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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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As we embark on the beginning of our 5th year of publication, it is a time of reflection upon those that laid the foundation for the Preservation of California Landmark Baptist History & Heritage.

The first committeemen elected in 1974 were:

- Bro. Les Scott**
- Eld. Allen Adkins**
- Eld L. E. McCalister**
- Eld. Martin Canavan**
- Eld. G. A. (Sonny) Williams**

The "Origin of the History & Archives Committee" is seen in this excerpt from the 1974 Cooperative Association Yearbook, page 38.

Bro. Les Scott moved that a History and Archives Committee be established. The motion was seconded and approved.

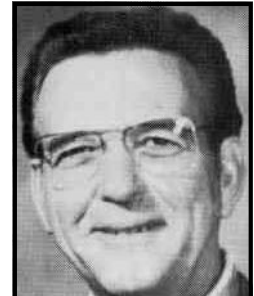
Nominations for the committee were Les Scott, Allen Adkins, G. A. Williams, L. E. McCalister, Martin Canavan, F. C. Creel, George Walton, Mark Wagner. Those elected were Bros. Scott, Adkins, McCalister, Canavan, and Williams. Bro. Les Scott was elected chairman.

Bro. J. W. Godbehere called for the committee reports. The treasurer report was read and approved.

A motion and sec. that we pay the clerk \$350 was carried.

The Ladies Auxiliary report was read by Sis. Royce Smith. The report was adopted.

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Les Scott of Visalia
First Chairman
Photo—
1988 Minutes

The History & Archives Committee of the Cooperative Association is always looking to increase its Photo Collection. You can help by submitting photos of:

- * Pastors
- * Deacons
- * Ladies Auxiliary Leaders
- * Church Buildings
- * Church Events

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Allen Adkins L. E. McCalister Martin Canavan G. A. Williams

Excerpt from Correspondence dated April 5, 2013

"It is often hard to find the right words to express our heart-felt thanks and appreciation for those brethren who have touched our lives, our churches and our ministries. Many have labored long and hard to see that the history of Landmark Baptist Churches in the State of California is preserved for future generations. I personally owe much to those who have labored before me and stirred my deep interest in Church History. I speak of those whose labors here on earth are done, but the work they began lives on in the pages of history. They searched the past, were a part of its making during their ministries and we today are privileged to reap the bountiful harvest of their labors." **Dr. Larry W. Crouch**

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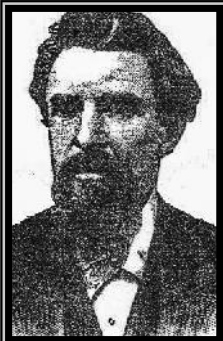
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From the Archives Photo Collection

The Christian Repository.

NO. LXXXVIII.—APRIL, 1859.

Acts and Usages of Baptist Churches. 245



Samuel Howard Ford
D. D., LL.D.

S. H. Ford was born in Bristol, England, February 19, 1819..... He was for several years editor of the *Western Recorder*, Louisville, Ky., and for near forty-six years he has been editor of *Ford's Christian Repository*. (Ben Bogard)

He died in his 81st year.

S. H. Ford

ACTS AND USAGES OF BAPTIST CHURCHES.

CHAP. VII.—CHURCH INDEPENDENCE.

THERE will, ever and anon, arise discussions as to the limits of church independence. These discussions, when they occur among Baptists, usually involve something more than the original custom, nor can it be doubted that the views of many on this subject are warped by personal or partizan interests. We prefer, however, to give the usage of the early churches, than comments of our own.

Query. How is ordination legally performed?

Ans. A presbytery of ministers are fully empowered to ordain any faithful man, properly recommended, whom they shall judge able to teach others, and that ministers shall be subject to ministers with regard to their call to the ministry and the doctrine they preach.—*Min. of Dover Ass., Va., 1783.*

It is time that churches were, and ought to be independent, to a proper extent; but this independence did not authorize them to ordain officers contrary to revelation; that, although a church might judge better than a presbytery what suited her, it was not reasonable that those who had not exercised a public gift, should be so competent to judge of public gifts, as those who had.—*Ibid., 1792.*

* Peck's Life of Vardeman, Rep., Vol. vi., p. 106.

246 *The Christian Repository.*

Query from the church at Philadelphia.—Suppose a gifted brother, who is esteemed an orderly minister by or among those that are against the laying on of hands, should happen to come among our churches, whether we may allow such an one to administer the Lord's Supper or no?

Answered in the negative: Because it is contrary to the rule of God's word (see Acts, 13: 2, 3, etc.), from which prescribed rules we dare not swerve.—*Min. Phil. Ass., 1729.*

Not only did our ancient brethren thus insist on a strict examination as a necessary part of scriptural ordination, but they insisted on an examination of those ordained ministers who were strangers to them.

Agreed, that the proposal drawn by the several ministers and signed by others, in reference to the examination of all gifted brethren and ministers that come in here from other places, be put in practice, we having found the evil of neglecting a true and previous scrutiny of those officers.—*Phil. Ass., 1722.*

The foregoing settled unquestionably what were the views entertained by our forefathers in regard to ordination. The scriptural correctness of this usage is not *now* under review. It were an easy task that, in this usage, they complied with the plain letter of God's word. With the Baptist denomination, *then* and *now*, no man is recognized as a minister who has refused to submit to an examination by a presbytery, and a recognition by them as one worthy ministerial fellowship.

This scriptural usage has been tested by time; has met the approval of the good and pious who have breasted the storms of persecution, the scorn and reproaches of the foes of primitive Christianity, the pompous ridicule of a titled organ, and the reckless sophistries of revolutionary innovators. The landmark stands unmoved—a rock, at whose feet the surging wave is scattered into spray.

CHAP. VIII.—ASSOCIATIONS—THEIR PROVINCE AND POWER.

There is, among other denominations, a most unaccountable ignorance of the character, objects, and powers of Baptist Associations. It must here be remarked, that it is not the present usage to discuss the scriptural authority for such assemblages.

To Be Continued in June 2015

History Tip: *Leave No Stone Unturned.* A majority of my personal History Library was built through eBay. The wealth of historical treasures to be discovered there is amazing. An example would certainly be the discovery of 2 Volumes of the Christian Repository, No. LXXXVIII.—April, 1859 and Vol. X—February, 1861—No. 11. Both Issues are damaged but legible and contain a glimpse into the history of the times when they were first published. It is not difficult to imagine the "Repository" finding its way into California and having some influence among California Baptists.—RWC

January 1952

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ren, and examine your provision for the souls eternal welfare for your children, and look at the provision that Christ made for your soul's eternal welfare, and consider your responsibility to your children. You are admonished in the Scriptures to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the LORD. Your failure in this is the commission of two sins: First, disobedience to the command of God, second, a horrible sin against your own child. What a crime to commit against the children of your own flesh and blood, who had no say about coming into this world. You brought them into the world, and their souls are your responsibility. In the judgment you will answer to God, and will be compelled to answer to your child.

Solomon said, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old (full grown) he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:5.

The same writer said to the child, "Remember now thy creation in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." Eccl. 12:1.

The time for the child to be saved, is before he has laid hold on his life, before the years of wickedness are established in his life. Parent, it is your responsibility to see that your child has this opportunity. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation, unto everyone that believeth. Your child needs to hear the gospel.

C. E. HUNT

First Missionary Baptist Church

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno, worshipping at 1010 ECHO Avenue, extends to you a cordial invitation to all of her services. Four blocks north of Belmont, one block south of Olive, two blocks west of Fulton, four blocks east of Palm. Come and worship with us and enjoy spiritual refreshing with the friendly atmosphere, and be instructed in the truths of the gospel.

DR. C. E. HUNT, Pastor
1386 Fergar Avenue
Phone 3-6081

Brentwood Church

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Brentwood extends a friendly welcome to all to come to church, 309 McClaren Road.

"A FRIENDLY CHURCH WITH A HEARTY WELCOME—A GOOD PLACE TO GO AND TAKE THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHERE THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FELT.—T. R. COOPER

FROM BRO. & SIS. KLEIBER
Dear Bro. & Sister Hunt:

We just received our December California Missionary Baptist. As we have changed our address, we must have missed the statement for renewal of our subscription. We realize that our subscription must have run out long ago. If you will be so kind as to send us a statement, we will be glad to pay what we are behind. I am enclosing \$1.00 and thank you. Love to both of you. Your Brother and Sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Kleiber.

NOTE: Such spirit is certainly appreciated by the editor of this paper. If every subscriber in arrears would do this, this paper would be on top of the world. But instead, many have let their paper run on a year or two in arrears, then written and said, discontinue my paper. I marked off about five hundred dollars worth of subscribers whose paying up to date what they owed, would have paid for the printing for a year, and if they had paid for a year in advance, the paper could have been a great success. — C. E. H.

One of our members was in Dr. Norris' Bible school, and some young preachers were presented to the church for ordination, and Dr. Norris elected to question them. He said Dr. Norris disqualified them on the grounds that they could not quote our Baptist Articles of faith, and informed them that unless they were working in pastoral or mission work that required ordination, they should not be ordained, anyway.

