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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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In this Issue 15 pages are devoted to the ministry of Henry French, my Father in Law, due in large part to the fact of the abundance of material available to me. He served as my pastor on 3 occasions, 1. Myrtle Creek, Oregon 2. Ashland, Oregon and 3. Southside, Sacramento, California.

Through the years we have traveled many miles together, discussing Bible Doctrine and Methods in Mission and Church Work.

In all but 1 of his mission endeavors, he left behind a church organization and a well built building for the Glory of God.

He was a devoted teacher of God's Word and had served in two Bible Schools.

Gone—but not forgotten, as are the Russell's and Bro. Spence, Yet their works do follow them.

GONE!

Another pilgrim gone!
 Another soul at rest!
 Another spirit by the throne,
 In Jesus' fullness blest!
 Triumphant in the faith
 That sees the glorious prize,
 And lends a majesty to death,
 His spirit sought the skies!

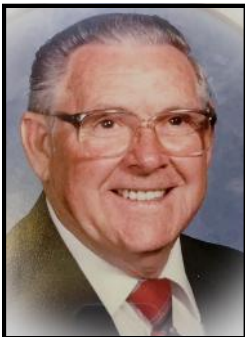
Called to a great reward!
 Called to a fadeless crown!
 The warrior sheathed his well-tried sword,
 And laid his helmet down.
 Life's toil and battle o'er,
 No carion-call of pain
 Can reach that pure and blissful shore,
 To mar his rest again.

And now the river's crossed--
 Before the golden throne;
 And mingling with the glorious host
 Of saints and prophets gone.
 What rapture it must be,
 A Saviour's love to prove;
 And spend a blest eternity,
 In drinking in His love!

--W. Winsford

PSALM 116:15 -- Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.

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 1972 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Oregon, Fifteenth Annual Meeting



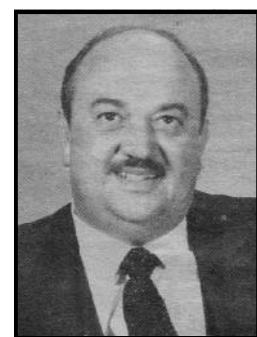
Henry L. French
 Gone
 —July 5, 2014



Glen T. Russell
 Gone
 —July 19, 2014



Austin C. Russell
 Gone
 —June 11, 1973



Harold L. Spence
 Gone
 —December 8, 1986

In Memoriam



1973—1974 Moderator

Of the
Cooperative Association
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1973 Minute Book

G. Truman Russell

July 22, 2014

News Review—Roseburg, Oregon
Obituary

Glenn Truman Russell

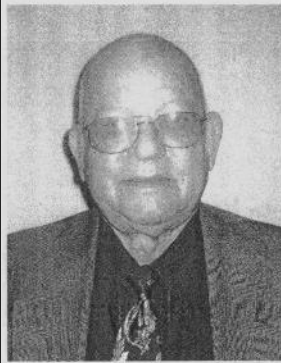
Age 82 of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, went home to be with The Lord on Saturday, July 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Irene Russell, his two daughters and son-in-law, Carolyn and Gary Combs and Glennice Russell, together with 15 grandchildren and great-grandchildren, his sister Shirley Warren, many nieces, nephews and brothers and sisters in Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents, Austin and Esther Russell, brother Carliss Russell and granddaughter, Stacie Holcomb.

He was a Missionary Baptist preacher and pastor for 61 years. He attended California Missionary Baptist Institute where he obtained his Doctorate in Theology. He pastored the Antioch Mission Baptist Church in Myrtle Creek until 2008 when he retired due to health reasons. Glenn was a woodcarver, artist, and gardener. He loved hunting and fishing with his family. He always knew where the fish were biting. His greatest joy came from studying the Bible and teaching God's word.

Services will be held at the Missionary Baptist Church, 5599 N. Umpqua Highway, Roseburg on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

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Oregon State Association
Missionary Baptist Churches
50 Years 1958—2007
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Jeff Harlan (Chairman) - page 220

GLEN TRUMAN RUSSELL

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|----------------------------------|---|
| Saved: | 1940 – 8 years old in Richmond, California |
| Baptized: | 1946 – Armona MBC – Armona, California |
| Ordained: | 1952 – Licensed to preach March 16, 1956 |
| Ordained By: | Sanger MBC – Sanger, California (Fresno, California) |
| Churches Pastored: | (Easton) 1st MBC – Fresno, California San Francisco MBC – San Francisco, California Orange MBC – Orange, California First MBC – Coquille, Oregon Present – Antioch MBC – Myrtle Creek, Oregon |
| Mission Work: | Helped Brother Pat Patterson in the mission work in San Francisco, California |
| Associational Activities: | 1974 – Moderator Clerk – 20 years |
| Committee Work: | The committee to rewrite the Articles of Faith for the Oregon State Association and many other association committees |
| Family: | The son of pastor Austin Russell and Esther (Keeling) Russell. My Wife is Irene (Ellis) Russell. August 19, 2007 we will be married for 56 years |
| Other: | Taught Greek, Hebrew, Homiletics and Evangelism in California Missionary Baptist Institute (CMBI) in Bellflower, California |

Sent. ORDINATION SERVICE 3-56
The Easton Missionary Baptist Church has called Brother Truman Russell as pastor and has asked for his ordination at the hands of the Sanger Church, where he holds membership. Ordination services have been set for Friday, March 16 at the Sanger Church, 1417 J. St. - 7:30 p.m.

Sent. 7-58
EASTON
G. T. Russell, Pastor
Interest is high as the church prepares for the Revival Effort, which is to begin July 30, with Allen Adkins of Armona doing the preaching.



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G. Truman Russell

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Chaplain Major Glenn T. Russell
Civil Air Patrol Squadron 88
Orange County 5-70

Bro. Russell, Pastor of Community Baptist Church has been appointed Chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol with the grade of Major.

As a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain he has the responsibility of the moral and religious welfare of the Civil Air Patrol personnel in his unit. He presents lectures to the cadets and guides them in their thinking in this critical area.

High school young people are especially receptive to spiritual and moral guidance. As a chaplain in Civil Air Patrol he is in a unique position to assist these cadets, many of whom have no church affiliation.

There are about 51,000 young men and women of high school age in civil air patrol units that do not have a chaplain. Only God knows how many may have missed the mark because they had no chaplain to help them. This too could be your work.

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BELLFLOWER

OREGON PASTOR GIVEN AWARD



PASTOR TRUMAN RUSSELL (r) receives 10-year service award from Sheriff Veral Tarno of Coos County, Oregon.

Pastor Glenn Truman Russell, of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Coquille, Oregon, was recently presented an award for 10 years of service with the Coos County Sheriff's office as chaplain. Bro. Russell's duties as chaplain are to provide religious services each Tuesday evening for inmates at the county jail and counseling when needed. There have been ten professions of faith since the first of the

year in the jail services.

