



Celebrating the goodness of God

MARCIA HORA

A five-year building project culminated with a dedication service Sunday, June 4, 2023, when the church family of the Gandy Community Bible Church and guests came together to celebrate the goodness of God.

Two hundred people were in attendance to enjoy the morning worship service, steak dinner at noon, and dedication service in the afternoon. Skip Hecox grilled the steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs, ladies of the church brought salads, and Ewoldt's Grocery provided the meat.

Scott Mathis, president of the Berean Fellowship of Churches National Leadership team, gave a message of encouragement. Mathis and his wife, Diane, live in Davey, Nebraska and have served in the Berean Fellowship since 1992. As president, Scott preaches at various Berean churches and shepherds pastor. Diane and daughter, Courtney Lee were speakers at the women's retreat held Saturday, June 3, at the church.

Pastor Frank Scott expressed appreciation to his church family for their faithfulness in serving God and using their gifts and talents to build up the Body of Christ. "God in His goodness has given us a new facility," Pastor Scott said. "Thank you to all who helped and supported in building it. Always remember, the church is people, a family, not a building."

He went on to say it had been a pleasure serving the Lord with them the last 20 years.

"Thanks for the memories. These have been the



MARCIA HORA - THE STAPLETON ENTERPRISE

A new addition to the Gandy Community Bible Church was dedicated Sunday, June 4, as 200 people joined together to celebrate in the new sanctuary, fellowship hall, and kitchen that was added to the west of the original church building.

best years of my life."

The Gandy Community Bible Church began because of prayer. In 1970 there was no church in Gandy, Nebraska.

Any family that wished to attend church was obliged to drive out of town and there was no Sunday School or Bible Club for the children.

Harold and Mary Joedeman were one family driving to Arnold for church every Sunday. When their daughter wanted to start bringing her friends along in the car they began to realize that it would be more fitting to have a church where families and children could attend right in Gandy. So they started praying.

Along with other family members, they decided to hold a week of evangelistic meetings and see if a church could grow from those meetings. They invited a relative from California, Henry T. Joedeman, to come out and preach. Every after-

noon that week, the men went from house to house across the county inviting everyone to come attend the evening meetings. Consequently on February 14, 1971, the newly organized church began holding regular services at the Gandy Grade School building on the Junior Barnum place.

Henry had a friend named Rev. Olsen at the Berean Church in North Platte, which had a program for adding churches to its denomination. The Gandy families first joined as individual members of the North Platte Berean Church, then registered their own Gandy Berean Fundamental Church. Henry T. and Maxine Joedeman moved to Nebraska to pastor the new church.

Meanwhile, there was a Methodist Church in Gandy which had been purchased by the Stapleton Presbyterian Church and now sat vacant. The church families toured the building and were



A functional fellowship room has an accessible kitchen used for various functions.

pleased to find that it had not suffered much from sitting empty. There wasn't any major weather damage and the kitchen was even stocked with dishes. The sanctuary at that time was decorated in flecked pink paint and housed a pulpit carved with the faces of the twelve apostles. Robert Joedeman, Harold Joedeman and George Schaeffer signed as trustees to buy the property in the fall of 1971 and moved a farmhouse next door for a parsonage.

Besides Henry Joede-

man, other pastors have been John Lewis, Gwynn Thomas, Charles Lawson, Carroll Gould, Charles Pile, Charles Ramsey, Joe Bockerman, James White, Les Canfield, and Frank Scott. 304 Gandy 4th Street is still where the church meets for preaching, fellowship, and prayer today.

As church attendance grew a building committee was formed to work on a new sanctuary, kitchen, and fellowship hall that was dedicated June 4. The original church building is used

for opening exercises and Sunday School and the youth group uses the basement and kitchen facility.

Gandy Community Bible Church has a growing number in the Awana and youth group programs on Wednesday evening and a men's prayer breakfast on Saturdays.

Serving on the church board are Rod Schaeffer, Lee Wonch, Jay Peterson, Michael Fletcher, Allen Ewoldt, and Rich Burnside.

Charges against SPS superintendent dismissed

Charges against Stapleton Public Schools Superintendent Brian Redinger have been dismissed prior to his June 13 arraignment in Logan County Court.

"After taking the deposition of a key witness in the Brian Redinger case, it was clear that my initial understanding of how events unfolded that day differed from what actually occurred," Logan

County Attorney Andrew Van Velson said. "Several different aspects of what was reported to law enforcement seemed to clear themselves up in a different light. I want to thank my law enforcement officers for their diligence in this matter. The evidence, through further discovery procedures only capable through a court process, did not surmount to the

charge that was filed against Mr. Redinger. Because I did not believe the entirety of the evidence in this case would lead to a conviction, the case needed to be dismissed."

An exchange between Austin Schell of Stapleton and Superintendent Redinger resulted in charges

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The spacious new sanctuary of the Gandy Community Bible Church.

Range Judging & Workshop at Diamond Bar Ranch

If you would like to learn about grasses, forbs, and range management, plan to attend the Range Judging Workshop from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at the Logan County Fair Grounds. The contest will be at Diamond Bar Ranch near Stapleton on Thursday June 15 starting at 5:30 pm. The Diamond Bar Ranch is located on the northern edge of Stapleton Nebraska. To find the Diamond Bar Ranch take the Main Street in

Stapleton north to the home of Robert and Susanne Jones. Participants will drive to the range site from the ranch headquarters. We will take cars to the range site.

You must call the Lincoln Logan McPherson Extension Office to pre-register. Registrations will be taken on Tuesday, June 13. Please call by 5:00 p.m. to 308-532-2683. The program will be cancelled if we do not get 10 participants to sign-up.

Weather

DATE	HI	LO	MT
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4	78	55	.03
5	82	56	T
6	81	51	.03
7	82	51	
8	86	57	
9	87	58	

Fog was recorded on June 3 and June 6. Thunder was heard on June 5. Haze has been a daily occurrence.



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