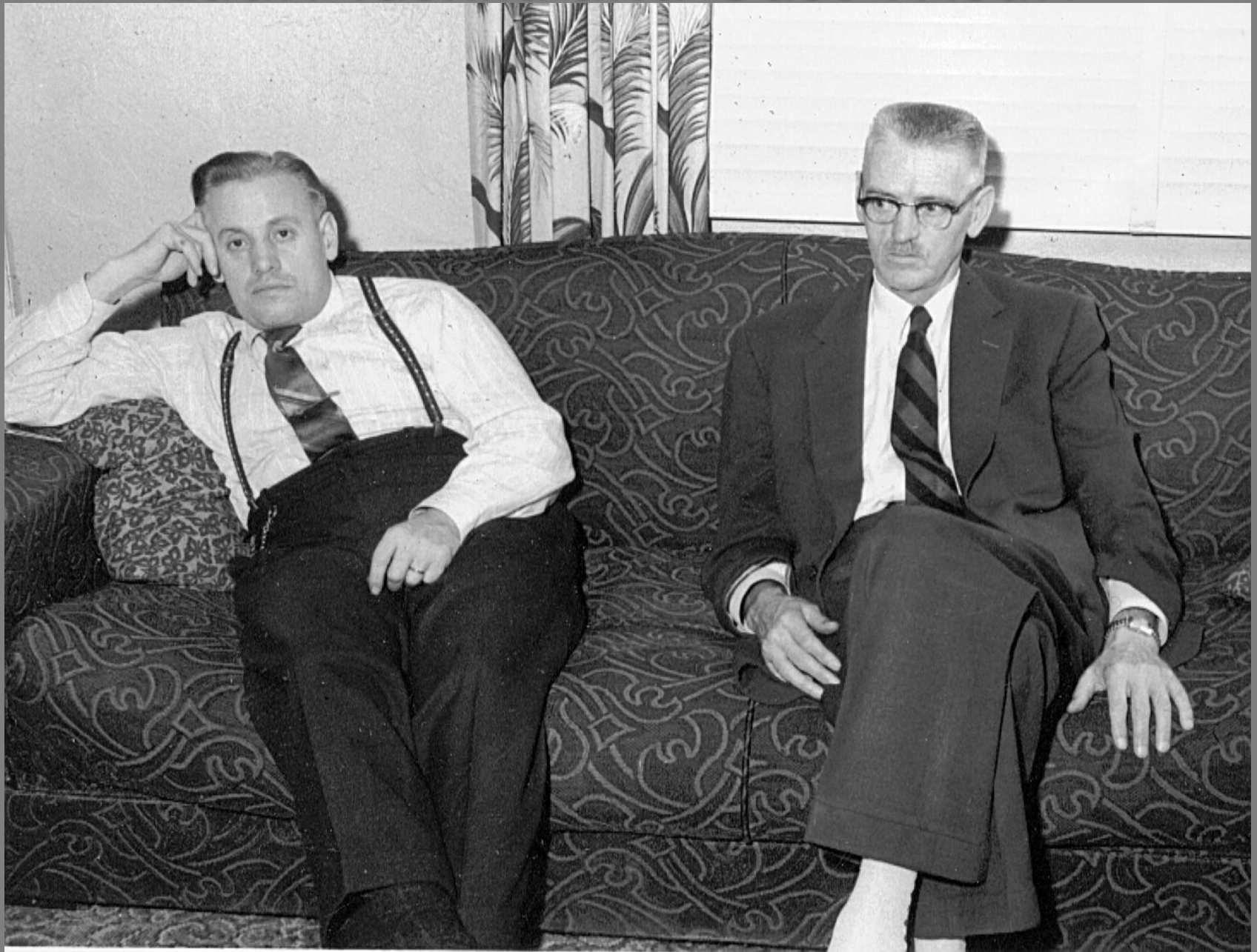
# Doc Dickinson



Doc  
Dickinson

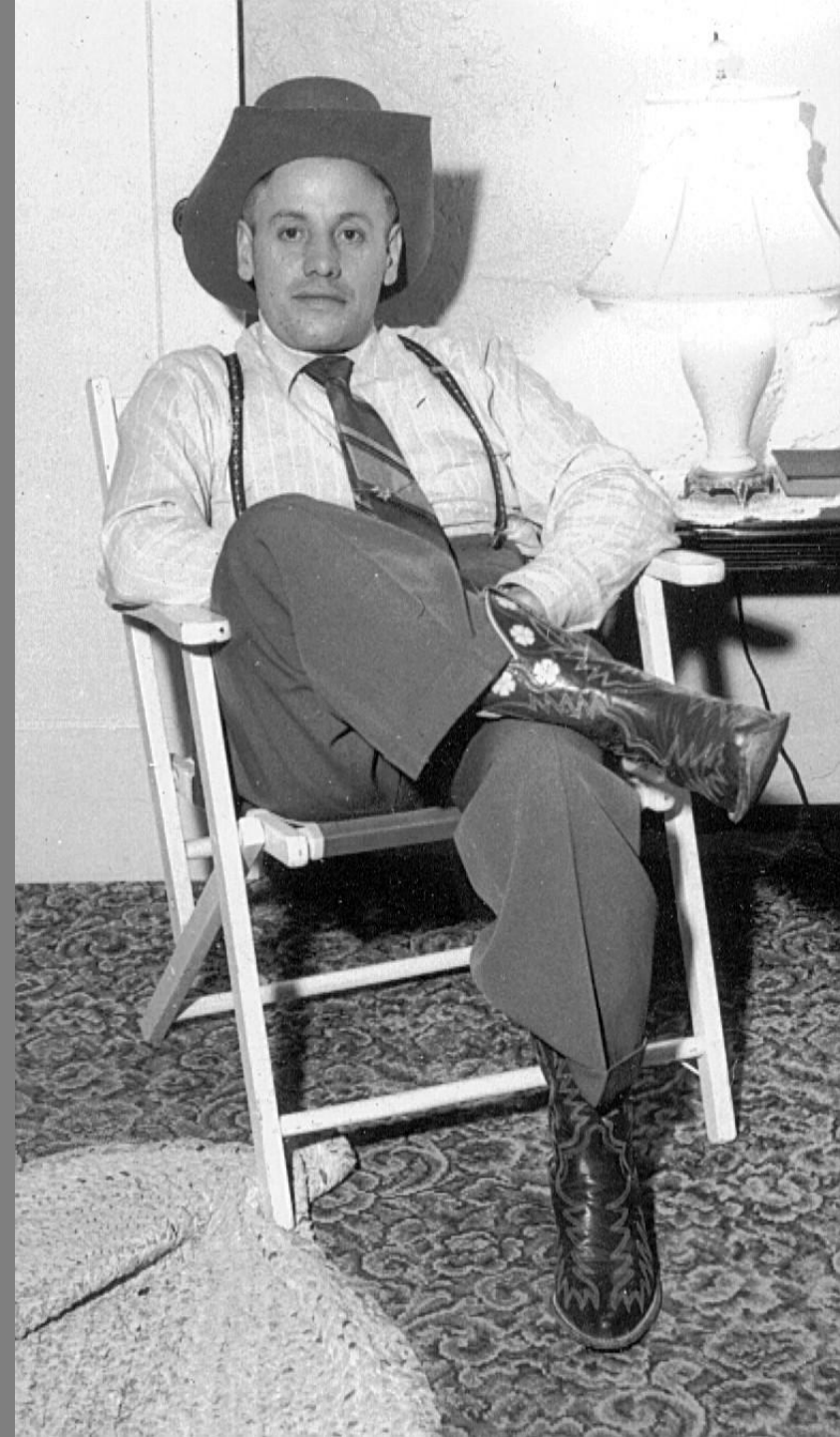


# Lauri Taskila and Gust Wisuri



Lauri  
Taskila

“The Cowboy”



# Visiting at Koistinen's



# Fran and Lyyli



# Elmer



# Elsie



# Guests at the Koistinen's



**Who are  
they?**



# The Late 1950's



# Falls and Koistinen's



GEORGE, LYLE, EDIE,  
DEAN & LENNIE FALLS.



