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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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## —L. D. (Doug) Perdue — *Special Edition*

*Bro. Doug has left a tremendous legacy o his family and brethren, so that "...he being dead yet speaketh." Hebrews 11:4. Like the Apostle Paul, it can be said of him: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." II Timothy 4:7. It has truly been an honor to have laboured with him over the past 44 years. I have been privileged to call him brother, fellow-labourer and Friend.*

*Bob*

### *In Loving Memory*

*Luther Douglas Perdue*

--Updated Obituary--

April 3, 1926—July 14, 2016

**Luther Douglas Perdue**

was born April 3, 1926,

in Oakdale, California.

and passed from this life

July 14, 2016 at the age of 90.



Luther Douglas Perdue, 90, went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 14, 2016. Douglas was born in Oakdale, California. He married the love of his life, Otha Maurine Cook, on January 20, 1946,

beginning a happy 61-year marriage.

After Maurine went home to be with her Lord, Douglas married Alberta Harless who also went to meet her Lord. In May 2015, Douglas married Gloria Hiatt.

Douglas is survived by his wife Gloria, who survives at home, his daughters, Becky Loyd (Donald), Sarah Lewallen, and Priscilla McCright (Tom); 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 3 step-sons, and 2 step-daughters.

Douglas was also preceded in death by his first grandchild Dawn Marie Lewallen, son-in-law Dennis Lewallen, his parents, 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Douglas served in the ministry in Missionary Baptist Churches for over 73 years. During his ministry, over 1,000 souls were saved and he was involved in over 59 building programs. On the day of his death, he stated he was anxious to go to his heavenly home. The moment he stepped into Heaven, his eyesight was restored and he saw His Savior. Our loss is Heavens gain.

A memorial services will be held at 11 am, Saturday, August 6, at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church, 341 Claratina, Modesto. In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to Liberty Church-Mongolian Mission or your favorite charity.

—The Modesto Bee

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*ABA News Bulletin Board*

**Death of Elder L. D. Perdue**

Word has come that Brother Luther D. Perdue had died. He went to be with the Lord on Thursday, July 14, 2016, at the age of 90. He was a faithful servant of God who pastored churches in Arkansas, California, and Oregon, perhaps Washington as well. He was active as a historian of Baptist churches and associations. He was a member of Liberty Missionary Baptist Church where Rick Howard serves as pastor. Our prayers for this family, friends, and the church.

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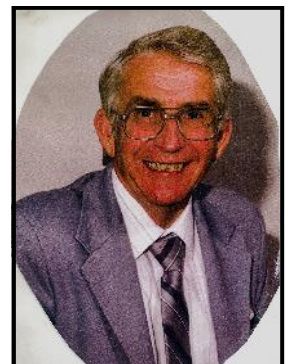
**Posted on Facebook**

From Priscilla:

L. D. (Doug) Perdue  
died July 14, 2016 at 4:40 PM.

From Priscilla: In case any of you have not heard, my dad, Luther Douglas Perdue, passed away last Thursday, July 14 in the afternoon after having an angiogram that morning. His Celebration of Life will be held at Liberty Missionary Baptist Church in Modesto on August 6 at 11:00 a.m. And what a celebration it should be. The life he lived was a full, happy one—his main objective in life was pointing people to the Lord. He loved Jesus and everyone around him could tell that as he served His Lord and Master with all his heart. Wherever he went, he managed to bring God into the conversation and what he loved the most was leading people to Christ. I know he will be very missed, not only by his family, but by his many friends that he was blessed to have throughout his 90 years.

**From L. D. Perdue's Facebook Page Album**



# L. D. Perdue's License—August 4, 1943 Ordination—March 4, 1944

## B.Y.P.T.C. RALLY AND ORDINATION

*This is to certify, that Brother Douglas Perdue is a member of The First Missionary Baptist Church, worshipping in Riverbank California, in good standing and full fellowship. Trusting God has called him to preach the gospel, we hereby license him to engage in the great work; and we offer to God our earnest prayers that he may become "a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."*

*Done by order of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Riverbank California, this fourth (4th) day of August, 1943.*

*Luther Cooper - Pastor  
Mrs W. A. Beatty - Clerk*



Riverbank church called for the ordination of a preacher in connection with a Young People's rally, at which the young people of the different churches rendered a wonderful program, beginning at 9:30 a.m., running to the noon hour, after which a good dinner was enjoyed at the church. At 1:30 p.m. the audience was again called together by singing, and after prayer a council of preachers and deacons was called together to consider the ordination of Brother Douglas Perdue, to the full work of the gospel ministry. The Council: Elders L. Cooper, J. Cooper, R.Y. Blalock, L. Dowdle, C.C. Middleton, R. Reed, C.E. Hunt, C. Crouch, J.R. Bowers. Deacons: Bro. D.W. Bowlan, Bro. Whitley, Bro. Ross, Bro. Harris, (who is also a young preacher), and Bro. Sevedge. Brother Bro. Perdue was questioned for a full Forty-five minutes on Bible and Baptist doctrine and answered satisfactory to everyone present, after which he was recommended to the church for ordination and the church in turn authorized the council to proceed with the ordination. Brother Perdue is one of the most humble, consecrated boys I have ever known, and I see nothing to prevent him from making one of the greatest preachers in the land.

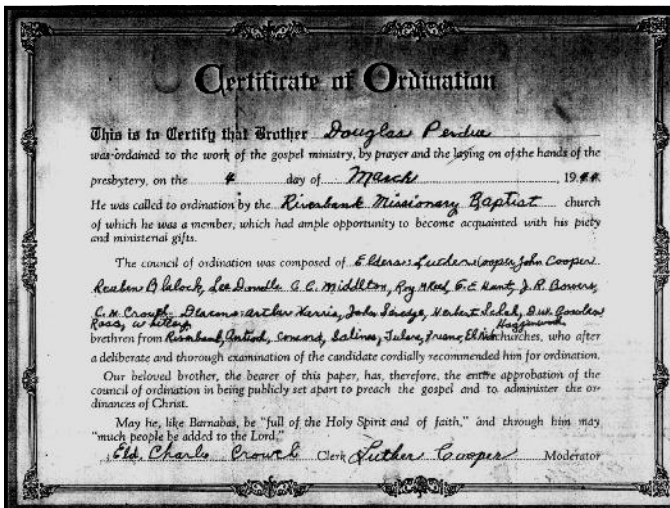
As printed in The California Missionary Baptist, Fresno, CA—C. E. Hunt, Editor—March 15, 1944

Note by editor:

About April, 1944, Riverbank church called for an ordaining counsel to consider ordaining Bro. Douglas Perdue. Bro. Perdue was a student in Fresno Bible School. The brethren saw fit to select me to question Bro. Perdue. Bro. Perdue had not had any coaching in the Bible school for his ordination. As we had spent all our time in Bible Analysis, Bible by Ages, Sermonizing, and English Grammar,

In addition to all the other questions, I asked Bro. Perdue, if he was willing, if ordained, to separate himself from every known sin, or any practice or habits that would hinder his usefulness in the gospel ministry, whether considered a sin or not. Brother Perdue answered that he was willing and had already quit habits that were hindrances to the cause of Christ. If he answered no, I am certain that he would not have been ordained. Brother Lee Dowdle said it was the most thorough examination and answered that he had ever witnessed. Baptists should return to demands on candidates for ordination, to lives of consecration in preparation for the ministry and deaconship, or refuse to set them apart for such sacred duties as the Bible requires of men.

As printed in The California Missionary Baptist. Fresno, CA—. E. Hunt, Editor—January, 1952



# Excerpts From L. D. Perdue's Autobiography

## —Oakdale Nov. 46 - Nov. 47

“After I resigned the Hamilton Church, Maurine and I moved back to Little Rock, into an apartment furnished by her dear grandmother and started making plans to go to California. Initially, our plans were to go out to California on a visit and then comeback and continue my schooling in Little Rock.

After we arrived in Oakdale, one of the most exciting years of my ministry began. There was a group of people, most of them relatives, who wanted to establish a church in Oakdale. Everyone at that time in my family were members of the Riverbank Missionary Baptist Church located about 5 miles from Oakdale. Bro. Jesse Scott was the pastor. Bro. Scott was favorable for this mission work to be established. It was about the first of December when we began services in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Oakdale. A goodly crowd was present. The interest was great. The spirit was good and it became very evident that we could soon organize into a church.

On January 3, 1947 the invitations went out for the organization of a Missionary Baptist Church. We had the services start at 9:30 and the church was organized. Ted Cooper, pastor of the Brentwood Church, led the meeting. Sonny Williams, one of our mission members prayed. Bro. Art Harris led in the devotion. Bro. Ted Cooper prayed the dedication prayer. Bro. Harris was chosen as clerk. Bro. R.Y. Blaylock read the Church Covenant and 22 members went into the charter of the new church. The church voted to adopt the Articles of Faith in the Baptist Way Book written by Ben M. Bogard. The churches represented were Brentwood, Antioch, Fresno, San Jose and Richmond. Bro. Jesse Scott preached the organization sermon. The church adopted the name, First Missionary Baptist Church and called me as their pastor. My brother Richard Perdue was elected as church clerk. At that time the church voted to ordain 3 deacons. Bro. Othie Perdue my father, and Bro. Richard Perdue, my brother and Bro. Sonny Williams. Another message was brought by R.Y. Blaylock using as his text II Timothy 3:16 and 17. Bro. Farris then dismissed the meeting in prayer.”

“The Oakdale Church was the first church that I led in the organization of. A lot has happened since then. I look back in the ministry there in Oakdale, I was only 20-21 years old and my how the Lord blessed. When I left Oakdale I made one of the biggest mistakes of my ministry. The church didn't want me to go but I was determined to have my way and insisted on them accepting my resignation, and then the wife and I moved back to Arkansas. I soon learned that it doesn't pay to be stubborn and have your own way, One should seek the will of the Lord and also respect the wishes of the church that you're working with.”

## —MODESTO, First Missionary Baptist Church (Tully Road)

“After resigning the South Crossett church, I packed my little family up and took off for California in a 1939 Ford Sedan. In spite of it being almost worn out we made it to Oakdale without undo trouble. However, once arriving in California I had a very difficult time finding a church or any kind of work that was worthwhile. My dear wife went to work in the Oakdale cannery and I watched after the girls.

I joined the Oakdale church with my family and the Oakdale church endorsed me for mission work. This was June 20, 1949. About this time there was a huge effort put forth by Ben Crawford, pastor of the Riverbank church, Alan Tabor, pastor of the Oakdale church, Tom Hicks, pastor of the McFarland church and Tom Lyons, State Missionary and others to have a city wide revival in a large auditorium in Modesto with the purpose of organizing a church. Tom Hicks was to be the evangelist. The students in the school in Riverbank were to be working with these churches and their pastors in canvassing the area. A lot of effort was put forth, a lot of homes were visited, a lot of advertisement was made and there was a good turn out for the meeting, but no real success. At the conclusion of the effort Brother Crawford, Brother Hicks, Brother Tabor, Brother Lyons and a few others with myself met together. Their decision was that at this time obviously we couldn't organize a work here in Modesto. I called their attention to the fact that I was a missionary and that I had a group of people ready to go into the organization of a church. I had already met with the Macintosh's and several other families. The names of the family at this point eludes me but I know that the Modesto church has the names of them. They agreed to go ahead and work with me in the organization of a church, which we did, and the Modesto church was organized in a German Baptist church building in downtown Modesto. We met in this building for a few weeks and then moved out to the South Modesto Acres area.

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# Excerpts From L. D. Perdue's Autobiography

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—CALIF. MISSIONARY 54-56

“We had a good trip from Arkansas arriving safely in Oakdale at my mothers. She had a large house that she was living in by herself, as my father had just recently died. We moved in with her for the time being and immediately began visiting around the churches of the Northern California Association with the idea of becoming the local missionary for this association. They're missionary Bro. Isaac Smith had resigned and had gone back to Colorado. The churches were having some problem with fellowship and their need for a missionary to pull them together and to do mission work was very great. I found that most of the brethren, if not all of them were very much in favor of getting a missionary who could work with all the churches. Bro. Lawrence Crawford was pastor at the Hayward Church in Oakland. Bro. M. F. Downing was pastor at Antioch; Monroe Patterson was pastor of Riverbank. These were three of the brethren who worked very closely with me to get me to be a missionary. Bro. Wayne Easlan was pastor at Oakdale. Bro. Monroe and Ed Hall and I drove around and visited just about all of the pastors of the churches. They were very favorable of me being a missionary. I lived in Oakdale and joined the Antioch Church and was sent out by the Antioch Church as missionary. This proved to be a very wise decision as far as bringing the fellowship of the churches back together. I had the privilege of visiting most of the churches within the few weeks of starting and I could see that conditions were really ripe for the churches to work closely together and they did.”

“My first mission report was put out October 1, 1954, to the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and all other cooperative churches of the Northern California Landmark Association. In the report was a paragraph that read thusly; and I quote: "Brethren, here is the reason I believe the Lord led me to California and the work here in this association. I was pastor of Sulpher Springs Missionary Baptist Church. Sulpher Church was organized in the 1880's. She is in the oldest association of Baptist Churches of any kind West of the Mississippi. The Saline Association was organized in 1836, nine years before the Southern Baptists. In 1889, this association of Landmark Missionary Baptists severed all ties with the Convention. At the present time there are close to 60 churches in this association within a radius of about 8 miles. There are between 15 and 20 churches of our kind with Sulpher Church right in the middle. And the more I thought about how widely known our work is in Arkansas and how close together our churches are and how little known and far apart the churches are in California, the more I became burdened for the work out there. So I asked my church to release me and after praying over it they did, and here I am." So begins a very, very enjoyable, close relationship with the churches of the California Cooperative Work.”



Pastor C. C. Wright with Eld. Doug Perdue in front of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Riverbank Where Bro. Perdue was saved, baptized, Licensed and Ordained.

## Perdue Mission Reports Baptist Sentinel—Bellflower, CA

There is no shortage of printed material regarding Bro. Perdue. His ministry spanned a period of over 70 years and he served as Pastor, Missionary, College Founder and President, Newspaper Editor and Contributor.

This segment is presented as an example of the public ministry of L. D. Perdue.



