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*So teach us to number our days,
that we may apply our hearts
unto wisdom.*

(Psalm 90:12 KJV)

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TEXT & CITATIONS

Text

The narrative is formatted in a chronological timeline to better understand the relationship between people, places, facts, and events. It may be read sequentially or intermittently based on interest, details, and significance to other facts. It's a compilation of facts, quotes, photos, newspaper clippings, and other documentation that reflects original sources with little editorialization.

Dates

Dates are as accurate as possible. If approximate, they are preceded by the abbreviation c. indicating circa.

Quotations and In-text Citations

In lieu of standard punctuation, quotations open with a stylized graphic followed by block text ending with in-text citation. These abbreviated citations correspond to full bibliographic references. One-time citations indicate self-evident source identifications without corresponding bibliographic references. Bible quotations are King James Version.

Interview and Testimony Citations

Interviews and testimonies are organized by date pertinent to salvation or association with Danbury/Brookfield Assembly. Citations include name, date provided/written, residence by state, and relevant Connecticut assembly by town/city. There are no bibliographic references since information is a one-time communication and nonrepeatable.

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PREFACE

As one of the direct descendants of original saints in fellowship, I've endeavored to present the Biblical foundations, people, places, events, and history of the Danbury/Brookfield, Connecticut assembly gathering together in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The intention is to answer in part who we are, where we come from, and why we gather as we do.



The information comes from notes, letters, Christian magazine articles, address books, Bible flyleaves, personal memories, interviews and oral history, historical documents, event records, photographs, and written testimonies of those associated with the assembly. It's written as a timeline to allow the reader to jump back and forth based on interest and consideration. Although it contains many details, the information is not comprehensive since there are specifics lost to time. Its viewpoint is placed in association with other assemblies and saints to allow an overall perspective.

I'm extremely grateful to the Lord for the privilege and ability to compile and edit such a volume and very thankful to all the saints in Brookfield as well as those responding remotely. Everyone has supported and helped in the effort to put this together. On the assembly's 95th anniversary in 2023, they all joined in the effort to preserve the testimony and uphold the lampstand until the Lord comes.

Yours by Grace,
Sheila McGrath Silvernail
March 20, 2023

BIBLICAL BEGINNINGS

- “ The meaning of church, ekklesia, is outcalling. It is not the kind of a word that can apply to a building, nor is it ever used in the New Testament to describe an organization made up of a number of congregations which have been organized together to form a denomination ... The first mention of an assembly of believers in Scripture is found in the word of the Lord in Matthew 18:15-20 (Crawford, A Definition of the Church).
- “ With the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the Church, the body of Christ came into being. This great construction, spanning centuries of time and geographical expanses and including every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, will continue to be built until the return of Christ when the Rapture signals its perfect completeness (Sweetnam, Sanctify Them Through Thy Truth (8): The Gathered Church par 1).
- “ Shortly after the day of Pentecost another entity came into being. This was the church of God at Jerusalem, the very first local assembly. As the first such gathering, it provides a vital prototype for all that follow ... This instruction presupposed a body of individuals marked by their separation and distinctiveness, from existing religious and social groupings (Sweetnam, Sanctify Them Through Thy Truth (8): The Gathered Church par 2).

A.D. 33 - Jerusalem

- “ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers (Acts 2:41-42).

A.D. 34 – Samaria

- “ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them ... And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake (Acts 8:5-6).

A.D. 35 – Damascus

“ Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus (Acts 9:19).

A.D. 35 – Caesarea, Tarsus

“ Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus (Acts 9:30).

A.D. 35 – Judea, Galilee, Samaria

“ Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified (Acts 9:31).

A.D. 38 – Lydda

“ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda (Acts 9:32).

A.D. 38 – Sharon (Saron)

“ And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron saw him and turned to the Lord (Acts 9:35).

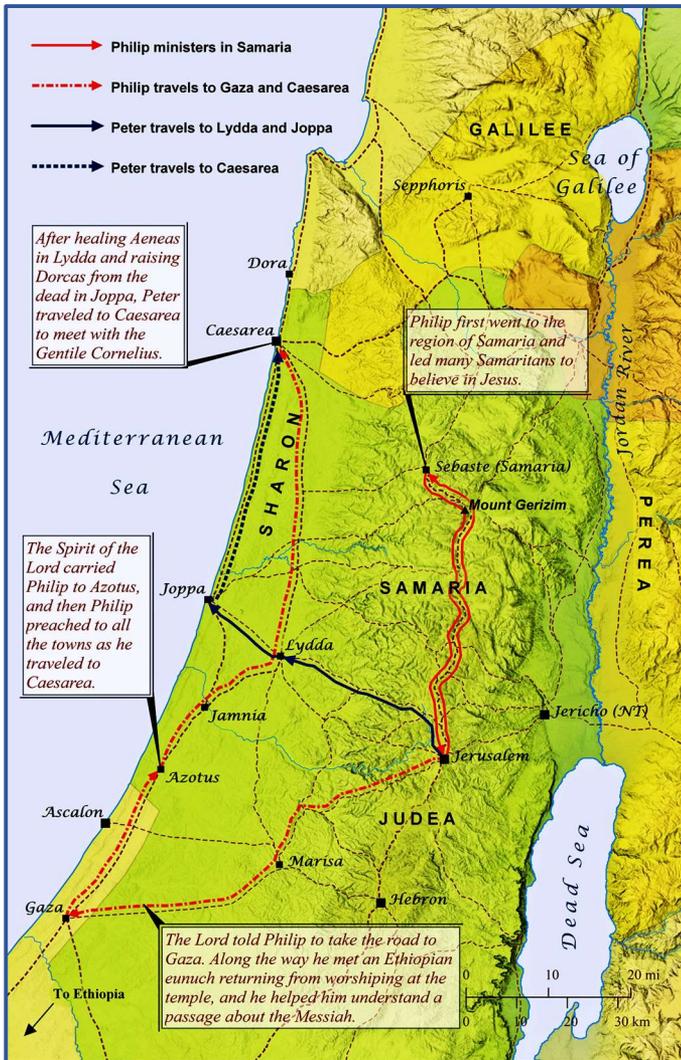
A.D. 38 – Joppa

“ And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord (Acts 9:42).

A.D. 41 – Caesarea

“ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway (Acts 10:1, 2).

The Ministries of Philip and Peter



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A.D. 41 – Phenice, Cyprus, Cyrene, Antioch

“ Now they which were scattered abroad ... as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed and turned unto the Lord (Acts 11:19-21).

A.D. 42 – Antioch in Syria

“ And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts 11:26).

A.D. 44 – Antioch in Pisidia

“ But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down (Acts 13:14).

A.D. 45 – Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

“ And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed (Acts 14:1).

“ They were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about (Acts 14:6).

A.D. 52 – Syria and Cilicia

“ And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches (Acts 15:41).

A.D. 52 – Macedonia and Philippi

“And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them (Acts 16:10).

“And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days (Acts 16:12).

A.D. 53 – Thessalonica

“Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica ... And some of them believed (Acts 17:1,4).

A.D. 53 – Berea

“And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea (Acts 17:10).

A.D. 53 – Athens

“And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens ... Howbeit certain men clave unto him and believed (Acts 17:15, 34).

A.D. 54 – Corinth

“After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth ... and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized (Acts 18:1,8).

A.D. 54 - Caesarea

“And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch (Acts 18:22).

Macedonia and Philippi



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A.D. 54 – Galatia and Phrygia

“ And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples (Acts 18:23).

A.D. 54 – Ephesus

“ And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus ... And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds (Acts 19:17,18).

A.D. 54 - Thessalonica

“ Unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 1:1).

A D. 58 – Galatia

“ And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia (Galatians 1:2).

A.D. 59 – Troas

“ And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread (Acts 20:6-7).

A.D. 59 – Corinth

“ Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints (1 Corinthians 1:2).

A.D. 60 – Tyre

“ Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it on the left hand, and sailed into Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship was to unlade her burden ... And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days (Acts 21:3-4).

A.D. 60 – Ptolemais

“ And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day (Acts 21:7).

A.D. 60 – Babylon

“ The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you (1 Peter 5:13).

A.D. 60 – Corinth and Achaia

“ Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia (2 Corinthians 1:1).

A.D. 60 – Scattered in Asia

“ To the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia (1 Peter 1:1).

A.D. 60 – Rome

“ To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints (Romans 1:7).

A.D. 60 – Cenchrea

“ I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea (Romans 16:1).

A.D. 63 – Puteoli, Italy

“ We came the next day to Puteoli: Where we found brethren and were desired to tarry with them seven days (Acts 28:13-14).

A.D. 64 – Ephesus

“ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1).

A.D. 64 – Philippi

“ Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons (Phillippians 1:1).

A.D. 64 – Colosse

“ To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse (Colossians 1:2).

A.D. 64 – Laodicea and Hierapolis

“For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis (Colossians 4:13).

A.D. 96 – Ephesus

“Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:1).

A.D. 96 – Smyrna

“And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna (Revelation 2:8).

A.D. 96 – Pergamos

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamos (Revelation 2:12).

A.D. 96 – Thyatira

“And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira (Revelation 2:18).

A.D. 96 – Sardis

“And unto the angel of the church in Sardis (Revelation 3:1).

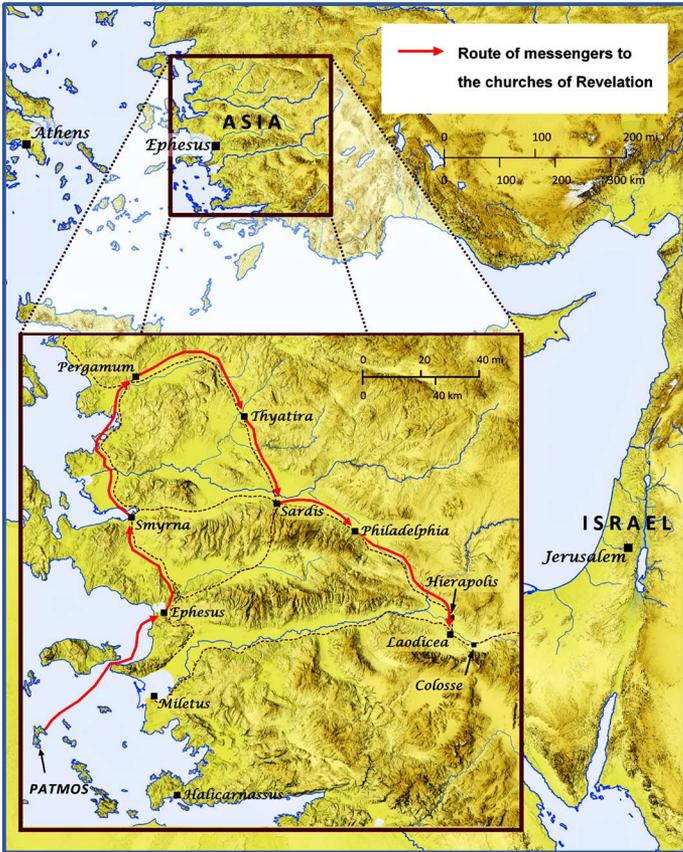
A.D. 96 – Philadelphia

“And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7).

A.D. 96 – Laodicea

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans (Revelation 3:14).

The Churches of Revelation



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VERY BRIEF SKETCHES IN HISTORY

A.D. 33 to 300s – Worldwide

- “ During the first three centuries there was a rapid, extensive spread of Christianity ... The success is attributed to the translation of the Scriptures in the language of the Roman world and the fidelity of the preachers of the gospel (Hull, *The Legacy of Revivals*).
- “ Scripture was not preserved in its original manuscripts. But it was preserved in the multitude of apographs or copies that were made ... In these forms, thousands of portions of Scripture survive ... Rather than allowing any monopoly on the text of Scripture, God has spread it widely ... When the texts of these manuscript portions are compared ... when we read works of textual criticism, ... the vast amount of agreement that there is between all these manuscripts ... Even the most radical editions of the Biblical text teach all the doctrines of Christianity (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (2): *Divine Sovereignty and Preservation of Scripture*).
- “ Alexander’s policy of Hellenization diffused Greek culture beyond the political boundaries of his empire and with that culture came the Greek language ... apostles could move throughout the world, unhindered by linguistic barriers in the spread of the gospel. And, when they came to write the gospels and the epistles, the fact that they wrote in the Koine Greek, commonly spoken by all peoples of the Roman Empire, made the New Testament universally accessible ... This Greek translation of the Old Testament is known as the *Septuagint* or *LXX* ... It became the Bible of the Greek-speaking, Hellenistic Jewish diaspora, used throughout the classical world. It brought the knowledge of the One true God to a polytheistic Greek religion (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (3): *Divine Providence and the Availability of Scripture*).

A.D. 33 to 300s - Italy

“ They of Italy salute you (Hebrews 13:24).

“ From the Apostolic age down to our own, God has had His witnesses in Italy. The New Testament Scriptures mention many Italian Christians among the early disciples (Anderson Intro).

A.D. 300s – Roman Empire

Fin da che Costantino sali al trono, verso il 300, la Chiesa Cattolica Romana venne in esistenza, e benchè nel 1600 vi fù un movimento di Riforma, pure le Scritture non furono pienamente investigate, e i sistemi furono organizzati secondo le idee umane.

Diorio, Francis P. *La Storia Delle Assemblee Italiane In America*. The Elite Press, 561 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY. 1945 p1-2. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Ever since Constantine ascended the throne, around 300, the Roman Catholic Church came into existence, and although there was a Reformation movement in the 1600s, yet the Scriptures were not fully investigated, and the systems were organized according to human ideas (Google Translate).

A.D. 303 – Rome

“ During the first three centuries, Roman emperors sought to destroy the Bible. In AD 303, Diocletian unleashed his ten persecutions, issuing an edict to destroy the Bible (A. Higgins, A Christian Worldview: The Adequacy of Scripture).

A.D. 313 – Roman Empire

“By making Christianity a universal religion, Emperor Constantine dealt it a heavy blow. This resulted in withdrawing the Bible from the common people and exalting the papacy, whose yoke of bondage prevailed until the 15th century. Bondage displaced liberty, popes displaced Christ, and human traditions displaced the authority of the Bible (Hull, *The Legacy of Revivals*).

A.D. 367 – Alexandria

“The word *canon* comes from the Greek term for a measuring line or rod. In the context of Scripture, we use the term to refer to the list of books that we recognize as the Bible, the authoritative Word of God. It is easy, perhaps, to take the 66 books of our Bible for granted, but we must remember that each of these books originally circulated on its own and that it was only after the time of the apostles that the Bible, as we know it, appeared (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (4): *Identifying Scripture* par 3).

“The first surviving list containing just the 27 books found in our New Testament was written by Athanasius of Alexandria (c 293-373) around 367 (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (4): *Identifying Scripture* par 7).

A.D. 382 – Rome

“In 382, this problem was recognized by Pope Damasus I, who commissioned Eusebius Hieronymus, better known as Jerome, to begin work on a new translation of Scripture into Latin (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (5): *The Bible in Latin* par 3).

“Jerome’s translation was adhered to throughout the Middle Ages, and, consequently, became known as the *versio vulgata*, or the *Vulgate* (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (5): *The Bible in Latin* par 7).

A.D. 397 - Carthage

“ That list of 27 books [see A.D. 367] was recognized by the church as a whole in the Council of Carthage in 397, and that recognition largely silenced the debate about the canon. Again, it was not the decision of this Council that made these books Scripture. Rather, the Council of Carthage codified the list of books that the majority of Christians everywhere had recognized as Scripture all along (Sweetnam, How We Got Our Bible (4): Identifying Scripture par 7).

1382 – England

“ Many of them, like John Wycliffe, gave their lives to assure the accurate communication of the Scriptures down through time. In 1382 he translated the first English Bible, the first translation done in over 1,000 years! (Williamson).

“ Wycliffe translated the Bible into English from *Jerome's Latin Vulgate* edition in 1320 which sold for \$200 a copy (A. Higgins, A Christian Worldview: The Adequacy of Scripture).

1450 – Germany

“ In 1450, the invention of the [Gutenberg] printing press enabled the Bible to be published. A copy of that first Bible is in the Library of Congress and has been valued at over \$1,000,000 – not bad for a book which is supposed to be nonexistent today (A. Higgins, A Christian Worldview: The Adequacy of Scripture).

1517 Oct 31 – Wittenberg, Germany

“ The priest was Martin Luther. His paper was a public announcement – a challenge to scholars to debate what he felt were the unscriptural practices of the Catholic Church (A. Higgins, Gospel: Great Men with Great Texts – Martin Luther Rom 1:17).

1526 – Germany

“ Any history of the Reformation and any telling of the story of the English Bible would be incomplete if it did not pay attention to the remarkable life and work of William Tyndale ... in 1526, the first complete printing of the English New Testament was completed ... The complete Worms [Germany] edition was smaller and simpler, but clearly printed, a book that could be easily used. Just as importantly, the book could readily be smuggled into England (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (7): *The Ploughboy’s Bible* – William Tyndale par 8).

1557 – Geneva, Switzerland

“ The English translation was carried out by a small number of the English theologians and scholars gathered at Geneva ... The first edition of the New Testament in this translation was published in 1557 and the first edition of the *Geneva Bible* was published in 1560 ... The *Geneva Bible* was the first English Bible to have all of its Old Testament translated directly from Hebrew. It was the first English Bible to feature verse numbers as well as chapter numbers. While previous English Bibles had been printed in black letter typefaces, the *Geneva Bible* was set in modern Roman type. Words provided by the translators to help with the English sense were printed in italics for the first time in this Bible. This valuable new feature signaled how committed its translators were to the concept of the verbal inspiration of Scripture, and was adopted, almost a century later, by the translators of the *King James Bible* (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (8): *The Geneva Bible* par 5 & 7).

c. 1542 – Italy

“ They [Italians] appear later among the *fathers* of the Church. In the dark ages their testimony was bright. The early Waldensians carried forward the Gospel torch, and during the Reformation hundreds of Italian believers worshipped God in spirit and in truth. The Inquisition made them its special object of deadly persecution (Anderson Intro).

1611 – England

“ The *Authorized* or *King James Version (KJV)*, as it came, with questionable accuracy to be known, occupies a unique place in the history of the English Bible (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (10): *The King James Bible* par 1).

“ The translators’ work was completed in 1609 and two years later the first editions of the *King James Version* issued from the presses. The text was revised and corrected in 1769 and, in that version, it has never since been out of print. New editions continue to pour from the printing presses of Bible publishing houses. The *KJV* is not just the best-selling translation of the Bible ever, but the best-selling book in the history of printing (Sweetnam, *How We Got Our Bible* (10): *The King James Bible* par 6).

1630 – Scotland

“ At the Kirk of Shotts on 21st June 1630, upwards of five hundred sinners were awakened and many of them truly converted, through a sermon preached by John Livingstone, a faithful man of God (Ritchie p13).

c. 1742 – Connecticut and the Wilderness

“ In his book [*The Life and Diary of David Brainerd*], Jonathan Edwards reconstructs the daily walk and life of Brainerd ... He was licensed to preach as a Presbyterian at Danbury, Connecticut ... They worshipped and preached in a barn which served as a meeting house for Bellamy’s small congregation in Woodbury, Connecticut. Brainerd’s first sermon was on July 30th at Southbury, Connecticut ... He traveled as an itinerant preacher ... Brainerd was ordained on Jun 11, 1744, by the Presbytery of New York. On Jun 19th he left friends and benefactors to again seek God’s chosen ones in the remote wilderness (Wells).

GATHERING AGAIN TO HIS NAME

1800s – Worldwide

- “ Almost two centuries ago, the Holy Spirit moved on the hearts of godly men and women who were a part of denomination systems ... What they discovered was the simplicity of an assembly that gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ ... The same truths were revealed in places as far distant from each other as the south of England, Ireland, Orkney Islands, Br. Guiana, New York City, USA and Rangoon, India. One of the most powerful evidences that this was a work of God is that these believers were *unaware of each other* (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).
- “ In the 19th century there emerged from the evangelical blessing that swept many parts of the world a band of believers who obeyed not only the gospel truth, but also embraced biblical doctrine as to Christian practice (Hull, Heroes of the Faith).

1812 – England

Non possiamo fare a meno di accennare al principio generale di questo movimento, avvenuto in Inghilterra verso il 1812.

Diorio, Francis P. *La Storia Delle Assemblee Italiane In America*. The Elite Press, 561 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY. 1945 p1. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: We cannot help but mention the beginning generated by this movement, which occurred in England around 1812 (Google Translate).

c. 1812 Worldwide

Perciò, quando giunse il momento propizio, il Signore operò in mezzo ai credenti in Inghilterra; e fù nella città di Plymouth che il Signore operò, cominciando quel movimento chiamato “*Dei Fratelli*,” che poi si sparse per tutte le parti del mondo, incluso l’Italia.

Diorio, Francis P. *La Storia Delle Assemblies Italiane In America*. The Elite Press, 561 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY. 1945 p2. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Therefore, when the right moment came, the Lord worked among the believers in England; and it was in the city of Plymouth that the Lord worked, starting that movement called *Of the Brothers*, which then spread to all parts of the world, including Italy (Google Translate).

c. 1825 - Ireland

“ The first meeting for the breaking of bread of which we are aware was held in the home of Mr. Hutchinson, 9 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin. They separated from ecclesiastical systems and came together in the name of the Lord Jesus, owning the presence and sovereign action of the Holy Spirit in their midst. They were deeply impressed with the truth of Matthew 18:20. Later, A.N. Groves, Wm. Kelly, George Muller, Henry Craik, R.C. Chapman, S.P. Tragelles, C.H. Mackintosh, Sir Robert Anderson and many others took their place as believers in local assemblies (Crawford, History - Our Heritage ch 7 par 5).

“ However, our heritage as assemblies in North America cannot be traced back to Dublin, or Plymouth [England], nor to the great men whose names are linked with John Nelson Darby. Our story has a different origin (Crawford, History - Our Heritage ch 7 par 6).

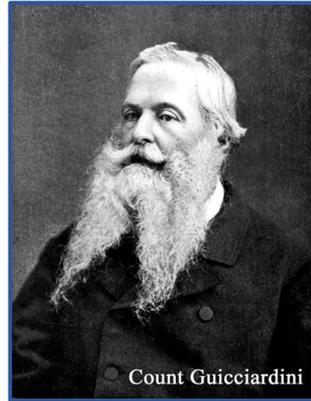
1825 – Scotland

“In the early 19th century Thomas Chalmers and Andrew Thomson were saved after becoming clergymen and from 1800 to 1825 preached with such power that many confirmed church members were awakened and saved (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

c. 1833 – Tuscany, Italy

(Anderson Inside Cover Photo)

“In 1833, a temporal wave of progress caused Leopold II [Grand Duke of Tuscany] to patronize a higher standard of education ... [Leopold II] called his friend Count Guicciardini (1808-1886) to undertake the organization of a better education system ... the Count ... could find no copy of the Bible in Italian. He had, however, the Latin Vulgate, ... began to discover several serious points of divergence between it and his Church, and his educational pursuits became lost in his more spiritual researches ... he observed the caretaker at the bottom reading a book ... the mysterious volume was the Italian Bible ... Before many days passed Count Guicciardini found his all in Christ, and his conversion and testimony showed this (Anderson text p9-12).

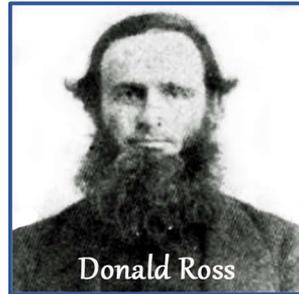


“About this time Count Guicciardini, of Italy (born 1808, died 1886), a zealous Roman Catholic, was led to Christ through reading a New Testament given him by a priest. His influence was felt by those around him at once, and the truth was spread amidst much bitter opposition and persecution (Brewer p5).

1839 – Scotland

(Harvey - photo p4)

“ I was a moral boy, read the Bible, had to do so, for my father made me ... I did not object to this, but hated to read some parts of the Bible ... I knew well that I was not converted ... yet I had no idea that I was lost ... my dear brother Duncan was to all appearance dying ... immediately my next thought was *If that was me, where should I go?* I answered my question myself. *If that was me, I should go to hell and be lost forever* ... This trouble of soul continued ... I did not know how to be saved ... I rose from my knees, saying and sighing, *I am surely lost; I can do nothing*. This lesson must be learned; it is necessary for us ... John xviii. 8, flashed through my mind ... my mind reverted to the Cross ... His precious blood shed on my behalf ... I comprehended what *substitution* meant. The work was done ... I closed with Christ there and then as my own personal Saviour ... that is how I was saved (Ross text p19-22).



1846 – Italy

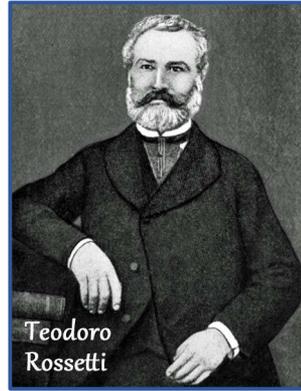
“ In 1846, the first gatherings of Italian believers to break bread were held in secret, and many private meetings took place, which were discovered by the police, and much bitter persecution followed (Brewer p5).

1846 – Scotland

“ On December 10, 1846, Duncan Matheson was saved. His description of salvation is very clear, *I saw no one but the Lord Jesus. I wept for my sin that nailed Him to the cross. I knew the calm of a pardoned sinner. I was saved*. He figures largely in the history that follows because no man had greater influence on Donald Ross than Duncan Matheson (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

c. 1851 – Italy to England to Italy

“Gendarmes entered and arrested the seven disciples of Christ ... they were taken to the historical Bargello prison ... [Guicciardini] begged only to be permitted to leave Tuscany, and the sentence of imprisonment was modified ... His temporary exile in England was a link in God’s golden chain: here he found [Teodoro P.] Rossetti and led him to Christ (Anderson p18-20).



(Anderson Inside Cover Photo)

“The Gospel call from Italy came with such irresistible power that he [Rossetti] ... got his passport, signed by Cavour, *to preach the Gospel* ... Shortly after this the Church in Alessandria [Italy] met for the first time round the Lord’s table (Anderson text p27-28).

1858 – Scotland

“The North-east Coast Mission was formed as an inter-denominational evangelical society. In 1858, at 34 years of age, Donald Ross was appointed as its superintendent. He was without funds or workers but chose [Donald] Munro, John Gill, John Smith, George Masson, A. Carnie and others to work with him (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1859 – Kells, Northern Ireland

“The ’59 Revival began in the town of Kells, Northern Ireland. My grandfather was saved in Kells in 1859 through the preaching of Jeremiah Meneely in a barn. The blessing spread to many parts of the world (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1861 - Italy

“ United Italy, freed from the papal temporal power, grants religious liberty to all, and from the Alps to Sicily there are many Italian Christian Churches offering to their one Lord the praises of redeemed hearts and lives (Anderson Intro).

1868 Dec – Galt, Ontario

“ Douglas Russell had come to visit relatives in Galt, Ontario and began to preach the Gospel on the Queen’s Square. A saved clergyman invited him to preach in his church building. Many were awakened and saved, but at this time, Mr. Russell did not know assembly truth (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1869 – Scotland

“ In 1869, Donald Munro and John Gill had seen blessing in inland towns. Now that the evangelists could move as they were led by God, they returned to preach in places such as Banffshire, Rothes and Boharm (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1870 – Italy

“ In 1870, Italian unity was proclaimed (Brewer p7).

1870 – Scotland

“ The N.E. Coast Mission was denominationally funded. When pressure was exerted by the offended clergy, the men who held the purse strings began to withhold funds. Already disappointed by the mixture in this society, in 1870 Mr. Ross severed his connection with the Mission. It meant that he and his fellow workers were without funds (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1871 Apr – Scotland

“ Among the many converts were 200 young men. The name of at least one of them is well known to us. On April 2, 1871, John Ritchie [publisher of the *Believers Hymn Book*] was saved (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1871 Apr – Scotland

“ Mr. Ross discovered that as a believer he needed to be baptized ... in April 1871, he humbly obeyed the Lord by being baptized (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1871 Nov – England

“ In November 1871 at Jarrow-on-Tyne, England, an assembly met without the knowledge of others through the work and exercise of dear James Campbell (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1871 Dec – Scotland

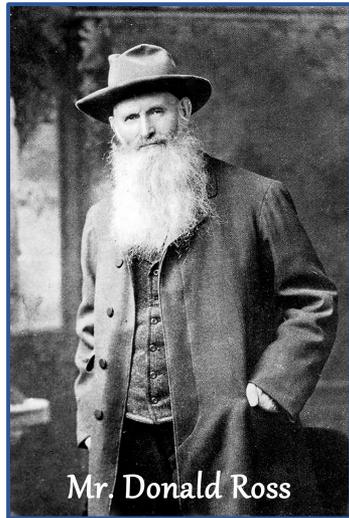
“ Mr. Munro informed [Mr. Ross] that ... he had seen the truth of being baptized as a believer. In December of that year, Mr. Ross baptized Mr. Munro ... hundreds obeyed the Lord in baptism, which further estranged them from the formal religion (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1871 – Scotland and Northern Ireland

“ They learned the need to separate ... to gather simply in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to break bread on the first day of the week to proclaim the Lord's death ... they met for the first time as an assembly. John Ritchie, who was present, later wrote that they did not know there was another company like them anywhere in the world ... Later Mr. Ross learned of three other small assemblies in Scotland ... assemblies sprang up all over Scotland and Northern Ireland (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).



(Brethren Archive Photo)



(Photo/s Glorious Gospel)



ASSEMBLIES PLANTED IN NORTH AMERICA

1871 – Parkhill and Forest, Ontario

“Donald Munro had visited relatives in Ontario in 1871. Meetings were held in Parkhill and Forest, and many were saved, among them were three brothers of Mr. Munro (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1872 Oct – Parkhill, Ontario

“In October 1872, he [Donald Munro] came back to Ontario and taught the new believers the truth of baptism and gathering to the Lord’s name. In 1872 an assembly was planted at Parkhill Ontario. The following year, he saw assemblies planted at Forest and Lake Shore (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1873 – Clyde, Valens, and Galt Ontario

“He [Douglas Russell] returned in 1873 after having learned baptism and truths of gathering. Over 50 were baptized and an assembly met in the blacksmith’s shop at Clyde. Later assemblies were formed at Valens and Galt. Such names as McBain and Scott, great grandparents of my wife, were among the converts in this area (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1874 – Hamilton, Clyde, and Galt Ontario

“In 1874 Donald Ross and John Smith rented a room in Hamilton. Interest and attendance were small. They preached on the street corner each night to invite people to their meeting in the room. One night a young man of 19 was stirred as he listened to the plain preaching on the corner ... Within a short time, he was saved through John 3:36. The young man was T. D.W. Muir who at the age of nineteen began to preach the Gospel with Mr. Ross at Clyde and Galt (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1874 – Detroit, MI

“He [T.D.W. Muir] also preached with Mr. Carnie and D. Munro and with Donald Ross went to Detroit, Michigan to preach Christ in the U.S.A ... seeing souls saved and assemblies planted (Crawford, History - Our Heritage).

1876 – Boston, MA

“Mr. Ross, after two or three years pioneering and commencing to build upon a clean foundation in and around Edinburgh, crossed the Atlantic along with the writer [Munro], who had been back on a visit in the fall of 1876 ... He began his labours on this side in the city of Boston (Munro p118).

1876 Nov 4 – Boston, MA

MR. D. MUNRO AND MR. D. ROSS,

Scotch Evangelists, who have lately been preaching in Scotland, are now holding daily meetings in this city at the new hall (Gospel Hall), 34 Essex street. Bible readings every afternoon at 3 o'clock, and preaching the gospel every evening at 7½ o'clock. Please come and hear what the word of God says of his own dear Son, who died for our sins and rose again for our justification. The seats are free to all. No subscriptions, no collections. All are freely invited to come.

Boston Evening Transcript, Boston, MA. 1876 Nov 4, p5.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1876 – McKeesport, PA

“The first assembly in the Pittsburgh area was in McKeesport in 1876. No other details are available for this time period (Clark, History of McKeesport Gospel Hall p1).

1879 – Chicago, IL

Gospel Preaching.

Donald Ross, the Scotch Evangelist, will address Christians at 4 p. m. and preach the gospel at 7:30 p. m., in the Gospel Hall, No. 97 Desplaines street, south of Madison, to-day.

Sunday Telegraph, Chicago, IL, 1879 Oct 5 p8.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1880 Apr 1 – Boston, MA

—Quite a crowd was collected on Essex street last evening by some loud singing from exhorters in "Gospel Hall."

Boston Globe, Boston, MA. 1880 Apr 1, p4.
Newspapers.com 2023.

1881 Oct 9 – Detroit, MI

Gospel Hall, No. 232 Michigan avenue—Mr. Thos. D. W. Muir, evangelist, will preach Sunday evening at 7:30. Bible reading at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI. 1881 Oct 9, p6.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1882 Jan – Harrisburg, PA

Interesting Meetings.

Mr. Donald Ross and son Charles, evangelists, arrived here this morning. They will make an address to Christians on Sunday morning in Gospel Hall at 10:30, and a Gospel meeting in the evening at 7:30, to which all are invited. Gospel meetings will also be held every evening in the hall at 7:45. "Come, for all things are now ready."

Harrisburg Telegraph, Harrisburg, PA. 1882 Jan 28, p4.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1883 Nov 27 – Harrisburg, PA

Special Services.

The Christian gathering in the name of Jesus will conduct all day meetings on Thursday (National Thanksgiving Day), in Gospel hall, Second and State streets, at 10.30^a. m., 3 p. m. and 7.30 in the evening. Messrs. John Martin, of Scotland, and W. P. Douglass, of New York, and others will be in attendance. The public are cordially invited.

Harrisburg Daily Independent, Harrisburg, PA. 1883 Nov 27, p4. Newspapers.com, 2023.

1884 – Philadelphia, PA

“ Our story begins in July 1880 when a girl by the name of Mary Smith, not quite 16, was saved in her mother’s kitchen in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. She had been attending meetings ... conducted by two evangelists, Mr. James Campbell and Mr. William Matthews ... By faith in His finished work, she passed from death unto life. She was baptized and gathered with the Christians in Kings Mill, near Cookstown, Northern Ireland.

“ She [Mary Smith] sailed for America in May 1881, when not quite 17. She settled in Philadelphia but was not able to locate an assembly as she had known in Northern Ireland. So, she went nowhere until 1884 ... she corresponded with Mr. Campbell and pleaded that he and Mr. Matthews come to Philadelphia and work for the Lord.

“ His [Mr. Campbell’s] reply was that if the Lord opened the way, they would be glad to come. After three years, a letter was received saying that the preachers were coming to Philadelphia. First, they visited Chicago for a conference. Mr. Campbell had visited there some years before. In May 1884 they came to Philadelphia and Mary Smith met them at the Broad Street station and took them to her mother’s home.

“ The preachers [Mr. Campbell and Mr. Matthews] began their first gospel effort in Philadelphia in a tent on South Broad St. below Federal Street. During this first season of gospel meetings, the Lord’s hand was manifested in a wonderful way. Many souls were saved. In a number of cases, whole families were led to Christ. Mary Smith wrote, *what a time of rejoicing that was!*

“ The preachers [Mr. Campbell and Mr. Matthews] were true pioneers. They slept in the tent and did their own cooking ... All day long they went around the neighborhood distributing tracts and inviting everyone they met to the tent.

(W. Oliver)

1884 – South Broad St, Philadelphia, PA

“It was in the tent on South Broad Street below Federal that the preachers [Mr. Campbell and Mr. Matthews] gathered a number of believers and formed an assembly with the breaking of bread. There were just 7 when they began. The names apart from the preachers were William McEwen, John Greer, Mrs. Charles Smith, Robert Smith and Mary Smith (W. Oliver par 10).

1887 – South Broad St, Philadelphia, PA

“It was over the blacksmiths shop that the first Philadelphia conference was held on Christmas day 1887 (W. Oliver par 10).

