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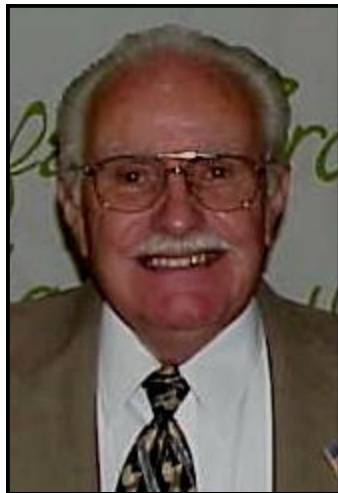
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Elder Gary L. Perdue December 9, 1932—May 24, 2015

Perdue, Gary Lynn (ABA)



Brother Gary Perdue was born in Modesto, California, and raised in the Oakdale area. He was saved and baptized at the age of 10 years. Brother Perdue was ordained as a deacon by the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Folsom on September 15, 1972.

He served as a deacon in several churches before surrendering to the call to preach the gospel in January 1998.

The Olive Hill Missionary Baptist Church was his first pastorate. He was ordained as a gospel minister by the church on October 16, 1999. He and his wife, Jan, and grandson, Nicholas Martinez, moved to Oroville at that time.

Brother Gary is presently retired from pastoral work and is an active member of the Shasta MBC in Redding.

Bro. Gary went to be with the Lord at his home in Redding.

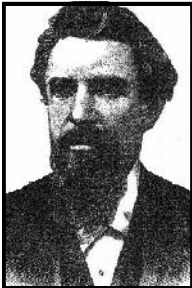


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CHAP. VIII.—ASSOCIATIONS—THEIR PROVINCE AND POWER.

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.

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This may be done at some future time. But what are the facts in regard to the usage among Baptists? What have been the settled opinions of the denomination for ages? is the question we wish to settle. How do Associations conflict or harmonize with church independency? Under what circumstances could they review or condemn the action of a church? Can an Association exclude the delegates of a church from her body, or any one of these delegates? These are questions which the usage of our denomination has settled. We will simply record those decisions.

I.—POWER OF AN ASSOCIATION OVER CHURCHES.

Of the affairs that came to be considered by the Association of the aforementioned churches, since they held and Association, as far as any records of the same can be found.

Before our general meeting, held at Philadelphia, in the seventh month, 1707, it was concluded by the several congregations of our judgment to make choice of some particular brethren, such as they thought most capable in every congregation, and those to meet at the yearly meeting to consult about such things as were wanting in the churches, and to set them in order.

It was also concluded, that if any difference shall happen between any member and the church, and they cannot agree, then the person so grieved may, at the general meeting, appeal to the brethren of the several congregations, and with such as they shall nominate, to decide the difference; that the church and the person so grieved do fully acquiesce in their determination.—*Minutes Phil. Ass.*, 1707.

Corresponding with this is the constitution of the earliest Association. It is found in the minutes of the "First Separate Baptist Association," on which occasion the names of Lewis Craig, John Waller, Reuben Ford, Samuel Harris, Pickett, Childs, Marshall, and the rest of those champions of soul-liberty, who resisted every species of tyranny, and struck the first blow for our American liberties. It was held May, 1771, at Craig's meeting-house, Orange county, Va. One article of the constitution reads:

It is agreed, that if any delegate, sent from any church, should transgress in any instance, unknown to his church, the offended party, his fellow-delegate and the Moderator, may bar him from sitting.

2d. We believe we have a right to withdraw ourselves from any church.

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Of this decision Semple says:

It is worthy of note, that one of the constitutional articles disclaims all power over the churches. Yet the next declares a right in the Association to withdraw from delinquent churches in certain cases. Nothing less can be meant by this article, than that the Association, in behalf of all orderly churches in her correspondence, would discountenance all disorderly ones. It is then a question, whether a church, discountenanced by the Association, can any longer be considered a part of the Baptist Society? Would it not be deemed disorderly for any other church to continue their fellowship towards one that could not meet in the same Association? Churches may not only become disorderly in *practice*, but heterodox in *doctrine*. To give an Association power to deal with, and finally to put such out of their connection, must be proper, and, indeed, must be what is designed by the above article. By no other means could a general union be preserved.—*Semple's History Va. Baptists*, 1754.

