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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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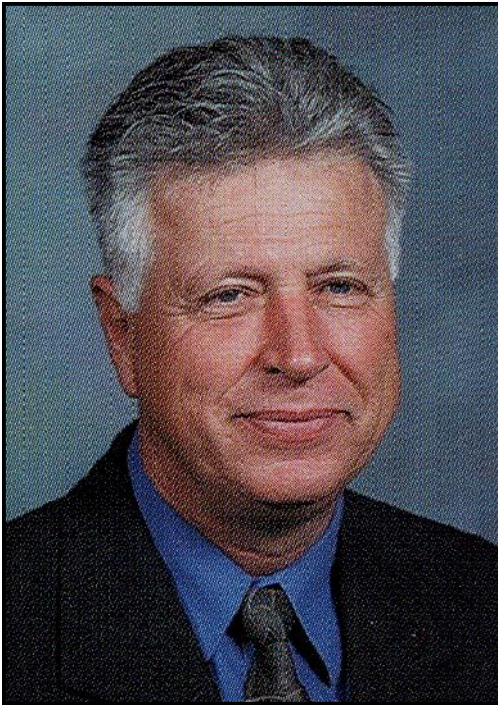
## Special Edition Kenneth Wayne Beene

### **Bro. Beene is very much alive!**

I just received a package of information that Bro. Beene thought might be of interest to our State's History & Archives Committee.

The material for this edition came from that package. Thank you, Bro. Beene.

You may reside in Tennessee, but you are still in our hearts here in California.



**2000 ABA  
Ministers Directory**

### **Beene, Kenneth Wayne**

Brother Kenneth was born September 21, 1943 to strong MB parents. He grew up in California and was saved and baptized in the McFarland MBC, August 1954.

He served as State youth president in 1962 and surrendered to preach September of 1962. In 1965 he married Linda and they have three sons.

He was called to preach and ordained at FMBC, Bellflower in February of 1967 and went on the State field as missionary for the Coop Association. He pastored at Redding and Visalia MBC 1969-77. He then pastored Myrtle Creek, Oregon until May of 1982.

After coming back to California he pastored the Arroyo Grande MBC from 1982-93 and then Clovis MBC 1993-2005.

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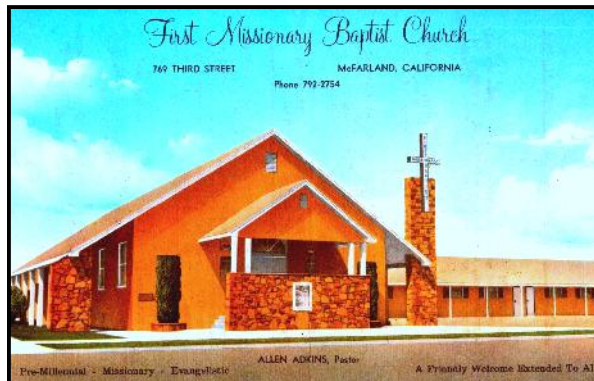
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# Kenneth Wayne Beene Ordination Council Minutes



## Brief Sketch Kenneth Wayne Beene:

Saved Sunday Morning September 21, 1952

First Missionary Baptist Church  
McFarland, California  
Elder E. E. Crawford, Pastor

Sunday Evening Sept. 21, 1952, a revival meeting began with Bro. D. O. Ross of Salinas preaching—At the close of services, Wayne and two other people were baptized.

September 12, 1962—During a revival meeting, with Bro. D. S. Madden as the evangelist, Wayne surrendered to preach the gospel and was licensed by the First Missionary Baptist Church, McFarland.

September 14, 1962, Wayne preached his first message after surrendering to preach.

September 16, 1962, the church gave Wayne \$100.00 to help him enter C.M.B.I.

September 17, 1962, Wayne enrolled in C.M.B.I., Bellflower, Calif.

February 17, 1967—Ordination service at the First Missionary Baptist Church, McFarland—Bro. Allen Adkins Pastor. Wayne was ordained as a Minister of the gospel to take up work in a mission in Redding, Calif. Bro. Roy Reed brought the message for the ordination service.

## First Missionary Baptist Church

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MCFARLAND, CALIF.

