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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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## A Tribute to Dr. June W. Godbehere



Bro. June Godbehere was born in Chickasha, County, Oklahoma on January 25, 1923. This past January he celebrated his 91st Birthday with family and a host of friends.

He met and married his life-mate, Marcketa Francis, January 5th, 1945, celebrating their 69 years of marriage a few months ago.

A well written Article published in 2002 by the Baptist Monitor of Texas is to be found on Page 6 of this issue.

Both of the Godbehere's were saved and baptized in 1950 and Bro. Godbehere surrendered to preach in 1952.

## Death Notices



**Raymond Lee Bynum**

Jan. 20, 1938—Jan. 24, 2014



**Richard L. Stevenson**

Apr. 24, 2014



**Connie C. Wright**

Dec. 4, 1928—Apr. 28, 2014

### Bro. Godbehere has pastored the following churches:

Valley View Missionary Baptist Church, Valley View, Oklahoma

Bray Missionary Baptist Church, Bray, Oklahoma

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Central Missionary Baptist Church, Wasco, California

First Missionary Baptist Church

Lomita, California; Valley Missionary Baptist Church

Reseda, California; First Missionary Baptist Church

Santa Rosa, California;

Oildale Missionary Baptist Church, Oildale, California

### Associational Service

#### 1966 Central Valley

- elected to bring the evening message. See page 5 of Minutes
- Elected Moderator for 1967. See page 5 of Minutes

#### 1967 Southern California

- Chairman of the Christian Literature Committee. See page 14 of Minutes.

#### 1968 Southern California

- Elected to be Annual speaker for '69. See page 14 of Minutes.

#### 1969 Southern California

- Annual Sermon—"The Star Maker." See page 5
- Served on Resolutions Committee.

#### 1970—No Data.

#### 1971 Southern California

- Delivered afternoon Devotional. See page 5 of Minutes.

- **1972 Southern California**

- Served on Home Missions Committee. See page 5 of Minutes.

#### 1973—No Data.

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# A Tribute to June W. Godbehere



## 1978 - Moderator's Message June W. Godbehere

Moderator's Address, 1978  
Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist  
Churches of California

### INTRODUCTION:

We have assembled today for the 28th session of the messengers of the Co-operative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of California. I rejoice in the fact that in this nation we have that right. I further rejoice in the fact that as the children of God we have the liberty, before God, to exercise the fundamental right of associating together as the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am aware that you have shown a certain respect and honor toward me in placing me in the position in which I find myself today as Moderator of this Association of Missionary Baptist Churches. God being my helper I shall try to show myself worthy of the trust which you have bestowed upon me.

### OUR ASSOCIATION:

Like our forefathers, we associate or fellowship (the two words are synonymous in the Scriptures) in the carrying out of the Great Commission as given to us by our Lord. Our association is not a super body, a supreme court of appeals, a last court of resort. It is an association in the preaching of the gospel, in those works of benevolence as befitting to God, and in the fellowship of training our young men in the work of the ministry.

Let me illustrate with a statement of the apostle Paul. (Phil. 1-3-5) "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

In this passage of Scripture in the book of Philippians, chapter one, verse 5, the word "fellowship" is from the Greek word which means: "To have in common share; to be associated in; to become a sharer in; to become implicated in; to be a party to; to associate one's self with by sympathy and assistance; to communicate with in the way of aid and relief."

Paul, the apostle, is saying: "I thank my God ... for your association in the gospel." As the Scriptures will bear it out, he is saying: "You have become a sharer in the work of the Lord as you rendered assistance in the support of those Missionaries who were preaching the gospel." Paul is saying the Philippians; had fellowshiped in the gospel when they became implicated in the carrying out of the Lord's work, at; they sought to be of aid to the "missionary Paul" in the work of the Lord.

The Philippian church associated and assisted the Antioch church in their support of supplying the needs of the Missionary Paul, "from the first day until now," Because of that the apostle stated in verse 7 (Phil. 1:7) "Because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace." What was that again? Paul said that as a result of their assistance, fellowship or association in the missionary work of the apostle Paul, they shared in the work of the missionary. It was as if the Philippians were on the field with the missionary. Paul stated they were partakers in "my bonds", they were partakers in the defense of the gospel, they were partakers in the confirmation of the gospel.

Is this what Christ was speaking about in Matthew 25th chapter when he said: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Were the Philippians able to fellowship with the missionary? Were they able to associate with him when he was hungry, thirsty, naked and in prison? Yes, that is what Paul states! ("both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.") They were able to do this by their sympathy, assistance, and as they shared and communicated with

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the missionary in the way of aid and relief.

Jesus said in John 4:36, 37. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And here in is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth."

By their association with the missionary, the Philippians reaped where another soweth. I might add the good and the had.

**BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION CONSISTS IN THIS FACT:**

When the churches of this association have in common share; when they become associated in and become a sharer in; when they become implicated in and become a party to, and associate one's self with by sympathy and assistance to communicate with in the way of aid and relief of the work sponsored by our churches, they then become ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCHES.

A church is not a Baptist church because she calls herself a Baptist. She is not a Missionary Baptist Church because she calls herself one. She is not an associational Baptist Church because that is what she professed to be. Keep this in mind that a church is known as a Baptist Church because of her faith and heritage. She is known as a Missionary Baptist Church by her practice (her faith working). A Church is known as an associational Baptist Church because of her sympathy and assistance in supporting the work sponsored by the churches of the Lord in their fulfilling of the great commission.

Our forefathers fellowshipped in the work of missions. They fellowshipped and associated in works of benevolence, the Jerusalem saints in need can testify to that. They associated and fellowshipped in the training of young preachers that they might better prepare themselves for a larger and greater ministry for the Lord.

However, I remind you that in each and every case, the fellowship or association is based upon our coming to the aid and assistance of and communicating with in the way of aid and relief.

It is when one of our missionaries, or the School which in dedicated to the training of young preachers receives from your church that "gift of grace" they can truly say with the apostle Paul: "I thank my God in every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy for your fellowship in the gospel."

They are thankful for your association in the work of God. They are thankful for our willingness to share with them in the good and the bad, in their bonds and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

I close this address by reminding you that as we have come today to council about the work of the Lord that when we leave here at the close of this meeting it will be for that grand purpose that we might really associate and fellowship and share one with another and to become implicated in the work of the churches in the carrying out of the great commission.

As such we can only associate as equals, as there in no biblical example where one church lorded over another body, the small and the large makes no great difference, each are equally responsible to God for the ministry of THEIR FIELD, the GOSPEL, and their FAITH.

I would challenge we never deviate from this plan. SHALL WE PRAY. Bro. Middleton - lead us in prayer.

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**Through the Years**



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1970—CMBI



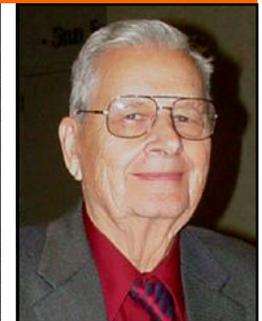
1973—CMBI



1997—ABA



2000—ABA



2005—Cullifer



## 1979—Moderator's Address June W. Godbehere

Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist  
Churches of California

One year ago you elected to honor me once again by asking me to serve as your moderator for the Co-operative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of California in this year of our Lord

Much has happened upon the religious scene since our last associational meeting to indicate very clearly that sin, corruption, immorality, greed and lust have a way of finding their way into the so called religious realm as well as in the political and business world. Jonestown and the rapid rise of the cults are only a few of the indicators to suggest we live in a time of rapid moral decline unlike anything faced by our forefathers.

I am reminded of a statement made by one of our well known comedians who annually hosts a telethon for the purpose of raising several millions of dollars for Muscular Dystrophy. In calling attention to the remark, I mean no disrespect to this worthy cause of raising a financial backing to search out and find a solution to this very crippling disease which attacks mostly our young people. I thank God for those who actively work toward this goal, and for those who give of their means to search out and destroy such a crippler.

might observe that if Missionary Baptists would place as much emphasis upon their time and their financial support to the gospel cause as this well televised program does, the gospel might have a more generous flow. The remark speak of is concerning the network of television stations who donate much time, labor and money to show the television program over the whole nation. Mr. Lewis refers to this network of stations as the LOVE NETWORK. That is well and good and probably deserves this worthy title, however I would suggest to you today that when all of the facts are in, and time has run its course that the only organization worthy of such a title will be the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I therefore address you today as the genuine and true Love Network, the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose purpose is to convey the message of God's Love for mankind. The work of the churches is the one work which will endure, storing up in heaven treasure which cannot be stolen, and where moth nor rust is able to corrupt.

In researching why we lose many of our people to the pleasures of a mad world, to the cults which are having phenomenal growth, and to other sources I have found basically four things which they seem to be seeking. It appears to me they are seeking for something challenging and meaningful in life. They want their life to count for something.

Young and old alike, they search for this in the churches, but because of the sub-standard of Christianity, the seemingly unconcern and indifference of many of the leaders of the churches, Sunday school teachers, pastors and evangelists, they do not find this challenging and meaningful life.

Our young people turn to our school system which has a sex and drug syndrome but before long they are aware that what they are seeking is not there. Their only alternative, to their mind, is to turn to the wild and weird cults wherein they hope to find this meaningful life, but this unhappily is not the answer.

Men seek in life these four matters, a sense of purpose; a sense of belonging; a sense of group identity; and a sense of total commitment to a cause.

Strange as it may seem these are the things which God seeks in the lives of the children of God.