On these clearly defined principles, underlying the union and co-operations of the churches, the earlier Associations acted with decision and nerve. From many instances, found in the minutes of different Associations, the following is selected, and given at length:

CASE OF ELDER GEORGE MORRIS.

"Goshen Association, Va., Oct., 15th, 1796. Only 12 churches were represented. Three, under the care of George Morris, adhered to him in his contest with the Association. A committee was appointed by the Association to meet and admonish these churches. An explanation of this difficulty is given by Semple as follows:"

During this year a mournful scene took place. George Morris (of whose turbulent deportment towards the Association mention has already been made), a preacher of some talents, who had the pastoral and partial care of three churches, was, by common report, charged with crimes of the deepest dye. Such was his influence with the church of which he was a member, that, notwithstanding the reports were well authenticated, they paid no attention to them until urged to it by a committee appointed by the Association. Morris contrived to keep back many of the charges, and finally to obtain from the church a favorable decision as to such as were exhibited. The Moderator of the Association, who was one of the committee, finding the matter thus smothered, to the disgrace of religion, called the Association together. They met in conference

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at Waller's meeting-house, on the fourth Saturday in February. Twenty churches sent deputies. After a fair and full investigation of the business before the conference, it was decided that Morris was guilty of the crimes laid to his charge, and that the church had manifested a criminal partiality in retaining him in her fellowship. The church was excluded from the Association, and a committee appointed by the conference to visit them, for the purpose of pronouncing the sentence of exclusion, as also to invite a minority of the church, who differed from the other part, to form a church among themselves.

The new church, under the name of Goldmine, was accordingly constituted, and in a little time was joined by several of the majority. But what was more consoling, they were blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A precious revival ensued. Many were added by baptism. Morris and his party, as being the majority, retained the old meeting-house, and kept up preaching. But to them none were disposed to unite themselves. After a vain attempt for two or three years to stand upon independent ground, being forsaken by their most respectable members, Morris proposed that he and his party should again coalesce with the Goldmine Church, by making concessions. To this the Goldmine Church replied: "That they were at all times ready to hear what any individuals of them had to say, but could not receive them as a body, seeing this would recognize in them a character which they had hitherto discountenanced." Another reason, it was said, existed for not receiving them into their body, viz: There were among them many persons under the imputation of gross immoralities." So the matter rests. Morris, and some of the most obstinate of his party, continue out of communion. The churches called Salem and Bethesda, of whom Morris had the ministerial care, adhered to him in his contest. These churches were also expelled from the Association, and a new one, formed out of the minority, received.

In these proceedings, some, who were by no means favorable to Morris, were of the opinion that the Association was, in some of her measures, rather precipitate—not using, towards the churches deluded by Morris, a sufficient degree of lenity. Such opinions were probably induced by a partial view of the subject, especially through the want of a sufficient acquaintance with the intriguing temper of Morris. The following is a short comment made on his character by the Secretary, and sanctioned by the Association:

"Like Diotrophes, he loved and sought the pre-eminence. Jealousy and discontent apparently were his inseparable concomitants. In a word, he was not unlike Jude's wandering stars, always unsteady, until they shoot in some eccentric direction, and disappear forever."

To Be Continued in July

From the Archives A. F. Simmons & Jessie Scott



Elder and Mrs. A. F. Simmons

**From Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of the
California Missionary Baptist Association—1939**



JESSIE W. SCOTT, 1909-1990

REMEMBERING JESSIE SCOTT...I first became acquainted with Jessie Scott in 1951 while I was pastoring First MBC, Bakersfield, then known as Emmanuel MBC, and he was pastor at Pixley. From that time until the time of his death Jan. 17, 1990, I counted him one of my closest friends, and valued his counsel throughout my ministry. He was a good listener, and somehow could put everything in proper perspective by recognizing the humor in a situation, no matter how grim that situation might seem. "Unflappable," a modern term, would certainly describe Bro. Scott. I never saw him when he wasn't in control of himself and the situation in which he found himself.

He was a very unique person with a ready smile and a sly wit, and a kind of true humility which, more often than not, put feisty young preachers, like I was then, in their place with quiet grace. One example of his humor I'll never forget—a number of us pastors were attending a youth rally at Pixley and while standing around outside we started to try and out-brag one another about the success of our ministries and the growth and success of our respective churches, due almost entirely to our skill as pastors. Finally one of the pastors turned to Bro. Scott and said, "Jessie, how are things here at Pixley?" With a smile and a twinkle in his eyes, he said, "Well, fellows, I'll tell you the truth..." Needless to say it turned very quiet and the subject changed.