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PASTOR ~~Allen Adkins~~  
Allen Adkins

SPECIAL SERVICE FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 1967

The ordained help present assembled in the Educational Building of the First Missionary Baptist Church, McFarland, California, for the purpose of forming the Presbytery to examine Bro. Kenneth Wayne Beene, for Ordination to the Ministry. Bro. Beene plans to move to Redding to work with a group of people there in a Mission, therefore his ordination has been called for. The Church in McFarland, where he is a member, voted Feb. 5, 1967 to ordain him to the work of the ministry on Feb. 17, 1967.

Bro. Allen Adkins was elected Moderator.

Bro. Autrey Lee Beene, Clerk

Bro. Roy M. Reed, elected to bring the message and Charge.

Bro. Martin Canavan, to question the candidate.

Bro. L.T. Fiser, Jr. to present the Bible.

Bro. Kenneth E. Beene, to present the Candidate.

Motion made and second that the Charge and message be combined. Motion carried

Bro. Bill Hoppert was elected to lead in the Ordination prayer.

The Presbytery was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Newsom, to re-assemble in the Sanctuary.

Those forming the Presbytery were: Allen Adkins, Autrey Lee Beene, Mentus Hampt, Ronny Cowart, of McFarland. Roy M. Reed, L.M. Branch, Harry T. Merry of Bellflower. Martin Canavan of Dominguez. Hoyt Chastain, Norwalk. Kenneth Hooper Kenneth E. Beene, Porterville. Bill Hoppert, W.E. Newsom, L.T. Fiser, Jr., or Corcoran. J.W. Godbehere, Walter Woolley, Paul P. Blair, Houston Tiner, or Wasco. L.D. Perdue of Cypress.

The Moderator, Bro. Adkins, called for reading of Council minutes by the clerk Motion made by Bro. A.J. Hopkins, seconded by Bro. Gene Holland, that the Church approve the Council as formed. Motion carried.

Prayer was led by Bro. Andrew Kolosky.

Bro. Kenneth E. Beene, father of the Candidate, presented the candidate,

Bro. Kenneth Wayne and his wife Linda.

Bro. Martin Canavan led in questioning the Candidate.

Motion made by Bro. Reed, seconded by Bro. Fiser, that the council recommend

Bro. Wayne Beene to the Church for Ordination.

Motion made by Bro. Gene Holland, seconded by Bro. Don Campbell, that the Church accept the recommendation of Council and proceed with the Ordination.

Motion carried.

Prayer was led by Bro. Hoppert, followed by laying on of hands by the Presbyter;

The Bible was presented by Bro. L.T. Fiser, Jr.

The Message and Charge by Bro. Reed, from 1 Timothy 4:9-16 with emphasis on the 16th verse "Importance of Contending for Baptist Doctrine."

Motion made by Bro. Gene Holland, seconded by Bro. Millard Dowling that we thank them for coming and dismiss the Council. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bro. A.L. Beene, seconded by Bro. M.H. Hampton, that the Church endorse Bro. Kenneth Wayne Beene, for the work in the Reading, California Mission. Motion carried.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. L.M. Branch.

Council Clerk, Autrey Lee Beene

# Kenneth Wayne Beene

## 1997 Moderator's Address—Cooperative Association

### MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

#### REFLECTIONS OF THE PAST



Brother Kenneth Wayne Beene

I wish to thank this body for the confidence that you have extended unto me by allowing me to serve you. It is a blessing to serve the Lord's churches in whatever capacity that might be available. I believe that the churches of this assembly reflect the kind of church that Jesus established during His personal ministry, that this assembly reflects the kind of New Testament churches that have endured through time, even while under duress in every age.

We recognize those churches had not been held in esteem but derided. The history of those churches have been obscure, their members have been persecuted but their integrity unshaken. Those churches joined around a platform of certain cardinal truths, enjoying the sweet fellowship of cooperation that continued to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

There is a well-known digest of church history, "THE TRAIL OF BLOOD," by J. M. Carroll. In his writing he acknowledges the fundamental doctrines that identified the true churches in every age. No matter the name, whether it be Montanists or Waldenses or simply Ana-Baptist, the names may have changed but the doctrines were the same. The historian lists these ten identifications:

1. Christ, the author of this religion, organized His followers, or disciples, into a church.
2. This organization or church, according to the Scripture and according to practice, was given two kinds of officers, pastors and deacons.
3. The churches in their government and discipline were to be entirely separate and independent from each other.
4. To the churches were given two ordinances, and only two, baptism and the Lord's supper.
5. Only the saved were to be received as members of the church. Salvation was by grace without works. These saved, and they only, were to be immersed in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.
6. The inspired Scriptures, and they only, were to be the rule and guide of faith and life.

