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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."
Deuteronomy 32: 7

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Baptist Ladies Info Request

Maurine Perdue



1. Full Name: Otha Maurine Perdue
2. Date and place of Birth: Oct. 22, 1928. Memphis TN
3. Parents names: John Milton and Otha Cook
4. Marriage Details: January, 1946 married to L.D. Perdue. She was 17 and he was 19. She was still in High School, graduating the next June. They were married in her parent's living room.
5. Children: Becky was born when Mom was 19 in Oakdale, Ca. Sarah was born 18 months later in Crossett, Arkansas. Priscilla was born 12 years after Sarah in Sacramento, when Dad pastored the Landmark church.
6. When & Where Saved: At nine years old in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 7 & 8. Baptized: By a Southern Baptist Church. Her whole family – six siblings and parents, moved to the Antioch FMB church not long after.
9. Dad couldn't remember except that the pastor was a friend with Ben Bogard and co-authored a book with him.
10. What church offices have you held? Any and all pretty much, as most pastor's wives do. Especially stands out in my mind how mom led out in Sunday School visitation every Saturday morning at 10:00 for years. Going door to door and visiting those who had missed. She would send cards through the week to those who missed or visitors. She taught weekly lessons for the Ladies Auxiliary. She would teach classes for the young preachers' wives. She helped in the kitchen at Church Camp. She also would organize the campers going and be a registrar. She would run the snack bar. She would take hot, home-made meals to the seniors or handicapped or sick members at the church every week. At Christmas time she would cook, serve and host a Christmas meal for the whole church in Bend. I remember her working hours and hours . . . and into the night after the meal. At later churches she would host a Christmas party with a dinner for each Sunday School class age group at her home. In Arroyo Grande she would clothe the children that belonged to parents that couldn't take care of them. She would buy groceries for the hungry.
11. Singer or Musician? Mom had a beautiful, vibrato, soft soprano voice. She sang on the radio in Arkansas in a quartet and was in traveling quartets that would go around to different events. She played the piano when needed by the old method of reading the "shapes" of the notes.
12. What Associational offices have you held? I don't know for sure except I remember she was Oregon State Ladies president.

13. School or seminaries: yes, she attended classes whenever and wherever possible.

14. Degrees or majors: High School Grad.

15. Books, etc: I have notebooks full of lessons she put together.

16. As her daughter looking at her life, she is the Proverbs 31 lady.

17. As a girl she worked in her grandmother's bottle shop in Little Rock. Later she worked at JCP, Mervyns, Pfeiffer's. She managed a Thrift Store to benefit a Christian School. She managed the bookstore at the NW Baptist Institute. She ran her own ceramic shop and gave lessons.

18. Cities lived in: States is easier – (She was born in Tennessee while her dad was working a temporary job). Arkansas, California, Oregon, Alaska, Washington.

19. Secular training: Stamps Music Training, Art classes.

20. Military: no

21. Hobbies, interest: Loved all kinds of crafts that included ceramics, painting, working with cold ceramic and resin, plaster parris. Loved to help the kids at VBS make things like plaques with Bible verses.

22. Mom was always faithful in living a Christian life. Consistency is so important. Mom was such an extraordinary example of a Christian lady who loved her God, her husband, her family and her church, extending that love by giving it to the world. I remember when I lived in Arkansas; one of my church members came and told me of a neighbor whose home had burned. The lady was about Mom's size. Mother immediately went and got a big bag of clothes from their 5th wheel to give to the lady, even though she was just visiting and had never laid eyes on her. I have no idea how mom found the time or energy to work, work, work (serve) as she always did. I was so blessed she was my mom, and I know many other women looked at mom as a "mom" too. Anyone that truly knew her was truly blessed. I could say so much more, but I will leave it at this.

Priscilla McCright—October 24, 2015

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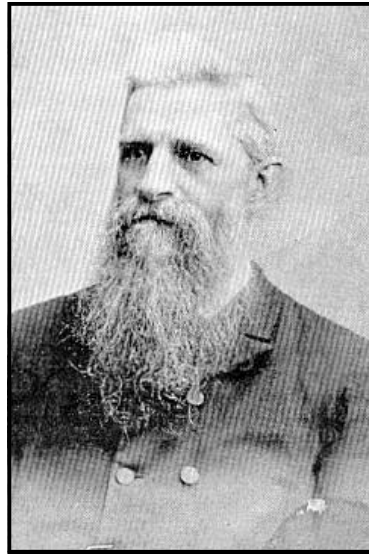
First American Baptist
 Missionary to China.
 Sent to China in September 1835
 by the Triennial Convention.

In the Spring of 1854
 he began his work with
 the Chinese in California.

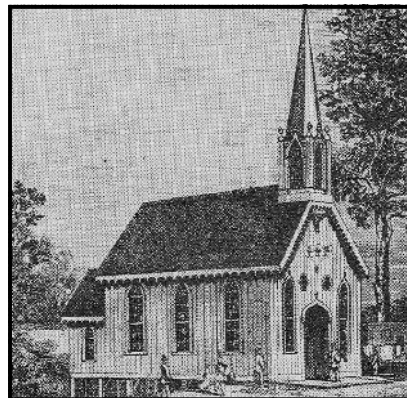


Chinese Work on the Pacific Coast

The Beginning of a Monthly Feature



J. B. Hartwell
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Chinese Chapel
 6th and H Streets
 Sacramento, CA

“In the latter part of May, 1854,
 work was started on the building of
 a Chinese Chapel which was finished
 and dedicated June 10, 1855.
 This is the first Chinese Chapel
 erected in America.