1887 Feb – Boston, MA

CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS, gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus (for three days, February 20, 21 and 22), in Gospel Hall, 68 Elliot st. meetings at 10.30 a. m., 2 and 7 p. m. Messrs. Munro, Smith, Campbell, Mathews and Martin are expected to be present. All cordially invited.

The Boston Globe, Boston, MA. 1887 Feb 19 p6.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1889 – South Broad St, Philadelphia, PA



A CONFERENCE FOR CHRISTIANS will (D. V.) be held in the Gospel Hall, 1113 SOUTH BROAD Street. Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 10.30 A. M. and 3.30 and 7.30 P. M.

Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia, PA. 1889 Dec 28, p5.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION BROOKFIELD, CT

1892 Jul – Brookfield, CT

Newtown Bee, Newtown, CT. 1892 Jul 1st, p3.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

Bishop McMahon, the Danbury News says, will lay the corner stone of St. Joseph's church at Brookfield, next Sunday.

Brookfield Journal.
Brookfield, CT.
1981 Feb 28, p11.

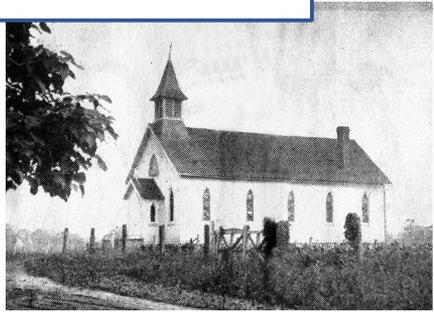
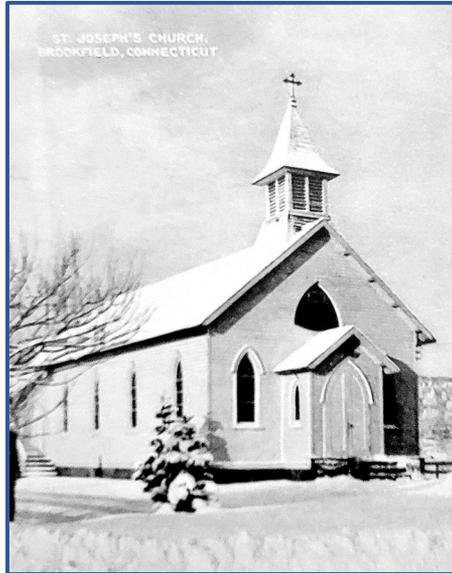


Photo courtesy Brookfield Museum & Historical Society,
PO Box 231, Brookfield, CT 06804.

This building was purchased by the Danbury/Brookfield Assembly in 1967 (Editor - Assembly History).



Early photos courtesy Brookfield Museum & Historical Society.



“ The first Catholic church in Brookfield, built 1892, on Pocono Road, in c. 1910 – still standing and being used regularly as the Brookfield Gospel Hall. A family by the name of O’Hare donated the land and each parish family was asked to donate \$50 toward the building. The windows cost about \$10 each and many families donated the extra money for them (*Museum News*, Fall 2010, Brookfield Museum & Historical Society, PO Box 231, Brookfield, CT 06804).

GOD'S WORK IN ENGLISH AND ITALIAN

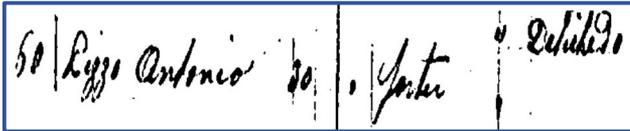
1893 – Hoboken, NJ and Brooklyn, NY

- “ While the work in Italy had noble beginnings, the [Italian] work in the United States, as far as we have any record, started in the year 1893 in the city of Hoboken, N.J. where a few Italian immigrants for the first time met in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ alone to remember the Lord in the breaking of bread and to preach the gospel. It seems that one of the first saved was Michael Lisa, father-in-law of our brother Patsy Calabrese, still active in the Jersey City, N.J. Assembly. A few Italian believers met in his home. They were being taught by a certain Geremia di Georgio who had emigrated from Alessandria, Egypt and had met in Egypt, brethren from England who had introduced him to an *exclusive* assembly in Jersey City, N.J. These *exclusive* brethren had informed Mr. di Georgio of the few Italians who were meeting in the home of Mr. Lisa.
- “ Through the testimony of Mr. Lisa and Mr. di Georgio, P. Conforte of Brooklyn, N.Y. was converted and soon a small assembly met in his home in Brooklyn. At this time the Lord worked in the salvation of some members of a Baptist Church ... and they soon joined the few believers meeting in the Lord's name in the home of Mr. Conforte.
- “ Thus, the two first known Italian assemblies were established in Hoboken, N.J. and Brooklyn, N.Y. Mr. Lisa and Mr. di Georgio sought to help both assemblies while they still labored daily to meet their temporal needs.
- “ Various years passed as the brethren of these two Italian assemblies labored together in the proclamation of the gospel and had sweet fellowship together rejoicing in the Lord.

(La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p12)

1897 Mar 10 – Deliceto, Foggia, Italy to USA

Antonio Pizzo, age 30, of the town of Deliceto, in the province of Foggia, Italy came to the USA and settled in Danbury, CT known as *Hat City of the World*. His family remained in Italy for six years until 1903 (Editor - Pizzo Family History).



(US Arriving Passenger & Crew Lists)

c. 1900 – Mascher St, Philadelphia, PA

“ Some of these Christians lived uptown. They eventually rented the *iron hall* and formed an assembly there in fellowship with 1113 S. Broad Street. The exact date is not recorded but I am inserting it now, preceding Bryn Mawr, which was formed in 1906. From the iron hall they moved to Howard Street and finally purchased their own hall at 2447 N. Mascher Street. This assembly grew to over 200 and then had a hive-off to form Olney in 1926. Masher Street ceased to exist in the late 60s due to the home-call of some believers and others relocating (W. Oliver).

1900 Jun 4 – Passaic, NJ

Evangelical services will be held by Mr. John Carnie, in Gospel Hall, 142 Prospect street, for one week, beginning Tuesday evening, June 5. All are invited.

Passaic Daily News, Passaic, NJ. 1900 Jun 4, p4.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1900 – New York City, NY

“ We must mention ... Frank P. Diorio. Although he was a member of the Presbyterian Church for two years, yet he was not saved. It was only when he heard ... John 3 that he realized that he was not born again and the words *Ye Must Be Born Again* disturbed him through the night and he could not sleep. He had to get up and confess that he was a guilty sinner and asked the Lord to save him. The Lord saved him that evening, in August 1900. A year later ... the Lord revealed to him the truth of the *one body*. He severed his connections ... and they started to meet in his home (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p14-15).

1903 – New York City, NY

“ In 1903 they rented a store in Mott Street, New York City in the Italian section and started to remember the Lord each first day of the week as the early believers did. In the afternoons they would go to a park near Mulberry St. and preach the gospel. The believers carried on this testimony for several years, but Satan came in and caused the testimony to be closed. Some of the believers frequented the English assembly in New York among whom were F. P. Dioro and E. Fiorella. In the meantime, these brethren had no knowledge that there were Italian assemblies in Hoboken, N.J. and Brooklyn, N. Y. (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p15).

1903 Nov – Italy to New York, USA

Cesare Patrizio, age 19, arrives in Port of New York from Chieti, Italy headed for Philadelphia, PA.



(US Arriving Passenger & Crew Lists)

1903 Mar 26 – Danbury, CT

Antonio Pizzo's family reunited with him in the USA. Left to right in front row, Benvenuto Pizzo, Maria Frate Pizzo, Margarita Pizzo, Antonio Pizzo, Alexander Pizzo. Back row unknown (Editor - Pizzo Family History).



(Pizzo Family Photo)

1904 – Waterville, CT

“ In the year 1904, Dr. H. Cameron, in his medical practice in Waterbury, used his office not only to treat patients for their medical needs but also their spiritual needs. It was through this avenue that he met Mr. Antonio Bartholomew who was meeting with an exclusive group on Bank Street in Waterbury. Their conversation led to cottage meetings in their homes. This work went on for a few years until Dr. Cameron was joined by Dr. Edwin Martin of Providence, RI in tent meetings in Waterville around 1910. They saw an interest then and in 1911 they had meetings in the tent again. There was significant blessing (Batterton, Sr.).

1904 – Bridgeport and Hartford, CT, USA

CONNECTICUT.

Bridgeport.

Hartford, Hall, City Mission Buildings, 234, Pearl Street.

S.M. 10.30, Aft. 12.15 S.S. and B.Cl., E. 7.30. W. 7.45 Pr. and Ads.

Dawe & Son, pub. *List of Some Meetings in the British Isles and Regions Beyond*, 1904, p214. (Brethren Archive).

1906 – Downtown, S. Broad St, PA

“ The Downtown meeting moved ... finally to a building at 20th and Dickinson St. ... This building was sold in 1945 and they moved to rented quarters at 71 St. and Woodland and then to 64th and Woodland until 1952 when the meeting disbanded after 68 years (W. Oliver).

1906 – Ardmore / Bryn Mawr, PA

“ In May of 1906 a group of Christians that had been commuting into town from the suburbs met as the Ardmore assembly in the Merion Title Building. A year or so later they moved to Bryn Mawr and began to meet in the reading room, which was over the public library. They met there for years. Mr. Caesar Patrizio was commended from there about 1918. A new building was built in 1923-24, which is still used today. There have been two expansions to the building since the original, the first in 1975 and the most recent completed in 1994. Mr. Oswald MacLeod was commended to the work of the Lord in 1928, Miss Alice Martin to Chile in 1943, George Baldwin in 1951 along with Ray Zander, Gilbert Stewart in 1960, and in 1974 David Oliver (W. Oliver).

1907 – Hartford, CT

The Assembly of Christians Gathered Unto the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ have removed to No. 753 Main street, over the Boston Branch Grocery, rear of third floor where all are welcome to the following meetings: Sunday, 10:30 a. m. Believers' Meeting for Worship and Breaking of Bread; 12:15 p. m., Bible class and Sunday school for children of all ages and nationalities; 7:30 p. m., Gospel Preaching; Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer, praise and ministry of the word. Seats free and no collections are taken.

Hartford Courant, Hartford, CT 18 May 1907, p7.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1908 – Philadelphia, PA

“September 30, 1908, the Lord marvelously saved another Italian immigrant named Cesare Patrizio while he read the Bible for the first time and also for the first time read John 3:16 (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p12).

Nell'anno 1908, il 30 Settembre, piacque al Signore di salvare il fratello Cesare Patrizio nella città di Philadelphia, Pa.

Diorio, Francis P. *La Storia Delle Assemblee Italiane In America*. The Elite Press, 561 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY. 1945 p3. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: In the year 1908, on September 30th, it pleased the Lord to save the brother Cesare Patrizio in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. (Google Translate).

1908 – McKeesport, PA

“ There was an assembly in McKeesport from the year 1908 to 1913. The assembly met in an upper room in the downtown area. Mr. William Pinches was one of the Lord’s servants who visited the assembly at that time. Due to many moving away, and some passing away, it was decided that the remaining saints would remember the Lord in the Homestead Assembly some seven or eight miles away (Clark, History of Mckeesport Gospel Hall p1).

1909 Sep – Camden / Pennsauken, NJ

“ The assembly that meets in the Pennsauken Gospel Hall was originally located in the nearby city of Camden. The earliest record we have of gospel activity associated with an assembly in Camden is a notice of gospel meetings in September 1909 (E. Higgins).

1911 Jul 10 – Pittsburgh, PA

Pittsburgh Press,
Pittsburgh, PA.
1911 Jul 10 p5.
Newspapers.com,
2023.

John Knox McEwen, an Englishman, who has been engaged in missionary work in Nova Scotia, spoke twice yesterday at Gospel Hall, No. 4047 Penn avenue. He will be heard there this evening, tomorrow evening and Wednesday evening.

1911 – Waterville, CT

“ [Dr. Cameron and Dr. Martin] saw an interest then [1910] and in 1911 they had meetings in the tent again. There was significant blessing. Among early ones to form and assembly were Miss Murdin, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Moffat and daughters Margaret and Eileen, Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Lane, Miss Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard. A meeting place was obtained on Chapel Street in Waterville and on July 9, 1911, the first assembly breaking of bread was kept (Batterton, Sr.).

1912 – Springfield, MA and S. Manchester, CT

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—Bro. R. McCracken was with us the last two weeks of October, holding forth the Word of life. They were the best attended meetings that we have ever had here.

N. J. Reager, 73 Pendleton Ave., is now correspondent for the Assembly.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.—R. McCracken has been with us for two weeks. The people are coming out well, and there seems to be a real interest among the unsaved.

(Words in Season Dec 1912 iii)

1913 – McKeesport, PA

“ From 1913 to 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clark held a Sunday school in their home in Lincoln Borough and carried on cottage meetings every Sunday evening in various homes in their neighborhood and in the area of the first Wilson Academy. Souls were saved and a gospel testimony was maintained during these years (Clark, History of McKeesport Gospel Hall p1).

1913 Oct 7 – Deliceto, Foggia, Italy to USA

Rocco Cappiello, age 18, of Deliceto, Foggia, Italy was first of his family to emigrate leaving parents and three brothers behind (New Jersey, US Naturalization Records)

1914 – West Philadelphia, PA

“ The West Philadelphia assembly was formed after Camden, possibly about 1914 ... an offshoot of the Downtown meeting (W. Oliver).

1915 – Bryn Mawr

“ [Cesare Patrizio] married [Felice Calvi] in 1915 and bought a home close to Bryn Mawr (Truth & Tidings Jun 1974 p101).

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Brethren Bradford and Dempsey have been having good meetings in the Tent this season.

NEW LONDON, CONN.—Wm. H. Hunter has had a trying time in his Tent in this City. The attendance was just beginning to pick up a little when he was forced to vacate the lot to give place to a merry-go-round. He then moved across the river to Groten, but The people did not come in at all well. Then he moved to New Landan again, about a mile from the former site, and now is having a good hearing. Mr. C. W. Roder is helping in the meetings.

WATERBURY, CONN.—Drs. Martin and Cameron have had quite a good attendance at the Gospel Tent in Waterbury, but cannot say much as to fruit. Very few strangers seem to come regularly enough for the Word to make much impression upon them. D. Morrison of Richmond Hill; H. Campbell, of Richmond, Va., and H. Leonard have added a share in preaching the word.

LYNN, MASS.—Mr. Wm. Matthews spent a Lord's day in the Lynn Assembly. He is taking things quietly during the hot weather in hopes of being able to attend some of the Conferences later on.

(Words in Season Sep 1913 Inside Cover)

SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.—Mr. J. Pearson is having meetings in the Gospel Tent in this place. The attendance is fair.

BYFIELD, MASS.—J. Pearson had a series of meetings in his his old home Assembly.

FROSTBURG, MD.—S. Keller, Chas. Keller and Windsor Chase have had fairly good meetings in the Tent. We have not heard as to results.

NEWPORT NEWS.—Mr. S. McEwen has pitched his Tent here. He had not much to encourage in Marlton as the people would not come in.

NEGAUNEE, MICH.—D. McClintock and L. Sheldrake pitched their Tent here June 24th. The Lord has been giving help in the telling out of the Gospel of the Glory of Christ to a goodly number, some of them coming out very regularly which is a great encouragement. Mr. J. Rae who is visiting here is a great help in the meetings.

BOSTON, MASS.—Senen were baptized a few weeks ago here, and since the baptisms a young man has professed to receive Christ. Mr. J. Gill has taken up the Gospel preaching on the Commons again. Mr. A. Livingstone is now having a series of meetings here.

CENTRAL FALLS, R. I.—Mr. A. Livingstone was with us for a few meetings.

STOCTON, CAL.—Mr. Hillis and Mr. Grierson are under canvas here.

NOKOMIS, ILL.—A few believers gather in the Lord's Name here
Correspondence to Wm. Spavin, Box 40.

OMAHA, NEB.—D. R. Charles has a Tent up in this city and goes on with local help.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—C. W. Ross is in Tent work in this city.

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—G. Duncan and D. L. Roy have the Gospel Tent up in this city.

PITTSBURGE, PA.—The Gospel Tent is pitched where it was three years ago, and is being operated by Wm. Pinches and Jas. Waugh. Quite a number of strangers attend.

(Words in Season Sep 1913 ii)

1915 Jun 6 – Barrington, NJ

“ The next assembly formed was in Barrington, NJ, on Jun 6th, 1915 (W. Oliver).

1915 – Darby / Collingdale, PA

“ One other work was in Darby. In 1915 ... a number were saved. They began to meet in Darby and in 1917 moved to Collingdale (W. Oliver).

1916 – Newark, NJ

“ Italy was the land of my first birth, and I lived there until I was fifteen years of age. Then I emigrated to the United States of America. About two years after I came to America, my father and brother decided to go back to Italy, but I liked it so well here that I decided to stay. From that time until I was twenty-one years of age I was left alone here, and I thought there was no one over me so I did everything my evil heart desired ... In 1916 I met a young man about my own age who came from Waterbury, Connecticut to work in Newark, New Jersey and he came to live in the same house where I was staying. He read the Bible and prayed every day ... He invited me to go to a Gospel meeting. It was the first time in my life that I attended a Gospel meeting ... About two weeks or so after I was attending these meetings, as I sat in my shop, sewing, the Holy Spirit brought back to my mind the words that I had heard in the Gospel meetings and I was convicted that I had twenty years of sin on my soul, that I was a great sinner and if I died I was going to be in Hell Fire. All that day I felt miserable. I wanted to get saved but I did not know what to do to be saved. That evening, December 28, 1916 when I got home the same young man read to me from the Gospel of John 10:9 ... This thought flashed to my mind – the Lord Himself is the Door. The Lord Jesus is the entrance to salvation ... That night I knew for sure I was born again and bound for heaven (**Luigi Rosania**, Italy, NJ, PA, Waterbury Italian – excerpts per his printed testimony).

1917 Mar 4 – Danbury, CT

Rocco Capiello resided in Danbury and worked in the hatting industry (Editor).

TOWN or CITY	DANBURY
FULL NAME	<i>Rocco Capiello</i>
POST OFFICE ADDRESS	<i>6 1/2 Wildman St</i>
1. What is your present Trade, Occupation or Profession?	<i>Hatter</i>

(Connecticut, US Military Census)

1917 – Hoboken, NJ and Brooklyn, NY

“ In 1917 a Missionary came to Hoboken, and together with the English Assembly of Jersey City, N.J. formally opened a public testimony in a store and this same Missionary with the fellowship of the Hoboken, N.J. brethren formally opened a public testimony also, in a store in Brooklyn, N.Y. (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p12).

1918 – Danbury, CT

(Alex Pizzo, Family Photo)

Alexander Pizzo was inducted into the US Army and served in France during WWI. He was severely wounded, honorably discharged, and returned home to the loss of his brother, Benvenuto.

Benvenuto Pizzo died from influenza during the global pandemic leaving a wife and two daughters.



The family was still associated with Catholicism, but God used these events for good (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

1918 – Bryn Mawr, PA

“ Mr. Caesar Patrizio was commended from there [Bryn Mawr] about 1918 (W. Oliver).

“ He continued faithfully in the assembly, and on March 27, 1918, he was commended for full time service in the Lord's work by the brethren of the Bryn Mawr, Penn. assembly (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p12-13).

1918 – Waterville, CT

“ His [Cesare Patrizio's] first gospel effort was together with Dr. Cameron in [Waterville] Waterbury, Conn. where for 13 weeks in the summer of 1918 they preached the gospel in a Gospel Tent (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p13).

1918 – New York City, NY

(Photo/s Glorious Gospel)

“ C. Patrizio went to the Loizeaux Bros. Publishing House in New York City and here he met Timothy Loizeaux. Loizeaux asked Patrizio who he was. Patrizio replied that he was just a sinner saved by grace. Loizeaux then asked him what church he belonged to. Patrizio replied that he belonged to the Lord and not to any church and that he met together with believers who gathered, according to the scriptures, in the Lord's name alone ... Loizeaux then gave Patrizio the address of the small Italian assembly in Hoboken, N.J. and asked him to visit. C. Patrizio was so thrilled to hear that there was an Italian Assembly. Up until this time he was not aware of any Italian assemblies ... Patrizio discovered there was another Italian assembly in Brooklyn, N.Y. ... Patrizio was not aware at this time that the Italian assemblies in Hoboken, N.J. and Brooklyn, N.Y. were *exclusive* meetings (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p13-14).



1919 – Waterbury, CT and Orange, NJ

“In February 1919 in Waterbury, Conn. a young man named Rocco Capiello was walking indifferently, smoking, when a boy handed him a gospel tract with an invitation to gospel meetings. The first time Capiello went to the gospel meeting he was so impressed with what he heard read from the Bible that he made up his mind that he was going to get a Bible, even if he had to steal one. After the meeting they gave him a Bible which he embraced as if someone had given him a bag of gold. He continued attending meetings for two months and finally, on April 23, 1919, he was saved while reading John 3:16. Immediately his newfound joy knew no limits, and he began to witness to everyone he met (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p19).

1919 – Hoboken, NJ and Brooklyn, NY

“It was not until July 1919 that F. Diorio heard of Italian believers meeting together in a scriptural manner in Hoboken, N.J. and Brooklyn, N.Y. ... It was in this year that Diorio realized the scarcity of sound Italian literature and decided to print a magazine called *Il Semiatore* [The Sower]. The first issue was printed in July 1919 and consisted of eight pages. The first subscription rate was 25c per year ... Later it was decided to change the name to *La Voce Nel Deserto* [The Voice in the Wilderness] so as not to conflict with another periodical published in Rome, Italy called *Il Semiatore* (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p15).

1919 – Waterville, CT

“Dr. Cameron and Mr. Patrizio had tent meetings and were encouraged. Dr. Cameron spoke in English and Cesare Patrizio spoke in Italian. Despite persecution, there was blessing in some souls for Christ (Batterton, Sr.).

1919 – Hoboken, NJ

“In the fall of 1919 Patrizio received a postal card from one of the Italian brethren inviting him to a Columbus Day Conference to be held in Hoboken ... When he arrived at the conference, he recognized that he was among the same group he had visited the year previously ... He mentioned how that the year previously he had been discouraged to visit them because of some false doctrines they had held but the Lord had guided him among them again and he took the remainder of the meeting. Some he met at this first Italian conference and who later were to play an important part in the work of the Lord among the Italians in the USA were Joseph De Carlo, Frank P. Diorio. J. Compitello, and Constantino Giordano (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p14).

1919 – Groton, CT

Groton.

ROMANS 6-3-4

B A P T I S M

IN THAMES RIVER AT 6.30

P. M. SATURDAY, AUG. 16

Near Power House and Baker Avenue,
Conducted by Christians Gathered
Unto the Name of the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hall, Groton

“Then they that gladly received His word were baptized.” “Buried with Him in Baptism, wherein ye also are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God who hath raised Him from the dead.” Acts 2-41; Col. 2-12.

The Day, New London, CT. 1919 Aug 15 p14.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

1920 – New York City, NY

“ F. Diorio had suggested to the brethren that they have a three-day conference over the Memorial Day weekend of 1920 ... Those who took part at this conference were C. Patrizio. F. P. Diorio, J. Compitello, E. Fiorella and P. Bartolomeo. Ralph West, who took the Sunday School, was the only English speaker. This can be truly called the first Italian conference (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p16).

1920 – Waterville, CT

“ In the summers of 1919 and 1920 Patrizio again pitched his tent in Waterbury, Conn. with Dr. Cameron and souls were saved and added to the Waterville English assembly (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p16).

1920 Oct 31 – Deliceto, Foggia, Italy to USA

Giovanni (John) D’Emilio arrived from Deliceto, Italy and resided with Antonio Pizzo at 54 Liberty St, Danbury, CT (Connecticut, US Federal Naturalization Records). John’s wife, Lucy Cuoco D’Emilio, was Antonio Pizzo’s niece. She arrived later in 1927 with their children (US Arriving Passenger & Crew Lists). Both were saved and become part of the Danbury Italian assembly in the 1930s (Editor - Assembly History).



(D'Emilio Goyette Family Photos)

1921 – South Philadelphia, PA

“ In 1921 a work was being carried on among Italian immigrants. Mr. Patrizio and Mr. Louis Rosania had tent meetings, and it was decided to form an Italian assembly ... This meeting began in 1921. They met for years in different places in South Philadelphia ... and in 1966 the meeting was disbanded (W. Oliver).

1921 – Orange, NJ

“ In 1921, R. Cappiello moved to Orange, N. J. where he worked in the Muir’s Department store by day and labored for the Lord after work (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p19).

1921 – Waterville, CT

“ July marked the tenth anniversary of the assembly. Mr. Charles Keller had encouraging meetings with some professing Christ as Saviour. Cesare Patrizio also held meetings in Italian with good attendance. The assembly purchased a new tent and had meetings from July through September. In July Charles Keller and Cesare Patrizio had meetings and saw souls saved. Mr. Hugh Thorpe and local brethren had meetings in English and Italian. There was good attendance. Dr. Cameron gave help. Attendance was good and souls were saved. Mrs. Rose Mariotti mentioned that the tent was at the corner of Homer Street and Thomaston Avenue on property owned by the landlord of the Gospel Hall. It was the first time her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Faita, or family ever heard the gospel. Some of them were saved then (Batterton, Sr.).

1921 Sep – Tenafly, NJ

“ Francis Carboni heard the gospel preached for the first time by Diorio and Compitello ... English believers of the Tenafly N.J. assembly invited him ... and it was there in September 1921 that both Francis Carboni and his wife found peace and salvation (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p21).

1922 – Connecticut and Adjacent

- (5) Gospel Hall:—Centre Street, Methum, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. Samuel Spiree; 90 Summer Street,
Lawrence, Mass.
- (6) Union Chapel:—Broadway and Alfred Streets, Somerville,
Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. W. Fleming; 216 Summer St.
- (7) Gospel Hall:—119 Chandler St., Worchester, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. Jonathan Dalzell, 42 Lewis St.
- (8) Gospel Hall:—64 Walnut St., Brookline Village, Brooklyne,
Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. John Wilson, 80 University Road,
Brookline, Mass.
- (9) Gospel Hall:—1249 Rodman St., Fall River, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. Reid, (same address)
- (10) Gospel Hall:—148 N. Main Street, Springfield, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. W. Gourley, 20 Alford St.
- (11) Gospel Hall:—303 High St., Holyoke, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. Robert Oliver, 408 High Street,
- (12) Gospel Hall:—Framington Mass.
Correspondent:—Hamilton Bros., 120 Tremont St., Boston,
Mass.
- (13) Gospel Hall:—Byfield, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. George Gould.
- (14) Gospel Hall:—Westfield, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. W. G. Emerson, Room 8, Commer-
cial Bldg., Elm St.
- (15) Gospel Hall:—North Chelmstord, Tynsboro, Mass.
- (16) Gospel Hall:—Woods Corner, North Chemsford, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. W. Warley.
- (17) Gospel Hall:—325 Lincoln Ave., Clifton Dale, Mass.
Correspondent:—Mr. E. Gibbs, Tun, 23 Grove St., Clifton-
dale, Mass.

CONNECTICUT.

- (1) Gospel Hall:—19 Elm Street, Hartford, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. John Barclay, 83 E. Greenfield St.
- (2) Gospel Hall:—435 Park St., Hartford, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. Nathan T. Reager, 188 Benton St.
- (3) Gospel Hall:—Bridgeport, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. Samuel Raine, 221 DeForest Ave.
- (4) Gospel Hall:—10 Chapel St., Waterville, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. Chambers, 49 Plaza Avenue, Water-
bury, Conn.
- (5) Gospel Hall:—Spruce St., South Manchester, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. James Surpliss, 65 Walnut St.

1922 – Connecticut and Adjacent cont.

- (6) Gospel Hall:—248 Mames St., Groton, Conn.
Correspondent:—Mr. R. H. Mackenzie, 6 Dean St.

RHODE ISLAND

- (1) Gospel Hall:—850 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.
Correspondent:—Mr. Bord Smith, 111 Jewett St.
(2) Gospel Hall:—Pawtucket, R. I.
Correspondent:—Mr. James Crawford, 61 Henrick St.
(3) Gospel Hall:—Barrington, R. I.
Correspondent:—Mr. Chapman.
(4) Gospel Hall:—111 W. Broadway, Westerly, R. I.
Correspondent:—Mr. Corvie, Shoemaker, Main St.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

- (1) Gospel Hall:—Manchester, New Hampshire.
Correspondent:—Mr. Chambers, 21 North Main St.
(2) Gospel Hall:—(Down Town) 20th and Dickerson Streets,
Correspondent:—Dr. A. A. Taft, 56 Court St.

PENNSYLVANIA.

- (1) Gospel Hall:—2447 Mascher St., North Phila., Pa.
Correspondent:—Mr. D. P. Harry 1035 Robbins Avenue,
Lawndale, Pa.
(2) Gospel Hall:—(Down Town) 20th. and Dickinson Streets,
Phila., Pa.
Correspondent:—Mr. David Simpson, 4019 Hazel Ave.
(3) Gospel Hall:—265 So. 60th St., West Philadelphia, Pa.
Correspondent:—Mr. David Soutler, 6133 Catharine Street,
West Phila., Pa.
(4) Gospel Hall:—3325 N. Goodman St., Phila. Pa., (Italian)
Correspondent:—Mr. Louns Rosania, 1405 Mervine Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.
(5) Gospel Hall:—2407 Montgomery Ave., Phila. Pa., (Col.)
Correspondent:—Mr. W. Nottage, (above address)
(6) Gospel Hall:—Darby and Collingdale, Telford and Hillside
Aves.
Correspondent:—Mr. Robert Henry, 224 Clifton Ave., Col-
lingdale, Pa.
(7) Gospel Hall:—Library Building, Bryn Mawr
Correspondent:—Mr. Hector Campbell, 60 Grand View Ave.
Ardmore, Pa.
(8) Gospel Hall:—Germantown, (New Hall expected)
Correspondent:—Mr. R. J. Carson, 4739 N. 15th Street,
Phila., Pa.
(9) Gospel Hall:—Studebaker's Hall, 2nd and Stale Sts., Har-
risburg, Pa.
Correspondent:—Mr. Brubaker, 73 N. 16th St.

Baird and Miller, compilers. *A Tentative List of Assemblies.*
NYC 1922, p14. (Brethren Archive Historical Docs, Open
Brethren, Address Lists).

1922 – Orange, NJ

“Mr. Cappiello called for two of his brothers from Italy, and the Lord saved them ... Cappiello then sent a Macedonian call to Louis Rosania to come over to Orange to do some gospel work ... As souls were being saved, they were baptized in the English assembly hall till the year 1922 when they met together to remember the Lord in Italian for the first time (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p19-20).

1923 – Danbury, CT

Maria Rosaria Tangredi of Venosa, Potenza, Italy immigrated to the USA. She lived with her brother's family, first in Long Island, NY where she worked in a sugar factory. Later they moved to Danbury, CT and attended the Catholic church, but the Lord was bringing her closer to the gospel (Editor - Tangredi Family History & Photos).



Rose is shown here 2nd from right.

1925 Sep 10 – Danbury, CT

Alexander Pizzo and Rose Tangredi were neighbors on Liberty Street in Danbury and both attended St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was a butcher, and they met at his small meat market. They married and raised seven daughters: Mary, Annette, Ruth, Margaret, Elizabeth, Joanne, and Rosann shown in photos top to bottom. All were eventually saved, baptized, and received into the Danbury assembly (Editor - Pizzo Family History & Photos).



1925 – Long Branch, NJ

“ After a baptismal service conducted by Joseph De Carlo, four believers started to meet in the home of N. Pizzulli to break bread. This was the beginning of the Long Branch testimony (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p22).

1926 – Torrington, CT

“ James Marshall and William Warke took the tent to Torrington and saw some blessing. There were two Slovak families meeting in their homes and they welcomed the gospel to their city. After taking the tent down the brethren rented a store and continued meetings seeing further blessing ... On October 1st thirteen were baptized, nine of them from Torrington. The meetings continued in the store in Torrington and an assembly was formed (Batterton, Sr.).

“ With 13 believers at the beginning, the assembly increased to about 40 in the early 1970's (Truth & Tidings Apr 2007).

1926 – Olney, North Philadelphia, PA

“ The next assembly to be formed was Olney, a hive-off of the large Mascher Street ... there were five preachers that made Olney their home assembly They were Charles Keller, J.P. Conway, William Robertson, Ed Richmond, and Clay Fite. In the late 40s Paul Plubell also made his home there (W. Oliver).

1926 – Orange, NJ

“ The correspondent for the Italian Assembly is G. Rannelli, 190 Taylor St., Orange, N.J. [Rocco] Cappiello purposes giving his time to the Lord's work (Words in Season Oct 1926).

1926 – Danbury, CT

“ When R. Cappiello was commended to full-time service for the work of the Lord he moved to Danbury, Nov 1926 (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p24).

1927 – Newburgh, NY

Alex and Rose Pizzo relocated to Newburgh for a year where Rose had family and Alex found work. Antonio and Maria Pizzo stayed behind in Danbury, CT (US City Directories Danbury 1927).

1927 – Connecticut, USA

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT, 441 Bishop Ave., Samuel Rainey, 975 Connecticut Ave.

GROTON, 452 Thames St., Mr. H. R. MacKenzie, 15 Dean St.

HARTFORD

1.—435 Park St., N. J. Reager, 86 Seymour St.

2.—Room 10, 17 Haynes St., Duncan M. Surgenor, 43 Huntington St.

SOUTH MANCHESTER, 415 Center St., James Serpliss, 129 Summer St.

TORRINGTON, Mr. A. Rakyta, 90 Woodbine St.

WATERBURY, (Waterville), Wm. Batterton, 311 Boyden St., Waterville, Conn.

Faithful Words Pub.
*Address Book of
Some Assemblies of
Christians.* St. Louis,
MO. 1927, p4.

Annual Convention of Christians

Gathered unto the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ is being held in the Gospel Hall 441 Bishop Ave., Saturday, Lord's Day and Monday, Feb. 19-20-21. Meetings for prayer, praise and ministry of the word of God each day at 10:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M. and Gospel Meeting at 7:00 P. M.

These are meetings when the plain things of God's word are clearly set forth by gifted servants of the Lord and a treat is in store for all who have a love for that word. And all are heartily welcome.

The Bridgeport Telegram, Bridgeport, CT. 1927 Feb 19
p12. Newspapers.com, 2024.

1927 Mar - Waterbury, CT

“Mr. Luigi Rosania was married [to Mary Grace Stango, daughter of Marciano and Maria Stango of Waterville assembly] on March 15, and his home address is Box 33, White Road, Waterbury, Conn. His purpose is to continue in Gospel work amongst the Italian speaking people (Words in Season May 1927 iii) and (CT Marriage Records).

1927 May – Danbury, CT

“God has visited this town, and a number of Italians have professed faith in Christ (Words in Season May 1927 iii).

1927 July – Danbury, CT

“Bros. Rocco Cappiello and L. Rosania have been laboring in Danbury, Conn., and have seen several Italians saved (Words in Season July 1927).

1927 – Wilson, CT

“Mr. Cesare Patrizio’s address until about the middle of September will be Box 191, Wilson, Conn. He and Bro. Rosania have pitched their tent there (Words in Season Aug 1927).

1927 Nov – Waterville and Torrington, CT

“Brethren Marshall and Oswald MacLeod pitched a tent in Thomaston with excellent attendance. Two hundred were out on Lord’s day. Mr. Marshall baptized five who were received into the Torrington assembly. Mabel Leonard was saved on August 20. She was born on December 8, 1907. The fifth annual conference, held November 11-13, was very large with ten of the Lord’s servants to minister. Cesare Patrizio had one meeting between meetings to speak to the Italian believers (Batterton, Sr.).