7. Christ Jesus, the founder of this organization and Savior of its members, was to be their only priest and king, their only Lord and lawgiver, the only head of the churches.
8. This religion of Christ was to be individual and personal, and purely voluntary.
9. The only name He gave His followers was the name "church" and, if more than one organization was referred to, they were called churches.
10. There has been complete separation of church and state.

Together these are the fundamentals of our fellowship. These serve as the test not only of the past but the present. Can we be less than our forefathers? Our fellowship should signify that we stand for these same principles.

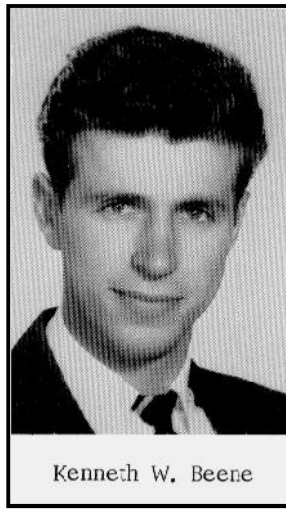
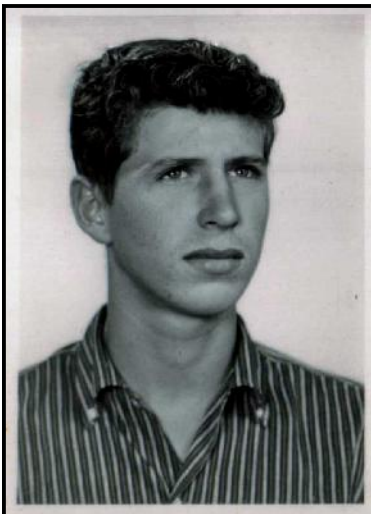
Sometimes major principles are mixed with personal preferences. Sometimes such personal preferences cause friction. A special brother of the past used an expression of wisdom, to this effect, "On majors conformity and on minors liberty." There are major doctrines, those handed down through the ages, that we expect the conformity that brings unity, but on minors we allow freedom. You may ask, "How is one to identify those that are major and those that are minor?" It is the simple test of fellowship that you execute every time you accept and grant letters.

May I say, if you would not or have not made a test of fellowship at home over some issue in the form of granting and receiving of letters, please don't try to make a test of fellowship in our deliberations.

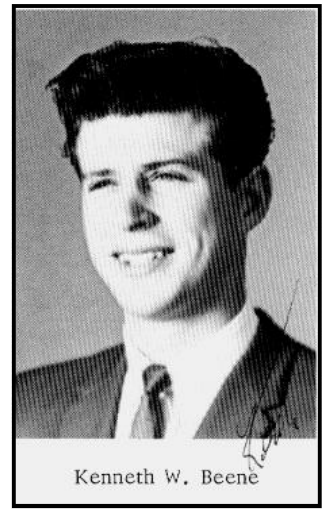
Let's continue to be known by the identity of our brethren of the past, to enjoy the unity of these fundamentals and extend the freedom of personal preference. Let us focus on the work that is before us for the glory and honor of the Lord.



M. D. Keeling, Lester Miller, K. W. Beene



Kenneth W. Beene



Kenneth W. Beene

**1964 CMBI  
Yearbook Photo**

**1965 CMBI  
Yearbook Photo**

Courtesy of Kenneth Beene

# Kenneth Wayne Beene

## 1998 Moderator's Address—Cooperative Association

### MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

#### "WELLNESS"



Brother Kenneth Wayne Beene

Officers, messengers, visitors, it is with a true sense of unworthiness that I stand before you once again, for the privilege of addressing this, the 48th gathering of the Cooperative Association of Churches of the State of California. I direct your attention to Revelation 3:17.

