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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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RICHARD LEE PASLAY SPECIAL EDITION

I was born June 13 1933 in Venice California and lived there until my parents moved to Hayward Calif., in 1941. My Parents were not church goers. I moved to Denver City, TX to live with a cousin and in 1948. It was there in Texas that I trusted the Lord as my Savior, was dunked by an unscriptural church in 1949. I moved back to Hayward to live with my parents. In Dec. 1950(?)

I joined the US Air Force. I spent three years and was set free in 1953, and served in the reserves until 1958.

I married LaDean Chapman of Hayward, CA on September 3, 1955. We began attending the Concord church in 1962, where I was ordained a deacon six months later(?). While there I taught Sunday School and led singing until the Lord called me into the ministry. At that time I was a salesmen for Brunswig Drug.

In August of 1966 we sold our house and moved to Bellflower to attend CMBI. In my second year the Crown Missionary Baptist Church in Norco called me as pastor in 1968. I was there until the First MBC of Oakdale called me in 1977. I served as pastor there for 10 years.

The Landmark MBC in Freedom, CA called me in 1987. I served as pastor at Freedom until the year 2000.

I retired from pastoring but continue preaching. Since 2000, I have been serving the Oakdale church as teacher, preacher, and song leader. In addition, I have preached for several churches.

I have three daughters, five grand children and three great grand children. My daughter Lisa married David Keeling who is pastor in Sunnyvale, CA.

My wife and I are going on 62 years of marriage.

Richard Paslay

Paslay, Richard Lee— (ABA)

Brother Richard was born in Santa Monica, California, June 13 1933. He was saved in August of 1949, and baptized by the MBC in Concord, California, April 1962. He was ordained as a deacon and then surrendered to preach in 1966, and licensed by the church in Concord.

He moved to Bellflower and attended CMBI from 1966-71 receiving his Th.B.

He was ordained by the Bellflower MBC in October of 1968 and pastored the Crown MBC in Norco from 1968-77. He pastored the FMBC of Oakdale from 1977-87. He pastored the Landmark MBC in Freedom from 1987-2000. He returned to Oakdale, where he is presently a member of the First Missionary Baptist Church.

He married Lois LaDean Chapman in Hayward, California, September 3, 1955. They were blessed with three girls; Karen, Sheri and Lisa.

