

History of the Goobang Sunday School during the years attended 1908 'to 1924

I attended 1908 to 1924 by M.G.Davey June 1981.

I was just eight years old when my parents, moved from, Garra district to Goobang . We left., what to us was to us a very nice Sunday school and our first thought when we settled was "Where will we go to Church and Sunday ?school?" Our parents took us to Goobang, Church a little building in the bush built in 1902.

The Superintendent, was Mr. Gus Bradley who made us all welcome My teacher was miss Ella Nash. I don't remember who the other teachers were other then Mr Bradley

People attending services at the time were Mr & Mrs Bell ,their son Roy. the White Family, Ned and John Jelbart who were bachelors. George and Herb Green (also bachelors), the Hall family, the Job family. the Taylor family end the Annison family. It was not long before the Bradleys moved away and their property taken up by Mr J Millthorpe, ?wife and three children.

Tom Nashes moved to .Queensland and they were missed. Elle from the Sunday school and Evelyn as organist and for her singing.-she led the singing and had a very fine voice, Herb Green later followed them to Queensland and married Evelyn.

The Bell Family moved away: Miss Bell Nash came back to marry Roy Bell?? Roy ?was a big help in the Methodists interests and was organist for awhile. His parents died and that was another gap.

When Bradleys left ,Sunday school dropped till a miss Skardon who taught at the Sparling swamp school ol started It again with the help of the white girls Marge and May.

Mr Symonds Senior came into the district with his four sons and his daughter Fanny, taking, up land on the Goobang .station He was a Great supporter of all church activities , as were the Millthorpe family. So Goobang got a new Lease of life.

Mr Symonds become superintendent of the Sunday school. His Boys Phil and Les Brought brides and started their families. Stan and Jack remained bachelors. Mr Bill Bassett and Mr George Green also brought brides ,and so young life grew around the church. The Donaldson and Nicholson families moved in. Goobang Church held three different services a month: Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist

Sunday school met every Sunday. The people were a nice crowd, some fine citizens when there was some thing to be done.(I'm writing this from a SS aspect) The SS was loyally supported by the childrens parents. Mr & Mrs George MacGregor came to the district with son Hugh and daughter Chrissy. Mrs MacGregor, a fine Christian, came into the SS from the start, never failing to attend, teaching for many years.I'll always remember her loyalty.

Les Symonds brought the family, always coming early, then swept and dusted the church, fixing seats and books , and closing up after service, Keith Edwards and Mrs Millthorpe helped out with the organ playing

Mr Symonds senior was very fond of singing and taught his children Hymns and how to sing them. We had our picnic once a year, several concerts,, and the annual prize giving.

Mr Jim Copley was a supporter and giver to the church, When the church ,was renovated Miss May White (later Mrs Herb Watts) and I collected, money for it* The men of the district saw that the renovations were carried out. They, always rose to a job to be done. It was the same when we have our picnics.. They were a fine lot of people I taught the infants class..

Mr Symonds senior left for a while and came back with a wife , his first wife was dead for years Mrs Symonds took a Sunday school class.

The Anglican services were very fine with the church always filled to overflowing,

Some people dwindled away, there were no Methodist or Presbyterian but the Anglicans kept on and kept going until a few years ago (1970) until it finally closed and the building moved to where It now Is In Pioneer Park Museum.

The Morrision Family , whose father gave the land and a good donation for the Church on to the church, moved away about 1907 but the family have always kept Interest in the church themselves,*

The McMillem family were also regular church and Sunday attenders and others I have forgotten

This little country church played a part in the district activities and social companionship in the days of horse vehicles and bicycles..

:I left Goobang in September 1924 when I married and went to live north of Alectown So life around Goobang Church after that I know not of. I was given a lovely presentation farewell by the people Mrs Bassett making the presentation .Such a surprise I've never forgotten and still have my gifts which I cherish and always will.