A story once told me, I think it is worth sharing with you as I look at these verses. The story is fictitious, though the foundation truth is reflective of all nature. The account could be set by a visit to Jamie and Sandy to Uncle Joe's farm, where there has been the

birth of a new litter of kittens. The mother cat, Josie, had become sickly previous to delivery. Uncle Joe mixed medicine with peanut butter and rubbed the potion all over the feet of Josie the cat. Uncle Joe shared with the children his concern. He told the kids, "If mommy cat is going to get well, she needs the medicine that I mixed with the peanut butter." His final statement was, "If she's too sick to clean herself up, she'll die."

Revelation 3:17, "...knowest not that are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." If you won't clean yourself up, you'll die. This principle of life effects all forms of life. Medically, the doctor recognizes the importance of the will to live, particularly as one faces a difficult surgery or recovery process. The focus is on the will to live and meet the needs that would promote well being. God wants **wellness** in the land.

I'm sure God wants **wellness** in our country. Proverbs 14:34, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Sick is a word that describes the attitude and values of our nation from the house of ill repute to the White House. Ours is a nation that was founded on a search for freedom to worship, but now that freedom is in decay of loathsomeness, like leprosy. A country that began in the spirit of providence is swallowed up in promiscuity. A country that began in divine lawfulness is now a law to itself. A nation that had a greatness is now sick and stumbles on its shame. Our cry is, "Is there a balm in Gilead, a cure for our country?" Psalm 13:3, "If the foundations be destroyed, what shall the righteous do?" More clearly, what are the righteous doing? Is it true that God's people are not distressed? Have they lost the natural blush? Has the power of wealth become more important than the laws of God? What are we doing? Are we sounding out the warning. If we're not willing to clean ourselves up, we'll die. Our nation needs prayer, the medication of repentance that will bring about deliverance from the loathsomeness of sin.

I believe that God wants **wellness** in the family. The first institution that God established was the home. The institution of marriage is in trouble in America. Nearly half of the marriages end in divorce. Ten percent more go through a time of separation. Together it is recognized that 60% of marriages face great crisis. The nature of marriage has lost its value. Instead of a permanent commitment, it is now only a temporary arrangement. Paul wrote that marriage is a holy estate. The inspired word addresses the problem in the means of a reminder. "Husbands, love, honor, nourish, cherish your wives." To the wives, Paul further says, reading from the Amplified, Ephesians 5, "...Let the wife see that she respect and reverence her husband, that she notice him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates and esteems him..." The relationship of the home is a reflection of Christ and his relationship to the church. I believe the stronger the bonds of the home, the stronger the testimony of the church. As pastors, we need to encourage couples to spend more time planning for a marriage, rather than planning for a wedding. Satan continues his attacks on the first institution with the results that will be felt in generations to come. There's only one hope for recovery---the love of God ingested in the home will bring health.

Then further, God wishes **wellness** in His churches. To Israel, God's chosen, those called by His name, was promised a healing in the land. Sickness can also strike his church today. The church at Laodicea had a disease that had left them wretched and blind and miserable. The ailment was brought on by a fever, lukewarmness, neither hot or cold. Their condition increased because of their prosperity. They had little need of God. They needed nothing. We have our illnesses. One is suspicion, that is catered by an unjust hope. This suspicion paralyzes our ability and desire to cooperate in joint efforts. Another sickness, that of opinion and self preference, wrapped itself in man's traditions. This sickness is bias to region and culture. Intolerance is a stifling disease. It draws out the energy of individuality. It demands that all move and speak with a empty mechanicalism. Our Lord challenges the churches of Laodicea to health and well being in a zealous work. The command of the Lord would bring about purity, based on the Word and righteousness. Health in the churches will then produce an action motivated by love, rather than obligation. One said, "Not only do we need orthodoxy, but we need orthodoxy." Let us work together to accomplish the will of our Lord as this age closes.

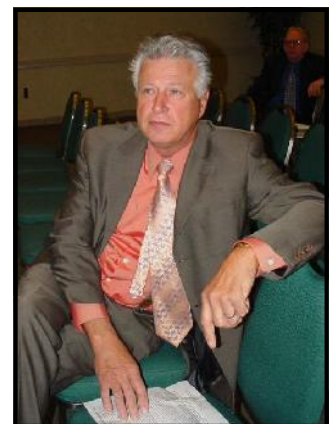
God bless this assembly of churches with health and vitality that we may see God's will and have the purpose to perform it.