**January, 1956**—Whittier, L. D. Perdue, Miss. Pastor. Three additions with 65 present Jan. 8. 5th Sunday Meeting meets there Jan. 27-28.

### **February, 1956—**MISSIONARIES ON THE MOVE

Our Missionaries are working hard in establishing mission points. Four are on the field as a result of the cooperative effort.—State Missionary, L. D. Perdue is working with the newly organized church at Whittier and they are growing.

Brother Gifford Shuffield is laboring with the church at Hawthorne for the Southern Association.

Brother G. A. Williams is doing a magnificent job at Visalia for the churches of the Central Valley Association.

Brother J. C. Patterson is busy on the field for the Northern Landmark Assoc.

Interstate Missionaries are reporting newly organized churches. For example: Brother Isaac J. Smith and the newly organized church in Denver have already secured property and are planning to build as soon as possible.—They are growing in every way.

Our Missionaries deserve the very best support we can give them.

In California a greater effort is noticeable. Peace and harmony with real constructive mission work is moving forward and we should be looking for greater results than ever before.

### **March, 1956—**State Mission Report

L.D. Perdue

16445 Parkshire Ct.

The past month has been very good in all ways on the State Mission field. The new church in S. Whittier had three more additions and they will probably call a pastor this month. I plan on giving my resignation this week.

Plans are underway to start new mission services in the N. Long Beach - Paramount area this month. The prospect for a new work look better even than the Whittier work did. I hope to help start it off and then turn it over to someone else right away.

I had the happy privilege to fellowship the fine church and pastor in Torrance this month. Brother Thurman is the excellent pastor.----Two of their members are new in the ministry and the church at Whittier was thrilled with their fine messages brought to us on the past Wednesday nights. They are Brother H. T. (Red) Moore and Bro. Joe Stedam. We want to use both of these fine young preachers more. I appreciate very much the fine mission offering \$25.00 the church voted to give State Missionary.

I am to preach for the good church in Phoenix Arizona 11<sup>th</sup> of March. Their pastor, Brother Carl Hixon, tells me they plan on representing in our Association this year. Let's do what we can to help out the work in Arizona.

I am happy to report that there have been close to fifty churches cooperate in the State Mission work of the churches-fellowshipping together in the Cooperative Association. This is an excellent example of Association work among Independent New Testament churches. This fellowship is strictly on a voluntary basis and is the best method of carrying out the work of the churches I know of.

Support received for February: McKinley \$16.36; Sacramento \$12.94; McFarland \$26.92; Ojai \$13.22; Salinas \$42.65; Sanger \$6.25; Easton \$16.00; Zion \$9.56; Napa \$7.25; Antioch \$15.96; Freedom \$33.77; Riverbank \$8.67; Oakland \$10.00; Cypress \$19.26; Whittier \$100.00; Corcoran \$19.16; Hawthorne \$5.10; Porterville \$7.02; Dominguez \$37.06; Ridgecrest \$26.40; Southgate \$11.37; Armona \$13.93; Oakdale \$5.40; Coalinga \$4.00; Torrance \$25.00; Orville \$40.53; Total \$540.28. Expense \$185.92. Leaving a net balance of \$354.36

Thank you, one and all, Your Missionary

L. D. Perdue.

# Perdue Mission Reports

## Baptist Sentinel—Bellflower, CA

### **April, 1956—GOOD MESSENGER MEETING**

Complete harmony prevailed at the messenger meeting of State Cooperative Association held at Corcoran March 27-28. Forty two churches were represented with two churches from Arizona. Ten new churches came into our work.

It seems that California has come of age! Not one time was a point of order raised, neither was there anyone called out of order. Discussions were free and nobody was kept from saying his piece but it was all in the most friendly and brotherly fashion

The brethren honored me with the office of moderator and though I made many mistakes they graciously overlooked them. Brother C. C. Middleton was elected Assistant moderator and served efficiently and well. The next meeting to be at McFarland.

Our State Missionary was paid in full and although only one State Missionary was recommended it was pointed out that in reality we have four missionaries.....

Brother Douglas Perdue, State Missionary; Brother G. A. Williams, Central---Valley Missionary; Brother J.C. Patterson, Northern Landmark Missionary; Brother Gifford Shuffield, Southern California Missionary. We have more missionaries on the field working full time than at any previous time. Better support has enabled them to work unhampered by lack of support and finances. Things are looking up!

A. T. A.

### **STATE MISSION REPORT**

My report will be brief this month due to the annual report which was put out just a week ago. Next month I will put out a more complete one and send a copy to all the churches.

The new church has moved from Whittier to Bellflower and has called Brother Jess Crawford for pastor. The future looks bright for them and I trust that the Lord's will is being followed by all. I have been helping them move and taking up some loose ends.

I received word of the prospects for a new church in Chandler, Arizona with Bro. Hixon taking the lead and I plan on going over and help for a week or two if things work out right

My support for last month was as follows: Ojai \$9.71; Sacramento \$9.84; Cypress \$17.22; McKinley \$19.80; Whittier \$49.42; McFarland \$30.34; Riverbank \$12.17; Oakland \$10.00; Riverside, Phoenix \$32.29; Ridgecrest \$29.00; Antioch \$15.12; Orville \$6.26; Ceres \$38.61; South Gate \$12.00; Wasco \$4.69; Van Nuys \$8.00; East Date \$4.24; Oakdale \$4.10; Dinuba \$8.38; Armona \$18.63; Modesto \$5.93; Corcoran \$15.04; State Association \$51.00; Tucson \$5.00. Total \$423.46.

Thank you for this support of the work.

Your Missionary, L.D. Perdue.....

### **July, 1956—LATE NEWS**

The State Young People's Rally met the Landmark Church in Sacramento July 19-20 with sixteen churches represented. The next meeting in 1957 is to be at Salinas. Those preaching were Brethren L. M. Branch, L. D. Perdue, Jim Patterson and S. E. Comstock. A complete report will be given by the duly elected order next month.

### **August, 1956—State Mission Report**

By L. D. Perdue

After very careful consideration I have decided to accept the Sacramento Church as pastorate. The mission work has been coming along very well in all phases and it is not due to any lack of cooperation on the part of the churches that made me come to this decision. I will have a little more to say about this in my last report.

The work in Pedley is coming along very good with the church calling Brother John Stevens for pastor and he accepting. They have a revival scheduled beginning the twentieth with Martin Canavan as evangelist.

The church has launched out into a deal for the most beautiful lot in Pedley and must have \$1,000.00 in ninety days for the down payment. With the help of sister churches this is being raised. A more lengthy report on this when my regular report comes out.

The support has been up to par for State Missions the past month and every church will be listed in the monthly report.

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# Perdue Mission Reports

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### September, 1956— STATE MISSIONS

Brother L. D. Perdue has wrought well on the mission field and we have lost a good man in his resignation. He has accepted the Sacramento Church as pastor.

What shall we do? Brother Tabor has been mentioned for the work but at this writing it is not definitely known as to whether he has been endorsed.

Our mission work is too important to go for almost a year before our next regular messenger meeting. Shall we have a called meeting of the messengers?

### October, 1956—Alan Tabor Recommended For State Missionary

On Wednesday night, October 10, the Sacramento church voted 100 per cent to call Brother Alan Tabor for missionary and recommended him to the sister churches for co-operative support. They felt that since they called Brother Perdue off the field that it was their place to lead out in placing a man back on the field.

Brother Tabor is well known throughout the state and other places and is highly esteemed by the brethren. He was one of the leaders in the formation of the of the state work and has been a promoter of the A.B.A. work all along. He has been very busy preaching meetings etc. since moving back to the state and has the wholehearted support of the pastors.

A special meeting is called by the Sacramento church for the endorsement of Brother Tabor by the churches on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Every church and the State is hereby invited to send your messengers, or if it is not possible for you to attend, to send by mail your decision in this matter. won't you please take care of this matter in your home church for the cause of Christ here in the State? Services will begin at 10 a.m. with preaching and special singing and a general day of fellowship. Let's make this a great and glorious day to long be remembered. Brother Adkins of course will have charge of the services. The address of the church is 2041 Wyda Way. The pastor's phone is WA 2-0782.

L.D. Perdue

### November, 1956—Church News

Landmark, Sacramento

L.D. Perdue, Pastor

They are forging ahead with at least sixteen additions recently. The Sunday School attendance is hitting the 100 mark regularly. New pews are about completed and other work finished. They entertained a messenger meeting of the State Cooperative Association in November.

### December, 1956—Church News

Landmark, Sacramento

L.D. Perdue, Pastor

One profession and one baptism reported in December. The Cordova church used their baptistery recently to baptize twelve.



### August, 1966—State Mission Report—

#### L. D. Perdue

Although I do not have a written report from Bro. Perdue for July, we are able to report very encouragingly about the Santa Rosa Mission. Brother Mike Smith has been working with Bro. Perdue this summer. Bro. Smith drew the plans of a truly magnificent church building and facilities. Bro. Smith was at the Youth Rally and showed us the fine plans. The property is now secure; they will begin the first of a three phase building program soon. Interest and attendance is up, and the work looks very good, Brethren Smith and Perdue report. Bro. Perdue received \$462.88 in June, \$72.86 of which was designated through this office

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**January 1967**—"The Santa Rosa work is being blessed. Souls are being saved and the work going forward. We are now enjoying the use of our new facilities. This includes five classrooms and an auditorium of the first unit which seat 127. The actual building of the main auditorium is underway. 150 feet of the 409 feet of road work to be completed by donations at \$18.00 per foot has been paid. They need a refrigerator, gas range, nursery furniture and classroom furniture if anyone cares to donate any or all of these items. Brother Perdue has a pickup and will come and get them." A bro. Perdue received \$517.16 last month. \$5 of this being designated through this office. Antioch paid his house expense.

**February, 1967**—The new church had their opening services in their new building January 29 with all day services. Brother Perdue reports that the work is doing great, and urges continued support of the building project until it is all finished, as they have vowed to the planning commission. Paving and finishing on the building will require much more funds. He received \$398.93 in December and \$409.42 in January. \$25 of this amount was designated through this office.

**March, 1967**—The Santa Rosa Mission had the GRAND OPENING, not dedication, on January 29<sup>th</sup>. This was not the auditorium of the master plan, but the first unit of it, which is to be an educational wing when all the building is complete. They have had many, many first time visitors, according to Bro. Perdue's report, and the community is much aware of their presence there for the Lord. Many other brethren such as Dewey Caves, Gerald Loyd, and the men of Antioch church, as well as others locally are commended for their help on the building thus far. The city is urging them to complete the \$18.00-per foot development program as soon as possible. Bro. Perdue received \$398.92 in December, and \$415.93 in January. We have not received the amount he received in February as yet.

**April, 1967**—"As each missionary gave a report of his work and plans to the messenger meeting in Tulare, I will not give a detailed report of each this month. Brethren Bennett and Perdue were recommended for salary of \$450, and \$150 for house expense per month. This is a total of \$600 per month each. Brother Monroe Patterson, John Peach, Obeth Jorkin, Luis Guevara and Antonio Artavia were endorsed by the messenger body to receive designated funds. Brother Perdue plans to work in Northern California, and Brother Bennett in the southern part of the state, in Ventura County at this time. Brother John Peach is working in the Valley Springs area, Brother Jorkin with the Spanish church and Shafter, Brother Guevara has moved to Los Angeles to pastor the Spanish Church here, and Bro. Artavia has been working with another group in Los Angeles area, trying to teach them Baptist doctrine. Brethren Patterson and Bennett each received \$75.00 on their back salary, designated as such at the messenger meeting, and Bro. Jorkin received \$50.00 from the general treasury designated on back salary, and \$40.00 designated to him from a church. He also received \$25.00 cash offering at the association from the youth group of the church on his back salary. A total of \$316.56 was received into the account in March, after the books were closed, designated on back salaries. An unpaid check of \$51.17 returned after the books were closed and had to be taken from this amount, as all of the money has been paid out except about \$12.00. Brother Bennett reported receiving \$79.00 directly on his back salary, and a total of \$113.00 for the month of March. Accordingly, he lacked \$649.21 receiving his salary last year. According to our figures Brother Patterson was \$638.24 underpaid. Brother Jorkin was \$956.68 short. Some will ask, why the difference? This question was asked at the association. It is because of DESIGNATIONS to missionaries. As long as there is enough money to pay them there is no difference—it is understood that \$600 is the maximum. But when there is not enough to pay the missionaries all their salaries, WE FIRST PAY WHAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO CERTAIN ONES OR PROJECTS. This is been done according to our articles of agreement—"according to the will of the designating church or churches." Then we divide what is left. This means that they will not necessarily receive the same, because one may receive more designated to him than the other. It has been suggested that another way to do this is to go ahead and pay the designated offerings to each one first, then AFTER THIS, from un-designated funds, add to each one until they both receive the same. Personally I do not believe in this method. This is balancing support through the treasury, regardless of the merits or demerits of the missionary. It is my opinion that every cent of an offering designated to go to that one to whom it is designated. And, after the designated offerings are sent, or figured, remaining funds equally divided. But to adjust undesignated funds so that everyone always receives the same is to destroy the designations—the ones not receiving designations would share the designations by balancing the income with undesignated money. This "all things in common" (Acts 4:32) idea sounds good at first, but the first N.T. Church at Jerusalem found out by actual practice that it would not work, see Acts 4 through 6. Now, I most certainly believe that messengers should recommend brethren whom they will support and the support them fully so that this problem of dividing is unnecessary. It is my hope that this will be done this year. But I also hope that the brethren of local works, and the missionaries on designations will receive all the help we can give them in addition to the support of the salaried brethren. Bro. Monroe Patterson is working with the Church at Greenwood and would surely appreciate all the support that can be given him. If you want to support the salaried brethren there is no need to designate. If you want to support just one of them it is just as well to send your offering to them, however, if you desire, you may send it DESIGNATED to him through the treasury. The only difference is, if you send it to him, it will be reported in his reports, and in the total he received on the field in our report, but not in the church-by-church listing at the messenger meeting. All that is accounted or there is what has come to the treasury, deposited in the bank, and paid out. God bless everyone of us with a mission spirit this year.—

L.M.B.