I have heard much criticism of Dr. Norris as being unsound, and unbaptistic in his practices. But I think that he has set a precedent that would be fine for Missionary Baptists to follow. If our churches demanded the credentials of all the Missionary Baptist preachers who cannot quote our articles of faith, and our church covenant, there would be mighty few left who would qualify for pastors. Or if they demanded the credentials of all who are doing nothing in the ministry, and made them take their place among the laity, we would have far fewer idle preachers. If, on the other hand, every man who holds credentials as a minister of the gospel were out preaching the gospel, we would have far more churches throughout the whole world.

I heard Dr. Norris preach a doctrinal sermon, in which he quoted every article of faith, preaching them, in their proper order, putting them all in one sermon. Such a sermon I have never heard by any other Baptist minister, in my life. A Baptist preacher should be able to teach our distinctive doctrinals and our church covenant from the Bible, before he is ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry. It

cannot do, if he does not qualify for the full work of the gospel ministry. Many fall far short.

B. Y. Rally Tulare, Oct. 9, 1951

SUBJECT: STEWARDSHIP
Fresno First Church: Stewardship of Ability, 1 Cor. 15:10

The books of Corinthians were written by the Apostle Paul. He was a well qualified man from an educational standpoint, but he did not base his greatness on his educational ability, but on what Christ had done for him. But it is not my duty to discuss what Christ had done for Paul, but how Paul used that ability which he had obtained from Christ. The text says:

"But by the grace of God I am what I am: And his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

It is known by all Bible readers that Paul covered more territory, and established more churches, according to reports given of their work, than any other one apostle, and he states in this text that he did. He was more highly educated, and better prepared than any other, and was capable of doing more work than the others; or was qualified to do work that the others could not do, and because of his qualification more was required of him. This should teach us the value of preparation for the work of the LORD.

Jesus said, "And that servant that knew, his LORD'S will and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." Luke 12:47, 48.

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Friendship Church

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1 Are you taking advantage of the great privilege that is yours to attend the services of the house of the Lord? The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church worshipping at Hedge & Jackson Roads, 2 miles east of Perkins, California, extends you a cordial welcome to attend her services. You will find a friendly greeting and food for your soul.

Elder Charles Crouch, Pastor,
Rt. 2, Box 3366, Sacramento, Calif.
COME TO CHURCH

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Brentwood, extends a friendly welcome to all to come to church, 309 McClaren Road.
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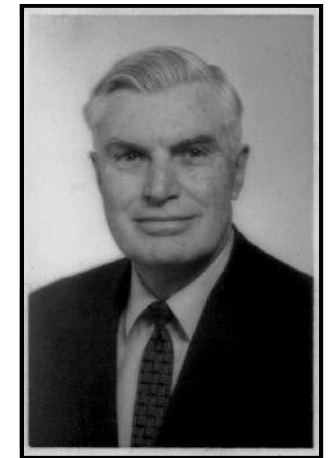
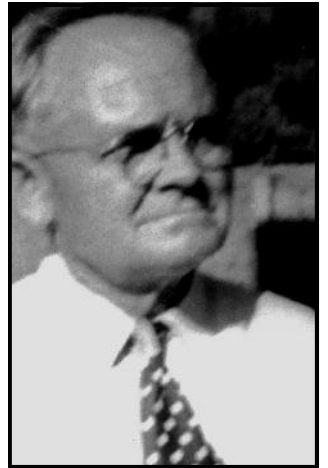
Roseville Church

The Missionary Baptist Church of Roseville invites you to come and worship with her. Clinton & Fern Streets is the location, and you will find a friendly welcome, with good teachers for the Sunday school, and good preaching at the eleven o'clock and eight o'clock hours. Are you prepared for the coming of the LORD? The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Come to church, hear the gospel, and prepare to meet God. For you know not the day nor the hour when the LORD will come.

H. B. BEAM, Pastor

A HEARTY WELCOME—A GOOD PLACE TO GO AND TAKE THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHERE THE WORD OF GOD IS PREACHED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS FELT.—T. R. COOPER

Do You know of anyone that could identify one or both of these Brethren?



Eld. E. K. Begley

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I have no way of knowing who covered up the Third Column at the time of microfilming but they were certainly no friend of historical preservation. This masked portion of the article renders the whole meaningless. Does anyone know of someone that may have this Issue of the California Missionary Baptist?

Death Notice / Obituaries— From the Archives Baptist Newspaper Collection

In Loving Memory

Sis. Stella Scott—Sis. Oza M. Keeling—Sis. Naomi Branch
Bro. Lester Scott
Bro. Julian Anderson

The Baptist Sentinel

December, 1987

Three of God's Own Are Called Home

During the past few weeks word has been received of the passing of three of God's dear children and our dear friends.

Sis. Naomi Branch, beloved widow of the late L. M. Branch, died after heart surgery was laid to rest in Selma, California. She was a beloved friend of many of us older folks and she will be sorely missed.

At almost the same time word came that Bro. Lester Scott had passed away. He was a deacon, treasurer, teacher, and camp director beloved by his church, and served the Visalia school district for 29 years. Though he was only 54 years old, he made a great mark in Missionary Baptist work and was best known for his interest in preserving Missionary Baptist history.

Bro. Julian Anderson went to be with the Lord in November 18 after a long illness. The editor became acquainted with Bro. Anderson in 1946 and our friendship has continued through all the years. The Andersons moved to California from Arkansas and Bro. Anderson pastored the Hughson Church for many years. He was buried at Hughson.

Our loss is heaven's gain, for we will miss these dear friends and faithful workers. Pray for their families in their time of sorrow. —LEM

APRIL 1969

IN MEMORY

SCOTT

Sis. Stella Scott, the wife of Eld. J.W. Scott, passed on to be with the Lord March 22, 1969.

Sis. Scott is survived by her husband, two sons, Lester and Jerry and daughter, Wilma Whittemore, and many brothers and sisters.

Sis. Scott has labored faithfully along side of her husband while he pastored churches. She has helped many a young preachers wife along the way. Her passing away has left a vacant spot in many of our lives.

But, let us not mourn her passing but rather let us rejoice in the fact that we shall someday see her again. The Lord told us by the words of Paul that to die was gain.

Elders Leonard Buttram and Richard Harless officiated at the service which was held in the Pixley Missionary Baptist Church building, Wednesday March 26, 1969.

May we continue to pray that the Lord will bless and comfort Bro. Scott and the family in this time of great loss.

By Barbara Westbrook

January, 1982

Gone Home



Mrs. Oza M. Keeling

The last time I spoke to my grandmother she said she wanted to go home. At that time, October, 1981, I thought she meant to her home in Pixley, California. She quickly corrected me by pointing upward and saying, "no, home." She is home now.

Oza M. Keeling was born in Tomahawk, Arkansas on June 2, 1890. She passed away in Visalia, California on November 18, 1981 at the age of 91 years.

This is written, not only because she was my grandmother, but because of the testimony of her life among Missionary Baptists. Just prior to her hospitalization, she told me about leading a young lady to know Christ as her personal Savior. With tears in her eyes, grandma spoke of the joy she had in knowing that God was still using her to win souls. She touched the lives of many.

In direct blood line she had 100 children: one son and six daughters, 22 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren. All of these, who have reached the age of accountability, have made professions of faith. Five grandsons and one great-grandson are Baptist preachers. Two grandsons and one great-grandson are Baptist deacons. Of the 100 children in direct blood line, only four preceded her in death. Two of these were infants. Two daughters were married to Baptist preachers and three sons-in-law were Baptist deacons.

Sister Keeling was loved and will be missed. I thank the Lord for my grandmother.

—M. D. Keeling

Sis. Naomi Branch

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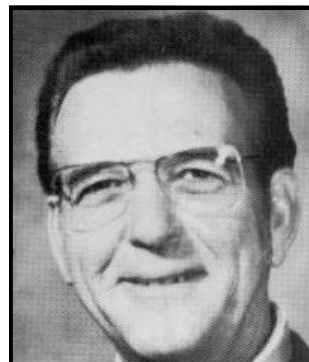
THE BAPTIST SENTINEL

November, 1968



"Dr. Roy M. Reed, C.M.B.I. President, and Mrs. L. M. Branch, accept an oil painting of the late Brother L. M. Branch. The picture was painted by artist Allen Tabor. It will hang in the C.M.B.I. Building as a memorial gift from the pastors of California."

Bro. Lester Scott



Bro. Julian Anderson



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From The Minutes of 1958 California State Missionary Baptist Association

IN MEMORY

of

SOLDIERS OF THE CROSS GONE TO BE WITH THE LORD

Rev. 14:13 "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

ELD. ALBERT MAPLES

Eld. Albert Maples was born on June 16, 1875 and passed away from us to be with the Lord at the age of 81 on Nov. 12, 1956. He surrendered to the ministry at the age of 20 and put in 61 years of active ministry. He worked his way through Burleson College in Texas. He spent many years lecturing against the evils of liquor throughout the United States, having spent time in each of the 48 States. He also made tours in Mexico and Canada for this cause. For years he was an inter-state missionary for the American Baptist Association. During the last 20 years he worked in California and Arizona. For several years before his death he was a missionary for the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

Bro. Maples will be long remembered by his loved ones and friends as a man with vast wisdom, mercy and courage.