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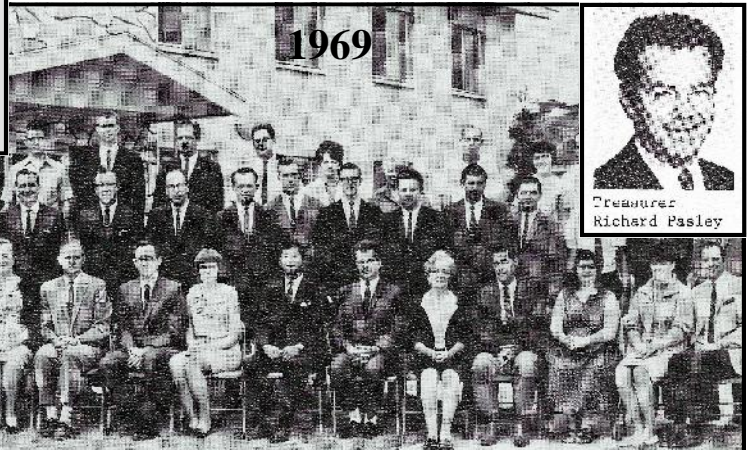
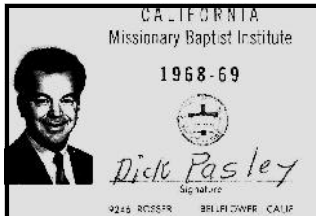
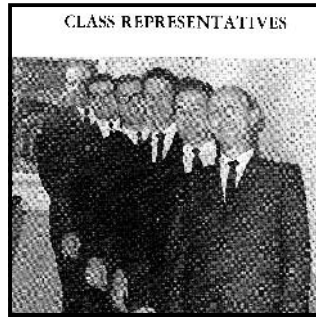
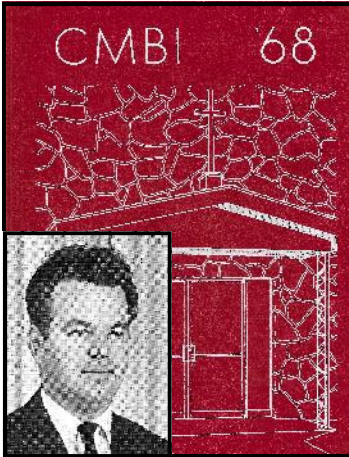
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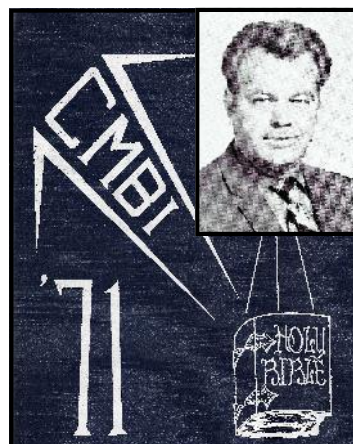
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2. Date and place of birth—June 13, 1933 on Santa Monica, CA
3. Parents names—Marion Raymond & Wanda Y. Paslay
4. Marriage details—September 3, 1955 in Hayward, VA to Lois LaDean Chapman
5. Children—3 girls
Karen Lee Fields—B. April 19, 1958
Sheri Lynn Venema—B. November 18, 1960
Lisa Rae Keeling—B. November 11, 1961

6. Secular Jobs—Salesman—Pharmaceutical, Carpet, & Insurance
7. Cities lived in—Venice (1933-1941), Hayward (1941-1949), Denver City, TX (1949-1950), Hayward (1953-1958) Concord (1958-1966), Bellflower, LaMirada, Norco, Oakdale, and Freedom, CA
8. Secular Training—Sales & Business
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11. When and where saved—August 1949 in Denver City, TX.
12. When Baptized—March 1962
13. Where Baptized—Faith MBC Concord, CA
14. Pastor who Baptized you—Dewey Mott
15. Date answered Call to Ministry—September 8, 1966
16. Dated Licensed or Ordained to Preach—Licensed September 11, 1966 & Ordained November 3, 1968
17. Church that Licensed or Ordained you— Licensed by Concord MBC, Ordained by Bellflower MBC
18. Men on Ordination Council—Roy M. Reed, Martin Canavan, Hoyt Chastain, Carl Farrar, Monroe Patterson, Dwight Patterson, D. S. Madden, George Kinz, Clint Wilkins, Merin Vineyard, Al Curtis, Delmer Mobly, Gordn Baldrige, W. F. Yarbrough, Harry Merry, Joe Ferguson, Jerry Weymire, Jack Cazier, William Milan, C. Williams Haven, Carl Avery, Walter Griffin and Truman Russell
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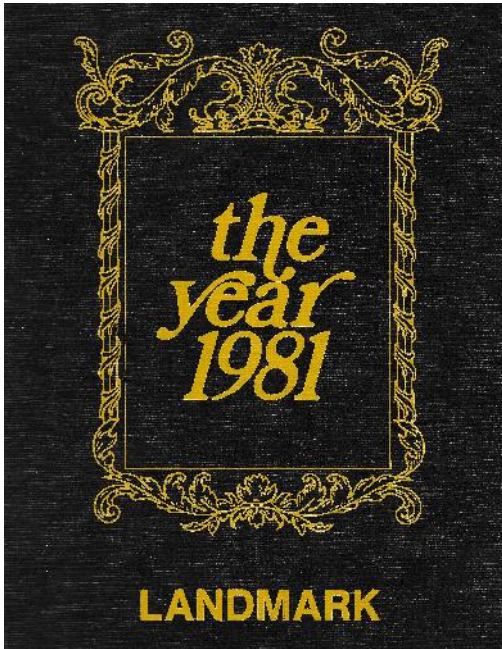
California Missionary Baptist Institute Seminary Years



Our Archives are in need of the
1967 CMBI Yearbook.