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## Perdue Mission Reports Baptist Sentinel—Bellflower, CA

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**May, 1967**—Reports the Santa Rosa mission coming along fine. Rain stopped all building for some time, but they hope to soon have the parking lot paved, without which they cannot obtain their permit. Bro. Perdue has also been working with the San Francisco work, and promoting the "Land Development Program" of the Watsonville church. He received \$660.37 in March, and his full salary in April. He was not on salary, of course in March, hence the 660.37 during the month.

**June, 1967**—The first unit of the building program of the Santa Rosa Mission is about completed. He reports that the street and parking lot is black-topped. He is also working with the Valley Springs mission, and spending a lot of time promoting the land for missions program sponsored by the Freedom Church. He has witnessed three professions of faith. Bro. Mike Smith and wife now serve the work in Santa Rosa, being supported by the mission there, and the Antioch church, which makes it possible for them to serve full time on the field. Bro. Perdue received \$87.51 of his salary during the month on the field.

**July, 1967**—This report was early because Brother Perdue attended the American Baptist Association in Mobile. The Santa Rosa work is progressing under the leadership of Brother Mike Smith. One profession of faith was reported when we received the report, and many local people attending for the first time. They had twenty in mid-week service. Brother Perdue has helped Valley Springs start construction of their new building, and will continue to work with them for a couple of months. He hopes to report on something else he believes to be of interest to others in his next report. He received \$112.50 on the field and the balance of his salary through the treasury.

**September, 1967**—Brother Perdue reports that he has been working very hard helping Brother John Peach with the mission and building program at Valley Springs. He states that he has saved the mission some \$2,000 thus far on their building. An elderly gentleman recently united with them on profession of faith and baptism. They had a high of 55 in Sunday School in August. He received \$40.00 of his salary on the field, and the balance through the treasury. He also received \$26.36 expenses in promotion of the land-for-missions program.

**October, 1967**—"Spent considerable time in promotion of the Land for Missions program. Raised several hundred dollars for the building program at Valley Springs. I won't be able to report it because I always have them send it direct. Santa Rosa doing well with large number of regular visitors. Offerings are very good. Bro. Mike Smith doing a fine job as my assistant. We are now placing the rafters on the building at Valley Springs. I am trying to get preachers at Live Oak, and trust they will be able to get a pastor soon.

Have been on the go, but got to spend one night at home last week." This is Bro. Perdue's report. He received \$57.00 on the field and \$523.00 through the treasury, which is also \$20.00 short.

**November, 1967**—"I have been very busy in several places. I will spend a week in Simi to assist them in getting proper permits for use of property they have placed in Escrow, and planning a building program for them. I am assisting Sunnyvale after their trouble. I'm still working with Valley Springs. I am helping the Sacramento School in planning and designing an educational building. I am still in charge as missionary pastor here at Santa Rosa. God has given several moves to us. It seems most of my time is on the road. It gets pretty weary, but the times of refreshing come regular." This is Brother Perdue's report copied as made it. He received \$70.00 on the field, however his salary and expense was \$50.00 short this month, as was Brother Bennett's.



1994 Cooperative Association Officers

## Early Baptism's in the Stanislaus River/ LMBC Wyda Way Sacramento

### Where there was much water— The Stanislaus River



Niece, Judy Perdue (Doleman), daughter of Richard & Jean Perdue, Charter Members of the Oakdale Church.



March 5, 1944—Gary Perdue being baptized by L. D. Perdue—Virginia & Wanda Whitely waiting their turn with Clyde Parrish observing.

### Ruby French Baptism at LMBC-Wyda Way Sacramento



### Robert French Baptism at LMBC-Wyda Way Sacramento



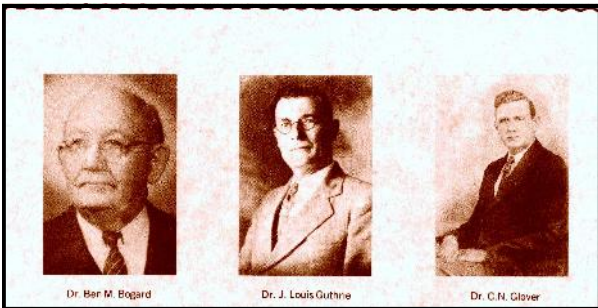
### Excerpts From L. D. Perdue's Autobiography Sulfur Springs Missionary Baptist Church—August 1952-1954

Another intriguing thing that happened was one young man had threatened me publicly and said that if he ever caught me out in the woods with his deer rifle that only one of us would walk out of the woods. He wasn't a member but he was one of the defenders of the liquor crowd. Well it just so happened that one day while I was deer hunting I had my rifle, low and behold, I heard someone walking over in the bush and when I came face to face with him, there he was. I said, "How you doing fella?" and he said, "Okay." I said, "You having any luck?" He said, "No, probably won't get anything today." and sure enough he didn't get anything including me and I walked on but you can believe it, I had eyes in the back of my head and I was ready to defend my life if necessary with my deer rifle. But he didn't do anything nor did anyone else do anything to me or to my family or as far as I know to any of the members of the church. I thank God for the experiences that I had there and I thank God for His mercy and grace and the strength that He provided my family and me. I had two precious little girls that were four and six years of age and the most wonderful wife a man could have and God took care of them in a wonderful way.

# Missionary Baptist Institute Little Rock , Arkansas,



Antioch Missionary Baptist Church building at 22nd and Brown. Bible Institute classes were held in the educational part of this building from 1934 through 1949.



Dr. Ben M. Bogard

Dr. J. Louis Guthrie

Dr. C.N. Glover

## Correspondence

2106 Brown St., Little Rock, Ark.  
November 22, 1944

To the Brethren of the Fifth Annual Session of the Missionary Baptist of Northern California:

Greetings:

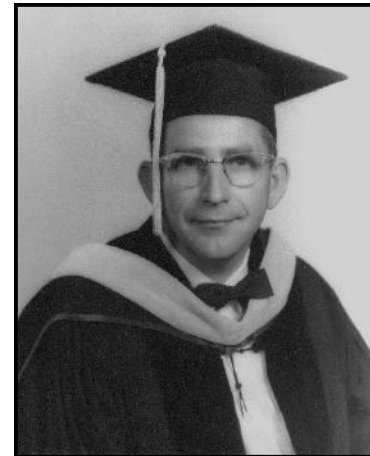
Though many things have passed, though some have fallen out, and though some have advanced in the Lord's work in the past year, our minds go back to the last Session of 1943 and we recall the good fellowship that we enjoyed with you then.

We cannot be with you this year, but we are not only thinking of you, but praying for you. We are in the Missionary Baptist Institute at Little Rock, Arkansas, studying to show ourselves approved unto God, workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Though we are no more members of your churches, we still feel that we are part of you, and may we earnestly request your prayers as we continue to prepare ourselves for the furtherance of the Cause of Him who died for us.

May, "the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all," now and forevermore.

Elders Douglas Purdue and Roy Reed.



## Graduation

This picture appeared on the Song book published by James F. Dew back in 1940 if I am not mistaken.

**Front row:** Hebert H. Brown; Sister J. Louis Guthrie; J. Louis Guthrie, President of the school; L. D. Foreman, who later became pastor of Antioch and President of the school; Ben M. Bogard, Pastor of Antioch and Dean.

**Back row:** Travis Hubbard, Hebrew Teacher; Martha Evelyn Stone, Secretary to the President; Verda Irene Bonner; Warner Skiles, my next door neighbor in Texarkana, son of the treasurer of County Ave. B. C. and P-38 Pilot in WWII; Edward Byrd, Greek teacher; and the son-in-law of Bro. Guthrie, L. D. Capell. There was one teacher missing in the picture, Ernest Lee Payne who was an assistant in the English department. —Steve Montgomery:

# Missionary Baptist College—Sacramento Northwest Baptist Institute—Bend, Oregon

## MISSIONARY BAPTIST COLLEGE

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College,  
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The School is owned and operated by the Landmark Missionary Baptist Church of Sacramento for the good and the advancement of the cause of Christ among His true Churches.

### Baptist Guardian—June 1964

#### President Resigns

L.D. Perdue, President of Missionary Baptist College and pastor of Landmark Baptist church, has submitted his resignation of both offices. The resignation is effective the last of July.

Landmark church and MBC is loosing a great leader, but they are not loosing a friend. Bro. Perdue makes this move because of conviction and not because of eviction.

Bro. Perdue has been with Landmark church for almost nine years. He is served faithfully and with dedication to his duties. He is one of the founders of Missionary Baptist College, in fact it was his proposal to start the school. He has served as president for this great school for the past year after Bro. Crawford's resignation last summer.

The Faculty, Trustees and students regret to see the move, but realize that the will of the Lord is not always the desires of man. We trust the Lord to open up even greater fields of service and use him in a mighty way.

Bro. Perdue is not leaving the church or school in trouble or strife but in a condition of cooperation and a desire for God to have his way. The church is in good financial condition and almost free of debts. The college is operating without debts and all current bills are paid.

Bro. Perdue feels that he has planted, now another must water, and God will give the increase.

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### Dillon

The mission work in Dillon is negotiating for three acres of land in an excellent location in which to build. This land will cost \$9,000. Plans are being formulated to build the first unit of a completely planned church plant on this ground. The First Missionary Baptist Church of Bend is making requests on behalf of the Dillon Mission for the Northwest Development and also the California Development funds. If these funds are granted, this will be a first for this type of cooperation in a missionary endeavor. With these funds and other assistance from churches all over the United States, we are hopeful this property and the first unit of a building program can be constructed and fully paid for. When this is completed, our prayer is that a full-time work will be established in the state of Montana. At the present time, there are no self-supporting churches in the whole state. There are only two churches and three missions working with the American Baptist Association in this great state. Bro.

### REDMOND TO ORGANIZE

The Bend Church makes this request of all our churches to send their ordained help to counsel with us in the organization of a New Testament Church in Redmond, Oregon. The date of this organization will be Saturday, March 6, at 2:00 p.m. The address of the property in Redmond is 10th and Cascade. Bro. John Malone, Missionary Pastor, has done an excellent job leading out in the work and we are expecting over 30 to go in the organization. This is your special invitation to attend.

### SCHOOL

The Northwest Baptist Institute is well on its way to being firmly established. Bro. Sharver did not accept the work, however, we have called Bro. Thomas Judd to assume the position as President of the school. Bro. Judd has been Dean of the school in Minden, Louisiana, and is submitting his thesis for a Doctorate very soon. Along with Bro. Judd, we will have others that are very qualified to teach.

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### SCHOOL REPORT

The following are remarks received from churches and pastors in the Northwest concerning a school in

### E. A. SHARVER

Word has just been received that Dr. E. A. Sharver has resigned the church in Modesto and has accepted

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### NORTHWEST BAPTIST INSTITUTE

The above caption has a nice ring to it, doesn't it. However, at the present time nothing definite has

### Idaho Association

November 29, a new Association was formed in the Idaho-Eastern Oregon area with the Ada County Church

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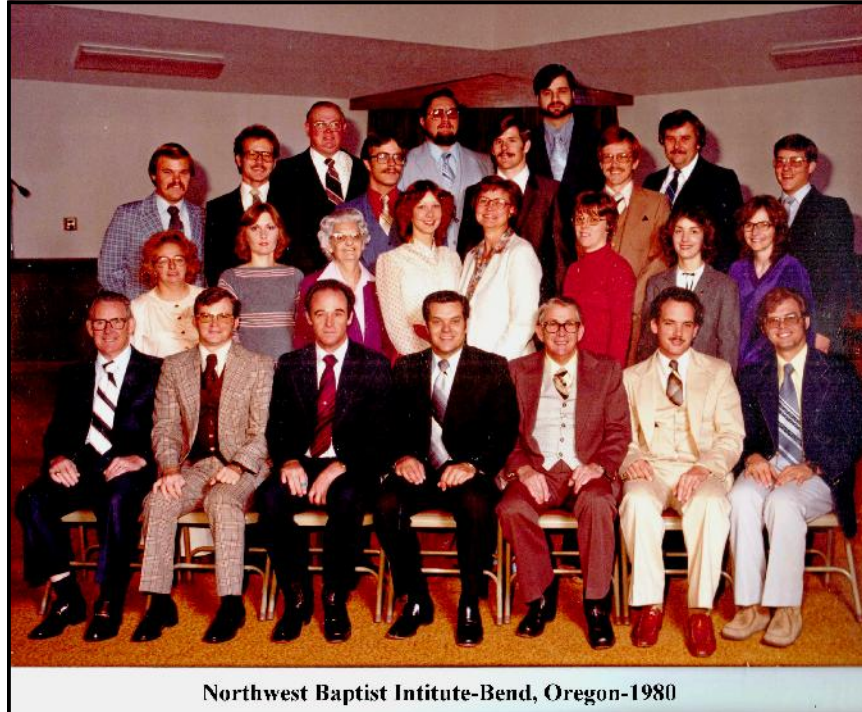
### WHAT ABOUT A SCHOOL IN THE NORTHWEST

November 16, Dr. E. A. Sharver was with the Bend Church and the Madras Mission in view of accepting the work in Madras as Missionary Pastor. While he was here, he talked extensively about a school in the

### EDITORIAL POLICY

It will be the policy of this news bulletin to provide up-to-date information as it is available and as it concerns our churches in the Northwest. As space permits, articles will be used that are timely

# Northwest Baptist Institute Bend, Oregon



Northwest Baptist Institute-Bend, Oregon-1980



## Northwest Baptist Institute

The ministry of the Northwest Baptist Institute began in mid-winter, January, 1976, by an approval of the First Missionary Baptist Church by the statement "start making plans for a school to start next fall." With this same resolve the school remains as a ministry endeavoring to properly train ministers in accord with the Scripture.

The school has maintained a desire to be responsible to God. Recently, the school has been reorganized in curriculum standards. These changes, including two graduate diploma offerings; a three-year, five day a week, 3 term schedule; and a required thesis before graduation are explained in the 1987-90 catalog along with other improvements to meet the ever demanding ministry of N. B. I.

