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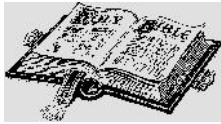
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"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will show thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee."

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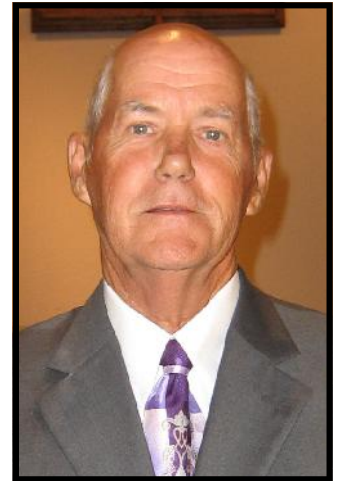
January 29, 2014—Facebook Post



Arthur E. Richardson
Facebook Image

From Sister Billie Richardson:—

Art is resting in the arms of his Savior as of 2:35 this afternoon. Thank you all for your thought and prayers and love. Our loss is heaven gain. Another saint sitting at the feet of Jesus.



Elder Dennis Wharton

"...He being dead, yet speaketh."

King James Version Conference—On January 11, 2014 LBC—Folsom hosted a special meeting on the topic mentioned above, with Elder Dennis Wharton as our speaker. Although there were few in attendance (20), it was a

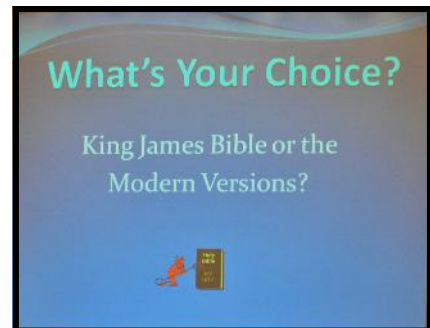
DIRECT COPY FROM BEACON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHE'S DOCTRINAL STATEMENT:

THE BIBLE:

We believe that the Holy Bible is a supernatural Book; that it is the very God-breathed Word; that it is the full, the final, and the complete revelation of God's will to man; that it has God the Holy Spirit for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any admixture of error for its matter; that it was written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; that it is verbally inspired and a perfect treasure of holy instruction; and that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and is, therefore, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried. We believe the Authorized King James Version of 1611 to be the preserved Word of God for the English speaking people, faithful and true to the original autographs; that other versions are inferior and flawed, with some being outright perversions of God's Word; that other versions are totally unnecessary, as the King James is not only faithful, but an absolutely effective conveyance of God's message to mankind.

(Ps. 119:89; II Tim. 3:16-17; Rev. 22:18-19; Jn. 17:17; Jn. 3:32-34; II Pet.1:20-21; I Pet.1:10-12; Zeph. 1:1; Ps. 19:7-11; Ex.20:3-17; Ps. 1:2; Jn. 12:48.)

Bro. Wharton did an excellent job presenting his case in his series of Lectures. It was a Blessing to attend.



Houston Kelley, Dennis Wharton, & Jose Pulido

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THE CHURCH UNDER THREE PHASES Elder M. B. Hubbard

I. THE CHURCH UNDER THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST. (Personal ministry)

1. The Church founded by Christ. Matt. 16:18; Eph. 3:21
2. The Church taught by Christ. Matt. 5:1-2.

Now read the three following chapters.

They had at least three years of Biblical teaching. Even after Christ arose from the dead He continued to teach them until He left the world. Acts 1:3. But, regardless of the many THINGS, He taught them. John 16:12.

II. THE CHURCH UNDER THE APOSTLES WHO WERE TAUGHT AND GUIDED PERSONALLY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WHO'S WORDS WERE CONFIRMED BY SPIRITUAL GIFTS.