ELD. LEE DOWDLE

Eld. Lee Dowdle was born March 3, 1880, at Rosston, Arkansas. He married Miss Leona Wright of Delight, Arkansas, Sept. 26, 1900. Bro. Dowdle was saved in 1896 at the age of 16, and began preaching at the age of 31, and was ordained to the gospel ministry at the age of 49. Bro. Dowdle was a successful pastor and missionary. He organized several churches and also helped weak churches out of their difficulties and started them off again to a successful work. At the time of his death he was the pastor of the Burbank Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Dowdle departed from this life on Nov. 19, 1956, leaving his faithful wife, Sister Leona Dowdle, three living children and a number of grandchildren.

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ELD. JOHN COOPER

Elder John Cooper was born November 30, 1879 in Newton County Arkansas. He came from a long line of Missionary Baptists. His father and grandfather before him were Missionary Baptist Ministers and he was reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. In August 1896 he was born again in the Indian Territory where he had moved with his parents, Elder and Mrs. Henry Thomas Cooper in 1892. Immediately after experiencing the New Birth he was baptized by, and united with the Frozen Rock Missionary Baptist Church which was organized by his father H. T. Cooper in 1895.

He spent the early part of his Christian life serving as church clerk, song director, superintending and teaching Sunday School. Married Effie Joetta Smithson June 23, 1901, and was instrumental in leading her to Christ in August following their marriage. She was baptized and united with the Liberty Missionary Baptist Church worshipping in the Buckhorn school house near McLain, Indian Territory.

God called him to the ministry August 1902, but he fought the call until April 15, 1908, when he preached his first sermon in Salano, New Mexico where he had moved the year before.

In the fall of 1908 he moved back to Oklahoma where he farmed and preached. And was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry January 30, 1915, by Mt. Morriah Missionary Baptist Church near Cooperton, Okla.

He did pastoral work in Kiowa Creek, and Osage Counties and was missionary for two different Associations in Oklahoma.

In November of 1935 he came west to California where, on May 24, 1936, he became assistant pastor to Elder R. Y. Blalock, missionary pastor for the Hebborn Heights Missionary Baptist Church, Salinas; was elected pastor of this church January 7, 1937 and served the church two years, one of which was stormy because of the Southern Baptist Conventionites who disturbed the fellowship of the church by trying to steal the property. He served the church faithfully until the storm was over and then resigned the pastorate January 1, 1939, but continued to serve as supply pastor until the church called Elder C. H. Hardin.

On January 1, 1941 the Hebborn Heights MB Church of Salinas indorsed Brother Cooper as missionary and recommended him to the Northern California Missionary Baptist Association where he labored, organizing several churches, among them the ones at Tulare, Armona, Tracy First, and Brentwood. He remained active in mission work serving as supply for various pastors and teaching Bible schools until his death January 12, 1957.

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Eld. J. Albert Maples



Eld. Lee Dowdle



Eld. John Cooper

Excerpt from: EARNESTLY CONTENT FOR THE FAITH BY ELDER A. F. SIMMONS

"Earnestly contend for the faith," does not mean, that we shall in an angry, dominating manner, and in abusive language endeavor to coerce our fellow man into submission to our ideas, but it does require, that with our convictions firmly fixed on the word of God, we shall unwaveringly insist upon a full submission unto the will of Him who is the head of His body, the church.

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Death Notice / Obituaries From the Minutes of the California State Missionary Baptist Association

ELD. T. E. GRIFFITH

Eld. Tisdale E. Griffith was born to Eld. John B. and Mary Griffith on July 7, 1882, in Montague County, Texas. The family moved to Klamath County, Ore. in 1884. His father was a pioneer Missionary Baptist preacher in that State. He was saved under his father's preaching when he was 16 years old and baptized by the Poe Valley Baptist Church near Klamath Falls, Ore. He surrendered to preach about the year of 1908, and spent one year at the Mc Minnville Baptist College, Minnville, Ore. In 1910 he was united in marriage to Mammie E. Robertson of Klamath Falls, Ore. On May 28, 1911, he was ordained by the Missionary Baptist Church of Bonanza, Ore., where he was the pastor.

Eld. Griffith pastored the following churches: in Oregon, The Klamath Falls Missionary Baptist Church, New Pine Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Fossil Missionary Baptist Church, and Princeville Missionary Baptist Church. In California, he pastored the following Missionary Baptist Church. In California, he pastored the following Missionary Baptist Churches: Lake City and Santa Paula Roseville. The missionary and he stayed there as pastor for five years. He was an Interstate Missionary for the American Baptist Association from 1923 to 1931 working in Idaho, Oregon, and California. He served as moderator of the Eastern Baptist Association of Ore. and Calif. for 10 sessions.

He came to Roseville in Nov. 1941, as pastor, serving the church until August 1948, when he resigned on account of his failing health.

He passed away to be with the Lord July 9, 1955, at Roseville, Calif.

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1958



Eld. T. E. Griffith
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History Booklet

**Officers of the
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1965 Yearbook

In Loving Memory



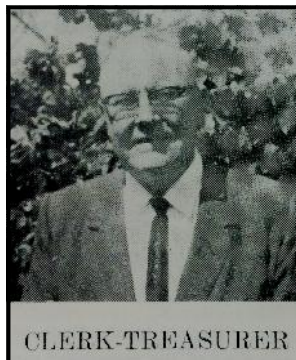
Elder Merton R. Canfield

The 1977 California State Missionary Baptist Association Yearbook is dedicated to the memory of Elder Merton R. Canfield. A portion of a letter written by Sister Gertrude Canfield, his wife, to the State Association is a fitting tribute to one we all loved. Here is a portion of that letter.

... During Merton's illness, he prayed often that God would take him home to be with the Lord. We both prayed often that Merton would not have to linger on when his time came to go - he didn't want to be a burden. God is always so good, and He answered our prayers. Merton had a light stroke Thursday, March 3, 1977. He got pneumonia right away, and due to his weakened muscles, he just went to sleep Friday, March 5, 1977 and woke up in the arms of Jesus. Oh what a joy, peace and comfort it is to know this, and to know we shall see our Jesus and loved ones one of these days. How wonderful it is we do not sorrow as those without hope; for we know we will see our Lord and our loved ones again, and maybe soon...

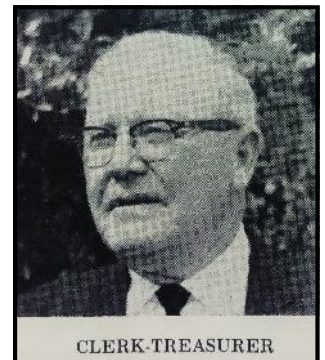
In Christian love,
Sister Gertrude Canfield

1977



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1966 Yearbook



CLERK-TREASURER

1967 Yearbook

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From the Minutes of the California State Missionary Baptist Association

Obituaries

1991

The following brothers and sisters have gone before the Lord's presence this past year. They will be missed, but, praise God for that "Glad Reunion Day"!

BAKERSFIELD, Shiloh - Sis. Nona Hutson
 BAKERSFIELD, Woodlane - Bro. Juan Gonzales, Bro. Raul Perales (Mexico mission)
 BREA - Sis. Nellie Ellyson
 CRESWELL, OR - Bro. Hollis Mathews
 DENAIR - Sis. Tish Hemline
 MODESTO, Airport - Sis. Grace Baker
 MODESTO, Faith - Sis. Myrtle Snoderly, Bro. Roosevelt Norton
 MODESTO, Liberty - Deacon Jesse Wright
 OROVILLE - Sis. Marie Hodson
 PIXLEY - Bro. Don Laxson
 RED BLUFF - Missionary Jimmy Weathers (see memorial)
 REDDING - Sis. Lissie Cooper
 SACRAMENTO - Bro. Mitchell Kendrick III, Sis. Margarite Knight, Deacon Chester Mullins
 TRACY - Sis. Irene Hunt
 TULARE - Deacon Truman Roberts, Deacon Virgil Swayne, Sis. Gladys Fried
 YUCCA VALLEY - Elder Billy L. Caudell

"At Home with Jesus"

On June 11, 1990, Elder Jimmy Ray Weathers went home to be with the Lord at the age of 46. Lymphoma was the disease that brought about his death.



*Elder Jimmy Ray Weathers
1944 — 1990*

The Lymphoma was diagnosed approximately 4 years ago. The news of this disease was shocking to those close to him. Bro. Weathers accepted the facts of the disease and courageously pushed ahead in his life doing the work God had called him to do. Bro. Weathers was a man of great faith in God and that faith was manifested throughout his life.

Bro. Weathers was born again in 1961, and baptized the next service at the La Habra M.B.C. His experience of grace made a complete change in his life and after some time, Bro. Weathers surrendered to the ministry. He spent time studying the Word, preaching, teaching and generally equipping himself for

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the ministry at the La Habra Church under the teaching and counseling of Eld. J.W. Scott. Bro. Weathers gained much wisdom and insight into God's Word, the New Testament Church, and human nature from Bro. Scott's patient teaching and encouragement, for which Bro. Weathers was very grateful.