**1960's**

# Leonard and Alice Frantti



# The Hill's



# The Forstie's



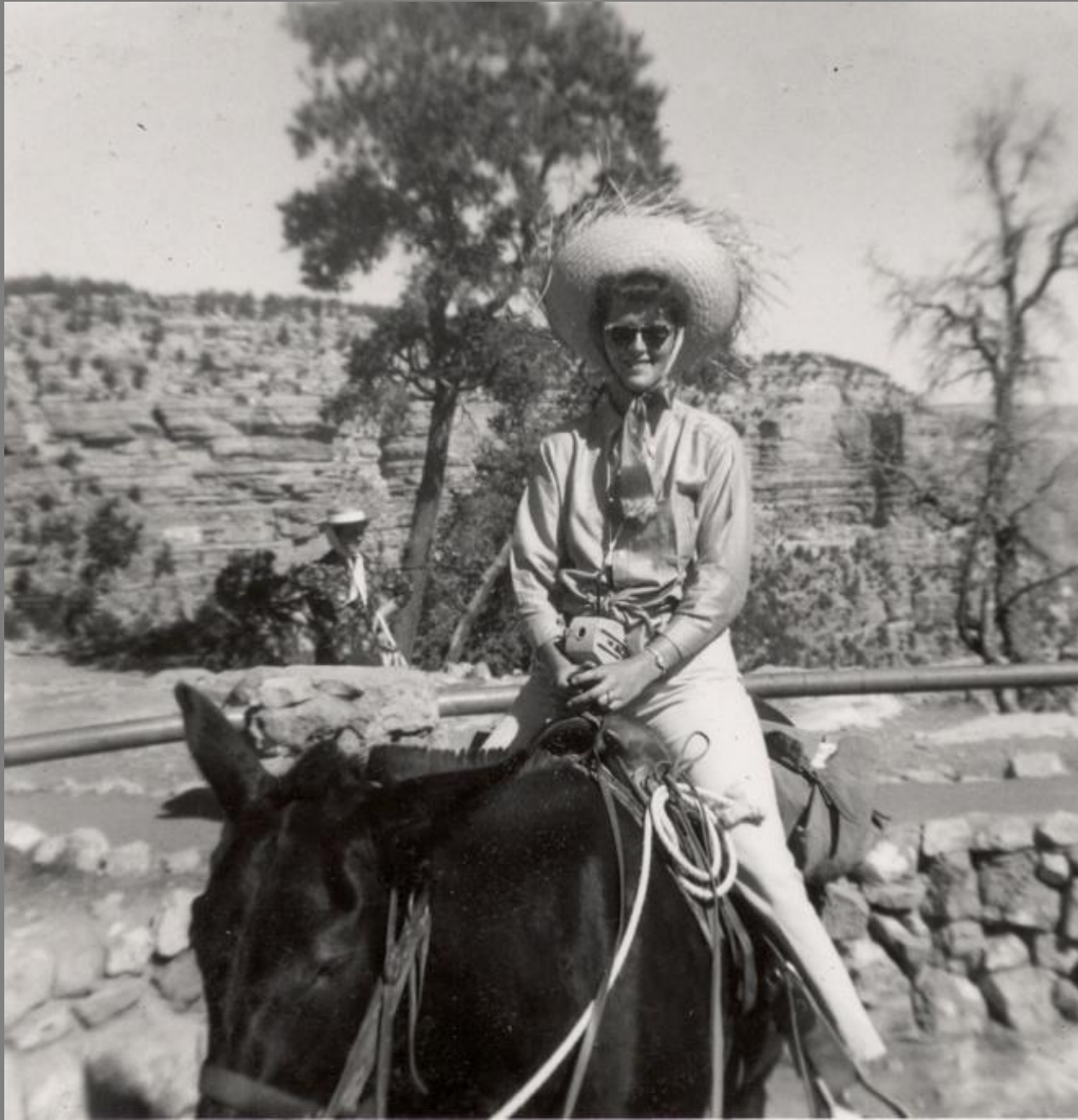
**Lil  
Kangas  
Karsikas**



# Phyllis, Marlene, Pearl and Faye 1960



# Who is the mule rider?



# The Young Ladies



**Arnie  
and  
Wendla  
Johnson**



# Deep Discussion



# Four Speakers at one Time!



# Dinner at Services



# Pastor Exercise Time!



# Pete's Turn



# The Early Congregation



# The 1965 Graduates



HENRY & OLGA MIELUNEN,  
MR & MRS SALO  
AREN'T THEY HAPPY?



# Olga and the Suutari's



GRANDPA & GRANDMA  
KOISTINEN



EMIL & MARTHA  
HONGISTO.  
MR. & MRS.  
ALBERT HONGISTO



MR. & MRS  
JOHN DELTO  
MR. & MRS.



