



Friday Breakfast Get-Together

I've just finished helping with the clear up. There were 14 of us today plus one dog, the most we have had is 21 and two dogs. I am referring to the Friday morning "boys" breakfast. It is nice to say boys but looking round the room the average age is 70 plus. In recent times we have maxed out at 21 and two dogs. It started in a much smaller way, just three or four of us in a local cafe, now long gone.

Just a get together to chat, sometimes to put the world to rights - not difficult with President Trump in office south of the border - sometimes sport but considering it is a men's group not often. Mustn't forget the breakfast, Western, sausage, bacon and hash-browns are the standard but can be customized and of course it now all takes place in the refurbished Canon Nind Hall.

Typically it is split between members of the congregation and men from the community at large. There is no reason some ladies can't join us, they would be very welcome. On odd occasion one or two have joined us when they are in the church on some other business, but not often.

It is difficult to remember how this started, maybe ten years ago. At that time there was a small cafe on the corner of Old Danforth and Highway Two. Someone must have suggested the get together but that is not important it was just the idea of fellowship among church friends. It wasn't long before that cafe folded, nor much of a surprise, then we moved to the canteen in the arena and numbers gradually increased. Dick Raymond, at the time, was the manager of the arena catering section, and he looked after our breakfast cooking. I should say that Dick is very definitely the mainstay of this Friday breakfast group from the beginnings to present.

We didn't move into the Canon Nind Hall until the restoration was completed a few years ago. The breakfast is now a fixture in our church weekly schedule. It is also outreach. It would be nice to say that at some time one from the local community has joined the congregation but that hasn't happened yet, not optimized that it will, but in a way we have brought people into the church all be it only the hall.

We pay our way, five dollars each, and we have a surplus which is going to help fund our 175th Anniversary.

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