1928 – 1942 Italian Assemblies in CT, NY, MA

“**Ten Assemblies Established:** In 1928 an assembly was planted in Danbury; in 1929, one in Bristol; in 1931, another in Hartford; in 1933 one in New Rochelle, and Poughkeepsie, New York; then another in 1934 in South Brooklyn; followed by another in 1935 in Methuen; then in 1938, one in Worcester; then another in 1941, in East Boston; and in 1942, another assembly in Springfield. This was the result of immigrant Italian men with a burning desire to make Christ known in the preaching of the gospel in tents, store fronts, and homes.

“**Various Gifts of Italian Preachers:** Rocco Cappiello was not a platform preacher, but he was a tireless plodder, laboring door to door and handing out thousands of gospel tracts. Louis Rosania was a man that could win an enemy through his personality. He was a tremendous personal worker and effective evangelist. Caesar Patrizio was a personal worker, and also a man that could teach Roman Catholic converts the right ways of the Lord relative to gathering to the Lord’s name. Francis Carboni and Frank Pizzulli were expositors of the Word, and ably taught the saints divine truths.

“**Of course, as this work continued, there was persecution.** Most of the converts were immigrants from Italy and had been Roman Catholics. The faithful Italian laborers were hated by the clergy. On occasions, some slept in their gospel tents to keep their tent from being damaged or burned.

(Surgenor)

Supplementary References (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965) and (La Storia Delle Assemblee Italiane in America 1945).

1928 – Hatboro, PA

“In 1928 Mr. Sam Rea and Mr. Oswald MacLeod had tent meetings ... it was felt there was sufficient base to begin an assembly testimony (W. Oliver).

ASSEMBLY PLANTED IN DANBURY, CT

1928 – Danbury, CT

Danbury. Il frat. R. Capiello venuto in questo villaggio da Orange, N. J., nel Novembre del 1926, avendo deciso di dedicarsi intieramente nell'opera del Signore, cominciò a fare qui un pò di lavoro di propagazione, col risultato che vari furono interessati ed alcuni professarono salvezza. Nel 1927 anche il fratello Rosania venne qui per continuare in quest'opera. Così nel 1928 fù aperta la sala per l'Evangelo. E poco tempo dopo fù ivi stabilita l'Assemblea, la quale dura tuttora e partecipa nelle Conferenze Mensili del Connecticut.

Diorio, Francis P. *La Storia Delle Assemblee Italiane In America.* The Elite Press, 561 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, NY. 1945 p10. Digital version courtesy of BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Brother R. Capiello came to this village from Orange, N. J., in November of 1926, having resolved to devote himself wholly to the work of the Lord, began to do some propagation work here, with the result that several were interested and some professed salvation. In 1927 Brother Rosania also came here to continue this work. So, in 1928 the hall for the gospel was opened and a short time later the assembly was established there, which still stands and participates in the Connecticut Monthly Conferences (Google Translate).

1928 – Danbury, CT

“The Lord’s work among the Italians still goes on, Brethren R. Capiello and Rosania helping (Words in Season Jan 1928).

1928 – Danbury, CT

“ R. Cappiello is encouraged in the Lord’s work here. His address is 13 Moss Ave., Danbury, Conn. 130 South Day St., Orange, N. J., will also find him (Words in Season Mar 1928).

“ Two Italian believers were baptized April 7th, and one March 3rd. The correspondent for the assembly (Italian) is R. Cappiello, 13 Moss Ave., Danbury, Conn. (Words in Season May 1928).

1928 May – Danbury, CT

Margarita Pizzo, sister of Alex Pizzo, and her husband died tragically leaving seven children. It’s not known if Margarita heard the gospel, but many of her children were later saved and added to the assembly (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

1928 Jun – Waterbury, CT

“ Fallen Asleep: Mrs. Luigi Rosania [the former Mary Grace Stango], of Waterbury, Conn., June 4th, from pneumonia following childbirth. C. Patrizio spoke at the funeral in Italian, and C. McLean in English (Words in Season July 1928).

1928 Jun – Danbury, CT

“ On Jun 17th, a young Italian sister was baptized here, a number of the Lord’s people coming from Waterbury to be in fellowship with us in it. The Lord is working, writes, R. Cappiello, whose address is now 18 Elm St., Danbury, Conn. (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield OR 1928-8).

1928 Sep – Danbury, CT

“ Mr. [Rocco] Cappiello was married to Miss Lena [Marotta] Mazzo on Sept. 3rd. Their home address is 18 Elm Street, Danbury, Conn. He purposes continuing in the Lord’s work (Words in Season Oct 1928).

1928 Dec 2 – Danbury, CT

Alexander Pizzo was from the same hometown in Italy as Rocco Cappiello. Having returned to Danbury, he went searching for Rocco to hear more of the gospel when troubled about his soul's condition. Alex was finally saved by grace while lying awake in bed with the Holy Spirit reiterating to him that it was *all for you, Alex, all for you* (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

Alexander Pizzo
Born April 23, 1896
Born again Dec 2, 1928
23 South Ave
Danbury Conn 06810

Shall not come into
condemnation John 5:24.
Born in Deliceto, Prov of
Foggia town of ~~Deliceto~~ Italy

Bible Flyleaf of Alex Pizzo

- “ Meetings were held in homes. In 1928 a small store was rented, and the assembly met for the first time. It was in this small store that Alessandro Pizzo first entered and heard the simple Gospel on Noah's ark. He was convicted by the Spirit and finally converted on December 2, 1928. Shortly afterwards he, together with others, was baptized and the assembly moved to larger quarters (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p25).

1928 – Waterville English & Waterbury Italian, CT

“ 1924 the Italian believers rented a hall to have meetings in Italian but continued to remember the Lord with the English assembly of Waterville. It was not until December 16, 1928 that they separated completely from the English assembly (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p21).

“ It has been considered wise for the Italian believers to form an assembly using the Italian language. This new assembly meets at 8 West St., Waterbury, Conn. The correspondent is M. [Marciano] Stango, 33 White Road, Waterbury, Conn (Words in Season Feb 1929 iv).

1929 Jan – Danbury, CT

“ The Italian Assembly here now have their Gospel Hall at 25 Maple St., Brn. L. Rosania and C. Patrizio have been here, and the Lord is working in the salvation of souls (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield OR 1929-1).

1929 – Waterbury, CT and Danbury, CT

“ Cesare Patrizio has been with them having meetings in Italian. He went to Danbury, Conn., where L. Rosania has been having meetings, God saving souls (Words in Season Feb 1929 iv).

1929 – Hatboro, PA

“ In 1929 the meeting was formed in Hatboro. Today Hatboro is the largest of the meetings in the area (W. Oliver).

1929 – Bristol, CT

“ In 1928 Anthony Barbati moved from Hartford to this city ... many became interested and were saved. C. Patrizio visited Bristol for gospel meetings and others were saved. On April 28, 1929, the assembly gathered for the first time to remember the Lord (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p25).

1929 – Danbury, CT

Catholicism had such a strong hold on Rose Pizzo that she was very upset when her husband, Alex, was saved. However, Alex was very musical and sang hymns around the home. The Spirit used a hymn to convict Rose's soul. She accepted the Lord as her savior, was baptized and gathered to the Lord for the rest of her life in the Danbury/Brookfield assembly. She notated prolifically in her Bible (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

Jesus stills the waves (Mk. 4. 36-41; Lk. 8. 22-25).

23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, ^dsaying, Lord, save us: we perish. *Humanity*

26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. *Divinity*

27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

his bones with strong pain:

20 ^aSo that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones *that were not seen* stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:

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Gen. 28. 11

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Mat. 1. 20

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a Psa. 107. 18.

b Or, an atonement.

c 2 Sam. 12. 13;

Prov. 28. 13;

1. 15 21.

1929 - Danbury, CT

“ Mr. L. Rosania had a week’s meetings here with interest ... Mr. Cesare Patrizio had some profitable meetings here, especially for young Italian Christians (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield OR 1929-4 & 6).

1929 – Waterbury, CT

“ Our Italian friends had a conference ... the Lord's presence being enjoyed by His people. Italian Christians came from Philadelphia, Orange, Hoboken, Long Branch, Brooklyn, Bristol, Hartford and Danbury. Br. Patrizio and others were with them to help in the Word (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield OR 1929-10).

1931 – Danbury, CT

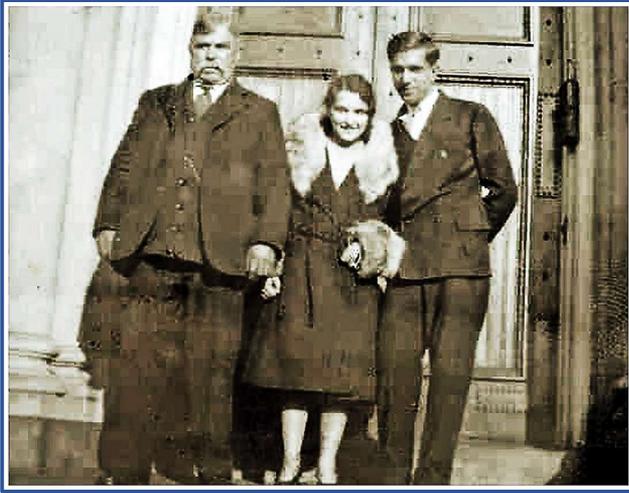
“ The Italian assembly is now located at 10-1/2 Maple Ave. Meetings here are good; three believers were baptized Jan 3, our Brother Rocco Cappiello reports (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield OR 1929-10).

1931 – Hartford, CT

“ Through Anthony Barbati, who was saved in Waterbury the year 1925, the seed of the gospel was carried to this city. Several Italians were interested, and C. Patrizio and L. Rosania pitched their tent in the summer of 1927. Souls were saved. In August six believers were baptized. In 1931 the Italian assembly met for the first time in the home of Joseph De Luca. When George and Matthew Brescia moved to this city there was a revival. These two brothers were a great help to the assembly. After meeting in rented quarters for many years they finally purchased their own building, which was opened June 3, 1946 in which they now meet (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p25).

1931 – Danbury, CT and Waterbury, CT

Antonio Pizzo of the Danbury Italian assembly is shown here to left of his granddaughter, Josephine Farina, who married Anthony Stango, of the Waterbury Italian assembly on September 7, 1931 (Editor - Pizzo Family History; CT Marriage Records).



(Pizzo-Souza Family Photo)

1931 Nov – Detroit, MI

“Dr. Cameron had originally labored among the Italians with Patrizio in Waterbury. He had now moved to this city and his interest in the Italians of this large city was kindled. There were a few Italians saved and in fellowship with Central Hall. Dr. Cameron invited Patrizio and Rosania and in 1931 pitched their tent on Grandy Ave. Dr. Cameron and others from the English assemblies were a great help. Dr. Cameron conducted children's meetings every evening prior to the gospel meeting. The basis for a Sunday School was formed. The meetings were well attended and quite a number saved. A store was rented nearby and in November an assembly was formed (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p27-28).

1932 May – Danbury, CT

Obituary of Anthony Farina age 18, son of the late Margarita Pizzo Farina and nephew of Alexander Pizzo. This is an early public documented reference to the Danbury assembly (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

The death of Anthony Farina occurred at the home of his uncle, Alexander J. Pizzo, 18 South avenue, yesterday afternoon, following an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Farina was born in Danbury, son of the late Michael and Margaret Farina, and had lived here all his life. He was in his eighteenth year. He was a member of the Christian Gathering.

Danbury News, 1932 May 13, p10. Repository
Danbury Public Library, 2023.

1932 – Tenafly, NJ

“Frank Carboni who has been in fellowship here has been heartily commended by the assembly for the Lord’s work. He has been laboring with L. Rosania at Lodi and seeing fruit in conversions (Words in Season May 1932).

1933 – Waterville, CT

“Dr. Martin passed away on February 24th. He was very active with Dr. Cameron in seeing work done and the assembly formed in Waterville (Batterton, Sr.).

1933 Jun – Poughkeepsie, NY

“ A. Correnti, who was saved in Waterbury in 1921, moved to this city and started to sow the good seed of the gospel. R. Cappiello and others helped and quite an interest was aroused. Some were saved and others severed their connections with denominational churches. On June 14, 1933, the Italian assembly of Poughkeepsie was opened (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p26).

1933 Sep – New Rochelle, NY

“ The work in this city was started by two Italian brethren who were in fellowship with the Yonkers, N. Y. assembly. They became interested in the work among the Italians of this city and with the cooperation of brethren from the Brooklyn, N. Y. assembly started having open air meetings. In July 1933 the gospel tent was pitched by Patrizio and Rosania and a goodly number were saved. After the tent was removed, eleven were baptized and on September 10, 1933 the Italian assembly started (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p26).

1933 – Glen Head, NY

“ G. Reager spent time seeking to help in the Glen Head assembly and was joined later by C. Keller (Words in Season Dec 1933).

1934 – McKeesport, PA

“ It was not long until the Christians looked for a building to start an assembly in the McKeesport area. A building was obtained on Soles St. in McKeesport in 1934, and the present assembly continued there for forty-one years. Brother Sam Rea was the first of the Lord’s servants to have gospel meetings at that location. Others of the Lord’s servants who had gospel meetings there were George Winemiller, Albert Klabunda, Fisher Hunter, John Govan, and Robert Crawford. The first conference was in January 1949 (Clark, Our Heritage: W. Pennsylvania & E. Ohio).

1934 Mar – South Brooklyn, NY

“ Mr. V. De Filippis, member of a denominational church, ... realized the importance of scriptural principles of gathering ... and sought fellowship with the Brooklyn Italian assembly. Diorio again started meetings ... others were saved and baptized. On March 4, 1934, an assembly was started at 565 5th Avenue. This assembly has since purchased their own building at 17 E. 7th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., where they presently meet (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p26).

1934 Nov – Danbury and Waterbury, CT

Waterbury Democrat.
Waterbury, CT.
1934 Nov 2, p15.
Newspapers.com, 2023.

FARINA-PADULA

Mr and Mrs Charles Gentile of Oak street announced the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Anna Pdaula to Domenic Farina, nephew of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pizzo of Danbury. The wedding will take place on Thanksgiving day.

(Farina Family Photo)



Dominic Farina of Danbury Italian assembly, grandson (not nephew) of Antonio and Maria Pizzo, married Anna Padula of Waterbury Italian assembly, the daughter and stepdaughter of Teresa and Carmine Gentile. They were married on November 29th by Joseph Pearson, a commended servant of the Lord with the assemblies. Dominic and Anna resided in Danbury for a few years before moving to Prospect, CT (Editor - Pizzo/Farina Family History) and (CT Marriage Records Danbury Town Clerk).

1934 Dec – Danbury, CT

“Mr. Frank Carboni of Tenafly, N. J., has gone forth into the Lord’s work among the Italian people of this country. His address is now c/o Mr. Gigliotti, Westville Ave, R.F.D. No. 1, Danbury, Conn. (Assembly Annals Dec 1934 iv).



(The Fields Sep 1939 p203)

“He [Carboni] was recommended to the Lord's work by the Tenafly, N.J. assembly and also by the Italian assemblies. He made his home in Danbury, Conn. for a while and then in 1939 moved to Long Branch, N.J. making that his home assembly (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p21).

1935 Apr – Danbury, CT

CONNECTICUT. “Since my last letter I have visited the following Italian Assemblies: Waterbury, Bristol Danbury, Hoboken, Hackensack and Long Branch. The interest has been very good: fruit redounding to the glory of our blessed Lord has been seen, all to His praise. Last Saturday on leaving for Waterbury, on the outskirts of Danbury, we met with an accident. A car struck our car in the center overturning it. The Lord preserved our lives and we give thanks to His Holy name. Outside of a broken collar bone which will compel me to be inactive for a little time, every one else was all right. Eleven were baptized at Waterbury the next Sunday, but of course I could only pray and be present in spirit.” Frank Carboni, Westville Ave., R. F. D. No. 1, Danbury, Conn.

(Assembly Annals Apr 1935 iii)

1935 Danbury, CT

For many years the Gospel Hall was at 253 Main Street on the 2nd floor above Markoff Shoes. Postcard insert circa 1930s shows tallest building on left with Markoff Shoes lettering on white sign. The assembly address book (next page) still hadn't caught up with address change by 1936 (Editor - Assembly History).



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Gospel Hall (2) 253 Main

Great Plain Union Chapel—Great Plain rd

King Street Christian Church—S King st rd c King

Pastor Rev Seldon Humphrey h at New Haven

Marshall James Memorial Chapel—off Backus av

Mill Plain Union Church—Mill Plain rd n Joe's Hill rd

Pentecostal Assembly—72 White

Salvation Army The—17 West

(US City Directories Danbury 1935, 2nd Floor)

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Antonio Barbati, 96 View St.

BB. 10 a.m., SS. 11:30 a.m., G. 7 p.m.

DANBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian), 10½ Maple Ave.
A. Pizzi, 13 South Ave.

GROTON. Gospel Hall, 452 Thames St. Herbert R. Mackenzic, 59 Meridian St.

BB. 10:30 a.m., SS. 3 p.m., G. 7:30 p.m.

HARTFORD. Gospel Chapel, 576 Prospect Ave.
Duncan M. Surgenor, 24 Fairfax Ave.

BB. 10:30 a.m., SS. 12:15 p.m., G. 7:30 p.m.

HARTFORD. Gospel Hall, 53 Whitmore St. (So. End), bet. Maple and Franklin, 1st floor. Nick Vendetta, 48 Allen St.

HARTFORD. Italian Assembly Hall, 73 Windsor St. G. De Luca, 20 St. Charles St., W. Hartford.

NEW HAVEN. Gospel Hall, 165 Newhall St.
George Thomson, 151 Coldspring St.

SO. MANCHESTER. Gospel Hall, 415 Center St.
Wm. McBride, 98 Church St.

BB. 10:45 a.m., SS. 12:15 p.m., G. 7 p.m.

STAMFORD. Assembly of Believers, 366 Atlantic St.

TORRINGTON. Gospel Hall, 12 John St. A. Rakyta, 43 Munson Ave.

WATERBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian), Grove and Cooke St. Marciano Stango, B. 33, White Rd.

WATERVILLE (nr. Waterbury). Gospel Hall, Thomason Ave. and Boyden St. Wm. Batterton, P. O. Box,

1937 Jan – Methuen, MA

“ While visiting this city with the purpose of doing some gospel work, R. Capiello came in contact with the Carlo Cavallero family who were saved and had been in the assemblies of Italy but were now associated with a denominational church. Imagine his joy when he was informed that there were Italian assemblies in the United States similar to the assemblies in Italy. The result was that after some visitation groundwork by R. Capiello they requested C. Patrizio and L. Rosania to pitch their gospel tent. This was the summer of 1935. A goodly number were saved, and a hall was opened for the proclamation of the gospel in October. In August 1936 the tent was erected by F. Carboni and G. Johnston and others were saved (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p24).

“ In the meantime, Leonard Netti and family, who were in fellowship with the Orange, N. J. assembly, moved to Methuen to be a help to the young believers. The Italian assembly was opened January 21, 1937, and soon after started to build their own hall which was opened in March 10, 1942 (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p24).



(Netti Family Photo)

1937 Feb – New Jersey, USA

“ It was in the beginning of 1937 that Bro. Diorio discussed with me [Michael Rannelli] the necessity for some English articles in *La Voce* for the young people and children of the Italian believers who would see the magazine in the home. He asked if I would consider being a co-worker with him. My first article was printed in February 1937 and from that time till the present we have labored together in this ministry as a *son with the father* (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p15).

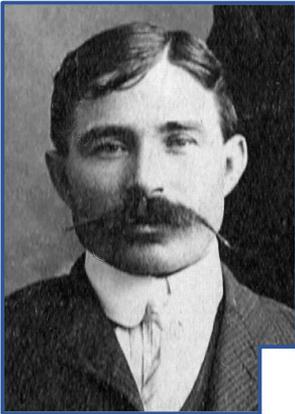
1937 Mar – Danbury, CT

“Danbury, Conn. Gospel Hall (Italian), 253 Main St. A. Pizzo, 13 South Ave., is correspondent (Light and Liberty 1937-3 p84).

1937 – Bridgeport, CT

“Messrs. B. Bradford and Hugh McEwen are preaching in Bridgeport, with the hearty and happy cooperation of the Assembly (Assembly Annals Aug 1937 Sowing & Reaping).

1937 Oct – Danbury, CT



Antonio Pizzo was an early member of the Danbury Italian assembly. Note that his obituary mentions his affiliation with the Christian Gathering and the assembly address of 253 Main Street (Editor - Pizzo Family History & Photo).

Antonio Pizzo

The death of Antonio Pizzo occurred at the home of his son, Alexander Pizzo, 13 South avenue, yesterday afternoon at 1:20, following an illness of about two years. Mr. Pizzo was born in Italy and came to Danbury about 41 years ago. He was a hatter by trade and was last employed at the Eagle Hat company. He was a member of the Christian Gathering at 253 Main street and was well known among Italian residents of the city.

The Danbury News,
Danbury, CT. 1937 Oct
21 p8. Danbury Public
Library, 2023.

1938 Jun – Long Branch, NJ

“ After the Italian assembly in Long Branch was started, he [Frank Pizzulli] became active in children’s work and started a large Sunday School. He also worked actively among young people. In June 1938, after being encouraged by Francis Carboni, he was commended by the Long Branch assembly into full-time service. His first gospel effort with Carboni was in a tent in East Boston, Mass. where the Lord gave them blessings and an assembly was established which continues to this day (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p23).



Frank Pizzulli
(La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p23)



Frank Pizzulli
(Photo courtesy E. Pizzulli)

1938 Jul – Worcester, MA

“ R. Cappiello moved to this city so that he could better reach the people and started his usual house-to-house visitation. A hall was opened in November 1936. In the meantime, other servants of the Lord visited ... and other souls were saved and baptized. On Sunday, July 3, 1938, an Italian assembly was opened in this city (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p24).

1938 Dec – Danbury, CT

“ F. Pizzulli had a week’s meetings in Danbury Italian hall (Words in Season Dec 1938).

1939 – Danbury, CT

Mary Pizzo was raised with the good news of salvation and began to realize her need even as a child. Her best friend, Vivian Mazzo (stepdaughter of Rocco Cappiello), drowned tragically in a swimming accident. The dreadful loss of her friend spoke deeply to Mary, causing concern about her eternal condition if she should die. She accepted the Savior at age thirteen, was baptized and received, spending her life in the Danbury/Brookfield assembly. She is shown here with her Sunday school class in the mid-1940s (Editor - Pizzo Family History).

Two Girls Drowned In Lake Candlewood

New Fairfield, July 13.—(AP.)—Two small girls, one teaching the other to swim, drowned in Lake Candlewood late today when they slipped into water over their depth.

The victims were Vivian Mazzo, 13, and Rose Marinano, 10, both of Danbury, who had come to the lake with Mrs. Rocco Cappiello, Vivian's mother, and Mrs. Albert Wanetski, both of whom witnessed the tragedy along with sisters of the two girls who drowned.

Vivian undertook to teach her younger companion to swim and they entered the lake at a point where the bottom drops sharply away from the bank. The bodies were recovered in eight feet of water about 10 feet from shore, one by Robert Clifton of New Haven, a lifeguard at Candlewood Knolls, and the other by James Burns of Bethel.

State Police tried to locate Mrs. Cappiello's husband who was reported to be working in Worcester, Mass., to inform him of the drowning.



(Pizzo Family Photo)

Hartford Courant, Hartford, CT
1939 Jul 13, p18. Newspapers.com, 2023.

1939 – Danbury, CT

“ Danbury, Conn. – F. Carboni was seeing a good interest in meetings he was holding amongst the Italians in this city (Words in Season Jan 1940).

1940 – New England

New England.—Richard Irvine, Scoville Hill, R. D. 2, Torrington, Conn., is the new Assembly correspondent. J. McCullough held a few meetings in Westerly. R. I. F. Pezzuli had 2 weeks meetings in Danbury, Conn. R. Roberts had 8 weeks fruitful meetings in Waterbury, Conn. The Sunday School conference held on April 7 at Framingham was well attended, interesting and profitable.

(Words in Season Jun 1940)

1940 Sep – Philadelphia, PA

“ The Olney Assembly has heartily commended by letter, Clay C. Fite to the Lord’s work (Words in Season Sep 1940).

1941 Jan – Saugerties, NY

“ On Jan 5th a newly formed assembly began to function in Saugerties largely the results of the labors of Herbert Dobson (Batterton, Sr.).

1941 – New England

NEW ENGLAND STATES. Mr. James McCullough saw blessing at his series in Cambridge, Mass. He had been in Torrington and Waterbury, Conn. where Mr. Warke and he are about to begin gospel meetings. Mr. Govan and Mr. Klabunda had a fine hearing in Boston, Mass., and are at present in Cliftondale. Mr. W. C. Bousfield during a visit to Attleboro, Mass. was encouraged by two professing faith in Christ.

Brethren Nugent and Foster had well-attended meetings at Pawtucket, R. I. and the Word was blessed in salvation.

(*Assembly Annals* Apr 1941 Sowing & Reaping)

1941 – East Boston, MA

“While R. Cappiello was visiting villages in the vicinity of Boston he met Frank Procopio Sr. who was saved in Long Branch, N. J. but residing in Malden, Mass. Procopio was interested in seeing a work develop among the Italians of East Boston. Some from the Methuen, Mass. assembly assisted, including L. Netti. In the early part of 1939, they started to have meetings once a week in the home of Bro. Grillo and by March two were saved and baptized in the Clifftondale English assembly. Later Frank Pizzulli, who had just been commended to the work of the Lord, together with Francis Carboni visited East Boston and in July they pitched their Gospel Tent and souls were saved. A hall was rented in September to continue the work. The next summer the tent was pitched again by Pizzulli and Carboni and others were saved (*La Voce nel Deserto* Oct 1965 p23).

“The Italian Assembly just planted here, with about twenty-five Italians in fellowship, the result mostly of the labors of brethren Carboni and Pizzulli, is the twenty-first Italian Assembly in the United States in full fellowship with the English-speaking assemblies. At the opening on May 4th over one hundred were present for the remembrance feast, Italian Christians being present from Philadelphia, Pa., Long Branch, Orange, and Hoboken, N.J., Brooklyn, N.Y., Waterbury and Hartford, Conn., Worcester and Methuen, Mass., and Detroit, Mich. Addresses in Italian and English at the afternoon meeting, where about 150 were present, brethren from Boston and Clifftondale assemblies taking part in the ministry. Frank Pizzulli purposes to continue meetings for several weeks after the opening. Prayer is requested for this testimony that God will guide those young believers in the ways that be in Christ. The address of the Hall is 142 London St., East Boston, Mass., and correspondent is Mr. Frank Procopio, 22 Byron St., Malden, Mass. (*Assembly Annals* Jun 1941 *Sowing & Reaping*).

1941 – Connecticut, USA

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N. Vendetta, 132 Henry St., Windsor.
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Walterick Printing Co. *Address Book of Some Assemblies of Christians*. Fort Dodge, IA, 1941, p8-9. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

1942 Mar – Jersey City, NJ

“ The assembly was started here on March 29, 1942 by families that belonged to the Hoboken assembly. Most of these believers lived here and wanted a testimony in their neighborhood. They purchased their own building on Paterson Plank Road and the assembly now meets there (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p25).

1942 – New Haven, CT

“ R. Cappiello is being encouraged in his work among the Italians in this district; some have been saved (Words in Season Sep 1942),

1942 Nov – Springfield, MA

“ Various brethren were visiting this city since 1937. In the summer of 1939 C. Patrizio and L. Rosania decided to pitch their tent here. Some were saved and some separated from denominations. The following year they erected the tent again and others were saved. On November 22, 1942 an Italian assembly was opened in this city (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p24).

1943 – Danbury, CT

“ Mr. Frank Pizzulli writes encouragingly of the work in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and Danbury and Waterbury, Conn. Interested audiences, some won for Christ, and excellent and promising fields for future labors. He desires prayer for guidance as to tent locations in the coming summer (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield AA 1943-5).

1943 – Springfield, MA

“ Address Changes, Massachusetts, Springfield. Italian Assembly, 101 King St. Manno Di Liberto, 555 Union St (Light and Liberty Mar 1944 p83).

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1944 Jul 6 - Hartford, CT

“ July 6, 1944, a fire broke out during a matinee performance of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus. Despite circus employee attempts to limit the blaze, it quickly spread, engulfing the big top in flames. One hundred and sixty-seven people died (CT State Library).

Hartford Courant, Hartford, CT

1944 Dec 31, p15. Newspapers.com, 2023.

Last summer's circus fire tragedy in Hartford, has brought a request from the Building Officials Congress of America that the American Standards Association develop standards for grandstands and circus tents that will help prevent such fires in the future. The association has undertaken the work and has named a committee headed by Nolan D. Mitchell of the National Bureau of Standards.

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The new national code, drafted [by the American Standards Association] with the assistance of the Hartford building inspector and several Hartford insurance executives, stipulated minimum fire safety standards for "circuses, fairs, carnivals, exhibitions, contests, gospel meetings, auctions or other public assemblage.

Cohn, Henry S. and Bollier, David. *The Great Hartford Circus Fire: Creative Settlement of Mass Disasters*. Yale University Press, 1991 as cited in "How Regulation came to be: The Hartford Circus Fire" by dsteffen. Sep 2011. <https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2011/9/18/1017648/->.

Editor - Note inclusion of gospel meetings.

1944 – Brooklyn, NY

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(Giov. 1:23; Luca 3:6)

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1944 Jul 9 – Danbury, CT

Danbury, Conn. Una Conferenza Mensile ebbe luogo in questo posto la Domenica del 9 Luglio scorso. Il primo, il fr. Frank Pizzulli parlò in inglese sull' "*Evangelista*" il quale deve essere ripieno di Spirito (Fatti 6:3), scelto per il servizio di Dio (Fatti 8:12), separato dal mondo e ubbidiente al mandato di Dio (Fatti 8:29, 35). Dopo, il frat. Rosania parlò "che non si deve abbandonare l'adunanza (Ebr. 10:25), poichè Cristo è nel mezzo, ed ivi Egli si manifesta a noi (Matt. 18:20; Giov. 20:19:26). In di l'Evangelo fu predicato dal frat. Correnti sul "*Riscatto trovato*" (Giobbe 33:24).

"Notizie in Breve." *La Voce nel Deserto*, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1944 Aug, p42. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Danbury, Conn. A monthly conference took place in this place on Sunday the 9th of July last. The first up was Frank Pizzulli who spoke in English on the *Evangelist* which must be filled with the Spirit (Acts 6:3), chosen for the service of God (Acts 8:12), separated from the world and obedient to God's mandate (Acts 8:29, 35). After, Brother Rosania spoke that one must not abandon the meeting (Heb. 10:25), for Christ is in the midst, and there He manifests himself to us (Matt. 18:20; John 20:19:26). Then the Gospel was preached by Brother Correnti on the "Ransom found". (Job 33:24) (Google Translate).

1944 – Waterbury, CT

“Address Changes, Connecticut, Waterbury, Gospel Hall (Italian), Saving St. Marciano Stango, Box 33, White Rd. (Light and Liberty Aug 1944 p193).

1944 July – Danbury, CT

Il frat. L. Rosania fù per quattro settimane in Danbury, Conn., il mese scorso. Non potendo avere il permesso di erigere la tenda in New York, e nè in Danbury, egli per nulla scoraggiato ha continuato nel suo lavoro, invitando tutti gli italiani della cittadella di Danbury, di venire ad ascoltare la Parola di Dio nella sala dei fratelli, avendo adunanze tutte le sere. Voglia il Signore intervenire e far germogliare la Parola seminata in quel posto.

“Notizie in Breve.” *La Voce nel Deserto*, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1944 Aug, p12. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital, courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: The brother L. Rosania. was for four weeks in Danbury, Conn., last month. Not being able to obtain permission to erect the tent in New York, nor in Danbury, he’s not at all discouraged. He continued in his work, inviting all the Italians of the city of Danbury to come and listen to the Word of God in the hall of the brothers, having meetings all evening. May the Lord intervene and make the Word sown in that place germinate (Google Translate).

1944 – Bristol, CT

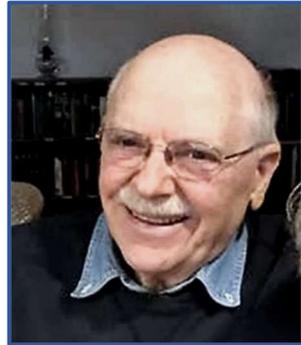
“Address Changes, Connecticut, Bristol. Gospel Hall (Italian), 16 Summer St. Damiano Colella, 37 Gridley St (Light and Liberty Aug 1944 p193).

1944 – Hackensack, NJ

“Address Changes, New Jersey, Hackensack, Gospel Hall (Italian) discontinued (Light and Liberty Aug 1944 p193).

1945 – Waterbury, CT

“I was born March 12, 1934; I was born again January 10, 1945, as a young lad of 11 years old. I thought often about God, about eternity and my eternal destiny, but I was young and had my whole lifetime ahead of me. And so I pushed those thoughts out of my mind, and I would deal with God but not now. But as much as I tried to forget God, His Holy Spirit would not let me. My parents were saved, and their lives spoke volumes. Though unsaved, I was a moral, upright person in my youth. But being a good person would not give me a place in Heaven or eternal life.



“A time came when I could remember wanting to be saved so much that as a lad, I would clench my fists and try so hard to believe but to no avail, as much as I tried, salvation eluded me. God said I would be saved, why wasn't I saved? Thoughts of my eternal destiny began to flood my mind and heart daily. In my distress I cried out to God. I came to a point when I just thought I could never be saved.

“One day, January 10, 1945, a Bible verse came into my thoughts and would not leave me. *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved*, Acts 16:31. By the Holy Spirit's conviction, I realized my efforts were efforts of doing based on my works. I stopped doing (the doing has been done by Christ) and I simply trusted in Him. It was believing, trusting, putting my confidence in Him. It was so simple, so plain, how had I missed it. God said it, I believe it, and I thanked Him. Now and forever, I am saved. My immediate joy was to tell others. I was overwhelmed and could not contain myself (**Robert Gentile** 2010 per printed testimony, Waterbury Italian, Bridgeport, Brookfield, NH – Photo, facebook.com/sharon.g.robinson.39).

1946 – USA to Italy

“ Brother Carboni who labors among Italians in this country is exercised about visiting Italy with the gospel (Letters of Interest May 1946 p29).

1946 Feb – Danbury, CT

“ [Frank Pizzulli] Plan to visit soon in Danbury, Connecticut where there is a small assembly (Light and Liberty Mar 1946 p77).

1946 Mar – Danbury, CT

“ Brother Frank Pizzulli writes regarding work among the Italians, ‘I am continuing in Danbury a few weeks longer (written March 5) encouraged by the interest. Instead of having special meetings every night we visit the acquaintances of the believers together with them and so reach several unsaved each night. The gospel is preached, and literature is left. Several have shown a real interest, and these we plan to visit again’ (BrethrenPedia, AA 1946-3).

“ [Frank Pizzulli] D.V., I will be in Danbury, Connecticut, after this. It is a small assembly and needs help and encouragement. Do pray that we may be used and guided in this place. At times we feel our weakness and inability very much, and the need of the prayers of the Lord's people (Letters of Interest Mar 1946 p20).

1946 Apr – Danbury, CT

“ [Frank Pizzulli] Plan to continue in Danbury, Connecticut, for a few weeks or more according to the interest shown. Am not having meetings every night because of the small number but seek to do personal work and house-to-house visiting. At night the believers take me to the homes of their acquaintances where the Gospel is brought and literature left (Light and Liberty Apr 1946 p103).

FRANK PIZZULLI
332 Chelsea Ave.,
Long Branch, N. J.

I would very much appreciate the prayers of the Lord's people for the work we are seeking to do in Danbury, Conn. D.V., we plan to continue here for a few weeks more, according to the interest shown.