*Fifty Years 1938-1988 History of First Missionary Baptist Church  
Bend, Oregon pages 21 & 22*

# The Ministerial Work of L. D. (Doug) Perdue

## Prepared for the Retirement Committee

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April 29, 2002

Wayne Beene  
P.O. Box 1670  
Clovis, CA 93613-1670

Dear Wayne:

I really enjoyed the report of the Retirement Committee and think you guys are doing a great work.

I was encouraged by the History Committee to send you the info on my work and so here it is. I am sending a break-down on all the different segments of my ministry.

### **Hamilton Missionary Baptist Church**

Betty Rouse, Clerk  
1960 Old Pineywood Rd.  
Carlisle, AR 72024

Served as pastor from the first Sunday in November, 1945 till the first Sunday in October, 1946. Church went full-time under my pastorate and had 16 additions, 7 by baptism. Several more saved.

### **First Missionary Baptist Church**

1141 Walnut St.  
Oakdale, CA 95361

Served as Missionary and Pastor from November, 1946 till November, 1947. During that time we organized the church, built the basement part of the building, organized Escalon, had about 87 additions, some of them still in the church. Sonny Williams surrendered to preach and at least two others.

I also served as a missionary for the months of June-August, 1949 during which time the Tully Road church was organized and I served as their pastor till September.

### **First Baptist Church of S. Crossett**

Sharon Payne, Clerk  
1213 Ashley 6 E.  
Crossett, AR 71635

I served as Pastor from January, 1948 till May of 1949. During this time the church build a parsonage, had about 45 additions, and had several surrender to the ministry.

### **Tully Road missionary Baptist Church**

Jackie DeVore, Clerk  
1917 Ralston  
Modesto, CA 95350

I led in the mission work for the Tully Road church which resulted in her organization. Time spent, July through September 1949.

### **Cross Road missionary Baptist Church**

Faith Nowlin, Clerk  
111 Ashley Rd. 391  
Crossett, AR 71635

I served the church from November, 1949 till May 1950. We had about 15 additions and two men surrendered to the ministry. They are still working today.

### **New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**

Sharon Ward, Clerk  
104 Shady Vista St.  
Hot Springs, AR 71901

I pastored this great church from August, 1950 till August, 1952. Very good time with the good number of people saved and additions to the church.

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# The Ministerial Work of L. D. (Doug) Perdue

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### **Sulfur Springs Missionary Baptist Church**

Sue Robinson, Clerk  
206 Pooler Ln.  
Malvern, AR 72104

This was the last and largest church I pastored in Arkansas. I was there from August, 1952 till August, 1954. I had two baptismal services of large groups being baptized, the largest of 16 at one time. We had 42 additions during the 2 years, most by baptism. Attendance of over 200 for preaching services. Others surrender to preach. My second radio program, the first being at South Crossett.

### **Third Mission effort.**

#### **First Missionary Baptist Church**

Denise Bocchieri, Clerk  
44 Worrell Road  
Antioch, CA 94509

I was endorsed for mission work by the Antioch church September, 1954 and served until September 1956. This resulted in a number of fields being helped out and churches being established.

#### **Landmark missionary Baptist Church**

Wyda Way  
Sacramento, CA

I stayed Wyda Way for 8 1/2 years during which time the church grew to be one of the larger churches in the State. Over 400 additions to the church. Five churches were organized including a work in Alsea, OR, N. Highlands, Downey and Fair Oaks. Jim Wilkins followed me and after 8 years led the church out of our work. It reached an average attendance of about 1000 but today runs about 20. Sad. But North Highlands remains a great church and is a present blessing of my days with Wyda Way.

### **Fourth Mission endeavor.**

#### **Cyprus Missionary Baptist Church**

Terry Peterson, Clerk  
8933 Lismore Dr.  
Elk Grove, CA 95624

I SERVED as Missionary for the Cyprus Church from August, 1964 till June 1968. During this time the Talent and Santa Rosa churches were organized.

#### **First Missionary Baptist Church**

Kathy Kelley, Clerk  
385 Garfield Park, Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

I was Missionary-pastor of the Santa Rosa church from June, 1968 till November, 1968 at which time Robert Williams accepted the church. We organized with 27 charter members. I then continued to be their missionary until August 1971.

#### **Landmark Baptist Church**

Robert Cullifer, Pastor  
1413 Sebastian Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864

I led out in the work at Folsom in March, 1969. Two months later we organized with 44 members. We purchased the present property while I was there. I resigned in April of 1971 when Brother Bowlin accepted the church as pastor. We had 80 members at that time.

#### **FIRST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

Rena Keefer, Clerk  
60368 SE Arnold Mkt. Rd.  
Bend, OR 97702

I accepted the Bend church August, 1972 and served her till me March of 1984 at which time I was endorsed as her Missionary and led in the re-organization of the Anchorage church. This was done in April, 1984. During the 13 1/2 years I served the Bend church much was accomplished, not the least being approximately 1000 moves being made for the Lord.

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### **Landmark Baptist Church**

W. L. Tullos  
3927 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Anchorage, AK 99508

I spent 8 very enjoyable months in Alaska with this church. We arrived in March of 1984 and stayed until October, 1984. During this time the church was re-organized and had an increase of over 30 members. When I left, I gave them the name of W. L. Tullos and the church called him and he is still with them. Brother Tullos surrendered under my Pastorship in Crossroads years before.

### **New Hope Missionary Baptist Church**

(Now Unity in Sunnyvale)

Glenda Raabe, Clerk  
1257 Sabal Dr.

San Jose, CA 95132

Accepted New Hope in March of 85 with the goal of getting them in their own property. After working a full year on this we were able to see this accomplished. We then led the church through their merger with the Sunnyvale church. I had resigned on my birthday, April 3, 1986. We had good growth and a goodly number of additions while there.

### **Heritage Church**

Donald Loyd, Pastor  
20823 Cassis Dr.  
Bend, OR 97701

I accepted the Heritage church September, 1986 and remained until the fall of 88. During this time we had about 40 additions, built a beautiful auditorium, started a good work in Hermiston and two successful youth camps. The church then called one of the students from the school.

### **FMBI Field Representative**

FMBI  
1195 E. Shepard Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93720-1805

The Fresno Church and School called me to work as Field Rep., April 4, 1990. I moved to Fresno and began a very enjoyable work which lasted until April 94. During this period of time the school was asked if they would furnish me to help the Bremerton church which I did for 13 months. When it became evident that Bro. Williams was not going to recover I resigned the Bremerton church and took a full-time duties with the school.

### **Trinity Missionary Baptist Church**

Rachel Potter, Clerk  
P.O. Box 3168,  
Silverdale, WA 98383

I was pastor of this great church from September, 1991 until November 92. There were 37 additions to the church and much work was done. The church then called Tom McCright as pastor. I then took up my duties as School Rep. for Fresno.

### **Landmark missionary Baptist church**

Arlena Robinson, clerk  
757 Manhattan Ave.  
Grover Beach, CA 93433-2314

I accepted Arroyo Grande in February 1994. I was pastor from February 1994 till November, 1996. This is a great church and was a blessing to be there pastor. Following good pastors always makes the work easy.

### **First Missionary Baptist Church**

P.O. Box 968  
Woodbridge, CA 95258

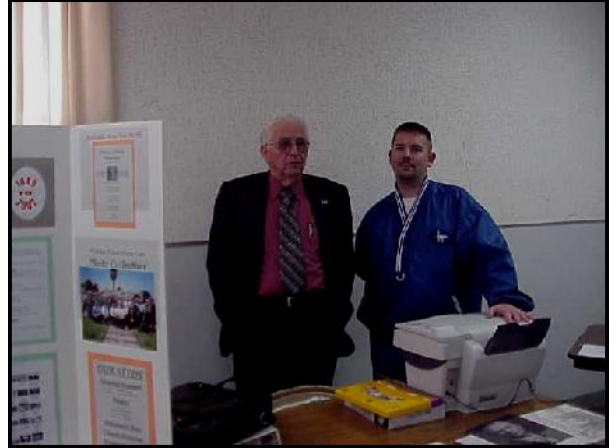
I became pastor of this church in June of 1998. I resigned on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 and remained three more months as interim pastor. It was a difficult church to pastor but their love for the pastor and each other made it much easier.

I am now working full time for the History and Archives. LDP

—The END

## Association Life —State & Local

**Cooperative Association—McFarland 1957**



At the History & Archives Table with Jonathan Cullifer—2003 Cooperative Association Meeting

**Cooperative Association—McFarland 1957**



2003 Cooperative Association Meeting—History & Archives Committee Meeting



2004 mid-year History & Archives Meeting at Landmark Baptist Church-Folsom, CA with Don Jones

## Missionary Baptist in the Oregon Country

Missionary Baptists have had a testimony in the Oregon country as far back as the early settlers. Most of the original Baptist Churches organized in the mid-1800's were Missionary Baptist. A common name for them, then as now, was "Landmarkers." Sad to say most of the early churches have gone into heresy or have gone out of existence. A few of them still remain today. The oldest Missionary Baptist Church still in existence in the state of Oregon is located in Sheridan, and was organized in 1854. Their present pastor is John Blalock, son of the late R. Y. Blalock who was a great pioneer among Missionary Baptists in the states of Oregon, Idaho and California.

Associational work among these churches also dates back to the mid-1800's. The Eastern Baptist Association of Northern California and Eastern Oregon was formed in 1873. Some of these churches are still in existence today. The Middle Oregon Association was formed in 1883 and was for many years a strong associational work among New Testament churches. The Cooperative Association was formed in 1958, and we are enjoying the sixteenth year of splendid cooperation. The First Missionary Baptist Church of Bend has represented at all three of these associations.

One of the greatest enemies of Missionary Baptist Churches in the past remains even today an enemy to our work. This enemy is the convention system. As far back as 1907, the Missionary Baptist Churches in Oregon were declaring non-fellowship with convention churches due to their practice of alien immersion, open communion, and pulpit affiliation. The use of "Reverend" was also condemned. In that day the convention problem was mainly with the Northern Baptists. In the 1907 Association Meeting resolution was passed condemning Conventionism. In this same Messenger Body Meeting a resolution was passed recommending the Baptist General Association which later became the American Baptist Association. In 1924, Ben Smith a missionary who served as the Missionary Treasurer of the Baptist General Association attended the Mid-Oregon Baptist Association and he was well received and the Baptist General Association was highly recommended. This year we are happy to have with us L. Chester Guinn who is also a missionary and serving as the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions for the A.B.A. which is a continuation of the Baptist General Association. In 1925, the first year of the American Baptist Association, a resolution was passed by the Missionary Baptist Churches in Oregon encouraging our churches to support the missionaries and use the literature of A.B.A.

Missionary Baptist Churches in Oregon have long been supporters of Christian education. In the very early part of the twentieth century, Missionary Baptists had a school in Oregon. The school ceased in 1912. Then in 1935, under the leadership of Dr. J. T. Moore, formerly one of the presidents of the A.B.A., the Pacific Coast Baptist Bible Institute was organized in Portland, Oregon. This school continued for approximately ten years. At the present time, the CMBI Extension School in Winston, Oregon, is being wholeheartedly supported by the Missionary Baptist in Oregon. Brother Charles Warren is the president.

Another method of Associational work in the Lord's churches in Oregon have long practiced is in the development of church properties. Statement number 18 in the Statement of Cooperation of Strict Baptists of Oregon, page 14 of the Minutes of the Middle Oregon Association, reads, "It will be the duty of this Association to elect a building committee of three to solicit a common fund for helping weak churches build houses of worship.--" Today we have the Oregon Development Work which is in essence a continuation of this philosophy long held by Missionary Baptists. Through this program we have been giving help to churches and missions in their building programs.

As we look back in the past and see what Missionary Baptists have done, we can take heart and courage and press on to doing more for the great cooperation of New Testament churches until the Lord comes. What opportunities we have. Opportunities of mission work, Christian education, development work, and many more phases of the Lord's work. We, as independent New Testament churches through the cooperative efforts in associational work, can do great things for God. "My people shall do great exploits."-- Elder L. D. Perdue, Moderator

*Minutes of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Oregon  
16th annual meeting  
September 14-15, 1973  
pages 14-16 of the Minutes*

### Letters of Appreciation

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*September 15, 1973*

*Brother Perdue:*

*On behalf of the Co-operative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches of Oregon, we would like to present you with this gift of appreciation for a job well done as Moderator of the 1973 State Association Meeting. We hope it will always remind you of the successful and spirit-filled meeting over which you presided, as well as the dedication and determination of the churches of Oregon to build a mighty work for the Lord here in our great State.*

*May God continue to bless you as you labor for him.*

*With brotherly love,*

*Elder Ray Barton*

*Association clerk*

# 1982—Minutes of the 25th Meeting Oregon State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches

## Resolution Concerning Calling Pastors, Missionaries And Teachers

To The Messenger Body of the Oregon State Association of Missionary Baptist Churches:

Whereas the American Baptist Association schools is composed of faculty members whose principal work is the training of men to become pastors, missionaries and teachers of our sister churches and,

Whereas some of our sister churches have in the past been disturbed and distressed by strange doctrines, customs and practices brought to their pulpits by students from these Church supported schools and,

Whereas some of the faculty seem to take pride in being committed not to be committed, while other forcefully and wittingly teach and defend the following: (1) Universal church-ism, (2) Church authority to the exclusion of common sense, Christ or the Bible, (3) That a church may scripturally employ anyone of her members to administer baptism instead of a duly ordained minister of the Gospel, (4) New Light-ism, (5) Calvinism, (6) Ordination of men who have been married twice (or more) and both women still living, (7) That God bypassed the Baptist Churches in the Reformation and extended the Great Commission to men like John Wesley, Calvin, Moody and others, (8) That the only perpetuity and succession of our Missionary Baptist Churches is through and by the Southern Baptist Convention formed in 1845, and (9) That the reception of alien Baptism knowingly does not invalidate a Baptist Church or her fellowship with her sister churches, etc. and,

Whereas we believe the foregoing doctrines to be extra-biblical, tenders protestant-ism and not prudent to our Baptist cause and distinctives,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that we recommend to our sister Churches in Oregon, that they be on guard and examine any man coming from the A.B.A. schools or anyone else before calling them as pastor, missionary, or teachers.