M. D. Keeling, Lester Miller, K. W. Beene



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## Wedding Vows Are Said In McFarland Church

Linda Nell Schieler of Terra Bella and Kenneth W. Beene of Porterville exchanged their wedding vows in the First Missionary Baptist church in McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Schieler and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Beene are parents of the bridal couple.

Reverends C.E. Woods of Arroyo Grande and Allen Adkins of McFarland officiated at the double ring rites at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, June 19, in the presence of 200 relatives and friends.

ESCORTED and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor length gown of white silk organza, fashioned with square neckline, short sleeved lace bodice, frosted with pearls and a full skirt that swept into a chapel train. Pearl trimmed satin petals secured her bouffant veil.

SHE carried a Phalaenopsis orchid, surrounded with feathered carnations on a white lace covered Bible. The bride observed tradition by wearing old brocade heels, a blue garter and placing a new lace cover on the White Bible she had borrowed.

As maid of honor Lavona Beene, sister of the groom, wore a turquoise satin brocade dress in street length. A matching rose secured her face veil and she carried a colonial bouquet of carnations with white and turquoise streamers.

WEARING dresses identical to that of the honor attendant were the bridesmaids Joan Daley and Carol Phillips.

AUDINE Schieler, niece of the bride, was flower girl. Her floor length gown was of white satin in

Empire style. A satin rose secured her veil and she carried a white basket trimmed with white net and turquoise flowers.

THE RINGS were carried by Alan Dobbs of Hacienda Heights, a cousin of the bride.

SAMMY BEEENE of Fresno served his cousin as best man. Escorting the guests and assuming the duties of groomsmen were Rodger Cowart of Pixley, Ross Hampton of Delano, Larry Schieler and Darrel Schieler of Terra Bella and Randy Beene of Porterville.

COUSINS of the bridal pair, Michael Dobbs of Norwalk and Lyle Damron of Arvin, lighted the candles.

MR. and Mrs. Gene Holland of Delano were vocalists, presenting "I Love You Truly" and "The Lord's Prayer." They were accompanied at the organ by Wally Snoddy of Delano.

WHITE roses, stock, chrysanthemums and gladioli were used in the chancel baskets and ivy and satin roses decorated the seven light candelabra which held white tapers. White pew bows marked the white carpeted bridal aisle.

THE turquoise and white color theme was also carried out at the reception which was held in the church Fellowship hall. The bride's table, laid with gleaming damask, was centered with a four tier cake, topped with wedding bells. Candle holders, with turquoise tapers, were trimmed with white ribbon roses and nosegays of turquoise and white wedding bells were scattered on the table.

HOSTESSES were Mmes. Marshall Dobbs, A. L. Beene, Skip Wade, Dwight Damron, Darrel



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH W. BEENE  
... Establish Bellflower Home  
Edwards Stud



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# Kenneth Wayne Beene The Baptist Sentinel

March, 1967



### Wayne Beene Going to Redding as Missionary

Pictured above is Elder and Mrs. Kenneth Wayne Beene — Wayne and Linda. Brother Beene was recently ordained to the ministry by the church at McFarland. He has moved to Redding, California, to establish a mission there between Redding and Shasta. Several families in this area are working with him to establish a Missionary Baptist Church. He is sent out by the church at McFarland.

Brother Beene has completed four and a half years in CMBI. He is an able preacher and a tireless worker. The Sentinel joins his sponsoring church and all his friends in wishing him a prosperous and successful work in his new field of labor.

July, 1967

### KENNETH W. BEENE:

The summer vacation has caused the attendance at Central Valley mission to drop, but Kenneth and Linda know how to take such things. They are making plans to move into Redding where a more suitable meeting place, better potential, and opportunity to buy property can be had. Brother Beene gives a portion of his support to the building fund. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Porterville Church sent \$50.00 on their building fund. Thanks to the ladies of Porterville (First) for this offering. Brother Beene received \$229.78 in June. \$203.76 of this was designated to him through the treasury.