A sense of purpose — God has a purpose with your life. He wants you to contribute something to this world in which we live. He wants the world to be a better place because of you. Jesus put it this way:

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, where- with shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt.5:13

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Salt is a preserver. The sanity and the moral integrity of the world is maintained by the faithful and dedicated lives of the saints of God as they are about the business of God in the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye are the salt of the earth", suggesting that because of the churches the earth is blessed! Salt is also that which flavors, and again God's purpose is for the earth to be brought into a better balance because of the lives of the saints of God.

Christ also stated: "Ye are the light of the world, a city that is set on an hill cannot be hid, neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house." Matt. 5:14,15.

The only true light which lighteth this world is that which is manifested in the lives of the saints of God who live their life in the light of God's program for him. I realize there is much more involved in the purpose of God for all mankind, but I suggest that this a grand purpose for the children of God who seek to make their life more meaningful.

A sense of belonging — Mankind has a desire to belong. Young people want to belong to the various clubs available. As they grow to maturity that sense of belonging does not decrease, but increases. The various college clubs attest to this. The Odd Fellows, Masons, Woodmen of the world, and a hundred other clubs with the corresponding women's organizations indicate this desire to belong lingers perhaps throughout the lifetime of a person. God has something to fill this desire and that is the sense of belonging to the grandest family which man can belong to, and that is the family of God. To become the children of God having a common Father, Our Father which is in heaven, born of the Spirit of God in the New Birth, "that is belonging".

The desire for a group identity — God has a way to fulfill this desire. To be identified with the family of God in the one local organization where they can find true fellowship with God, Christ and with one another, and that is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is in this capacity they can be identified with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is in this capacity they can be identified with the disciples of Christ. That is group identity!

The desire for a total commitment — Is this not what Christ desires for every child of God, total commitment? Surely the answer would be yes. That is why Jesus spoke again and again of total commitment.

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matt. 16:24.

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother and wife, and children and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26.

AGAIN — "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14: 33.

AGAIN — "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples" John 8:31.

Jesus taught his disciples that anything less than a total commitment to God is no commitment at all. If you are not totally committed to the cause of Christ then you are not committed to God at all, your life is a sham, it is a farce, it is hypocrisy.

If there is such an organization that is truly a Love Network, then it surely must be God's organization which can fill these desires of mankind, a sense of purpose; a sense of belonging; a group identity; and the possibility of total commitment to something really worthwhile in life.

In a world rapidly becoming more and more immoral, it would appear that the cause of Christ was having very little effect. Looking about us we might become discouraged at the seemingly insignificant result of the labors of the Lord's Church. When we compare from worldly standards we might well throw up our hands in despair, but the work of the Lord is not viewed correctly from worldly standards ... but Godly! The end result of the work of the Lord's churches is expressed in Rev. 5: 9, 10.

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation and hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."

The end result of the work of Christ is noted in this passage ....Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation:". How successful is the work of the churches of the Lord Jesus Christ? If we view them from the standpoint of our local work, we might well be distressed, but when viewed from Heaven's throne, we find another picture.

God's Love Network will have carried the message of the love of God from near and far, and souls from every walk of life, from every nation, will have responded to the love of God, having their sins washed in the blood of the Lamb.

With this great promise, let us labor faithfully in our fields of responsibilities to the best of our abilities, that we might show that God has the answer to all of life's little problems and crises. Let us encourage the brethren to be consistent in their practice as well as in their beliefs; to be knowledgeable about the Word of God, for it is the greatest safeguard to confusion; to place Christ first and foremost in all things, and to learn the blessings of being able to admit when you have wronged a fellow man, accepting the responsibilities for your mistakes and learning the joy of reconciliation between brothers. Then perhaps our young people will find the pattern they seek in the HOUSE OF GOD, and be spared the torment encountered in our public schools, the cults, and in a pleasure mad world.

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## June Wilton Godbehere

As Written in

*The Baptist Monitor September 2002*



**PFC Marcketa and AMM 1st Class June Wilton Godbehere**

On an early Thursday morning in the year of January 25, 1923 at the home of James Willis & Mary Alice Godbehere a baby boy was born. That baby was named June Wilton Godbehere. This occurred in the city of Chickasha, Oklahoma. June went to South School Elementary from 1928 through 1934. The father, James Willis was a section foreman for the Rock Island railroad. He transferred from Chickasha to Ryan, Oklahoma where June attended the Ryan Junior High School from 1934-1936. In 1936 the father transferred to Apache, Oklahoma and June attended Apache High School where he graduated in 1940.

Seeking to enter one of the local colleges in that area, being told that he was too young to enter, suggesting he wait for a couple of years, then reapply. June joined the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1940, along with a bunch of boys from Apache where he served in Springfield, Colorado. Following this he entered North Texas Agriculture College in Arlington, Texas. He graduated at about the same time of the Pearl Harbor attack. He entered the U.S. Navy in early 1942, went to Boot Camp in San Diego, California, then sent to Training School in Alameda, California, and from there to the Naval Air Station in Norman, Oklahoma where he graduated with an Aviation Mechanist Mate, 3rd Class rate.