At the church Pastor Russell reports having visitors regularly in the services. They are also putting new steps and sidewalks at the church, as well as the construction of a new baptistry. Bro. Russell is a former student of CMBI, and his wife at one time served as secretary here at the school. We pray God's continued blessing upon them.

1965 CMBI Yearbook



1966 CMBI Yearbook



1966 CMBI Yearbook



In Memoriam



FACULTY:
Charles Warren, Henry French, Austin Russell, Cassie Denney, William Turner, Clarence Denney

As the second year of the Oregon Extension of the California Missionary Baptist Institute begins, we are thankful to the Lord for His blessings upon us.

Believing the first year was a great success, we are expecting greater blessings in the Lord as we face the coming year.

The Extension school at Winston, Oregon is a product of grace. In May 1969, the California Missionary Baptist Institute in Bellflower, California granted an academic arm to us. In September 1969, the first classes began with twelve students registered. It was a joyous year. In May 1970, at the first school closing twelve students received certificates of merit.

The second year begins with twenty-five students registered. Prospects for more are great.

The purpose of this school is to prepare young ministers and Christian workers more fully, to enable them to face the world in this day of liberalism and apostasy. We need men and women who are qualified to teach God's Word and to help people meet their spiritual needs.

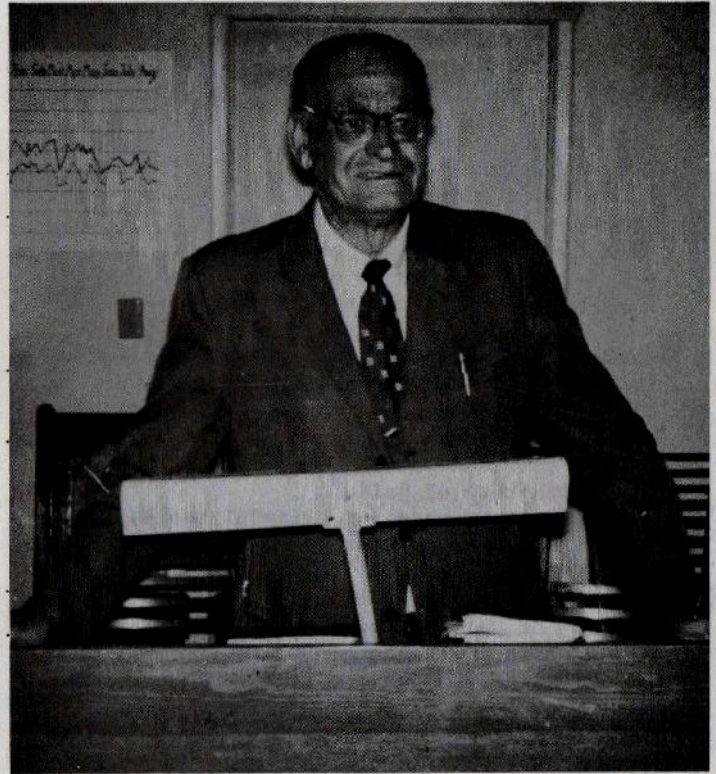
Christ is the answer to man's ills. He needs to be presented under the power of the Holy Spirit and the local New Testament church in a way that will challenge everyone. This is our purpose and scope at the Winston Extension School; not for our glory, but for the glory of God; not for our self-esteem, but to hold higher Jesus Christ and His blood-stained banner till He calls us home.

Five subjects have been added to the curriculum bringing the total to nine. Two student teachers have been added to the faculty bringing that total to six. All teachers and subjects are as follows:

| | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| Charles Warren | Greek 253 |
| | Greek 353 |
| Henry French | Bible Analysis 103 |
| | Eternal Purposes 303 |
| Clarence Denny | Bible By Ages |
| Austin Russell | Defense of the Faith |
| William Turner | Music |
| | Two periods |
| Cassie Denney | English I |
| | English II |

We offer these nine subjects and see the need for more.

The Extension School is under the auspices of the Winston Missionary Baptist Church in Winston, Oregon with an academic arm from the California Missionary Baptist Institute and Seminary. Brother Charles Warren, pastor of the Winston Church, is the Director. Brother Henry French, pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Myrtle Creek, Oregon, is the Assistant Director.



ELDER AUSTIN C. RUSSELL
1913 - 1973

Brother Austin C. Russell was born on August 17, 1913, in Non, Oklahoma. He was married to Esther

Keeling on September 6, 1931, and they have three children: Glenn Truman Russell of Coquille, Oregon, Carliss Russell of Fremont, California, and Shirley Warren of Winston, Oregon.

Austin was saved at the age of 18 at Alex, Oklahoma. He surrendered to preach at Armona, California in 1949 and pastored his first church at Watsonville, California. He pastored East Date Missionary Baptist Church of Porterville, Sanger Missionary Baptist Church, Vallejo, Arroyo Grande, Ridgecrest, Sanger (second time), Myrtle Creek and Roseburg, Oregon.

He was pastor of Roseburg Missionary Baptist Church and teacher in the California Missionary Baptist Extension Seminary in Winston at the time the Lord called him home on June 11, 1973.

Their three children are all in the Lord's work. Glenn Truman is pastor of the Coquille Missionary Baptist Church in Coquille, Oregon. Carliss is a deacon in the Sunnyvale Missionary Baptist Church, Sunnyvale, California, and Shirley's husband is the pastor of the Winston Missionary Baptist Church in Winston, Oregon. They have ten grandchildren and all are in the Lord's work. Esther is making her home with her daughter in Winston.

1973 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Oregon—page 2 & 3

Excerpt from 1971 CMBI Yearbook—p. 46

In Memoriam Austin C. Russell

Excerpt from History of Landmark Baptists
of California
Volume Two—page178



Russell, Austin C. (ABA)



Brother Austin C. Russell was born on August 17, 1913, in Non, Oklahoma.

He married Esther Keeling on September 6, 1931, and they have three children: Glenn Truman Russell, Carliss Russell, and Shirley Warren.

Brother Austin was saved at the age of 18 at Alex, Oklahoma. He surrendered to preach at Armona, California, in 1949, and pastored his first church at Watsonville, California. He pastored East Date Missionary Baptist Church of Porterville, Sanger Missionary Baptist Church, Vallejo, Arroyo Grande, Ridgecrest, Sanger (second time), Myrtle Creek and Roseburg, Oregon.

He pastored the Missionary Baptist Church in Roseburg and teacher in the CMBI Extension Seminary in Winston at the time the Lord called him home on June 11, 1973.

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Alma Esther Russell

1909-1986

Sister Russell, as she was best known, was born Alma Esther Keeling in Tomahawk, Oklahoma, February 17, 1909. She departed this life July 20, 1986, at Myrtle Creek, Oregon, where she was visiting with her son Truman.

She was saved at the age of 15 while Bro. R. R. Farris was preaching a revival meeting in the vicinity of Tomahawk. She was the granddaughter of a circuit riding preacher named Elijah Keeling.