January, 1968

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THE BAPTIST

## NEWS FROM our MISSIONARIES

**KENNETH BEENE** reports progress the past few months. Their attendance in S.S. is in the 30's and 40's. You are requested to pray that God will provide them with leaders, helpers, teachers, etc. About half of their attendance is children. Brother Tom Burrows assisted them in a revival in November which proved a blessing to them. They gained a family in these services, and they have remained faithful since. Kenneth and Linda express appreciation for your faithful support, and ask that you make note of their new address. It is 2630 ALFREDA WAY, REDDING, CALIF. 96001. Their phone number is 243-7888. Bro. Beene received \$175.27 total last month.

March, 1968

### State Mission Report - -

#### KENNETH BEENE:

The reports from Ken and Linda, missionaries in Redding, are very encouraging. They have witnessed nine souls saved, six baptisms and much good solid ground work for the future during the nine months prior to the last report. They reached a new high last month of forty-eight in Sunday School. They are building a good image in the community, and the people with whom they work speak very highly of them. Bro. Beene received \$232.39 through the treasury in February. We do not have the amount he received on the field as yet. They are thankful for YOUR support.

June, 1968

### State Mission Report - -

#### Kenneth W. Beene, Missionary

At present the mission is in a slack period from 48 high to 20 low — summer vacation, etc. Ladies Auxiliary helping financially. \$67.00 raised since February. Pray for and support. Send money to treasurer, D. S. Madden.

February, 1968

### State Mission Report - -

**KENNETH BEENE** reports sixteen first time visitors in their mission at Redding which averages in the 30's. An extensive survey and visitation program has been begun, and a challenging program that has encouraged the people of the mission to work for the cause of the Master. Bro. Beene personally gives a large family Bible to the first one who brings twenty people to the services. Four children who are near winning the prize brought their parents, who heard the Gospel. They have also been blessed with visits by a Missionary Baptist family who recently moved to their area. Bro. Beene received \$42.78 on the field, and \$171.09 through the treasury. These young missionary brethren working as they are on the field need our prayers, support, and every encouragement. God bless them.

### Note from the Mission in Redding

To all Churches of the ABA:

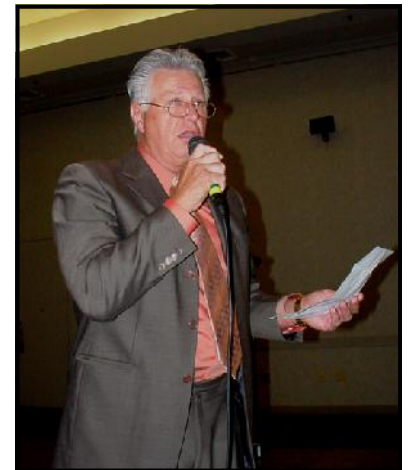
We are using this way to express our love and appreciation to all our churches, thanking them for their prayers and financial support of Bro. Wayne Beene at the Redding Mission. Words can't express our gratitude to all that have helped make this mission possible for us.

How thankful we are the Lord led a young man here as sound in Baptist Doctrine as Wayne; and his wife, Linda, does an outstanding job in teaching our young children.

We realize, since coming here, the great need for Ministers willing to serve the Lord in this kind of Missionary work.

May God continue to bless all of our churches everywhere.

The Gregory Family  
in the Redding Mission



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# Kenneth Wayne Beene The Baptist Sentinel



**THE NEW OFFICERS TALK IT OVER.** These are the officers elected in Visalia by the messengers of the churches composing the California Association of Missionary Baptists to preside at the 1978 meeting. L to R: Martin Canavan, clerk; Larry Clements, assistant clerk; J. W. Godbehere, moderator; Wayne Beene, host pastor; J. C. Pack, assistant moderator; and Dieter Bergstrasser, assistant moderator.



SOME DIDN'T REALLY get excited about anything that went on.



CALIFORNIA

May, 1983

## CMBI COMMENCEMENT MAY 20



**OUR TWO DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:** Pastor Wayne Beene on the left will deliver the commencement address, and Pastor Pat Christian will be speaking in the morning service.

A last reminder that the annual commencement for the California Missionary Baptist Institute & Seminary will be held with the sponsoring First Missionary Baptist Church of Bellflower on May 20. We will be looking for you to share the time of fellowship, and also encourage our

faculty and students by your presence. They have labored hard for eight months, and this is one way you can show them your support for what they have done. The morning service begins at 10 o'clock, and the evening session at 7:30 p.m.