June was shipped to Treasure Island, then overseas, arriving in Ford Island for assignment. He was assigned to a CASU Unit (Carrier Aircraft Service Unit). He saw service in the twelve squadrons and the one Marine units that served the Pacific. He served at the Air station on Kaneoah Bay, The Air station in Maua, and the Independence Aircraft Carrier. He served 24 months overseas, and then when he returned to the States he was stationed at the Fallon Naval Air Station in Fallon, Nevada. He was acting Chief Petty Officer on the Line, a temporary rate. When the war ended, they began to discharge by the number of units they had accumulated. June was discharged 15 days after the surrender of Japan. At that time he had a permanent rate of AMM 1st Class.

It was during this 36 day leave that June, visiting his folks at Apache, went into a Soda Fountain in Chickasha, Oklahoma and saw the prettiest WAC sitting in a booth. That WAC was Marcketa Francis. She was home on furlough from the Air Station in Moultrie, Georgia. A few months later she rode the train from Moultrie, Georgia to Fallon, Nevada where they were married on January 5th 1945 in Reno, Nevada. They have been married as of this year 57 years.

In the Red Brick Hospital on the corner of Choctaw and 3rd street in Chickasha, Oklahoma a baby was born to William Wirt and Josephine Ellis, a baby girl named Marcketa Francis Ellis, the first of eleven children. The time was August 21, 1924.

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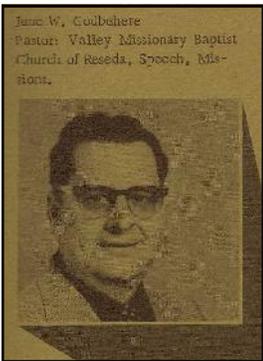
In 1941 she was working at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was working on the B 17, B 24, and B 25 repairing the planes that had returned from their missions overseas in Europe. This was the repair of the sheet metal that was damaged in the European war. Many of the planes were highly famous in their squadrons. In order to learn this trade Marcketa had learned to work with metals in the National Youth Administration and it was logical to follow that trade. When she enlisted in the WAC's, the Women's Air Corp, she worked on the flight line doing mechanic repair and upkeep at the Air Base in Moultrie, Georgia as a PFC. When the war ended in 1945, she was able to get out by using her husbands discharge from the Navy.

It might be said that the parents of June and the parents of Marcketa were both very close friends, even when they both were babies. Love at first sight? Perhaps yes!

Brother and Sister Godbehere were both saved in the year 1950 while living in Wichita Falls, Texas . They both attended services at Fifth Street Baptist Church in Marlow, Oklahoma on Mothers Day, 1950. Brother Van Owens was the pastor and the preaching and the Spirit of God was aimed directly at June. He was saved one week later in his home in Wichita Falls. They united with the Beacon Baptist Church upon profession of their faith, Marcketa having been saved earlier, and was baptized and began serving the Lord. In 1952 June surrendered to preach. They moved to Tulsa to attend the school that was being started in Turley, Oklahoma. This school later moved to Marlow (OMBI). June was ordained by the Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church of Marlow, Oklahoma in 1955. June received a Graduate In Bible Language , a Bachelor of Theology, a Master of Theology, and a Doctor of Theology from OMBI.

Brother & Sister Godbehere have served the following churches, Valley View Missionary Baptist Church, Valley View, Oklahoma; Bray Missionary Baptist Church, Bray, Oklahoma; Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Central Missionary Baptist Church, Wasco, California ; First Missionary Baptist Church, Lomita, California; Valley Missionary Baptist Church, Reseda, California; First Missionary Baptist Church, Santa Rosa , California; Oildale Missionary Baptist Church, Oildale, California.

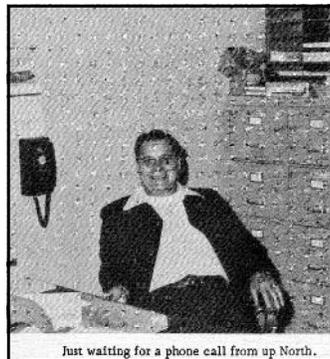
Brother Godbehere has for the last 15 years worked with and in the Fresno Missionary Baptist Institute of Fresno, California. Brother Godbehere is the Administrative Vice President of the School. He also is one of the Faculty teaching the new students that God sends. Brother Godbehere has taught in the school at Marlow (OMBI); Bellflower (CMBI) and Fresno (FMBI). If God permits on January 25th, Brother Godbehere will be 80 years old.