1. The second phase of the church started at Pentecost. It had another Comforter and Teacher, the Holy Spirit.
2. The Holy Spirit taught the Apostles ALL things. John 14:26.
3. The Holy Spirit brought ALL the sayings of Christ to the minds of the Apostles. John 14:26
4. The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles into all truth. John 16:13.
5. The Holy Spirit showed the Apostles things to come. John 16:13.
6. The Holy Spirit received the things of Christ and showed them to the Apostles John 16:14
7. Paul received the gospel which he preached by revelation of Jesus Christ. Gal. 1:12.

III. THE CHURCH UNDER THE WRITTEN WORD.

About A.D.96, John the Revelator completed the written word of God. This is the "perfect thing" to which Paul referred in 1 Cor. 13:9-10.

So now, we have a complete Bible, which Paul calls ALL SCRIPTURE. It was given to the Prophets and the Apostles by the Holy Spirit. 2 Pet. 1:21, 2 Tim. 3:16-17.--When John the Revelator said "Amen" in Rev. 22:21, the Holy Spirit quit teaching men; any man. Why did He quit? Because He finished His work as a teacher.. He had just taught the Apostles ALL THINGS. John 14:26. Not you, nor me, but the Apostles. See?

He guided the Apostles into all truth; not you, not me, not some other man, but

MESSENGER MEETING AT ZION

There were eight churches represented at the messenger meeting of the Central Valley Association, Dec. 3, meeting at Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno.

Several items of business were discussed and the following recommendations made:

- (1) That we combine the messengers meeting with the lecture meeting each month, and meet on Friday night before first Sat.
- (2) That a committee be appointed to draw up some articles of faith to be printed in our Annual Association minutes, and submit them to the churches for approval.

Good singing, preaching and fellowship was enjoyed by all present. The Ladies of the church served a splendid lunch.

Those bringing messages throughout the day were Brethren, Lee Wright of Bakersfield, Sonny Williams (Missionary) and Floyd Jordan of Porterville.

The next meeting is to be held with the West Putnam Church of Porterville.

--Harold Cole-Clerk,

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PASTOR MOVED- Bro. L. Crawford, pastor at Oakland, has moved into the new parsonage 1174 Bartlett Ave., Hayward Calif. work has begun on their new church plant. They have increased crowds despite the fact of having to meet temporarily in the 7th Day Adventist building in Hayward.

the Apostles. John 16:13.

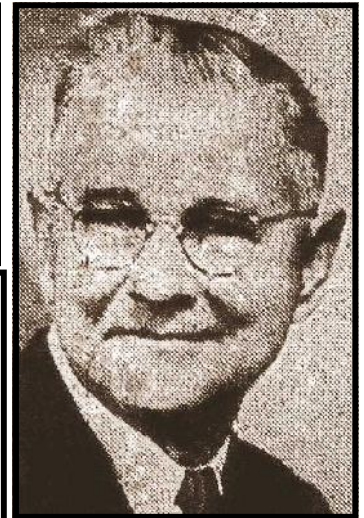
He showed the Apostles things to come--not men in the 20th century. 'Tis true, we are the happy recipients of all that the Holy Spirit taught and showed the Apostles, which is a perfect Bible.

I am aware of this one thing; that many who read this will not believe it, because there are many false religious groups in the world today who think that the Holy Spirit speaks to them and teaches them. Even SOME BAPTISTS are included in this number.

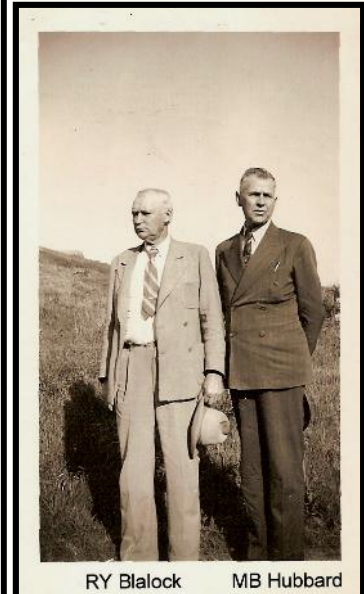
If the Holy Spirit teaches men today, whom does He teach, when does He teach, and where does He teach?

