



Rocking chairs are still there today on the breezeway of the new Pritchell Hall building.



This building was replaced by a new Pritchell Hall, which was “winterized” for use in the winter, and has modern guest rooms and elevators.



Pritchell Hall in 1966: where all guests (CPT's) registered.

(Staffer terminology: CPT:
Cotton Picken' Tourist)



Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Black Mountain, NC

Aerial view of Ridgecrest in 1966



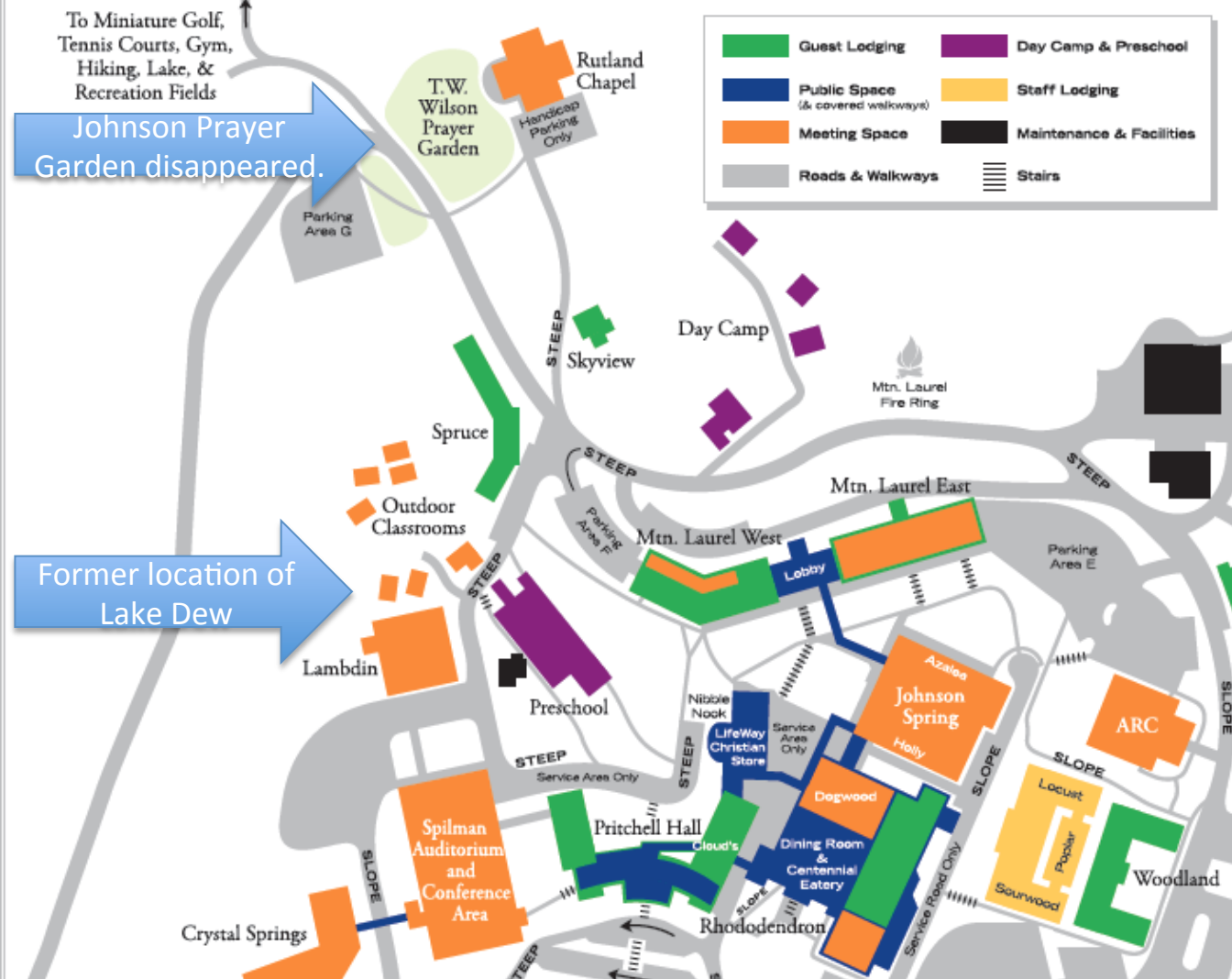
Old Route 70 was replaced by Interstate 40, in front of the main entrance.

Ridgecrest Buildings

Building	Built	Remodeled	Replaced	Remodeled	Torn Down
1st Auditorium	1909				
Cedar (Springdale 2)	1948				
Center Building	1951				
Centrifuge Bldgs.	1979				
Crest	1955				
Crestridge Hotel	1944				?
Crystal Springs Annex	1961				
Day Camp	1987				
Fidelis Hall	1913				?
Florida Apts.	1955				
Florida Apts. (2nd floor)	1960				
Gym	1974				
Hemlock	1963				2002
Hillside Annex	1925				?
Holly Hall	1969				
Laureledge	1950				2002
Managers Home	1926				?
Mountain Laurel Inn	2002				
Mountain View	1954				
Oakridge	1963				
Pinetree	1949				2002
Preschool	1956				
Pritchell Hall	1914	1926	1964		
Rhodo Dining Hall	1949				
Rhodo	1927	1938, 1944	1949	1959, 1967	
Ridgeway	1950				2001
Royal Gorge Apts.	1969	2002			
Rutland Chapel	2002				
Skyview	1957				
Spilman Annex 1st floor	1941				
Spilman Annex 2nd floor	1948				
Spilman Auditorium	1938	1953, 1963		1972	
Springdale	1960?				2001
Springdale Annex #1	1927	1949			?
Springdale Cottages	1927				1968
Warehouse	1957				
White Oak	1959				2001
Woodland	1961				

Although some names and dates are inaccurate, you can get an idea of the extent of the Assembly area.

(Source: "The Mountain, The Man, and the Dream" by Kent A. Barnes, Authorhouse Publishers, 2004)



Not yours, or your father and mother's Ridgecrest of yesteryear. Not all the changes were well thought out, including changing to the generic name of "LifeWay" and allowing questionable hard rock and hip-hop musicians (who have ties to, and recommend secular entertainers, who do not love the Lord Jesus) to use the Spilman Auditorium as their venue for profit.

With the Southern Baptist's "Glorieta Baptist Assembly" in New Mexico (the equivalent of Ridgecrest in the West,) now in financial straits, and their seeking to sell off the property, this may be the reason the Ridgecrest leadership is trying to "look" generic, and turn it into a "money-maker" instead of it's intended purpose as a spiritual retreat.

(Map Source:
Ridgecrest Lifeway
Conference Center)