1974—CMBI



1975—CMBI



1976—CMBI



1977—Coop. Assn. Officers



Hume Lake—2001



Hume Lake—2004



Hume Lake—2004



1977—Coop. Assn. Officers

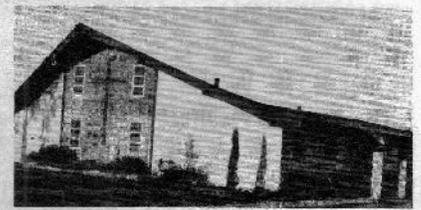
# June Godbehere



June W. Godbehere was born and raised around Chickasha, Oklahoma. The Beacon Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Texas baptized him in 1950. Three years later Bro. Godbehere accepted the call to the ministry and attended O.M.B.I. in Marlow, Oklahoma, where he received a Graduate of Bible Language, Bachelor of Theology, and a Master of Theology.

In 1955, the Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Marlow ordained Bro. Godbehere. He pastored 3 churches in Oklahoma and 2 in California before accepting the pastorate of Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Reseda, California, where he now pastors.

Bro. Godbehere presently teaches Speech and Missions at C.M.B.I.



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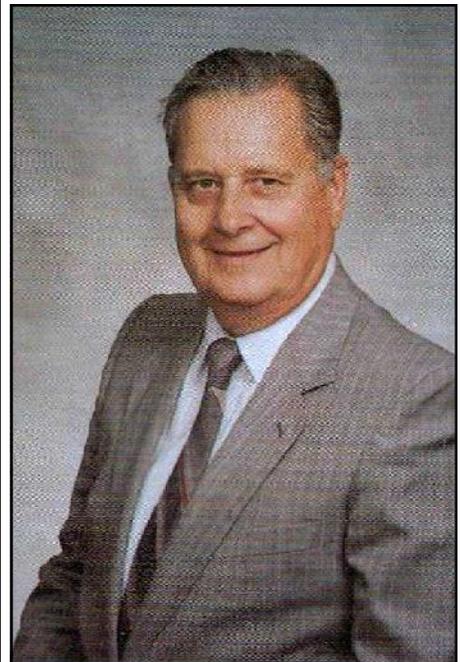


## 1973 CMBI—Yearbook

1981—CMBI Yearbook



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**Dr. June W. Godbehere  
Dean of Student Affairs**

1990—FMBI Yearbook

## Twila (Godbehere) Thibeault—Facebook Images

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## State of California—The Baptist Sentinel

March 25, 1959

### Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute

OKLAHOMA MISSIONARY  
BAPTIST INSTITUTE

P. O. Box 127  
Marlow, Oklahoma

The students of the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute are sponsoring, with the cooperation of the faculty and Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church, four days of PREACHER FELLOWSHIP to be held in Marlow, Oklahoma, April 7-8-9-10. Services will begin each day at 8:00 o'clock with the registering of each one present. A program committee will develop a program from this roster of preachers. Services will be held each night at Fifth Street Missionary Baptist Church.

We desire to use every preacher present during these four days, so come prepared to teach or preach.

Accept this as an invitation to be with us APRIL 7-10.

Harold Almon  
June Godbehere

There has been much discussion among the students of OMBI of installing over the eve of the present educational building the words OKLAHOMA MISSIONARY BAPTIST INSTITUTE in plastic letters. They will be approximately 12 in. to 16 in., the exact size to be decided at a later date. The cost will be approximately \$80.00 to \$100.00.

If you would like to contribute toward this send your offerings designated for this to the treasurer of the ALUMNI:

Elder Raymond Payne  
306 1-2 South 4th  
Marlow, Oklahoma

Thanks for your prayers and support of the Oklahoma Missionary Baptist Institute.

—June W. Godbehere, Pres.

Searchlight

### Wasco—Central MBC

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

Bro. Godbehere has moved on the field and the church attendance is growing. They report 41 visitors in one service recently. **4-66**

Lomita —

Bro. J. W. Godbehere from Oklahoma City, held a revival with the church last month. They are seeking a new pastor. **3-66**

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

Bro. Godbehere accepted this fine church and is moving from Okla. City to take up his pastoral duties in Wasco. **4-66**

J.W. GODBEHERE, new pastor of the Central MBC, Wasco, Calif., reports God is blessing them regularly with people being saved. The example is May 18, when two were added by baptism and one by statement. **6-66-14**

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

The church has had several additions by baptism and transfer recently. Their softball team is doing well in their league play. The fellowship is excellent. **6-66**

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

The church started a census on July 25th with the view of enlarging their S.S. **8-66**

**2-67**  
J. W. GODBEHERE reports the Wasco MBC observed their 19th anniversary in January. They received 2 additions.

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

The church had their annual homecoming Jan. 29th. They had an all day service to mark the event. **2-67**

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor **3-67**

The church had Bro. Perdue with them Feb. 19th and Feb.

