



DAILY MOMENTS

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DAY ONE HUNDRED-FIFTY-NINE: "Well Done Good and Faithful Servants"



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine thankful for your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now."

Phil 1:3,5

Today we received the attached picture taken of us back in 1976. We were serving the Mill Grove/Pine Bluff Churches while going to Pfeiffer College.

Man, were we ever young babes in the church? We stayed there four years, rebuilt a church that was hit by lightning, added on to the other church, held Bible Studies, Vacation Bible School, and worked with the youth program... had my first wedding and first funeral, and mainly just did all the things we needed to do to be the church... plus go to school and raise our son.

Tonight the youth had a cookout for Dennis and Jennifer who will be leaving the youth program after five years of faithful and loving service. Yes, there were tears as all remembered many of the things they have been through together. Spending five years in study, mission trips, Spiritus outings, swimming parties, over-nighters in the fellowship hall, etc. etc. etc.

We made good friends with all the youth of the churches we served. As a matter of fact I was honored to go back and officiate at the weddings of most of the kids. Dennis and Jennifer have made lasting friends and that relationship will continue to grow as you continue to hold close to your heart all the special ways they touched your life. They have been good examples of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Dennis and Jennifer, we thank God for you and the gift you have given to the youth of this church. Because of you they are growing in the likeness of Christ. Because of you they feel loved. Because of you they are on a journey of faith today.

Lord, thank you for partnering with us in ministry of all your people. Amen

Steve Martin