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THE BAPTIST SENTINEL

May, 1982

## 675 First Nighters at California State Meeting

For the most part we let the camera tell the story of the 1982 annual messenger meeting of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of California. Eighty-eight churches were represented at the meeting by messengers with an additional nine churches represented by letter. The clerks have a rather accurate calculation of the attendance on opening night at 675. Indications were that the churches of California continue to grow with a mission spirit. An unbelievable number of missionaries are on the mission fields of the world today from these churches—and they are being supported.

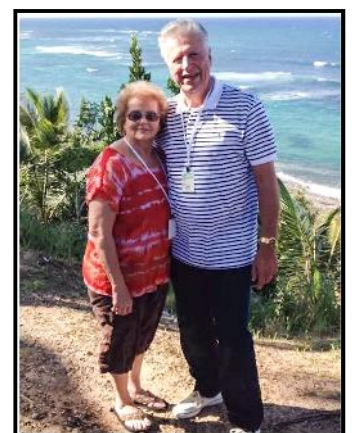
We were delighted to have visiting with us Dr. James B. Powers, business manager of our publications business, and Dr. D. S. Madden, secretary-treasurer of missions for the American Baptist Association churches.

Next year's youth committee is Bill Cooper, Stan Carney and Mel Higginbotham.

A major project of the History and Archive Committee this year is to produce in booklet form all the state and national associations' minutes from 1962 through 1981. This will give a 30-year coverage of the cooperative work in California.



**OFFICERS AND SPEAKERS FOR THE 1982 session** are, from left: Bill Fritz, assistant moderator; Bill Cooper, assistant music director; Arthur Richardson, moderator; Larry Clements, clerk; Lesmie Wiggins, assistant publicity director and missionary serman; Robert Williams, assistant moderator and alternate for missionary sermon; Bill Hopper, publicity director and introductory sermon; Wayne Beene, evangelistic sermon; Dave Butmore, music director; and Roger Bowline, mission treasurer. Not present for the photo were J. W. Godbehere, assistant clerk; Roy M. Reed, parliamentarian; C. C. Middleton, assistant parliamentarian; Joe Sleddum, alternate for introductory sermon, and Leslie Smith, alternate for evangelistic sermon.



# Kenneth Wayne Beene The Cooperative Association

**1967**



Left to right: Kenneth Wayne Beene, John Peach, L. D. Perdue, Jim Gage, L. M. Branch

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**1978**



Speakers  
Left to Right, Kenneth Beene, Art Richardson and Frank Fundaro.

**1983**



Kenneth Beene Preached the Evangelistic Sermon.

**1977**



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# Kenneth Wayne Beene Random Articles

## Elder Kenneth Beene called as pastor of Antioch church

Elder Kenneth Wayne Beene has been called as the new pastor of the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church at 219 S.E. Neal Lane in Myrtle Creek.

Elder Beene and his wife Linda have moved into the remodeled parsonage on the church property with their sons, Shandon, 8, and Brandon, 1.

Elder Beene attended the California Missionary Baptist Seminary for four years starting in 1962. His first pastorate was in the mission field at Redding, Calif., where he helped establish the Shasta Missionary Baptist Church.

Two years later, he accepted the pastoring at Visalia First Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, where he has labored for the past eight years. During that ministry, the church grew both spiritually and materially. An educational wing was added to the church



Elder Kenneth Beene

building and the property was landscaped. A parsonage was also purchased and the first mission sponsorship was undertaken.

The Visalia church, under Elder Beene's leadership, placed a full-time missionary in the field at Grand Junction, Colo., and is presently active in his support.