We are not having meetings in the Hall at night because of the small numbers that come. We have local believers bring us to the homes of their acquaintances, where we seek to bring out the gospel, and leave tracts and booklets to read. In this way we go to the unsaved who will not come to us. Pray for this personal gospel work, that some may be saved. Many have shown good interest and we plan to visit these again.

Pray also that the believers who have backslidden and have gotten away from the assembly may be won back. Thank God two have returned and are coming to the meetings again.

D. V., we are thinking of having a special effort for the children so that we may win over and interest some of the neighborhood children and others to come to the Sunday School.

(Letters of Interest Apr 1946)

1946 – Italy

“ [Frank Carboni] Finally, I am able to write after a long silence! In the goodness of our God, I landed in Naples on July 1. The trip was real good and on the boat the Lord gave me very precious opportunities to witness for Him ... I stayed three days in Naples with very well-attended meetings. The people seemed hungry for the gospel, and it was my privilege to give Bibles and tracts. The assembly just now formed is in dire need. Twenty-six gather together in His name. Two were saved during these meetings ... My relatives are very much interested in the Bible and the way of salvation. One of my brothers and wife have declared to be saved. My twin sister is very near (Letters of Interest Oct 1946).

1946 Dec – Mechanicville, NY

“ On one occasion in 1946, Frank Pizzulli and Louis Rosania pitched their tent in Mechanicville, N.Y., and blessings were seen. Satan was angry, as he always is when God is working in salvation. The Chief of Police, together with the local Catholic priest, ordered the property owner to have the gospel tent removed from his property. Consequently, the brethren found another lot to pitch their tent. Then the Chief of Police ordered that no tracts or leaflets could be distributed. However, the brethren went to the State Capital in Albany, and the Attorney General had the Police Chief's demand reversed, much to his embarrassment.

“ God continued to work, many souls were saved and baptized, and on the first Lord's Day of December an assembly was planted. Then in January, ten more were baptized and added to the assembly, which brought the number up to 36 in the fellowship.

(Surgenor)

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT. Gospel Hall, 441 Bishop Ave.
Samuel Rainey, 982 Wilcoxson Ave., Stratford.

SS. 9:45, BB. 11:00, G. 7:00, BS. Wd. 8:00,
P. Fr. 8:00.

BRISTOL, Gospel Hall (Italian), 16 Summer
St. Damiano Colella, 37 Gridley St.

BB. 10:00, SS. 11:30, G. 7:00.

DANBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian), 253 Main
St.

A. Pizzo, 13 South Ave.

GROTON. Gospel Hall, 452 Thames St.

H. R. Mackenzie, P. O. Box 321, Niantic.

SS. 9:00, BB. 10:30, G. 7:30, P. & BS. Tu. 7:30

HARTFORD. Gospel Chapel, 576 Prospect
Ave. W. H. Surgenor, 97 Evergreen Ave.

BB. 10:30, SS. 12:15, G. 7:30, P. Wd. 7:30.

HARTFORD. Gospel Hall, 53 Whitmore St.

N. Vendetta, 132 Henry St., Windsor.

BB. 10:30, SS. 6:00, G. 7:00.

HARTFORD. Italian Assembly Hall, 57 Al-
bany Ave.

J. De Luca, 20 St. Charles St., W. Hartford.

MANCHESTER. Gospel Hall, 415 Center St.

William G. McBride, 98 Church St.

BB. 10:30, SS. 12:15, G. 7:00, P. & BS. Tu. 7:45

NEW HAVEN. Gospel Hall, 449 Newhall St.
George Thomson, 151 Coldspring St.

BB. 10:30, SS. 12:15, G. 7:00, P.&BS. Wd. 8:00

NEW HAVEN. Italian Gospel Hall, 65 Greene
St. Rocco Capiello, 336 St. John St., New
Haven 11.

STAMFORD, Gospel Hall, 39 Worth St.

Walter Stewart, 19 Hoyt St. New Canaan,

BB. 11:00 a. m.

TORRINGTON. Gospel Hall, 22 Clark St.

Richard Irvine, Scoville Hill, R. F. D. 2.

BB. 10:30, SS. 12:10, G. 7:30, P. Wd. 8:00.

WATERBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian),
22 Saving St.

Marciano Stango, Box 33, White Rd.

WATERVILLE. (nr. Waterbury). Gospel Hall,
Thomason Ave. and Boyden St.

Wm. Batterton, Box 131.

1947 – Danbury, CT

“ I was 15 when I got saved. I knew the gospel, but I was independent and rebellious which was my stumbling block. I had been spending time with others my age that were saved, and it started to convict me. My sister Ruth and I were visiting with Dolly and Katie Procopio in Massachusetts.



We were sharing a bedroom that night and they were preaching to me. I was already under conviction, so we all got down and prayed and I got saved while praying. We woke everyone up at 3:00 a.m. to tell them the good news (**Margaret Pizzo Sterry** 2023, Danbury/Brookfield, OH – Sterry Family Photo).

1947 – Canada

NORMAN CRAWFORD
448 Glen Lake Ave.
Toronto 9, Ont.

Our young brother, who has labored occasionally with L. E. McBain for the past two years, intends to devote his entire time to the Lord's work. He is being commended by the Midland, Ontario Assembly, and they had a farewell meeting for him on April 21st.

He expects to have some meetings in Iowa with brother McBain shortly (April 23).

(Letters of Interest Jun
1947 p14)

1948 – Waterbury, CT and Danbury, CT

“ A splendid one-day conference was held among the Italian Christians. Much blessing was in evidence. A man and his wife from Waterbury, and a sister from Danbury obeyed the Lord in baptism (Light and Liberty Feb 1948 p44).

CONNECTICUT

BRIDGEPORT. Gospel Hall, 441 Bishop Ave.
Samuel Rainey, 982 Wilcoxson Ave., Stratford.

SS. 9:45, BB. 11:00, G. 7:00, BS. Wd. 8:00,
P. Fr. 8:00.

BRISTOL. Gospel Hall (Italian) 54 Talmadge
St. Damiano Colella, 37 Gridley St.

BB. 10:00, SS. 11:30, G. 7:00.

DANBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian) 203 Main St.
A. Pizzo, 13 South Ave.

GROTON. Gospel Hall, 452 Thames St.

H. R. Mackenzie, P. O. Box 321, Niantic.

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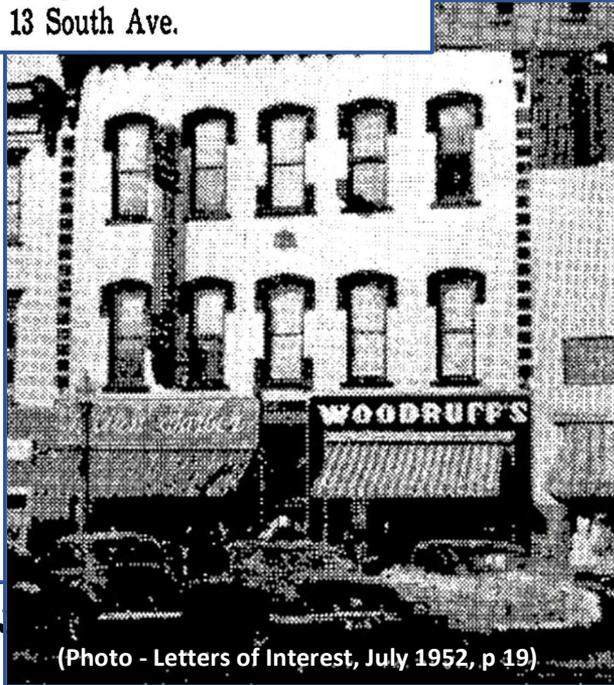
Wm. Batterton, Box 131.

1948 – Danbury, CT

The assembly rented the 3rd floor at 203 Main Street. The stairway was steep, dark, and dingy and the flooring in the hall was warped, but regular meetings and monthly one-day conferences were held here in both English and Italian. Each month the conference rotated between assemblies. As a historical note, Connecticut enforced its Sunday law that restricted commercial operations. Stores and businesses were closed and only churches and a single pharmacy could be open (Editor - Assembly History).

(*Light and Liberty* Feb 1948 p54)

**DANBURY. Gospel Hall (Italian) 203 Main St.
A. Pizzo, 13 South Ave.**



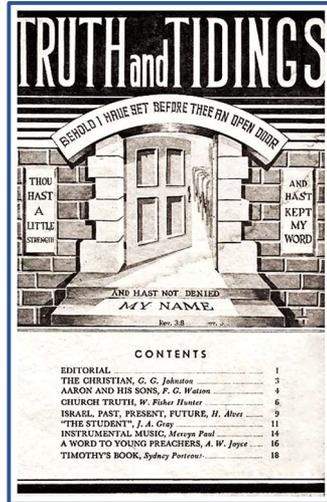
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(US City Directories Danbury 1952)

1948 May – Toronto, Ontario

“ The first issue of Truth and Tidings was in May 1948. A. W. Joyce, E.G. Watson, G. G. Johnston and H. Alves formed the staff. Because of A W. Joyce’s failing health, from 1974, J. Norris contributed to the work of editor until in 1977, he was both treasurer and editor. N. Lorimer was the missionary secretary. In June 1977, S. Maxwell and N. Crawford were invited to join the staff (Crawford, A Brief History of the Magazine).



(Brethren Archive v1, Sample Issue)

“ For 29 years, A.W. Joyce with the help of his brother, J. Joyce and other Christians did all the work of editing, questions, tidings, subscriptions and mailing, a huge task. We are deeply thankful to God for the full fellowship, harmony and able assistance of all who have served on the staff since 1977. As of January 1997, A. J. Higgins will be editor. Articles for publication should be sent to him. The prepress work and the printing and mailing will continue to be done in Jackson, Michigan (Crawford, A Brief History of the Magazine Oct 1996 - Photo/s Glorious Gospel).



Sydney Maxwell



Hector Alves



Norman Crawford

(Photo/s Glorious Gospel)

1948 Dec 5 – Danbury, CT

Danbury, Conn. “Grazie al Signore abbiamo avuta una buona conferenza mensile, Domenica 5 Dicembre, nella quale i fratelli C. Patrizio e R. Capiello presero parte in italiano e il frat. M. Brescia in inglese. Voglia il Signore benedire la Sua Parola letta e parlata ai nostri cuori” (A.P.).

“Il Notiziario Delle Assemblee.” *La Voce nel Deserto*, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1949 Jan, p14. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital, courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Danbury, Conn. “Thanks to the Lord we had a good monthly conference, Sunday 5 December, in which brothers C. Patrizio and R. Capiello continued in Italian and brother M. Brescia in English. May the Lord bless his Word read and spoken to our hearts.” (A.P.) (Google Translate).

c. 1949 – Danbury, CT

“We were sleeping. She woke up first and couldn’t wait to tell me that she got saved during the night. She was so happy and woke up the rest of us and ran down to tell mom and dad. I remember her saying that she was going to heaven when she died and not going to hell. There was a lot of rejoicing that morning (**Joanne Pizzo**, Danbury, her testimony per Margaret Pizzo Sterry, 2024).



(Editor - Pizzo Family Photo)

1949 Jan 1 – Danbury, CT

(Pizzo/Procopio Family Photo)



Il fratello Pasquale Procopio di Malden, Mass. e la sorella Ruth Pizzo di Danbury, Conn. furono uniti in nodo matrimoniale Sabato, il primo Gennaio, 1949. I fratelli F. Pizzulli e L. Rosania dettero dei messaggi adatti ad un buon numero d'invitati venuti per l'occasione. Voglia il Signore mandare le Sue benedizioni sulla coppia felice (L.R.).

"Il Notiziario Delle Assemblee." La Voce nel Deserto, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1949 Jan, p16. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital, courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Brother Pasquale [Patrick] Procopio of Malden, Mass. [East Boston assembly] and sister Ruth Pizzo of Danbury, Conn. were united in a marriage knot Saturday, January 1, 1949. The brothers F. Pizzulli and L. Rosania gave suitable messages to a good number of guests who had come for the occasion. May the Lord send his blessings upon the happy couple (L.R.) (Google Translate).

1949 Jan – CT and NY

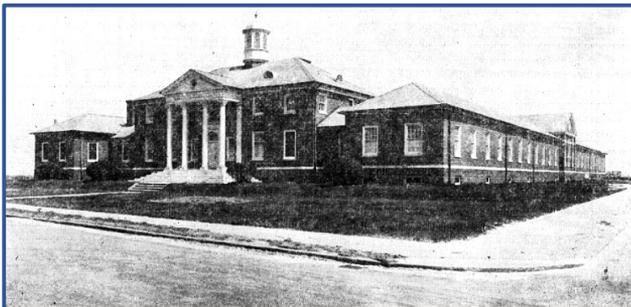
New Haven, Conn. “Alcuni nuovi vengono alle adunanze e sono interessati. Voglia il Signore salvarli. Visitai Danbury per alcuni giorni, come pure Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Poi distribuii una quantità di calendarii in Torrington, Conn.” (R.C.).

“Il Notiziario Delle Assemblee.” *La Voce nel Deserto, Periodico Mensile Cristiano*, 1949 Jan, p16. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital, courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: New Haven, Conn. “Some new ones come to the meetings and are interested. May the Lord save them. I visited Danbury for a few days, as well as Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Then I distributed a number of calendars in Torrington, Conn.” (R.C.) (Google Translate).

1949 – Longport, NJ

“Gospel Hall Home For Aged Christians, Longport, New Jersey, which we are now occupying for the aged of the Lord’s people. There is now a meeting in the home in fellowship with the assembly at Ventnor. It is to be a permanent testimony and we will value the prayers of the Lord’s people that all may be done to His honor and glory (Light and Liberty Aug 1949 p215).



(Light and Liberty Aug 1949 p215)

1949 – Long Branch, NJ

The Daily Record, 1949 Jul 23, p1. Long Branch, NJ.
Newspapers.com 2024.

Gospel Group's Tent Destroyed by Flames

LONG BRANCH.—Local police are investigating the origin of a blaze which early this morning destroyed a large tent owned by the Italian Gospel hall and located about 150 feet from the intersection of Willow avenue and Broadway.

Police said the damage totaled \$500 and that the tent had been used as a shelter in which to conduct services. Neighboring residents had previously objected to its location there, according to police.

In addition to the tent, destruction of folding chairs that eat the congregants caused the loss.

Gospel Meetings In New Locality

Meetings formerly held in the Gospel Tent, destroyed by fire early Saturday, are now being held in Gospel Hall on Art St. near Grand Ave., it was announced today

The meetings are held nightly except Saturdays, and are in English at the 7:30 P. M. gatherings and Italian at 8 P. M.

The Daily Record, 1949 Jul 26, p3, Long Branch, NJ,
Newspapers.com 2024.

SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY

1950 – Danbury, CT



Maria F. Pizzo, widow of Antonio and mother of Alexander, born on Nov 1, 1858, went to be with the Lord on Jun 17th. She was born again in 1929 (Editor - Pizzo Family History & Photo).

Funeral of Mrs. Maria Pizzo

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Michela Frate Pizzo of 13 South avenue, whose death occurred early Saturday morning, were held in the Cornell Memorial Monday at 2 p. m.

Cesare Patrizio of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke at the service in English, and Luigi Rosania of Waterbury spoke in Italian. A song, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," was sung in Italian.

Bearers were Rocco Possidente and James Rosania of Waterbury, Carmello Ferrara and Donato Cristofaro of Bristol, Frank Procorio of East Boston, Mass., and Frederick E. Hill of Walden, Mass.

Burial was in Wooster cemetery where Rocco Capiello of New Haven read the scripture in Italian, and Cesare Patrizio of Philadelphia read the English scripture.

A service was held Sunday evening with Matthew Brescia of Hartford speaking in English and Cesare Patrizio speaking in Italian.

Danbury News,
1950 Jun 20.
Repository
Danbury, CT
Public Library.

1950 – Waterville to Waterbury, CT

- “ The [English] assembly purchased a former Lutheran Church at 18 Spencer Avenue in Waterbury for a meeting place (Batterton, Sr.).
- “ B. Dobson and J. Lipke opened the new hall in Waterbury with a series of meetings (Truth & Tidings July 1950).

1951 – Waterbury, CT

- “ Brother Pizzulli had a series of meetings in Waterbury, Conn, finishing about the middle of March. A flu epidemic which affected almost every family lowered the attendance. He hopes to return and continue the meetings later (Letters of Interest Jun 1951).

1951 – Philadelphia, PA

- “ Mrs. [Julia] F. Carboni, 332 Chelsea Ave, Long Branch, N.J. On Sunday, December 2, while spending the day with some Italian Christians, in Philadelphia, in company with her husband, Mrs. Carboni was suddenly called home to be with the Lord. Her death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage. She was saved 30 years ago in Tenafly, New Jersey through hearing the gospel preached from John 3:16.
- “ About 20 assemblies from N.Y., N.J., Pa., Conn., and Mass. Were represented at the funeral which was conducted by Brethren G.G. Johnston, H.N. Wadham, Cesare Patrizio, Frank Pizzulli and R. Cappiello. The Word was faithfully preached both in English and Italian to large numbers of saved and unsaved every night at the funeral parlor, as well as at the funeral services in the Gospel Hall.
- “ Brother Carboni’s loving farewell testimony to his wife before the casket was closed was very touching and not soon forgotten by those who heard it.

(Letters of Interest Jan 1952 p24)

1952 – Cleveland, OH

“I was raised in a Christian home and brought to frequent gospel meetings and series. Two different Sunday school teachers had a strong influence on my desire for salvation. When I was nine, I attended children’s meetings, which I enjoyed. What spoke to me most was the salvation of some of my friends. On the last night, I stayed behind. The preacher asked me to read Romans 10:9 and the Holy Spirit opened the truth of salvation to me. I was able to trust in what Christ did and trust His finished work (Kathleen Smith Anderson 2023, OH, PA, Danbury, PA, Brookfield – Anderson Family Photo).



1952 – Torrington, CT

Mrs. Jacob Parmelee took the children of her Sunday School Class to the Sunday School Treat at Gospel Hall in Torrington last Saturday. A supper was served and each child performed during the entertainment program. Mrs. Parmelee has had this class in her home for the past nine years.

Lakeville Journal,
Lakeville, CT. Thursday,
1952 Apr 3, p5.
[scoville.advantage-
preservation.com](http://scoville.advantage-preservation.com).

1952 – Danbury, CT

“Brother Pizzulli has of late visited the Italian assemblies in Philadelphia, Danbury, Conn., and Mechanicville, N.Y. (Letters of Interest Apr 1952 p24).

1953 Feb – Danbury, CT

John (Jack) McGrath, Jr. testified many times how the Lord worked with him throughout his entire life even as a child in the Catholic church where he received the last rites twice. As a teen, he watched his Irish Catholic grandfather read the Bible and tell him not to believe the priests. When working as a hospital orderly, he listened as one of the patients bellowed John 3:16 through the hallways.



His obstacle was concern about how his family would react. He planned to move away to avoid this, but that never happened. One night while working in a factory he was so troubled that he ignored operating his machine while the Spirit kept striving with him, *why wait, why wait?* He finally let go of himself and accepted the Lord. He was baptized and gathered to the Lord in the Danbury/Brookfield assembly and served as a faithful elder until his death (Editor - McGrath Family History & Photo).

1953 Jun – Danbury, CT

“ Frank Pizzulli is having cottage meetings with interest (Truth & Tidings Jun 1953).

1954 Apr – Philadelphia, PA

"PATRIZIO - April 13, 1954, of 224 W. Loudon st., FELICE (nee Calvi), wife of the Evangelist Cesare Patrizio. Relatives and friends are invited to the service Sat., 10 A. M., Parlors of Harold B. Mulligan, 1119 W. Lehigh av. Int. Lawnview Cem. Friends invited Fri. eve. Service 8 P. M."

The Evening Bulletin. Philadelphia, PA, 1954, Thursday, April 15, p17. FindAGrave.com, 2024.

1954 – Canada to Danbury, CT

Katherine and James Field Sr. moved to this city and were received into Danbury assembly fellowship from Canada.
(Editor - Assembly History & US City Directories Danbury, CT)

1955 Jan 11 – Danbury, CT

Danbury, Conn. Abbiamo avuta, Gen. 11, 1955, una buona conferenza mensile, grazie al Signore. La sala era piena di credenti e peccatori. Veramente abbiamo goduta una buona giornata nel Signore, tanto nei messaggi come nella comunione fraterna. Voglia il Signore benedire la Sua santa Parola letta e parlata ai nostri cuori.

Quelli che vi parteciparono furono i fratelli F. Pizzulli, M. Brescia, Wm. Batterton, F. Iacovone e A. Orsini in inglese, e il frat. D. Colella in italiano. I messaggi furono adatti tanto per i credenti come per i peccatori. I pasti furono serviti nella sala, al meriggio e la sera. Saluti fraterni (A. Pizzo).

“Notizie in Breve.” *La Voce nel Deserto*, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1955 Mar, p3. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com.

TRANSLATION: Danbury, Conn. We had, Jan. 11, 1955, a good monthly conference, thank the Lord. The hall was filled with believers and sinners. We truly enjoyed a good day in the Lord, both in messages and in fraternal communion. May the Lord bless His holy word read and given to our hearts. Those who participated were the brothers F. Pizzulli, M. Brescia, Wm. Batterton, F. Iacovone and A. Orsini in English, and brother D. Colella in Italian. The messages were suitable for both believers and sinners. Meals were served in the hall at noon and in the evening. Brotherly greetings (A. Pizzo) (Google Translate).

1955 – Danbury, CT

“F. Pizzulli had some encouraging cottage meetings here. Bro. Cappiello asks prayers for New Haven, Conn. (Words in Season Feb 1955).

Jan 1955 – Danbury, CT

Last monthly meeting [Jan 1955] very good and attended well by saved and unsaved. Six brethren spoke in Italian and English (Words in Season Mar 1955).

1955 – Danbury, CT

Il frat. Frank Pizzulli è stato in Bristol, Conn. in Gennaio per molte interessanti adunanze in quel luogo. Egli ebbe anche varie adunanze in Worcester, Mass. in Dicembre, come anche in Danbury con adunanze nelle case.

“Notizie in Breve.” *La Voce nel Deserto*, Periodico Mensile Cristiano, 1955 Mar, p4. F.P. Dioro, Brooklyn, NY. Digital version courtesy BrethrenPedia.com

TRANSLATION: Brother Frank Pizzulli was in Bristol, Conn. in January for many interesting meetings there. He also had several meetings in Worcester, Mass. in December, as well as in Danbury with home meetings (Google Translate).

1955 – Danbury, CT

“R. Cappiello visited Jersey, Danbury, Worcester lately (Words in Season Aug 1955).

c. 1955 – Milford, CT

“I was born in Offenbach, Germany on March 27, 1937 as Ilse Nickelsberg. My father had the largest and oldest printing company in Europe employing three hundred workers. Because we were Jewish, the Nazi party sought to take my father’s business which had existed back to my great-grandfather, Leopold Nickelsberg (1821). So, like many



Jews in Europe, he was put in the concentration camp at Buchenwald. After months, he was released because he had sold the business to a non-Jew in 1938. Also, the Nazis were becoming more oppressive towards the Jews. As a child, I have dim recollections of Kristallnacht where our Jewish neighbors’ houses and businesses were smashed and burned. Finally in 1939, having left all our possessions behind, we were fortunate to leave Germany.

“As a young girl, I thought often about God and eternity. Our family was Jewish, but not practicing Judaism. When I was older, my interest in God led me to visit many other religious faiths. What were they? And what did they believe? Then in my late teens, I went to the university. There I met my future husband who explained to me the biblical way of salvation. God’s providential ways are not always our ways. Here was a Gentile by name and fact, as an instrument for salvation, reaching out to a Jew.

“How glorious! I soon realized I was a sinner who needed a savior and committed my faith to Him. I came to understand it was a person alone, Jesus Christ, not a religion by which a person obtains eternal life (Elaine Gentile printed testimony, Waterbury Italian, Bridgeport, Brookfield, NH - Photo, facebook.com/sharon.g.robinson.).

1955 – Danbury, CT

“ R. Cappiello visited here, also Waterbury and New Haven (Truth & Tidings Aug 1955).

1956 Feb – East Boston, MA

“ Our beloved sister, Ruth [Pizzo] Procopio, went to be with the Lord on Feb. 13th after a prolonged illness. She was saved in 1946 [about age 16] and received in fellowship in the Assembly at Danbury, Conn. She bore a godly testimony, being a true help meet to her husband in Sunday school work. G. Heldman and C. Patrizio spoke at the funeral parlor and on the day of the funeral, words of warning for the unsaved and words of comfort for family were given by Clay Fite and F. Carboni, while F. Pizzulli spoke at the grave. She leaves two little girls, ages 4 and 5 (La Voce nel Deserto 1956 - Pizzo Family Photo).



1956 – Danbury, CT

“ I was raised with the gospel but was still unsaved as a young adult. I remember going to conferences and people would ask me, *are you saved?* I don't remember many details now but was finally saved in 1956. I do remember being so very happy (Elizabeth Pizzo Jensen 2023, Danbury/Brookfield, OH – Pizzo Family Photo).



1956 – Danbury, CT

- “ Bro. Frank Pizzulli continues here with cottage meetings – tract distribution etc., seeking to encourage the small assembly (Words in Season Jul 1956).
- “ Frank Pizzulli is holding cottage meetings seeking to help the little assembly and reach the unsaved (Truth & Tidings Jul 1956).
- “ Pray for the effort by bro. F. Pizzulli here, under canvas (Words in Season Sep 1956). – F. Pizzulli is preaching the Gospel in a tent, and from door to door (Truth & Tidings Sep 1956).

1956 – Waterbury, CT

Our brother, Marciano Stango, went to be with Christ on July 4. He was saved 42 years ago through Dr. Cameron and Dr. Martin and was used in the commencement of the Italian assembly in Waterbury (Truth & Tidings Sep 1956).

1956 – Italy

- “ Address Changes, Carboni, Francis E. (M) (A) (It.), 139 Norwood Avenue, Long Branch, N.J. (The Fields Oct 1956).

1956 Dec – East Boston, MA to Danbury, CT

- “ East Boston, MA: The presence of God was signally felt in the conference. Among those who ministered the Word were brethren Carboni, Pizzulli, Rosania, Capiello, Whitehouse and Netti. F. Carboni went to the Italian assembly in Methuen for a week, F. Pizzulli to Danbury for meetings and L. Rosania and R. Capiello to New Haven for house to house visiting (Truth & Tidings Jan 1957).

1956 Dec – Danbury, CT

- “ Brother Pizzulli visited recently Waterbury and Worcester, Mass., and went on to Danbury after the East Boston conference (Words in Season Jan 1957).

1957 Dec – Danbury, CT

“Born of Christian parents, (Italian immigrants saved after the birth of two children through the preaching of Italian preachers who came to Danbury, CT to do the Lord’s work – but that’s another story), it amazes me today that in my younger years how little I esteemed God’s word and the gospel.



“My parents loved the assembly, and it was never an option not to go to meetings or conferences. We were always there. Sure, I enjoyed the conferences and the many friends we had and the camaraderie of many people, but I guess I was just dense. It was my parents’ biggest desire to see all their children saved. I remember in my early teen years how Daddy would sometimes call one of us into his den and tried to tell us about the Lord. I am ashamed to say I hated it, but looking back I can now see that this did have an effect on me, and I saw the gentle care of my dad in his trying to say a bit to us.

“I am not remembering too much of my early teen years but do recall tent meetings when the gospel message spoke to me. But I put all those thoughts out of my mind very easily. I was about fifteen when my sister Ruth died. Oh, it was so awful to have a favorite sister die. Thoughts of death overwhelmed me thinking what if it was me. I remember during the funeral time while we were at Pat P’s [Procopio’s] home that I could not sleep. I went to the living room so I could leave the lights on, and I wouldn’t have to think about death. God was certainly dealing with me. I could not verbalize my feelings with anyone (that was the way I was I guess) so I worked hard to get it out of my mind.

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“As I grew older there were many times my soul was troubled, but a desire to have fun in worldly things was so attractive to me that I just put those thoughts from me, and my heart grew more stubborn. Through my high school years, I knew I needed to be saved. The Lord was speaking to me, but my thoughts were *not yet*. I wanted to have the world first. Graduation was June 1957. Yet through all our fun times God spoke in many different ways.

“I turned eighteen in October 1957. I will say we never failed to go to meetings where we continually heard the gospel. Forward to December 17, 1957, Sunday night – after gospel meeting lying in bed trying to sleep, God trying to convince me how much I needed salvation, and my own stubbornness trying to put it off a bit more. I often called it a battle between me and the devil, my heart and mind telling me I needed salvation, the devil telling me to wait a while things are so bright in the world. I don’t know how long I went through this, but after a few hours of this I cried out to the Lord and said, *I could be dead by tomorrow and what good will this world be to me then?* I saw Christ hanging on the cross and said, *Lord, I need you and for what you did on the cross for me.* Oh, the joy! Talk about the song *The Gospel of Thy Grace My Stubborn Heart Has Won.*

“I then felt I could finally sleep, but thought, what if I die in the night (which would have then been fine with me) and my parents will think I’m in hell. They would be so heartbroken. I jumped up and went into Bette’s [Elizabeth Pizzo’s] room, woke her and told her my good news. In the morning when I went down to breakfast I said to my parents, ‘Did Bette tell you I got saved?’ Don’t know why I couldn’t just come out with it. Needless to say, they were overjoyed. Fifty-one years later, I can say as the hymnwriter wrote *Every day with Jesus is sweeter than the day before* (Rosann Pizzo Broaddus 2008 printed testimony, Danbury/Brookfield, Hartford, KS, MO, OH, MI – Pizzo Family Photo).

1958 – Canada and USA

“ The end of the Italian work as a united effort came in the year 1958 ... assemblies acted jointly in breaking fellowship with brethren Rosania, Pizzulli, Carboni and Cappiello and also breaking fellowship with some Italian assemblies ... It would not be fair if no mention was made of this ... Several years have passed ... there is evidence that many brethren are realizing the errors made and would like to see this unity restored (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1965 p32).

1959 – Sault St. Marie, ON

Cesare Patrizio married Ruth Davis of Sault St. Marie, ON. (Truth & Tidings Mar 2002 Tidings).

1959 – Bristol, CT

“ Our dear brother, Luigi Rosania, went to be with the Lord on May 12, aged 64. He was saved 43 years ago and has been in the work of the Lord since 1921. Brother C. Patrizio wrote of the great help brother Rosania had been in the many tent meetings they had together in many places. The Lord used him, and he will be much missed. The Word was preached to the many saved and unsaved by brethren C. Patrizio, W. Gustafson and F. P. Diorio in both Italian and English (Truth & Tidings July 1959).

1960 – Italy to Methuen, MA to Danbury, CT

“ C. Patrizio and Umberto Righetti had meetings in Methuen, Hartford, Bristol and Waterbury. The latter, who has recently come from Italy where he suffered much persecution for preaching the Gospel, is now in Danbury, Conn. (Truth & Tidings Feb 1960).

1960 Jan – Long Branch, NJ

“ I [Frank Pizzulli] am writing from the hospital to which I was readmitted today for another operation. It seems that some growths have developed since my last operation, which must be removed immediately. Thank God He knows all things and is able Eph.5:20; Rom.8:52 (Letters of Interest Jan 1960 p4).

1960 Apr – Pittsburgh, PA



James Anderson of Miami, FL grew up in a Presbyterian church hearing the gospel and seeing the change in his mother when she was saved. He based a false assurance on a head knowledge of the gospel. Later he attended college in Pittsburgh, PA where his empty claim of salvation was challenged by one of his college professors, Minor Hawk, who was a Christian. Realizing he had a false profession, Jim struggled alone wondering how to get saved. At the point where *nothing else mattered*, he cried out to God to save him, and the Lord revealed the scripture *and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*. He believed that truth like he never did before, receiving assurance of salvation (James Anderson 2023, FL, PA, Danbury, PA, Brookfield – per his oral testimony – Anderson Family Photo).

1960 Oct – Danbury, CT and Elsewhere

“ Long Branch, N.J., F. Pizzulli has been able to give a little help recently in Philadelphia, Danbury, Poughkeepsie and Mechanicville, hoped to be at Waterbury Italian Conference. Thankful for this measure of strength (Words in Season Oct 1960).

1960 Nov – Long Branch, NJ

“ Frank Pizzulli was born in 1909 and born again in 1924. The Long Branch Assembly began in the home of his parents and the first remembrance feast was attended by his parents, himself, and another brother. He was from the start active in Sunday school work (Letters of Interest Jan 1961 With the Lord).

LONG BRANCH—Frank Pizzulli, 51, 332 Chelsea Ave., died yesterday at his home.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of Mrs. Frances Clemente and the late Nunzio Pizzulli.

Mr. Pizzulli was commended by the Long Branch Gospel Hall in 1938 to the preaching of the gospel. He was an evangelistic preacher in the northeastern United States and Canada.

Mr. Pizzulli attended Long Branch High School and Columbia University.

Asbury Park Press. 1960 Nov 27, p2. Asbury Park, NJ. Newspapers.com, 2023.

1961 – Danbury, CT

“ C. Patrizio visited Waterbury, Danbury, and Hartford where he joined J. McCullough (Truth & Tidings Apr 1961).

1961 – Waterbury, CT

“ This year saw the [English] assembly lose three of the saints to their home in heaven: Mrs. Sangster – February 14; Mrs. Leonard – August 3; and Mrs. Kogut – September 27. The annual conference held on October 28th and 29th in the Gospel Hall was considered helpful and well attended with six of the Lord’s servants present (Batterton, Sr.).

1961 – Italy

“ Frank Carboni: In His blessed will we expect to sail from Genoa for New York on June 3rd instead of the 5th as it has been announced by the American Export Lines. We will sail on the *Independence*. We have been in the south of Italy making a rapid visit to the many assemblies and open doors for Gospel work. The interest has been very good (Letters of Interest July 1961 p8).

1962 – Danbury, CT

“ The Italian assembly now meets in the Danbury Drum Corp., Shelter Rock Rd. Corr. Alexander Pizzo, 23 South Ave., Danbury, Conn., (Lord's Days only). They are exercised about getting a hall of their own (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield T&T 1963-1).

“ The new Assembly address is Danbury Drum Corp. Bldg., Shelter Rock Road. Breaking of Bread at 10:30 a.m. Corresp. Alex Pizzo, 23 South Ave. (Words in Season Jan 1963)

1962 Nov – Waterbury, CT

“ The [English] assembly had a series of Gospel meetings starting in November which continued into the new year with Samuel J. Rea and Fred Holder. These meetings were supported by Torrington and [Danbury/] Brookfield with all three assemblies seeing blessing in salvation (Batterton, Sr.).

1962 – McKeesport, PA

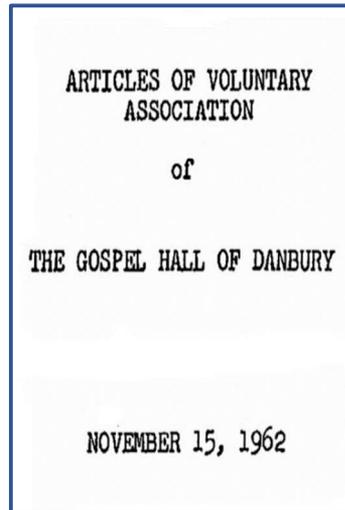
“ In 1962 Oswald McLeod and Robert Surgenor had gospel meetings in the hall and Janice Clark was one of the souls that got saved (Clark, History of McKeesport Gospel Hall).

1962 Nov – Danbury, CT

“ Be it known that we, the subscribers, whose names, addresses and signatures appear below, do hereby unite by voluntary association under the statute laws of the State of Connecticut to form a religious association and assembly of Christians gathered together in the name of the Lord Jesus; and we do hereby certify that the following are our articles of association ...

“ Article I. Name: The name of said Association shall be the Gospel Hall of Danbury ...

