

Jim, thanks for the interest that you are showing in the history of Boston Chapel. Joan was involved in Boston Chapel when I first arrived at ENC.



I did not get involved until the fall of 1956 and got to know my future wife of now almost 54 years in that setting. I took care of the green Chev Carryall that belonged to the Chapel and drove it in to the Chapel with a load of students every Sunday afternoon. It was a good time of fellowship for all of us.

Nevin Crouse was the pastor of the Chapel. The building we used was in rather bad shape and eventually was condemned. I had seen a lot of poorly built and unsafe structures in Africa where I grew up, but was astonished to

find people living in dangerous facilities like this in Boston.

The work primarily with the children was delightful as you saw them learn Biblical stories and truth, but it was also very disheartening because the children returned to homes that scarcely deserved that name - with many parents besotted by drink. The adults whose lives were transformed by the power of our Lord moved out of the Chapel area with their families because they were able to keep a job and could build up resources that had been wasted on drink and now could be used for a home and family.

We believed that Jesus came to seek and save the lost, not to build a self-sustaining congregation. We spent hours talking with our college pastor, J. Glenn Gould about the Chapel. He gave us a lot of courage.

Support for the Chapel had been coming from church sources but these had become very limited and meeting rental and emergency repairs was a serious problem. At one stage those of us working in the Chapel had to decide if we were going to let it fold or if we were going to come up with funds that seemed to be beyond our capabilities. We were convinced that God wanted the Chapel to continue.

We prayed and God moved us to give what we had. In my case I was working 40 hours a week and had saved \$600.00 for tuition for the term that would start in a few weeks and God moved me to give it all Boston Chapel. This was an important lesson for me in trust and obedience to God. We raised the money that the chapel needed, and God provided the money for the payment of my tuition.

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