

A History of Danny's Videos.

This will be updated from time to time as I include future events and remember what I forgot to include.

Way back in 1991 or there about there was a couple of elderly people who were getting ready to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They invited guests to their home and wanted a video of them. Some of the guests were a bit up there in age and probably would not be around much longer so it was a very good idea to get them on video while it was still possible. Also to get the couple on video as well.

So the couple bought some video equipment. At that time it was pretty good stuff. By today's standards it would be minimal at best but such is technology.

Problem was, they did not have any idea as to how to properly use it. So they asked me to do the video for them. In return, they would give me the video equipment. Considering the costs of the equipment that was a great deal for me and would launch my video experience.

I really didn't know very much more than they did on how to use the equipment but I was good at figuring things out and with that kind of deal I was not about to pass that up!

So I did the video for them and I got some very good results. I no longer have the camera but I still have the dolly that they gave me. The thing is quite heavy!

Soon after a number of us went on a Church History tour. We went to historic Church sites and while in New York we saw Niagara Falls. One of my few brief times out of this Country over on the Canadian side.

Noticing the limitations of the camera I sold it and got me a new one with a color view finder. For me that makes getting the videos a lot easier. I love color!

Over a period of time I got videos of the Temple being built. I even got two tours of it.

I did a few of weddings, Camp Donivan reunions and Sterling Ave Congregation services with that camera and eventually and sadly the final Sterling Ave Congregation Service.

There was a period of time when I didn't do very much video.

Then I started going to the South Chrysler Congregation. I didn't get involved very much at first but soon there were new co-pastors. They were Jerry and Joan Pratt.

About that same time my mom was no longer able to go to Church on a regular basis. I did not want her to miss the services and be left out so at first I came up with the idea of recording the services on audio. Started off with the idea of tape (cassette) but I wasn't fond of that because of the need to reverse the tape and miss an important word or two of the message and then if one wanted to make a copy it would be time consuming and not good quality.

Next but brief idea was to record to DC. Copies would be great and there would most likely not be any interruption. I say most likely because some sermons can go on for quite some time.

Best idea!

The best idea was to do videos of the services so my mom could see the people and feel more like she is a part of the congregation.

So I asked Jerry Pratt if I could set-up my video equipment in the balcony and record video of the services for my mom. He said that would be fine and that he had no problem with that.

At that time and upon request Cappie Piedimonte would record videos for those who wanted them. Due to her photography experience her videos were quite good. Problem is, she did not have a direct audio feed from the PA system so the audio was not as good.

Even so, I was doing this exclusively for my mom at first. I then had the idea of making videos for the shut-ins as well. So I set it up to have the video and audio go to several VCR's at the same time so as not to have to deal with less than tolerable quality of copied VHS videos.

As time went by I got me a better camera and my videos improved considerably.

Eventually I joyfully went from VHS tape to DVD's. The quality difference in the originals and the copies I could make was so much better!

The Online Experience.

One day while thinking about things I had the idea of putting the videos online. I thought, 'WOW!' what a great idea. So I shared it with the pastors and they were also excited about it!

So the online videos was started. I started with the name of 'crysler' for the URL but that didn't work out because the search would return the car manufacturer instead.

So I changed it to SCOLVS which stands for South Chrysler Online Video Services. I now could reach out far beyond the local shut-ins. I could reach what I called the shut-outs. Those who live so far away from any church and/or congregation that they simply cannot attend at all or only once in a while when they can spend a lot of time traveling.

I met a girl at Singles who would have to spend several hours each way just to go to Church. The online videos are not a substitute for the one on one fellowship but at least it is better than nothing at all! Also, the ministry of the services can reach out to many people throughout the world including those who have to hide their religious beliefs or be prosecuted and sent to prison.

The web page has gone through a number of phases over time. I tried a number of ways to upload the videos and formats. I finally settled with the WMV format because it was available to most people and I could divide the services into parts so as to make viewing much easier. The parts are the same as the chapters on the DVD's. Also, it is possible to create a 'play-all' script so one can view the entire service if they want.

December 2008.

December 2008 I moved to a duplex almost directly across the street from the Liberty Street Congregation.

At first I had every intention of staying with the South Crysler Congregation. Even so, I visited the Liberty Street Congregation a number of times. My experiences were beyond words on the positive side!

On February 8, 2009, I went to The Liberty Street Congregation and I knew that all of my prayers concerning what congregation I should attend and when I should make the move from one to the other were answered. I sent an email to Pastor Mark Byrne with the subject of "official" and told him that I would start going to The Liberty Street Congregation start March 1, 2009. February 22, 2009 was to be my last service at South Crysler.

Things don't always turn out as one plans. I did do one more and final service at South Crysler on March 1, 2009. I officially started Liberty Street on March 8, 2009.

The South Crysler Congregation at the time of this writing will soon have their own web page. So I will no longer be involved with the current services of the South Crysler Congregation.

I will however leave the videos that I did available online for those who want to go down memory-lane and see them. I will over time re-upload some of the older ones that I have as well.

All future videos for South Crysler will be on their web page. I am assuming at the time of this writing they will have them there. I do not have much information at this time as to what they plan on doing.

As for me, now and in whatever future I will be putting online the videos I record from the Liberty Street Congregation.

I love my new congregation! It is a congregation of love!!! I especially enjoy the exciting videos I get there. I am currently breaking in new equipment so some parts of my videos are a bit on the rough side right now especially the audio part. As time goes by that will all be ironed out.

Let the ministry continue to reach out to whomever the Spirit leads it to.

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