Bro. Weathers accepted the pastorate of the Maricopa M.B.C. The Lord used him there to bring a great revival in the Church. After resigning at Maricopa, God laid the Missionary call upon Bro. Weathers' heart and he began his "career" as a missionary at Bishop, California, where a New Testament Church was organized. He then moved south to Hemet, where the Grace L.M.B.C. was organized and strengthened in the years he spent there. From Hemet he moved north to Red Bluff, and the Trinity L.M.B.C. was organized.

This is, I suppose, a capsulized summary of the mission work that the Lord accomplished through Bro. Weathers. My mind thinks of all the Bible Studies, the door to door visitations, the "entertaining", the cups of coffee, the hospital visits, the counseling sessions, the deputation work, the financial burden, etc.; all that goes with the WORK of making friends and influencing them toward Christ and His Church. Bro. Weathers felt that it was necessary to win the confidence and friendship of people, and he was very capable in this regard. He did not, however, exalt himself, but Christ.

Bro. Weathers fulfilled his calling faithfully with honor and dignity even in his death. His illness was prolonged. He asked all to pray that the Lord would take him home. At the same time, his desire was to have the strength to preach two more messages. I asked him what the topics would be, he replied, "Deliverance", and "Our Great God". When naming those things that he was thankful for, his family was right after his salvation. His wife of 25 years, Sis. Kathie, son David, daughters Annette and Deborah, and his oldest daughter Shari, her husband Wayne Hartley and their children, Melissa and Michael were very dear to him. He was thankful to God for calling another "man named Weathers" into the ministry, and for good reason. He was proud of David. Here is David's tribute to his father as read at the funeral service:

Dear Dad,

I thank you for what you have meant to our family. Yes, you are gone, but your memories are still with us. On behalf of your wife, I wish to thank you for the love you shared so beautifully with her. I thank you for your example and the leadership you showed toward her. You were to her what a true husband should be. For this she has stood by your side, and now that you are gone, you take a piece of her with you.

On behalf of your daughters, I wish to thank you for the guidance that you have shared with them. Because of it your oldest daughter is now married and is sharing some of that guidance with her children. Your twins are growing into women and because of your leadership, they too will become solid adults. Each of your daughters has a special kind of love for you. Each one has stood

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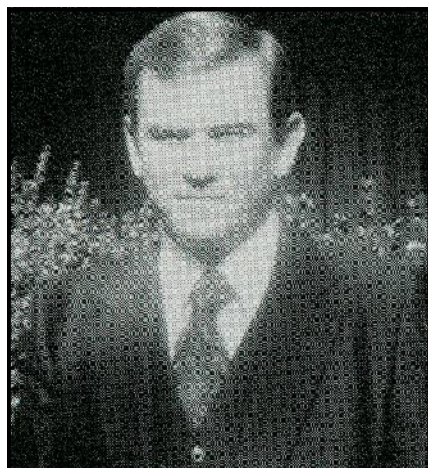


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ELDER JIMMY R WEATHERS

Elder Jimmy R. Weathers was saved in May 1962 at La Habra M.B.C. He was baptized May of 1962 by the La Habra M.B.C. with Bro Wisdom officiating. In 1962 Bro Weathers was called to the ministry while at La Habra M.B.C. He was ordained Jan 4, 1974 by the LaHabra M.B.C. Present on the ordination council; Mod-Bro Rich Perdue, Clerk-Bro Cass Rogers, present Candidate-Bro Jess Blockburn, Questionnaire-Bro Fay Wersky, Prayer-Bro Rick Purdue, Present the bible-Bro Noel Moore and charge to the candidate-Bro Jesse Scott.

Eld Weathers has pastored the Maricopa M.B.C. from Dec 5, 1973 to June 1, 1976, and did missionary work on the Bishop M.B. mission from June 1, 1976 to Oct 1, 1979. The Bishop mission was sponsored by the La Habra M.B.C. and it organized into the Owens Valley M.B.C. on Oct 29, 1977.

Eld Weathers has preached revivals at; Palmdale M.B.C., Pedley M.B.C., Faith Modesto M.B.C., Stockton M.B.C. Stockton M.B.C., El Nido M.B.C., Redding M.B.C. and Oroville M.B.C. He has been Assit. Moderator of Association in 1976 to 1977 and was involved in the building program in 1979 at Bishop. Also he was a camp teacher in 1978, and counselor in 1979. He is presently doing mission work in Hemet, California.

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by your side, and now that you are gone, you take a piece of them with you.

On behalf of each individual who has ever met you, I thank you for the man that you were. I thank you for your loyalty in every area of your life. As a missionary, I thank you for your dedication. As a friend, I thank you for your generosity. As a citizen, I thank you for your Patriotism. In each of these areas you have helped people, your influence has been felt. Now that you are gone, you take a piece of each one of these people with you.

I personally thank you for the father you have been to me. As I have grown up, I've been watching you. The lessons I have learned are priceless. Our last few weeks together were unforgettable. You have always been there for me, and for that I thank you. I remember the things we did together, how that you always were a little rough on me, but now I know why. We shared special moments together that most fathers and sons haven't had the privilege to share. I thank you for training me as a runner, as a minister, as a son. Together we enjoyed many track meets and at the end of each meet we enjoyed the mile relay. I have watched you run your leg of our relay team. Your life was the first leg, you started hard, maintained strong, and as I watched you come down the home stretch, I could see the pain. Your body trying to quit, yet you held on. I saw your arm stretched out with the baton firm in your hand, I began to run. I heard your voice yell out the command, "stick", we made the exchange. You had given me a lead, then I could hear you say "Go, Dave, Go!" Your leg is complete, you ran a good race and because of your strength, you've given me a head start. Thank you for that. I have stood by your side and now that you are gone, you take a piece of me with you. We love you, Dad.

I remember the words you left me with. The same words that David left for Solomon. 1 Kings 2:1-3, "Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong, therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgements, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself."

Dad, we're gonna miss you, but some day we will see you again. Thanks for being you.

Your son, David

I am thankful for the privilege of having him share his experience and wisdom with me, for encouraging me, for admonishing me, counselling with me, and yes, even rebuking me. Through his pain and our tears we said good-bye knowing that we will be reunited one day. Until then, I miss him.

Eld. Mark Cox

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Veterans All: L to R: Bro. Scott, Sis. Scott, Sis. Holloway, Sis. Harris, Bro. Harris, Sis. Harless, Bro. Harless, Sis. Buttram, and Bro. Buttram.

In Loving Memory

Elder T. Wendell Bratcher

August 18, 1930 -- August 16, 1984

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." Psalms 119:1-2.

Elder T. W. Bratcher started seeking the Lord with his whole heart on September 6, 1959. He was blest with a helpmeet, Sis. Sylvia Self. Their life together demonstrated their dedication to the Lord and his church. Sis. Bratcher is to be greatly commended for her role as a pastor's wife, worthy to be listed among the faithful women of the Bible. This dedicated marriage was blest with the birth of their daughter Kathy Marie (now Kathy Cox) who is following their parental example by being a missionary's wife and a mother. Brother Bratcher was further privileged to see their granddaughter, Jessica Cox, born.

Brother Bratcher served his country well in Korea. However, he answered the call to further service to the Lord in 1962 when he surrendered to the ministry. He sought opportunities to preach to others, to grow in faith and grace by working with Brother Ashly White in mission sites at Pleasanton and Hayward, California. Brother Bratcher was ordained by the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of San Pablo on April 3, 1970, to pastor the Unity Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Stockton. He led the church until 1979, during which time they bought their present building on Vail Avenue. After a short time Brother Bratcher was called to the Airport Missionary Baptist Church, of Modesto. There he faithfully served and guided until his course was finished on this earth and the Lord had taken him home August 16, 1984. The Lord's people showed their love for Brother Bratcher with an above capacity service at the Lakewood Funeral Home, August 20, 1984.

Having known, being taught by, and seeing his testimony in his life as well as his death, has given us a great example on how to serve the Lord in faithfulness and perseverance. He often sang "Hallelujah Square", which now has a new, special meaning when we look back at Brother Bratcher's dedication, love for the Lord, and longing for his eternal home.

Written by Bro. John A. Hurd.

Submitted by the Airport Missionary Baptist Church, Modesto.

TWENTY TWO



T. Wendell Bratcher
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IN MEMORY

Sis. Ashley White, a member of the Faith Missionary Baptist Church, passed away on Friday, October 11th, 1968. The funeral services were held October 14th in the Memorial Baptist Church in Freemont.

Eld. M.R. Canfield, her pastor, officiated at the service. Eld. Ashley White has served the Lord as missionary in the state of California since 1949.

The California Missionary Baptist—October, 1968

Ruth Perkins

We have had called to our attention that Mrs. Ruth Perkins, 86, wife of Bro. Herbert W. Perkins, passed away June 11th, 1976, at a Fresno hospital, due to a fall.

Mrs. Perkins was a resident of Fresno for 31 years. Prior to settling in Fresno, she and her Missionary Baptist preacher husband lived in Arkansas, where Bro. Perkins had served as pastor.