Also under the written Word of God the Holy Spirit continues to comfort the Church, John 14:26, and also reproves the world of sin, of righteousness and judgment. John 16:8-11.

Yours truly, M. B. Hubbard in behalf of the Hagginwood Missionary Baptist Church 3009 Marysville Road, North Sacramento California.



M. B. Hubbard—1947 Image



RY Blalock MB Hubbard



GOOD MEETING IN CALIFORNIA

By L. D. Foreman

From April the 14th to the 23rd, it was my privilege to be with the First Missionary Baptist Church and pastor, Bro. Martin Canavan in Corcoran, California. This was indeed a revival meeting as many made professions of faith and followed the Lord in baptism.

On this page will be found a picture of Bro. Martin Canavan, a preacher I found to be affable and progressive. The proof of any man's ministry lies in the work he does and the Missionary Baptist Church at Corcoran is one of the best churches in the state of California. It is alive. The fellowship is wonderful. Souls are being saved all along in the regular services. The Sunday School is good and they are growing all the time and while they have a good church building, completed only a short time ago, they have outgrown it and a new church building is now in the plans and I am going to be disappointed if we do not hear that they have started that building before this present year is over.

The church plant is located in a beautiful part of the city and the church furnishes a parsonage which is next door to the church.

I was never treated any better by any people on earth than I was by these fine people in Corcoran.

Every night we had overflow crowds, I mean by that, extra seats were moved into the auditorium to accommodate the crowd.

Preachers and laymen came from as far as Los Angeles some two hundred miles to be in fellowship and the service.

Nearly every family in the church is a reader of the Searchlight and in addition to that, they study the books that are published by the Seminary Press, thus they are informed Baptists.



Martin Canavan

I found Brother Martin Canavan to be a sound Baptist, a well educated young man. He has now a Bachelor of Science Degree and this fall plans to work on his Master's Degree and he is using this educational background to train his membership. He is one of the finest yokefellows I have ever worked with.

Brother Canavan maintains two radio broadcasts, one in Tulare, not far from Corcoran, the other Elk City, Oklahoma. This is done by means of tape recordings, and while in California, it was my privilege to use both radio broadcasts.

Central America Bound

By W. S. Goulding



W. S. Goulding

I have resigned my pastorate with the Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church so as to be free to visit churches and make necessary arrangements for our trip and for entering the countries of Costa Rica and Panama, such as securing passports, visas, disposing of our belongings except what little we will take with us, etc. There are always so many endless things to be done.

My wife is taking treatments at the hospital three times a week, and we expect her health to be all right by the time we can be ready to go.

Our traveling expenses alone will be about \$500.00 or possibly more. If ten churches could raise \$50.00 each, that would do it. Or twenty churches raising \$25.00 each would be the same.

I have the pictures that Brother Canavan and I took on our trip in 1950, and am ready to show them in any church within two hundred miles that is interested. We must limit the distance, at least for the time being, because of Mrs. Goulding's treatments at the hospital here. Churches interested please drop us a card. If you want us to come on some special date, please allow sufficient time for us to confirm the appointment.

First Quarter 1952

CALIFORNIA: Brookfield MBC Oakland, \$64.23; Ceres MBC \$55.36; Oakdale MBC \$11.49; Emmanuel MBC Redlands \$45.00; McFarland MBC \$297.25; First MBC Modesto \$21.25; Riverbank MBC \$41.62; same, PCB1 \$76.03; Shiloh MBC Sanger \$51.78; L. J. Thorp \$7.50; Mrs. Lucy Smith & Dora Fleiden (for Bro. Garcias) \$7.00; Corcoran MBC (Sis. Clark for hosp. exp.) \$5.00; Ridgecrest MBC (for Bro. Garcias) \$34.24; Ernest Chandler \$4.00; Russell Goulding (for personal exp.) \$15.00; Mt. Olive MBC Stockton \$16.32; same, pastor salary \$395.00; same, trailer space rent \$48.00.