California Missionary Baptist Institute Alumnus of the Year—1981



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Brother Richard Paslay was born June 21, 1931 in Santa Monica, Cal. He lived in Orange until 1941. He then lived in Los Angeles until 1946. In 1946 he moved to Denver, Colo. where Bro. Paslay was raised. In December 1963 Bro. Paslay entered the Air Force for one year. During months of his time he spent in Germany. He returned to Hayward, Cal. in 1964. He married Edna Ferguson on Sept. 3, 1965. They now have three children, three sons.

Baptized by the Gospel, church in 1963 and ordained as pastor in 1967. He served his first full-time pastoral appointment in 1968. He has served in 10 churches in California and four states. He has been the first pastor serving from 1968 to 1972. Bro. Paslay is presently serving in Hayward, Cal. His spouse and children in God's work stand in front of the following selected in Alumnus of the Year.

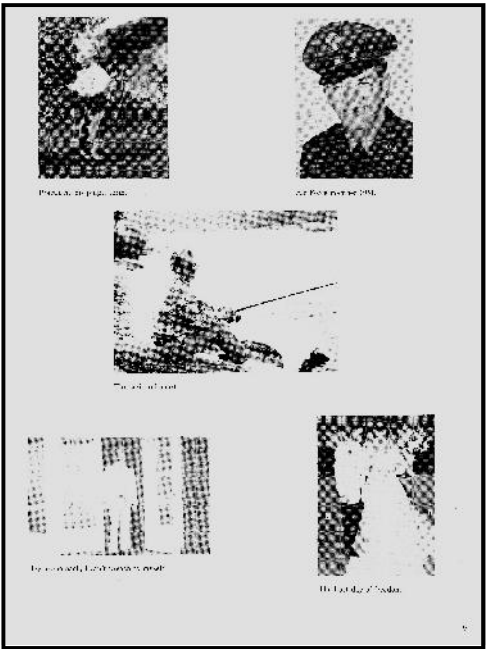


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This has been one of the best years of my life. The day I was born was a day of joy and peace. I was born on the day of the hour of speaking at the opening day of school and I am proud to be being elected as "Alumnus of the Year" by the school that I love so much.

Bro. Richard Paslay

Going to school at the time

—Paslay Photo Gallery—



Richard Paslay In the Baptist Press

Early Baptist Sentinel Clippings

1968

Baptist Sentinel-February, 1968 Brother Richard Paslay

If it is the will of God, when he is finished with his studies here at CMBI, he plans to go to the white field in the San Francisco-Oakland area. Untold millions of people in the area are dying UNTOLD (about the Gospel). Brother Paslay and his family desire to do something about it. God bless them for their determination.

Baptist Sentinel-November 1968 Norco, Dick Paslay, pastor

Nov.3rd Bro. Paslay was ordained at Bellflower and he has taken up his duties as pastor of this fine church.

1969

Baptist Sentinel-January 1969 Norco, Richard Paslay, pastor

"The outlook is very promising; 2 have been saved and 1 received on promise of a letter. The pastor asks if any have friends or loved ones in this vicinity of Riverside, Corona and Norco please send their addresses to him at P.O. Box 64, Norco, Calif.

Baptist Sentinel-February 1969 Norco, Richard Paslay, pastor

4 additions, one of whom is a good pianist, which was a great blessing. The church is moving forward and the fellowship is good.

Baptist Sentinel-April 1969 Norco, Dick Paslay, pastor

March 23 the church celebrated their anniversary with a dinner and all day fellowship meeting. They had 2 saved, one standing for baptism; at an average of 40 in Sunday school, and the church continues to increase in attendance.