Respectively Submitted

Lee right

H.C. Payton

Bob Barnett

(appointed committee)

*Minutes of the TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING of the Oregon state Association of MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCHES  
Redmond, Oregon 1982 [pages 26 and 27]*

*Excerpt from the 1982 Meeting:*

A resolution from the Union Gap Church was presented by the resolutions committee concerning the churches acceptance of pastors, missionaries and teachers with questionable qualifications. Motion and 2nd to adopt this resolution.

The following brethren spoke to the resolution: Bro. C.J. Weckner, Lee Wright, Bro. Stevens, Roger Crabtree, Charles Warren, Jeff Harlan, Milford Keeling, Winston Long, H.C. Payton, L. D. Perdue, Ed Keady, Phil Wright. An amendment to the motion to adopt the resolution was seconded to change some of the wording of the resolution and was accepted. A vote was taken on the amended motion and carried. [page 15]



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Conference

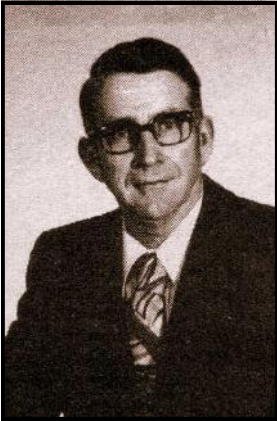
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Editorial Column

### History Repeats Itself



The following article can be easily documented from minutes of the various associations and convention groups, newspaper articles and case histories of various churches. There has been a tragic erosion among Baptist churches in the last century from a position of truth to a position of liberalism. One-hundred years ago, the vast majority of Baptist churches were scriptural in their doctrines and practices. Trends of liberalism and looseness began to manifest itself with measurable strength. First, the Northern Baptist Convention began to recognize the practice of open communion, the practice of receiving baptism from groups other than Baptists and pulpit affiliation. These practices became a bone of contention among Baptists all over the United States. Men such as J. M. Pendleton, J. R. Graves and others were staunch defenders of the historic Baptist position. Those who advocated the loose practices were mainly the graduates of the seminaries and pastors of the large city churches. The churches in the South continued to hold the tide against modernism, while the churches in the North and in the West began to open up their doors for these modern practices.

Another evil manifesting itself all over the United States in both the Northern and Southern Conventions was the evil of convention is him itself. About the turn of the century, the lines were drawn between the independent Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches and the convention churches in the North, South and the West. The Baptist General Association was organized in 1905. In the West, particularly in Oregon, churches wanting to hold the line against modernism and Conventionism withdrew from the Northern Baptist Convention. These included churches in the Middle Oregon Baptist Association, the Eastern Baptist Association of Eastern Oregon and Northern California and several other associated groups. The majority of the churches in the North continued to try to work with the Northern Baptist Convention even though many of them felt the loose practices of the Convention were wrong. Baptists in the South are well acquainted with men such as Ben M. Bogard, D. N. Jackson, M. P. Mahaney and others who led in the fight against Conventionism. Baptists in the West are well acquainted with the fight that such men such as J. T. Moore, R. Y. Blalock and others led against not only Conventionism, but against the unscriptural practices of the Northern Baptists.

One point of history that should give us major concern in our present day was the position of many of the fundamental churches and pastors took in the early part of the century. They thought they could do more good by remaining in the Northern Convention and try to exclude out the corruption than they could by redrawing from it. In the twenties, it became evident to many of them that this position was wrong. As a result of this, an effort was made by many churches in the North, West and the South to withdraw from both the Northern Convention and the Southern Convention and establish a scriptural convention work. This finally resulted in the formation of the General Association of Regular Baptists in 1932. Even though this group of churches retained many of the fundamental positions of Baptists, they had stayed in the convention long enough to where they were tainted with the practice of alien immersion, open communion and the universal church. Their position today is indefensible and even though they claim to be fundamental and strict, they're holding to the practice of open communion, receiving alien immersion and belief of the universal church.

In the early forties, another effort was made on the part of many churches and pastors in the Northern Baptist Convention to correct the extreme modernistic position held by the majority of the pastors and churches. They were thwarted in their efforts and as a result the Conservative Baptist Association was formed in 1947. However, these churches had drifted so far that their doctrinal position was almost identical the General Association Of Regular Baptists and they, likewise, occupied the indefensible position of practicing open communion, receiving alien immersion and teaching the universal church theory. In the state of Oregon, the great majority of churches in the Northern Baptist Convention came out and began to cooperate in the Conservative Baptist Convention. One of the historians here in Oregon stated the

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reason for this was because of the landmark influence upon the churches in Oregon. An evident conclusion of the future outcome of both the General Association of Regular Baptists and the Conservative Baptist Association is they are headed down the identical road the Northern Baptist Convention headed down 100 years ago. Their practices are identical to what the Northern Baptist Convention practiced beginning 100 years ago.

In the last decades, the Southern Baptist Convention has also started down this road. By far, the vast majority of the churches identified with the Southern Baptist Convention will accept baptism from both the old Northern Baptist Convention, now known as the American Baptist Convention and the General Association Regular Baptists, and the Conservative Baptist Association. Their teachers in the seminaries and many of their leading preachers, particularly those pastoring larger churches, will accept baptism from any so-called fundamental church or group. They also espouse the universal church position.

We have all heard that history repeats itself. This seems to be true as we study history down through the ages both the men, nations and churches. In making a study of the history of the Baptists in Oregon, I have come to this definite conclusion: before the turn of the century, there was a great controversy among these scriptural churches as to how far a church should go in rejecting alien immersion and the open communion churches. Many of the leading pastors and churches took the position that they should wait and try to correct this evil. As a result, as the years progressed there were fewer and fewer churches standing for the truth, and more and more of the old churches that once stood for the truth departing from the faith and going into heresy. The same problem is facing our churches today. It is a question of where and when to take a stand. Shall we as Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches, those who are custodians of the Bible truths, continue to recognize churches that practice open communion, receive alien immersion, believe in the universal church or shall we draw the line now. It is the firm belief of this writer that unless the churches of the American Baptist Association draw the line against all convention baptism and all other associations and groups that believe in practice open communion, alien immersion and receive baptism from churches that believe these things, that before long our churches will likewise go down the drain.

History truly does repeat itself. We must take a stand or we shall fall.



### IMPORTANT MEETING

Over the past few months there has been considerable disturbance among some churches over the action of the Bend Church during an ordination service.

Malicious charges have also been made against the Bend Church. These charges accused her of receiving alien immersion. Obviously, a number of people believed these charges.

A resolution was passed at the state Association, when meeting in Redmond, primarily directed against the Bend Church and the schools of the American Baptist Association.

On November 20, 1982 a Council meeting was called for by the Klamath Falls Church in which charges were leveled against the Bend Church. On December 21, 1982 a meeting was held in the in Bend to discuss charges brought by the Klamath Falls Church against the Bend Church. The position of the Bend Church concerning the ordination service was given. Documentation was presented showing these charges to be completely unfounded.

A typed copy of the Council meeting held in Klamath Falls and tapes of the Bend Meeting been meeting have been mailed out to most of the churches in the state of Oregon. The Bend Church has voted to make this material available to interested parties. If you would like to have this information sent to you, please send \$12 to cover the printing and mailing cost to: L. D. Perdue, Pastor

1<sup>st</sup> M. B. Church  
21129 Reed Market Road,  
Bend, Oregon 97702

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# Northwest Baptist News

## Editorial Column

LANDMARK 50TH JUBILEE - 1931 - 1981

This Editor and the First Missionary Baptist Church of Bend received a complimentary copy of the 50-year jubilee meeting of the California Missionary Baptist Association. This copy was sent by the El Nido MB Church, Pastor Herbert Schuh.



The book does a good job of recording the history of the Missionary Baptist work in California through this particular association from 1931 to 1981.

This association of churches has a special place in the heart of this Editor as many of the early pioneering pastors played an important part in winning his family to the Lord and providing the first years of training to him. The California Association, historically, came out of the Eastern Oregon-California Association formed in the 1870's. The Roseville Church, being one of the oldest churches in California, the Gloria Gardens Church which is now the Bellflower Church where Bro. Roy M. Reed is pastor and other churches participated in this association work.

All Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches represented in this association during the years 1931 through approximately 1950. Unfortunately, due to some very strong personal convictions on the part of different brethren concerning mission work and messenger representation, this work was divided and the California Cooperative Association was then organized. The history book has a weakness in that the conditions that brought about this split are presented from a very biased viewpoint on the part of the individuals compiling this work. It is sad that this biased and prejudiced attitude is reflected in the history since in the years to come and until the Lord returns this representation will be presented in this light. However, any serious student examining the book will be able to clearly see these misrepresentations. Other than that, the book is very enjoyable.

The book is hard to come by since only a limited number were printed and the churches in the old California Association have them. This Editor tried on several occasions to obtain a copy. He very greatly appreciates Bro. Schuh and the El Nido Church for sending this historical copy which will be placed in the Northwest Baptist Institute Library.

May God give this great group of churches another 50 years of work for our Lord.

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### Shared Ministerial Philosophy—

“Build as though, Christ will never come, But live like He might come at any moment.”

L. D. (Doug) Perdue

## Editorial Column

A GREAT PEOPLE

It is refreshing to be able to write an editorial like this.



Through the NORTHWEST BAPTIST NEWS and several hundred personal letters sent out, many of you have been informed about the accident Bro. Harold Loyd, our faithful missionary working in Helena, Montana, received. The response to this need has been tremendous.

As of this date, Bro. Loyd's medical expenses have amounted to over \$5,400.

There will be a few other expenses in addition to this to take care of future doctor visits and x-rays. There is a possibility that an accident insurance carried by the church may cover \$2,000 of this amount. We do not have a definite commitment from them yet.

The remainder of this amount has been coming in from all over the country. It appears the total amount will be met very shortly for these expenses. In fact, we very likely will receive over this amount. It has been suggested that in the event Bro. Loyd should receive more than is necessary, the additional funds be applied to the building program for Helena. This Editor is sure that all who have given would be in favor of this.

This writer is reminded of Moses and the Children of Israel when they were building the tabernacle. The response was so gratifying in receiving a freewill offering from the people that Moses sent out the word, "it's enough."

We thank the Lord for the wonderful response the finest people on God's green earth have given on meeting this missionary's need. It is such a blessing to be identified with Missionary Baptists who really care.

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### MISSIONARY BAPTIST HISTORY

The Northwest is rich in Missionary Baptist history dating back to the very early pioneer days. Much of the work in California came through the states of Oregon and Idaho.

This Editor is working on a project of obtaining all information available on the history of the Lord's Churches from the time the work was established here in the west until the present time. He will be meeting with the messengers from the old California Association in Yuba City this month. He is also soliciting the cooperation of the Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptists in California, and the Washington, Idaho and Montana Associations.

This Editor will be contacting various independent Landmark Missionary Baptist Churches in the different states and has written Bro. John Blalock in Portland, Oregon requesting his assistance in this matter. Bro. Blalock is very knowledgeable in the history of Missionary Baptists. His father, R.Y. Blalock, was active in the Missionary Baptist work during the 19th and 20th centuries.

It is hoped all of the churches and brethren will cooperate in this endeavor. When this material is compiled it will be readily available for all who desire it. Eventually, it is hoped that a historical publication can be printed.

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

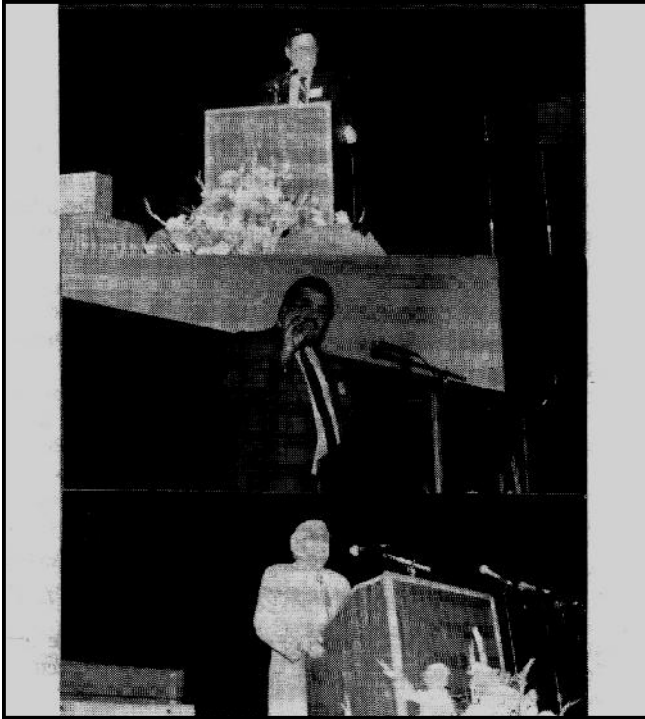
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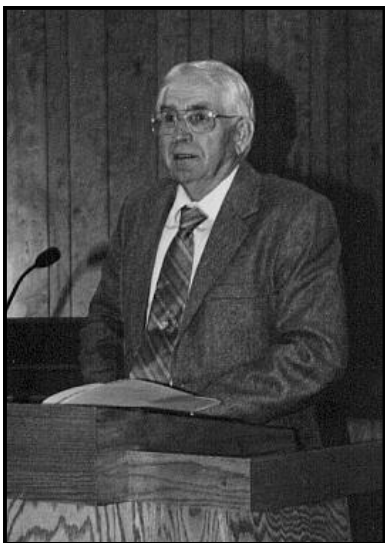
# 1991 Cooperative Association of MBC Evangelistic Sermon

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1991 Cooperative Association  
of Missionary Baptist  
Churches Of California

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Top to Bottom: Brother Bill Gurnett, Brother Rodney Crain, Brother Doug Perdue—Page 55



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Brother Gary Perdue came at the request of Brother Paslay and introduced his brother, the speaker for the Evangelistic Sermon, Brother Doug Perdue, Fresno. Brother Perdue's message was entitled:

## A CALL TO REPENTANCE

II Chronicles 7:14

INTRODUCTION: Great messenger meetings in the past: 1943 - Local Northern Association, 3 surrendered to preach; 1950? San Pablo...many saved, 8 surrendered to preach; Great camp meetings.

God is blessing our churches today. We are not dead. We are not going backward. 1091 additions with 497 baptisms and 14 churches did not report their numerical statistics. 246 net gain.