A CHINESE WOMAN BECOMES A BAPTIST. *From the San Francisco Chronicle, Jan. 24.*

Mrs. Foong Sam Toy was baptized and embraced the Christian faith yesterday after the morning sermon in the First Baptist Church, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. J. B. Hartwell, of the Chinese Baptist Mission, on Washington-street, above Kearny. The event may be considered a notable one, for as far as ascertained Mrs. Sam Toy is the first Chinese woman who has embraced the Baptist faith in the State of California, the only other known instance on the coast being that of a Chinese woman in Oregon. Mrs. Foong Sam Toy is aged 21, and is now the lawful wedded wife of Sam Toy, a young Chinaman who has been distinguished as a regular and sincere attendant of the mission. The history of the female convert may be epitomized in a few words. Sister Foong was a chubby-faced little thing and so young that she had not yet learned to eat her rice with chopsticks when her parents in China passed away to another world. The little orphan was taken in hand by some old and heartless hag, who clung to the little thing until she became of marketable value, when she was sold into bondage, and, like any piece of merchandise, bundled off to this country. She lived in a den in one of the alleys in the Chinese quarter, surrounded by vice and immorality, until snatched from her miserable life by the Police. Sister Foong was then yet of tender age, and was placed in one of the orphan asylums, where she has been two or three years. In the institution she made the acquaintance of another little Chinese girl, whose career had been mapped out by an American family living at the Potrero. The attention of these good people was brought to Sister Foong by the newly-found companion, and they took her as a protégé. The young woman was sent to the Mission School, and, being an apt and willing girl, advanced in her studies so rapidly that she can read and write nicely and speak English fairly. She is a regular attendant at the school on Washington-street, where circumstances have put her in contact with Sam Toy, a bright and intelligent Chinese boy. They sang from the same hymn-book, learned the letters of the alphabet and the rudiments of spelling out of the same illustrated primer, and last October resolved to go through life together over the same road, a proposition readily assented to by her guardians, whose crowning effort was achieved yesterday when their ward embraced the faith.

The New York Times

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NOTE—The veracity of the 1881 article published in the New York Times, regarding the baptism of Mrs. Fong Sam Toy, as being the first Chinese woman to have embraced the faith in the State of California, may be reasonably questioned by the ministry of J. Lewis Shuck among the Chinese as early as the Spring of 1854 of the Chinese Chapel in Sacramento.

California State Missionary Baptist Association

20th Session Minutes—March 1951

BUSINESS PROCEEDINGS

At 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 20, 1951, messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches of California met in their twentieth annual session, with the Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church of Redlands, California.

Services were held Monday night, a goodly number of the Churches being already represented. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Stinson. Bro. A. E. Ford led in prayer. Bro. E. E. Crawford, pastor at McFarland had been chosen to bring the message. He read from 2 Kings 25:27-30 and brought a great message on the Grace of God. An invitation was given to the lost to receive Jesus. There was no response.

Bro. Travis Hubbard was elected to bring the 9:30 a.m. devotional Tuesday. Services dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Charles Crouch.

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Match 20.

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Services opened with the Assistant Moderator, Bro. A. A. Harris in the chair. Congregational singing was led by Bro. Norval Ketchum. Opening prayer led by Bro. Lee Dawdle.

The Moderator introduced Bro Travis Hubbard, Pastor at Ceres, as the devotional leader. Bro. Hubbard read from Rom. 14:19, III Jn. 9 and Mk. 10:37 and brought a wonderful, timely lesson on, "Following The Things That Bring Peace and Edification."

The Moderator received nominations for the speaker to deliver the Annual Sermon. Bro Norval Ketchum, pastor of the Redlands Church was elected. Bros. Henry Nance and Hayden McClung were appointed as reading clerks.

Motion and second that the letters be read in full, carried. Letters for the following Churches read: Armona, Antioch, Bakersfield, Brentwood, Ceres, Colton, Dominguez, Coachella, Eastside L.A., Corcoran, Escalon, Fresno First, Ford City, Friendship, Gloria Gardens, La Habra. Lost Hills.

A five minute recess was declared by the Moderator. Congregation & messengers assembled again with singing led by Bro. Martin Canavan. Prayer by Bro. Gafford.

Motion and second the 1:30 devotion period be dispensed with and the time given to business, carried.

The Moderator, Bro. C. C. Middleton, received nominations for the speaker to deliver the 3:00 p.m. message. Bro, Martin Canavan was elected. The Moderator introduced Bro. Norval Ketchum as the speaker to deliver the Annual Sermon. Bro. Ketchum read from Mal. 3:6 and delivered a good message on, "A Changing World Versus An Unchanging God."

Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30 p.m., carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. E. E. Crawford.

At 1:30 p.m. Tuesday services opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. M. J. Duncan.