While in her teens she moved with her family to Alex, Oklahoma, and was a member of the Missionary Baptist church where Bro. M. B. Hubbard was pastor. There she met and married Austin C. Russell. To them were born: Truman Russell, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church, Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Carliss Russell, a deacon in the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Visalia, California; and Shirley Warren, wife of the pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church of McFarland, California. Her husband preceded her in death in June, 1973, while he was pastor of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Roseburg, Oregon.

Sis. Russell was a member of the McFarland church at the time of her death. All their children and grandchildren who are old enough are saved and working in Missionary Baptist churches.

Sometimes we talk about the great men of our time but forget about the great women. Sister Russell was a great woman, a great pastor's wife, always providing for her family both physically and spiritually. Her husband praised her, and everyone who knew her loved her. She spoke with wisdom and kindness to all who came to her for advice and help.

The last song she sang on this earth was "What A Day That Will Be!" She sang this song in the morning services July 20. She prayed in the altar in this same service with a young mother whom she loved very much. Just two hours later she sat down in a rocking chair and went to sleep to be with her Lord.

All who have known her know she was a great woman. This woman has earned her rest in the arms of her Lord whom she loved so very much.

Mom, Sister Russell, we miss you very much. Until we meet again.

Lovingly submitted by her son,
Truman Russell

Editor's Note: We do not normally print obituaries, but this dear lady was certainly known by most Missionary Baptists all along the West Coast, and we are happy to print this tribute to her.



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Excerpt from 1971 CMBI
Yearbook—p. 49



State Missionaries
From Cooperative Association Yearbooks

1976 Salaried Missionaries



Left to Right: Harold Spence, Leonard Smith, Ellis Fisher and O. E. Hall

Missionary Recommendations for 1980 - 1981



H. L. Spence, Jim Ligon, Tom Porter, O. E. Hall, Ellis Fisher, Ken Iiams and Leslie Smith

1981 Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of California Yearbook
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MISSIONARY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1981-1982



Brethren Leslie Smith, Ellis Fisher, Harold Spence, O. E. Hall, and sitting, Tom Porter, and Joe Hernandez



A SOLDIER IN THE FAITH



Pastor Harold L. Spence

Bro. Harold Lee Spence was called home by the Lord on Monday, December 8, 1986. He was born in 1941 in Texas, and when he was two his family moved to California. He was saved when he was nine years old and baptized by the Sunnyvale Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Spence surrendered to preach at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, San Jose, in 1969, and was ordained by the Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Concord in 1970. He served

the Union City Mission as interim pastor and then the Vallejo Church as pastor until 1972. Bro. Spence then began working as a missionary and served at Cloverdale for four years. He started the mission in Clovis and remained as pastor until his death.

Bro. Spence was married to Sharon Irene Bevis on December 8, 1962, and they had two daughters, Shelly Lynn and Stacy Lee. They married two brothers, Mark and Alan Lohuis, and both families are active in the Clovis Church.

Bro. Spence served in the army in Germany for three years, and then spent 10 years obtaining his education. He attended Missionary Baptist College of Sacramento, CMBI extension classes at Antioch and Clovis, and he was both a student and faculty member of FMBI and CMBI.

Bro. Spence's ministry at Clovis was very fruitful, with current facilities filled to capacity and plans for an ambitious expansion program already adopted and work begun. Not only was he a great preacher but he was also a great teacher. One of his students said of him: "Those of us who sat under Bro. Spence's teaching, know by experience that we have never met anyone greater than he when it came to speech, debate, or homiletics." He had more than once mentioned his desire to write a homiletics textbook.

Those who know Bro. Spence well know the characteristics and gifts which made him stand out in a crowd. He was a great pastor and a close friend to all of us. Let us remember him well.



In Memoriam *Harold Lee Spence*



Pastor Garrett Lohuis, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church—Grass Valley

Grandson of Bro. Spence

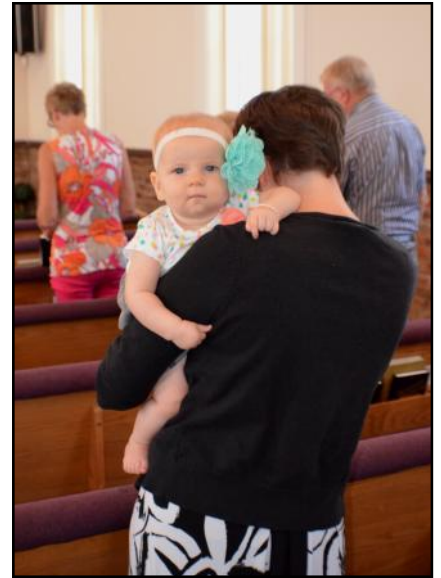
Photo taken at LBC Folsom After the District Ladies Meeting July 26th

His is the very proud Heir of his grandfathers Bible



Red, White and Blue Brethren

L—R: Robert Cullifer, Lester McCalister and Garrett Lohuis
LBC Folsom After the District Ladies



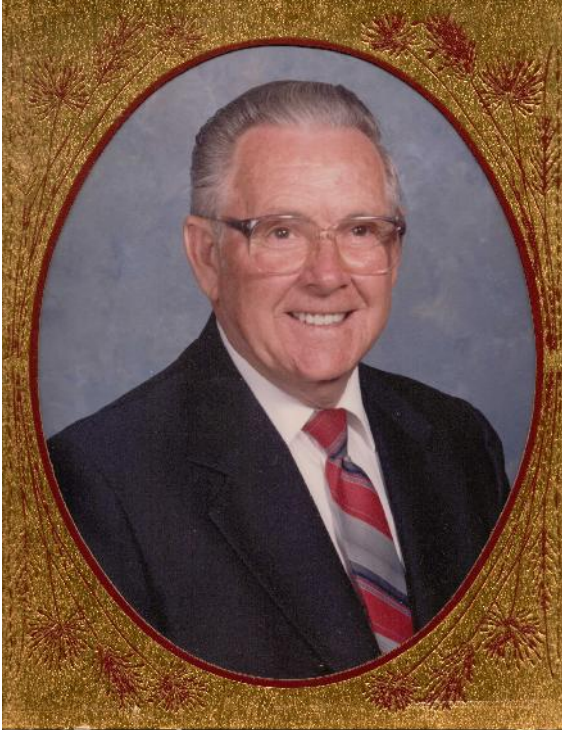
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In Memoriam

GRANTS PASS, OREGON 1966—1969

1967 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—page 14



Henry Lee French

In the Archives file for Bro. French is the notation: "Surrendered to preach in a revival meeting in the Wyda Way church, July 1959, M. W. Melton evangelist, L.D. Perdue Pastor."

He was ordained at LMBC Sacramento on May 27, 1961. He was 37 years old when he entered the Gospel Ministry, he retired at age 71 after spending 33 years in a very active ministry.



**Grants Pass, Oregon Home
1045 Lawnridge Avenue
Where mission was started**

A petitionary letter was read from the Grants Pass Missionary Baptist Church.

