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“Until I got out of high school, the only thing I’d heard about the Church--and I didn’t know the name was the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints; I’d never heard that before--was that members had several wives and they lived in Utah. I thought *all* the Mormons were in Utah.”

(1st church service Sept. ‘76--about 25 attendees
nearest branch in Mansfield)

“I was always one to ask questions, and so I applied that to church. I worked with a lot of people who were in other other church and they’d always try to get me to join their church and I’d always ask why. Then they’d say, ‘to get saved.’ ‘From what?’ I’d ask. ‘Saved from what?’ They’d reply ‘well, just get saved.’ After a while they got kind of disgusted with me.”

(Could connect to Paul’s statement about the Church being non-speculative in a world of speculative religions.)

“[The Church] kind of limped along for several years after it was founded. There was a lot of opposition. There was this one minister who was always writing things in the newspaper along the lines of: ‘Beware of the Mormons!’ He was always bringing these outlandish lies--distortions of the truth--to the newspaper. So we had a lot of that. And there were a lot of misconceptions about the Church. That lasted for a number of years We rented a Union Haul out on Columbus Road and we were in that from ‘76 to ‘86. We were so small; there were only forty people at the first sacrament meeting in the new chapel.”