Baptist Sentinel-October 1969 Norco-Dick Paslay, pastor

The church has placed their pastor on a full-time salary. They have had a marked increase since Bro. Paslay came as pastor in every department.

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Baptist Sentinel-November 1969 Norco, Dick Paslay, pastor

Bro. Paslay has concluded one year of service with the church. The last Sunday of October they had one addition by baptism and one by letter.

Baptist Sentinel-December 1969 Norco, Richard Paslay, pastor

The church had several additions last month by letter, and the 2nd year of pastor Paslay's work with the church was begun.

1970

Baptist Sentinel-May 1970 Norco, Richard Paslay, pastor

The pastor has completed a year having started with an average of 44 in attendance, \$400 per month offerings which has increased to 76 in attendance, and an increase in offerings to \$650. Bro. Roy Reed was with them April 15, showed the slides from CMBI and told about the work.

1971

Baptist Sentinel-August 1971 NORCO...

Pastor Richard Paslay reports the church has received 40 additions in the past 6 months--28 by baptism, 3 by restoration, and 9 by letter. They are beginning a building program. Wayne Cash surrendered to the ministry July 10. And Ronald Cash will be ordained August 28 at 2:00 P.M. All sister churches are urged to come and help in the ordination.

1974

Baptist Sentinel-February 1974

Norco-pastor Richard Paslay reports a young man saved and baptized in a recent service.

Baptist Sentinel-May 1974

NORCO -broke their be he see attendance with 78 present March 10, they reported for received by letter, 2 saved in 6 baptized. Their building is nearing completion. Richard Dick Paslay, pastor.

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Baptist Sentinel-June 1974

NORCO -gave their pastor a substantial raise in salary and expense account along with establishing a fund to send him to the Holy Land. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1974

NORCO -received one on promise of a letter and 2 for baptism recently. They also reported one rededication. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-

NORCO -received 2 by letter the last Sunday in August they also are planning a fall revival. Richard Paslay, pastor.

1975

Baptist Sentinel-March 1975

NORCO -received two members recently, one by baptism and one by letter. In March they enjoyed having Martin Canavan for a series of lectures on the Cults. Also in March they had a gospel concert to assist the Escondido mission in her building program. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-April 1975

NORCO -reports 5 saved and baptized recently, They had Bro. Martin Canavan with them for a seminar on the "Cults." They also had a Gospel Concert for the Escondido building project. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-May 1975

NORCO-held a very successful gospel concert featuring all Missionary Baptist talent, raised \$300.00 for the Atascadero building fund. Baptized one and received one by letter. Richard Paslay, Pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-June 1975

NORCO-baptized 3 last month and reports that their new addition is near completion. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel June 1975

NORCO-reported one being saved and baptized recently. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1975

NORCO-reports receiving 1 by baptism and 3 by letter of late. Richard Paslay, Pastor.

Richard Paslay In the Baptist Press

1975

Baptist Sentinel-September 1975

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1976

Baptist Sentinel-March 1976

NORCO-was blessed with three additions. The Gospel Continentals sang for them in

1977

Baptist Sentinel-March 1977

PASLAY T OAKDALE

Richard Paslay, formerly pastor of the Crown Missionary Baptist Church, Norco, Ca., has been called as pastor of the First Missionary Baptist Church of Oakdale, Ca. We understand that he has accepted the.....MISSING TEXT

Baptist Sentinel-June 1977

Oakdale added to buy letter. The church's thirtieth anniversary was observed May 22 all day services featuring Jesse Scott and Alan Tabor as speakers the church is ??? To obtain a piece of property which seems ideal for their needs. Richard Paslay, pastor.

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Baptist Sentinel-July 1977

OAKDALE celebrated their thirtieth homecoming with all day services. The Lord blessed with a large number of members, friends, and visitors. Four charter members and five former pastors were present. The church has voted to exchange land and building for those in another location. The actual relocation will probably take place in about sixty days Richard Paslay, pastor.

