



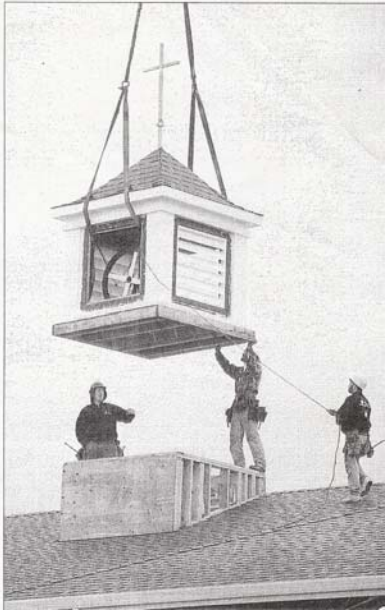
Cove Orchard Community Church located south of Gaston was the original home of the ECS bell. The church was torn down in 1998.



Completion of Phase I of the current building. Phase I currently houses Pre-school through grade 3

**School bell**

A bell that once summoned churchgoers in Cove Orchard, just south of Gaston, found a new home Friday when it was hoisted by a crane into a custom-crafted cupola atop Emmaus Christian School's new building in Cornelius. Workers from B&L Construction, (from left) Jay Bemis, Dwayne Huggett and Floyd Taylor, installed the bell as spectators awaited its first tone since it was removed last year when Cove Orchard Community Church was dismantled. It was donated by Bill and Dorothy Wampler.



Old Church Bell being installed during the Second Phase. Circa 2000 newspaper article.



Second Phase under construction. Early Spring 2000.