

January 1, 1979 – December 31, 1990
Rev. Harold Edwin Taylor (Father Hal)

Following Rev. Hall's move to California, St. David's congregation voted to call Rev. Harold (Hal) E. Taylor to be their Priest-in-Charge. Father Taylor has a degree in counseling from Indiana University and was working with the Domestic Relations Counseling Bureau of the Circuit and Superior Courts of Indianapolis. He would serve St. David's on weekends. Later this would change to serving more days, but still part-time. Father Hal plays the flute and provided much enjoyable music to his parishioners. He was also an adamant motorcyclist, often riding his cycle very long distances. He once owned and restored an Indian Motorcycle.



Rev. Harold (Hal) E. Taylor and Bishop Edward (Ted) W. Jones - 1979

From 1968, when the new church was built until 1987, the church attendance dropped steadily. In 1986 the Diocese sent a committee to St. David's to understand the problems and make

suggestions for community outreach and determine if the church should continue. As a result, Father Hal initiated many of the following activities:

- ❖ Rummage Sales for fund raiser.
- ❖ End of the Month Dinners- Began in April, 1987—last Saturday of each month
- ❖ In July 1989 Breakfasts for the ABATE motorcycle group began and also the Blessing of the Bikes.
- ❖ St. David's becomes involved with Habitat For Humanity. Father Hal served on the Board of Directors, Cushing Roth and Deborah Hutchison served on the Board of Advisors.

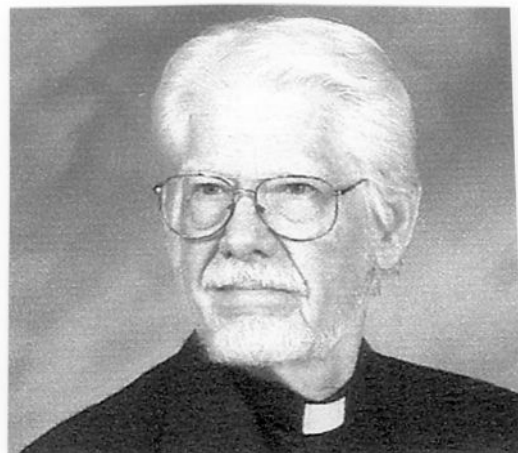
At this time two families came to the church. **Rev. Jonathan and Deborah** and sons Patrick and Daniel Hutchison moved to Brown County and began attending and providing their music to St. David's. And **John and Mickie Williams** moved back to Brown County in 1989 and were back and giving their support to the church.

The **End of the Month Dinners** beginning in April, 1987, started as an outreach program for senior citizens of the area that did not attend St. David's. This program was a success and eventually younger people began coming. Those attending would enjoy a good meal, making new friends and music. Father Hal, Fran Snyder and Hal's friends provided the music. There usually were between 60-70 people at the dinners, which ran from 5 – 7 PM. These dinners were funded by the rummage sales run by the ESG. Some of those preparing the dinners were:

The **Bikers Breakfast** beginning in July 1989 was the next biggest project for the church to undertake and was a money making project. Every year the motorcycle group called A.B.A.T.E. held an annual convention during July on Gatesville Road, about two miles east of St. David's Church. This was a large affair bringing hundreds of bikers to the area. Father Taylor, being a biker himself, thought of having the breakfast to give the bikers a good home cooked breakfast and to be a money raising project as well. The breakfast was a huge success, with many parishioners helping with this endeavor.

Along with the Bikers Breakfast Father Taylor, with the encouragement from some of the bikers, began the **“Blessing of the Bikes.”** One of the bikers expressed this feeling about the blessing “I feel like the Holy Spirit is out there in the wind and riding with us.”

At the end of 1990, Rev. Hal Taylor retired at the age of 72, after eleven years of continuous service to St. David's church. He then moved from his Town Hill home in Brown County to Bloomington. There he pursued a career of helping those in need, such as aid to those in need, the homeless and jail ministry and he continues these projects today (2009).



Community End-of-the-Month Dinners



Scott Olive and Bealah Ackerman



Mickie Williams



Tim Baer



Jean Thompson Brown

**St. David's Annual
A.B.A.T.E. Bikers Breakfasts - July 1989 – July 2001**



Bikers photos

The Bikers Breakfast began in July 1989 and continued through to July 2001



Scott Olive, Gene Russell, Judy & Jim Huber, Merry Conley, Coral Hamlin, Hazel Olive



The Bikers



Bob and Yvonne Oliger



Steve Fittz



Jim Simms



Donna Stouder, Stephen Stouder



Diane Baker, Pinki Cole



Jen Staab



Ann Woods



George Blair, Hazel Olive, Marie Robb



Chuck Kelley

Saint David's Biker Breakfast Volunteers