Oakdale Homecoming

The First Missionary Baptist Church of Oakdale, Calif. will be celebrating her 30th anniversary on May, 22nd. They are having a homecoming service with L. D. Purdue, their first pastor, and Jesse Scott who preached the organizational sermon will be the guest speakers for the day. Dinner will be served by the ladies of the Church, and special singing and preaching in the afternoon. If you are a charter member of the Oakdale and have moved we ask you to come home for this special event. Also we invite all to come and enjoy the day with us.

The Oakdale church was organized Jan. 3, 1947 with 22 charter members, with the Riverbank Church extending the arm. The present membership is 147 and most of them active. The Church is looking for some property where they can build a new church plant which they need badly. Their new pastor Richard Paslay has been on the field since March 6 of this year and is getting settled in his new place of labor, and he says that the fellowship and spirituality of the church is very good.

Anyone having friends living in the Oakdale area if you would send the pastor their names he would make every effort to reach them.

Richard Paslay, Pastor

Baptist Sentinel-May 1977

THE ATTRACTIVE new building shown above is soon to become the new home for the First Missionary Baptist Church of Oakdale. This great old church, under the leadership of pastor Dick Paslay, is making great strides forward. Recently the church sold its present building near the downtown Oakdale business district and bought the above building from the Mormons. Their trading ability is such that when they move into this building they will be debt free with approximately twenty thousand dollars cash for some new furnishings.

Baptist Sentinel-October 1977

1977

Baptist Sentinel-September 1977

OAKDALE will be in revival in October with Bennie McWha as evangelist. The church has voted by two minibuses for use in their ministry to youth and seniors. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-October 1977

OAKDALE received ten new members on one recent Sunday. Attendance is on the increase. Richard Paslay, pastor.

1978

Baptist Sentinel-January 1978

OAKDALE - reports two saved. Escrow has closed on the new church plant on Walnut Street, and the present property has been listed for sale. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-February 1978

OAKDALE-plans to move into the new building no later than the first Sunday in March. Pastor's daughter Karen has announced her engagement. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1978

OAKDALE is now meeting in the new building, which has a seating capacity of 300. 5 members have been added. The church hosted the Northern District youth rally in June. Ray Johnson was a recent visitor, singing and preaching to an appreciative audience. Richard Paslay, pastor.

1979

**Miss. Baptist Herald-January 1979
Oakdale Missionary Baptist Church**

One for baptism, this church is doing excellent under the ministry of Richard Paslay. They are enjoying their new church plant.

**Northwest Baptist News-February 1979
Oakdale Church**

While in the area it was a blessing to be able to visit the new spacious facilities of the grand old church in Oakdale. Bro. Richard Paslay is well loved and doing an excellent job in this area. The property just recently purchased has been completely redone and is one of the nicest facilities that Missionary Baptists have in the state of California. Bro. Paslay is a key man in the work in that area.

Richard Paslay

In the Baptist Press

1983

Baptist Sentinel-January 1983

OAKDALE added 3 new members. A new piano has been placed in the auditorium and attendance has been good with many first time visitors. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Miss. Baptist Herald-January 1983

**First MBC, Oakdale-
Richard Paslay, pastor**

Good attendance with many first time visitors is reported, and they have had three recent additions by letter. They are enjoying a new grand piano which is paid for in full.

Missionary Baptist Herald-March 1983

**First MBC, Oakdale-
Richard Paslay, pastor**

They have been enjoying good, spiritual services with many visitors and they have had four additions since their last report.

Baptist Sentinel-October 1983

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC reports one by baptism and one by letter since last month. The pastor, Bro. Richard Paslay, is recovering from my surgery and doing well.