Bro. Scott served the churches of the California State Association of Missionary Baptists as a pastor, evangelist, and missionary for 50 years. Praise for him comes from every minister in that group, as well as from those of us in "the other association" who remember our association with him with fondness and love. I am sure all those who knew Jessie Scott will agree when I say a great man of God fought his fight, finished his course, and has received his well-deserved reward. --LEM



**From the pages Of
The Baptist Sentinel
March, 1990**

**Written by
L. E. McCalister**

Death Notice / Obituaries— From the Archives Baptist Newspaper Collection

"THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND ARE LIFE"—JOHN 6:63

MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Lester Scott
14955 Ave 313
Visalia, CA 93277

VOLUME 33, No. 6 DECEMBER 1, 1973 FIXLEY, CALIFORNIA

IN LOVING MEMORY of *C.E. Wilson*

Bro. C.E. "Dick" Wilson, a member of the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church of Colton, passed on to be with the Lord November 3, 1973. He was 63 years of age. He leaves with us his wonderful wife, Sis. Helen, his daughter, Sis. Penny Bowhay, his son, Bro. Richard and two grandchildren. Sis. Penny and her husband, Gene, and their little son Chris, are stationed in Maine. Bro. Richard and his wife, Kathy, and their little daughter, Shellie, live in San Diego and are members of the San Diego Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. Wilson was born again in 1946 and united with the Lord's Church at Colton. He was baptized by Bro. Harold Blalock, who was Pastor at that time. Since he united with the church he has been a good and faithful worker, doing many little things that often went unnoticed. He was elected as treasurer and served in that capacity, at various times, for about 16 years. He served without complaining, keeping the financial things in order even when the going was rough. Those of you who are regular readers of our Missionary Baptist Paper will remem-



ber Bro. Wilson for the many fine articles he sent in to be published. We here, at Colton, are going to miss Bro. Wilson very much but he has gone on to meet the Lord where there is no more pain, no more tears. And we believe Bro. Wilson could say, "I have fought a good fight, finished my course and kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing".

By Terry Williams



In
Memory
Of


Bro. Wilson

Eld. Trammell

Sis. Caldwell

Eld. Wehunt





Carrie Mae Caldwell

On November 7, 1973, our Lord called Sis. Carrie Caldwell home to be with HIM. Sis. Caldwell was a charter member of the old First Missionary Baptist Church and a charter member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, both in Oroville.

She was born February 22, 1900 in Catcher Arkansas, later moving to California. Sis. Caldwell surrendered her life to the Lord when she was twelve. She married William Caldwell October 14, 1914. Their marriage was blessed for fifty-nine years. She is survived by her husband, Bro. Caldwell.

A song that she requested many times was, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken", and she could answer "Yes! She had raised nine children in her Christian home and all were saved. Anyone who had the privilege to meet her, soon learned that she loved the Lord. Her life was an example for all her brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord must truly say, "Sister Carrie, in thee I am well pleased".

Al Dunn
New Hope Missionary Baptist
Church.
Oroville.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST DECEMBER 1, 1973

In Memory of *Elder Charlie Trammell*


Elder Charlie Trammell passed away Sunday evening, Nov 18, 1973 at the age of 60.

Bro Trammell was well known in Central California for his faithfulness in the Lord's work. He pastored the Lamont, Earlhart, Maricopa and Visalia Missionary Baptist Churches. He also supply-pastored the Bakersfield Church for 2 months. He was baptized and ordained by the Ford City Missionary Baptist Church. He was a member of the Maricopa Church at the time of death.

Services were held Wednesday, Nov 21 with Elders Bill Brown and Norval Ketchum officiating. He is survived by his wife, Luna Mae; four daughters, Charlene Moore, Joyce Trammell, Lois Connick and Brenda Fisher; his mother, Annie Clayton; a brother, Emit Trammell; a sister, Lucille Mozingo and 7 grandchildren.

Just a week before, Sis Trammell lost her mother, Luna Ethel Rogers, who passed away at the age of 80.