OREGON: Prineville MBC (for Bro. Garcias) \$40.00; John Day MBC \$7.89; Gateway BC \$15.00; Cloverdale First BC \$19.83; Redmond MBC \$109.00;

Through A. B. A. office, designated funds, \$40.00.

Sent to workers on the field: Miguel Duarte, \$50.00; J. Osorio, \$70.00; J. R. Garcias, \$198.07; Mendoza, \$130.00; Church building West 9th St., Stockton, California, in rent in Colon, Panama, \$92.00; total offering sent, \$540.07.

Editor's Note: Our churches make no provisions for transportation to the home of the missionary to the field of service. This works a

Interstate Missionary Working In California



L. M. Branch

Elder L. M. Branch of Sanger, California, was endorsed by the messenger body of the American Baptist Association in Nashville, Tennessee, March 1952.

Brother Branch has the good will and respect of all who know him. He is doing a constructive missionary work for the churches of the American Baptist Association. He should be supported not only by California churches, but also by others. I learned that he is conscientious, devoted and sound, that he is interested in the work of our churches.

Brother Branch attended the meeting at Corcoran on three or four different nights.

CALIFORNIA MISSIONARY BAPTISTS

There are two state associations in California. The newest one is on record as endorsing the principles of the American Baptist Association, however, I do not want to be misunderstood. There are many good brethren whom I know and, perhaps, the churches they represent that are also in harmony with the principles of the American Baptist Association, yet they are in the old state association and since I have friends in both associations, I do not want to appear to be partial to either one, but naturally, being past president of the American Baptist Association, I am proud of the fact that this newest association has incorporated in its constitution or fundamental statement of principles the statement that it is in harmony with the American Baptist Association.

This new association will have its annual meeting on May 13th at Armona, California.

hardship on the missionary to get to their fields. The problem could be easily solved, however, if each one of our churches would take an offering not for salary, but for traveling expense and send to these missionaries. I hope that many churches will take the opportunity to send Brother Goulding back to Panama, by taking an offering right

R. away and mailing it to him at 139 son, 214 East Broad St., Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. and be sure to designate that it is for the missionary to the field of service. This works a

C. C. Middleton, State Missionary In California



C. C. Middleton

Bro. C. C. Middleton of Riviera, California is elected state missionary for the new California State Association and is busy on the field. All the reports I can get from him are good.

Bro. Middleton came by Corcoran on Sunday afternoon while I was in the meeting and we had a long visit together which was a very pleasant thing indeed. Everyone should pray for his work as a state missionary, in this great field.

California is a big state from a geographical standpoint, and the devil is running rampant. This does not mean that there are no churches in California because the devil has seen to it that every denomination and "ism" and religious sect is well represented. In fact, it looks like Missionary Baptists are in the minority. Brother Middleton is trying to do what a hundred men ought to be doing. In other words, they could use a hundred missionaries easily.

DEDICATION

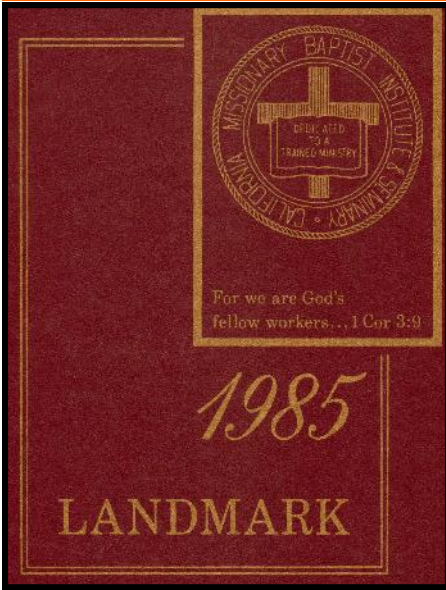
This page is dedicated to Missionary Baptists of California. My recent visit there, which is my third trip to California was a very pleasant one indeed, and in view of the fact that I have many, many friends in California, I want to devote this entire page to California Baptists.