Mrs. Perkins is survived by her two daughters, Lois E. LeBaron and Leta E. Green; and two sons, Herbert Jr. and John. Mrs. Perkins was a member at one time of the Old Zion Church in Fresno.

The California Missionary Baptist—October, 1976

NOVEMBER 1, 1971 MISSIONARY BAPTIST FINLEY, CALIF.

IN MEMORY OF

SISTER CORRINE MEYERS



SIS. CORRINE MEYERS

The following is a statement Bro. Mark Meyers made to our church here at El Nido, after the tragic death of his daughter, Sis. Corrine Meyers. Sis. Corrine was only 16 years of age when she was called to be with her Lord. Our hearts and our lives are made empty with the absence of Corrine but we realize that all things work together for good to those who love the Lord.

Corrine and her two sisters, Renee' and Jaye sang in a trio and made our hearts overflow with joy. We are happy to report the Meyer's family still have a song to sing. Pray for the Meyers family in their sorrow.

Sis. Wanda Harris

loved one taken away to live not with us, but with our Master our Maker.

In the 16 years, 4 months, and 2 days Corrine was on this earth, she smiled a smile which was of love. From the time she was given to our family, our hearts rejoiced with the fact she was Corrine and no one else. A funny looking baby, but later to us, a beautiful girl who very early turned to Christ, accepting our Lord with a deep conviction.

And so we stand corrected, do we not? She was ours for 16, 4, and 2. Or would we understand death of a loved one better if we corrected ourselves and said, loaned to us for that period of time??

I have whipped myself mentally, asking if Corrine's leaving us could have attributed to my short comings, but her going home to be with our master is a privilege, and my thoughts would only put me on a pedestal. I'm not that important.

Bless her heart, we loved her here, and love her still as she watches over each and every one of us. Not just her immediate family, but you too, who loved and cared for her.

There is no way, no possible experience that would tell to each of you our deep feelings of thanks for the comfort all of you have given to our family. We are deeply thankful and we love you sincerely.

Corrine is with her Lord, to wish her back would be unjustified, for she is where we all will some day be.

We shall miss her presence here, but we shall one day hold hands together, all together, with Christ our Saviour.

"Face to face, with Christ our Saviour."


(Submitted by El Nido Missionary Baptist Church.)

The California Missionary Baptist—November, 1971

In Memory

Sis. Ashley White
Sis. Ruth Perkins
Sis. Corrine Meyers
Sis. W. S. Goulding

MRS. GOULDING PASSES



Sister Lillian Goulding

Mrs. W. S. Goulding passed from this life to be with the Lord August 26, on the mission field with her husband in Costa Rica. She and her husband have been working in Central America for over three decades.

Mrs. Goulding has been a faithful companion to her husband for more years than I care to count. While I was yet a boy in seminary with Bro. and Sis. Goulding, it was a thing that was obvious to me - wherever Bro. Goulding felt the Lord wanted to use him, he could count on his wife being right by his side. She has been his constant companion in the mission work in Costa Rica. It is fitting and proper that the Lord would call her home from the mission field to which she had given the major part of her life.

There is an Urgent Need

During Mrs. Goulding's recent illness and hospitalization considerable expense was incurred. Over **two thousand dollars** are needed to meet the medical expenses and the cost of burial, and this is far beyond Bro. Goulding's ability to pay. We know that you would like to share in this need of a long time faithful missionary whose wife he has given up on his field of labor. He and his family will be continuing the work in Costa Rica, and they will need your prayers as well as your support.

Those who want to help in this immediate need may send their contributions to First Baptist Church of Dominquez, 2679 E. Carson, St., Long Beach, Ca. 90810.

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The Baptist Sentinel

A Great Lady Called Home

Sis. Anna Crawford was a virtuous woman, and her family and friends rise up and call her blessed. Being a child of God was first and foremost in her life. Anna Hill was saved by the grace of God at the age of 14 and was baptized by the Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Rocky, Oklahoma. She worshipped her precious Heavenly Father, whom she knew as her God and her Redeemer.

As a single woman attending college, Sis. Hill knocked on doors in Oklahoma City in order to build up her Sunday School class and the choir she directed as a member of the Central Avenue Baptist Church in 1928. No one but the Lord knows the great number of souls she was instrumental in winning to Christ.

She married Elder Ben Crawford August 20, 1930, knowing he was called of God to preach the gospel. She labored faithfully with him through thick and thin for 57 years, even when it meant sleeping in a ditch or bus station during the depression years. Even she could not count the number of times she had to eliminate much of her household goods and move. She always did the best she could with what she had. Things could be in total shambles around her, yet she would manage to get everyone something to eat and make them feel welcome and comfortable. She has been a real preacher's wife and helpmeet. Standing by her husband's side she attended Bible school with him and became a Bible scholar herself. She taught the younger women and children with whom she came in contact.

She was a prayer warrior. She believed in the power of prayer, and practiced it, winning many victories and overcoming great obstacles through her prayers. Nobody prayed like Sis. Crawford, her words coming forth melodically and soothingly, to give comfort to any aching soul. She always prayed that Jesus would be honored and glorified, the lost would be saved, and that her children and grandchildren would serve the only true and living God.

Sis. Crawford honored her parents and remained close to her natural brothers and sisters throughout her life.

As a mother she gave birth to six children. She was entrusted many times with the responsibility of maintaining the household and disciplining the children on her own while the preacher was away in revival meetings or other travels. Even with this strength she was tender and merciful - so loving she remained a friend and counselor to her children all her life.

November, 1987

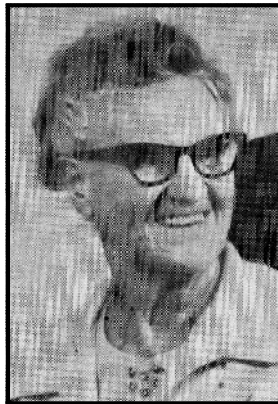
She was Grandma Crawford to many, and had 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren of her own. She was the perfect grandmother, so full of wisdom, compassion, and encouragement - a wonderful example, but never condemning.

No doubt many who read this have been in Sis. Crawford's home. If so they

know that many have things she has given them, especially things she has made. We have loved her very much. She will be missed by all.

Sis. Crawford believed in salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. She is in heaven now with her Lord, enjoying the fruits of her labors here with us. In the most literal sense of the word, she is a saint of God.

Anna Hill
Crawford



Sentinel Photo
September, 1979

Nancy Earline
Begley



Sentinel Photo
October, 1985

SIS. E. K. BEGLEY PASSES

Word was received just as we were preparing this issue for printing that Sis. E. K. Begley passed away on June 24. Certainly she was one of the finest Christian ladies I have ever had the privilege of knowing, and she will be missed.

The funeral was scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, in San Diego.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and family in this time of their loss.

L. E. McCalister

Sentinel—July 1987

Mrs. Monroe Passes

We have been requested to pass on to our readers the information that Mrs. Charlotte Monroe, wife of Edward Monroe of Manteca, Ca., passed away in a Modesto hospital on May 8. She is survived by her husband, four children, two granddaughters, one brother and sister, the members of the church in Manteca, and many other friends.

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In Loving Memory of the Pastor's Wife

Sis. Anna Crawford
Sis. Nancy Earline Begley
Sis. Charlotte Monroe

The Sentinel—August, 1987

PASTOR'S HELPER GOES HOME

Nancy Earline Begley was promoted into the presence of her Savior Wednesday morning, June 17, 1987. Born March 8, 1909, in Fayetteville, Arkansas, to Earl and Mae Weir, she was born again at the age of 13. She married Earnest Koran Begley on November 21, 1936. She received scriptural baptism at the hands of her husband, by authority of Oakland Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, in December, 1936, in a creek with ice floating in it.

Sis. Begley served her Lord faithfully as a pastor's wife, mother, and friend to all. She was a member of the San Diego First Missionary Baptist Church of La Mesa, California, at the time of her death.

Those left behind include her husband, Earnest K.; daughter, Nancy Page; sons, Earnest W., John David, and Daniel E.; 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; three sisters, two brothers and other relatives and a host of brothers and sisters in Christ.

Services were held June 24, 1987, at 10 a.m. at the church building, Eld. Earnest K. Begley and son Earnest W. officiated, assisted by Bro. Marty Thompson. Burial was in El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego.

This testimony was read to the San Diego First Missionary Baptist Church on May 3, 1987:

"God is good to Israel," the Psalmist concluded after he went into the house of the Lord (Psalm 73). God is good to all His children, especially me.

"If Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered (big subject), who am I? Not one of God's children can expect to escape pain, trials, and multiplied problems, but Jesus never leaves us or forsakes us. He knows just what we need. He is faithful.