Dear Brethren:

We, The Grants Pass Missionary Baptist Church, would like to represent in the American Baptist Association and the Cooperative Association of Oregon.

Brother Henry French and Charlie Johnston are sent as our messengers.

Also, we would like to recommend to the association that this church has endorsed Bro. French as Missionary for the Rogue Valley.

Bro. French was previously sent out by the Talent church as Missionary in this area. He is now a member of this church.

Done by order of the church September 5, 1967.

Signed: Henry French, Missionary Pastor
Leona Barrong, Church Clerk



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Published June 1967

Grants Pass, Ore.—Henry French
The church was organized last month under Bro. French's leadership. Prospects are excellent.

1968 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 24, 27 & 28

Bro. Henry French gave a verbal report on State Missions work in Grants Pass. The work has progressed much better since he went on the field full time.

The Roseburg church did not bring a written resolution on interstate missions. A motion to retain last year's report did not carry. Bro. Shrum volunteered to write one to give later.

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A motion and second to recommend to the churches to retain Bro. French as our State Missionary on his 27

original recommendation. Spoken to by C. H. Denney, Fred Miller and Dearl Smith encouraging support. The motion carried.

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Myrtle Creek, OREGON 1969—1972

1970 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—page 19

MISSION REPORTS

Bro. Henry French, state missionary, gave his report on the work in Myrtle Creek.

Dear Brethren,

Since my report last year, I have resigned as missionary pastor of the Grants Pass church and have accepted the work in Tri-City as missionary pastor.

I have been on this field since the first of May this year. During this short time we have torn down an old school building to build a sanctuary for the Lord. We now have this building up to the sub-flooring. Our thanks to each and everyone who has helped in this project.

There has been several miles traveled in the work here so far. I have traveled 19,000 miles for the interest of Christ this year. These miles include Christian Education, special meetings, etc. Visitation miles are not recorded.

I've taught 318 lessons, preached approximately 108 sermons. Several have been saved and baptized and several came by letter through this effort. I give GOD all the glory for this. If not for Him, I would be nothing. Through Him I receive my strength to carry on His work.

Each of you as churches, individuals, and auxiliaries and the young people have had a great part in all that we have accomplished for Christ.

I thank each of you for your prayers and support this year. My prayer is that we may do more for our Lord in the coming year. Continue to pray for me and the work over the state of Oregon. God bless each of you.

Yours in Christ,
Henry L. French
State Missionary

Verbally Bro. French reported the Antioch church had bought property in Myrtle Creek nearby which is the reason for the change in location of this church in the minutes.

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Published August 1970

July 20, 1970

Dear Sister Churches:

Would you like to help in a special work for our Lord?

We, of Tri-City, Oregon, are in need of \$1,000 as a down payment on a very good piece of property. This is 6½ acres in a good location and the full price is \$8,500.

The Lord has blessed us with enough material to build a sanctuary 48 x 80 feet. All is needed is land to erect it on.

Our congregation at this time is small with but a few heads of families. These are willing to work for the Lord, but a few can do only so much.

If you are willing to help, you may send your checks to: Elder Henry French, P.O. Box 169, Myrtle Creek, Ore. 97457. Please specify that it is for land or building fund.

This is brief, I know, but if you would like to know more about the work you may write to me.

Yours in His name,
Henry L. French,
Oregon State Missionary



Myrtle Creek, Oregon Home
1045 Lawnridge Avenue
Church met in the converted garage
While building was under construction

Built with reclaimed material
from tearing down a local school

Myrtle Creek, OREGON

1969—1972

1971 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—page 19 & 20

Bro. Henry French - State Missionary - sent out by the Grants Pass Missionary Baptist Church is serving the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church as missionary-pastor. His report follows:

Brethren:

This has been a full and rewarding year for me as your State Missionary. The work in Myrtle Creek is progressing. We hope to be in our new building before too long.

There have been seven additions to the church this year. Four by letter and three by baptism... Other children have been saved, but due to parents, were not baptized.

I have visited other churches as time has permitted and have received a great blessing each time. As your State Missionary I have traveled 30,000 miles, taught 230 lessons, and preached numerous sermons. Some of the miles traveled was pertaining to the encampment in July. We received a great blessing there with 48 souls saved.

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The encampment fund has approximately \$1,100.00. Part of this includes the sweatshirt cost replacement. There is \$900.00 in the savings account. We have about 12 dozen X-large and large sweatshirts left over. Do you want me to re-order some smaller ones for next year?

Continue to pray for me as I do mission work. My prayer is that I may be the kind of missionary that God is pleased with and that it be done to His honor and glory.

Thank all of you for your support and may God bless each church for her part in supporting missions.

The Lord said, "Go Ye" and you have done so graciously.

Brotherly,
Your State Missionary,
Henry L. French

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Myrtle Creek, Oregon 10-71

Bro. Henry French reports a steady increase of attendance the past month. Their building is progressing nicely. He reports however there are 4 churches in that area without pastors. Pray for them.



Recent Photos

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Myrtle Creek, OREGON

1969—1972

1972 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—page 20

MISSION REPORTS:

Bro. Henry French -- State Missionary -- sent out by the Grants Pass Missionary Baptist Church is serving as missionary in the Ashland area. His report follows:

Dear Sister Churches:

It has been a rewarding year as your state missionary. The work here in Myrtle Creek has grown in many ways. We have had souls saved and added to the church.

In April, this year, we met for the first time in our new building. Our thanks to our sister churches for their help in building and for prayers in our behalf.

Several miles were traveled this past year on Christian Education, special meeting, camp business and visitation. Through this effort souls were saved and baptised and added to the Lord's church. I give God all the glory. Through Him I receive strength to carry on His work as missionary.

Through much prayer and consideration I have resigned the pastorate here at Myrtle Creek, as Missionary Pastor. I feel it is time they call a pastor as the field is still white unto harvest.

My thanks to each of you for your prayers and support this past year. Please continue to pray for me and the mission work in Oregon.

Yours in Christ,
Henry French, State Missionary

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**CMBI Extension School
Winston, Oregon**



Faculty



FACULTY:

Charles Warren, Henry French, Austin Russell, Cassie Denney, William Turner, Clarence Denney



Henry French

**CMBI Extension School
Winston, Oregon**



Ashland, OREGON 1972—1975

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1973 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 16 & 17

MISSION REPORTS:

Dear Brethren:

I am thankful for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us at the mission in Ashland. We met for the first time in October, 1972. We have been self-supporting from the beginning. There were four members to begin the meetings. Since that time we have gained 11 by letter and three by baptism. We lost two by letter, so our present membership is 16. Our weekly attendance is in the 20s.

During the year the mission has given \$1,239.20 to missions. Seventy-two dollars of this was for the Oregon Land Development Fund and \$123.70 was for Christian education. Rent and incidentals amounted to \$615.46. Total, \$1,854.66.

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We have been meeting in the Senior Citizens Building but the Lord is opening doors so that we may start a church plant soon. There is around \$2,000 in our building fund and we plan to step out on faith to build.