Lomita, Bill Matthews, pastor

They broke their all time attendance record the last Sunday of March. Bro. June Godbehere closed last month preaching a revival for the church. **4-67**

Wasco, June Godbehere, pastor

Bro. Godbehere celebrated his first year of service with this church last month. They have had a very fruitful year as church and pastor. **5-67**

Wasco—June Godbehere, pastor

A banquet for their graduates was held May 26th. They report souls saved in their services regularly. **6-67**

### Lomita

Lomita — **6-67**

Bro. June Godbehere has been called by the church. We do not know his decision. Bro. Matthews has moved to Marlow, Okla.

Lomita, June Godbehere, pastor

The church had a good DVBS Aug. 21-25. They entertained the district youth rally Sept. 2nd. **9-67**

Lomita — June Godbehere, pastor

The church received a piano as a gift last month. They are rearranging their educational facilities to have more classes. **10-67**

Lomita, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

They report over 200 in Sunday School Dec. 3rd and excellent services all month. They ended the year with a watch-night service.

Lomita, June Godbehere, pastor

The church reports a number of additions last month. The attendance continues near the 200 mark in Sunday School. **4-68**

Lomita, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

New carpet for the auditorium has been purchased and they report plans for a DVBS Aug. 19-23. Last month they had several additions to the church. **5-68**

Lomita, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

The church baptized one to close May and they have set Aug. 19-23 for a DVBS. Bro. Payne spoke for them of Australian missions June 2nd. **6-68**

Lomita — J. W. Godbehere, past.

The church has set Aug. 19-23 for their D.V.B.S. They had 2 additions for baptism June 23rd. **7-68**

Lomita, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

They had a good D.V.B.S. (Aug. 19-23) and they are having special classes in soul-winning each Thursday. They report several additions recently. **9-68**

Lomita - J. W. Godbehere, pastor

A group of 30 young people have organized a choir. They report good services during Sept. and they baptized 2 the last Sunday of the month. **10-68**

### Reseda—Valley MBC

Reseda, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

Bro. K. G. McKellip was with the church in a revival last month. **7-69**

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Bro. K. G. McKellip was with the church in a revival last month. **7-69**

Reseda, J. W. Godbehere, pastor

The church had several additions during Nov. and they are planning a "Watch-Night" service on New Year's Eve. They are inviting all their sister churches in the area to participate. **12-70**

**6-72**  
NORTH HIGHLANDS had revival services in May with June Godbehere as evangelist. Pastor, Bill Woodall.

The next several pages, represent the work of L. D. Perdue while serving as the History & Archives Committee Chairman and Archivist. His diligence in this area of work has made a valuable contribution to the preservation of California Baptist History.

# State of California—Continued

## Reseda—Valley MBC

### 11-73 The Modern Parable

By J.W. Godbehere

There was a certain man so richly blessed; and he thought within himself, saying, today being a special day, I will arise and go to yonder restaurant and there I will be filled sumptuously with the finest foods. And he went to the fine restaurant and consumed the specially prepared food, upon finishing the meal he arose and left the eat shop, crossing the street, entering another local Coffee Shop, going to the cashier, paying for the fine meal he had eaten at the first restaurant.

I say unto you that is the man who enters the house of the Lord for a spiritual feast, whose soul is fattened, whose heart is filled, and leaves that house without sharing in the support and responsibility of that house.

## Reseda—Valley MBC

RESEDA— observed their homecoming the second Sunday of June, with Monroe Patterson as guest speaker. They enjoyed hearing a pastor speak for them the third Sunday of June, and report a spirit of revival throughout the church. J. W. Godbehere, pastor. 7-74

## Santa Rosa—FMBC



Since we did such a poor job on the picture of our Commencement Day speakers with the graduates, and since they both did such a great job for us, we present them here alone so you can see how handsome and brilliant they really are; left, Pastor Jerry Hamblen of the Missionary Baptist Church, Nice, Ca., and Pastor J. W. Godbehere of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Santa Rosa, Ca. 7-84

## Oildale—FMBC

OILDALE, CA. — Bro. June Godbehere has been called as pastor of the Oildale Missionary Baptist Church. He was former pastor of Santa Rosa.

First MBC - Oildale  
1-85-14

Bro. June Godbehere resigned as pastor of this church January 3, and they are now seeking God's will in calling a new pastor.

3-88-86  
After many years' service to the Lord's churches, Bro. June Godbehere resigned as pastor at Oildale and announced he is retiring from pastoral work. However, he is available for revivals, seminars, or to fill in for pastors who need someone. He can be contacted at 12104 Topper Rd., Madera, CA 93638, phone 209-645-0545.

## Santa Rosa—FMBC

### 11-75 GODBEHERE TO SANTA ROSA

Bro. J. W. Godbehere, formerly pastor of the Valley Missionary Baptist Church of Reseda, Ca., has been called as pastor by the First Missionary Baptist Church of Santa Rosa, Ca. Bro. Godbehere is also a member of the faculty of CMBI, and we are going to miss him in the classroom. We pray for him the best on his new field of labor.