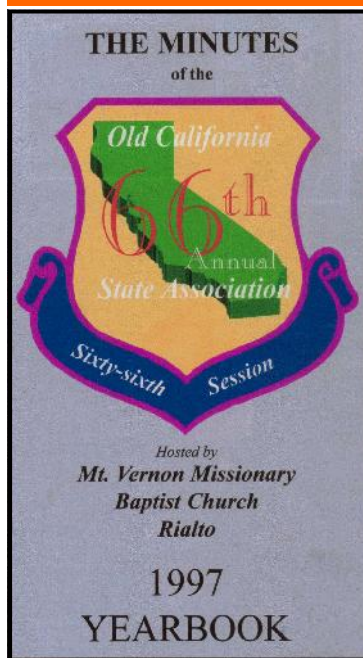
"He knows what I need and that is what I am receiving. Only God and I know what He has performed in my spiritual heart this far. My husband knows some of it. You would be surprised. He has brought out hurtful attitudes (sins, if you please). My spirituality in the main has been all too shallow. I've prayed for a closer and more real walk with Jesus, a greater love all around. He is doing just that, thanks to Mark's messages on 1 Corinthians 13, plus the powerful messages from our pastor and assistant.

"When one is put in a position such as I am in, we come to the complete end of self and at the beginning of God. A multitude of "things" that were once important to me have gone down the list. God's Word is more important to me than ever before.

"Please pray earnestly for me that the Lord will guide me in every detail, in making definite decisions, that His name will be magnified. I feel justified in praying and asking you to pray for God's healing hand to remain on me. I sure love you all." —Earline Begley

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loved her. He often spoke as if he did not understand why God bestowed such favor on him by giving Patty as his beloved. Their love ran deep and real. It always seemed both of them felt they got the best end of the deal.

There were more good men to come along. Their daughter Cheryl, the apple of their eye, married Don Winkelman, a great and capable man of God. A Pastor's daughter married a Pastor. Cheryl and Don brought four boys into Patty's life. No grandma has ever loved her grandsons like she did. All the ball games. The birthdays. The camping trips. The babysitting. The church meetings. The love. The care. The bonding that will be with those boys forever. Mark, Rob, Nick and Steven, your grandma Wersky was the best.

Then the godly women. One reason Sis. Wersky was a Virtuous woman was because she was raised by a virtuous woman - Sis. Irene Whittemore, who has the agony of seeing two of her three children precede her in death, as well as her husband. We pray for her. Then came this little, lovely baby girl they named Cheryl. Patty then went about raising a copy of herself - another virtuous woman. Cheryl is loved by us all and we also pray for her as she finishes raising her own children and loving her own husband, while missing her mom. Her best friend. They talked with each other almost every day. Now, mother speaks through daughter to the rest of us. Then, Ron, almost as shy as Fay, found Wilma Scott and their love produced young and beautiful Erin. The further blending of great families in Christ's vineyard.

Good men, godly women. Patty was fortunate and blessed.

But along the way came a Man who truly stole her heart away. Jesus was His name. A virtuous Man who outshone them all. And because of her love toward Him and His toward her, this virtuous woman is now married to another and has become and will be forever a virtuous woman, part of The Virtuous Woman - the bride of Christ.

Sis. Patty, we loved you deeply and still do. Your works follow after you. Your life has touched so many. Your hospitality. Your devotion to the kids in your Sunday School classes and your burden to see them trust Jesus. Your help to the ladies of Bethel MBC. Your example to all Pastor's wives. You were a compass of behavior for us all to follow. The needle always pointed straight and true. May God raise up other women like you.

"For her price is far above rubies."
(Sis. Wersky passed from this life on March 13.)

We ask you to pray for Bro. Wersky and all the family and church

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OBITUARY REPORT

Psalms 116:15 *Precious in the sight of the LORD [is] the death of his saints.*

Since our last meeting, the Lord has called two precious souls home to be with Him.

Patty Wersky, Bethel MBC, Whittier
Midge Garrison, Mt. Vernon MBC, Rialto

There was a note on the Bethel MBC letter which said: "Patty Wersky -- a very dedicated Pastor's wife and Church Member."

Submitted By: Robert Jack, Rick Howard, Blane Caskey

WHO CAN FIND A VIRTUOUS WOMAN ?

(a tribute to Sis. Patty Wersky)
by Rick Howard

Some forty plus years ago, a shy young man named Fay Wersky from a small farming community called Pixley found her. This virtuous woman went by the name of Patty Whittemore. Since that time, these two souls shared a love affair that has marvelled all those who knew them. More than anyone I know, Fay & Patty Wersky were the best example of "two becoming one." They were one in body, soul and spirit - a true testimony of the innocence and purity that is so rare this side of Eden.

Sis. Patty was always surrounded by good and godly men strong men in the Bible sense. First there was her father, Bro. Woods Whittemore - a giant among Baptists, a man we still miss deeply. Then two younger brothers. First Ron. My friend. His big sister always his hero. This young boy who loved sports, especially UCLA basketball and the Dodgers, admiring fast, strong athletes, had as his hero his own sister. Next her baby brother, Nick, who touched so many and died so young. We miss him still.

Then along came Fay Wersky. He always said she had to ask him for marriage because he was so shy. Whether it is true or not, he adored his wife. She adored him. Whenever she could not travel with him to various meetings, etc., he would find love notes tucked away in his suitcase and clothes. When he would have to leave her, she would find love notes around the house. He spoke glowingly of his bride always, not ashamed to admit he

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Another saint departs for an eternal home

Also called home to glory this past year was Elder Ora Holloway. Bro. Holloway was born into this world on November 19, 1910; he left for his heavenly home on November 27, 1994, aged 84 years 8 days.

Bro. Holloway was an inspiration by his dedication to many who knew and loved him.

He pastored seven of the Lord's churches in California and was a Missionary in three fields. He also was evangelists in 63 revivals.

Bro. Holloway was a father in the ministry to at least eleven ordained pastors, several of whom are still active in the Old State work. He has also influenced the life of many other pastors, preachers and deacons.

His last message, on *Faith*, was delivered on October 30, 1994 at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Beaumont, where he was a member. He received his reward for his faithfulness less than a month later.

We all miss Bro. Holloway a great deal and look for to seeing him again in that great reunion day.

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In Loving Memory of a Special Person

MY WIFE, AND MOTHER OF OUR
SIX CHILDREN
HENRIETTA (FOUTY) REED

Henrietta was sunshine to my life, even as she was to others. Nearly always a smile and a shining face. She loved the Book of Job. She wanted so much to be like Job, but felt she always fell short.

She is now in shining glory of the Lord's presence. For as the apostle Paul said, "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord".

Henrietta passed on to be with her Saviour and Lord on May 4, 1983.

Henrietta was born July 27, 1942 in Mountain Grove, Missouri. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Fouty. Shortly after, they moved to California and lived in San Bernardino, then in Highland, California.

Henrietta was born again, received Jesus as her saviour, at the age of 12. She later joined the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church of Highland, California. My family moved to the same area in 1955, where we attended the same schools. She was thirteen when we first met. Later on we were boy and girl friend, and then went steady. On April 11, 1959, I asked her to marry me and were engaged on April 27. At that time I had known her about four years. We were married four days after her seventeenth birthday, on July 31, 1959. Elder Vencil Moore, then pastor of the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, performed the ceremony at the old Mt. Vernon M.B. Church building, Colton, California.

Henrietta was immediately instrumental in getting me into church where I heard the truth and was saved September of '59. I joined the Trinity church that following year.

In the years that followed we brought much happiness to each other. Both saved and in the Lord's church seeking to do what the Lord wanted in our lives. Oh, Yes: We had our rough times too. Most brought on by not willingly doing what the Lord wanted us doing. We were not always in fellowship with the Lord and with each other. (If we allow it the hard times will strengthen our love toward the Lord and each other.)

The Lord gave Henrietta and me six beautiful healthy children. At one time we have five teenagers and one pre-teen. Their names and ages now are: Robert Jr. 23; (Married to Charlene Varvel in 1981, my only daughter-in-law); Marjorie 21; Barbara 20; Henry 19; John 17; and Eddie 13. Many people have asked how we kept together and made it through the rough times. We both gave the credit to the Lord. The Lord and our love, that was it, what else?

My wife worked with me as I pastored four churches: Home Gardens, Visalia, Hesperia and then Omak, Washington.

Shortly after we moved to Omak in

March of 1982, it was found out that my wife had cancer. A rare one called Inflammatory Carcinoma breast cancer. This was staggering from onset to Henrietta, me, our children, and friends. It truly took the grace of God. She knew she had cancer even from the start, even before the doctors told her. She accepted quickly that she only had but a short time to live. It was hard for me to accept something that seemed she had readily accepted. Not that she wanted to die. She loved her family. There was no doubt about it to us. She wanted most of all to have grandchildren, be a grandmother. But, she realized something, that she was going to die. That is what seemed to make it easy for her. She was ready to go be with her Lord. She wrote, "people say have faith. Don't you think it takes faith to die, if it is the Lord's will? And I think it is the Lord's will."

She didn't mind talking about it. Making plans for her funeral. Even tried to make some plans for me. She would talk to the younger ones about after she is gone, to help their daddy, and if he gets married again to love their new mommy. Yes, she was a beautiful person, mother, wife and woman. She was a blessing to all that watched her. Sister Jo Smith of Omak nicknamed her Sunshine, her Sunshine. She amazed her doctors and nurses, not only with her attitude, but in her progress in fighting the cancer. I am not putting this out of proportion. I am not making it something it is not. Truly we had our sad times, our tears. But, we had our laughs too. We thanked God for those times. Our children in California came up to visit us last July, and were with their mother about a month. We took pictures and had some good times together.