Order of day business taken up-reading of letters. Following letters read: Airport, Hagginwood, Manteca, Maricopa, Centerville, Modesto First, New Hope, El Nido, Oakland, Ojai, Pixley, Redlands, Riverbank, Riverside, Roseville, San Jose, Santa Ana, Stockton. Tracy. Tulare, Valley Center, Wasco. Winton, Yuba City,

Motion and second the messengers named in the letters read be seated, carried. The following messengers recognized in the place of those absent: Stockton-Bro. Washburn, Armona-W. J. Keaster, Ford City-Irene Smith, Riverbank- W. S. Goulding. Gloria Gardens-N. O. West.

The Moderator called for the reading of petitionary letters. These were read for the following Churches: Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Sunshine Acres (Norwalk). Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. McKinley Missionary Baptist Church of Fresno. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. McFarland Missionary Baptist Church of McFarland. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. Merced Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried.

The 3:00 p.m. preaching hour was at hand. The Moderator declared a five minute recess. Messengers assembled again with singing led by Bro. E. E. Crawford. Prayer by Bro. W. P. Griffin.

The Moderator introduced the speaker. Bro. Martin Canavan, pastor at Corcoran. Bro. Canavan read from I Kings 18:17-24, 37-31 and led in prayer. A soul feeding and edifying message was delivered on, "Where Are The Elijah's of God." Bro. Canavan closed the message with prayer.

Reading of the petitionary letters was resumed. Letters were read as follows: Ontario Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. Ridgecrest Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive the Church and seat the messengers. The Re-reading of this letter was called for and read again by the clerk. Bro. Arvle Moore asked for a more clearer explanation of the phrase, "equality of Churches and Preachers," as found in the Ridgecrest letter, Bro. Moore also stated his opposition to the Statements of Cooperation of the N.A.B.A. which statements had been adopted by the Ridgecrest Church. Bro. Moore read from the principals of cooperation of the N.A.B.A. (What The N.A.B.A. Stands For.) and voiced his opposition to receiving the Ridgecrest Church on the grounds that what they had adopted stated that the Church cooperating with the N.A.B.A. was only a "unit" of that organization. Bro. Moore's grounds of opposing this Church was based on the article of the N.A.B.A. which article the Ridgecrest Church had

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adopted. The article stated, "In our work the churches determine all the policies and control the work through the messengers." Bro. Moore stated our work here was not carried on in this manner. Motion further spoken to by Bros Richard Harless, E. E. Crawford, C. R. Lyon. Bro. A. Harris read Statement 7 of our Statements of Cooperation. A motion to amend was made and seconded: That the original motion be postponed until the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate whether or not the Ridgecrest Church is in harmony with the Statements of Cooperation of the California State Missionary Baptist Association. The amendment was spoken to by Bros C. R. Lyon, A. E. Ford, Ammon Shoemake. Bro. Luther Cooper read from Statement 12 of Cooperation and also read statement 9 from the N.A.B.A. statements of cooperation and asked the messenger body if the two statements harmonized. The amendment further spoken to by Bros. C. E. Hunt, E. E. Crawford. Richard Hatless, M. J. Duncan, Arvle Moore, A. A. Harris. Bro. Hunt was asked to define the terms of his motion to postpone. Amendment further spoken to by Bros. M. B. Hubbard, Lee Dowdle. Question called for. The motion to appoint a committee of investigation, carried. Motion and second to make the vote unanimous, carried. Motion and second the committee be composed of five men, carried.

Nominations for the evening devotional leader were made. Bro. Wallace Cooper was elected. Nominations for the speaker to deliver the message resulted in Bro. Troy Mize being elected. Motion and second to adjourn until 7:00 p.m., carried.

The Moderator appointed the committee of investigation as follows: Bros. Travis Hubbard, Martin Canavan, Norval Ketchum, M. J. Duncan, Rex McClung. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Canfield,

7:00 p.m. Tuesday.

Services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. W. S. Goulding. Opening prayer by Br. Henry Nance.

Motion and second to have 30 minutes business before devotional & preaching, carried. Further reading of Petitionary letters taken up. Letters read as follows: South Sacramento Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. Ventura Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive this Church and receive the messengers, carried. Woodbridge Missionary Baptist Church. Motion and second to receive this Church and seat the messengers, carried. Motion and second the Moderator give the messengers of the new Churches the Hand of Fellowship, carried. Sis. A. A. Moore recognized as a messenger from Merced in the place of Charles Brown. The congregation sang, "At The Cross," while the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the above named.

A resolution concerning the changing of Statement 16 of the statements of cooperation was read by the clerk. Motion and second to adopt the resolution, and it entered the 24 hour required waiting period.

The Moderator called for correspondence. There was none. Recognition of visitors called for. Next order of business taken up the election of officers. Motion and second the one receiving the highest vote be moderator and the second highest be assistant moderator, carried. Bro. C. C. Middleton was elected moderator and Bro. A. A. Harris was elected Assistant moderator. Motion and second to make the vote unanimous for these two, carried. Nominations were received for a clerk and treasurer. There being only one nomination a motion and second the nomination cease and Bro. Charles Crouch be elected by acclamation, carried. Bro. Travis Hubbard was elected as assistant clerk and treasurer.

The Moderator introduced Bro. Wallace Cooper, pastor at San Jose, as the devotional leader. He read from Lk. 8:22-25 & Mk. 4:35-41 and spoke on, "Where Is Your Faith." Bro. Pat Stinson took charge of the song service and led the congregation in singing, "When I See The Blood." Linda Mize sang, "I Won't Have To Cross Jordon Alone." Duet by Bro. Stinson and Sis. Ketchum, "Tell Somebody Today." The Congregation sang, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." Quartet, Bros. Cecil Harris, A. A. Moore, Jacob Schuh and Dorothy Schuh, sang, "Standing Outside."