### 7-77 REDWOOD EMPIRE ASSOCIATION MEETS

Bro. J. W. Godbehere served as moderator at the meeting of the Redwood Empire Association May 14 with the church at Nice, Ca.

SANTA ROSA received unusual blessings in an unusual revival meeting. Two evangelists were used, one following the other. Tom Counts started, and Larry Crouch finished up. God truly blessed, as eleven souls professed faith in Christ. 9-80 J.W. Godbehere, pastor



June W. Godbehere

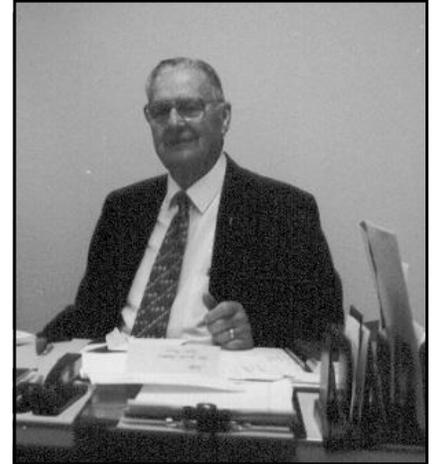
Graduation activities will occupy most of the day Friday, May 14, at the California Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary in Bellflower. Morning activities will begin at 10 o'clock with brethren from over the state and neighboring territories assembling in the main auditorium of the First Missionary Baptist Church. The 11 o'clock speaker this year is Bro. J. W. Godbehere, one of the former faculty members of the school.

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DR. JUNE GODBEHERE  
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### FMBI Is Blessed...

FMBI is blessed with some of the best qualified teachers found anywhere. Dr. Burel Burnes was the first doctoral graduate from CMBI and is periodically found in all of the Bible classes either as a regular instructor or guest lecturer. Dr. Travis Hubbard is a graduate from the Missionary Baptist Seminary in Little Rock, Arkansas, and excels in Bible Languages, as well as Bible subjects. Dr. Wayne Eason also received his seminary training at the Little Rock Seminary and received his Doctor's Degree from FMBI after writing his thesis. His contribution in both Bible Languages and biblical studies is a fine addition to the School. Dr. Richard Johnson is a graduate from FMBI, and his expertise in counseling students is invaluable. Sis. Ruth Burnes, a graduate of FMBI, holds a Master's Degree in Theology and a Doctor's Degree in Christian Education. In addition to her contribution in the

classroom, she serves the school as Registrar and Secretary. Steve Burns, a college graduate, has attended Fresno City College, Fresno State University, and FMBI, and is currently in his sixth year at Fresno State and plans to become a full university professor. He has a good rapport with the students at FMBI and is a good addition to the staff. Brethren Marvin Prevost, Charles Jeffus, and Brian Ross are Student Teachers this year, and they are doing a fine job in their respective classes. Bro. Prevost is working toward his Doctor's Degree, and Bro. Jeffus and Bro. Ross are working toward their Master's Degree. Dr. June Godbehere, a graduate from the Little Rock Seminary, is the new Editor of the Missionary Baptist Herald and teaches in the evening classes. He is the newest addition to the faculty, but the school is blessed with his fine contribution.



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Brother J. W. Godbehere, Publications Director; Brother Paul Hurth, Assn.

### EDITOR OF MISSIONARY BAPTIST HERALD UNDERGOES TRIPLE BY- PASS

10-98-4  
Dr. J. W. Godbehere, Editor of the Missionary Baptist Herald, Administrative Vice President and Instructor at FMBI suffered a heart attack August 27<sup>th</sup> while visiting his daughter in Oakley. He was moved from Mt. Diablo Hospital in Concord to St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco and underwent a triple by-pass September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Brother Godbehere is at home in Madera at this writing and is doing well, but it will be several more weeks before he will be able to resume his duties at FMBI.

Remember him in prayer for a full and speedy recovery. Those desiring to get in touch with Bro. Godbehere may reach him by telephone at (209) 645-0545 or by writing to 12104 Topper Road, Madera, CA 93638.

### Notice

#### PUBLICATION CHANGE

9-99-4

Because of the high cost of labor, printing, and mailing, beginning with the August issue of the Missionary Baptist Herald, the paper will be published on a quarterly basis. The subscription price will change from \$5.00 to \$3.50 per year.

If you are receiving the paper and you have not been sending in the price of your subscription, we would appreciate an offering. An offering from your church for the Missionary Baptist Herald would also be appreciated.

We desire to continue publishing the paper, and we will do so on a quarterly basis as long as possible.

Starting with this issue, the paper will be mailed in August, November, February, and May.