For awhile things seemed to be looking good with her cancer until about the end of February '83. At that time the cancer seemed to reject the previous treatment. The doctor let us know that it could be from three months to a year. With the doctors still working with her we made plans to return to California. I resigned the church after praying about it and talking to the church about it. The doctors made the necessary arrangements. Henrietta's mother sent the money. We left Omak between her treatments on March 21. We stopped in Bend, Oregon to visit her relatives there. We wanted to stop at the association on the way down, but didn't have the money or the time. We arrived here the 28th of March. We attended the Youth Rally at Ontario, which turned out to be her last. We joined the Mt. Vernon church the first service we were here. Henrietta could hardly wait.

The next two weeks were fair for her. Although the cancer was noticeably getting larger on her neck. The next two weeks, though she was still taking treatments, worsened. They had indicated earlier that there was little they could do. But, they

would do all that they could. On the 25th of April, while waiting another radiation treatment, she calmly went into a coma. This was followed by traumatic seizures. It was affirmed that she could die anytime. Although, after the seizures were controlled, two days later she awoke and looked into the eyes of her mother standing there. The next few days were a blessing to the few that got to communicate with her. Sister Rea Betche was quite helpful to me and Henrietta's mother through all of this, along with her mother and grandmother, other members of the church and churches. As we communicated with Henrietta by asking her questions and she nodding her head yes or no. She would respond by giving many a kiss, and was able to speak a few words and call out some names, mine was one. Her last day she asked for ice, water and something to eat. Orange sherbet was her favorite thing. That evening shortly after I arrived back at the hospital she went back into a coma. That was a very trying night. Wednesday morning shortly after they got her comfortable, I gave her a kiss. And moments later she calmly passed on to be with her Lord at about 9 a.m., May 4, 1983.

She had a fine funeral service. Elders Fay Werskey and Don Winkelman brought two fine messages requested by her after she had come down with cancer.

Thank you all for your love shown Henrietta, me, my children and her mother. Thanks especially to those individuals and churches that sent flowers, cards, and financial love offerings. They are very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone that took part, and for all the prayers, as they were much needed and felt.

We love and miss her so. But now she is at home! No more pain, sickness, and turmoil of this life. Henrietta in her last hours opened her eyes to see many of her loved ones here. But, the last time she closed her eyes here, she looked right into the very face of Jesus—How glorious!

My hope is I know that I will see her again. That she is now at home with her Saviour.

Please remember my family and me in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
Elder Bob Reed and family
P.S. Since Henrietta's death my sons John and Eddie have been saved, baptized and now members of the Lord's church. The Lord sure knows how to take you by the hand and lift you up.

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Praise the Lord, You are the Great I am—not the great I was. You are living proof, not just proof. Lord, it is hard for me to understand why people haven't any trouble at all believing we evolved from mud, cells, monkeys and etc., but seem to have trouble believing a great God can create it all.

Death Notice / Obituaries— From the Archives Baptist Newspaper Collection

In Loving Memory of

Sis. Marie Adkins

Sis. Nancy Dickerson

Sis. Effie Hall

Sis. Phyllis Lowene Kugler

Marie Adkins

Mrs. Marie Adkins, 61, wife of Brother Allen Adkins, died August 20, 1976, at a Sacramento hospital. She had been in poor health for several years and had undergone open-heart surgery twice prior to her death.

Mrs. Adkins was well-known throughout California among Missionary Baptists. Not only was she an outstanding pastor's wife but she had been active in ladies' work in the State Association and in several local associations.

The Adkins had served several California churches over the years, including Antioch, Bellflower, McFarland and Armona.

Besides her preacher husband, Allen, a giant among preachers, she is survived by her four sons: Odes, Dan, Mack and Jesse. Two of her sons are also Missionary Baptist preachers. Her mother and stepfather are faithful members at Armona. Two of her six sisters are also married to Missionary Baptist preachers: Mrs. Lloyd Goodman of Arkadelphia, Arkansas; and Mrs. Z. W. Swofford of Montgomery, Alabama. Her brother, Gordon Renshaw of Hope, Arkansas, is also a Baptist pastor.

Funeral services were in the Highlands Missionary Baptist Church of North Highlands, August 24th, with Brethren Bill Woodall and Robert Williams officiating. Burial was in Mt. Vernon Cemetery in the Sacramento suburbs.

The Sentinel staff extended deepest sympathy to Brother Adkins and his fine family.

The Baptist Sentinel
September 1976

In Memory of Mrs. Nancy Dickerson

the Grandmother of
Elder Lloyd Dickerson, Mojave, California

The close of a long and eventful life came in the passing of Mrs. Nancy Dickerson, age 103, in Clinton last Thursday afternoon. Had she lived until May 11, 1958, she would have been 104 years old.

"Grandma", as she was known to her many friends, had been living in a rest home in Clinton the past year. Her son, Burley, Leedy barber, preceded her in death only last September.

Born in Floyd, Va., May 11, 1854, she came to Oklahoma with her husband, John William Dickerson, in 1900, homesteading in what is now Dewey county. Mr. Dickerson died in 1930.

The little old lady remained alert in spite of her feebleness until the closing months of her life. A celebration on her 100th birthday anniversary here in 1954 was one of the town's most joyous occasions.

She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church for 92 years.

Funeral services were held in a Clinton Baptist church Sunday afternoon, with burial in Center Point cemetery, 14 miles southeast of Leedey.

Two sons survive, Mennis of Clinton and Willard of Tulare, Calif.

The Missionary Baptist
November 1982

DEEPEST SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Our deepest sympathy is extended to California State Missionary O.E. Hall on the death of his beloved wife Effie in early March after an extended bout with cancer. She was 68 years old, and they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 27.

Sis. Hall was in the hospital 12 days before she died, and Medicare and their supplement did not cover all the costs. Bro. Hall would appreciate any help you can give him for the outstanding hospital bills. Send offerings to O.E. Hall, P.O. Box 543, Jamestown, CA 95327.

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April 1993



In Loving Memory

To the Editor of the Missionary Baptist Paper:
In Loving Memory of Sister Phyllis Lowene Kugler

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.
Phyllis Lowene Kugler was born to this world February 23, 1922, and the Lord called her home August 10, 1981. Throughout her affliction with the dreaded disease of cancer her faith and trust in the Lord was ever strong and was a living testimony. She was such an inspiration to us all even through the great amount of suffering she endured. She complained not of her lot and was truly a soldier for the Lord.

Sis. Phyllis became a child of God on the night of August 31, 1974 at a revival in Graver City with Eld. James Taylor of Oneida being the evangelist. On September 1, 1974, she was baptized and became a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Greenfield.

Sis. Phyllis was blessed in seeing three of her grandchildren come to know the Lord in salvation. Also she witnessed her son, Eld. Gene Plaskett surrender to the call into the ministry and being ordained. For a short time the Lord allowed that her son would be her pastor.

Her presence in this life will be missed but the blessedness of being with our Savior is of the greatest for her. She has gained the victory, and in Christ death shall nevermore have her.

Submitted by:
Sis. Gwen Plaskett



No Greater Gift

There's no greater gift two parents can give
To a child than that of their love.
Love for each other, a love for their home,
And love for their Father above.

There's no greater lesson these two can teach
Than to live in the way that is good...
Obeying the Master, loving his word
And doing the things that they should.
There's no greater heritage parents can leave
Than wisdom, sound guidance and trust...
Security, love and good memories,
These things all help children adjust.

There's no greater gift a child could receive
Than to have not one parent, but two!
A Dad that is strong and a Mom that is sweet,
Specially if those parents are YOU.

Nancy K. Potter
May 15, 1981



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June 1981

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Shelly Elaine Moen

In Loving Memory

Sister Shelly, has gone to be with the Lord, which the apostle Paul declared would be far better. Phillipians 1:23. She leaves to mourn her absence her parents, Jim and Jewel Moen, and sister Terry, along with many relatives and friends.

She was 18 yrs. of age, graduated from the Dos Palos High School last June. Shelly was a straight A student and followed her sister Terry in making "Who's Who", an academic achievers archive. She was talented as a musician and also a very accomplished poet. One of her compositures was read by a cousin during the funeral service, which was a noteworthy tribute to her skill, everyone seemed deeply moved by the content and message, in fact many of us felt that it was written by premonition for the occasion.

Shelly's most profitable and permanent achievement was accomplished during a revival which she attended during 1980, in which she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Saviour. We had the pleasure and privilege of her church attendance at El Nido along with her father and mother.

We, (Believers) are anticipating meeting Shelly again in the Spirit world, if not before, then in the Rapture. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thesalonians 4:16-17.

With sincerest sympathy,
Elder Herbert Schuh

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In Memory of Sister Canfield--

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Matthew 25:21

"The Lord said unto him...Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou has been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter into the joy of thy Lord."---

IN MEMORY OF SISTER CANFIELD--
The Lord has called her "Home", our sister and our friend,
The world might say "'tis over, her life came to an end."
But we who know The Saviour, who have that "Hope" within,
Know for a fact our sister's life will really now "BEGIN"!

