

Some of the early members at Artec were:
Mr. & Mrs. Kelly + son Roland (from Durango, Colo.)
Hubert + Flo Parker Elaine Gilbreth

Jim + Opal Stiffler + boys

Collen + June Mitchell

Don + JoAnn Cooyer + family Mrs Mace

Gene + Alice Reveson + family

Joe + Bonnie Dees + family

Joe + Edrith Dooling

Plimmer + Frances Lemley + Steve

Otis + Bonnie Hardin + family

Some of the early preachers (NOT in order they
were there)

Wilber E. "Gene" Reveson

Benny Whitehead

Robert "Bob" Payne

Perry Zumwalt

John Herrington

Dennis Smith

J. B. Herrington

Sunday morning before we could have services. This was mine & my brothers job. They had Bingo on Saturday night so there was lots of cleaning. There was one small class back in a back corner for little kids. Bigger kids & Adults were one class. Gene Rowan was the first minister (preacher) here at Artec. We met at the ^{American} Legion thru the winter of 52-53

Plummer
hemley was first
song leader

During the winter of 1953-1954 Trustees were elected so that money could be borrowed and property bought and a building constructed. Jim Stiffler, Hubert Parker, and ~~Plummer~~ hemley were elected.

1954 Spring came & lots were purchased & construction started on 106 Simmons Rd when I came home from ACC Spring break. Walls were up & Trusses were being raised for a roof.

By the time I got home that summer construction was complete. If I remember correctly services were ^{first} held in the building either ^{last} of May or June 1954

After morning worship we all went to Hubert & Flo Parkers backyard for pot-luck dinner.

This is to the best of my memory.

Ted Stiffler

History of the Church of Christ at Artec New Mexico

The Jim Stiffler family moved to Artec from Bloomfield in early 1952. My parents Jim + Opal had become friends with Hubert + Flo Parker as they both went to church in Farmington. The two families began to hold worship services in their home every Sunday Morning, rotating from the Parkers to Stifflers. Soon another family began to worship with them. This was Cullen and June Mitchell. Then Don + Jo Ann Cooper + family came to worship.

About this time Wilber E. (Gene) Rensen and his wife Alice moved to Farmington. Gene was working for CORE Lab. as a geologist. He had studied at A.C.C. + did some preaching as he went to school.

Gene was my dad's nephew and when they moved to Farmington they started to worship at Artec with our families.

By this time, fall 1952, the congregation was too large for the homes. So arrangements were made with the ^{American} region to use their hall up over Eubanks Drug store on Main Street, on Sunday Mornings. The big problem was that the ^{American} region Hall had to be cleaned