Please continue to pray for me and the work here. I am so thankful for your prayers and support. God bless all.

Yours in His Service,
Henry L. French, State Missionary

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Ashland, Oregon

—Letters—

April 15, 1974

Dear Bro. Reed:

Greetings from Oregon!! The mission here in Ashland is doing fine. We had two for baptism in the last two months. Praise the Lord for His goodness! Our attendance is running in the mid 20's and is climbing.

We are hoping to start on our educational wing (32 x 70) in a couple of weeks. We need your prayers in the great work of God.

I am still rejoicing over the fine meeting of the California State Association -- especially the fine preaching you did. I thank God for you and others like you. God bless each of His ministers is my prayer.

You may use any part of this report for the paper if you wish.

Yours in Christ,
Henry L. French,
Oregon State Missionary



Ashland, OREGON 1972—1975

1974 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 18 & 19

MISSION REPORTS

State Missionary Henry French, endorsed by the Grants Pass Missionary Baptist Church, gave the following report:

Dear Sister Churches.

Greetings in Christ from Ashland, Oregon. First of all, I want to thank you all for the wonderful support you so graciously sent to the Lord's work here. My prayer is that God will repay you two-fold, both in souls and materially.

Your offerings for this report are \$678.43. This is counted from the 10th to the 10th of each month. Thank God for each of you for an outstanding year in support of State missions.

For the benefit of those who may not be at the State meeting a brief report of our yearly activity: We began with 9 members, baptized 4, received 4 by letter and 1 by statement. Three others were saved, but were not baptized. Seven were excluded and we now have a membership of 18.

Our total income this year - \$5,730.00. Two thousand of this went to missions and Christian education. We have spent \$1,580.00 so far on the building. This brings it up to the sub-flooring with studs and shingles included. I thank the Lord for His people that love His church. God bless each and everyone of you richly. All are welcome to visit and see YOUR work here in Ashland.

Yours in His service,

Henry L. French



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OREGON APPEAL

Dear Christian friends, 12-74

The Ashland, Oregon Mission sponsored by the Missionary Baptist church of Grants Pass is in need of help from our brothers in Christ. We are blessed in many ways with our educational wing soon to be ready for us to meet in. City code say we have to have our parking lot black-topped before we can meet in it. That's our need. . . 80 tons of asphalt at \$15.00 a ton. Members here have already pledged to buy at least one ton each above what they already give. Others have given towards this by buying 1 to 2 tons. Still we have a long way to go to have our 80 tons.

Would you as an individual, church, or ladies group please help in this mission work so that we may be able to meet in our building. Many have promised to attend when we get our building ready.

You may send your offering to: Eld. Henry L. French, 283 B Street, Ashland, Oregon 975-20, or Bro. Art Gabrielson, 790 Glendale, Ashland, Oregon 97520. Please specify for black-top. Thank you.

Brotherly,
Henry L. French,
Missionary Pastor



Ashland, OREGON

1972—1975

1975 Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary
Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 26 & 27

MISSION REPORTS

September 17, 1975

Dear Sister Churches,

It is with Thanksgiving to God for all His blessings that we report to you this month. Two souls have been saved, one came by letter, and one was baptized. Praise God.

We are waiting permission from the parents to baptize the two young ladies who are fifteen and seventeen years old. Pray that the parents will be willing to let them follow their Lord in baptism.

There are several more who are interested and have been attending. Pray that they will move for the Lord even this coming Sunday.

This month's offering from all churches was \$629.72. There were two offerings from the Salem church of \$90.00 that I received for filling in for Brother Miller while he was on vacation. That makes a total of \$719.72. May God bless each giver with the richest of His blessings. This is short, but I would like to show briefly what the Lord has done this year in Ashland. He has added eight to the church, four by baptism (with two more approved for baptism) three by letter, and one by restoration.

We have paid out to missions: \$1500.00 to State; \$240.00 to Interstate; and \$340.00 to Foreign; Winston Extension of CMBI \$850.00.

There has been \$10,422.18 for building and \$900.00 for land paid. Other incidental expenses which make a total of \$14,497.88 for the year. I thank God for His people and all they have done for the cause of Christ this year. May we remember that Jesus is worthy of it all.

Yours in His Service,
Henry L. French
Oregon State Missionary

September 2, 1975

Dear Brethren:

The Ashland Missionary Baptist Church did in regular business meeting make a motion as follows:

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Motion made and seconded to petition fellowship with the Co-Operative Churches of the American Baptist Association. Motion carried.

Done by order of the church on September 2, 1975.

Henry L. French, Moderator
Katie P. French, Clerk

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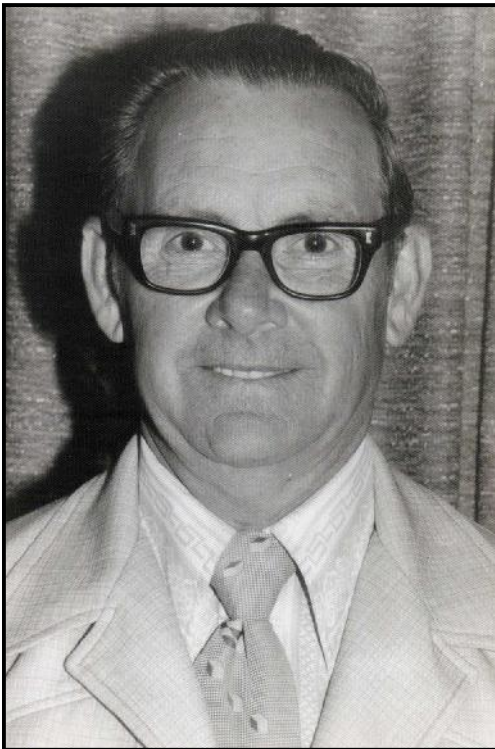
N.W.B.N. OREGON CHURCHES
ASHLAND 2-76
Henry French, Missionary Pastor
As high as 34 in services. One came for baptism recently. Offering for the month for Bro. French \$605. This low offering due to the fact this report was turned in early to make the paper.

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Published March 1976

ASHLAND NBN 3-76
Bro. Henry French has resigned the work in Ashland and moving to Lompoc, California. Attendance holding up with two saved recently.



LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA 1975—1978



The Baptist Sentinel—Bellflower, CA

Lompoc, California

LOMPOC — They have just completed their new educational wing. Have had 10 additions by baptism and plans are being made to expand the auditorium and put in a baptistry to accommodate the large growth of their assembly. Have recently licensed two men to the ministry. *5-76* Henry French, Pastor

LOMPOC — held the district youth rally for the month with a film being shown, has revoked Bro. Gus Dadd's license to preach as he states he no longer believes in Missionary Baptist doctrine. *12-76* Henry French, Pastor

LOMPOC used their new baptistry to baptize three. Two more have made professions of faith and are awaiting baptism. A record Sunday School attendance of fifty-one was reached last month. Ernest Crawford has been with the church in nightly meetings teaching on the tabernacle. *4-77* Henry French, Pastor

LOMPOC received two, one by letter and one by baptism. Two brethren, Ronald Huckaby and Hugo Delazona, have surrendered to the ministry of the gospel. *11-77* Henry French, pastor

LOMPOC started CMBI extension classes on Monday and Tuesday nights. The church will be host for the next CMD meeting in April. *2-78* Henry French, pastor

LOMPOC is seeking a pastor. Henry French has accepted the church in Roseburg, Oregon. Men interested in coming to Lompoc in view of a call may contact Murphy Patrick, phone (805) 735-2331. *6-78*



ROSEBURG, OREGON

1978—1980

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Henry French
Moderator



Houghton Kelley
Assistant Moderator



Truman Wright
Song Director



Milford Keeling
Parliamentarian



Jon Rae & Joe Wright
Clerks



Oregon State
Missionaries
L to R:
Robert Cullifer
Lakeview
Jon Rae
Albany
Jeff Harlan
Hillsboro

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Roseburg, Oregon

NBN ROSEBURG 7-78
Henry French, Pastor
Excavating and grading has started on their new property. Attendance running in the 70's with one baptized recently.

NBN ROSEBURG 2-79
Henry French, Pastor
Have had two saved and baptized with one candidate standing approved for baptism. Received their conditional use permit to go forward on their building. Attendance running in the 70's.

NBN ROSEBURG 2-79
Henry French, Pastor
During February, the Roseburg Church was blessed with three souls being saved and baptized. We voted to raise enough money to pay off our property we purchased. We are waiting on the weather to clear so we can start our building. We ask your prayers for our church.



LaPine, OREGON

1980—1984

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Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 14

MODERATORS ADDRESS 1980

**Brethren, Friends, Messengers of the churches
composing the Cooperative Association
of Churches in Oregon:**

It is my privilege to serve this year as your moderator and I trust as this years address is given that we might accept it in the spirit that it is given that the unity which must prevail in the Lord's work may be manifested in our services and deliberations as we meet here. Satan is hard at work to destroy the Lord's churches and bring God's preachers to ruin. However, the dangers we face are not so much those outside our churches as it is from within.

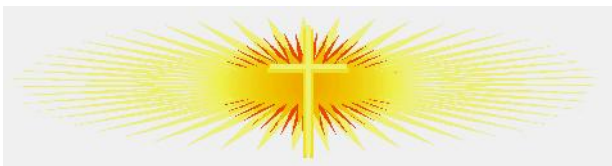
When the Apostle Paul spoke to the elders from Ephesus, in Acts 20:17-38 he warned of two ways that apostacy could come; grievous wolves entering in among you not sparing the flock and men of our own selves arising, speaking perverse things to draw away disciples after themselves. In both instances the danger is from within. There is no danger to the sheep as long as the wolf is outside the fold.

Baptist have always had a great heritage. During the early days of the Lord's church, the Roman empire tried to destroy her, but failed. All the efforts of papal authority during the dark ages to silence her did not work. Yet the compromises of the Protestant reformation did harm from which we have never recovered and did so under the guise of friendship and blessing.

There are major issues that threaten Missionary Baptist distinctives. We must unite solidly against these and if necessary, be willing to give our lives. But, while uniting, let us be careful not to divide from within over petty issues which are not truly the historically distinctive in nature. We must be mature enough to distinguish between Baptist distinctives and personal differences.

Several years ago, and yet not so many, the work in Oregon was divided because of personal differences. We are well on the road to recovery. To paraphrase a well known quote: God grant us the courage to change those things that will improve our fellowship and love for one another; the serenity to accept what cannot be changed; and the wisdom to know the difference. May none of us ever feel that he does not need the love and confidence of his brethren of like faith and practice, for our Lord has told us, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" John 13:35.

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Northwest Baptist News—Bend, Oregon

LaPine NBN 11-79



Above is the likeness of our new missionary and his wife, Katie, working full time in LaPine. The First Missionary Baptist Church has called Bro. Henry French, placing him on full time salary through the church here, and he has accepted.

Bro. French was saved in 1954, baptized and became a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Sacramento, California. He surrendered to the ministry in 1959, attended Missionary Baptist College in Sacramento for a number of years receiving his BA degree, has attended extension courses through C.M.B.I. and has a good background in Christian Education.

Bro. French has labored in Oregon for many years. He has established several works including the churches at Grants Pass, Myrtle Creek and Ashland. He has pastored the church at Roseburg and Lompoc, California. Bro. French is well loved by all of the brethren in Oregon and other places where he has labored. He is a tireless worker, a fine builder and we are expecting great things from him and his wife as they labor with the good people at LaPine.



The LaPine Mission is in the process of building a 40' x 75' auditorium onto their present educational building facilities (pictured above). LaPine is a rapidly growing community of over 5,000 people and the attendance in our mission is running in the 70's and 80's. The mission has two busses they run and at the present time their facilities are being taxed to their limit.

Pray for this mission as they go forward for the Lord.



LaPine, OREGON 1980—1984

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Baptist Churches of Oregon—pages 22

LAPINE MISSION

Progress at Lapine has been very good. Since I have been with the mission there has been seventeen added to the work through baptism and some being saved since I've been on the field. We had three added by letter and two others were saved but not baptized as yet. I believe that we are growing numerically and those that are there are growing in the Lord.

There has been a lot of work accomplished on the building and work still goes on.

We appreciate your support. Without you and your support the Lord's work would be much hindered in Lapine. We thank God for those who have been saved as a result of mission work there.

Henry L. French
Missionary



Northwest Baptist News—Bend, Oregon

LAPINE

The Lord has been good to us in LaPine. Attendance is back up in the 30's of which we give thanks unto the Lord. Privileged to have three guest speakers this past month: Bros. Ron Dodge, Jack Williams and Fred Schultz. We appreciate our preacher brethren coming to speak to us.

Building program closer to being ready for taping and texturing. Pray for us as we endeavor to do the Lord's will in our lives.

I am very thankful to the Bend Church and all those who support me. I pray God's richest blessings on each of you.

Henry French *1-81-NBN*
52320 Huntington Rd.
LaPine, Or. 97739

LAPINE *2-81-NBN*

The Lord has been good to us and blessed in many ways. Praise His Holy Name!

Our attendance is holding up in the mid-30's. One was restored to fellowship and 2 others added by letter. Some are coming back that had not been coming for awhile. Praise God for this! There are others who need our prayers because of neglect to assemble.

The work on the auditorium is being done as time and weather permits. It has been so cold that the taping compound would freeze. It has warmed up some, so hopefully it will be all finished by this time next month.

We thank the Lord for His people and their prayers. Our thanks also for the support you give in the work here and for my personal needs. Our prayers are that the Lord will bless with many souls being added to each church.

Henry L. French
52320 Huntington Road
LaPine, Or. 97739

LAPINE *3-81-NBN*

I am thankful to the Lord for all His blessings. Were it not for your prayers and support in the work of God, things would be much harder. Please keep us in your prayers as we do the Lord's work that we might be in His will at all times.