After this good singing the Moderator introduced the evening speaker, Bro. Troy Mize, pastor at Tulare. He read from Rom. 3:9-23 and called on Bro. Leroy Gable to lead in prayer. Bro. Mize delivered, a great message on, "Depravity." Sinners were surely warned and shown their sinful condition. An invitation was given to the lost to accept Christ. There was no response.

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Nominations for the 9:30 devotional leader Wednesday morning resulted in Bra. Henry Nance being elected. Bro. M. B. Hubbard was elected to bring the Wednesday morning message. The hand of appreciation was given the devotional leaders and speakers of the day.

Minutes read and motion and second to adopt as read. Amendment to motion to strike from the minutes the points of order as recorded by the clerk, carried.

Various announcements were made. A resolution concerning the changing of Statement 12 of the statements of cooperation was read. A motion and second was made to adopt the resolution and it entered the 24 hour required waiting period. Motion and second to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Travis Hubbard.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Services opened with singing, "Love Lifted Me." led by Bro Canavan. Moderator, C. C. Middleton in the chair. Opening prayer by Bro. Homer Stewart. Bro Henry Nance was introduced as the devotional leader. He read from I Jn. 1 and spoke on, "True Fellowship." Testimonies were called for and many good testimonies of God's goodness and grace were given.

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Roll call of messengers. The Moderator appointed the various committees. The Moderator called for the Committee's report concerning the Ridgecrest Church. Bro. Martin Canavan read the Committee's report. Their unanimous recommendation was that the Ridgecrest Church be received and the messengers seated. Various questions were asked and answered. Bro. Ammon Shoemake moved the previous question-motion seconded and the vote was taken. Sixty for receiving the Ridgecrest Church and six opposed.

11:00 a.m. preaching hour. The Moderator introduced Bro. M. B. Hubbard, pastor of Modesto First Church as the speaker. He read from Dan. 2 and delivered a message on the, "Image of Nebuchadnezzar."

Motion and second to dispense with the 1:30 p.m. devotional and have preaching at 3:00 p.m., carried. Bro. Charles Crouch was elected as the 3:00 p.m. speaker. Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30, carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. J. W. Scott.

1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Services opened with singing led by Bro. N. A. Quick. Order of business taken up. Missionaries reports. Bro. N. A. Quick, missionary to Canada, gave an oral report of work done in Canada. Motion and second the report be adopted, carried. Sis. Mary Schuh recognized as messenger for the El Nido Church. Missionary D. F. Gafford read his report for work done the past year. Motion and second the report be adopted, carried. Bro. W. S. Goulding, missionary to Central America, read his report. Motion and second the report be adopted, carried. Bro. Merton Canfield read his mission report of work done since October 1950. Motion and second the report be adopted, carried. Bro. J. W. Lee gave his report of mission work. Motion and second to adopt his report spoken to by Bros. Lee Dawdle, Richard Harless & M. J. Duncan. Sis. Dowdle and Bro. Quick spoke to the report, urging the support of Missions. The report was adopted. The Committee report on Religious Literature was read by Bro. M. J. Duncan. Motion and second to adopt the report was spoken to by Bros. Duncan and N. A. Quick; report adopted. The Committee report on Temperance was read by Bro. C. E. Hunt. Motion and second to adopt the report was spoken to by Bro. Hunt, report adopted.

The Moderator declared a five minute recess. Messengers assembled with singing Bro. Charlie West recognized as messenger for El Nido Church.

The Moderator introduced Bro. Charles Crouch, pastor of Friendship, as the speaker to bring the message for the afternoon. His text was Ps. 119:126. He brought a solemn and impassioned warning to the congregation. By heeding his sincere exhortation. Baptist of California would be cemented together, not divided.

Letters for the following Churches read: Oakdale, Salinas, Harmony. Order of business resumed: Committee reports. The Committee report on Communism was read, by Bro. Martin Canavan. Motion and second to adopt the report, spoken to by Bros. M. Canavan, A. A. Moore, A. A. Harris, Wallace Cooper, J. L. Wisdom, Ammon Shoemake and N. A. Quick; report adopted. The Committee report on Christian Education was read by Bro. Hayden McClung. Motion and second to adopt the report, spoken to by Bro. Canfield; report adopted. The Committee report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. W. S. Goulding. Motion and second to adopt the report spoken to by Bros. W. S. Goulding, Ammon Shoemake, E. J. Martin. A. E. Ford, John Cooper. Rex McClung. Amendment to the report: Bra. W. S. Goulding was to ascertain if

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the three young men in Costa Rica, Central America, have been sent as missionaries by their Church. If so their names are to be put in the minutes and they be recommended to our Churches for support. Amendment and original report adopted. (At this time your clerk has not received this information from Bro. Goulding about these young men.)

Bro. W. S. Goulding was elected to bring the evening devotional. Bro. A. A. Harris was elected to deliver the evening message. Motion and second to have no regular business in the evening service, carried. Motion and second to adjourn until 7:00 p.m., carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Uriel Woody.

7:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Services opened with singing led by Bro. Canfield. Moderator C. C. Middleton in the chair. Opening prayer by Sis Lyon. Devotional leader, Bro. W. S. Goulding was introduced. He led in prayer and read from Jn. 3:16, 2 Cor. 8:1-5, and Phil. 4:10-19. Good testimonies were given. The congregational and special numbers in songs that followed surely did fill one with the Holy Ghost as the singers spoke in spiritual hymns and songs. After this good singing Bro. A. A. Harris, pastor at La Habra, was introduced as the speaker. He read from Dan. 5:25-28 and used for a text Jn. 6:68. "To Whom Shall We Go?" The burden of this great message was to the lost to turn to a living God. At the close of the message an invitation was given to the lost to come to Jesus, with no response. An invitation was given to backsliders to take up their cross, no response.

Bro. M. J. Duncan was chosen to bring the Thursday morning message. Motion and second to dispense with the reading of the minutes at the present time and read them at the close of regular business Thursday, carried. The congregation was led in singing while the hand of appreciation was given the various devotional leaders and speakers of the day. At the close of the dismissal prayer a young man came forward being burdened for the lost and requested prayer on the behalf of those lost who were present. A great prayer service was held with Bro. Ammon Shoemake and Bro. J. L. Wisdom leading is the praying. A further invitation was given to the lost to come to Christ, there was no response. Services closed with prayer by Bro. A. A. Harris.

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9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Charles Crouch. Opening prayer by Bro John Cooper. Moderator C. C. Middleton in the chair. Bro. N. A. Quick, missionary to Canada, was introduced as the devotional leader. He read from Acts 17:22-30 and called on Bro. Middleton to lead in prayer, then spoke on, "Repentance." Many good testimonies of thankfulness for God's mercy were given.

Motion and second that the messengers recommend to the Moderator to call a special session of the State Association for the purpose of revising our Statements of Cooperation. Spoken to by Bros. Richard Harless, John Cooper and A. E. Ford. Point of order raised: That discussion on the motion was out of order according to statements 11 and 16 until the motion had been presented in writing and lain on the table 24 hours, Point of order sustained by the Moderator.

Preaching hour arrived and a five minute recess was declared. The services resumed with singing. Prayer by Bro Middleton. Bro M. J. Duncan, pastor at Armona, was introduced as the speaker. He read from Mt. 16:13-19 and spoke on the subject, "The Church and Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ." A great message of instruction and exhortation was brought.

Motion and second to dispense with afternoon devotional and preaching and attend to regular business, carried. Motion and second to adjourn until 1:30 p.m., carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jack Carr. At the close of this prayer a young boy, David Brown, came forward and publicly confessed Christ as his Saviour. He had been led to Christ by personal workers during the foregoing service.

1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Services opened with singing, prayer by Bro. Luther Cooper. The hand of Christian fellowship was given David Brown.

The order of Regular business resumed: Committee reports. The Committee report on Home Missions was read by Bro. C. R. Lyon. Motion and second to adopt the report was spoken to by Bros. C. R. Lyon, G. W. Lee. D. W. Gafford, report adopted. The Committee report on Resolutions was read by Bro. J. L. Wisdom. Motion and second to adopt the report, carried. The Committee report on Conventionism was read by Bro. Luther Cooper. Motion and second to adopt the report, spoken to by Bro. Luther Cooper, report adopted. The Committee report on Obituaries was read by

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Bro. Wallace Cooper. Motion and second to adopt the report, spoken to by Bro. Duncan, report adopted. The Treasurers report was read and adopted as read. Miscellaneous business called for. Motion and second the messenger body of the State Association recommend to the Churches composing the same to have a special session of the Churches for the purpose of changing, revising, or rewriting the Statements of Cooperation; said meeting to be called by the Moderator at least 60 days in the future. This motion spoken to by Bros. C. R. Lyon, A. Moore, A. E. Ford, Richard Harless, M. J. Duncan, A. Harris, Troy Mize, C. C. Middleton, E. J. Martin, John Cooper, Herbert Schuh and Ammon Shoemake, Bro. Duncan moved the previous question, seconded by Bro. Canavan. The motion carried. Motion and second the resolution concerning statement # 16 be taken from the table for discussion. Substitute motion that the two resolutions on the table be dispensed with at this time and referred to the special called meeting, carried. Motion and second to accept the invitation of the Pixley Church to entertain the Association in 1952, carried. Motion and second the messengers recommend to the Churches to invite the special meeting of the messengers and send their invitations to the Moderator. The Moderator then to call the meeting to the most centrally located Church, carried. Motion and second the messengers give the Redlands Church a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for their splendid entertainment and reimburse them \$25.00 for expense incurred, carried. Motion and second to pay the clerk \$50.00, carried. Motion and second to adjourn until the 1952 session, carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. J. T. Talley.

Charles Crouch—Clerk

He never turned down an invitation to preach. He never wanted to lose time by stopping to eat, so usually had a sandwich to eat as he drove down the highways.

At age 90, his first airplane flight was made alone, to Little Rock, Arkansas for his Seminary Class Reunion.

He was proud of the fact that he was able to drive his car until his 91st birthday. He always wanted to feel self-sufficient and stay in his own home, which he did until July 1979.