The four pictures of preachers on this page are an example of the fine preachers that we have in the Golden State.

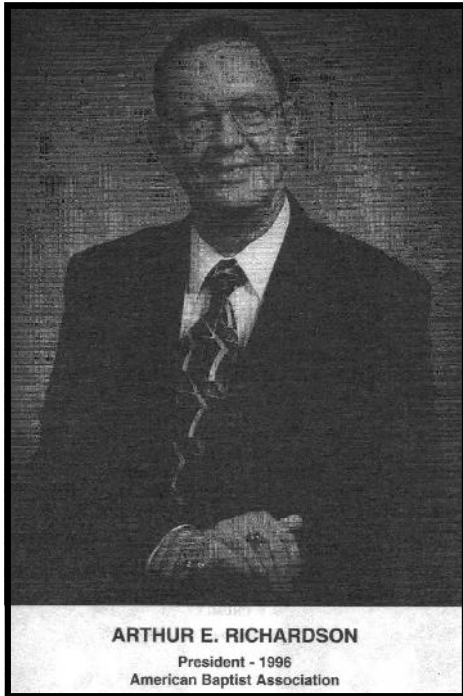
I have made one trip on a train, one in a car and the last one by airplane. I recommend the latter method of transportation far above the first two. Three days and nights travel is reduced to seven hours.

To add to the pleasure of preaching, seeing souls saved and having fellowship with dozens of old friends, Brother Canavan and his wife took me to the Sequoia National Forest in the Sierra Mountains. These mountains are some forty miles from Corcoran which is located in the San Joaquin Valley and on a clear day, the snow capped mountains can be easily seen from the city. We drove over and up into the snow, some seven thousand feet above sea level where the giant Sequoias are. These trees are some of the largest on earth; in fact, one tree named the "General Sherman" is reputed to be the oldest and the biggest living thing on earth. It is estimated to be well over three thousand five hundred years old. The circumference of the (Continued on page 3)

From The Archives Arthur E. Richardson



1996 ABA Yearbook



**In Visalia
at the
Cooperative Association
Meeting**

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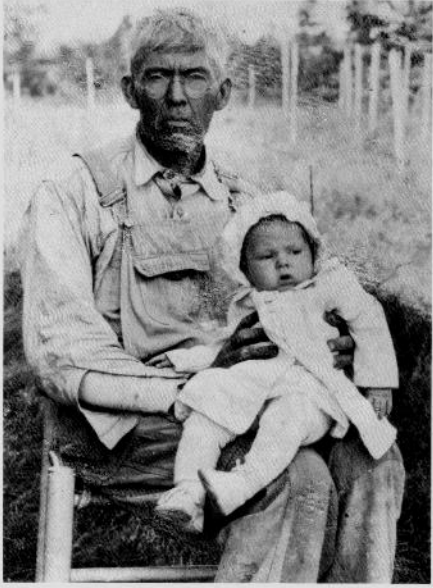

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On June 12, 1933 in Stearns, Kentucky, Lee and Edith Richardson became the proud parents of Arthur E. Richardson. Art was the oldest of the two children in the family.

When Art was just a boy his family moved to Ohio and at age 10 Bro. Art accepted Christ as Savior and was baptized by the Vine Street Baptist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. This was just the beginning of his service in the Lord's work.