Work on the building is being done. The first coat of taping is on. Bro. Faubion from Grants Pass is doing the work for us and we praise God for his efforts.

I would ask all to pray that God would start a revival in our hearts here. There hasn't been anyone saved in some time and this is a great burden and concern to me. We had a first time visitor during our Tuesday night services.

Attendance is holding the same. We invite you to come and visit us in LaPine.

Henry L. French
52320 Huntington Road
LaPine, Or. 97739

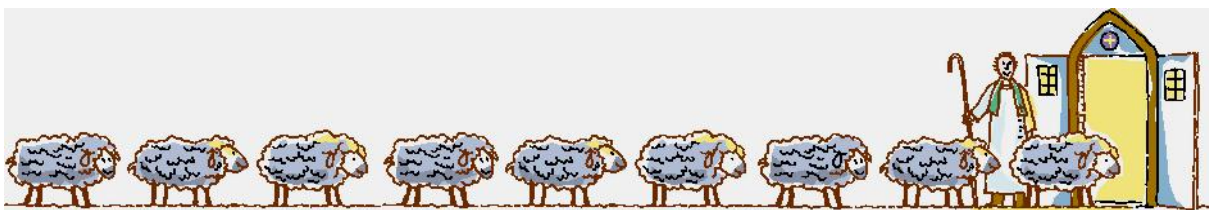
LAPINE

The people here are growing in the Lord with interest and attendance picking up. We had 41 last Sunday with many of our regulars out with the flu. We ask your prayers in their behalf.

Several families we are working with need your prayers. Pray for me as I endeavor to lead this people that I might be found in the center of the Lord's will. I want to be the kind of leader that the Lord's work would grow for His honor and glory.

Work is still being done on the building as time and opportunity affords. Insulation has been done, doors need to be hung yet and the outside window glass put in. The tape and texture should be done this week.

May God bless each of you is my prayer. Come by and see us when you can.
Henry L. French *4-81-NBN*
52320 Huntington Road
LaPine, Or. 97739



LaPine, OREGON 1980—1984

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MODERATORS ADDRESS 1981

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Messengers of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches in Oregon:

It is a great privilege and honor to be your moderator of this assembly. My prayer is that our meeting will be a success in furthering the cause of Christ through our mutual understanding of the Scriptures.

In some ways 1982 could be a big year for the churches. Between 40 and 50 million people profess to be born again. Christian radio is booming and Christianity is featured in the media. Another 70 million people, however, remain unreached by any church. The nation is setting new records for abortion, pornography and violent crime. Some people are asking, "Is the Lord's churches a success or failure?" For more than 1900 years the church has weathered crises, opposition, worldliness and heresy. As recently as ten years ago observers predicted that the church would fold. I don't hear that kind of talk these days. The true church has existed since the personal ministry of Christ and it will continue until Christ returns. The Bible reveals at least three crucial facts about the church.

1. The Lord's Church is Spiritual: The Bible speaks of the church as the body of Christ. The Christian has a spiritual bond with Christ and all other believers. You were born spiritually when you accepted Christ as your personal Saviour. At that same moment, the Holy Spirit joined you with Christ. Paul explained this in I Cor. 12:13, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be bond or free," This is one reason the churches will never fail. The real spiritual church is a visible body and is joined to an eternal Lord. The church membership is unique because Jesus Christ calls each one individually. The Lord's churches are made up of those who were lost and enslaved. Now we are renewed and justified through faith in Jesus Christ.

2. The Lord's Churches are Visible: In his first Corinthian letter, Paul addresses "the church of God which is at Corinth." This is the most familiar kind of church — a visible local body. The Apostle John received seven messages from the Lord directed to seven local congregations. Paul and his companions spent many years establishing and encouraging local assemblies. Nine of the thirteen epistles were addressed to local groups. The local church sets apart missionaries and supports them. It operates Sunday Schools, helps the needy, conducts worship services, edifies the body and evangelizes. The local assembly serves as the human instrument of God's work on earth. Because the local church is faithful, God's work goes worldwide today.

3. The Church is Living: Christ's church is no mere organization. It is alive and throbbing. The church knows something of Christ's love and Christians' love for each other. It is strengthened by faith, renewed by hope and cleansed by exposure to God's Word. Furthermore, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). The parable of the vine in John 15 reminds us that each believer is like a branch joined to the vine which is Jesus Christ. God the Father is the divine gardener. He sees His church's need in times of

dryness. He sends revival when needed. He gives strength when the church grows weak. In time of fruitlessness He may allow the cleansing of persecution. Never forget the church is in God's hand. Christ established His church not to wilt and die but to grow and flourish — just as Ephesians 5:27 says . . . "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle . . .".

So we are gathered here in fellowship capacity to discuss the Lord's work and to further it's mission program. Let us not forget that it is the Lord's work and conduct ourselves accordingly.

12-81 LAPINE NBN
The Lord has seen fit to bless us once again. Last month the Lord added 4 precious souls to the work. All 4 were baptized. Three of these were adults. Pray with us that they will grow in the Lord and become full grown and mature Christians. Our fellowship is the best. The Lord's people are learning, praying & visiting. Our building is finished except for a few minor details. These will be taken care of as soon as time and money are available. This is the last report to you as a mission. My next report will be as a Missionary Pastor. I am prayerfully in expectation that you will continue your support until such time as the work here can support me. By my next report we should be able to give an accurate report of what the church here can do. Our thanks seem so small and inadequate. Please accept them from the bottom of our hearts.
Henry L. French
52320 Huntington Rd.
LaPine, Or. 97739



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5-81 LAPINE NBN

Lord continues to bless from all directions. We do praise His Holy Name for them and for His people who make our labor possible.

Continue to pray for me and the work that the Lord will send forth more laborers unto the field that is white unto harvest. The Lord saved one young man this past month.

Work on the building is progressing some. Bro. Faubian from Grants Pass blew the acoustics on the ceiling and the walls were textured. We are ready for paint.

Pray for us.

11-81 LAPINE NBN

We are rejoicing in the Lord. There is good fellowship and we are having first time visitors.

The ladies are doing regular visitation Thursday mornings. As a result of this we have had some new ones for Sunday School. They have met many prospects. The men go on visitation Saturdays.

All here at the mission are looking forward to our organization Dec. 5, 1981.

The building is just about finished. We are also rejoicing in this. Our thanks to all who labored on it.

I am thankful to all who have supported the work with your prayers and monies. I especially thank the Bend Church for their help in obtaining material of which we probably would not have been able to get because of our finances.

Those who have supported me financially I say God bless you all.

Henry L. French
52320 Huntington Rd.
LaPine, Or. 97739

LAPINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LAPINE, OREGON



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9-81 LAPINE NBN

It has been a joyful month here at LaPine. The mission baptized 7 boys & girls ranging from the ages of 10-17. We are so thankful to our Great Lord and Master for these precious souls. We had 2 others saved. We had 2 come on promise of letter. Praise His Holy Name!