In 1907 when he was 19, he talked Maude Hancock, who was only 16, into eloping in his buggy to Chandler, Oklahoma, the County seat. Charles and Maude Hunt were married 69 years. To this union, four children were born, Verdie Lee, Nora Frances, Charles Alfred and George Enoch. In 1913, he went to work for the Southern Pacific Railroad as a car inspector in order to support his family, staying with that employment for 25 years. In addition to this full-time job, during those same years, he put himself through high school, earned his Doctor of Divinity degree from the "Missionary Baptist Institute," Little Rock, Arkansas. When he was transferred to the small

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"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

My grandfather, who was affectionately called "Papa" by his four children, seven grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren, loved this passage. He read it often, modeling his life its Author, and dedicating himself to spreading the gospel and loving others to Christ. He was born Charles Enoch Hunt to Samuel J. Hunt and Nancy Holder in Morganville, Kentucky, January 23, 1888, in the same house where his father was born. He was the second son of a family of eight, consisting of his five sisters and two brothers. No one could ever refer to "Papa" as "unconcerned", "middle of the road" or "passive" for he was a vibrant, enthusiastic, and a totally active man for 91½ of his 92 years. He pastored churches until the age of 80, edited the Missionary Baptist Paper until the age of 76, taught Bible classes and was asked to fill the pulpit for various churches in the area until the age of 90.

California State Missionary Baptist Association Minutes of Special Meeting—June 8, 1951

Business Proceedings

Friday, June 8, 1951, at 9:30 a.m., messengers of the Missionary Baptist Churches of California met in special session at the McFarland Missionary Baptist Church.

Services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Troy Mize. Moderator C. C. Middleton in the chair. Prayer by Bro. John Cooper. Bro. E. E. Crawford, pastor of McFarland Church, gave a welcome address.

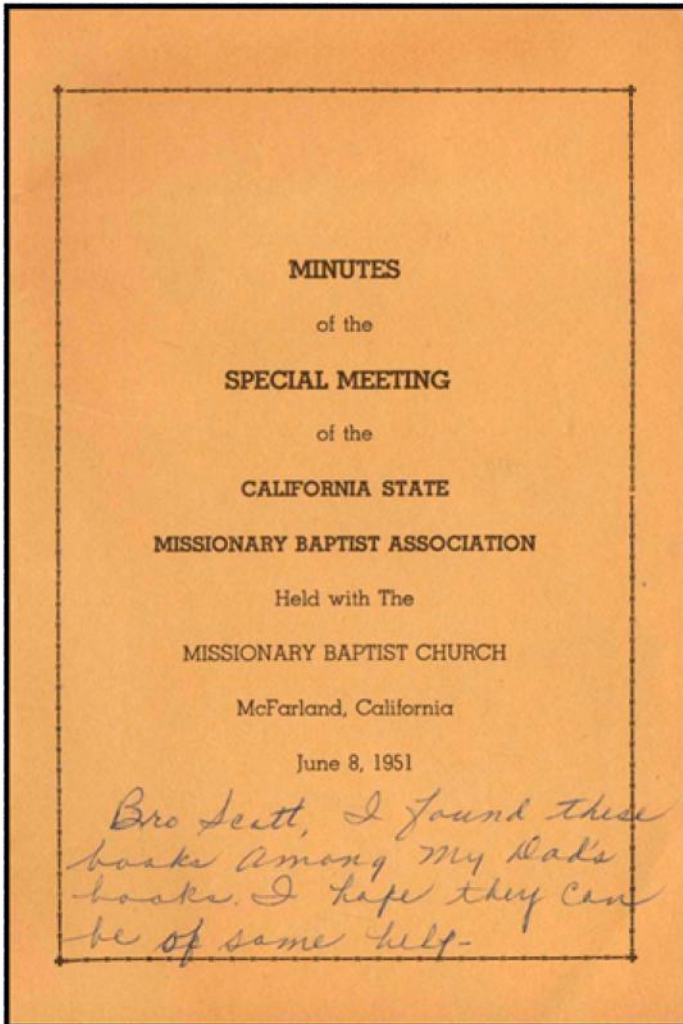
Motion and second that all duly elected messengers of the Churches be seated, carried. Letters were called for and reading clerks appointed: Bro's. Homer Tidwell and Allen Tabor. Letters for the following Churches were read: El Nido, Centerville, New Hope, Ford City, Bakersfield, McFarland, Roseville, Dominguez, Armona, Wasco, Oakdale, Salinas, Sanger, Valley Center, Norwalk, Ventura, McKinley, Tracy, Gloria Gardens, Yuba City, Santa Ana, Corcoran, South Sacramento, Ontario, Pixley, Merced, Riverbank, Manteca, Oakland, Woodbridge, Friendship, Antioch-Brentwood-Martinez (letter only), La Habra, Stockton, Fresno 1st, Tulare, Airport, Winton, Modesto 1st, Ceres.

Motion and second that the messengers be seated, carried. The clerk read the motion and second made at Redlands stating the purpose of the meeting at McFarland. Sis. John Cooper recognized as a messenger from Centerville. The Moderator stated the order of business. This order was objected to and appealed to the body. The body sustained the Moderator's ruling on the order of business to be taken up. Motion and second to rescind the act of sustaining the Moderator in his ruling on the order of business, lost-42 for, 46 against.