ONE OF OUR LAST NITES  
IN PHOENIX - COOKOUT  
AT PAT'S & GARY'S



# Dennis and Phyllis Falls



# Sunday School 1961-1962



# First Confirmation Class 1962



# First Confirmation Class 1962



# Confirmation 1962



# The Terrific Trio



# The First Wedding



# The Wedding Guests



# Second Wedding 1963



# First Baptism 1961



# Art, John and Harvey



# Art Playing Games



# Serving Coffee



# Lunch at Miner's Camp 1966



# Visiting at Koistinen's



# Picnic Time



# Haps having fun!



# Haps at the Park



# Haps heading to Mexico



# Girls Slumber Party



# Singing in the Home



# The Tormanen's



# The Koistinen's



# The Three Mouseketeers



**1970's**

# Thor and Hilda Johnson



# Bill and Ethel, Edie and Eunice



# Haps in the 70's



# Grandma's Hen Party



# PLLC Strings Group



# Sunday School Superintendents



# Pikku Joulu



# Christmas Program



# Hockey



# Western Dinner



# Western Fund Raiser



# Grandma's Fund Raiser Dinner



# Grandma's Fund Raiser Dinner



# Home Song Services



# Nick the Auctioneer!



# First Winter Services 1979



# First Winter Services 1979



# Winter Services at the School



# One of the first Winter Services



# Meal during Early Winter Services



# Gift from the Finns



**1980's  
to  
the  
Present**

# Speakers at 1980 Winter Services



# Last service at Pinchot Church



# Services at the new Church



# Dedication Services



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# Winter Services



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# Serving oranges at Winter Services



