

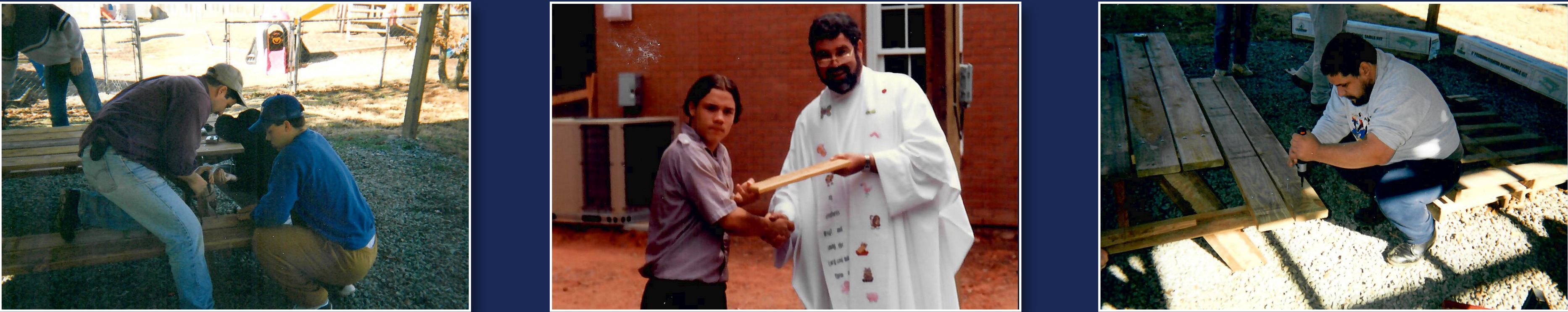
HISTORY OF THE SAINT MATTHEW’S PAVILION

The original pavilion, built in 1997 was located behind the office wing. This was before major church expansion in 1997-2000. The old stairwell to the undercroft can be seen in the photos below. The pavilion structure was an Eagle Scout Project sponsored by Alexander Rybczynski, assisted by members of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew and others. Alexander’s brother Andrew was the sponsor of a second Eagle Scout Project which provided the picnic tables.



A relic from the past is this plaque imprinted with Alexander Eagle Project:

Scenes from the original pavilion and picnic table projects in 1997:



Major expansion in 1997-2000 included a new sanctuary and remodeling of the old sanctuary into the present Parish Hall and kitchen. This necessitated moving the original pavilion to a location behind the education wing near the present day pre school playground These photos show its deteriorated condition just prior to demolition in 2018. The construction equipment was on site working on a sewer line project. Note the Eagle Scout plaque survived the relocation!



The decision was made to raze the structure due to safety concerns. In 2019, the Oren Morris Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew took on the challenge of replacing the pavilion. Donations large and small, contributions made in the memory of Nancy Piechowiak and labor provided by members of the Brotherhood resulted in the pavilion as it stands today (2021). It took much longer than the Brothers originally envisioned but the result was worth the effort. (Note: the picnic tables under the pavilion are the product of yet another Eagle Scout Project sponsored by Matthew Antill).



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“These I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer... for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” Isaiah 56:7