There was a motion and second to retain Statements of Cooperation, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, as they are written in the present minutes, carried. Motion and second to retain Statement of Cooperation Number 7 as written. Spoken to by Bro's. M. J. Duncan, Richard Harless. Motion and second to recess until 1:00 p.m., carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. C. E. Hunt.

1:00 P. M. FRIDAY

Services opened with prayer. Moderator C. C. Middleton in the chair. Discussion of Statement No. 7 resumed. Motion spoken to by Bro's. Martin Canavan, Ernest Bennett, M. J. Duncan, J. W. Scott, C. R. Lyon. Substitute motion offered: That No. 7 be changed to read: "Churches may be admitted into the Association by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present, such Churches to furnish satisfactory evidence of their soundness in the faith. Objection, Motion out of order. Objection overruled by the Moderator. Appealed to the body. The body sustained the Moderator's ruling. Substitute motion spoken to by Bro. E. E. Crawford. Substitute motion lost—requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass. Original motion further spoken to by Bro's. C. E. Hunt, George Walton, C. R. Lyon, M. B. Hubbard, A. A. Harris. Substitute motion offered: That Churches in harmony with the principles of this Association, who vote in their conference to cooperate with the same, shall be admitted by a majority vote into the Association, Spoken to by Bro's. C. E. Hunt, M. J. Duncan, E. J. Martin, E. E. Crawford, John Cooper, R. R. Farris, Martin Canavan, A. A. Moore, Richard Harless. Substitute motion lost—requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass, 46 for-45 against.



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Further discussion of the original motion by Bro's. C. R. Lyon, Troy Mize, W. Lovelady. Substitute motion offered: That Churches in harmony with the principles of this Association may be admitted by a unanimous vote. If a unanimous vote is not received a committee will be appointed by the Moderator to investigate the petitioning Church and report their findings to the messenger body present. The Church may then be admitted by a two-thirds majority vote into the fellowship of this Association. Spoken to by Bro's. A. Tabor, A. Harris, J. Barnett, A. Moore, M. Canavan, R. Harless. The substitute motion lost—requiring a two-thirds majority vote to pass—47 for, 42 against.

The question was called for on the original motion: To retain Statement No. 7 as written. The motion lost by a vote of 43 for, 46 against, the Moderator ruling that it required only a simple majority vote, his ruling sustained by the body.

Motion and second that the Moderator appoint a committee to write a change of Statement No. 7 and submit it at the earliest possible time to the body present. Spoken to by Bro. E. J. Martin. Motion to recess for supper until 7:00 p.m., carried. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. D. Burch.

7:15 P. M., FRIDAY

Services opened with singing led by Bro. E. E. Crawford. Moderator C. C. Middleton in the chair. Prayer by Bro. Smart.

Substitute motion offered: That a statement concerning No. 7 be presented to the Churches, to be acted upon by the Churches before our next meeting to add to No. 7, "That an objection to receive a Church into the Association must be on scriptural grounds." Spoken to by Bro's. E. Bennett, C. E. Hunt, M. J. Duncan. Motion lost by a vote of 49 against—17 for. Sis. Tabor recognized as a messenger from Oakdale. Motion and second that the original motion—a committee be appointed to write a new No. 7, be carried or lost by a simple majority vote, carried. Original motion discussed again briefly, motion lost.

Motion and second made that Churches in harmony with the principles of this Association may be admitted by a unanimous vote of the messengers. If a unanimous vote is not received, a committee will be appointed by the Moderator to investigate said Church and report their findings to the messenger body. After such investigation a two-thirds majority vote will admit such a church into the fellowship of this Association. Spoken to by Bro's. M. Canavan, E. Bennett, R. Harless, E. Crawford, A. Harris, C. R. Lyon, M. J. Duncan, H. B. Beam. The motion carried with a vote of 45 to 28. Bro's. A. Moore and R. Harless requested to go on record as objecting to a simple majority vote ruling on this motion.

Motion and second that Statements 8, 9 and 10, remain as written in the minutes, carried. Motion and second to add to Statement No. 11 the words, "if necessary". Motion to amend the motion, to change the position of the words and make Statement No. 11 read, "and if necessary continue through Saturday", carried. Motion and second to retain Statements 12, 13 and 14, as written in the minutes, carried. Motion and second the resolution concerning Statement No. 16 be lifted from the table for discussion, carried. The resolution of proposed change in No. 16 was read and spoken to by Bro. A. Harris. Motion of amendment offered, that No. 16 read as follows: "These statements may be added to, or amended or abrogated by a two-thirds vote of the Churches of this Association at the regular meeting of the messengers. When the announcement of such action has been made in writing and submitted by a Church of this Association to all sister Churches two months before the messengers meet. The Churches will send their vote either by letter or instructed messengers. Two-thirds of the Churches thus reporting their desire for the change, the change shall be made. This amendment spoken to by Bros. G. Walton, R. Harless, C. E. Hunt, A. Harris, D. C. Cooper, A. Moore. The resolution as amended was adopted. Motion and second to retain No. 17 as written in the minutes, carried.

Motion and second to accept the invitation of the Riverbank Church to entertain the 1952 session of the Association, carried. Motion and second that the minutes be read as the last order of business, carried. Motion and second a standing vote of appreciation be given the McFarland Church for their fine entertainment—unanimous vote by all present. Motion and second that a request be granted that the meeting be ended with a season of prayer in behalf of a better united work in California, carried.