# Winter Services



# Mother's Camp



# Teacher's Workshop



# Teacher's Workshop



# Early Father and Sons Camp



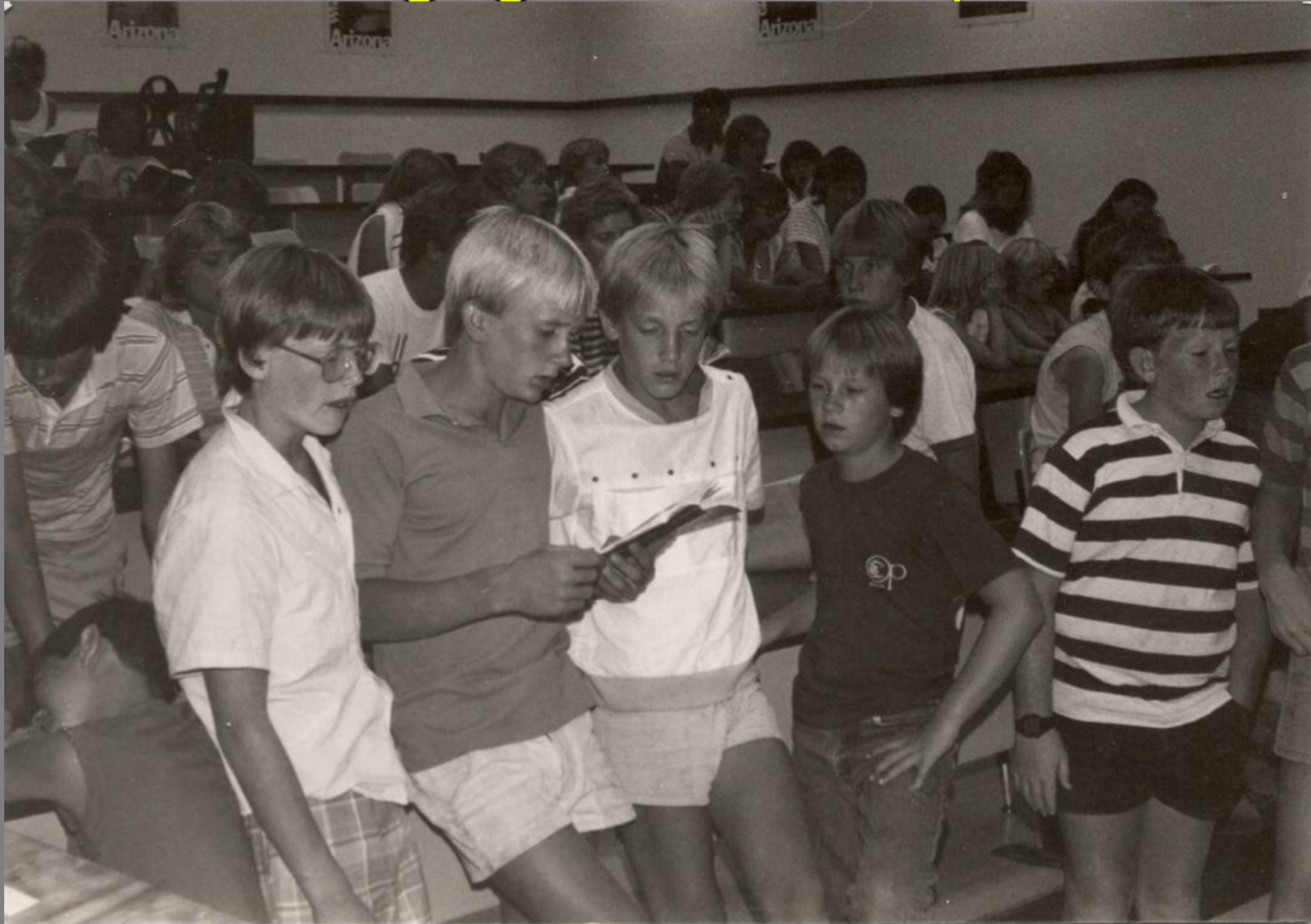
# Day Circle



# Youth Camp



# Singing at Youth Camp



# Senior's Camp 1988



# Senior's Camp



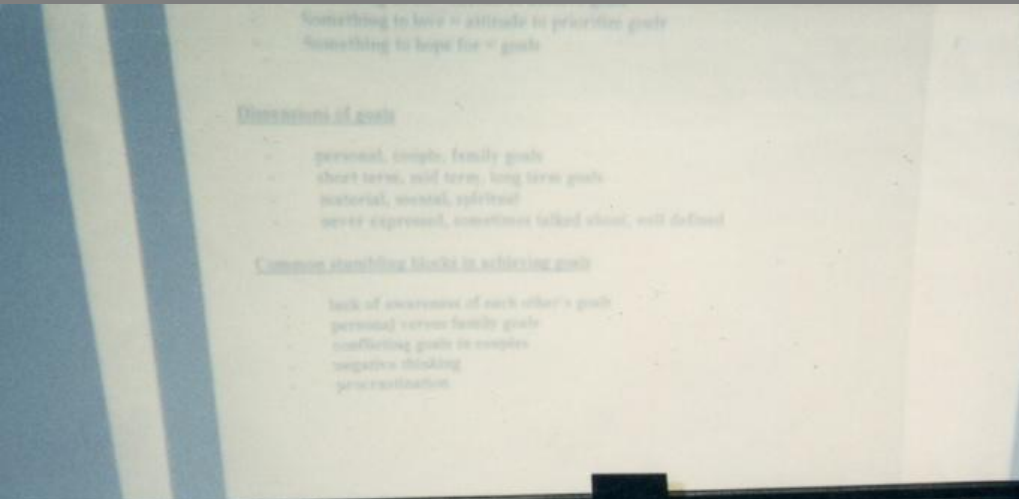
# Ski Days



# Camping Trip



# Matti at Youth Camp



# Couple's Camp



# Christmas Program



Who is this?



# Big Mark



# Skits at Youth Camp



# Youth Camp



Who is the fairest of them all?