8-89-4

### POINT OF VIEW

June W. Godbehere

In this issue there are a couple of articles concerning the State Youth Rally. I do not have any more to add statistically to this event, but I would like to add my personal feelings about the Great Event.

It is great to see our young people find a proper medium, a Shadow Play, depicting the life of Jesus from the trial, death, and resurrection; the modern video, depicting the true to life problems they face and the biblical answers God gives.

Put it all together in the framework of Ephesians 3:21: "Bring glory to God in the church." This is great! So we give glory to God! The glory is that God used this to save the souls of four precious people.

Let this be a personal way for me to say, "Thanks to this great church, to the pastor, to the youth, and to the sponsors of this youth group for all the encouragement so that this Youth Rally became a reality!" This is my View Point.

### FIRST MBC FRESNO

June Godbehere, Interim Pastor

9-94-4

They were blessed with a great revival with Brother Doug Knox as the Evangelist. The church experienced an old fashioned church revival. Yes! souls were saved and Christians were revived. They are receiving special offerings to purchase some new sound equipment. Two were baptized this past Sunday.

### POINT OF VIEW

#### SERMON NOTES

Dr. June W. Godbehere

Searching for Attitudes and Integrity"



Editor of Herald  
Reg. Writer

The article "WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?" scheduled for this column will return in the next issue.

### FIRST MBC FRESNO

J. W. Godbehere, Interim Pastor

7-94-4

The church is still seeking for a Pastor. They pray constantly that God will lead them to the right man for the church. They have heard several excellent preachers and hopefully will soon make a decision. Pray for the church! The attendance is being maintained and they eagerly look forward to the man whom God sends this way.

### FIRST MBC FRESNO

J.W. Godbehere, Interim Pastor

8-94-4

The church hosted the State Youth Rally. Youth came from far and wide to attend this annual meeting. The Friday evening services and the Saturday Morning services far exceeded the number expected.

It was a beautiful program prepared by the host church, well received by the youth and adults alike. The leadership of the Holy Spirit was evident during the whole meeting.

The church is still seeking a pastor. Pray for them as they search for the will of God.

The church baptized four in the past month.

You must know by now that Brother Burnes has gone to be with the Lord. He will be missed greatly. Pray for his family and this church, who will feel this great loss.

## POINT OF VIEW

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#### FOR WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?

Text: James 4:13-17

Text verse "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

Introduction: "What is your life?" Why are you here? What is the meaning of your life? What is the purpose of your life? The contention of James is that your life has a meaning, both to you and to God.

In the last issue it was observed that as you come to know God as the Creator of all things, then we can begin to know Him in a meaningful relationship. We come to know Him in the New Birth experience and life begins to take on a new meaning.

Discussed in the last issue was the phrase the (will of God). What are the purposes of God for me? What kind of a person does God want me to be? We can partly see that in Ephesians 2: 10 "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained (destined - planned) that we should walk in them." We can see that in the sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

God wants us to be a certain kind of person. There is a way and a will of God for our life. "For what is your life?"

After speaking to folks about the Lord Jesus Christ for well more than 40 years I have come to this conclusion. When I try to convey God's plan and purpose for their life it is as if I am introducing them to the ORIGINAL PARTY POOPER! I get the feeling that the Christian life must be for those who have tired blood. They are not going to have much fun in life anyway. What God presents to them seems to be a second class way of living.

However, when we put you in the will of God, we will learn some beautiful truths. We will learn not to take life for granted! Let us look at the scriptures. In our text, "Go too now, ye that say, today or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year and buy and sell, and get gain." This is a person who is taking life for granted. We tend to do this. When we take life for granted, we become careless about life. When that happens, life does not have quite the value. What



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happens? We assume we will always have our health. We assume we will always have our happy marriage. We assume we will always have our happy parents. We grow careless. We assume we will always have time and material things. We assume we will always have time and opportunity. What is the result when we become careless? We take life for granted!

The truth of the matter is, it is not until we begin in God not to take life for granted that things become more valuable. This is the law of life, and it relates to almost everything.

Have you ever noticed how children growing up with parents seem to take their parents and the things which are provided them for granted? They expect the refrigerator to be full of food. The cupboard has to be full of all kinds of supplies. When they finish school, and they get a job and move in their own apartment they are due a giant surprisc. When they go down to the supermarket, they discover that all of those things which they have taken for granted are suddenly so expensive.

Don't we take things for granted? God help us to quit taking life for granted. When we take God's purpose seriously, it will bring a new significance to everything. Realizing that God is in control. His purpose in opportunities is a valuable asset. It sheds a new light upon our life. The result of this is we are going to be happier and more fulfilled in our Christian life.

When we see God in His proper place in our lives; When we realize that God has a will and some ways for our lives; When we place (you) in that position, surely we will be happier.

Be assured you and I can know the purpose of God. His purpose is for good. . . that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

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