

Remembrances

Over the years I have attended many different groups and gatherings at Bethany. Special events like Fellowship Lunches, (on our first Sunday back at Bethany we were invited to stay for the farewell lunch for the Munday family going to Canada), Coffee Mornings and Christmas Craft days and weekly meetings.

I remember coming to the Good News Club at Bethany in the 1970s, we were led by Tess Lupton. We sang choruses, were told Bible stories (using flannel graph), learnt memory verses, (some I still remember today, I know it's a Good News memory verse because I automatically go into the King James version and it falls into a certain rhythm) and we could earn attendance prizes at the end of the year. I still have my prize books and my yellow Good News Club badge.



In the 1980s I would come along to the Wednesday Club run by Clarice Lower, we would meet in the side hall and make various craft items, some to send to Meg in Zambia. Each Christmas we would sit around a tape recorder and record special messages (and probably less special singing) to be posted to Meg).

Upon returning to Bethany in the 2000s I became involved in Sunday School with Rachel Fruen, we taught an all-age group in the Homestead, we tried to challenge ourselves and our young people by doing things slightly differently. I remember making a to scale outline of Goliath on the Sunday School floor and on one memorable Sunday School outing having water pistol battles in the Wild West village at Blackgang Chine. I also remember making a model of Sharktopus (one of those so bad it's good creature feature films) but I can't remember the spiritual connection, I'm sure there was one!