# Mother-Daughter Camp



# Youth Camp 1999



# Graduate's Program



# Mexican Fund Raiser



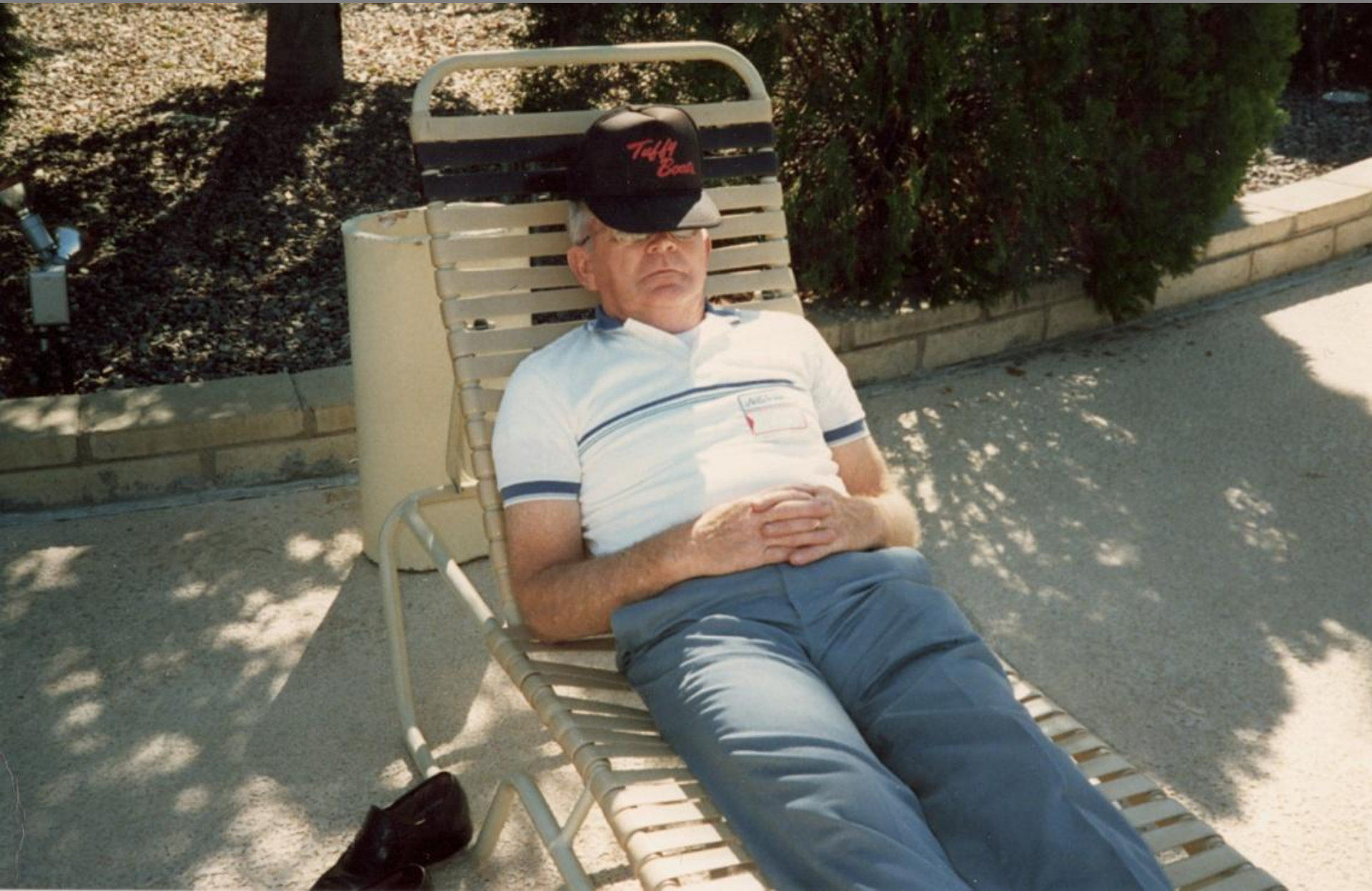
# Mexican Fund Raiser



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# Retired Pastor



# Depression Dinner Fund Raiser



# Depression Fund Raiser Dinner



# Grandma's Dinner Fund Raiser



# The Elders



**First  
Wedding  
at new  
Church**



# Haps in the Home 1980?



# Leonard Frantti



**Some of the  
early  
visitors**

**Ernest  
and  
Hazel  
Lee**



# Reino and Aggie Wuollet



# Ville and Anna



# Early Snow Birds



# Uno and Maxine Makela



# Doug and Margaret Bratt



# Minnesota Visitors



# Mark and Ilona Simonson



# Rueben and Veijo



# Eero Alitalo



# The Houses of Worship

# Grace Lutheran Church



# Italian Christian Church



# The House on Pinchot



# The House on Pinchot



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# Pinchot Church Construction



