

Fond Memories

When the current auditorium was constructed twenty-five years ago, our shepherds had the foresight to plan and prepare for growth beyond the immediate need. Their vision included designing and constructing our auditorium with capability to address future, additional needs. The Karns congregation has grown in number over the past 25 years, and the Karns community is seeing significant growth as well. It is time to implement the vision and expand so that we may address current and future needs for both the congregation and the school.

The beloved oak tree that towers high above our building will soon be removed. The great oak has provided shade, comfort, and fond memories for many decades. Our congregation has enjoyed picnics, ice cream socials, VBS activities, and long conversations beneath the grand canopy. Like many of you, Teresa and I watched our children grow up playing and having many adventures under the tree. They built pretend campfires (thankfully), played in the leaves, and made lifelong friends. One special family memory of the tree includes the night our oldest son proposed to his wife. With the help of his brother and a “covert operation veiled in secrecy,” the tree and surrounding area came alive with lights, candles and a decorated arch.

The removal of the tree is bittersweet. We are sad to see the great oak go, but more importantly we are thankful and happy that our congregation has been blessed with growth.

I am thankful for the vision of our past leaders. I am thankful for those (past and present) who have labored to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together, we plant seed and we water the seed; however, it is God who gives the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). As the oak tree drops its seeds to bring forth new growth, may we as God’s servants at Karns continue planting Gospel seeds that will result in more souls in the kingdom.

For the elders,
Terry Clark