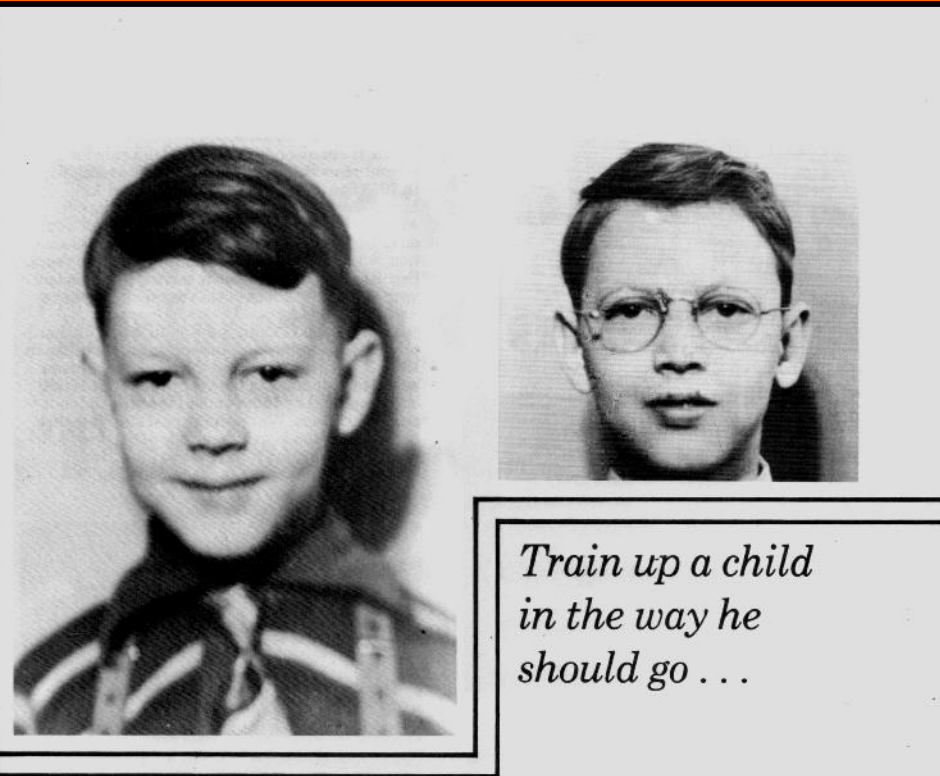
After surrendering to the call of the ministry in 1950 Bro. Art was married to Billie Fulgham on Nov. 22, 1951. Bro. Art was soon ordained by the Sunset Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas in June of 1952. Bro. and Sis. Richardson now have 5 children and 13 grandchildren.

In 1952 at the age of 19 Bro. Art began pastoring his first church. He was pastor of the Midlothian Missionary Baptist Church in Midlothian, Texas until 1956. In 1957 Bro. Art felt the call to come out west and began pastoring the Wilmington Missionary Baptist Church until 1958 when he moved on to pastor the Sharon Missionary Baptist Church in Long Beach, California. After pastoring at Sharon for two years Bro. Richardson was called to pastor the Meiners Oaks Missionary Baptist Church in Ojai, California. Bro. Art left the work in California to do interstate mission work in Texas in 1967. After spending a year in Texas Bro. Richardson returned to California to once again pastor the Meiners Oaks Church. In 1972 Bro. Art accepted the pastorate at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Lomita, California where he is presently pastoring and doing a great work.



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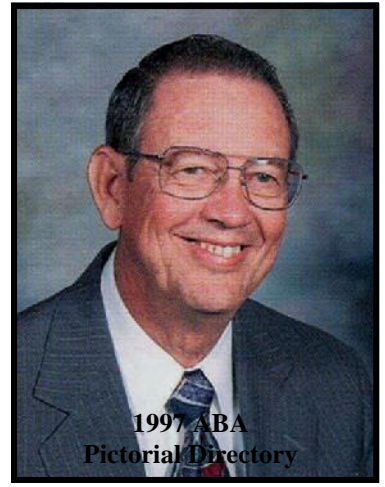