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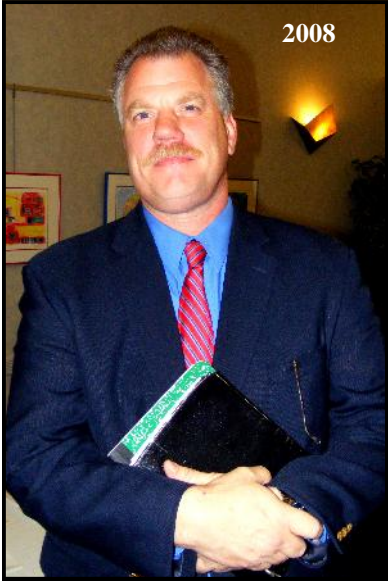
Bro. and Sis. Buttram introduced as visitors. Motion and second that minutes of this meeting be printed and distributed, carried. Minutes read and approved. Motion and second to adjourn, the meeting closed with a good season of prayer.

CHARLES CROUCH, Clerk.

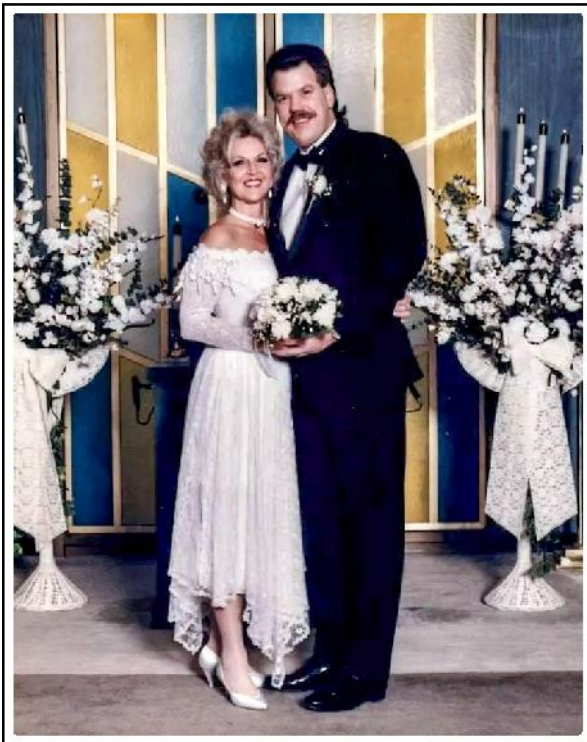
Messengers:

Armona—M. J. Duncan, Haskel Dane, Green Parker.
Airport—Richard Harless, E. G. Ward, Alberta Harless.
Antioch—Letter only.
Bakersfield—Henry Cloud, Basil Brandon, Wanda Dotson.
Brentwood—Letter only.
Centerville—John Cooper, Sis. Cooper.
Corcoran—Martin Canavan, L. S. Cotton, Dorothy Canavan.
Ceres—Travis Hubbard
Dominguez—C. R. Lyon, Sis. Lyon, Sis. Sneed.
El Nido—Herbert Schuh, Henry Nance, Jacob Schuh, Jr.
Ford City—Lee Collum, Porter Garrett, Walter Smith.
Fresno 1st—C. E. Hunt, Maude Hunt, D. C. Cooper.
Friendship—Charles Crouch, John Knight, Meredith Cruise.
Gloria Gardens—C. C. Middleton, Leonard Ford, Frank Carlton.
La Habra—A. A. Harris, J. G. Ashlock, J. B. Presson.
McFarland—E. E. Crawford, A. L. Beene, M. H. Hampton.
Manteca—George Walton.
Modesto 1st—M. B. Hubbard, Charles Burleson.
Martinez—Letter only.
Merced—A. A. Moore, Elva Moore, Carol Moore.
McKinley—Bro's. Harness, Hendrix, Bums.
New Hope—Luther Cooper, Willard Lovelady, Lee Doddle.
Norwalk—Merton Canfield, L. B. Shaver, L. A. Logue.
Oakdale—Allen Tabor, Dee Burch, Troy Ward.
Ontario—Homer Tidwell, Ora Holloway, Clara Holloway.
Oakland—Ernest Bennett, Elizabeth Bennett, Georgia Brown.
Pixley—J. W. Scott, Stella Scott, Artie Miller.
Riverbank—Ben Crawford, W. S. Goulding, Anna Crawford.
Roseville—H. B. Beam, Chester Hunt, H. E. Hart.
Santa Ana—E. J. Martin.
Sanger—Taylor Reese, L. M. Branch, Naomi Branch.
Salinas—D. O. Ross, A. L. Purcell, Sis. Purcell.
South Sacramento—J. F. Barnett, Alice Marler, Sue Harty.
Stockton—J. T. Talley.
Tracy—Ezra Mize, Abbigail Swepston.
Tulare—Troy Mize, Gloria Mize, Robert Yarbrough.
Valley Center—W. E. Dickerson, Virgil Casey, Sis. Diskerson.
Ventura—Raymond Mouser, Julia Mouser, Charles Maki.
Winton—J. A. Ashcroft, C. H. Case, Edna Case.
Woodbridge—O. E. Hall, Sis. Hall, James Albritton.
Wasco—A. P. Shoemake.

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