Joyce Trammell, Sis Trammell's youngest daughter, is now attending college at San Jose.



Obituary

Elder Edward G. Wehunt

In memory of Elder Edward G. Wehunt. Here is a brother in Christ who was a blessing to all who knew him. We here at Redding would like to share with you a saying he had. Whenever you saw Bro. Wehunt, and ask him "how are you today?" His answer was always the same "well enough to be here". On top of this it was always said with a smile.

Let these words be Bro. Wehunt's obituary. He was always well enough to serve his Lord and Saviour. He will be remembered and missed for the works sake for a long time.

Yet let us praise the Lord, he was well enough to be in church. Also because he knew the Lord as Saviour, he was also well enough to be with his Lord forever and ever.

We will see you soon in Heaven, Bro. Wehunt, Goodnight, not Goodbye.

The Missionary Baptist—July 1977
(No Photo on File for him.)

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Eld. W. E. Dickerson
Eld. Claude Moore
Sis. Joy Miller Day
Sis. Shelly Elaine Moen

In Memory of Elder Claude Moore

It was exactly one year ago that Elder Claude Moore passed on to be with the Lord, January 3, 1973 at the age of 75. At that time we failed to notify the paper and felt that this would be an appropriate time to remember him.

Bro Moore was well known among the churches of Central California. He was a faithful servant in the Lord's work. Everything he did was centered around how he could better serve the Lord. Even after he was paralyzed, he worked to restore himself for the sole purpose of being able to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Bro Moore first came to Taft in 1910. In 1928 he was ordained as a deacon in the Missionary Baptist Church. He was a charter member of the Ford City Missionary Baptist Church and was among the faithful who endeavored to establish it. In 1946 he was ordained into the full-time gospel ministry. As a missionary, Bro Moore was instrumental in

organizing churches in Maricopa and Bakersfield. In addition he pastored the Visalia and Earlimart Missionary Baptist Churches.

In his later years, Bro Moore was confined to bed and was cared for by his faithful wife, Theresa Moore, who is also a faithful member of the Ford City Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro Moore was survived by his wife, Theresa; 4 daughters, Sarah Fite of the Roseville Missionary Baptist Church, Dorothy Gardner and Helen Brown of the Ford City Missionary Baptist Church, and Ruth Choccker of Morro Bay; one son, James Moore of Fillmore; and Jean Moore, the wife of his departed son Joseph Moore. Officiating in the funeral services were Elders Norval Ketchum and Cass Rogers.

Bro Moore will long be remembered for his great contribution to the Lord's work in the State of California.

The Missionary Baptist—January 1, 1973
(No Photo on File for him.)

In Loving Memory of

Eld. W. E. Dickerson

Willard E. Dickerson born in Floyd County Va., May 3rd, 1891, departed this life Jan. 10th, 1975 in the Terrace Park Convalescent Hospital in Tulare, Calif. at the age of 83 years, 8 mon. and 7 days. On Sept. 1, 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Gerlie Stevens, to this union was born 3 children, Lloyd, Floyd and Jewell.

Bro. Dickerson was saved at the age of 19, later surrendered to the ministry and ordained in 1925.

They moved to California in 1948. During his fifty years in the ministry, he served in the capacity of pastor, evangelist and missionary. At the time of his death he was a member and former pastor of Valley Center Missionary Baptist Church of Tulare, Calif.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife Gerlie, also of the Terrace Park Convalescent Hospital in Tulare, two sons, Eld. Lloyd Dickerson of Tulare pastor of Valley Center Missionary Baptist Church, Floyd Dickerson of Tulare and Jewell Woodfill of Greenfield, Calif. her husband Eld. Bob Woodfill is pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church there. One brother M.O. Dickerson of Clinton, OK., 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The last few years Bro. Dickerson has been hindered in his service for the Lord because of ill health, he was truly a man of God that we all loved. He was laid to rest in the Tulare cemetery Jan. 14, 1975. Eld. Norval Ketchum conducting the service.

The Missionary Baptist
January 1975

In Memoriam

Sister Joy Miller Day, a member of the Pixley Missionary Baptist Church was killed in a motorcycle-automobile accident near Pinole, California Tuesday, June 20th.

Sister Day and her husband were living in San Pablo along with their two small boys. She was 22 years old. Joy was active in the young people's work in Pixley as a teenager and served as secretary of the State Youth Rally one year.