“ Article II. Purposes: The purposes for which said Association is formed are as follows, to wit: a) For worship and to preach the Gospel of Christ. b) To acquire ... any and all sorts of property, real, personal or mixed and wheresoever situated and located; but more particularly ... for the purposes and worship of said Association. c) To raise money ... d) to establish funds ...



“ Article III. Membership: Any person desiring to become a member of this Association may sign and lodge with its Clerk, or with any member of its Committee, a written declaration of his desire to become a member thereof, which declaration shall be read at the next meeting of said Association. If, at a subsequent meeting, the *unanimous* vote of those present at such meeting shall be to elect such person a member of the Association, he shall thereupon become a member thereof. Any person may terminate his membership in this Association by giving notice ...

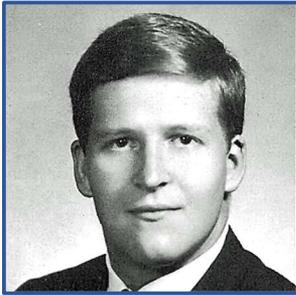
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- “ Article IV. Meetings: Annual and special meetings of this Association shall be held in conformity with the provisions of the statute law ...
- “ Article V. Officers. The officers of this Association shall be; 1) A clerk or correspondent, 2) A treasurer, 3) A committee of four trustees. The first Committee of Trustees shall be Alexander Pizzo, John T. McGrath, James Broaddus and James Field, all of Danbury, Connecticut ...
- “ Article VI. Location of Place of Worship: Said Association may, by a unanimous vote of its members present at a meeting warned for the purpose, agree to build a house or houses of worship and establish the place or places where they shall be erected ...
- “ Article VII. By-Laws: Said Association shall make such by-laws, rules and regulations concerning the use and enjoyment of its property and the conduct of its affairs ...
- “ Article VIII. Agent: The first Trustee of the Committee of Trustees shall, by virtue of his office, be the Agent of Association and the person upon whom process may be served ...
- “ Signed with our hands and sealed with our seals at Danbury, Connecticut, this 15th day of November 1962 ...
- “ NAME: Alexander Pizzo, John T. McGrath, Jr., James O. Broaddus, James A. Field, Katherine E. Field, Rose Pizzo, Joanne Pizzo, Rosann Broaddus, Elizabeth J. Pizzo, Mary McGrath, Annette M. Caram.

(Gospel Hall of Danbury - CT Secretary of State).

It is noteworthy that incorporation is typical of other Connecticut assemblies and assumed essential for various reasons (Editor).

1962 Dec – Bethlehem, CT



“ I had God-fearing parents who believed that the Bible was an instruction manual for living and dying. I always thought that the Bible was true, and that Christ died for my sins. From an early age I had head knowledge, but not heart knowledge. Two evangelists came to Waterbury assembly in December 1962 and preached the

Gospel for eight weeks. I kept trying to use the knowledge that I had of how to be born again and tell myself that it wasn't just head knowledge, but that it was in my heart. Unfortunately, it was not – not until December 11th when as a boy of eleven I realized that I was a sinner, and that Christ gave himself for me (James Batterton Jr. 2023, Waterbury English, PA, Brookfield).

(Photo/s US School Yearbooks)

1962 Dec – McKeesport, PA



“ I was saved by grace on December 3, 1962. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Surgenor were having gospel meetings in McKeesport, PA. Mr. Surgenor portrayed hell very vividly one night. I knew I did not want to go there. Later that night I was reading my Bible in bed and read Isaiah 59:1, Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened,

that it cannot save. I believed that, then read Romans 10:9, *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* I told my sister I had been saved, and that gave me assurance (Janice Clark Batterton 2023, PA, Brookfield).

1963 Mar – Danbury, CT

Finding a suitable place to build an existing hall was an ongoing effort. The assembly had saved for years with an extra monthly offering specifically as a building fund (Editor - Assembly History).

DANBURY, March 23 — The City Zoning Board of Appeals has unanimously rejected a petition for a variance, submitted by Alexander Pizzo of 25 South avenue, to enable him to erect a place of worship on a plot at the rear of 14 Division street.

Charles W. Foley, board chairman, said the rejection came because the structure would have no road frontage.

Mr. Pizzo contemplated erecting a place of worship for the Gospel Hall of Danbury, a religious group comprising about 20 to 30 members. Strong opposition came from neighbors at a recent public hearing.

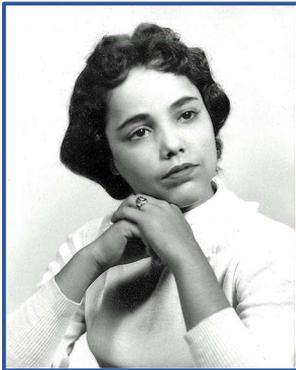
The location of the proposed worship hall would have been near the Division street-West Woolster street intersection.

Bridgeport Post. 1963 Mar 23, p6.
Bridgeport, CT. Newspapers.com, 2023.

1963 May 29 – Danbury, CT

“ Our sister, Joanne Pizzo went to be with Christ on May 29th at the age of 25. A condition of anemia from which she had suffered since childhood, finally took her home. She was saved at the age of 11 and was in the small assembly in Danbury, Conn., for the past three years, where she was largely responsible for the commencement of a Sunday School. Walter Gustafson preached the Word and Fred Hill and Matthew Brescia also spoke at the funeral home (BrethrenPedia, Who's Who at Brookfield Gospel Hall T&T 1963-8).

“ Our dear young sister Joanne Pizzo went to be with the Lord May 29th, aged 25. Saved when 11 and in this small Assembly the past three years, during which time she commenced a Sunday School Class. She leaves her father and mother and five sisters in the assembly. She has left a bright testimony. She had been invalided for a year Titus 2:13 (Words in Season Aug 1963).



The death of Joanne Pizzo was used by the Lord. She had an inherited blood disorder with a short life expectancy that required lifelong treatment.



She was saved at an early age, devoted her life to the Lord, taught Sunday school, and was a cherished sister in the Danbury assembly. Her death spoke to many of their need for salvation (Editor - Pizzo Family History &Photos).

1963 Jun 16, Sunday – Danbury, CT

The Sunday school treat started with the song, *God Bless Our Sunday School*. Then, recitations with songs between each child's presentation, ending with *God's Word is Like a Hammer* (Editor - Assembly History).

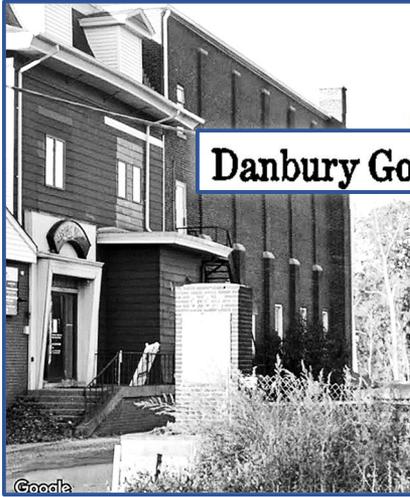
START - GOD BLESS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL -	DANBURY SUNDAY SCHOOL TREAT 6/16/63
NEEDY - MATT. 5:14 -	
JODY - JOHN. 3:16 -	All: God Bless Our Sunday School
RUTH - BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD -	Neddy Boy, Matt. 5:14
SKIPPER - ACTS. 16: 25 - 33. PHILIPIAN JAILOR -	Jody, John 3: 16
ALL - WHAT MUST I DO.	Ruth Allison.
SHEILA - MATT.	SKIPPER, Acts 16: 25 thru 33
ALL -	All: What I Must Do?
VALERIE - L	Sheila, Matt. 7
ATT -	All: The Wise & Foolish Man
CINDY - JOH	Valerie, Luke 19: 1 thru 27
ALL -	All: Zacchaeus
SHARON - M	Cindy, John 3: 1 thru 13
ALL -	All: A Ruler Once Came
MARCIA - I	Sharon, Mark 1: 16 thru 45
ALL -	All: I Will Make You Fishers Of Men
CLOSE - C	Marcia, 1st Samuel 17: 38 thru 54
	All: Only A Lad Called David

1963 – Danbury, CT

“ The assembly now meets at 337 Main Street in the Masonic Hall. Breaking of Bread is at 10:30 a.m. and Gospel Service at 7 p.m. Sundays (La Voce nel Deserto Oct 1963 News Briefs).

1963 – Danbury, CT

The hall at 337 Main Street was a three-story building. The middle floor dining hall was used on Sunday. A basement room accommodated a weeknight prayer meeting and Bible study for the first time in years. Two-day conferences were held in the main auditorium on the third floor and a large parking lot allowed ample parking (Editor - Assembly History).



(US City Directories
Danbury 1964)

Danbury Gospel Hall 337 Main

(Photo Google Maps
retrieved 2023)

1964 April 24 to 26 – Danbury, CT

“ The brethren here have decided to have a two-day Conference commencing with Prayer Mtg., Fri. April 24th, at 7:30 p.m. and continuing over the 25th and 26th, in the Masonic Hall here at 337 Main St. Servants of the Lord practicing the *old paths* are welcome. Address communications to Alexander Pizzo, 23 South Ave., Danbury, Ct. Visitors freely entertained (Words in Season Mar 1964).

“ Our first conference was very good with five of the Lord's servants, who give all of their time to the work ministering encouraging and practical truths to about 175 who were present (Truth & Tidings Jun 1964).

1965 April 2 to 4 – Danbury, CT

- “ The Danbury Assembly purposes having their second Conference on April 3rd and 4th, preceded by Prayer Meeting April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Breaking of Bread Lord's Day at 10:30 ... Visitors freely entertained. Corresp. Alexander Pizzo, 23 South Ave. (Words in Season Mar 1965).
- “ Recent Conference was a happy time with good and profitable ministry by six of the Lord's servants. The Assembly here would like to see some real exercise in the Gospel in their midst. This takes labor and laboring men (Words in Season May 1965).

1965 – Litchfield, CT

- “ Permission was granted to have gospel meetings at the Litchfield County Jail once a month. Brethren from the assemblies in [Danbury/] Brookfield and Torrington joined in this effort. These meetings continued until the jail closed in 1990 (Batterton, Sr.).



(Photo, Wikipedia.com)

The jail was built in 1812 and was very antiquated. Meetings were held in a common room and inmates brought up from their cells. The smaller entrance on the left was the one used to enter. Sisters were also allowed to attend (Editor - Assembly History).

1965 Apr 26 – New Milford, CT

“ I was born July 1952 into the extraordinary of the *We*: identical twins, born on our father’s birthday. It was constantly we, us, ours.



“ I was born again April 1965 into the eternal for the *Me*: *by the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.* (Gal 2:20).

(McGrath Family Photo L-R Sharon, Sheila)

“ I grew up hearing the gospel in a very close-knit family. We were inseparable twins playing with our cousins. As I got older, I was separated from my twin at school in different classrooms. The world was expanding, strange, and death stepped in when a beloved aunt passed away. Life was not what I thought it should be. I knew clearly that I wasn’t saved, and my behavior proved the nature of my sin. I was a bully to others and felt ashamed of my inner thoughts. In 1962/3 and 1965 we attended nightly gospel meetings. God was bringing me to an end of myself revealing that I was a sinner *doomed* to hell. There was nothing *I* or *We* could do. Would God save me? He said he would, but I doubted it. Then the Holy Spirit of God reminded me that God can’t lie. Not just that He would not but could not. *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began* (Titus 1:2).

“ By a fragile thread of faith, I accepted his word. The instant light of revelation was overwhelming! So, this is what it meant to be saved. All hope gone then all hope given by God’s grace and mercy. The *Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me* – even me – just for me – as if only for me. The debt for *All*, for *We*, was paid for *Me*. (Sheila McGrath Silvernail 2024, Danbury/Brookfield).

1965 – Canada and USA

“ Word has reached us telling that the Italian monthly, *La Voce nel Deserto* is being discontinued. For more than forty years this magazine tended to unify the Italian assemblies. Not only was there clear Gospel messages and plain Biblical ministry but news of the Lord’s work and activities were announced. In the last issue a characteristic statement was made which is self-explanatory: ‘This extreme action (on the part of some) caused some assemblies to become so discouraged that they moved to the other extreme with consequent loss of simplicity, unity, fellowship and blessing formerly enjoyed.’ Our readers who have followed the Italian work on this continent will appreciate receiving a copy of this last issue which is available for \$1.00 from M. Rannelli, 68 Arsdale Terrace, East Orange, New Jersey. This issue of the magazine contains 36 pictures of the work and workers linked with this noble work. We were specially interested in the pictures of and references to our esteemed brother, Francis Carboni ... An interesting account will follow of his service for the Lord in America and in Italy, where he now, in advanced age, still serves the Lord. One said recently, ‘Each letter from Frank Carboni is as vibrant and joyful as if he had just begun to serve the Lord, though he is truly a veteran in the work.’ We purpose printing his latest letter in the next issue of *Assembly Annals*, D.V. (Assembly Annals Dec 1965 Communications, Work and Workers).

1965 – Pennsylvania to Danbury, CT

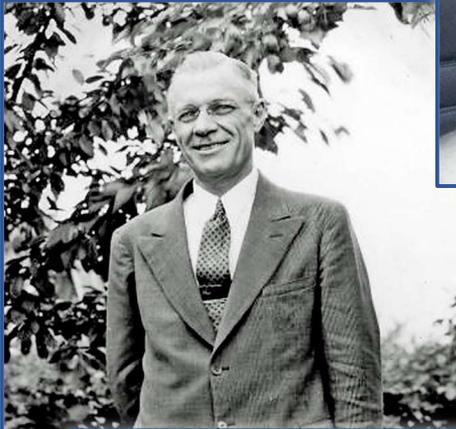
James Anderson of Miami, FL and Kathleen Smith of Cleveland, OH met when Jim was in college in Pittsburgh. They married and soon after relocated to Danbury, CT from the McKeesport, PA assembly. Later they moved to Pennsylvania for a few years then returned to Brookfield, CT (Editor - Assembly History).



(Anderson Family Photo)

1966 Feb – Danbury, CT

“ The small Assembly here had some Gospel meetings recently by brother Klabunda, helped by bro. Clark, a local brother from McKeesport. A little fruit seen (Words in Season Apr 1966).



Harold Clark
(Clark/Batterton
Family Photo)

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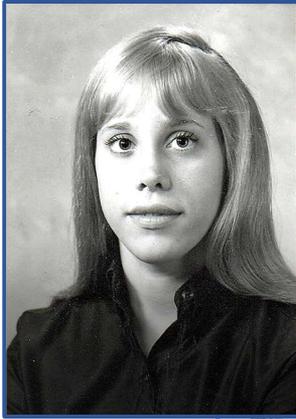


(BGH Archives)

Albert Klabunda
(Photo/s Glorious Gospel)

1966 Feb 14 – New Milford, CT

During the Danbury gospel meetings, Sharon McGrath was afraid of being deceived by Satan but was reassured by God's word in Isaiah 12:2, *Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust, and not be afraid.* She accepted the Lord as her savior and went on to serve Him as a registered nurse and a sister in the Danbury/Brookfield assembly (Editor - McGrath Family History).

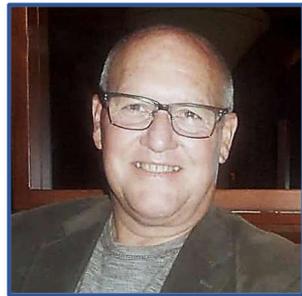


(McGrath Family Photos)



1966 Feb 26 – Bethlehem, CT

“It was February 26, 1966, a Friday I believe, the last meeting of the Danbury gospel series. I came to a hopeless point during the meeting. *Christ died for the ungodly* came to mind. I realized that was me (**Jeffrey Batterton** 2024, Waterbury English, Terryville, CT).



(Photo facebook.com/
mary.batterton)

1966 April 22 to 24 – Danbury, CT

“ Third annual Conference D.V. in the Masonic Hall, April 23 and 24, commencing with Prayer Mtg., Fri. 22nd, at 7:30 p.m. Visitors freely entertained. Breaking of Bread 10:30 a.m. Corresp. Alexander Pizzo (Words in Season Apr 1966).

“ Thank God we had another good conference and were encouraged to see some strangers come in and the Word preached was very profitable and refreshing to all. Quite a good number were present of Christians and unsaved. May the Lord bless His Word sown in our hearts (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield T&T 1966-6).

1966 Aug 13 – Danbury, CT

Brother Clay Fite officiated at the marriage of Rose Marie D’Emilio and Michael Flynn (CT Marriage Records).

He and his wife, Matilda (Millie), stayed for a visit after that. He had a lively personality and a special bond with Danbury assembly (Editor - Assembly/Family History).



(Editor - Fite Family Photo)

1967 Apr – Danbury, CT

“ Annual Conf., D.V. April 15 and 16, commencing with Prayer Mtg., the 14th at 7:30 p.m. Breaking of Bread at 10:30 a.m. Meetings in the Masonic Hall, 337 Main St. Visitors freely entertained. Alex Pizzo, 23 South Ave. (Words in Season Apr 1967).

“ Conferences: Danbury, Conn., reported help from the Lord at theirs (Words in Season May 1967).

DANBURY ASSEMBLY TO BROOKFIELD CT

1967 Nov – Brookfield, CT

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

Know Ye, That We, ALEXANDER PIZZO, JOHN T. McGRATH, JR., JAMES BROADDUS, and JAMES A. FIELD, SR., TRUSTEES OF THE GOSPEL HALL OF DANBURY, a voluntary religious association, organized under the Statutes of the State of Connecticut, and having its principal office in the City of Danbury, County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut,

for the consideration of Eight Thousand (\$8,000)-----
----- Dollars received to our full satisfaction of THE DANBURY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, a Connecticut corporation located in the Town of Danbury, County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said THE DANBURY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, its successors and assigns forever, the following described premises, together with any buildings thereon,

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Now Wherefore, if said note shall be well and truly paid according to the tenor thereof and the several conditions above recited fully performed, then this deed shall be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

Bobby S. Payne
Bobby S. Payne

Madlyn R. Durkin
Madlyn R. Durkin

State of Connecticut, }
County of Fairfield } ss:

Alexander Pizzo (L.S.)
Alexander Pizzo, Trustee

John T. McGrath, Jr. (L.S.)
John T. McGrath, Jr. Trustee

James Broadus (L.S.)
James Broadus, Trustee

James A. Field, Sr. Trustee
TRUSTEES OF THE GOSPEL HALL OF DANBURY

ss: Danbury, November 14, 1967

ALEXANDER PIZZO, JOHN T. McGRATH, JR. JAMES BROADDUS and Personally appeared JAMES A. FIELD, SR. TRUSTEES OF THE GOSPEL HALL OF DANBURY signer S and sealer S of the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed, ~~before me~~ as such Trustees, before me,

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DEED TRANSFERS IN BROOKFIELD

St. Joseph's church to Alexander Pizzo, John T. McGrath, Jr., James Broadus, James A. Field, Sr., trustees of the Gospel Hall of Danbury, land and buildings at Pocono road;

The Danbury assembly finally purchased a hall (a former Catholic church building) that was a perfect size but hadn't been substantially improved since it was initially built in 1892, except for electricity and a coal burning hot air furnace. It needed remodeling and updating. Since they were contractors by trade, the brethren completed the renovations themselves.

By previous agreement, all remnants of statuary, imagery, and the stained-glass windows were removed and returned to the Catholic church. Some windows were left behind because their removal caused too much damage.

The brethren constructed stairs to access the basement directly from the interior instead of an outdoor hatchway. Septic, water, plumbing, restrooms, and baseboard heating were installed. A rough kitchen was set up and walled off from the utilities.

Upstairs, existing wooden pews remained attached to the side walls. The bare floors were slippery and noisy, but carpeting was installed at a later date making the interior safer and quieter (Editor - Assembly History).

Church Is Sold

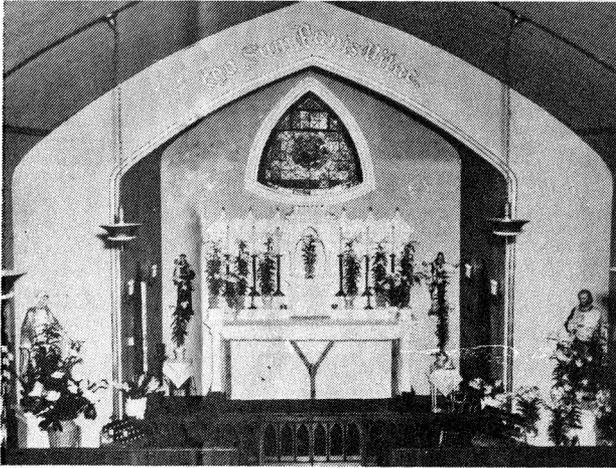
The Gospel Hall of Danbury has purchased St. Joseph's church's old building on Pocono road.

The real estate transfer, recorded in the town clerk's office named the following trustees of the Gospel Hall as purchasers of the building: Alexander Pizzo, John T. McGrath, Jr., James Broaddus and James A. Field St.

The church is located on a quarter-acre tract with an additional quarter-acre parcel directly across from the church. This will be used for parking, said Mr. McGrath, who spoke for the group, adding that members are renovating and painting the inside and will convert the basement for a Sunday school.

This organization has 30 members who are governed by elders. They have no minister since they believe in equal brotherhood, Mr. McGrath said. Their meetings are open to the public. It is a nondenominational, non-sectarian fundamentalist organization.

1967 Nov – Brookfield, CT cont.



THE INTERIOR of St. Joseph's Church, Pocono Road, decorated for Easter Services. The wooden church was built in 1892 and was used until the construction of the present church and school on Route 133 in 1961. The building was later used as a Grange Hall and as a Baptist Church. It is presently the home of the Gospel Hall Christians.

Brookfield Journal. 1981 Mar 19, p11, Brookfield, CT.

“ I remember the first time I was in the hall. It was still a Catholic church. I must have been around seven or so. I was just amazed by all the statues, colored windows, and the rest. It seemed like a carnival to me. It was so much more visual than the old Masonic building, especially its basement room where we used to have Wednesday night meeting. Matthew 18:20 I think is the perfect verse for our little gospel hall and appropriately displayed there, no flash or opulence. Just a place you can go without worship being a performance.

John T. McGrath III, 2023

1967 Nov – Brookfield, CT cont.



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Former 1890 Mission Is Now Gospel Hall

Brookfield Journal, 1967 Nov 22. Brookfield, CT.
Connecticut State Library.

1968 – Brookfield, CT

“ The Lord has been good to us as to be able to acquire an old so-called Catholic Church in Brookfield, Conn., which will be the Gospel Hall of Danbury. We ask your prayers to God that it will be used all for His Honour and Glory and to see some precious souls saved. The Hall is located on Pocono Road in Brookfield between Routes 7 and 25 (Truth & Tidings Jan 1968).

“ Christians here have acquired an old R.C. Bldg., for the Gospel Hall, located on Pocono Road in Brookfield between Routes 7 & 25. Corresp. Alexander Pizzo, 23 South Ave. Pray for them that God will honor (Words in Season Jan 1968).

1968 – New Haven, CT

Rocco Cappiello went to be with the Lord on January 6th (CT Death Records - Editor Photo).



1968 – Brookfield, CT

“ Cesare Patrizio of Philadelphia wrote that he was attending the baptism of some Italian believers from Danbury, Conn., in the Italian Gospel Hall in Waterbury, Conn. (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield LOI 1968-6,7).

1968 June 14 to 16 – Brookfield, CT

The assembly held a conference at the new hall and rented the Grange building down the road to provide meals. It was a short walk between meetings (Editor - Assembly History).

“ Christians will have their Conference D.V. in their new location in the Brookfield Gospel Hall. As directions may confuse, we suggest phoning brother Alexander Pizzo, 23 South St. Tel. 748-4502. Code 203. Dates are June 14 for Prayer at 7:30 p.m. and June 15 and 16 ... Four of the Lord's servants gave helpful and uplifting words at recent Conference in Hall at Brookfield (Words in Season Jun 1968 & Jul 1968).

1969 – Danbury, CT

Alexander Mitchell and his wife, Alice, were with the Brookfield assembly for a short period of time when they moved to the local area from New York. They were a precious and beloved couple and a gift to the assembly. Mr. Mitchell moved back to New York State to be with family after his wife passed. See 1975 (Editor - Assembly History).

“Our dear sister Mrs. Mitchell was recently called home to be with the Lord – (we do not have dates). One of the Brown family of Londonderry, North Ireland, she was saved as a result of tent meetings of brethren Bradford, David Oliver, John Bernard and John Rankin and received into the Argyle Road Assembly at Londonderry, N.I. 62 years ago. In 73rd St. Assembly in New York for many years until moving to Connecticut. Remember her husband in prayer and her sister, Mrs. David Slater of the Midland Park Assembly who is the only surviving member of the Brown family (Words in Season Jun 1969).

1968 – Brookfield, CT

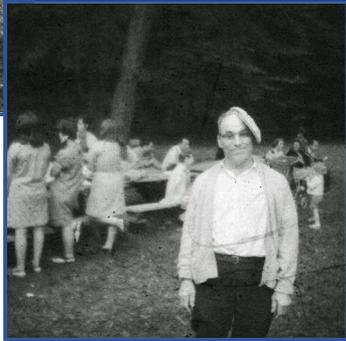
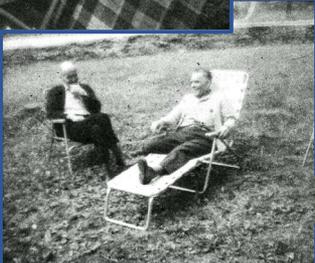
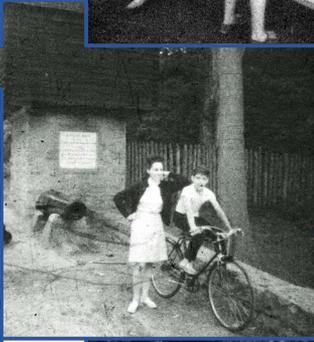
Bridgeport Post. 1968 Oct 5, p4. Bridgeport, CT. Newspapers.com, 2023.

Gospel hall, Pocono road, meeting on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., breaking of the bread; Sunday school, noon; Gospel preaching, 7 p.m. Gospel hall is the old St. Joseph's church and is the sixth church in Brookfield.

Brookfield Journal, 1968 Nov 14, p7, Brookfield, CT. Connecticut State Library, 2023.

GOSPEL HALL
Pocono Road
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Lord's Day; 12 p.m.-Sunday School; 7 p.m.-Gospel preaching.

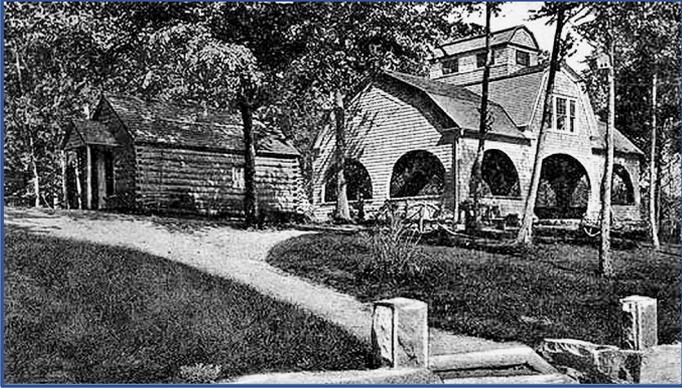
Sunday School Picnic 1968



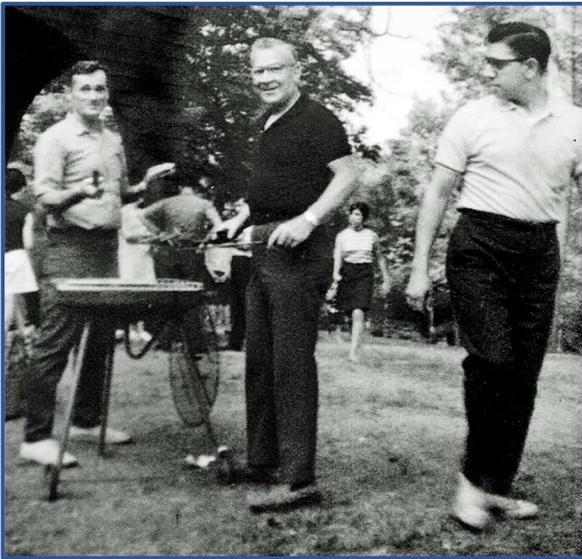
(Editor - Assembly Photos)

1968 – Brookfield, CT

The Sunday school picnic was at Putnam Park in Redding, CT with pavilion and spacious grounds (Editor - Assembly History).



[historyofredding.net/
Putnam-park-photos-historic.html](http://historyofredding.net/Putnam-park-photos-historic.html)



L-R Jack McGrath of Brookfield, CT,
Andrew McPhee of Newington, CT
and Dan Netti of Methuen, MA
(Editor Photo)

1969 Apr – Danbury, CT

Mrs. John J. D'Emilio
DANBURY — Services for Mrs. Lucy M. Cuoco D'Emilio, 74, of 55 Wildman street, wife of John J. D'Emilio, who died Monday in Danbury hospital, will take place Thursday at 11 a.m. the Cornell Memorial funeral home, 247 White street. Burial will be in Wooster cemetery.

Mrs. D'Emilio was born in Deliceto, Italy, in 1927 at Danbury. She and John recently honored their 50th wedding anniversary.



(D'Emilio Goyette Family Photo)

She was a member of Christians Gathered Unto the Name Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bridgeport Post. Bridgeport, CT. 1969 Apr 9, p57. Newspapers.com, 2023. (See photo 1920).

1969 – Brookfield, CT

“Annual Conference in the Brookfield Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield, Conn., commencing with Prayer Meeting June 13 at 7:30 p.m. continuing Sat. and Lord's Day June 14 and 15 as usual. Visitors freely entertained. Correspondent Alexander Pizzo, 06810 – Tel 748-4502 (Words in Season Jun 1969).

“Our recent conference in Brookfield this year was the best we had. Four servants of the Lord were present with us, and the ministry was very good, and enjoyed by all (BrethrenPedia, Visiting Ministry Brookfield T&T 1969-8).

1970 – Brookfield, CT

- “ The Annual Conference will be held in the Brookfield Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield, near here, commencing with Prayer Mtg., June 19th at 7:30 p.m. continuing over June 20 and 21. Breaking of Bread at 10 a.m. Those coming from a distance freely entertained. Please bring your Believer’s Hymn Book. Correspondent. Alexander Pizzo (Words in Season Jun 1970).
- “ Our recent conference was one of the largest and best. Seven of the Lord's servants were present, and ministry was given in the Spirit, for guidance and profit and all were refreshed (Truth & Tidings Aug 1970).

1970s – Brookfield, CT

Throughout the 1970s and later, monthly **Tract Bands** were held on Sunday afternoons. The assembly came together to distribute gospel tracts and literature. Sections of the local phone book directories were used to hand address a minimum of 500 envelopes which were then filled and hand sealed. The assembly eventually obtained a special postage indicia instead of sticking stamps. Finished envelopes were sorted, grouped in postal carrier boxes by required regulations, and delivered to the local post office. Over the years, thousands of tracts and literature reached individuals in Brookfield and the surrounding towns. Gospel meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. after Tract Band (Editor - Assembly History).

1970s – McKeesport, PA

- “ In the early 1970s the area around the hall on Soles Street began to deteriorate and it was advisable that we seek a new location for the hall. In 1974 property was purchased on Prescott and Broadway Streets in White Oak Borough which adjoins the City of McKeesport ... The brethren worked on the building as much as possible ... The first remembrance meeting in the new hall was on the last Sunday in March 1975 (Clark, History of McKeesport Gospel Hall p4).

1970/1 – Brookfield, CT

“Our brethren Gustafson and David Hodgkins continued at Brookfield, Conn. (Words in Season Nov 1970).

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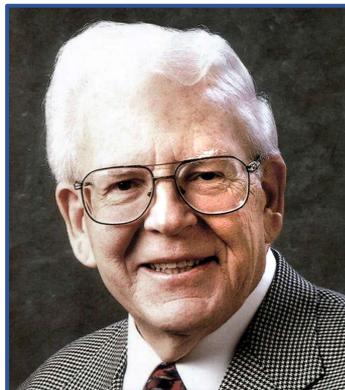
ALL WELCOME -- NO COLLECTION

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"
I Tim. - 1:15

(BGH Archives)



Walter Gustafson
(Gustafson Family Photo
fluehr.com)



David Hodgkins
(Hodgkins Family Photo)

1971 – Bethel, CT



(**Marcia Sterry Zinser** 2024, Brookfield, Terryville, NH, OH, ME, NC – Sterry Family Photo).

“ I was saved January 1971 at age seventeen at home after a gospel meeting with Walter Gustafson. I remember him preaching and sobbing about Absalom. The first to know was my dad, Dean Sterry. He was so happy, and he was unsaved at the time. My favorite verse is Psalm 119:11 *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you*

1971 – Danbury, CT



“ During a Sunday night gospel meeting when my uncle, Jack McGrath, was preaching I realized that I didn't have to do anything to be saved because the Lord had already done all the work. I was nineteen at the time (**Valerie Caram Truesdell** 2024, Brookfield)

(Caram Family Photo)

1971 – Brookfield, CT

“ The annual conference will be held, D.V., June 19th and 20th preceded by a prayer meeting on Friday, June 18th at 7:30 p.m. Meetings held in the Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield, Conn. Corr. Alexander Pizzo, 23 South Avenue, Danbury, Conn. 06810 Tel 748-4502 (Truth & Tidings Jun 1971).

1971 – Brookfield, CT



“ When my brother got saved, it spoke to me. I was ten years old and on July 13th after a meeting wanted nothing more than to have peace with God. I pictured the Lord hanging on the cross and thought of Him saying, *I did this for you*. I realized He died for me and accepted Him as my Savior. He has never failed me, and I can't imagine life without Him (**Ruth Broaddus Hoffman** 2024, Brookfield, OH – Broaddus Family Photo).

1972 – Brookfield, CT

“ The 9th annual Conference will be held, D.V., in the Brookfield Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield, Conn., on June 17th and 18th with a prayer meeting June 16th at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Lord's Day in Masonic Temple, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn. (Truth & Tidings Jun 1972).

“ Conference of the Brookfield Assembly was a happy season, considered profitable, the Lord giving help in the Word (Words in Season Aug 1972).

“ East Boston: O. McLeod spent Lord's Day here and remained for two days' ministry. Previously he was in Torrington and Danbury [Brookfield], Conn. (Truth & Tidings Nov 1972).

1972 – Waterbury to Terryville, CT

“ The assembly moved its meeting place on October 13th to 34 North Main St. in Terryville, CT ... On December 3rd the former Italian assembly in Waterbury, due to urban redevelopment, joined with the English assembly in Terryville (Batterton, Sr.).

1973 – Newport, RI

“I was born in 1951 and raised in Brookfield, CT in the Episcopal church. I was religious as a young boy but grew away from it in my late teens. Later I found out that I was only nominally a Christian. In 1969 I enlisted in the U.S. Navy. In 1973 upon returning from a six-month deployment, I met a former shipmate who told me he had been



born again and accepted Jesus Christ as his savior. He took me to the Serviceman’s Christian Center where I met two ex-sailors who were running the center. We spoke for several hours, and I came to the point from past life experiences, my own conscience, and the Bible passages that they read to me that I was lost and headed for an eternity in hell. The Holy Spirit had been working in my heart for months and when they read John 3:18 I discovered the Lord Jesus Christ had literally died in my place and I was saved in a moment of time (**Richard Andrews** 2023, Brookfield – Andrews Family Photo).

1973 – Storrs, CT

“On Feb 18, 1973, Jesus Christ saved me. I realized that my own actions had condemned me to Hell forever and I asked Him to save me. He did, right there on Route 84, on my way back to the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT driving a 1960s Volvo. I was coming from my first gospel



meeting in Brookfield. I was thinking out loud about my sinfulness and realized that I was lost. I knew my whole life that He died on a cross, but that night I found out it was for me. In August that year I was baptized at the Long Branch assembly and later moved to Connecticut for a few years (**William Wanschura** 2023, NJ, Brookfield, NJ – Wanschura Family Photo).