1984

Baptist Sentinel-January 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC will start revival services beginning Monday, January 16, going through January 22. Bro. Arthur Richardson will be the speaker. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Miss. Baptist Herald-March 1984

**First MBC, Oakdale-
Richard Paslay, pastor.**

They enjoyed revival services in February with Brother Art Richardson as Evangelist. One was saved and many made new commitments for greater service. They report three recent additions by baptism.

Missionary Baptist Herald-April 1984

**First MBC, Oakdale-
Richard Paslay, pastor.**

Good services are reported with two saved and baptized in recent services. This couple recently moved to Oakdale from Iowa.

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1984

Miss. Baptist Herald-April 1984

**First MBC, Oakdale-
Richard Paslay, pastor.**

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Baptist Sentinel-May 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC welcomed Ron and Minnie Rewoldt into their membership by baptism after their profession of faith. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-July 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC welcomed two by baptism and one by letter into their membership. Bro. Ron Hernandez will fill the pulpit June 17th and Bro. Tonie Robertson June 24th in the absence of the pastor. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-July 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC At the close of Sunday night services on the 13th, the church baptized five, received one by letter and one came apologizing for his lack of service. Two more came desiring church membership. Richard Paslay, pastor

Baptist Sentinel-September 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC had two baptized and four saved as a result of camp this month. Each Saturday the church has a "Reach Out Program" taking a religious survey of the entire community. They will place a personalized New Testament in each home contacted if it is desired. Richard Paslay pastor.

Miss. Baptist Herald-December 1984

**First MBC
Oakdale
Richard Paslay, Pastor**

They had a special "No Cop-out Sunday" November 18, in an effort to get every member in Sunday school. They noted several rededication's and one apology in their services'

Baptist Sentinel-December 1984

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC was an increase in attendance the last two weeks of month of October. There was one apology., And several rededication's. Richard Paslay pastor.

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Baptist Sentinel-February 1985

Oakdale Finds Camp Site

Pastor Richard Paslay, of the first missionary Baptist Church of Oakdale, Ca., announces that their church has "found a camp that is for sale located in the central part of the state near the town of Madera and just out of Oakhurst with easy access to the camp off Highway 41. The camp has not been used for about 8 years. There is 100 acres of heavily forested land at the 5,000 ft. elevation. Three sides are National Forest., it has numerous natural springs supplying all the water needed. There is no electricity, but the camp that was there had a big generator to supply their needs." Brother Paslay has stated that this generator has been destroyed, but that another brother has already donated a large generator that can supply all the power the camp will ever need, if decision is made to purchase the camp.

He continues: "There are two large buildings, one is a dining hall and kitchen with an upstairs that has ten sleeping rooms (about 4 to a room). There is a beautiful rock fireplace at one end of the dining hall. The eating area seats about 150, with an outside deck of 2,250 sq.ft. which can also be used as a dining area. The other building is a chapel with 3,195 ft.² with a stage area and two rooms on each side. Upstairs there are two bedrooms. Both of these buildings are well built and in good condition except they need cleaning. There is a bathhouse containing 576 sq.ft., with eight showers and eight commodes (four on each side). There is a snacks-shack and a playground shack. Also there are 19 individual sleeping cabins containing 210 to 265 sq.ft. Some are in poor condition and need to be rebuilt. There is a large swimming pool that needs refinishing. There is room to expand the bathhouse and add other things as needed. "

The church is negotiating with the owner for what appears to be very attractive terms. They would like to know as soon as possible of any church that would be willing to participate if an agreement can be reached. The contract will be drawn up so as to safeguard the churches against loss of property in case of unforeseen events in the future. If you are interested get in touch with Pastor Richard Paslay, First Missionary Baptist Church, 1141 Walnut St., Oakdale, Ca. 95361, or (209) 847-5672, for further information.