Sister Day and her husband were living in San Pablo along with their two small boys. She was 22 years old. Joy was active in the young people's work in Pixley as a teenager and served as secretary of the State Youth Rally one year.

She was the daughter of one of Pixley's deacons, Pro. and Sister Willie Miller.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Day, San Pablo, two sons, Robert Shawn and Michael Warren Day, both of San Pablo, two sisters, Mrs. Melba Stolhand, Brentwood, and Mrs. Rena Faker of Arroyo Grande and a brother Donald of San Pablo and her parents.

The Missionary Baptist
June 15, 1972



Shelly Elaine Moen

Note:
 This clipping modified
 To fit in space. RWC

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


The Missionary Baptist
April, 1981

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NOVEMBER 1, 1971 MISSIONARY BAPTIST PIXLEY, CALIF.

IN MEMORY OF SISTER CORRINE MEYERS



SIS. CORRINE MEYERS

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 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

MEMBERS

I have often thought what hurt would bring me to my knees? what sorrow would humble me to the point where my whole thinking process would change?

What tragedy in my life would open my eyes to the fact that what I consider mine, is not really mine at all?

Regardless of our faith in God---deep and trusting love for His Son, we mortals are always accepting the untruths about earthly possessions. And therefore, we stand in line for corrections. Which brings me to the point in question. What hurt? What sorrow? What tragedy?

The answer is of course a

OUR BODIES TO THE GRAVE

I walked a very lonely mile just the other day,
To speak to one who spoke to me, before she went away.
I sat beneath a large oak tree surrounded by the air,
But knowing that, despite the quiet, I and she were there.




The words I spake were words of love and that I understood
Why she had left and went with God...That is the best I could.
For when God calls a child so young we think about the past,
And at that time we always think life shall always last.

But with all the joy and happiness she gave to one and all
It cannot be as thrilling, as the Master's call.
And as I sat and talked this day I knew that all was right,
A kiss blew gently from the wind, from her, though out of sight.

My stretched out arms came back to me, empty but yet full
The love a dad has for his child, I could feel a gentle pull.
Not yet my sweet, It's not my time, perhaps another day,
For us to meet in the other world, and bodies to the grave.



By Bro. Mark Myers
(In remembrance of my daughter Sis. Corrine Myers.)

Both the *In Memory of* and Poem,
Our Bodies to the Grave, appear of page 7
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**CSMBA
(Old State)
Yearbook**

Left—1966
Right—1967

	
MODERATOR Eld. James Taylor P. O. Box 533 Pixley, Calif. 93256	ASSISTANT MODERATOR Eld. A. A. Harris Rt. 3 Box 5389 Wenatchee, Wash. 98801

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IST SENTINEL

July-August, 1989



Legacy
of
Love



DEBORAH LEE VAN GINKEL
1955-1989

Beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, she passed from this life on August 8, 1989, after a long and painful battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband, Tom, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dominguez, CA, her sons Josh and Joel, her brother, Larry Clements, of Monticello, AR, her sister, Paula, and a host of friends. At least 400 were present for the funeral Thursday, August 10, at the First Missionary Baptist Church of Bellflower, CA. The family asks that memorial donations be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 2679 E. Carson St., Long Beach, CA 90810.

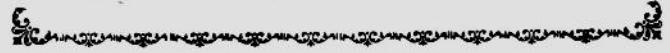
HOME AT LAST

There are no words, what can I say?
At last her sweet soul winged its way
To peace and freedom in the sky
Where never again will she suffer or cry.
It's all a part of God's Great Plan...
Which is a mystery to man.
We cannot understand His ways,
Nor can we count our earthly days.

But who are we to question and doubt:
God knoweth well what He's about.
He knew she longed to "go to sleep"
Where only angels a vigil keep.
The pain of living grew too great;
No longer could she stay and wait.
She did not want to leave you, dear,
But she's finished her work down here.

So she closed her eyes and when she awoke,
These are the words the Master spoke,
"Welcome, dear child, you are home at last
And now the burden of living is past.
There's work for you in My Kingdom, dear,
And you are needed and wanted here."
So weep not, she's just gone on ahead.
Don't think of her as being dead.