Can we do better: Yes. Do we need to heed II Chronicles 7:14? (Relate the events that were then taking place with the dedication of the Temple Mountain Top experience. Relate also Daniel's and his people's need of repentance in Daniel chapter 9.) God's view of him:

"At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to shew thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision." (Daniel 9:23) "And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling." (Daniel 10:11)

"And he said, O man greatly loved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me." (Daniel 10:19)

### I. All the Bible preachers preached it.

A. Jesus commanded it. ("And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name unto all nations.

### II. What is repentance?

- A. Etymology of the word: Pant, sigh, groan, lament, grieve about one's doing.  
B. The thought of both sorrow and change of purpose.

### III. How is repentance manifested? Four ways.

- A. A deep sorrow within. Joel 2:13-15: "And read your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly." Job 42:5-6
- B. By turning away from sin...  
1. Ninevah - Let them turn everyone from his evil way.  
2. Ezekiel 18:30: "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin."  
3. Isaiah 55:7: "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord; and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."  
4. Acts 3:19: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."  
C. Turning to God  
Acts 26:20: "But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." I Thessalonians 1:9  
D. Doing of works (James' viewpoint) Show me  
Luke 3:10-14: "And the people asked him, saying, 'What shall we do then?' He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."  
Baptism - Acts 2:37: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

### IV. Results of repentance and faith

Luke 15:7: "I say unto you, that likewise you shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."  
Acts 3:19: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

### V. Results of refusing to repent

- A. Saved - People you could have led to the Lord!  
B. Lost  
1. Picture the lost man dying and thinking that he is going to heaven.  
Luke 13:24-29; Matthew 8:11-12; Matthew 7:21-23  
2. Cast into Hell. Matthew 13:41-43  
a) Josephus description -  
"But as to the unjust, they are dragged by force to the left hand, by the angels allotted for punishment, no longer going with a good-will, but as prisoners driven by violence; to whom are sent the angels appointed over them to reproach them and to threaten them with their terrible looks, and to thrust them still downwards. Now those angels that are set over these souls, drag them into the neighborhood of hell itself; who, when they are hard by it, continually hear the noise of it, and do not stand clear of the hot vapor itself; but when they have a nearer view of this spectacle, as of a terrible and exceeding great prospect of fire, they are struck with a fearful expectation of a future judgment, and in effect punished thereby."

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## Excerpts From L. D. Perdue's *Autobiography*

First Landmark Missionary  
Baptist Church, Woodbridge, CA

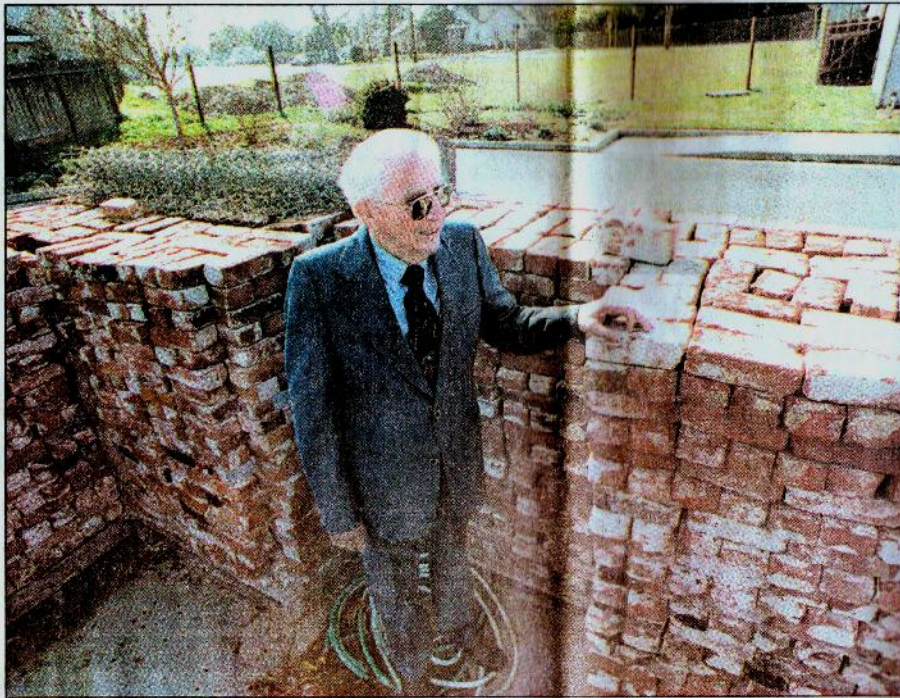
After recuperating from open-heart surgery I was able to preach for this great church on Easter Sunday 1998. They contacted me a month later and wanted me to come in view of a call which I did. The church then extended a call to me and I accepted in June of 1998.

The challenge facing Maurine and I was almost overwhelming. I have never seen as many problems in a church as I found there. However, the blessings seem to be greater in spite of the problems. We were able to work most of them out with a lot of praying, grit, and above all help from the Lord.

Within a short time of going there we were able to purchase a beautiful two story large home and enjoy it. It was within easy walking distance of the church. However the bedrooms were all upstairs and more and more Maurine had trouble navigating the stairs. I lived in constant fear that she was going to fall and really hurt herself. She had fallen a number of times but thankfully not on the stairway.

While there the Lord blessed us with a lot of remodeling including the inside of our old auditorium, converting the parsonage to classrooms and pastors office, and a regular attendance of over 100. Plans were drawn and over 100,000 was raised to start our new auditorium. It has since been completed and stands as one of the most beautiful in the State. The greatest blessing was seeing over 40 additions to the church.

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Record photos by CLIFFORD OTO

**BY THE BRICK:** The Rev. L.D. Perdue stands near the site where his First Missionary Baptist Church hopes to build a Spanish-style sanctuary among thousands of 20th-century bricks salvaged from a church torn down in Oakland.

## Bursting church is growing places

By Neil Gonzales  
Record Staff Writer

WOODBRIDGE — First Missionary Baptist Church is looking to resume work on a Spanish-style sanctuary that conforms with downtown's historic red-brick buildings.

Church officials say they now have the money to go ahead with the expansion, thanks to recent fund-raising efforts and donations. Financial shortfalls stalled the project the past several years, said the Rev. L.D. Perdue, the church's pastor.

"We've been here 50 years," he said. "We're outgrowing our present facilities," he said. Perdue said the congregation has 154 members.

The church seeks to construct a 4,773-square-foot sanctuary seating 270 people next to its present buildings on the northeast side of the intersection of Woodbridge Road and Mokelumne and Chestnut streets.

The current sanctuary would be converted to a multipurpose hall.

The San Joaquin County Planning Commission was expected to approve a use permit last week. The project is consistent with the residential area and will pose no serious environmental problems, county documents indicated.

The project will cost about \$500,000.



Perdue said. The church is continuing to raise money, he said.

He expects construction to begin in the spring and finish by the end of the year.

Mindful of downtown's historic character, church officials plan on a structure featuring a red-brick exterior and Spanish-style tile roof, Perdue said.

In fact, the bricks to be used date back to the 20th century and come from a sister church torn down in Oakland, he said.

"We're very interested in retaining the flavor of old Woodbridge," he said.

Glenda Wall, member of the Woodbridge Municipal Advisory Council, expressed some concern that the project

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would lead to increased traffic. "Otherwise, it seems like an appropriate use of property," she said.

The grassy lot has been empty for years and would benefit from development, said church neighbor Nathan Stephan, 23.

A new sanctuary would be "better than kids digging holes and making mounds for jumping their bikes."

Traffic issues have been taken care of, Perdue said. Parking stalls already exist.

Moreover, significant traffic only occurs during Sunday morning services, he said, and church activities are minimal through the rest of the week.

Underground utilities are in place, too, he said. "All we need to do is put up the building and hook it up."

He also doesn't anticipate the project hindering or being hindered by construction of a traffic roundabout at the three-way intersection, he said.

The roundabout is part of county-approved road improvements in Woodbridge expected to be com-

pleted between 2002 and 2005.

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### Excerpts From L. D. Perdue's Autobiography

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Due to failing health on the part of Maurine and myself, I resigned the church in July of 2001. I had been an active Pastor for 57 years. However, I did not retire but continued to work in the History and Archives for the State Association and the National ABA.

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### History and Archives

I have been involved in the History of Landmark Missionary Baptist for 35 years having becoming very interested after I moved to Bend, OR and getting acquainted with the Eastern Baptist Association of California and Oregon plus the Middle Oregon Association. This work involved serving as historian for the Cooperative Association in Oregon, The Cooperative Association of Missionary Baptist Churches in California and the National History and Archives committee of the American Baptist Association.

As a result of others and my involvement in the work we have a large collection of files and material which is stored in our permanent facilities in Porterville, California in what was the old house behind the First Missionary Baptist Church. The Pastor's office is also located in the building.

Since resigning the Woodbridge church Maurine and I lived in our own home in Porterville where I was able to give my full time to this ongoing work. After spending months in a 5<sup>th</sup> wheel and traveling throughout the area of the Landmark Missionary Baptist work a large book of up to 800 or more pages is ready to be published after fine tuning it. This book will be the product of many Baptist in many associations and groups. It was begun by the directive of the California Cooperative Association but has enjoyed the cooperation of churches and pastors in the Old California Association and other groups. It deals with the history of almost all true Landmark Baptist Churches in California from 1849 to the present. There are hundreds of pictures of churches, groups and pastor. A brief biography of hundreds of pastors and a brief history of hundreds of churches. All of the martial is on CDs and computers and all of this is being proofed for publication at the present time. (September 2, 2007)

# L. D. (Doug) Perdue's Historical Information Archives File

## From the Files of the History & Archives Committee Historical Information

In November 2—16, 1941, Bro. M. B. Hubbard held a meeting in Riverbank, California. On the night of the 6th or the 8th, Oleta Burch and Douglas Perdue both made professions of faith. Douglas baptized January 3, 1943 along with his brother Sam. Their father, Othie, was saved Tuesday May 12, 1942. The date of his baptism was probably May 17, 1942. Howard was saved and baptized (probably the following Sunday) June 6, 1942.

All of these were baptized in the Stanislaus River in Riverbank by the authority of Riverbank church with Luther Cooper as the ministry

Ordination Certificate of Brother Perdue dated 4 March 1944 by the Riverbank Missionary Baptist Church lists the Council of Ordination composed of Elders Luther Cooper, John Cooper, Reuben Blalock, Lee Dowdle, C.C. Middleton, Roy M. Reed, C.E. Hunt, J.R. Bowers, C.M. Crouch Deacons, Arthur Harris John Sevedge, Herbert Schuh, D.W. Bowlan, Bro. Ross, Bro. Whitely. They were brethren from the Riverbank, Antioch, Concord, Salinas, Tulare, Fresno, El Nido and Hagginwood churches, Signed by Charles Crouch for in Luther Cooper moderator

Thirty Four pages of Baptist Newspaper Clippings that Bro. Perdue compiled on himself, in addition to a large number of other ministers in our California work.

Note on page 2 of Clippings next the clipping pf The Fresno School - Feb., 1944:

I attended Fresno school for one semester from Jan. 1944 to May 1944.

I surrendered to preach on the way home from a conference at Fresno about 9 am just south of Madera on June 25, 1943.

In December 2000, I asked Bro. Perdue to compile a list of the churches he helped organize and the building programs he was involved in. There are 25 churches on that list. The list for building programs show 59 churches. In Volume 3 Number 1 of the Landmark Baptist Historian these two lists were published.



**1969 Cooperative Association Missionaries**  
**L-R: Jim Gage, Harley Baker, Fred Schrum, L. D. Perdue & Ellis Fisher**

# Work with the State & National History & Achieves Committees

Since the relocation of our Archives to Landmark Baptist Church in Folsom, I have been afforded greater opportunity to peruse the files of our holdings. While a certain body of information/records have been gathered by various committeemen through the years, the valuable contributions of L. D. Perdue has become more obvious with each passing year. Bro. Perdue understood the great worth of the written record, its need of preservation and the distribution among the brethren of today and into the future.

A particular highlight of our working together on the Committee was the History trip we took to research the files at Bellflower September 10, 2001. We enjoyed a great time of Fellowship on our journey there and back. Our group of researchers awoke the morning of the 11th to the NEWS of the terrorist attack on America. As badly as we were affected by this, his calm advice was that we continue in our pursuits.



## *The History of Landmark Baptists of California - Volume One* **Where We Came From & How We Got Here**

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### **INTRODUCTION by Elder L. D. Perdue**

As one who has been actively involved in the Cooperative work almost from the beginning, it is a pleasure to introduce this work of the California History and Archives Committee. Much time and effort has gone into the preparing of this work and it is hoped that all of our people will show their appreciation of it by studying it and applying some of the important principles that are shown.

Even though the Cooperative Association as such is only 50 years old, it is important to note that the central ground of Cooperation revolves around the Mission Program of Association Baptist which on the west coast goes back to the middle of the 19th century. Our work has a direct connection to the Associations of that time. It is also important to be cognizant of the real issue that brought about the split between us and the California Missionary Baptist Association, which was that of a Secretary and Treasurer of Missions and Salaried Missionaries. The large majority of the churches were in favor of this, and the first few years of the Old Association had this, but it had been changed and the Statement of Cooperation was worded in such a way to make it difficult to change back. This then resulted in the split.

As one can easily see by the great growth that took place over the first few years, this spirit of close cooperation around the Mission Program resulted in a clear justification of the organization of the Associated work. It should also be noted that certain men stood out who were leaders and strong supporters of the Association. This did not deter them from being strong Pastors in their local church but rather were enhanced in this as a result.

With the growth of our churches and the success of Cooperation we were able to also broaden our endeavors into other fields such as Christian Education, CMD, Chapel Builders etc. It is hoped that the lessons that can be learned from the last 50 years will enable us to more profitably serve our Master in the future.

# Work with the State & National History & Achieves Committees 2004 ABA—History Merit Award

*Excerpts*  
From L. D. Perdue's  
*Autobiography*

## Sulfur Springs Missionary Baptist Church— August 1952-1954



We had a radio broadcast and I certainly enjoyed preaching on the radio each Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:00. I still have one of the outlines I used on the radio entitled, "Hell over Hot Springs."