I rejoiced in the camp this year for the souls saved there and the sweet fellowship manifested. I thank each of you who pray and uphold the work here. May the Lord bless.

Thanks for your continued support.

The building is coming to a close. Odds & ends to pick up and carpet to be laid. I am thankful to those who have helped



CHURCH ORGANIZATION

Dear Sister Churches: 11-81-NBN

On December 5, 1981 the LaPine Mission will organize into a New Testament Church by the authority of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Bend, Oregon.

We ask your presence and help at this service if at all possible. The mission voted to retain Bro. Henry L. French as their missionary pastor. We ask each church to help support him as we are not able to support him full time.

Agenda for the day:

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: LaPine Mission
52320 Huntington Road
LaPine

Phone: 536-3232

Organization Sermon: Eld. L. D. Perdue

Lunch will be served following services.

Done by order of the mission in regular business session on Oct. 20, 1981.

Henry L. French, Missionary Pastor
Agnes Bird, Mission Clerk



SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 1984—1994

In 1992, Henry and Katie celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary

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LAPINE, OREGON

Henry L. French *11-84 NBN*
7497 Persimmon Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95823

This will be my last report as your State Missionary. The Southside Missionary Baptist Church in Sacramento has called me as their pastor and I have accepted.

It has been a pleasure being of service to different churches these past twenty years in the state of Oregon.

The church here in LaPine is in good spiritual condition. If any of you know of a man they could hear in view of a call, I'm sure they would appreciate you contacting them. You may reach Bro. Dave Johnson at 536-3374 or a message phone at 536-2645 and leave a message for Bro. Chuck Terrell.

I thank all of you for your support both in money and in prayers this past year. Please continue to pray for me as I go to another field for the Lord.

I shall remember all of you in my prayers daily. I love the churches in this state very much.

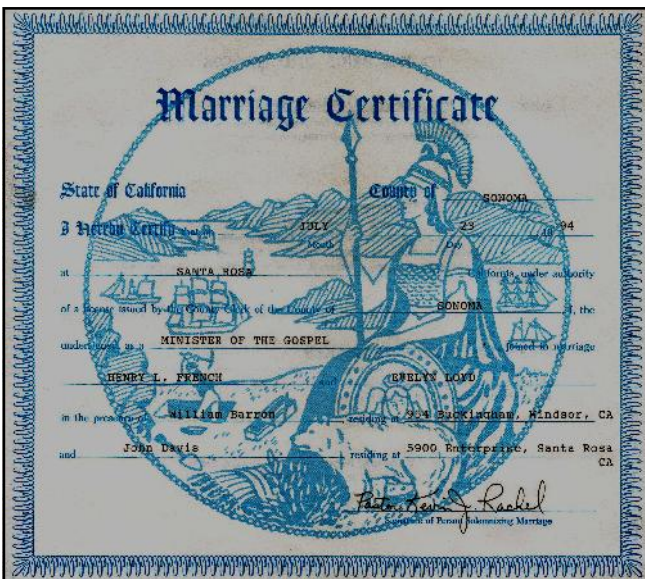
May God bless each of you in a mighty way.



The French Family
Left to Right:
Larry, Deb, Carolyn, Kathy, and Sandy

Bro. & Sister Murphy of Lompoc
With Katie & Henry

Katie passed away on September 5, 1993



On July 23, 1994 Henry married Evelyn Loyd in Santa Rosa



Retirement 1995—2014

Missionary Baptist Herald—Fresno,

RETIREMENT SERIES

Clovis M. B. Church

Retirement Committee
Kenneth W. Beens, Pastor

5-95-4

In the Thursday Assembly of the California Cooperative Association, the Retirement Committee Report was presented. I was encouraged to learn of churches that are presently helping retired pastors or that are preparing to begin monthly support. One of the highlights of the report was a personal testimony of Bro. Monroe Patterson, a recipient of retirement support. There are so many worthy men that have served so abundantly. One concern that I have shared is regarding men that have served as Missionaries, or those that have served as pastors of churches years ago that have gone out of existence.

The following is the history of Brother Henry French's pastoral labors:

1959 - 1962 Mission work with Brother George Walton in Woodland, California sponsored by Landmark M. B. C. January 1965 - March 1966, Pastored the church at Glendale, Oregon. March 1966 - July 1970, did mission work at Grants Pass, Oregon. 1970 - November 1972, did mission work at Myrtle Creek, Oregon. November 1972 - May 1976, did mission work at Ashlan, Oregon. May 1976 - Jan. 1978 did mission work at Lompoc, CA. 1978 - Dec. 1979 pastored the church at Roseburg, Oregon. December 1979 - November 1984 did mission work at LaPine, Oregon. November 1984 - March 1994 pastored the Southside M. B. Church in Sacramento, California.

Brother French was responsible for organizing four churches, as well as many years of pastoral service, one observation, at least three of these churches have gone out of existence. It is easy to recognize that assistance will necessarily have to come from other churches. If Brother French served your church as pastor or missionary please give his need your personal concern.

Evelyn provided excellent care and companionship for Henry after his stroke in 1996, until she was no longer able to do so at home.

Ultimately, Henry relocated to Alaska in the care of his daughter Carolyn Buck.

Montgomery Convalescent Hospital prides itself on its continual leadership in the area of adult rehabilitation. The "Look at Me Now" program provides Montgomery the opportunity to share its success with others in the community.

The Rehab Team at Montgomery works together to help patients succeed through therapy.

Resident: Henry French

Primary Therapists:

Speech: Maurcen Rauch

Occupational: Diana Vernon

Physical: Melissa Cates

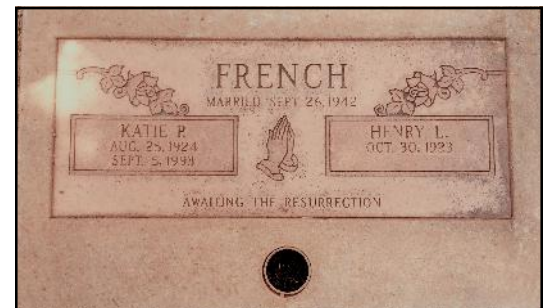
BEFORE

In February, 1996 Henry French experienced a stroke that left him unable to bathe, dress or even sit in a chair by himself. He had difficulty swallowing and so his diet consisted of soft chopped foods and liquids which were thickened so that he wouldn't choke.

Henry received therapy at the hospital and acute rehab before coming to Montgomery Convalescent Hospital.

AFTER

Months of determination and aggressive rehab have paid off for Henry. He is now able to do his daily care with a little help from his wife and he can get around by himself in his wheelchair. He has even started walking short distances with help. He communicates easily and can eat anything he wants to. He has returned home to his very supportive wife. They enjoy going to church together again. We were happy to be part of Henry's recovery.



Henry died on July 5, 2014 and was committed to the grave on July 18 in Sacramento next to his wife of over 50 years.