She's out of sight for a little while,
And you'll miss her touch, and her little smile.
But you know she is safe in the home above
Where there is nothing but peace and love.
And, surely, you would not deny her peace,
And you're glad she has found release.
Think of her there as a soul that is free,
And home at last, where she wanted to be.

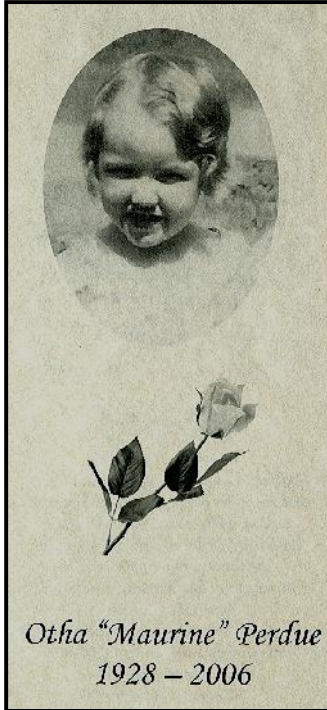


The Van Ginkel's at LBC Folsom

The Van Ginkel family were a part of Landmark Baptist Church
While Eld. Tom was Pastor from 1976 to 1982.
Photos from Church Archives



Death Notice / Obituaries



Otha "Maurine" Perdue
1928 - 2006

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower spray,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

*From Douglas Perdue
And the families of his three daughters:
Becky, Sarah, and Priscilla*



Sister Maurine Perdue with the Lord
October 22, 1928—December 23, 2006

Sister Perdue, the wife of Elder Doug Perdue, was a charter member of the Landmark Baptist Church of Folsom.

Memorial

Otha Maurine Perdue

Otha Maurine Perdue died in Porterville on Saturday, December 23, 2006. She was a resident of Porterville for 5 years. She was 78 years old. She was born Oct. 22, 1928 in Memphis, Tenn. and grew up in Little Rock, Ark.



Maurine placed her trust in the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 10 years old. As a teenager she was involved in her church youth group in Little Rock, AR, and would travel and sing Old Time Gospel on the radio as a soloist. To her young friends she was known as "Cookie" because her maiden name was Cook.

She served God and others by being a faithful and gracious pastor's wife all of her married life of 61 years in AK, CA, OR, WA and Alaska in various Missionary Baptist Churches.

One thing that people will miss about Maurine is that she was always so thoughtful to remember her friends and relatives with birthday cards or "thinking of you" card when they

were feeling down.

She loved doing crafts of all kinds and giving away the beautiful things she had made. She owned a ceramic shop and gave classes in Bend, OR. She also ran a Christian bookstore in Bend. She loved to shop.

She is survived by her loving husband L. Douglas Perdue; three daughters, Becky and Don Loyd of Bend, OR, Sarah and Dennis Lewallen of Turlock, CA and Priscilla and Thomas McCright of Porterville; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren; 3 sisters and one brother.

She is preceded in death by two brothers and one granddaughter, Dawn Marie Lewallen.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Porterville where she was a member. Pastor Thomas McCright and Pastor Robert Cullifer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the Missionary Baptist Seminary where both Maurine and Douglas attended, 5224 Stage Coach Rd., Little Rock, AR 72204.

Although our hearts are broken, our Loss is Heaven's Gain.

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Charter Member of Landmark Baptist Church—Folsom



Sister Barbara Ware

Nov. 14, 1941—Feb. 8, 2007

Barbara Alicia Bevard was born in Escalon, California. She moved to Keyes, California, in early childhood, where she attended Elementary and Junior High School. She went to High School in Turlock, graduating in 1960.

She met Johnnie Ware in Keyes and married him in 1962. In 1967 John and Barbara purchased their home on Bobby Street in Orangevale. Within 2 years, this home hosted the Bible study which culminated in the organization of the Landmark Baptist Church in Folsom.

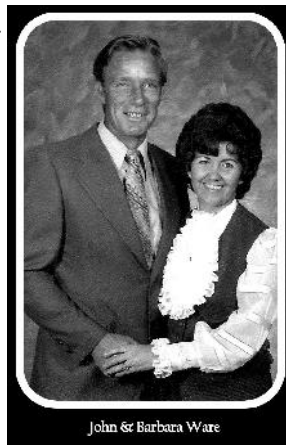
Her life revolved around raising her family and church work. In addition to hosting numerous “Ice Cream Socials” in her home, she was famous for her leadership in the “Bobby Street Gang.” Barbara seemed to be always “totin” kids to Sunday School and church. Both her daughters feel that the “Virtuous Woman” of Proverbs 31 is descriptive of their mother.