*Train up a child
in the way he
should go . . .*

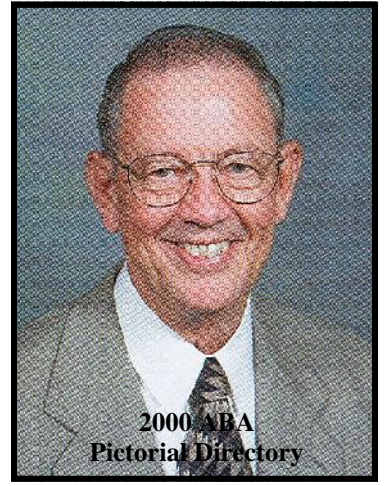
Far Left: Baby Art on Grandpa Richardson's lap. Left: Art as a little boy, "Honest mom, I didn't do it!" Above: Art at six years old. Above Right: Art at nine years old.



ARTHUR E. RICHARDSON
President - 1997-1998
American Baptist Association



**1997 ABA
Pictorial Directory**



**2000 ABA
Pictorial Directory**



From The Archives Arthur E. Richardson



Upper Left: Bro. Richardson behind pulpit of his first church. Upper Middle: Bro. Richardson with beginning of his family. Above: Bro. Richardson at C.M.B.I. Above Right: Bro. Richardson today.

It wasn't until Bro. Richardson came to Lomita that he was able to further his education by attending C.M.B.I. in 1973. He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in 1978 and was soon asked to join the faculty at C.M.B.I.; he gladly accepted. In 1984, however, Bro. Richardson had to leave the seminary to fill a vacancy in the ACE school he instituted at the church where he pastors.

Bro. Richardson had been in California for several years before truly gaining state recognition. In 1978 Bro. Richardson was nominated Asst. Moderator of the California State Association. After serving in that office Bro. Richardson went on to become the Moderator of the State Association in 1982 and served in that office for two years. Bro. Richardson is presently serving in his second year as Vice President of the American Baptist Association.

The record is clear in showing that Bro. Richardson has done quite a lot since his ministry began in 1950. It must also be noted that Bro. Richardson was voted Alumnus of the year in 1984. He is not only respected by those under his leadership but also by his peers. We on the annual staff feel that Bro. Richardson is well deserving of this year's Annual dedication and would like to say, "Bro. Richardson, thank you and God bless you!"

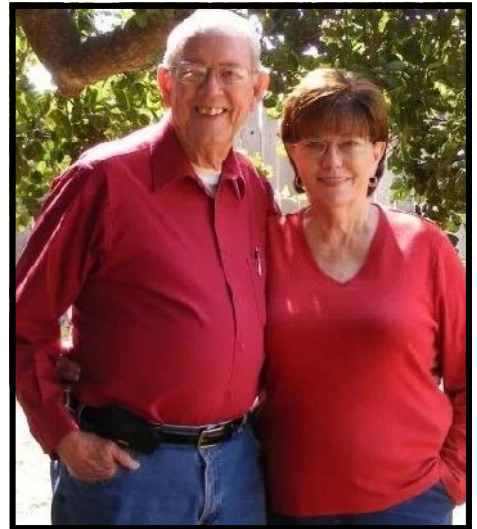


... and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Prov. 22:6



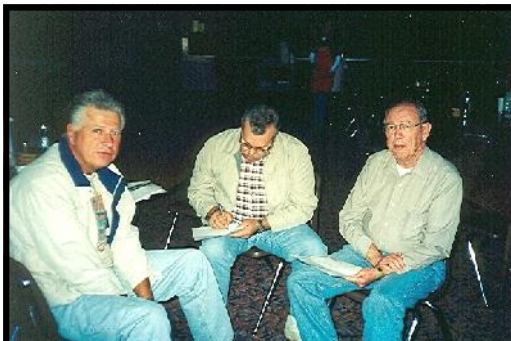
2008 Cooperative Association



Facebook Image of Art & Billie Richardson



2001



Know them that labor among you.....The Field is the World.