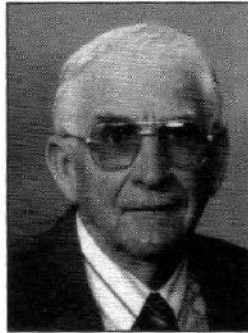
I had a good time preaching against the ungodly bunch running Garland County.



**Life-Long Friends in the Ministry**  
Doug Perdue, Lester McCalister  
And Roy Reed

## 2004 American Baptist Association Yearbook

### HISTORY MERIT AWARD



**L. D. Perdue**

Brother L. D. Perdue was born in 1926 in Oakdale, California. He was saved in 1941, baptized in 1942, surrendered to preach in 1943, and ordained in 1944, all at/by the First Missionary Baptist Church in Riverbank, California.

He moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1944 to attend the Missionary Baptist Institute. He pastored his first church in 1945. He married Maurine Cook in 1946 and this marriage is still going strong. Three daughters were born to them. They also have eight grandchildren and six (and a half) great-grandchildren.

Brother Perdue pastored five churches in Arkansas while attending school, moving back to California in 1954. He has pastored churches in the west since then and led in the organization of eighteen churches. He has also worked in two Bible schools, California Mission Development, camps, and historical research. He has worked in the History and Archives for over thirty years and provided the section in the 2000 ABA History Book that dealt with California, Oregon, Washington, and Hawaii. He is presently Chairman of the California History and Archives Committee, working full time at the Porterville, California History and Archives Committee property.

He has always served in the churches of the American Baptist Association.

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Dr. Ben M. Bogard's—Select Articles from *The Baptist & Commoner*

History of Landmark Baptists of California—Published by the History & Archives of the Cooperative Association, 2010. While the basic outline for this work was prepared by previous committeemen he "fleshed out" approximately 80% of the completed project.

Numerous Editorial Comments in the Baptist Press

## How World War II affected the Othie Perdue family.

By L. D. Perdue

July 2, 2003

As with all our countrymen, life made some drastic changes after December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941. Patriotism was very high and our young men were signing up for the services right and left. Many of my classmates lied about their age in order to enlist. I was 15 years old at the outbreak of the war and had to take on adult work because so many were in the service. At 16 I tried to enlist in the Navy but because of color-blindness was not accepted. Also tried the Merchant Marine, Army Air Force and shipbuilding, without success.

I had three brothers who were involved in the war effort in the beginning of 1943. Richard had enlisted, leaving his wife and two children home and was stationed in Roswell, New Mexico, working on B-17's. Lewis was training to be a flight engineer on a B-24. Sam was working on the railroad, working long hours moving war material. I was working 12 hours a day, 7 days a week in an almond huller and milking 25 head of dairy cows.

My family and I had just started going to church on a regular basis, as we could. I was feeling a tugging at my heart to preach, but thought that the Lord would not call a backward farm boy for such a great calling. I agreed to attend a Bible conference in Fresno and my pastor Luther Cooper and his evangelist friend, C. C. Middleton talked to me about preaching all 100 miles to Fresno. I finally agreed to give it a shot with the thought that if I got up there and the Lord put words in my mouth and I knocked them in the aisle, I would know He called me. If I flopped, I would know He had not called. So that night, I closed my eyes, opened the Bible and stuck my finger on a verse thinking that I would use it as my text. It was the 5th chapter of James! I had made a deal with God, so I thought.

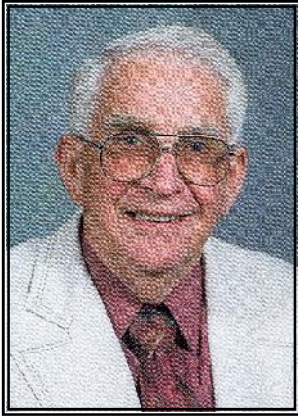
The next morning as I prepared for breakfast, I was thinking that today I will know if my deal with God would mean that he wanted me to be a preacher. The telephone rang and it was my mother calling me with the terrible news that at 11:00 P.M. a drunk ran into my dear brother Sam, crushing him between the coal-tender and car killing him. My pastor, Brother Cooper and Brother Middleton and I started for home. On the way I was asking God, through my grief, why he had allowed such a terrible thing to happen. I said, "God, why would you take Sam? He had just been saved. He has a wife and two little babies. Why didn't you take me instead? I don't have anyone! Then in my heart, a still sweet voice as clear as a bell spoke to me and said, "I want you to preach the gospel." I have never made another deal with the Lord, nor have I ever doubted my call since that day, June 26, 1943 on Hwy 99 just before we got to Madera, California.

We had Sam's funeral. Richard and Lewis got to come home for the service. Sunday morning the following week I preach my first message and Richard and Lewis came forward and both professed faith in Christ and followed Him in baptism. A few months later, Lewis was shot down over the sea east of Florence Italy and was never recovered. **BUT HE HAD BEEN SAVED THROUGH THE DEATH OF SAM!**

About May 1944, after trying several times to get in the service, I received my draft notice. I went to Sacramento for my physical and passed everything fine. As long as you could see good it was good enough for the foot Army. As I sat down at the last doctor to be interviewed, he began asking me questions of a personal nature, I told him about my brothers, my call to the ministry and that I was planning on going to Little Rock to enroll in seminary. He asked me if I objected to serving my country and I told him, "Absolutely not!" He then said, "Son if you're not drafted will you go on to Seminary?" To which I replied yes. He then said, "Son, our country needs Men of God more than men of war. I'm going to see that you are deferred and I want you to enroll in seminary and if the war is still on when you complete your studies, will you become a chaplain?" I said I would..

In all of the above I learned about the providence of God in the Perdue family. Amen.





## **Luther Douglas Perdue: Mission Work and Building Programs In which I have been involved**

December 1, 2000

I have been asked by Robert Cullifer to put together a brief list of the churches I helped organize and the building programs I have been a part of. I will do this in two sections.

### **Missions:**

1. January 3rd, 1947, I led in the organization of the First MBC of Oakdale, sent out by the Riverbank FMBC. (See Riverbank and Oakdale minutes.)

2. In May 1947, through my efforts as Pastor, we called Brother Vic Salyer and worked with him to start the Escalon Church out of some of our members. (See Oakdale minutes.)

3. August 18, 1949, the First MBC of Modesto (Tully Road) was organized under my work, sent out by the Oakdale church. I was the first pastor. (See Oakdale and Modesto minutes.)

4. In 1954 I was endorsed by Antioch as local Missionary for the Northern Association and started a mission in Berkley. Had good success numerically but could not find a permanent meeting place. No church organized.

5. In 1955 I assisted Brother Guilford Sheffield a few weeks in organizing the Hawthorne church. (See CA State Minutes 1956)

6. Also in 1955, I led in the organization of the Calvary MBC in Whittier and became Missionary Pastor. (See CA State Minutes.)

7. In 1956, I led in the organization of the Pedley MBC and became Missionary Pastor. I was also instrumental in leading the Mira Loma and Lomita churches into our association. I also worked with Brother Canavan in setting up the Dominguez School. It was also in the year of 1956 that the concept of the Dollar-A-Month program was started which led to the start of CMD. (See my reports for 1956.)

8. In November 6, 1956, through my efforts as Pastor of the Landmark Church in Sacramento, we endorsed Allen Tabor as State Missionary and with our authority organized the Eureka church, March 19, 1957. (See CA State Minutes, 1957)

9. In 1958 through my efforts as Pastor of Landmark, Sacramento, we sent one of our members, Elder Guy Martin, to Lobster Valley, OR and supported the work, which resulted in the church being organized there. (See 1958 State Minutes.)

Note. It was at this time with Lobster Valley in my ministry that I began to lead the churches I pastored to sponsor the missions with full control over them. This is not the only way to organize churches, but I was comfortable with it.

10. In 1958, I, along with Lee Shirley, purchased a nice piece of property in Fair Oaks and offered it to the Landmark church to start a mission, which she did. We sent one of our members, Brother M. B. Hubbard to be our Missionary. The church was soon organized and called Bill Fritz as Pastor. (See Sentinel July 58.)

11. In 1960, Bob French and I bought 5 acres in North Highlands and sold half of it to the Landmark Church, where I was pastor, for a fraction of what we paid for it in order to start a new church. Landmark furnished the members and called George Walton as our missionary. The church was organized on November 11, 1960.

12. Woodland MBC was organized August 1962. One of my Deacons, Henry French, had surrendered to preach. After a time, we sent him to do mission work under my guidance in Woodland. Later on, George Walton took over, at our request. It was under close cooperation with the Landmark church in Sacramento where I was pastor. (See 1963 Valley Association Minutes.)

13. The Downey Central MBC was organized March 22, 1964. The Landmark Church, L. D. Perdue, Pastor, sponsored the work. Bro. Brown had resigned Granite Park and was very upset with our Cooperative work. I met with him and encouraged him to stay with us and recommended him to the church. We closely worked with him and the mission as is reflected in his reports. (See Downey church minutes.)

14. In 1964, I started the work in Talent, OR, working as a local Missionary and then as a State Missionary. The church was organized April 5, 1965. (See CA State Minutes 1965)

15. I was able to restart the Glendale, OR, church and we were able to call Brother Henry French as Pastor in January 1965, and he moved on the field. (See CA State Minutes 1965.)

16. Grants Pass, OR. About the end of 1965 Brother Henry French resigned Glendale and moved to Ashland and joined Talent. We then looked into starting a mission in Grants Pass, which was done. This would be the third work that I assisted Henry in. Woodland, CA, Glendale, OR and Grants Pass, OR. (See L. D. Perdue mission reports 65-66.)

17. Santa Rosa, 1967. (State Minutes 1968)

18. Folsom, March 30, 1969 (Folsom Minutes.)

The following churches were sponsored and property bought by the Bend church under my leadership. (See Bend records.)

19. Redmond, March 6, 1976

20. Madras, 1977

21. Heritage, Bend, January 24, 1981

**NOTE: This was previously published in Volume 3 of the Historian.**

22. LaPine, December 5, 1981.
23. Dillon, MT, 1976.
24. Helena, MT. Shortly after I left Bend. The mission and property were bought and built under my watch.
25. Anchorage, Alaska. (Reorganization. February 1984)
26. Sunnyvale, Unity, March 1986. (The New Hope Church merged with the Sunnyvale Church and formed the Unity church under my leadership.)

## **Building Programs**

1. Pastor of Hamilton, Carlisle, AR, and Installed Air Conditioning and painted the exterior.
2. Pastor of Oakdale, CA Had my first experience with Building Inspection Departments and helped build the basement of the original building.
3. Pastor of First Baptist, South Crossett, AR. The church built a parsonage.
4. Pastor of Crossroads, Hamburg, AR. Sanded and refinished the floor.
5. Pastor of New Hope, Hot Springs, AR. Remodeled. My first experience in finishing sheet rock.
6. Pastor of Sulphur Springs, Hot Springs, AR. Built addition on parsonage and remodeled Church.
7. Missionary at Freedom. Drew plans obtained permits and built auditorium.
8. Pastor at Landmark Sacramento. Built Parsonage,
- 9 & 10 building additions to the church.
11. & 12. First unit at Highlands and subdivided the 5 acre property including road improvements.
- 13-19. Houses on the Highlands property.
20. Fair Oaks Church.
21. Woodland Mission.
21. Pastor at Ashland. Made the deal for the property in Talent including church building. Added on and remodeled.
22. Made the deal for the Santa Rosa property. Drew plans and obtained all the permits for building and development of property.
23. Drew plans and helped build Santa Cruz. Obtained permits.
24. Did some remodeling for Sunnyvale.
25. Drew plans, obtained much of the material and helped build Valley Springs.
26. Made the deal for Folsom property and did extensive remodeling. Also Pastor.
- 27-33. While Pastor at Bend, made the deal for the property, drew the plans. Also led out in all the projects there, including three units to church, large Bus shed and 14 apt. units.
34. Made the deal for Redmond.
35. Helped Brother Harold Loyd make the deal for Madras.
- 36-37. Made the deal and drew plans for both units at Heritage, Bend. Also Pastor.
38. Drew plans and helped some at Pasco, WA.
39. Drew the plans and helped build Hood River, OR.
40. Drew the plans for Dillon, MT.
41. Drew plans and helped build Helena, MT.
42. Drew the plans for Winston, OR.
43. Drew the plans for an addition at Springfield, OR.
- 48-49 Years after I drew the original plans, I became Pastor of Arroyo Grande and led in two building programs there.
50. Drew the preliminary plans and worked on Hesperia.
51. Helped on Calvary, Fresno.
52. Helped on Comox Valley, Canada.
53. Egypt, Hamburg, AR. Helped draw plans, showed church how to make blocks and helped them lay blocks.
54. Drew plans for Buena Park.
55. Drew plans and helped Simi Valley in their permits.
- 56 & 57. Drew plans and helped build two units at LaPine, OR.
58. Drew plans for Lompoc, CA
59. Helped Lockeford put in Heating plant and obtained material for it.
58. Drew plans for Sand Point, ID.
59. Remodeled the old auditorium in Woodbridge.
60. Did much of the preliminary work on the new building in Woodbridge, (It has since been built.)

I am sure there are other building programs I worked on but I cannot recall at this time. (2009) L. D. Perdue

I have had many honors given me over the years. I am sure I did not deserve some of them. One of the most rewarding was being elected one of the Historians Emeritus by the 2008 Messenger Body Meeting of the American Baptist Association.

To God be the Glory. L. D. Perdue



## L. D. (Doug) Perdue's Liberty Memorial Sermon Rick Howard at Liberty MBC, Modesto



### Luther Douglas Perdue: August 6, 2016 Rick Howard at Liberty Memorial Service

**A Rich Heritage:** Psalm 16:5,6 *The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.*

And, Luther Douglas Perdue did have a goodly, a rich heritage. Bro. Perdue – LD Perdue to many - Uncle Doug to many – Uncle brother to me the past 9 years as a beloved member here, he did have a rich heritage.