The word “Faithful” comes to my mind while reflecting on her life. She was faithful to her friends, her family, her church and her God. She was faithful to herself, her values, her beliefs and all that sustained her through the trials of affliction that pressed upon her over the past several years.

Barbara manifested a sweet spirit and love of Christian Fellowship. She loved to sing gospel music and recite poetry and always desired to be uplifting to those around her. She and her sister Carolyn sang duets that blessed the ears of those present.

Hobbies included arts and crafts. She was always willing to ‘lend a hand’ to help where and whenever help was needed or requested. Church folk all say we’ve been blessed by her because she was always wearing a smile, and was very welcoming to all who came through the doors of the church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arlen and Lorene Bevard of Keyes, CA and survived by her sisters: Carolyn Botsford of Turlock, CA and Arlene Bishop of Cheyenne, WY and her children: Debra & Charles Finnegan, and Bonnie Townsend; her Grandchildren: Danielle, Kayla, and Shannon Finnegan, and Amanda and Joey Townsend.



John & Barbara Ware



Barbara with daughters Debbie (on left) and Bonnie (on right).



Carolyn Botsford (sister), Barbara, Bonnie Townsend & Debbie Finnegan (daughters).



Grandchildren

L-R: Amanda Townsend, Shannon, Kayla, Danielle Finnegan and Joey Townsend.

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Wiggins, Lonnie

Brother Lonnie Wiggins moved from California to Henderson, Texas, in June of 1958. He and his wife, Eunice, married September 14. He had surrendered to preach at age 17. He preached his first sermon at his home church, Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Dinuba, California. He soon was licensed to preach by that church.

He was called to his first pastorate, County Line Missionary Baptist Church, Timpson, in November of 1958, and was ordained that same month by Calvary Baptist Church in Henderson. While in Texas, he also pastored Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, Timpson, and Grandview Missionary Baptist Church, Henderson. While in seminary, in 1961, their first child, Brian, was born.

In May of 1963, he and his family returned to California, after receiving his Master of Theology Degree from TBI in 1962.

He pastored in Pittsburg from 1963-64, Visalia in 1964, Sunnyvale from 1968-71, Downey, Salinas from 1975-81, Fremont from 1985-88, Waterford from 1988-92 and Redlands from 1993-2009 when he retired.

Brother Wiggins served as Clerk of the California Cooperative Association for years; Recording Secretary of the American Baptist Association for two years; Moderator of the Southern California Missionary Baptist Association for five years; a member of the Standing Missionary Committee for the ABA for five years; and Assistant Committee Chairman of the History & Archives Committee of the California Cooperative Association.

Brother and Sister Wiggins also have two daughters and one son.

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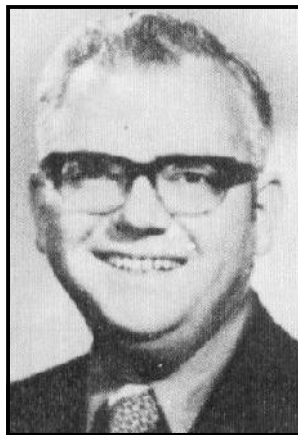
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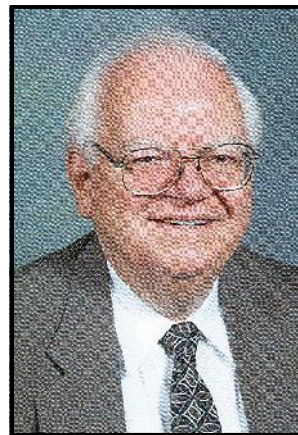


Lonnie Wiggins Preached the Missionary Sermon.

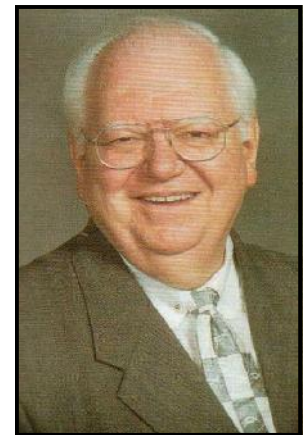
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