She has already seen her Saviour; she has looked upon His Face,
She has praised Him, she has thanked Him for salvation by His Grace,
She has had that sweet reunion with loved ones on "that shore",
She has been welcomed by her husband, for he'd gone "Home" before.

These two had been God's servants, here on earth they served together,
They labored in The Love of God...this Love, parting could not sever.
They served The Lord so graciously; an example for us all,
They served though tired, though bodies ached..they were faithful to His Call.

We thank God for our dear sister...for Brother Canfield too....
The Lord has surely said to them...
"WELCOME HOME...MY WORD IS TRUE!"

and may each of us look forward to our own
"Home-going"---
for this is JOY
this is GLORY
This is VICTORY!

--and as Bro. and Sis. Canfield often sang..
"I'll See You In The Rapture".

-And The Song Goes On-

Sis. Gertrude Canfield joined her husband and friends in "Hallelujah Square" some months ago. At the State Association held in Brae she received special mention as a personal tribute for her years of service to our Lord. Both Sister Gertrude and her husband Eld. Merton Canfield served the Lord in California for many years and were highly respected for the works sake. Prov. 10:7 "The memory of the just is blessed..." Their memory compliments and inspires our Christian profession and they enjoyed many personal friendships. We as God's People can look forward to joining them in "Hallelujah Square."

With Sincere Respects
Eld. Herbert Schuh

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A Departed Saint

SAINT: "A person who has the exceptional meekness, patience, love, kindness, etc."

With this definition in mind, I want to express my feeling for a dear saint who God has seen fit to call into His presence.

Many in the State of California, and a few pastors in particular, will agree, I am sure, with what I have to say.

Sister Hester Hill was a member of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church when she went to be with the Lord. The church will greatly miss her because she was a doer. She had a great love for the word of God. She was a great example for younger women; an encouragement to anyone who knew her. Her witness will continue to live in the hearts of everyone that knew her.

As her pastor, I must admit that words fail me to describe her love for the church and for her pastor. She was a pastor's friend. She also had great respect for the pastor's wife, which is a very weak area in many churches today. She always had a listening ear for those who needed someone to listen. She encouraged others to support the pastor and follow him as he followed the Lord. She was slow to pass judgement and was always looking for solutions. She was never a part of the problem; however, in many instances she was instrumental in the solution.

She was the type of person that every pastor would enjoy having a great number of in their congregation.

Time and space are not available to mention all of the areas that Sister Hill was a tremendous blessing in. Many, however, attempted to let her know while she was with us; that we loved her, and what a blessing she was to many of our lives.

I thank God that I was permitted to know this great lady and share in her great example of "Living Faith" and "Dying Faith" that is so aptly described in God's word.

Heaven is a better place because of her presence; and as the words of the song states, "There's more to go to heaven for than there was yesterday."

Fortunate Pastor of a Loving Saint,
Elder Art Taber

The Missionary Baptist

September 1983

In Loving Memory Of

Sis. Shelly Elaine Moen

Sis. Gertrude Canfield

Sis. Hester Hill

Dr. D. S. (Boots) Madden From The Baptist Newspaper Collection

California Gives Maddens Up



THE MADDEN FAMILY stands together behind the big cake prepared for the occasion. From left: Rita, Pat, Grandma Madden, Grandpa Madden, and Paula. Down front peeking over the table are two of the grandchildren. The boy belongs to Pat and the girl to Paula.



THE BEAUTIFULLY SET DINING ROOM in the new annex to the Anaheim church building served the day's festivities well.



PASTOR & MRS. MADDEN stand back of the beautiful special cake prepared for the farewell occasion.

Gifts, gushing tears, gratitude, congratulations and goodbyes were the order of the day July 13 as family, friends and coworkers gathered in Anaheim at the invitation of the Grace Missionary Baptist Church for Dr. D.S. Madden's last day as pastor. He resigned the church after fourteen years of service with them to accept the responsibility as Secretary-Treasurer of Missions for the American Baptist Association of churches. He and Dorothy, his faithful wife, left the following week to settle in their new home in Texarkana, where Bro. Madden's office will be. Their address, for those who want to correspond with them, is 4801 Sanderson Lane, Texarkana, Ark. 75502. The address of the mission office is P.O. Box 1050, Texarkana, Tex. 75501.

Not only has Bro. Madden's ministry been with the Grace Church, but at the same time he has been a regular faculty member of the California Missionary



DR. AND MRS. MADDEN, better known to friends as "Boots" and Dorothy, enjoy lunch after being honored with first place in line. Of course you know which is which.



THE TWO OLDER MADDEN DAUGHTERS enjoy lunch. Rita (l), obviously surprised by the camera, and Pat, obviously amused at her sister's surprise.

Baptist Institute & Seminary, and it will not be the same without him in the corridors and class rooms of the school. We pray God's choicest blessings upon him and his wife in their new endeavors in His service. I trust our churches will get strongly behind his efforts to meet the needs of our missionaries normally expected from his office.

PAULA (seated), the youngest daughter - and her daughter. The younger daughter is rather obviously not camera-shy.



THE FAMILY GROUP in the church auditorium. Pastor and Mrs. Madden in the background. Front (l to r) Rita Christian, Paula Falls, her husband and the "little one" and Pat Clements.

Featured History & Archives Committeeman Eld. Larry Crouch



Crouch, Larry W. (ABA)

Brother Larry was born August 30, 1942 in Tuolumne, California. He was saved and baptized by the Friendship MBC in Sacramento. He surrendered to preach and was licensed by the Vallejo MBC, in 1958. He was ordained by the South Gate FMBC in 1964.

He is a graduate of CMBI. He taught in CMBI. He received his Doctorate from FMBC and is now teaching at FMBC.

He pastored MBC in Auburn, Washington from 1963-66; MBC in San Fernando 1967; LMBC in Porterville from 1968-71; FMBC in Riverbank from 1971-72; Calvary MBC in Rowland Heights from 1972-79; Emmanuel MBC in Martinez from 1980-83; LMBC in San Jose from 1984-86; Bethel MBC in Oakley as Associate pastor from 1987-90 and pastor from 1991- 2007; and Landmark MBC of Oakhurst since 2008.

Larry serves on both the State and national History and Archives committee and has been a Sunday School literature writer since 1993. He wrote *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail* and *Major and Minor Prophets*.

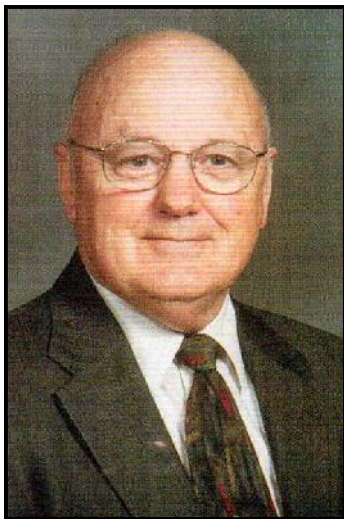
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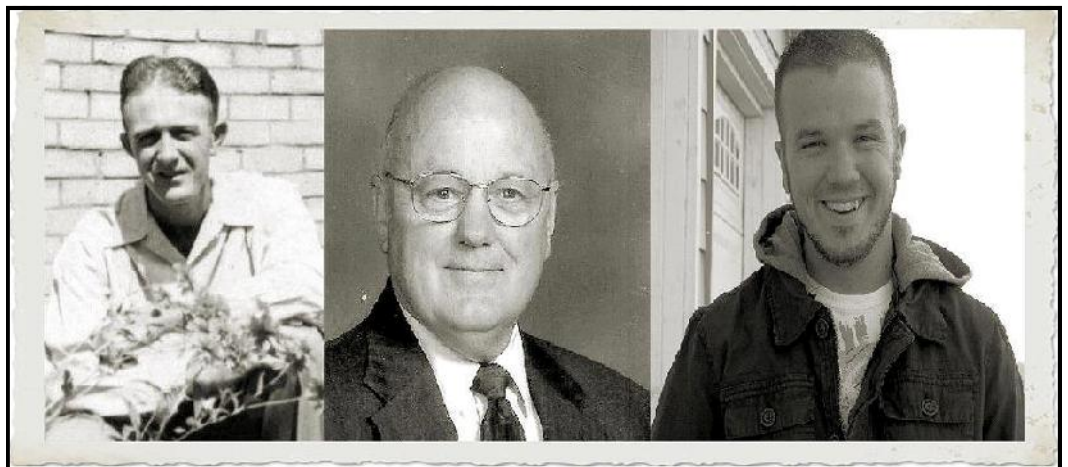
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**Three Generations of Crouch Pastors
Elders Charles, Larry & Zak Crouch**
Image from the Facebook Page of Zak Crouch

The brief biography, above, falls far short of the Life & Labors of Bro. Crouch. His ministry and service to the Lord's people spans a period of 57 years and we trust he'll be preaching until the Lord Comes. He has been and faithful brother in the Lord, is a thoughtful, concise and sound Biblical preacher who has always sought the exalt the Christ of the Bible and edify His churches and his brethren. And lastly, it has been both a pleasure and a joy to labor with him on the History & Archives Committee. RWC