**First,** He had a rich heritage toward his daughters: To them, he was simply daddy. That same love and devotion extended to his grandchildren and great grandchildren. But, as strong and independent as he was in life, he loved being married, he did not like to be alone. Maurine for so long, then Alberta, then Gloria – he treated them as a prince would to a princess, adoring them. In his autobiography, Doug said of Maurine, the mother of his children: “She was a real supporter of this work as well as every part of the Lord’s work her husband was involved in. There is no way I can put into words how much she supported and encouraged me over the years. I give her most of the credit for anything I have accomplished in the service of the Lord.”

**Excerpt from his autobiography about Maurine:** He joined the Antioch Church in Little Rock about the last Sunday in July 1944. While the people were coming around to shake his hand, one girl came twice. This was Maurine he thought. He was really impressed. Later on he found out that it was Maurine’s Sister. Maurine was not impressed with him after all.” But, over 60 years of marriage proved otherwise.

**Second:** This rich heritage extended to the Perdue clan as a whole. Doug loved his siblings with a passion. After the death 25 years ago of Doug’s oldest brother Richard, my father-in-law and daddy to my wife Jolene, a brother Doug admired beyond words, Doug became the patriarch figure of the Perdue clan. Having to see his other surviving siblings leave him behind, one by one – Oleta, then Howard, then Gary – kind of an end to an era. Doug worked hard at developing a family tree of the Perdue/Tuttle bloodline back through Texas, Arkansas and Kentucky and Virginia – many generations, because he loved his rich heritage as a Perdue. Since he was the last of the siblings to pass on, I think it would be proper to name them all: these blessed children of William Othie and Annie Augusta Perdue: Richard, Julius (Juicy), Oleta, Samuel (Mutt), Lewis (Louie), Doug, Josephine, Howard, Gary. I married into the Perdue family 41 years ago and have been greatly blessed for it – they are a family easy to love.

**Third:** Then, as we widen the circle a bit more, Doug had a rich heritage among Landmark Missionary Baptists. He surrendered to preach as a young teenage boy of 17 years old, Luther Cooper as his beloved pastor, never traveling far from his boyhood town of Oakdale, he got on a bus at 18 years old and headed for Little Rock for seminary to study under Bro. Bogard and Guthrie and others. He tells a story of his arrival in Little Rock: My first meeting with Brother Bogard was in the middle of July 1944. I had just arrived in Little Rock, my first trip outside of my home state of California and did not know a living soul. I caught a streetcar from the bus station to 21<sup>st</sup> and Brown Street and walked down to Brother Bogard’s house. When I knocked on the door, this stocky short man came and opened it. He did not have on a shirt but under his suspenders he had on long johns. I must admit I was somewhat taken aback since I had expected a very dignified man in a suit to answer the door. He looked up at me and in a very gruff voice said, “What do you want?” I told him who I was and that I had come to enroll in the Missionary Baptist Institute. He then said “Fine, go on down this street to the top of the hill and you will see a house on top of the hill. Brother Guthrie lives there and he will take care of you.” I then told him that I was new to the area and did not know anything about it and could he give me more instructions. He said in a gruff voice once again, “Go on, you can’t miss it.” I did not miss it. The Guthrie family received me very warmly. Brother Bogard told me later that he treated all the boys roughly when they first came to enroll in school in order to weed out the ones who did not have “stickability.” Brother Bogard taught the first class beginning promptly at 8:00 A.M. He let us know the first day that class did not start at 8:01 and if we were a minute late he would remind us of it. Believe me; we would not forget it either.

I would sit on the front row right in front of him, thrilled as he taught the Word of God. Several times he would look at me and say, “Douglas, did you get that?” After I said I did, he would say, “Fine, if you did, everybody did.” One week the young people of Antioch were given permission to hold a week long revival with Roy Reed, Jerry Crumley, Wilson Garner, David Abbott and myself as speakers. On the night that I preached, I used a lot of scriptures and did what I thought was a great job, thinking that Brother Bogard would really commend me. As I stood at the back of the building, everyone was bragging on me and Brother Bogard came up behind me and slapped me on the back and said, “Douglas, straighten up there, you look terrible!” So much for the commendation!

This experience in Little Rock seminary and that Antioch church instilled in LD Perdue a life-long love and close attachment to the work of the ABA. During his life he worked with several State and local Associations, but it was always the work of the ABA that he held dearest.

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**Fourth:** Then, his rich heritage and love for Landmark Baptists was shown in his many building programs. He worked closely with the CMD and Chapel Builders in CA, the same in Oregon and also the national efforts toward properties and buildings. He was personally involved, either as Pastor or helping a fellow pastor and church, in 59 building programs – can you imagine? And that is in context of him pastoring many churches, doing much missionary work, heading up two seminaries – one in Sacramento in the 60's and one in Bend, Oregon during his years there, plus being the representative of the Fresno seminary. Plus, his involvement in History and Archives efforts here on the West Coast and nationally took countless hours. Then, his direct involvement in organizing so many churches – the Oakdale church in 1947 with many of the Perdue clan as charter members, when Doug left Little Rock for a year and was only 20 years old; and the Modesto Tully Road church in 1949 at 23 years old, among so many others. And, the Tully Road church was the 4<sup>th</sup> church he pastored before being 25 years old and a total of about 15 churches as pastor. How could one man accomplish so much in one lifetime? The number of grace. Because of the number one rich heritage of his life: “The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.” Doug Perdue loved the Lord very deeply and relied on the Lord to lead him and help him in his ministry. He wanted everyone in his family and the places where he was pastor and missionary to know Christ as Savior and serve Him as Lord in the kind of church he loved most – Landmark Missionary Baptist churches. Doug's last sermon at an Association meeting was about 7 years ago at Mt. Vernon in Rialto – I drove him and Alberta there and back, enjoying their company very much. He was voted to preach the Friday night sermon, preached a wonderful message and a young woman was saved. That made for a happy ride home.

***Each of these areas of his life could take the whole time of this sermon, but I need to move on to:***

Psalm 92:13,14 *Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing.*”

Doug Perdue did still bring forth fruit in old age – unlike anyone I have ever known. His last time in church here was the Sunday before he went to be with the Lord and he prayed the closing prayer and became very emotional in praying for this nation and this world in these perilous times.

Doug came to a time he could no longer preach or teach here, but that was only in the past couple years, but his presence here always lifted my heart. But, he then started a ministry at Casa de Modesto, his living facility. He preached about once a month, asking his niece Jolene to play a couple gospel songs during that total of less than 30 minutes. One time he preached so hard he had to stop and sit down. He said, “that's ok, I will finish my next turn.” His last few sermons there was sitting down, unable to read directly from the Bible due to poor eye sight, but he so desperately wanted those who were so close to the end of their life at Casa de Modesto to receive encouragement and to hear the gospel message. Since Uncle Doug was unable to preach here his last couple years, I made sure to call on him to pray almost every service he attended – and what prayers he would pray – for this church, for me as Pastor, for his family, for this nation – and especially for lost souls. He was a great blessing to the Liberty church and it was an honor to be his pastor for 9 years. Just as I had the blessing of being the pastor of Jesse Scott and Richard Harless in their later years, I witnessed first-hand what the true core of Doug Perdue's heart of God's grace was, and that grace manifested itself in a real kindness and tenderness, encouraging us often, as the old Apostle John did to Ephesus, to “love one another.” Being a pastor of great men of God in their declining years is a true blessing – some of you good brethren know first-hand what I mean. David Keeling said of Doug during the years at Bend, Oregon in the seminary “LD Perdue could be a bomb thrower when he wanted to.” Many of us can relate to that of our younger and middle years in the ministry, but hopefully we will all age as he did and do some of our best work in what some would call our declining years. Like Moses and Caleb, Doug Perdue was strong, especially spiritually, until the very end.

Doug Perdue was a builder: not only of buildings, but of people. He edified my life and the life of Liberty Church.

***This brings me to a final point on why Luther Douglas Perdue had such a rich heritage:***

His first sermon, preached on July 4, 1943 at Riverbank. I preached from that outline three years ago in honor of Doug's 70 years in the ministry. His text was James 5:16 *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.* Like Daniel, LD Perdue was a praying man.

Uncle Doug was not a perfect man, he would be the first to say that, but like Enoch, he walked with God; like the Apostles, he communed with the Savior; like Paul, he traveled many places, preaching the precious gospel of Christ, dealing with many hardships along the way, but always keeping in mind the high calling, the upward calling, of Christ in his life. Like Paul he could say “*But by the grace of God I am what I am: and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*” His physical birth into the Perdue family, then his spiritual birth into the family of God are the foundation of his goodly heritage.

Isaiah 54:17 “*This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me, saith the LORD.*”

Acts 20:17-27.

God bless the memory of this man I loved and God bless his family in their loss, but he is, as Paul said, “with Christ, which is far better!” The death of a saint is described by Paul in 2 Cor. 5:4 “*that mortality might be swallowed up by life.*”

What a beautiful description of Doug's experience at this very moment!

## L. D. (Doug) Perdue's Memorial Brochure



### *A Journey Remembered*

*As some people journey through life,  
They leave footprints wherever they go—  
footprints of kindness and love,  
courage and compassion,  
humor and inspiration, joy and faith.  
Even when they are gone,  
we can still look back and clearly see  
the trail they left behind—  
a trail bright with hope  
that invites us to follow.*

*—copied*

*The Family wishes to thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers. Thank you to Pastor Rick and the Liberty Church for being so helpful and caring.*

*In Loving  
Memory*



*Luther Douglas Perdue  
April 3, 1926 – July 14, 2016*

*Those who are wise will shine like the  
brightness of the heavens, and those who lead  
many to righteousness, like the stars for ever  
and ever. Daniel 12:3*



### **From Perdue Autobiography**

#### **—FOLSOM MARCH 1969—APRIL 1971**

We now come to the Folsom work. In March of 1969, eight different families were having Bible study in the Orangevale area. These people were members of the Landmark Church in Sacramento. By unanimous decision they decided that it was time to actually start a mission in that area with me as their Missionary so they went before the Sacramento Church and on March 30, 1969 with the consent of the Landmark Church, 31 people met for their first Sunday service. In April we started meeting in the Orangevale Grange Hall. In May we were able to purchase the building in Folsom and in every service we were having new additions. On May 22, 1970, two months after the mission was started, 44 members went into the organization of the church. A large number of people and churches were present for the organization. The church continued to grow until I resigned as pastor to start another mission work.

In April 1971 the church called Bro. Roger Bowline as pastor and he accepted. This was his first church and he did a fine job as pastor. When the church purchased the property they had to do so under the authority and in the name of the Landmark Church of Sacramento.

# L. D. (Doug) Perdue's Memorial Brochure

## Celebration of a Life Well-lived

Saturday, August 6, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.  
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church  
341 Claratina Avenue, Modesto, CA

Pastor Rick Howard, Officiating & Message  
Elder Robert Cullifer, "Bro. Doug's History"

Soloist: *Richard Burch* (nephew)  
"The Wayfaring Stranger"

Music: *Tom McCright* (son-in-law)  
& *Jolene Howard* (niece)  
"How Beautiful Heaven Must Be"  
and "In the Garden"

Closing Prayer: *Don Loyd* (son-in-law)

### Honorary Pall Bearers:

They are proud to call him "Papa":

*Sherry, Richelle, Kevin,  
Jackie, Tony, Paul, & Megan*

They love their Great-Papa:

*Adam, Olivia, Jordan, Brayden,  
Payton, Emma, Andrew & Jonah*

## **Doug's Best Advice**

### **"To my Children and their Children"**

Be faithful to the Lord and His Church. Be true to yourself and each other. Live by the Bible and remember what Christ said in Luke 10:27: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

## *Luther Douglas Perdue*



Was born at home April 3, 1926, in Oakdale, California, across from what use to be the old Hershey's factory. (One of his claims to fame!) He was born to William Othie and Annie Augusta (Spradlin) Perdue. He was the fifth child of nine - seven boys & two girls. He eventually gained 16 nieces & nephews.

What a life he lived! At eight years old, Doug collected turkey eggs and would get 2 cents apiece for them. He would get 10 cents for each gopher he trapped. He did many other odd jobs growing up: irrigating, knocking and hulling almonds, worked in gas stations, a lumber yard, an ordinance plant in Jacksonville, Arkansas, the Little Rock, Arkansas Post Office, and many construction jobs later while pastoring churches.



He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior when he was 14 years old, and surrendered to preach at 17. From that time until the time he passed away, he faithfully preached the Gospel, sharing with others the need for Christ in their lives. He loved reading, teaching, working with Seminaries, and

mentoring young preachers. History was his hobby and he enjoyed tracing family lineages. He loved working on California Churches History & Archives and also the American Baptist Association History & Archives. He put hours of work into his research for years and was a major contributor to several books on Church History.



Douglas passed from this life into life eternal on Thursday, July 14, 2016, in Modesto, California. He was 90 years, 3 months, and 11 days old. He leaves behind his wife, Gloria Hiatt, daughters, Becky (Don) Loyd, Sarah Lewallen, Priscilla (Tom) McCright; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, three step-sons and two step-daughters whom he loved to claim as his own.

Doug was preceded in death by the wife of his youth & of 61 years, Maurine; wife of 7 years, Alberta; his first grandchild, Dawn; son-in-law, Dennis; his parents, six brothers, two sisters, & other family members. It broke his heart for his two younger brothers, Howard & Gary, to pass on to eternity before him.

Doug's ashes are buried at the Oakdale Citizen's cemetery underneath the Oak tree he planted after Maurine died. There are also many other family members' remains buried there.



## **From Perdue Autobiography**

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One of the reasons the church was organized as quickly as it was, was because the Landmark Church under Jim Wilkins at that time was on shaky ground relative to our work. We could see the departure of the Landmark Church from our work coming and so I made every effort to get the property turned over to us. In order to do that we had to become incorporated and take care of all the legal work. This was a difficult thing to do but thank the Lord we were able to accomplish this. Consequently we did not lose the property when the Landmark Church in Sacramento withdrew from our association work and then later on lost all their property.

When the church called Bro. Roger Bowline as pastor, the membership had grown to 65 and the attendance was in that neighborhood also. I have since gone back to Folsom on a number of occasions and have been very warmly received and it continues to do very well. In my mission report of 1971 to the California State Association this paragraph concerning Folsom was included.