

## Specific Details about our Garden

“... instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name...” Isaiah 55:13

In 2002 I inherited a family farm - Broadview Farm - that had grown up unattended for quite a few years. Now almost 9 years later it's quite a different place. There has been a great reversal since 2002, and yes, we did have crepe myrtles planted!

An approximate 1 acre portion of the farm where the old farmhouse once stood is our garden area. There we now have a pavilion, gazebo, tire swing, a small home/school named Joy Place, and flowers (including daffodils in the spring left over from times past). This portion is the very heart of the farm and what I sometimes call Broadview Gardens.

## Gardening Tips

1. A garden is a way to express your heart, not an endeavor simply to impress. As with anything, the motivation needs to be right.
2. A garden provides an opportunity to give honor. Our pavilion was the first structure to be built. It is a Praise Pavilion to honor God and a place to enjoy family and friends. Each of the other structures in our garden also has meaning and honors various people in my life.
3. A garden gives an opportunity to include others and get help from others. We have an area where the old chimney stood that my husband made into a flower garden using some of the rocks from the chimney. Three of the grandchildren this spring planted sunflower and zinnia seeds there.
4. Some of the most fun I've had is to find flowers that have been hidden because of various reasons and take them and transplant them to a place where they can be seen. From my experience the flowers do very well in their new place, and it gives them an opportunity to flourish and shine.
5. Don't over plan your garden. Be willing to receive something exceedingly better than what you planned. Be flexible.