1974 – Brookfield, CT

“ Brother Fite gave them a call at the first of the year, an encouraging meeting (Words in Season Mar 1974).

1974 – La Spezia, Italy

“ Tenafly [NJ] – Francis Carboni for more than 50 years associated with Grace Chapel in Tenafly as a youth worker, religion writer, full-time preacher and evangelist, died Sunday in La Spezia, Italy, where he had made his home for the last few years. He would have been 90 on Jun 18.

“ Mr. Carboni was born in Rome in 1884, of an old Roman family. He was educated in Italy and as a young man served as personal bodyguard to King Victor Emmanuel. He came to this country after World War I. His first job was with the Tenafly Post Office as a letter carrier ... In 1928, he was commended as a full-time preacher and evangelist and had been in the ministry ever since.

“ After several years of preaching in this country and Canada, during which he established more than 20 churches, he was called by the evangelical community in Italy to preach there. That had been his occupation since 1947.

“ Mr. Carboni introduced some of the techniques of the American frontier into Italian evangelism, including tent campaigns in unchurched areas, and motorcycle and jeep evangelistic teams. He conducted his last tent campaigns in the summer of 1972 at age 88, during which two new churches were formed ... For a number of years, Mr. Carboni wrote a syndicated column on religious matters from the evangelical viewpoint which appeared in many daily newspapers in Italy.

“ He is survived by his [second] wife, Irma, in La Spezia ... Services and burial were to be in La Spezia.

The Record. 1974 Mar 19, p45. Hackensack, NJ.
Newspapers.com, 2024.

1974 – Philadelphia, PA

PATRIZIO, Cesare — At his home in Philadelphia, Pa.. Friday, March 29, Cesare Patrizio, beloved husband of Ruth Patrizio (formerly Ruth Davis of Sault Ste. Marie). Funeral and interment in Philadelphia Monday, April 1.

Sault Star, Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada.
1974 Mar 30, p8. Newspapers.com, 2023.

- “His first effort was with Dr. Cameron in Waterville, Connecticut and later with Charles Keller in Youngstown, Ohio and numerous times in Philadelphia. He labored faithfully amongst his own people and was a real soul-winner. He pitched a tent 36 times in 34 seasons and saw much work done, along with four other Italian speaking preachers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, as well as in other parts and saw New Testament assemblies planted in many parts.
- “The Lord gave him a long, fruitful life and in later years with his present wife (Ruth), they labored together in Toronto and Sarnia, Canada, visiting numerous homes and doing personal work and saw souls saved and an assembly planted in Toronto in 1967, which continues to this day.
- “The last years he was more or less confined to home, where he was devotedly cared for by his wife ... He attended meetings in the Philadelphia area to the very last ... Very feeble the last weeks, with his strength nearly gone he still managed to give pens to all who visited him and made them read John 3:16. He went to be with Christ March 29, 1974 from his own home.

(Truth & Tidings Jun 1974 by M. Brescia)

1974 – Torrington, CT



“ From age nine I was brought up going to the Manchester, CT Gospel Hall. At age twelve most of my siblings were saved after a series of meetings. I professed to be saved then, but the Spirit was striving with me. My family moved to Vermont, but at the last Torrington, CT conference in May 1974, I saw my need to be saved from my sins and that I couldn't do anything to save myself. Mr. James Smith read

some verses (1 Timothy 1:15, Isaiah 44:22, John 19:30). The Lord showed me that I didn't need to do anything, that Jesus did it all when He said, *It is finished!* and that my salvation rested upon His work alone. That night I received Him as my personal Savior. Soon I was baptized and received into Hardwick assembly later moving to Brookfield area, then New Jersey. (Nancy Donofrio Wanschura 2023, CT, VT, Brookfield, NJ – Wanschura Family Photo).

1974 – Danbury, CT



Although Tim attended gospel meetings, he got saved through the verse John 3:16. An elderly lady at their Methodist Church sang it very poorly. However, he never forgot the words and the Lord used that to convict him. He got saved while at work in the computer lab at Western Connecticut State University (Timothy Zinser 2024, Brookfield, Terryville, NH, OH, ME, NC testimony per wife M. Zinser – Zinser Family Photo).

1974 June 14 to 16 – Brookfield, CT

“ Our 10th Annual Conference will be held D.V. commencing Fri. June 14 in the Gospel Hall Pocono Road here at 7:30 p.m., continuing June 15 and 16 in the Masonic Temple, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn., Sat a.m. 10:30 and Lord's Day B. of B. at 10 a.m. and through each day. Visitors freely entertained (Words in Season May 1974).

1974 Nov - Brookfield, CT

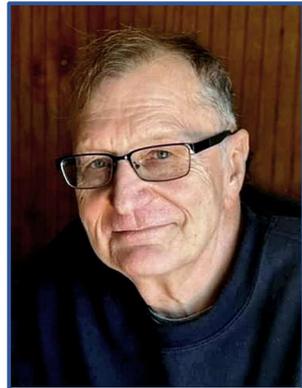
“ The correspondent for the Brookfield, Connecticut assembly is now Mr. Jack McGrath, Route 202, Northville, New Milford, Conn. 06776, Phone (203) 354-8798 (Truth & Tidings Nov 1974).

1974 Nov – Pennsauken, NJ

“ Brother Eugene Higgins from Pennsauken, N.J., was with him [Jim Smith] this season having left his employment in order to give full time for the work of the gospel (Truth & Tidings Nov 1974).

1975 Apr – Torrington, CT

“ Richard attended a baptism in Brookfield and the preacher spoke on the lake of fire. Richard had lived in Pittsburg while in the service and knew about the fiery steel mills there so he could picture being in the fire and it spoke to him. That message kept him in turmoil until he finally gave in and gave his life to Christ on the following Wednesday (**Richard White Jr.** 2024, Torrington, CT testimony per wife J. Netti White).



(White Family Photo)

1975 – Keyser, WV



(Editor - Fite Family Photo)

Cumberland News, 1975 Jun 10 p10.
Cumberland, MD, Newspapers.com,
2023.

CLAY C. FITE

KEYSER — Clay C. Fite, 86, of 5147 C Street, Philadelphia, died yesterday at Potomac Valley Hospital, where he had been admitted May 29.

Mr. Fite, an evangelist, had been conducting services at Gospel Hall, New Creek, when he became ill.

He was a native of Scottsdale, Pa., a son of the late Adam C. and Elizabeth (Trew) Fite.

His widow, Matilda B. (Bingham) Fite, survives.

“Mr. Clay C. Fite of Philadelphia, Pa., was born January 30, 1889 and went home to heaven June 9, 1975 after a heart attack.

“He was born again while reading his old army bible, February 22, 1914. On New Year’s Day 1916, he read the notice outside a Gospel Hall, *Christians gathered to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ*, and wondered what strange people these might be ... After listening ... he concluded that these people were only interested in knowing the Lord Jesus ... shortly afterwards he attended the meeting for the remembrance of the Lord. ... That year he was received into assembly fellowship at Friendship Ave. Gospel Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa.

“He and Mrs. Fite were united in marriage in September 1918 ... moved to Philadelphia a few years later and in July 1940 received a letter of commendation to the work of the Lord from the Olney assembly, Philadelphia ... Brother Fite’s unique ministry was refreshing and strengthening ... He enjoyed excellent health, being in the hospital only twice in his 87 years. It was during his second stay in the hospital in Keyser, W. Va., that the Lord called His servant home to heaven.

(Truth & Tidings Aug 1975)

1975 Jun – Pawling, NY

“ Alexander Sim Mitchell Sr ... died at Putnam Community Hospital in Carmel Sunday after a long illness ... He came to this country from Scotland 65 years ago. He was a member of the 73rd St. Chapel of Christian Brethren in New York City for more than 60 years [then Brookfield, Connecticut for a short time] ... His wife, the former Alice Brown, died April 19, 1969 (*Poughkeepsie Journal*, 1975 Jun 30 p3. Poughkeepsie, NY, Newspapers.com, 2024).

1975 Aug – Brookfield, CT

Timothy Zinser and Marcia Sterry, both of the Brookfield assembly, were married in the Gospel Hall on Aug 22nd by Mr. Walter Gustafson. They spent several years in fellowship before moving away (CT Marriage Records & Assembly History).

1975 Aug 29 to Sep 1 – Brookfield, CT

“ Aug. 30, 31 and September 1 in Masonic Temple, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn. Prayer meeting Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gospel Hall. Corr. Jack McGrath, Rte. 202, Northville, New Milford, Conn. 06776 Phone 203-354-3240 (Truth & Tidings Aug 1975).

“ A report of help from the Lord in the ministry at the recent conference reached us for which we are glad. We always at such seasons encourage those who are right with God and their brethren and discourage others (Words in Season Oct 1975).

1975 Dec – Danbury, CT

Brother Giovanni (John) D’Emilio, age 83, went to be with the Lord (CT Death Records & Assembly History).

(D’Emilio Goyette Family Photo)



1976 Mar – Brookfield, CT

“ E. Higgins expects to work in the gospel in Brookfield from March 14. Hopes to see some saved who are already contacted (Truth & Tidings Apr 1976).

“ E. Higgins, with the help of local brethren, conducted gospel meetings and visitation work in the district of Brookfield (Truth & Tidings May 1976).

1976 May – Brookfield, CT

Richard Andrews and Cynthia Caram were married on May 15th by Mr. Walter Gustafson in the Gospel Hall (CT Marriage Records & Assembly History).

1976 Sep – Brookfield, CT

“ Sept. 4, 5, and 6 in the Masonic Hall, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn. Prayer meeting Sept. 3 in Gospel Hall. Correspondent Jack McGrath, 343 Litchfield Rd., New Milford Ct., 06776 (Truth & Tidings Aug 1976).

1976 Oct – Brookfield, CT

William Wanschura of New Jersey and Nancy Donofrio of Vermont were married on Oct 9th in the Gospel Hall by Mr. Jim Smith. They spent several years in fellowship before moving to New Jersey (CT Marriage Records & Assembly History).

1976 – Brookfield, CT

“ Bro. Dobson had a meeting with the saints in Brookfield ... Bro. Pizzo of Brookfield Assembly has not been too well recently. Prayer valued for this brother (Formerly the Danbury Assembly) who has been a standby to the saints for years (Words in Season Jan 1977).

1977 Mar – Bridgeport to Brookfield, CT

Alexander and Edyth MacPherson were commended to the fellowship at Brookfield from the Bridgeport, CT assembly (BGH Archives - See Correspondence & Commendations).

1977 May – Bridgeport to Brookfield, CT

Robert and Elaine Gentile were commended to the fellowship at Brookfield from Bridgeport, CT assembly (BGH Archives - See Correspondence & Commendations).

1977 – Brookfield, CT

“ Fourteenth annual Conference D.V. will be held Sept. 3, 4, and 5, with Prayer Mtg. Fri. Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, all other meetings in the Masonic Hall, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn. Homes open for care of those coming from a distance. Corresp. Jack McGrath (Words in Season Jul 1977).

“ The Lord gave an encouraging time at the recent Conference, one professed Lord's Day evening at Gospel Meeting. Christians encouraged (Words in Season Oct 1977).

1978 – Brookfield, CT

“ Sept. 2-4 in the Masonic Hall, 337 Main St., Danbury, Conn. Prayer meeting on Sept. 1 in the Gospel Hall, Pocono Road, Brookfield. Correspondent, Jack McGrath (Truth & Tidings Aug 1978).

“ Brookfield, the ministry was excellent, the attendance was the largest ever, and one professed at the conference in September (Truth & Tidings Oct 1978).

1979 – Brookfield, CT



“ East Boston, a good number attended the Dec. conference, with many coming from a distance. ... Following, [Herbert] Dobson in Terryville and Brookfield (Truth & Tidings Jan 1979 p22).

(Photo, K. Anderson)

1979 – Brookfield, CT

“ Eugene Higgins had a series in the gospel using a chart on Future Events and a number professed, including both strangers and children of Christian parents (Truth & Tidings Apr 1979 p94).

(Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)



1979 – New Milford, CT



“ I was saved in February of 1979. We were having gospel meetings with Gene Higgins. He came to the house one morning in the snow. Nancy Wanschura came with her baby, so she could watch my daughter while Gene and I talked (Cindy Caram Cooper 2024, Brookfield).

(Caram Family Photo)

1980 Oct – Danbury, CT

“On October 7th, our esteemed brother, Alexander Pizzo, went to be with the Lord. Born April 23, 1896, he was pointed to Christ through the efforts of Rocco Cappiello on December 2, 1928, after which he was baptized and received in the fellowship of the Assembly at Danbury (now Brookfield). He shepherded, served and stood by the assembly all his days, and was correspondent for many years. We are deeply indebted to these older Christians who maintained a pattern of steadfastness and consistency which has been an influence to those of us who follow after. The chorus *Safe Am I*, which we heard him sing so often in the dining room of the different conferences here in the East, was sung by those who gathered at the graveside. His wife and five daughters, all in Christ, await that blessed day of reunion (Words in Season Dec 1980 - Pizzo Family Photo).



1984 – New Milford, CT

“With Christ: Sharon McGrath of New Milford, CT on April 24, age 31. Our beloved sister was saved as a young girl of 13 during a gospel series by Harold Clark and the late Albert Klabunda. For a number of years, she served the Lord as a Sunday School teacher [in Brookfield assembly]. During her illness with Hodgkins’s disease, she showed great faith and spiritual strength. Her cheerful presence will be sorely missed. David Oliver spoke comforting words at the funeral (Truth & Tidings May 1984 - McGrath Family Photo).



1984 – Bridgewater, CT

Annette Pizzo Caram, daughter of Alex and Rose Pizzo, passed into God's presence Jun 20th. She was saved early in life and in assembly fellowship in Danbury/Brookfield before moving to Florida. She returned to Connecticut and the Brookfield assembly shortly before passing (Editor - Assembly History).

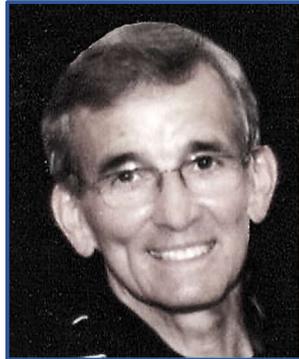


(Pizzo Family Photo)

1984 – New Milford, CT



John Hawthorne



David Oliver

Photos courtesy K. Anderson

“ A man of simple faith, he [John Hawthorne] was content with the necessities of life. When he visited this continent, he felt that anything he received above what met his needs belonged in the work here ... In 1984, he and I [David Oliver] shared in tent meetings in Malvern, PA and in New Milford, CT, an opportunity I have cherished (Truth & Tidings Nov 1995 p284 by D. Oliver).

1984 Summer – New Milford, CT

You Are Invited To The
GOSPEL TENT
Rt. 7 New Milford, Ct.
(By the Candlewood Valley Country Club)
SUNDAY THRU FRIDAY — 7:30 P.M.
AUGUST 5th — AUGUST 29th

SPEAKERS:

John Hawthorne Belfast, Ireland	David Oliver Havertown, Pa.
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COME AND HEAR THE OLD TIME GOSPEL!
"For What Shall it Profit a Man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" — Mark 8:36.

(BGH Archives)

Raising the Gospel Tent

(Photos courtesy K. Anderson)



(L-R)
John McGrath III,
Peter Anderson,
James Anderson,
John Hawthorne.

1984 Nov – Tampa, FL to Brookfield, CT

Robert and Rose Arnett were commended to the care of the assembly from Tampa, FL (BGH Archives - See Correspondence).

1985 – McKeesport, PA

“I was saved at the age of eight on December 15th while living in Pennsylvania. I was fortunate to grow up hearing the gospel as a child. We went to gospel meetings weekly and any series that came. I was troubled at a young age and struggled with how to take that final step of faith and knowing I was saved. After a solemn message on Sunday evening where Luke 19:10 was read I was finally ready to repent of my sins and rest in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ. *For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.* I was later baptized and received into the Brookfield assembly and privileged to visit there when I travel back (Julie Batterton Vizzini 2023, Brookfield, AZ – Batterton/Vizzini Family Photo).



1985 – Connecticut, USA

CONNECTICUT	
BRANFORD.	Branford Bible Chapel, Academy on the Green, cnr. S. Main & Montowese. H. M. McCaulley, 57 Hillcrest Ave., Hamden, 06514. (203-288-8524). B 9:45, S, M T, W & F (homes).
BRISTOL.	Gospel Hall (Italian), 54 Talmadge St. Carmelo Ferraro, 42 Talmadge St., 06010. B 10, S 11, G 6, PM T.
BROOKFIELD.	Gospel Hall, Pecone Rd. Jack McGrath, 343 Litchfield Rd., New Milford, 06776. (203-354-3240). B 10, S 11:15, G 7, PM W.

Walterick Publishers (See next page)

1985 – Connecticut, USA cont.

Connecticut

CHESHIRE. Cheshire Bible Chapel, Cheshire Grange Hall, Wallingford Rd., Cheshire Center. Jack Spender, 112 Doolittle Dr., Bethany, 06525. B, S, M 6:30, P W.

GROTON. Groton Bible Chapel, 66 Tollgate Rd. (203-445-1760 or 536-3170). R. J. Campbell, 43 Vinegar Hill Rd., Gales Ferry, 06335. (203-464-9348). B 8:30, M 10, S, G 6.

HAMDEN. West Woods Bible Chapel, 165 Hillfield Rd. George Thomson, 19 Green Circle, Milford, 06460. B 9:15, S 10:50, M 6:30, PM W.

HARTFORD. Charter Oak Gospel Hall, 49 Charter Oak Ave. (203-247-5233). Matthew J. Brescia, 81 Cobblestone Way, Windsor, 06095. (203-688-2388). B 10, S 11:45, G 7, PM T.

HARTFORD. Prospect Gospel Chapel, 576 Prospect Ave. (233-3040). Thomas Woods, 31 Strickland St., Manchester, 06040. (203-643-4477). B, S, G 7:30, W 8.

MANCHESTER. Gospel Hall, 415 Center St. Joseph L. Jassie, 159 Thompson Rd., 06040. (646-8232). B 10, S 11:45, G 7, P T 8, M Th 8.

NEW HAVEN. Westville Bible Chapel, cnr. of Alston & Woodbridge Aves. Ralph Kirchofer, 44 Burton St., 06515. (203-389-9380). B 9, S 10:30, L Mo 9:30 (homes), M F 8 (homes).

SOUTH NORWALK. Gospel Chapel, 50 Lexington Ave. Clifford P. Foley, 19 Overbrook Lane, Darien, 06820. (203-655-4260). B 9:45, S, G 6:30, P W.

TERRYVILLE. Gospel Hall of Waterbury, 34 N. Main St. James C. Batterton, Box 527C, Hard Hill Rd., Bethlehem, 06751. (203-266-5397). B 10, G 7, P T, C F 7.

TORRINGTON. Gospel Hall, 410 Migeon Ave. Victor Illuminati, 72 Revere St., 06790. (489-4563). B 10, S 11:30, G 7, PM W 7:45.

Walterick Publishers, *1985 Address Book of Some Assemblies of Christians*, Kansas City, KS. Alphabetical by Location. (Brethren Archive Historical Docs, Open Brethren, Address Lists).

1986 Jul – McKeesport, PA to Brookfield, CT

Janice and James Batterton Jr. moved to the local area and were a welcome addition to the assembly and their young children, Jim III and Julie, to the Sunday School (Editor - Assembly History).

1986 – Brookfield, CT

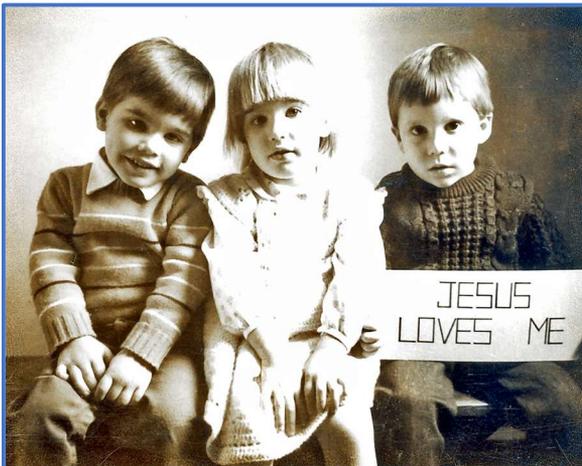
“ Recently, [Siegfried Jurgen] Fred Krauss [of Germany and Canada] had a week of ministry meetings (Truth & Tidings Jan 1986).

(Truth & Tidings Mar 2023 photo Fred Krauss).



“ The Connecticut Assembly Bible Readings were held here on May 18. Brother Walter Gustafson remained for four nights of ministry (Words in Season July 1986).

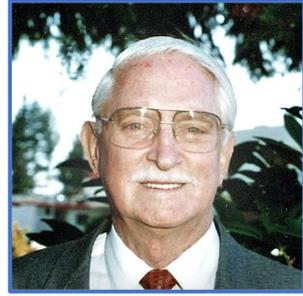
1980s – Brookfield, CT



Sunday School Children c. mid-1980s
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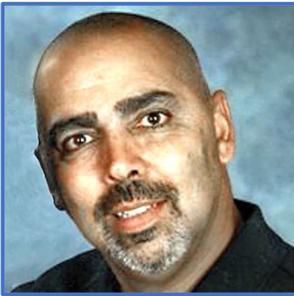
1986 – Brookfield, CT

The assembly hosted a nightly series of special gospel meetings for a few weeks with Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania college professor and preacher Minor C. Hawk. Several souls accepted Christ as their Savior.



(Assembly History & Photo).

1986 – Bethlehem, CT



“I was saved in June 1986 when Minor Hawk was in Brookfield. He was preaching from Acts 16:31 *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.* It was simple, direct and to the point. My uncle, Jack McGrath, walked me through it and led me to the Lord. I can remember almost to the exact point where I

stood in the basement of the hall (**Edward Caram Jr.** 2023, CT, TN – Caram Family Photo).

1986 – New Milford, CT

“In 1986 I was going to the nightly gospel meetings at the Brookfield Hall. It was a few years after my sister Sharon died which had affected me immensely. I don’t have many words and I didn’t have a big emotional experience like others talk about. I just had a deep feeling of relief (**John McGrath III** 2023, Brookfield, CA).



(McGrath Family Photo)

1986 – Milford, CT

“ I remember as young as six years old knowing I would go to hell if I died. I understood hell was real and so was heaven. I had been troubled about my soul and so thankful for the striving of the Holy Spirit. In my condition I couldn't go to heaven, but it was several years before I understood that salvation is found at the cross alone and there was nothing that I could do to earn my salvation. It was simply trust. I remember that night like it was yesterday when Minor Hawk came for meetings. John McGrath also got saved during those meetings and told someone, *If God said it, I believe it.* I will never forget that! (Sharon Gentile Robinson, 2024, Brookfield, VT, MA – Photo, facebook.com/sharon.g.robinson.39).



1986 Nov – Brookfield, CT

“ James Smith expected to commence ministry meetings in November (Truth & Tidings Dec 1986).

(Photo, obits.mlive.com)



c. 1986 – Brookfield, CT

William (Bill) Guiffredo and Mary Jane Guiffredo were received into assembly fellowship (Editor - Assembly History).

1988 – Brookfield, CT

Sharon Gentile and Michael Corp were married on May 7th by Mr. John (Jack) McGrath, Jr. an elder in the assembly. They spent a short time in Brookfield assembly before relocating to Vermont (BGH Archives - CT Marriage Records).

1988 May – Brookfield, CT

“Walter Gustafson had a week of encouraging ministry in May (Truth & Tidings Jul 1988 p190).

1988 Jun – Connecticut

“During the last two weeks of June, Robert Surgenor ministered the Word of God at Brookfield, Terryville, Hartford, and Torrington (Truth & Tidings Aug 1988 p219).

1988 – Terryville and Brookfield, CT

“Terryville, CT: The attendance at the October conference was good and the new location worked out very well. Timely ministry was given by E. Doherty, W. Gustafson, E. Higgins, E. Moore, D. Oliver, J. Stubbs and K. Taylor. Following the conference, Ed Doherty remained for a few nights in ministry before going to Brookfield (Truth & Tidings Dec 1988 p331).



(Photo, Ernie Moore,
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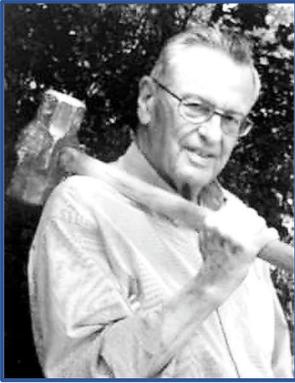


(Photo, Ed Doherty
Glorious Gospel)

1988 Nov – Brookfield

“Robert Surgenor expects to have two weeks of ministry meetings in November on the truth of the local assembly (Truth & Tidings Nov 1988 p302).

1989 – Brookfield, CT



(Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)

“ In January, Robert Surgenor had four weeks of very practical and heart-searching ministry relative to the local assembly and the priesthood of the believer. The saints were much encouraged by the ministry as well as by a soul trusting Christ during the second week of the meetings (Truth & Tidings Mar 1989 p79).

1989 Feb – Brookfield, CT

“ I always believed that the Bible contained the truth. I never doubted the reality of God, or that Jesus Christ was God’s son, or that He died on the cross. I finally realized that I was a sinner, and that I was destined for Hell. For the first time, I knew that I was truly lost and that I needed salvation. I finally concluded that I was just going to have to go to Hell, because I simply could not figure out a way to be saved. That was when I remembered that the Lord Jesus died on the cross for lost sinners. So, in simple childlike faith, I put my trust in His death on the cross to take me to Heaven. It was at that moment that I was saved (Jim Batterton III 2023, PA, Brookfield – Batterton Family Photo).



1991 – Brookfield, CT

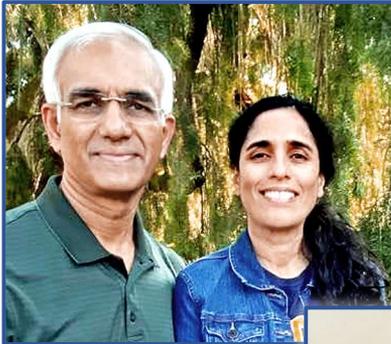
“ Three believers were baptized in May, bringing joy to the saints (Truth & Tidings Jul 1991).

1994 – Brookfield, CT

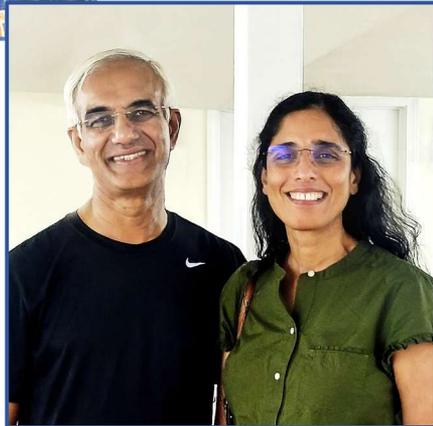
“David Oliver was with the assembly for the monthly area Bible reading on Hebrews 10 (Truth & Tidings Jul 1994 p101).

1994 – Brookfield, CT

George Cherian originally from India was received into Brookfield fellowship from the assembly in Springfield, MA in 1994 and proved to be a gifted brother. Later that year he and Sheela married in India, and she was also a welcome blessing to the saints in Brookfield when they returned in 1995. They started their family here before moving on to Texas and then to Michigan (Editor - Assembly History).



(Cherian Family Photo)



(Editor - Assembly Photo)

“ We give thanks to God for the testimony in Brookfield for the past 95 years. George moved to New Milford in summer of 1994 and started fellowshiping at the hall in Brookfield. We got married later that year and we started gathering together with the saints in 1995.

“ We spent four wonderful years in Brookfield and have lovely memories of our time there. We enjoyed all the help and support when our daughter Stephanie was born at New Milford. Our memories include the Sunday afternoon potluck (especially the pies that Judy brought!) and the fellowship. We also have fond memories of the times we spent quilting at Elizabeth’s house and our hall picnics. We still remember the wonderful time we had with Jack and Mary McGrath over Christmas dinner. We’ve enjoyed lots of fun times and dinner with Kathy and Jim Anderson. We’ve enjoyed celebrating Stephanie’s and Alison’s birthdays with all of you. We also have many fond memories with Cindy Pesenti and Mary Jane & Bill Guiffredo. Another event that comes to my memory is the time all of us got together at Elizabeth’s home along with Margaret, Jan, Kathy, and Sheila to make a quilt for Alison Lockhart as a shower gift.

“ Additionally, we remember the outreach with the kids at the hall and are glad it is still going on. We are thankful that we had a chance to visit and enjoy some time of fellowship with the believers in 2021.

With love in Him,
George and Sheela Cherian
February 2023

1994 Aug – New Milford, CT

“I got saved when I was thirteen years old in August of 1994. I was fortunate to have been raised by parents in the Church and was faithfully witnessed to since birth at the Brookfield Gospel Hall. I knew that one day I would stand before God, and everything would be exposed. Every move I made, every thought in my mind,



every word I uttered, nothing would be hidden. I am not saved from Hell because I work my way to Heaven. Even one sin separates us from God. But through Christ I have hope. I am saved because the Holy Spirit revealed to me the depravity of my sin and the end to which it leads. With that revelation, I turned from it. I clung to what Jesus did for me at Calvary and surrendered myself to his mercy. I rest in that hope because without Christ I am lost. As the hymn says, *nothing in my hands I bring, simply to the cross I cling*. I'm just a sinner, redeemed by the blood of Jesus alone (Nathan Andrews 2024, former Brookfield Bible class student – Andrews Family Photo).

1994 – Brookfield, CT

“Our beloved sister, Mrs. Rose Pizzo, age 89, went to be with Christ on December 19. She was saved in 1929 and soon after baptized and received into fellowship in the Danbury Assembly (now Brookfield). Her husband, Alexander, went home on October 7, 1980. She was pre-



deceased by three daughters, and leaves four other daughters, and numerous grandchildren, some of whom are comforted by that *blessed hope* (Words in Season Feb 1995 - Pizzo Family Photo).

1995 Oct – Brookfield

“From October 23 to 27, Robert Surgenor gave valuable ministry on the Seven Churches (Truth & Tidings Dec 1995).

c. 1996 – Scotland to Brookfield, CT

Alan and Alison Lockhart of Scotland were welcomed into the assembly for their few years in Brookfield before returning to Scotland. They were prayerful, and diligent in the assembly and instrumental in organizing children’s meetings (Editor - Assembly History).

c. 1997 – Bridgewater, CT

The assembly held its annual Sunday school picnic at the Bridgewater town pavilion for several years. It was convenient with a playground and spacious fields (Editor – Assembly History).



photo bridgewater-ct.gov

1997 – Brookfield, CT

Following the Saugus conference, Robert Surgenor gave helpful ministry in Hartford, Manchester, Torrington and Brookfield (Truth & Tidings Feb 1997).

1997 – Brookfield, CT

“Prayer is requested for gospel meetings which Dale Vitale and Frank Tornaquindici expect to start in April (Truth & Tidings Apr 1997).



(Tornaquindici Family Photo)



(Vitale Family Photo)

“Frank Tornaquindici and Dale Vitale concluded four weeks of excellent gospel meetings with a young man [Ernest Silvernail III] professing salvation on the last night of the meetings (Truth & Tidings Jun 1997).



(Silvernail Family Photo)

1998 – Brookfield, CT

“The January 25 Bible reading on Acts 2, led by Frank Tornaquindici, was helpful, with good participation from local brethren. The first monthly ministry meeting was held on the following Saturday evening, January 31, and it is planned that these meetings will continue on the last Saturday of each month, D.V., with area elders being encouraged to minister. Pray for children’s meetings beginning February 20 (Words in Season Mar 1998).

1998 – Brookfield, CT

- “ Ron Hutchinson (England) visited from April 25-29 giving ministry and reports on his work in prisons (Truth & Tidings Jun 1998) and (Words in Season Jun 1998).
- “ The believers enjoyed the visit of Jim McColl for ministry on June 11. He also gave appreciated ministry in Manchester and Newington (Words in Season Aug 1998).
- “ The Area Bible readings resumed on September 13 with Acts 6 under consideration (Truth & Tidings Nov 1998).

1999 – CT and MA

- “ Believers were helped and encouraged at the [Manchester] area Bible reading on September 19, led by Robert Surgenor. He also visited the Newington, Torrington, and Brookfield assemblies during the last week of September, with upbuilding and helpful ministry (Words in Season Nov 1999).



(Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)

- “ Robert Surgenor was with the assembly for the monthly area Bible reading and then visited Torrington, Brookfield, Springfield, and Newington with helpful ministry for each assembly (Truth & Tidings Dec 1999).

INTO A NEW MILLENIUM

2000 Feb – Brookfield, CT

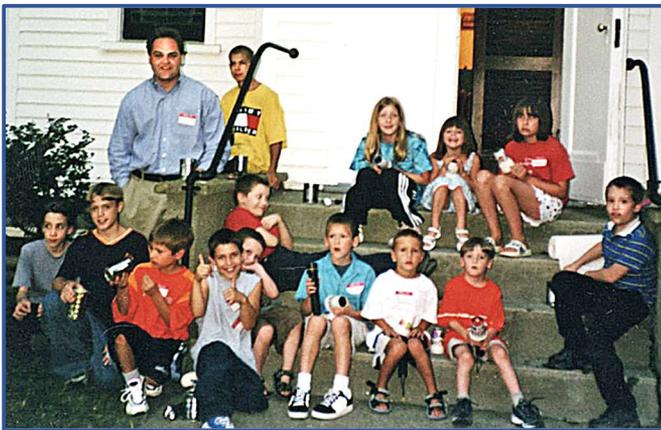
“ The assembly is holding weekly children’s meetings (Truth & Tidings Mar 2000).

2000 May – Brookfield, CT

“ The assembly concluded a series of children’s meetings on May 6 that lasted over three months. Attendance was excellent, and a good number of parents were out at the last meeting, where brother Don Labbe of Terryville, CT spoke. The saints were very encouraged by these meetings, and also by a recent visit by Sam Maze with a missionary report and ministry on May 14 and May 16 (Truth & Tidings Jul 2000).

2000 Aug - Brookfield

“ A week-long series of children’s meetings concluded on August 4. Attendance was excellent, and contacts were made with several new families from the area. The assembly was assisted in these meetings by Jonathan Vizzini of Sunnyslope, AZ (Truth & Tidings Sep 2000).



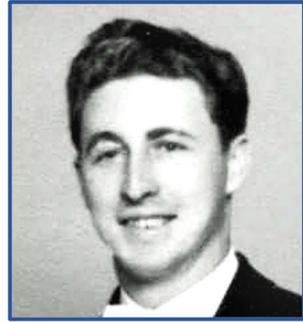
(BGH Archives)

2001– Brookfield, CT

- “ The assembly concluded an encouraging, well-attended series of weekly children’s meetings in January. David Zuidema from Midland Park, NJ, spoke at the last meeting, with a good number of parents present. The assembly desires prayer for another weekly series of children’s meetings planned. The believers also enjoyed a visit from Robert Surgenor in January (Words in Season Mar 2001) and (Truth & Tidings Apr 2001).
- “ The assembly concluded an encouraging series of weekly children’s meetings recently. Harold Clark (McKeesport, PA), David Oliver, and Bill Brescia (Newington, CT) visited during the series as guest speakers. There were a good number of children, and some parents present throughout the series. The assembly purposes to have a week of children’s meetings in late August and asks for prayer for this effort (Words in Season Aug 2001) and (Truth & Tidings Aug 2001).
- “ The assembly recently concluded a week of special children’s meetings. A good number of new contacts were made in the area, and the saints were encouraged. Jon Vizzini from the Sunnyslope, AZ assembly assisted in the meetings. The assembly requests prayer for blessing in follow-up weekly children’s meetings beginning soon (Truth & Tidings Nov 2001) and (Words in Season Nov 2001).
- “ The assembly recently concluded a series of weekly children’s meetings. Dave Zuidema from Midland Park was with the assembly for the final meeting of this series. The assembly was very encouraged by the attendance of children and parents throughout the series (Truth & Tidings Jan 2002) and (Words in Season Jan 2002).