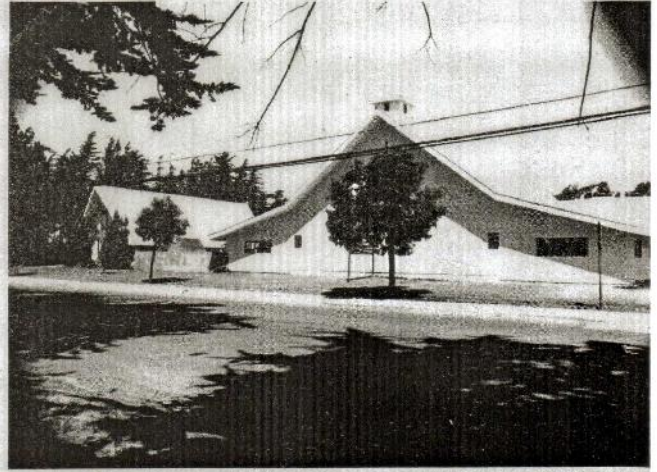
Elder Beene was well received by his brethren throughout California, serving as chairman of the State Pastor's Conference, host of the State Associational meeting for the past four years, director of state youth encampment programs and in various other offices.

**Myrtle Creek, Oregon  
June, 1977**



AND SOME OF OUR BROTHERS FROM THE VALLEY came down for the conference . . . and to breathe some salt air. (L. to R.) Ronnie Cowart, Kenneth Hooper, Richard Woodall, Shigeo Kanoaya, Kenneth Beene, and the editor . . . down by the beautiful sea.

## Arroyo Grande; New Pastor, New Building



LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING. Arroyo Grande.

Pastor Wayne Beene has returned from his sojourn in Oregon and is now on the field as pastor of the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church in Arroyo Grande, Ca. A few years ago Bro. Beene resigned as pastor of the church in Visalia, Ca., to serve as pastor of the church in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. He did a good work in Oregon, also serving as moderator of the Oregon State Association

while there. He is now back in California as pastor of the church in Arroyo Grande. We expect him to do a good work on this field also.

Inasmuch as we had never carried a picture of the new and expanded church plant in Arroyo Grande, we are doing so with this announcement. They have wonderful facilities in a growing area of the state.



PASTOR AND MRS. WAYNE BEENE

A heartfelt **THANK YOU**, Bro. Beene, for helping our State History & Archives Committee to preserve the historic treasures contained in this Issue of the Landmark Baptist Historian.

# Kenneth Wayne Beene

## Oregon State Association Moderator Addresses

### MODERATORS MESSAGE 1978

**Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Messengers of the Co-operative Association  
of Missionary Baptist Churches in Oregon:**

It is a privilege and honor to serve you as moderator of this assembly. My prayer is that our meeting will manifest our kindred interest and goals.

In II Kings 10:15, there were men of kindred interest and goals. Men that lived in a time of great sin and false religion. These men of God were blessed and given a victory over Satan. Jehu had been anointed king. After Jehonadab was greeted he was asked, "Is thine heart right as my heart is right with thy heart?" Jehonadab answered, "It is."

These were men of kindred interests and goals that were in agreement, and God gave them a victory. Our times are similar to those of II Kings. Sin is a flooding rampage from the slum to the palace. A time when false religion is in the "driver's seat". A time when Satan is attempting to infiltrate the ranks of truth.

We need hearts that are right with one another. Is thy heart right as my heart is right with thy heart? Our hearts should be in agreement to have a meeting that would promote the cause of Christ, with clear obtainable goals. A meeting that would encourage co-operation, trust, and fellowship. A meeting spirit-filled, with a spiritual wisdom.

Let us agree to be "agreeable". A meeting together that when parting will be one from which we can say, "It's been good!" And one which will cause us to look forward to a year of co-operation together.

**In His Service,  
Elder Kenneth Beene**

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### MODERATORS ADDRESS 1979

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

I am again honored to serve you as moderator this year. My prayers for the Lord's churches will be that which we do will be pleasing and lasting for the glory and honor of the Lord.

When the early Apostles of Acts 5 had been commanded not to preach the Gospel of Christ, Gamaliel pleaded to leave the Apostles alone. Gamaliel stated the test of time, as "That if the work were of man it would become nothing. But if of God it would last and not be overthrown."

There is no test so severe as the test of time. The actions we take will not be fully realized today or tomorrow, but the tomorrow of tomorrows. We can realize how the Word has stood the test of time, with all the attempts to destroy and maim it. And the Lord's churches has stood the fires of persecution in the test of the ages.

And certainly we realize that man's motivations are only as short as man's brevity of life, but God is holy and everlasting; his ways, plans, and purposes are everlasting.

We would, as an association of churches, that our goals and actions be acceptable to God. We would that the churches be edified and embellished. And all to stand the test of time.

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