

the awards given in recognition. A hot meal and drink always awaited the ingatherers and carolers.

Miraculously, in less than ten years, we completely paid off our mortgage and all other building debts. Special dedication services were held on September 7 and 8, 1984, during which the mortgage papers were burned.

### Beyond the Sabbath

The early group at Burnt Mills was a very close-knit one. Members turned out in full strength not just for Sabbath worship, but also for the many other activities. Adventist Youth was active under the leadership of the late Elder Mike Stevenson. Pine Cones, the Pathfinder Club, was the short-lived precursor to the present Screaming Falcons. The church choir and Women's Ministries have been active for many years now.

The old Adelphi congregation was sometimes accused of being a social club, because of the continuous whirlwind of well-attended fellowship events—Sabbath afternoon potlucks in various parks and members' homes, corn-roasts, picnics, hayrides, games, and more. Campouts with Pastor Pine were enjoyable and often hilarious. If you weren't on your guard, he'd sneak up from behind to squash a pancake or watermelon on your face! And he was generous with his fatherly hugs and kisses, too.

### A gifted family

Through the years, Burnt Mills has been blessed with many dedicated, talented pastors—Carl Pine, Graham Bingham, Harold Smith, Luis Badillo, and now Ron Aguilera. We praise God for these dedicated men, each one of whom has added something unique to Burnt Mills, and contributed to our growth. We have also been blessed with faithful and talented members. "All are gifted and each has a role to play," has been an often-emphasized theme here. The congregation has grown with many baptisms and transfers-in of membership.

To this day, Burnt Mills remains an active, warm, friendly, and growing church—one that I am proud to be a part of. We are grateful for all of the friends and fellow-believers who have worshiped here over the years. Most of all, we are grateful to Jesus Christ for providing this beautiful house of worship where we can come and meet with Him each week.

*With contributions from Phyllis Morgan & Lynn Wilson*



## FACTS

### Burnt Mills Today

*Activities and Ministries*

Adventist Youth

Adventurers

Choir

Communications Committee

Family Ministries

Pathfinders

Personal Ministries

Religious Liberty

Sabbath Schools

Social Committee

Women's Ministries