# The Pinchot Church



AALC Winter Services - Phoenix, Arizona - Feb. 13 - 16, 1986

# The Pinchot Church



# Cave Creek Church Construction



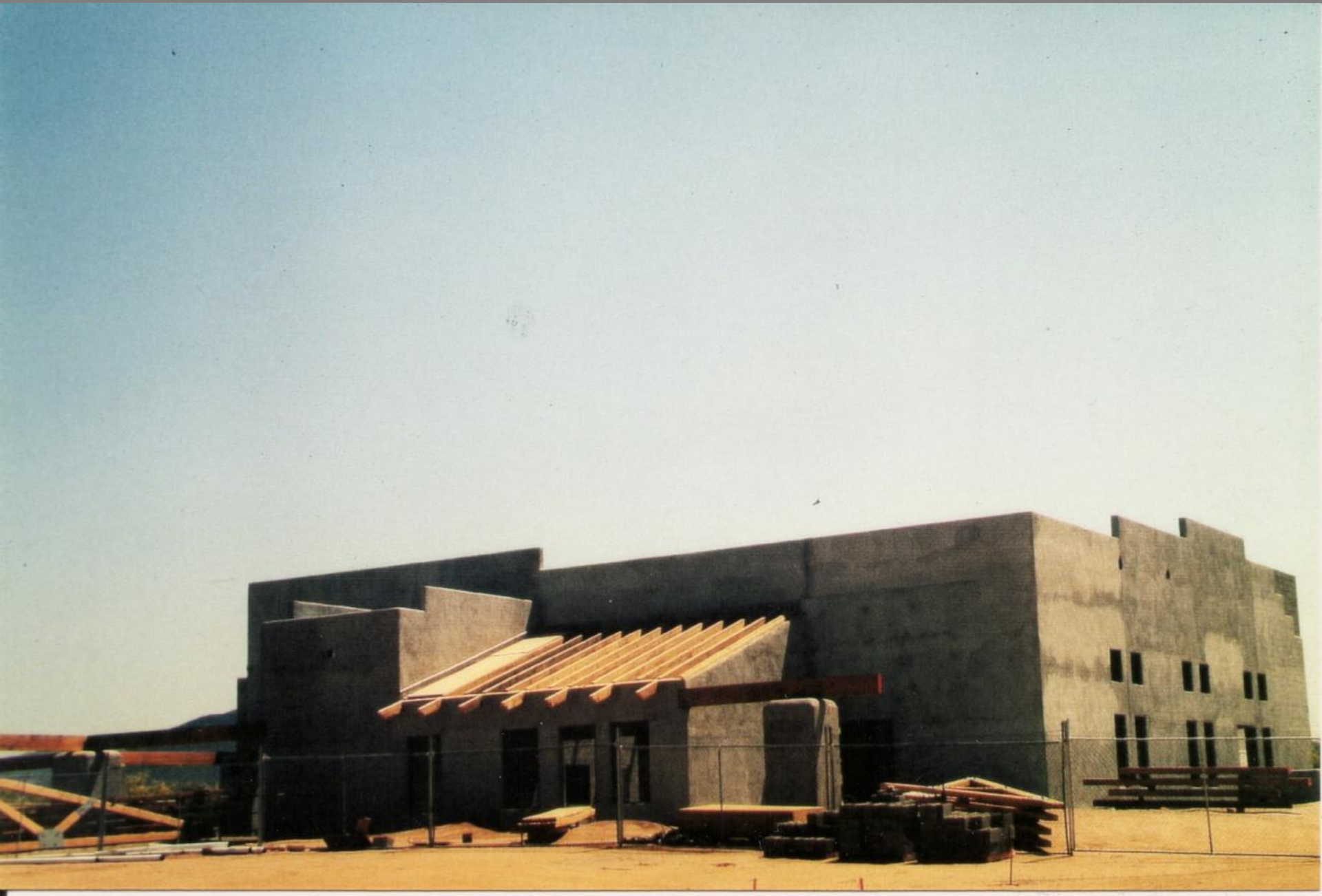
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# Parsonage Ground Breaking





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# Kirsti "Kipa" Lodge



**Pastors**

# Art Forstie



**Art's  
Retirement  
1996**



Jim Moll



# Mark Young



Mike Riutta



# Rory Sorvala



# Dale Johnson



# Dan Aho



# Wayne Kallio



# John Skoog



Ken Wuollet



# Eugene Kumpula



Matti Kontkanen



# Phil Huhta



# Mike and Rory



# The Pastors and Wives





# The End

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