2001 Apr – Mansfield, OH

“I first heard the gospel when I was 24 years old. My father-in-law, Mr. Alexander Pizzo, approached me about it many times. Through the years so did the old-time Italian preachers. They would speak to me about the gospel, and I listened attentively but I was too proud and put it off each time.



“My parents never attended church, and I felt that was good enough for me. When my brother, George, was dying of cancer, he got saved and that’s when I became serious about salvation, but I still kept putting it off.

“After moving to Ohio, I began going to some of the meetings. My grandson asked me why I didn’t come out to more of the meetings. I felt that I should be more involved in his young life and after that I started going to all the meetings.

“April 2001, Robert McIlwaine and David Oliver had a series of meetings here in Mansfield. One day they phoned and asked me to go out for coffee. They came to the house to pick me up but for some reason we decided to stay at home. They asked me if I wanted to be saved and I said yes. They read scripture and explained how to be saved.

“I realized then that I was trying to get saved my way, but they explained that all was already done by the Lord Jesus Christ – His Way. All I had to do was put my trust in Him. I did just that and the Lord saved me that day, a few days before my 73rd birthday (**Dean Sterry** 2001, CT, OH – Sterry Family Photo).

2002 – Sault St. Marie, ON

“ Ruth Patrizio of Sault Ste. Marie, ON on January 3, age 91. Our dear sister was the beloved [second] wife of the late Cesare Patrizio, servant of the Lord from Philadelphia. She was saved in 1927 and received into assembly fellowship here where she continued steadfastly for a number of years, before leaving to serve the Lord with her husband whom she married in 1959. After his death she returned to Sault Ste. Marie, spending her latter years in a nursing home, unable to attend assembly meetings because of ill health (Truth & Tidings Mar 2002 Tidings).

2002 – Longport, NJ

“ Alexander (Sandy) E. MacPherson of Longport, NJ on Jun 27, age 89. Saved in 1943, he soon developed an interest in the gospel. He trained with New Tribe Missions but did not go to the field. He first came into contact with an assembly in New Orleans in 1947. From 1948-1978 he and his wife were in happy fellowship with the assembly in Bridgeport, CT. They spent two years in the Brookfield, CT assembly and then nine years in Terryville, CT before moving to Longport in 1990. He continued in his love for the gospel and the Lord’s people until his home call. Edyth, his wife of 59 years, still resides at the home in Ocean View. The graveside service was conducted by William Oliver, Todd Cherry, and Albert Amadio (Truth & Tidings Aug 2002).

2002 – England



The assembly was blessed with Ann Crook of England. She stayed for extended visits with her family living in Brookfield and returned intermittently to England between visits for the short period required by her visa. (Editor - Assembly History & Photo).

2002 – New Milford, CT

“ With Christ: John T. (Jack) McGrath Jr. of Brookfield, CT [assembly] on December 14, 2002, age 77. Our dear brother grew up in Danbury, CT, and was saved in February of 1953. He was received into fellowship shortly after. Jack was a devoted elder who loved the assembly. His faithfulness and enthusiasm were an encouragement to many. His presence and guiding hand will be greatly missed (Truth & Tidings Feb 2003).

(McGrath Family Photo)



2003 – New Canaan, CT

“ With Christ: Judith Lander of Brookfield, CT, [assembly] on January 13, age 70. Judy was saved in Bridgeport, CT while attending meetings by the late George Gould. In later years she was in fellowship with the saints at Brookfield. Judy was a consistent sister with a love and care for the Christians. She had a genuine interest in children’s work and always helped out anyway she could. She will be greatly missed in this small assembly. Her funeral was shared by Jim Batterton, Jr. and Frank Tornaquindici, who gave a faithful word in the gospel (Truth & Tidings Apr 2003 - US School Yearbooks Photo).

(US School Yearbooks)



2003 – California to Brookfield, CT

(Batterton Family Photo)

“I was saved as an elementary school-aged child reading the Bible at home, awed at the message of divine wrath and grace that I saw in the Scriptures but that I didn’t hear about in the denominational church that I attended with my family. Subsequently, I struggled with assurance until I was in my early twenties. It was then that I finally found peace in the truth of Isaiah 44:22-23 *I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done it.* I finally realized there was nothing more to be done to accomplish my salvation, for the Lord had done it all (Emily Cole Batterton 2023, CA, Brookfield).



2003 – Brookfield, CT

“David Oliver concluded a two-week gospel series on future events. Although a large number of visitors did not attend, the saints were encouraged, and some new contacts were made. Please pray for several unsaved children of the saints that became very concerned about salvation during this series (Truth & Tidings Dec 2003).

2004 – Brookfield, CT

“The assembly recently concluded an encouraging series of weekly children’s meetings. Dave Zuidema IV from Midland Park was a big help in the meetings. Please pray that the seed sown in these meetings will result in the salvation of these children and their families (Truth & Tidings May 2004).

2005 – Brookfield, CT

“ The assembly recently concluded another encouraging series of weekly children’s meetings. Several brethren from nearby local assemblies helped out with these efforts. We also enjoyed help from David Oliver. Please pray that the seed sown in these meetings will result in the salvation of these children and their families (Truth & Tidings Jan 2005).

2007 – Torrington, CT

“ With a note of sadness, we announce the closing of the Torrington assembly. The testimony was planted in the late 1920’s through gospel work by brethren Marshall and Warke. With 13 believers at the beginning, the assembly increased to about 40 in the early 1970’s. Since then, older believers were called home and others moved away. The numbers steadily decreased to only six. After many months of soul-searching and seeking God’s mind as to the future, those remaining have been welcomed to the fellowship of the Brookfield and Terryville assemblies (Truth & Tidings Apr 2007).

2007 – Brookfield, CT and Elsewhere

(Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)

“ Using Newington as a base, W.J. Nesbitt (NI) was with all the assemblies in the area for five weeks giving edifying, practical ministry and preaching the gospel. He was able to give needed help at three conferences including Terryville, Newington, and Bryn Mawr, PA. He also visited Manchester and Brookfield, as well as Worcester and West Springfield in MA. He and his dear wife left for home on November 20th (Truth & Tidings Jan 2008).



2008 – Brookfield, CT

“ E. Higgins recently concluded a two-week series of gospel meetings during the weeknights, and children’s meetings on Sundays. The Lord blessed in the salvation of a soul. This series greatly encouraged the saints, as does the attendance of children and parents at the weekly children’s meetings, which continue with help from local brethren (Truth & Tidings Apr 2008).

“ The assembly recently concluded another encouraging series of weekly children’s meetings. A good number of parents attended several nights. Please pray that the seed sown in these meetings will result in the salvation of these children and their families (Truth & Tidings Jun 2008).

2008 – Brookfield, CT

“ The assembly enjoyed visits by Walter Gustafson in June and Alvin Cook in July. Both spoke in ministry and were encouraging to the saints (Truth & Tidings Nov 2008).

2008 – Brookfield, CT and Beyond

“ Over 60,000 souls from refugee camps in eastern Nepal began coming to the US in 2008. Mostly from Hindu or Buddhist backgrounds, they have no knowledge of the One true God. What follows is a brief report of how the Lord worked to reach some of these families in the Hartford, CT area.

“ From the start, this work has been one of fellowship between local assemblies. Believers in Saugus, MA contacted the assembly in Brookfield, CT regarding two Nepali refugee families moving to the area. As a result of the labors of the believers in Brookfield, these families began attending meetings. In 2011 they moved to Hartford to be with a larger Nepali community and were introduced to the Newington assembly.

(Brescia July 2015)

2009 – Brookfield, CT

- “ The assembly recently concluded an encouraging series of children’s meetings with a number of new children and some parents out at each meeting (Truth & Tidings Feb 2009).
- “ The assembly recently concluded a series of children’s meetings. Young brothers from the Midland Park assembly assisted in the efforts, and the gospel was faithfully preached to children and some parents (Truth & Tidings Jun 2009).



(Batterton Photo Oct 18, 2009)

- “ The saints enjoyed a recent visit by Sam Maze for a Sunday and weeknight meeting. The believers were encouraged, and there were some visitors in to hear the gospel (Truth & Tidings Jul 2009).

Sam Maze
(Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)



2009 – Longport, NJ

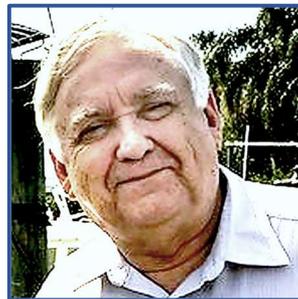
“ Edythe Mildred MacPherson of Longport, NJ, on August 1, age 91. She was raised in a Christian home and saved in 1938 at age 20. She met her future husband, Alexander, at a missionary training camp in 1943 and they were married that year. They trained with New Tribes Mission in 1945 and were to leave for Bolivia from New Orleans. The ship never came, and while there they learned the truth of gathering to His name. They returned to Bridgeport, CT where they were in fellowship for 30 years, then Brookfield for three years, and due to relocation, in Terryville for nine years. They moved to the Longport Home in 1990 ... She leaves two sisters. A graveside service was a time of testimony (Truth & Tidings Oct 2009).

2009 – Brookfield, CT

“ Eugene Higgins recently concluded a two-week series of gospel meetings on weeknights, and children’s meetings on Sundays. While attendance by the unsaved was small, the assembly was thankful that some heard the gospel faithfully preached. Some parents attended the children’s meetings with their children, and contacts were made (Truth & Tidings Jan 2010).

c. 2010 – Brookfield, CT

Larry Buote of Quebec visited for weeknight ministry. His message was *Seven Things Each Has in Heaven*: 1) Name Written 2) Birthdate 3) Second Birthdate 4) Death Date if before His coming 5) Prayers Recorded 6) Mansion 7) Crown (Editor - Assembly History).



(Photo, facebook.com/larrybuote.stellabuote)

2011 Sep – Brookfield, CT

“ We had the privilege of having a medical missionary couple, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Logan, stay with us for a day. This couple has lived in Botswana for thirty years, preaching the Gospel and working in clinics. We were reminded yet again what a beautiful thing Christian fellowship is, and how grateful we are for couples like these who have a heart to care for those in need (Batterton Sep 27, 2011).



Hazel and Clark Logan
(Echoes International Photo)

2012 Jan – New Milford, CT

Mary Pizzo McGrath, age 85, went to be with the Lord. Her life revolved around faith and family. She was saved at age 13. She taught Sunday school, opened her home in hospitality, and was active with the assembly in Danbury/Brookfield until failing health kept her homebound (Editor - Assembly History).



(McGrath Family Photo)

2012 Oct - Brookfield, CT



“ We were blessed to have a wonderful preacher, Phil Coulson, and his wife stay with us for a few days last week. They were an amazing couple who blessed us immensely with their presence (Batterton Oct 14, 2012).

(Photo, PromiseBoxAudio.com)

2013 – Brookfield, CT

Emily and Jim Batterton III graciously provided space in their home for the assembly to meet while major hall renovations were in progress (Editor - Assembly History).

2013 Sep 29 – Brookfield, CT

“ We had the honor of hosting a preacher from North Ireland, Robin McKeown, and his wife at our home last week, and we were thrilled to find that he was as wonderful with children as he was from the platform! His wife was equally as warm and kind (Batterton Sep 29, 2013).

2013 Oct 26 – Washington, CT

The Brookfield assembly held a Sunday school picnic at the Washington, CT town pavilion with sunshine, games, meal, and gospel message (Editor - Assembly History).

2014 – New Milford, CT

The Brookfield assembly had a gospel tent on the town green at the Village Fair Days for two days. They freely distributed Bibles, tracts, and photo texts to whoever accepted them. Brethren from Midland Park and Terryville joined the effort (Editor - Assembly History).

2014 Oct – Washington, CT

The Brookfield Sunday School picnic was at the Washington, CT town pavilion. Everyone enjoyed games, fresh air and sunshine, a meal, and gospel message (Editor Assembly History).



(BGH Archives)

2014 – Brookfield, CT

“ Message from Dave Zuidema tonight at our Children's meeting. The solution for *Me a Sinner* is the Savior ... We had a nice last night of Children's Meetings for this series. Thanks to Paul Barnhardt for doing a great job with the message (BGH Archives).



(BGH Archives)

2014 – Brookfield, CT



“ As a very young child, I understood that my sins would drag me down to hell if I did not recognize that fact. In early February 2014 when we were driving back in our car from vacation, I remembered hearing about someone who was recently saved. That urged me to cry out to the Lord to save me from my sins, believing that He was the only one who could. Since then, I’ve been

occasionally plagued by doubts, but I remember that it’s not about what I did, but about what Jesus has done. There’s nothing more that I could do (Susanna Batterton 2023, Brookfield – Batterton Family Photo).

2015 Feb – Brookfield, CT

“ Great first night of Children's Meetings. Message was on Daniel and the Lion's Den from Daniel 6 (BGH Archives).

“ Great children's meeting tonight with Gene Higgins. He spoke about ATM - A Savior, The Savior, and My Savior (BGH Archives).

2015 Mar – Brookfield, CT

Vital Questions was a special series of gospel meetings held in Brookfield by Eugene Higgins from New Jersey (Editor - Assembly History).

“ Is God there? Is God fair? Is God aware and does he care? Is the Bible true? Is the Bible for you? What did Christ say? What did Christ pay? Is Christ alive today? Is Christ the only way? Is there any life after death? Is there any meaningful life before death? Will it be the end of the world? What should I do about truth? (BGH Archives).

2015 Oct – Brookfield, CT

The assembly hosted children’s meetings in October with messages on Light, the Blood of Christ, the Substitute, the Only Way to Heaven (BGH Archives).

2015 Sep – Glen Head, NY to Brookfield, CT

“I was fortunate to grow up in a Christian family that attended church regularly and was taught that the Bible is God’s word and is truth. I grew up studying the Bible, so when the question arose of where I would be if something happened to me and I died, I knew I wanted to be in heaven.



While studying God’s word I understood and acknowledged that I was a sinner who needed salvation. It was not something I could provide myself, but God did that through His Son on the cross (Romans 5:6-11). At the age of 10 while attending the Glen Head Gospel Meeting House I gave my life over to God. He has been my faithful and trusted companion ever since (Julie Armstrong 2023, NY, Brookfield – Photo, J. Armstrong).

2016 – Brookfield, CT

Paul Barnhardt (see photo) of Barrington, NJ visited in April and gave a lesson in Sunday school about the storm on the sea and only the Lord Jesus Christ can save us (BGH Archives).



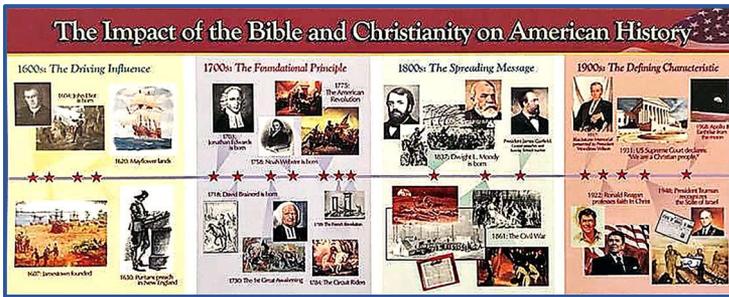
Seth Zuidema spoke about Lazarus during the children’s meetings in December (BGH Archives).

2017 – Brookfield, CT

Children’s meetings ran from September to October. Chris Brescia of Newington, CT assembly paid a visit with a message about how God does not change. Dave Zuidema of Midland Park, NJ finalized children’s meetings speaking about how sin turns things upside down. The annual Sunday school picnic took place in October (BGH Archives).

2018 Feb – Brookfield, CT

Eugene Higgins visited in February to present his ten-part series on the *Impact of the Bible in American History* (BGH Archives).



(BGH Archives)

2018 Oct – Brookfield, CT



The Sunday school picnic in October launched another series of children’s meetings (Editor Assembly History).

“ A great lesson by Andrew Zuidema on he that has the son has life during our children’s meetings (BGH Archives - Text & Photo).

2018 – Brookfield, CT



“ I was raised in a Christian home and never once doubted the Bible or that I would one day be saved. In fact, I had nearly convinced myself that I was saved before Mr. Higgins’ gospel series in February of 2018. But deep down I knew something was missing. After I repeatedly tried and failed

to reassure myself of my salvation, Mr. Higgins (who was staying with us) noticed and gave me a slip of paper one night that read: *If I die tonight, my soul will be in H_____*. The blank obviously was to be filled with either *Heaven* or *Hell*. I thought about it for some time, and eventually put down *Heaven*, although I knew that was a lie. I could tell that he knew, and he shared some verses with me to aid me in my spiritual turmoil. It was all I could think about for the following hours and the next night. It was with a feeling of hopelessness that I realized I still wasn’t saved. I had tried everything – was there nothing I could do good enough to send me to Heaven? But in that moment, the Lord brought me to the realization that I didn’t have to look at what I had done to get saved. I had to look at what He had done for me. With that, I realized who my true Savior was, and He reached out and saved me (**Rebecca Batterton** 2023, Brookfield – Batterton Family Photo).

2019 – Brookfield, CT

The assembly hosted its Sunday school picnic at the Brookfield Town Park followed by another series of children’s meetings during October (Editor).

(BGH Archives Photo)



2019 – Brookfield, CT

Gene Higgins of Haddonfield, NJ visited December 2nd-6th to present his five-part series *The Gospel in Christmas Carols* (BGH Archives).

2020 – Worldwide

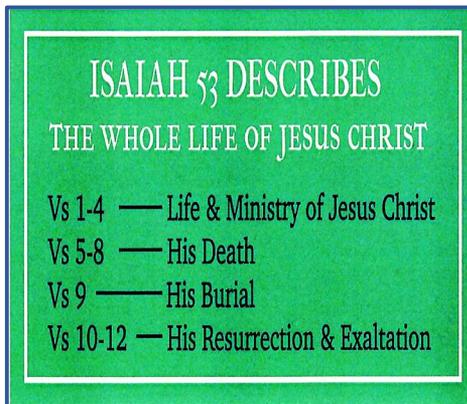
Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) triggered a global pandemic with social restrictions and minimal interaction (Editor).

2020 – Chalfont, PA

“Walter Gustafson, at 98 years of age, awoke in the presence of his Savior on Sunday, Jun 14, 2020, after serving Him for over 66 years ... He was saved while on his knees as another brother read the last part of Isaiah 53:6 ... was baptized and received into fellowship in the Boston assembly ... He left his secular employment in 1953 and was commended to full-time service (Truth & Tidings Oct 2020).

2021 Jun – Brookfield, CT

David Zuidema IV of the Midland Park, NJ assembly presented a special ten-part series about *The Gospel in Isaiah 53* (BGH Archives).



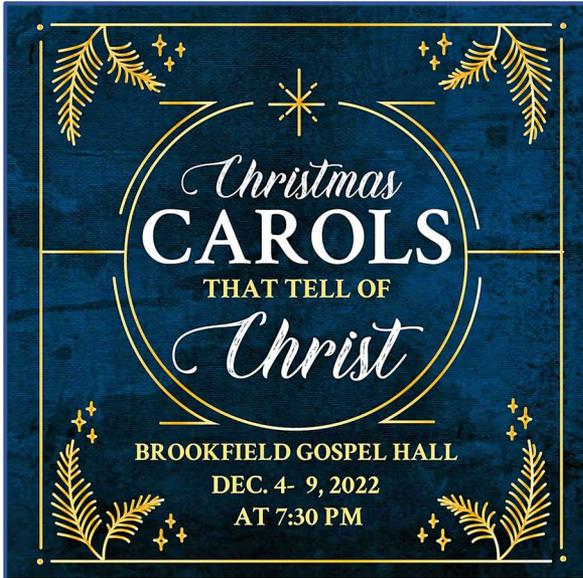
(BGH Archives - Zuidema Artwork)

2022 Sep – Brookfield, CT

The assembly had the joy of two sisters in Christ, Rebecca Batterton and Susanna Batterton, baptized and added to the fellowship of the assembly (Editor - Assembly History).

2022 Dec – Brookfield, CT

The assembly hosted a week of gospel meetings with David Zuidema IV about the history and meanings of *Christmas Carols That Tell of Christ*. Personal efforts of the saints were blessed with neighbors and newcomers coming out nightly and the joy of a young man professing salvation (Editor - Assembly History).



(BGH Archives - Zuidema Artwork)

What Child is This?

Silent Night

O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, Holy Night

Angels We Have Heard on High

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Joy to the World

Christmas Bells

2023 Jan 29 – Brookfield, CT

The assembly was blessed with a visit from Eugene Higgins who spoke in ministry on Ephesians 4:1-6 about the bond of peace, unity, and one (Editor - Assembly History).

2023 Mar 26 – Brookfield, CT

Visits from Paul and Leah Barnhardt of Barrington, NJ assembly and Steve and Carolyn Morin of Terryville, CT assembly were a welcome blessing for Lord's Day. Steve spoke in ministry after Breaking of Bread and Paul took the gospel and Sunday school. He quoted from Ephesians 2, Hebrews 9:14, and 1 Peter 1:18,19 speaking about the blood of Christ that cleanses (Editor - Assembly History).

2023 – Torrington, CT

“ David Richard, 91, passed away on October 1, 2023. David was born, son of Lillian (Mougenot) Richard and Raymond Richard of Torrington, Connecticut.



“ David worked on the family farm that he was born into. Every day after school he had his chores to do and later became the family's milkman, peddling the farm's bottled milk all around Torrington for over a dozen years.

“ After this David pursued his lifelong dream of being a professional photographer and found employment in a company that fit his photography desires. ... Writing poetry was another remarkable ability of David's. Some of his works were in the process of being published. He was a lifelong member of Torrington and Brookfield Gospel Halls (thurstonrowefuneralhome.com – text/photo).

2023 Oct 13 to 15 – Brookfield, CT from Malaysia

We enjoyed an international visit from Susan and John See and daughter Cherish from the Kuching Christian Assembly in Sarawak, East Malaysia, Borneo. John is a commended servant who was with us a few years earlier. He provided uplifting ministry (God's help in Psalm 121) along with a report and slideshow of gospel work in Malaysia (Editor - Assembly History & Photo - See Correspondence & Commendations).



John 3:16

“Laban Tuhan balat rinduka dunya,
nya alai Iya meri Anak Tunggal Iya,
ngambika genap iku orang ke arapka Iya
enda mati tang bulih pengidup ti meruan belama Iya.”

John 3:16 in Malay language (Courtesy John See)

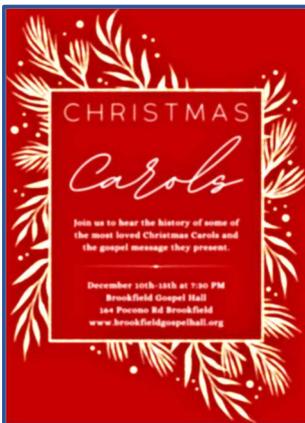
2023 Nov 12 – Brookfield, CT

Sharon and Brody Thibodeau of Prince Edward Island joined us on the Lord’s Day during their travels to Iowa. Although a short visit, it was a delight and joy to have them (Editor - Assembly History).



Sharon and Brody Thibodeau
(Editor - Assembly Photo)

2023 Dec 10-15 – Brookfield, CT



The assembly once again held a series of gospel meetings with Eugene Higgins, *The Gospel in Christmas Carols*. They mailed over 200 invitational brochures designed by Rebecca Batterton to the local neighborhood and saw new faces nightly. Gospel messages were recorded and posted to the assembly website.

(BGH Archives)

2023 into 2024 – Brookfield, CT

(Editor - Assembly Photos)



Daniel Batterton
Bible Class Student



Tasia Batterton
Bible Class Student



(L-R) Rebecca Batterton, James C. Batterton Jr., Richard Andrews, Susanna Batterton, Daniel Batterton, James C. Batterton III, James Anderson, Kathleen Smith Anderson, James C. Batterton IV, Cherish See (of Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia), Tasia Batterton (front), Janice Clark Batterton, John See (of Malaysia), Sheila McGrath Silvernail, Emily Cole Batterton (Photo courtesy Susan See of Malaysia).

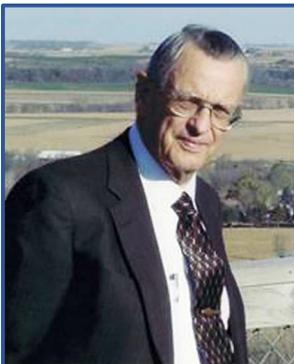
2024 Aug – Armagh, NI to Brookfield, CT



“ I was raised in Armagh, Northern Ireland. My uncle, mother, sister, and I lived with my grandparents. In the early days, Grandfather was Pentecostal and used to ride into the countryside on horseback to preach the gospel. Then he found the assemblies and brought us to Sunday school and gospel meetings. Sunday started

with Sunday school in the morning then home for dinner and back to meeting, time for a walk and visit, then the evening meeting. I was young and often fell asleep. When I was 14 Mr. Jim Martin had meetings in nearby Ballyshiel Gospel Hall. Every night he would say that he wanted any unsaved to listen to the words instead of singing. He asked everyone to leave quietly after the meeting. I was very convicted about not knowing the Lord, and I knew that He was coming again. I was saved on October 12th after I got home from the meeting. I prayed to the Lord, accepting Him as my Savior, giving my life to Him, and thanking Him for going to the cross. A year later I was baptized and received into Armagh assembly (**Pamela Byrne Ortowski** 2024, Armagh NI, NY, CT, Brookfield – Editor Assembly Photo).

2024 Aug 14 – Ohio



“ Robert Edward Surgenor, 95, of Fairview Park went home to be with our Lord and precious Savior on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 ... the love he shared to those outside his immediate family extended well beyond blood and he was considered to be a Brother in Christ to thousands (obit & photo sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com).

2024 Sep 8 – Brookfield, CT



Eugene Higgins visited on Sunday morning for Breaking of Bread and then spoke in the Gospel. He visited often to encourage and support us. That afternoon he continued on to Newington, CT assembly where he and Dan Shutt were holding tent meetings (Editor - Assembly History & Photo).

2024 Sep 23 – Brookfield, CT

Phil Coulson spent the evening with us ministering on Genesis 4 – Cain as the first man to inherit the fallen nature and rationale; his belief, brother, and building versus God’s way of faith for our belief, brother, and building looking forward to the Judgement Seat of Christ (Editor - Assembly History & Photo).



2024 Sep 28 – Brookfield, CT



Donald Labbe of Terryville assembly spoke at our annual Sunday school picnic held at the Brookfield Town Park. He warned to be prepared, be careful, beware, and the need for salvation. A meal, games and conversation added to the fellowship (Editor - Assembly History & Photo).

Sunday School Picnic 2024



(Editor - Assembly Photos)

2024 Oct 13 – Brookfield, CT

Matthew Williams of the Culver City, CA assembly was visiting the local area and joined us for a visit on Lord's Day. He gave a word in ministry after Breaking of Bread and spoke in the gospel to the children on John 3:16 about God's love to the world, His gift, His only Son, whosoever, the cross, perishing, and open tomb (Editor - Assembly History & Photo).



2024 Nov 4 – Brookfield, CT

We had a visit from missionaries Paul and Barbara Thiessen originally of Canada. He ministered from 1 Timothy 1, 5:7, 6:11,17 on God's choice, call, and commandment for the apostle Paul and reported on their work in Mexico. They were commended August 1993 and lived in three different cities in Mexico seeing assemblies planted in La Rinconada and Zapopan and involved with new work in Guadalajara (Editor - Assembly History).



Paul and Barbara Thiessen
(Photo courtesy Susanna Batterton)

2025 – Until the Lord Comes

“ So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:7).

“ To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints
(1 Thessalonians 3:13).

“ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
(1 Thessalonians 5:23).

“ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him (2 Thessalonians 2:1).

“ Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts:
for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (James 5:8).

“ He which testifieth these things saith,
Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus
(Revelation 22:20).

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMENDATIONS

1959 Jul 31 – Frank Pizzulli

“I was so very, very happy to read of the meetings being well attended. I do pray that the Lord open a way for you to have a better gathering place ... D.V. I have every intention to come as soon as I am able to do so ... I'm spending time now to prepare for when I'm able to go out.

Yours in His work,

Frank Pizzulli:

1960 Feb 4 – Frank Pizzulli

“I'm glad the Lord gave you a good conference and it was nice of you to mention that I was missed. Believe me, Bro. I'm the one who misses the company and fellowship of God's people more than I could ever describe to you. Do pray that I be able to go out soon in the work of the Lord.

Yours in Christ,

Frank Pizzulli:

1966 Aug 27 – Matilda & Clay Fite

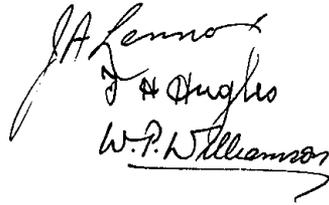
“We meant to write to you as soon as we reached home, but the time has slipped by as we were busy. We want you to know that we enjoyed our visit with you very much and were glad to become better acquainted with you. Thank you in the Lord's name for all of your hospitality which we know was done as unto the Lord Himself.

Matilda + Clay Fite

1968 Aug 27 – Original Commendation Pam Byrne

“ Gospel Hall, The Mall, Armagh, N. Ireland - To Believers gathered in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in New York. Beloved Brethren in Christ, We heartily commend to your loving care our young sister, Miss Pamela Byrne [Ortowski] who is in happy fellowship in the above Assembly and is going to reside in New York. It would be very much appreciated by the Assembly here if hospitality and Christian fellowship could be extended to her, as she has no associations in your country.

With warm Christian greetings on
behalf of Armagh Assembly,



J.A. Lennox
J. & Douglas
W.P. Williamson

1969 Mar 10 – Fred Hill for East Boston Assembly

“ Ever since you bought the building in Brookfield to be used as your new Gospel Hall, we have been exercised as an assembly to have fellowship with you in a practical way in connection with the different expenses of renovation. We're happy to enclose a gift of at this time.

Yours on behalf of the Assembly,



Fred Hill

1969 Nov 12 – William Warke

“ This is just a little personal note to thank you and your good wife in the Lord’s name for your liberal gift ... If the Lord will, and we are still here, I’d like to get down to that part of the country in the early spring and I’ll keep Danbury before me. Christian love and God bless you all.

Yours by His grace,

William Warke

1970 Mar 2 – George & Georgina Baldwin

“ Owing to George’s weakened condition I am writing this letter of acknowledgement in his stead as it causes him so much exertion to do any writing at the present time ... Please convey to the saints gathered unto the name of our Lord Jesus Christ at Brookfield our sincerest thanks in His name for their generous gift.

Your sister in the Lord,

Georgina Baldwin

1970 Mar 9 – F. W. Mehl

“ Your good letter sending the gift of \$41.00 reached me here. I can’t tell you how much I appreciate this kindness of the Brookfield assembly. But please convey to them our old fashioned thank you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ... I send greetings and love in Christ to you all whom I have not seen. May He richly bless you. I am affectionately yours.

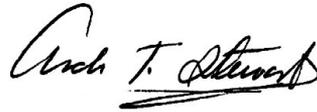
A slave of the Lord Jesus,

F. W. Mehl

1970 May 13 – Archie Stewart

“ A few lines in answer to yours received when I got back home yesterday. I heartily thank the assembly at Danbury for the good gift of \$26.50 enclosed. On my part it's a token of God's goodness and on your part fruit. Phil 4:17.

Yours by grace alone,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Archie Stewart". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined.

1970 May 14 – Clay Fite

“ Will you please express to the assembly at Brookfield my heartfelt thanks for their fellowship in the gospel of \$33.00 which was passed on to me when I was with you recently. This is much appreciated, and we are reminded in God's Word that *one soweth and another reapeth* but at the harvest both shall rejoice together. Christian love and greetings to all.

Yours by grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clay Fite".

1970 May 20 – Albert Ramsay

“ Will you kindly convey my sincere thanks to the Lord's dear people in the Assembly there, for the appreciated gift of twenty-six dollars fellowship with me in the work of the Lord. We do appreciate your care for us in this way and trust the Lord will make it up to you in His own way.

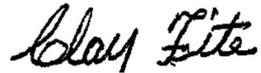
Your brother in Him,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert Ramsay". Below the signature, the name "Albert Ramsay" is printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

1970 Jul 4 – Clay Fite

“I wish to express to the assembly at Brookfield my thanks for their fellowship in the gospel, in the amount of \$55.00 which was passed on to me at the conference. It was a pleasure to be at the Brookfield conference and visit with many of the Lord’s people. May the Lord enable you to continue this work and labor of love until He returns so that the Christians can come together for a time of refreshing from the Lord. Christian love and greetings to all.

Yours by grace,



1970 Dec 1 – Fred A. Thompson

“Did I write you to thank the assembly for sending a check for \$25.00 for conference expenses ... My record shows received and acknowledged ... We hope yours and all in the assembly are well.

In His Name,



1971 Jan 13 – Cesare & Ruth Patrizio

“Will you please convey to them our deep appreciation of their kindness and love expressed in the gift of \$43.50 fellowship in the work of the Lord? We know that he is well pleased with your sacrifice and is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have shewed toward His name in ministering to His own. Heb. 6:10 The Lord richly bless you all. With warmest Christian love to all the saints in which Cesare joins.

Yours in Him,



1971 Jan 16 – William Warke

“ Please convey my thanks in the precious name of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ to the saints in the Brookfield assembly for their kind and liberal gift of forty-three dollars and fifty cents as fellowship with us at this time. We greatly appreciate the goodness of God’s people there and we know He will richly reward each one of you in heaven.

Yours by grace divine,

William Warke

1971 Jan 20 – Longport Home for Aged Christians

“ How very kind of the saints of the assembly at Brookfield, Conn. to send us \$100.00 fellowship in the care of the elderly at the Home ... He will certainly reward you for what you have done for these that belong to Him, but are now old, and some are weak, and some are poor. But still he loves them, and cares for them. And you have shared in this care.

Sincerely yours in Christ on behalf of the Home,

Faye Wahls

Miss Faye Wahls

1971 Jun 23 – Sidney J. & Nellie Saword

“ Please convey our sincerest thanks to beloved fellow saints in the Brookfield Assembly for the esteemed gift of \$35.00 as fellowship with us in the Lord’s work ... We greatly appreciate the kind remarks expressed in your note of 22nd inst. if the Lord so permit it will be a great pleasure to visit you again at some future date.

Yours through grace,

Sidney & Nellie Saword

1971 Jul 8 – Charles & E. Fleming

“Your letter to my husband with enclosed cheque for \$26-50¢ came in yesterday but as my husband is unable to reply I am acting on his behalf and at his request ... Please accept and convey to the dear saints gathered in His Name at Brookfield Conn. our united warm and sincere thanks for their love and care for us at this time. The Lord has it in remembrance and the rewarding day is sure for he has said *Behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me* ... My husband joins with me in warm Christian love and thanks to all the saints.

Yours in our risen but soon coming Lord,

Chas + E. Fleming

1971 Aug 9 – G. P. Taylor

“Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Your kind letter of the fourth arrived safely with the valued gift of \$26.50 for which I hasten to send my thanks in the Lord’s name. He that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness ... I am very thankful to hear that five souls have professed to get saved among you, and I rejoice with you over this and pray that they will go on to please the Lord. We are living in such a wicked world, but God is still working. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. II Cor. 9:15.

Your brother in the Lord,

G. P. Taylor

1971 Aug 30 – Ernest L. Moore

“ We desire to express our grateful thanks in the Lord’s Name for your appreciated gift of forty-five dollars fellowship in the work that the Lord has committed into our hands. The Lord has been faithful and kind to us; surely His goodness and mercy have followed us. May you be *enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God* (II Cor. 9:11).