Tom Brassfield
Pastor—Grace MBC
Tulare



John Coleman
Pastor—Antioch LMBC
Arlington



John Hughes
Pastor—Bethel MBC
Whittier



Richard Perfecto
Pastor—1st Filipino
MBC—Carson



Steve Miller
Pastor—Grace MBC
Redondo Beach



Albert Runyan
Pastor—FMBC
Yuba City



Nick Winkleman
Pastor—Liberty MBC
San Fernando



Ron Cook
Pastor—Hughson MBC
Hughson



Steve Waters
Pastor—Mt. Vernon
MBC—Rialto



Jim Burks
Pastor—Trinity MBC
Citrus Heights



Rick Howard
Pastor—Liberty MBC
Modesto



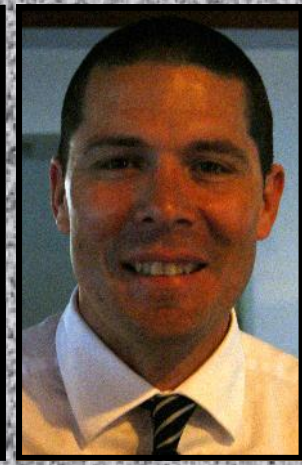
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Yuba City



Richard Carnes
Three Rivers

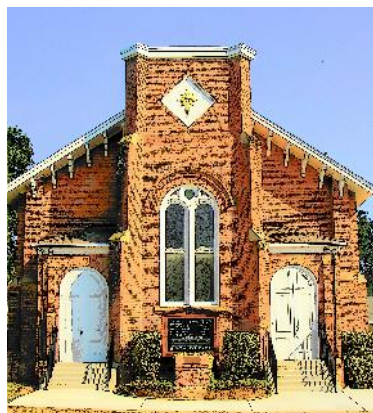


Don Winkleman
Whittier



Francisco Yanes
Citrus Heights

I have enjoyed getting to know these brethren better, over the past several years.



Our Church was privileged to be Stop Number 3 of the 2013 Historic Folsom Holiday Home Tour. This was a two a two day event and we had approximately 500 people drop in to see the interior of our building. The Tour included a walk through our History Center in the front of the building, under the Balcony. Numerous members of our church were on hand to answer questions and it was a very positive experience for them and our visitors.

This was a Fundraising Event for the Folsom Historical Society and the Muir House Foundation. We were able to let the visitors know of a recent decision of the local Presbyterian Church to return the Historic Bell to its original location.

Again, this was a thrilling adventure for our church and we are hoping to be on the 2014 Tour.

Sierra Vista Bank presents
**HISTORIC FOLSOM
 HOLIDAY
 HOME TOUR
 2013**
 Nine Charming Historic Sites
 in Their
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A Benefit Tour for the Folsom Historical
 Society and the Muir House Foundation
**DECEMBER
 13TH & 14TH**
 10 am to 4 pm



**NO. 3
 LANDMARK
 BAPTIST CHURCH**

**609 Figueroa
 Landmark Baptist Church
 Robert Cullifer, Pastor**

This attractive Gothic Revival building was constructed in 1860 as Folsom's First Methodist Church. The local pastor and his flock of 38 sought a New England connection, with wood ornamentation shipped from Maine gracing the brick and granite cornerstones of the façade. A bible was sealed into a cornerstone when it was completed in 1860. Their first bell was installed in 1907 and pealed throughout the district for years to come. This building also served as Folsom's first public high school between 1922 and 1924. The church added a social hall in the rear in 1938, with new pews and an organ installed in 1958. For the last 44 years, the Landmark Baptist Congregation has made this church their home and welcomed the community for numerous charitable events over the decades. Tour the church and be sure to check out the historic photographs in the museum. We thank the church members for graciously opening their hallowed halls for the tour!

**MERRY
 CHRISTMAS**

Nativity Scene donated by Gertrude Bucher

Deb & Bob Cullifer