“ The attendance at the meetings hasn’t increased greatly, but we rejoice that several new persons have begun attending regularly. Two believers were baptized in the river in March and are in fellowship. In addition to the Sunday School, we also have a branch children’s work on Saturdays in a sister’s home in Curicó ... The new work in San Fernando, which we commenced a year ago, continues ... The earthquake on July 8 caused only minor damage in Curicó; farther north there is massive destruction, and over 80 lost their lives. The homes of several believers were damaged, but no one was injured ... We will appreciate your prayers for the assembly here, and the serious problems which humble us before the Lord and cast us upon Him. Also, your prayers for the future of the Lord’s work in Chile are truly needed.

“ We commend you to God and to the Word of His grace ... How reassuring is His promise, *Behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me* (Rev. 22:12). We rejoice to hear of blessing in the Gospel there, and of five professing salvation in recent weeks.

“ Thanking you sincerely for your gift of fellowship. We will seek to use it wisely, for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours in Our Redeemer and Lord,

Ernest L. Moore

1971 Oct 29 – George Baldwin

“ Before I continue, please thank the Brookfield assembly in the name of the Lord for the generous bounty of \$37.00 fellowship in the Lord’s work which arrived yesterday ... Needless to say, our hearts were encouraged, our spirits cheered, and our souls delighted by this practical expression of kindness, love, and care. Glad to read of your encouragement in seeing souls saved in the last few months. This is always a source of uplift and cheer for god’s people ... Georgie joins with warm Christian love to all.

Yours by His grace,

George Baldwin

1971 Nov 1 – Albert Klabunda

“ Your kind letter came 3 days ago, bearing with it the liberal assembly gift of \$60.00 fellowship from the saints with you who meet in the Gospel Hall at New Milford [Brookfield], Conn. Please express to them our very grateful thanks in the Lord for their care for us at this time. May God multiply their reward a hundredfold for their grace shown ... We were glad to hear of the welfare of the saints and of some getting saved.

With our love in the Lord to all the saints,

A. P. Klabunda

1971 Nov 8 – Clay Fite

“ I have just received your letter which was here at the house when we returned from New England. We had been there for about two weeks, having been called there for the funeral of our dear brother Protano, the father of Mrs. Jos. Camarra of Worcester. We had a few meetings after the funeral in Camarra’s home where the little assembly meets, and then went to David Netti’s and had a few meetings in Methuen. We then went to East Boston.

“ We enjoyed your letter with your words of encouragement, and I am very happy that the ministry given while I was there has been a help. It is good to hear that the young babes in Christ are exercised to follow the Lord in baptism and we pray that they may be led on in the ways of the Lord. I would like to be at the baptism in the will of the Lord and hope I will be able to come.

“ Will you please express to the assembly at Brookfield my grateful thanks for their fellowship with me in the amount of \$61.00 which was sent with your letter. I need not remind you that God is well pleased with such sacrifices on the part of His people and in a soon-coming day, all will be rewarded.

“ I hope the Lord will continue to bless the assembly at Brookfield in all of their service for Him. The apostasy seems to be sweeping upon us on every hand, but like the remnant in the days of Malachi, we can fear the Lord and speak to one another about Him and He will be honored and pleased. May He keep us shining for Him. I will not add more at this time but hope all are well. We send Christian love and greetings.

Yours by grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Clay Fite". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Clay Fite".

1977 Mar 27 – Commendation the MacPhersons

“From Christians gathered to the Precious Name of the Lord Jesus Christ at the above address [Bridgeport], to the Christians at Brookfield, Conn. - We commend to your fellowship and care our Brother and Sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sandy MacPherson, who wish to gather with you in Brookfield. Receive them, therefore, as becometh Saints in the Lord.

Yours on the behalf of the Assembly,

*Robert Gentile
John M White
James Crawford*

1977 May 14 – Commendation the Gentiles

“Our brother Robert Gentile and his wife Elaine requested a letter of commendation to your assembly after being with us for about 17 years. Their reason for the change concerns their children. They feel it desirable to make the change as there are quite a number of children there with whom they can associate. We thus commend our brother and his wife to your fellowship on behalf of the assembly of God’s people here in Bridgeport.

We are yours in Christ,

*James Crawford
John M White
George Bilichka*

1984 Nov 17 – Commendation the Arnetts

“ Christians gathered unto the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in the above hall [Tampa], send greetings to the saints gathered in like manner at Brookfield Gospel Hall, Brookfield, Conn. with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. (1 Cor. 1:2). – We desire to commend to your care and fellowship our Brother and Sister in the Lord, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Arnett who are in fellowship with us here and are going to be residing in your neighborhood. Our brother and sister have been very active in Sunday School work, and our prayer is that they will be a help to you all. Receive them therefore as Christ also received you to the glory of God.

Signed on behalf of the above assembly.

Chas. Daffin
Henry Dages
Walter Spence

1986 Feb 2 – Commendation Shirley Becker

“ Christians gathered unto the name of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in the above hall [Tampa], send greetings to the saints gathered in like manner at Brookfield, Conn. with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours. (1 Cor. 1:2) – We desire to commend to your care and fellowship our sister in the Lord, Shirley Becker [Rose Arnett’s mother] who is in fellowship with us here and is going to visit in your neighborhood. Receive her therefore as Christ also received you to the glory of God.

Signed on behalf of the above assembly.

Chas. Daffin
Walter Spence
Henry Dages

2023 Oct 1 – Commendation the John See Family

“To assemblies gathered unto the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts, and elsewhere in the United States of America. We write this with joy, commending our esteemed brother and sister, John and Susan See, along with their daughter, Cherish, to your loving care and happy fellowship. The family will be in the U.S.A. to visit companies of God’s people and have acquaintance with all in the local testimony. Subsequently, they would hope to visit their sons who are in college in Texas.

“Our beloved brethren are certainly marked by their *work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope* (1 Thes 1:3) in all things toward His Name. Brother John labors unceasingly in the work and word of the Lord locally and elsewhere, as the Lord leads, and we are thankful always for the blessings experienced.

“We trust the Lord’s rich grace to be known in your coming together, as you receive them *in the Lord with all gladness* of heart and mind. (Phil 2:29).

Yours in the Saviour’s name
and on behalf of the assembly,



Tan Meng Chong



Nicholas Liew



Vianny Athanasius

Kuching Christian Assembly Gathered at the Gospel Hall
No. C448, Level 4 (3rd Floor) Block C, iCom Square,
Pending Road, 93450 Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

2023 Dec 19 – Brody & Sharon Thibodeau

“ Hello to all in Brookfield ... Sharon and I want to thank you all there in Brookfield for your care and kindness toward us in the gospel work. We appreciate your generosity and know that the Lord is well pleased with voluntary sacrificial gifting. The [fellowship] given to us at our visit last month is a reminder of the faithfulness of our God, and having thanked the Lord already, we now thank you in His name for this sacrifice that has brought Him pleasure. *But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.* Hebrews 13:16.

“ My studies in the book of Colossians have helped me appreciate the completeness we have in Christ. While some in chapter two would beguile them with enticing words (v4), spoil them through philosophy (v8), judge them in meat and drink (v16), and disqualify them from their reward (v18), Paul was adamant that those teaching the need for further knowledge, experience and observances were wrong. In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (v3). In Christ dwells the fulness of the Godhead bodily (v9), and by nailing the handwriting of ordinances to His cross and *taking it out of the way*, He has finished our obligation to the ceremonial law (v14-15). What a wonderful thing to know that *we are complete in Him* (v10).

“ Our current plans are to be in our home assembly in Rosebank for gospel meetings at the end of January after being with the believers in Phoenix for their conference on the 12th. Please pray for the effort in Rosebank with Jon Procopio, as many in the area have been on our hearts, and the saints could use the encouragement in the gospel.

Yours in our soon-coming Lord Jesus Christ,

Brody and Sharon T

2023 Dec 19 – Eugene Higgins

- “Please thank each of the believers for the very generous fellowship in the Gospel. The generosity of the saints leaves me at a loss for words to express our thanks. This huge sacrifice not only serves to meet Nancy’s and my need but encourages us by its reminder of the prayerful interest of the assembly in the work we think the Lord has given us to do.
- “When you assure the saints of our appreciation, please stress to them the greater appreciation the Lord has in every sacrifice His people make. Initially, David’s mighty men may not have known how greatly he treasured their faithfulness. But his gratitude expressed in 2 Samuel 23 pictures for us the Judgment Seat of Christ and the *praise from God* that each believer will receive in the Day of Christ. Looking at world conditions, how near we must be to that glorious day.
- “It was a joy to be with you for the week and I hope that the topics we considered and the interest of those contacts that attended were a source of encouragement to the saints. Brookfield was the third of a three-carol series, was the smallest assembly of the three, and yet was, to me, the most cheering of the three efforts. Nancy joins in sending our love in the Lord with renewed thanks to all the believers.

Warmly in Christ,

Gene

2024 Oct – Commendation Matthew Williams

“Culver City Gospel Hall, 11138 Venice Boulevard, Culver City, CA 90230 – To Christians gathered unto the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ at Terryville [and Brookfield] Gospel Hall, Terryville [Brookfield], CT.

“Beloved brethren: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:3).

“We commend to your care and fellowship Matthew Williams who is in happy fellowship here, and in the will of the Lord shall be visiting in your area. Kindly receive him in the Lord as becometh saints, to the glory of God. (Romans 16:1-2).

Sincere Christian love from the saints here and signed on their behalf:


Martin Baghramian


David Singleton

1926 RELIGIOUS CENSUS FOR CONNECTICUT

- “ The Census Bureau and American Congregations: In the nineteenth century, the U.S. government collected data about churches as part of its decennial population census, but when Congress created the Census Bureau as a permanent agency in 1902, it authorized it to undertake a separate decennial survey of ‘religious bodies.’ Every ten years from 1906 to 1946, the U.S. Census Bureau surveyed congregations, synagogues, and other religious groups in the United States.
- “ While the Census Bureau published summary reports from that data, the forms (or schedules) filled out by each congregation have not been widely used. Only the schedules from the 1926 Census survive, housed in a collection at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies
<https://omeka.religiousecologies.org/s/census-1926/page/home>)

- “ Statistics – The Plymouth Brethren bodies are six in number. Roman numerals are used for the sake of distinction, but they do not imply any precedence in chronological order or strength of membership; they simply indicate the order in which the different bodies came to the knowledge of the Bureau of the Census.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies
<https://omeka.religiousecologies.org/s/census-1926/item/6481>)

1926 - Bridgeport, CT

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any)..... *Gospel Hall*

b. Street address..... *441 Bishop Ave*

c. City..... *Bridgeport*

d. County..... *Fairfield* ✓ e. State..... *Conn.*

1. Number of brethren in fellowship..... *25*

2. Number of sisters in fellowship..... *36*

3. Total number in fellowship..... *61* ✓

4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old..... *None* ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly..... \$ *10,218.⁰⁰*

9. Debt on same (if any)..... \$ *3,500.⁰⁰*

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly,
including any payment on debt (if any)..... \$ *778.⁶⁸*

14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work,
including help given to any in need..... \$ *995.⁰⁰*

15. Total expenditures for 1926..... \$ *1773.⁶⁸* ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? *Yes* ✓

16. How many teachers?..... *6*

17. How many scholars?..... *76*

The above information is supplied by:

Name..... *Samuel Rainey*

Date..... *Aug. 15th 1927* Street address..... *981 Connecticut Ave*

City and State..... *Bridgeport Conn.*

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Fairfield County, Plymouth Brethren II:25)

1926 - Derby, CT

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any)..... Private home
 b. Street address..... 51 Olivia St.
 c. City..... Derby
 d. County..... New Haven e. State..... Conn.

1. Number of brethren in fellowship..... Four 2
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship..... Three 3
 3. Total number in fellowship..... Five 5
 4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old..... 0

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly..... \$ 0
 9. Debt on same (if any)..... \$ 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly,
including any payment on debt (if any)..... \$ 33.00
 14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work,
including help given to any in need..... \$ 126.00
 15. Total expenditures for 1926..... \$ 159.00

Do you have a Sunday School? No.
 16. How many teachers?..... 0
 17. How many scholars?..... 0

The above information is supplied by
 Name..... Ernest Lutton
 Date..... May 25th 1927 Street address..... 119 Malady St.
 City and State..... Shelton Conn.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, New Haven County, Plymouth Brethren III:2)

1926 – Cliffdale Farms, Greenwich, CT

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) *Holds meetings in house*

b. Street address *on Cliffdale Farm*

c. City *Fairfield* ✓

d. County *Fairfield* ✓ e. State *Conn*

1. Number of brethren in fellowship *(2) Five* 2

2. Number of sisters in fellowship *(3) Three* 3

3. Total number in fellowship *Five 5* 5 ✓

4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old *none* none

6. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly *—* \$ *None*

9. Debt on same (if any) *—* \$ 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly, including any payment on debt (if any) *—* \$ *None*

14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work, including help given to any in need *About 100* \$ 100

15. Total expenditures for 1926 *100* \$ 100 ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? *No* ✓

16. How many teachers?

17. How many scholars?

The above information is supplied by

Name *August Schell*

Date *Apr 12/27* Street address *90 address Postchester*

City and State *Ms.*

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Fairfield County, Plymouth Brethren III:1)

1926 - Groton, CT

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) Gospel Hall
 b. Street address 452 Thames St
 c. City Groton
 d. County New London e. State Conn

1. Number of brethren in fellowship Four 4
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship Eight 8
 3. Total number in fellowship Twelve 12
 4. Number (included in above) under 15 years old none ✓
 8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly 0
 9. Debt on same (if any) 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly, including any payment on debt (if any) 893.25
 14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work, including help given to any in need Matthew chapters 1 verse 1 and 5 None
 15. Total expenditures for 1926 893.25

Do you have a Sunday School? yes ✓
 16. How many teachers? Open Session 12
 17. How many scholars? average 40

The above information is supplied by:

Name Herbert R. Drachewicz
 Date August 5th 1927 Street address 59 Meridian Street
 City and State Groton Conn

1926 – Haynes St. Hartford, CT

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SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) Goshal Hall
 b. Street address Room 10 17 Haynes St.
 c. City Hartford ✓
 X d. County Hartford ✓ Co. ✓ e. State Conn. ✓

1. Number of brethren in fellowship..... 15
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship..... 32
 3. Total number in fellowship..... 47 ✓
 4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old..... none ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly..... — \$ — 0
 9. Debt on same (if any)..... — \$ — 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly, including any payment on debt (if any)..... \$ 600⁰⁰
 14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work, including help given to any in need..... \$ 400⁰⁰
 15. Total expenditures for 1926..... \$ 1,000⁰⁰ ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? yes ✓
 16. How many teachers? 3
 17. How many scholars? 20

The above information is supplied by:

Name..... Duncan M. Sargeant
 Date..... Street address 43 Huntington St
 City and State..... Hartford Conn

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Hartford County, Plymouth Brethren II:27)

1926 – Park St. Hartford, CT

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FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any)..... Gospel

b. Street address..... 435 Park

c. City..... Hartford

d. County..... Hartford ✓ e. State..... Conn.

1. Number of brethren in fellowship..... 30

2. Number of sisters in fellowship..... 30

3. Total number in fellowship..... 50 ✓

4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old..... None ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly..... ————— \$..... 0

9. Debt on same (if any)..... ————— \$..... 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly,
including any payment on debt (if any)..... \$..... 588.64

14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work,
including help given to any in need..... \$..... 6.89 (582.00)
107.00

15. Total expenditures for 1926..... \$..... 1297.64

Do you have a Sunday School?..... yes ✓

16. How many teachers?..... 4

17. How many scholars?..... 27

The above information is supplied by:

Name..... Nathan J. Peazer

Date..... Aug. 4/1927 Street address..... 86 Seymour

City and State..... Hartford, Conn

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Hartford County, Plymouth Brethren II:26)

1926 – Pawcatuck, Stonington, CT

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SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any)..... Lord's Hall
 b. Street address..... 111 West Broad St
 c. City..... Pawcatuck Pawcatuck -
 d. County..... New London ✓ e. State..... Conn

1. Number of brethren in fellowship..... 12
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship..... 28
 3. Total number in fellowship..... 40 ✓
 4. Number (included in above) under 15 years old..... none ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly..... \$ 2,400
 9. Debt on same (if any)..... \$ 2,800

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly,
including any payment on debt (if any)..... \$ 112.00

14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work,
including help given to any in need..... \$ 504.00

15. Total expenditures for 1926..... \$ 1,616.00 ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? Yes ✓

16. How many teachers?..... Seven 7

17. How many scholars?..... Seventy 70

The above information is supplied by:

Name..... William B. Freeman
 Date..... July 28, 1927 Street address..... 32 Moss St
 City and State..... Pawcatuck Conn
Post Office Westerly, R.I.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, New London County, Plymouth Brethren II:31)

1926 – Stamford, CT

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SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) Meetings held in Carpenter's Hall
 b. Street address Gay Street
 c. City Stamford
 d. County Fairfield e. State Connecticut

1. Number of brethren in fellowship 2 2
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship 4 4
 3. Total number in fellowship 6 6
 4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old 14

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly \$
 9. Debt on same (if any) \$

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly,
including any payment on debt (if any) \$ 125⁰⁰
 14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work,
including help given to any in need \$ 17⁰⁰
 15. Total expenditures for 1926 \$ 142⁰⁰

Do you have a Sunday School?

16. How many teachers? no
 17. How many scholars? no

The above information is supplied by

Name Mr. Nicholas Bartholomew
 Date 3/17/27 Street address 19 St John's Place
 City and State Stamford, Conn.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Fairfield County, Plymouth Brethren IV:2)

1926 - Torrington, CT

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UNITED STATES CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES

SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) Gospel Hall
 b. Street address 11 James Street
 c. City Torrington
 d. County Litchfield ✓ e. State Connecticut

1. Number of brethren in fellowship 7
 2. Number of sisters in fellowship 10
 3. Total number in fellowship 17 ✓
 4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old 6 ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly X \$ 0
 9. Debt on same (if any) X \$ 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly, including any payment on debt (if any) \$ 545.47
 14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work, including help given to any in need \$ 293
 15. Total expenditures for 1926 \$ 838.47 ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? yes ✓
 16. How many teachers? 2
 17. How many scholars? 9

The above information is supplied by:

Name Andrew Rakyte
 Date AUG 14 1927 Street address 43 Munson Ave.
 City and State Torrington, Conn.

(1926 Census of Religious Bodies CT, Litchfield County, Plymouth Brethren II:28)

1926 – Waterbury, CT

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SCHEDULE: 1926

FILL OUT A SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR EACH SEPARATE MEETING

a. Name of hall (if any) Gaspe Hall

b. Street address Thomaston one

c. City Waterbury

d. County New Haven ✓ Plymouth Brethren e. State Conn

1. Number of brethren in fellowship about 35

2. Number of sisters in fellowship about 45

3. Total number in fellowship 80 ✓

4. Number (included in above) under 13 years old none ✓

8. Value of hall, if owned by the assembly not owned by assembly \$ 0

9. Debt on same (if any) \$ 0

13. Amount spent in 1926 for expenses of assembly, including any payment on debt (if any) none \$ 2,006.57

14. Amount contributed in 1926 to the Lord's work, including help given to any in need \$ 7.15 ✓

15. Total expenditures for 1926 \$ 2,721.57 ✓

Do you have a Sunday School? Yes ✓

16. How many teachers? Seven

17. How many scholars? about 100

The above information is supplied by:

Name William Battiston

Date 8/23/27 Street address Graystone Rd

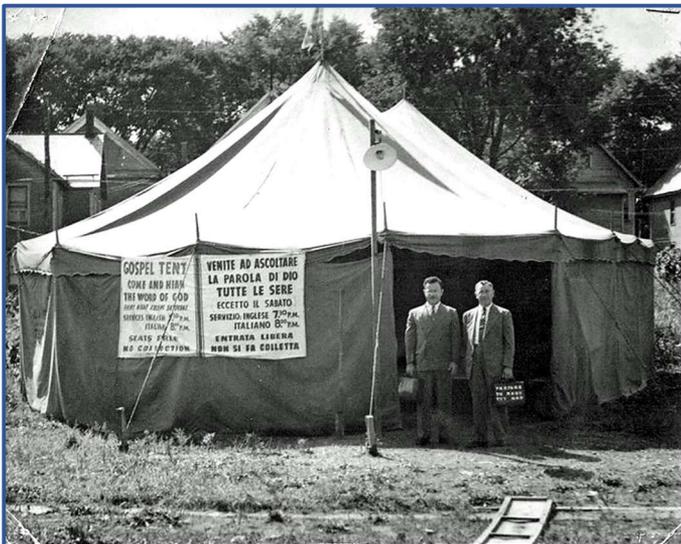
City and State Meriden Conn

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ITALIAN PREACHERS AND PLACES



Italian preachers 1955 (L-R): Francis Carboni, Frank Diorio, Frank Pizzulli, Luigi Rosania, Cesare Patrizio, Rocco Cappiello at a conference at Hartford Italian Gospel Hall. (Photo/s, Gospel Hall Audio)



(L-R) Frank Pizzulli of Long Branch, NJ Italian Assembly and Luigi Rosania of Waterbury, CT Italian Assembly (Photo courtesy E. Pizzulli)



WATERBURY, CONN. - GOSPEL HALL



METHUEN, MASS. - GOSPEL HALL



LONG BRANCH, N. J. - GOSPEL HALL

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HOBOKEN, N. J. - GOSPEL HALL

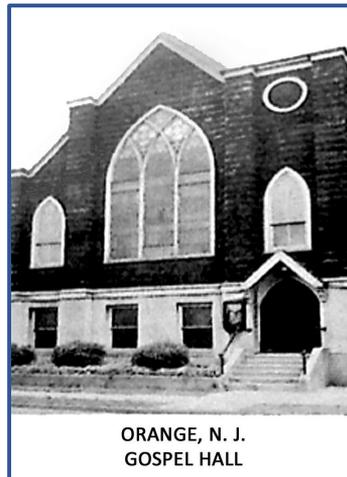
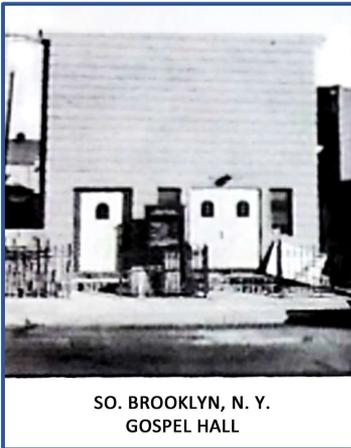


HARTFORD, CONN. - GOSPEL HALL



BRISTOL, CONN. - GOSPEL HALL

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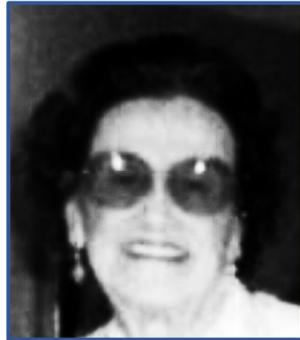
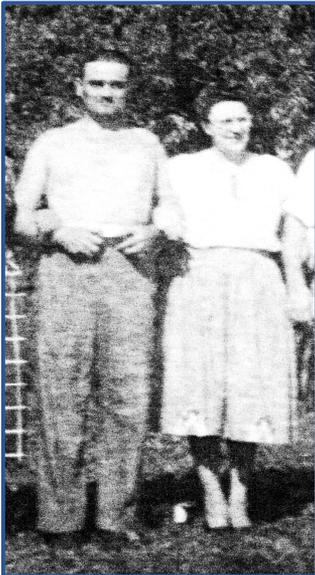
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James Anderson	Rocco D'Emilio
Peter Anderson	Rose Marie D'Emilio
Richard Andrews	Fred Elwell
Julie Armstrong	Anthony Farina
Robert Arnett	Anna Padula Farina
Rose Becker Arnett	Dominic Farina
Janice Clark Batterton	Maria Farina Souza
James Batterton, Jr.	Katherine Field
Julie Batterton Vizzini	James Field, Sr.
Emily Cole Batterton	Robert Gentile
James Batterton, III	Elaine Gentile
Rebecca Batterton	Leah Gentile
Susanna Batterton	Debbie Gentile
Rosann Pizzo Broaddus	Sharon Gentile
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Ruth Broaddus Hoffman	Sam Gigliotti
James O. Broaddus, Jr.	Rose Gigliotti Wilda
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Rocco Cappiello	Mary Jane Guiffredo
Annette Pizzo Caram	Alan Lockhart
Valerie Caram Truesdell	Alison Lockhart
Cynthia Caram Cooper	Alexander MacPherson
Frank Carboni	Edythe MacPherson
Julia Zambon Carboni	Gary Mariotti
George Cherian	Mary Pizzo McGrath
Sheela George Cherian	John (Jack) T. McGrath, Jr.
Michael Corp	John T. McGrath III
Ann Crook	Sharon McGrath
Giovanni (John) D'Emilio	Sheila McGrath Silvernail

GALLERY OF SOME SAINTS cont.

Alexander Mitchell
Alic Brown Mitchell
Pam Byrne Ortowski
Cindy Pesente
Maria Frate Pizzo
Antonio Pizzo
Alexander Pizzo
Rose Tangredi Pizzo
Elizabeth Pizzo Jensen
Joanne Pizzo
Ruth Pizzo Procopio

David Richard
Josephine Farina Stango
Anthony Stango
Margaret Pizzo Sterry
Roger Sterry
Kimberly Batterton Sterry
Grace Thomason
Nancy Wanschura
William Wanschura
Marcia Sterry Zinser
Timothy Zinser

Others of those in fellowship in Danbury/Brookfield have been lost to memory and time and some prefer privacy. Photos shown are of those from Danbury/Brookfield unless otherwise noted (Editor).



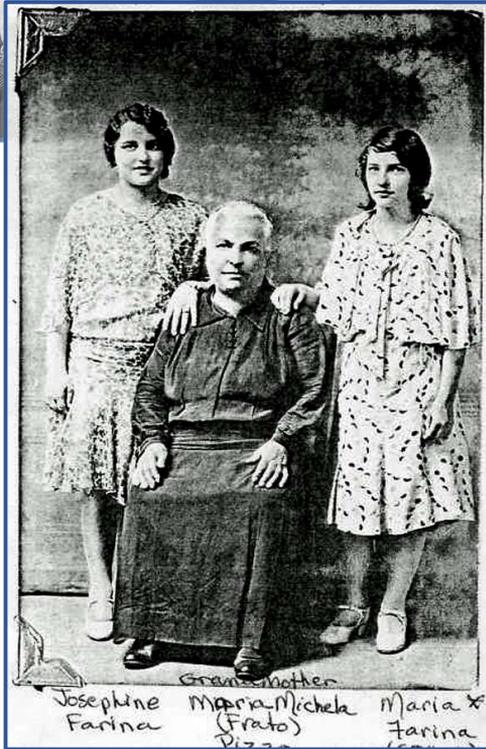
Rose Gigliotti Wilda -
sister of Sam Gigliotti
(cornellmemorial.com)

Sam Gigliotti
Josephine Oliveri Gigliotti -
niece of Mrs. Julia Carboni
(ancestry.com /yxintime)

Josephine Farina Stango



Maria Farina Souza



Josephine Farina Stango, granddaughter;
Maria Frate Pizzo, grandmother
Maria Farina Souza, granddaughter

(Pizzo-Souza Family Photos)



Rose Tangredi Pizzo
Alexander Pizzo
(Pizzo Family Photo)



Elizabeth Pizzo
(Pizzo Family Photo)



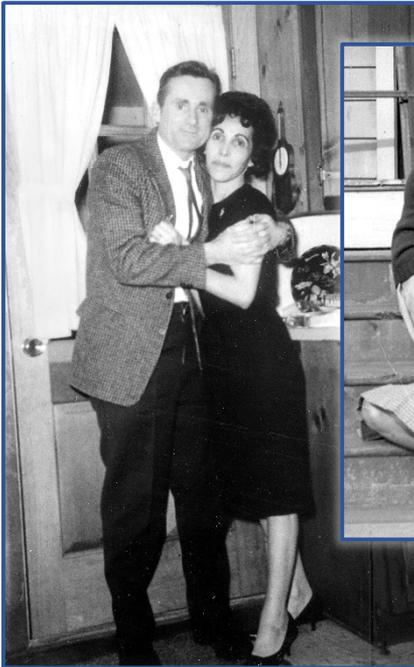
L-R Hartford Italian Conference 1940s – Margaret Pizzo, Anna DeFelice of Hartford, James Rosania of Waterbury, Annette Pizzo, Unknown, Ruth Pizzo, Unknown, Esther Capiello, Mary Pizzo. (Pizzo Family Photo)



Rose Marie D'Emilio
daughter of Rocco
(US School Yearbooks Photo)



Rocco D'Emilio
son of John & Lucy
(D'Emilio Goyette Family Photo)



John (Jack) McGrath, Jr.
Mary Pizzo McGrath
(McGrath Family Photo)



(L-R Front to Back)
Mary Pizzo, Unknown,
Annette Pizzo, Ruth Pizzo
(Pizzo Family Photos)

James O. Broaddus, Sr.
Rosann Pizzo Broaddus
(Broaddus Family Photo)



Fred Elwell
(Editor Photo)



(L-R) Mary Pizzo McGrath
Margaret Pizzo Sterry
Elizabeth Pizzo Jensen
(Pizzo Family Photo)



(L-R) Sheila McGrath Silvernail
Margaret Pizzo Sterry
(McGrath Family Photo)

Bob and Elaine Gentile
(Photo, facebook.com/sharon.g.robinson.39)



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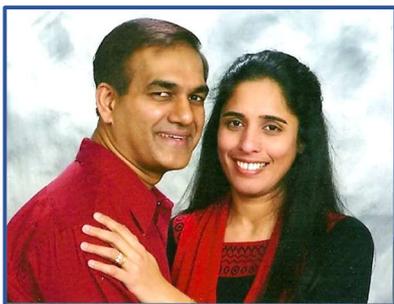
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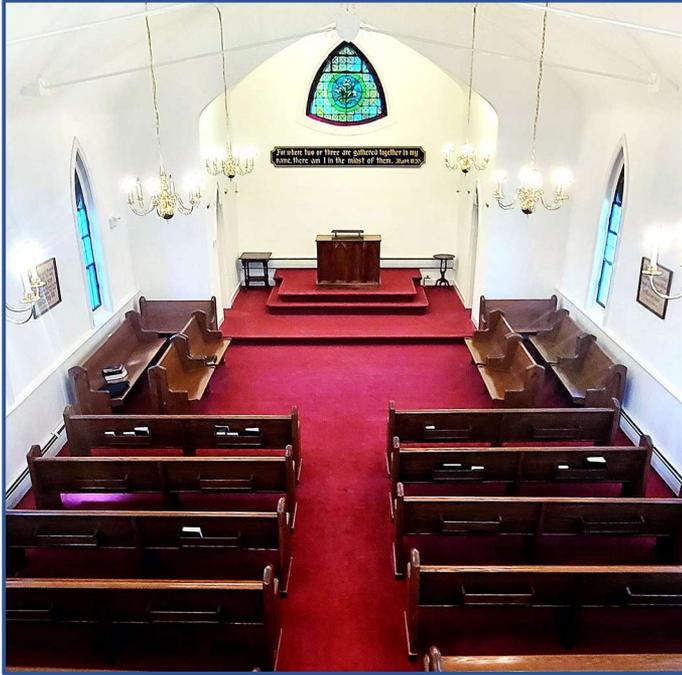


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Nancy Donofrio Wanschura
William Wanschura
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For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18:20

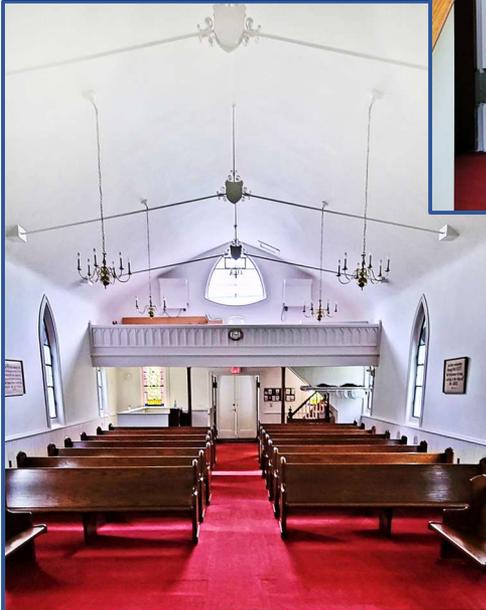


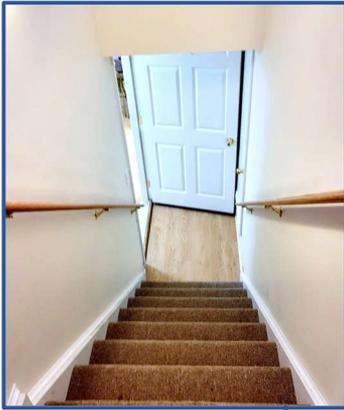
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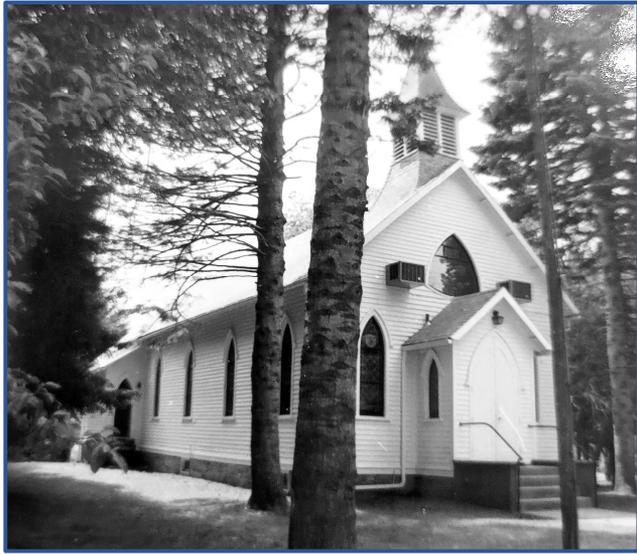
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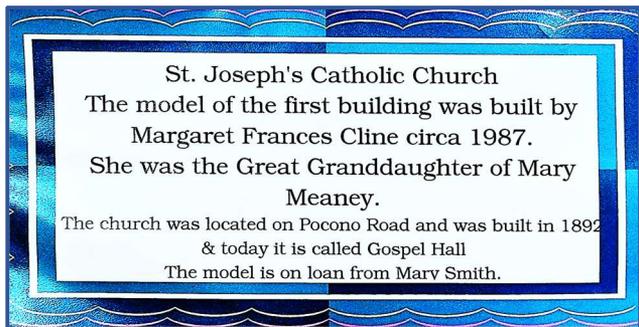




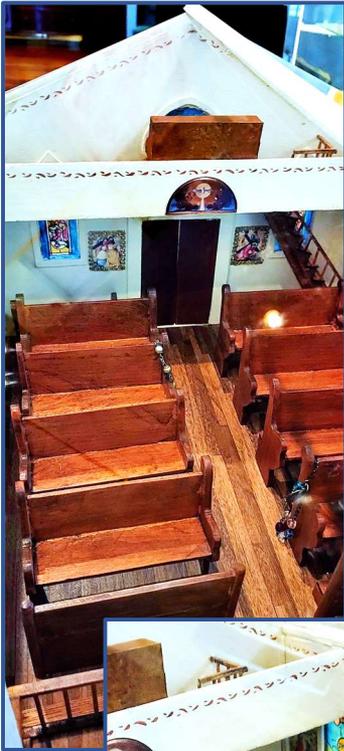
Exterior of the Building 1988 courtesy Brookfield Museum



A scale model of the building was created after 1967 when it was then owned by the Gospel Hall. The interior of the model was probably styled and constructed from memory of the original Catholic church (Editor).



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