Richard Paslay In the Baptist Press

1985

Baptist Sentinel-May 1985

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC is holding attendance between 106 and 118 and had one addition in March.
Richard Paslay, pastor

Miss. Baptist Herald-July 1985

First MBC, Oakdale

Richard Paslay, pastor
one addition by letter and good services are reported. New landscape been is giving a new look to the church grounds.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1985

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC reports that since the last of bulletin si have come for baptism. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Miss. Baptist Herald-September 1985

First MBC, Oakdale

Richard Paslay, Pastor
They report the Lord's continued blessings with six recent additions by baptism. They will host the Sacramento Valley Association Sept. 6, 7.

1986

Miss. Baptist Herald-February 1986

First MBC, Oakdale

Richard Paslay, Pastor
The church expressed their love toward the pastor and his wife at Christmas time with a trip to Hawaii.

Missionary Baptist Herald-April 1986

First MBC, Oakdale

Richard Paslay, Pastor
They report five additions, three by baptism and two by restoration. Their weekly ladies' Bible study is a blessing and is progressing well.

Baptist Sentinel-May 1986

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC welcomed five additions since their last report, three by baptism and two by restoration. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Baptist Sentinel-August 1986

OAKDALE, CA., FMBC Richard Paslay, pastor-Five new members-three by letter and two by baptism-are reported. The ladies of the church are studying The Glorious Church by Dr. Roy Reed in weekly studies.

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1987

Miss. Baptist Herald-January 1987

First MBC, Oakdale

Richard Paslay, Pastor
They observed their 40th anniversary January 3, 4, in special Saturday afternoon services where the Gospel Way Quartet, the Oakdale Trio, and other singers sang to a packed house. A potluck dinner followed.. They have had two...missing text

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40th anniversary in December, enjoying a full house, many visitors, and good preaching and singing. They have received 2 by letter. Richard Paslay, pastor.

Miss. Baptist Herald-April 1987

**Bro. Richard Paslay
Commencement Speaker**

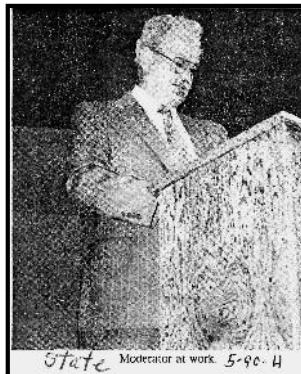
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...Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the special services. You are invited! You are welcome! Please come!
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1990

**Missionary Baptist Herald-March 1990
FREEDOM**

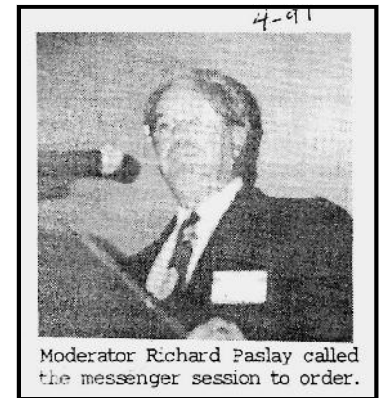
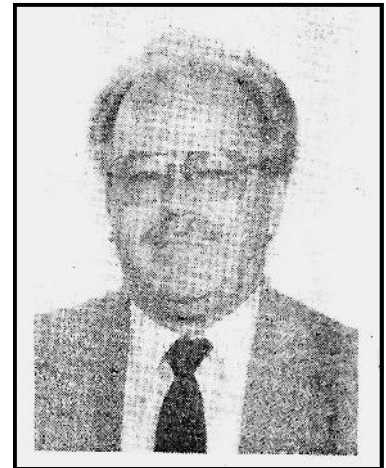
Richard Paslay, Pastor
They are enjoying great services with two recent additions, one by baptism and one by restoration, and they broke a two-year attendance record in worship services. They enjoyed the Gospel Way Quartet in a recent concert.

Miss. Baptist Herald-May 1990



1991

Miss. Baptist Herald-March 1991



Miss. Baptist Herald-May 1991

**LANDMARK MBC
FREEDOM**

Richard Paslay, Pastor
They are enjoying the blessings of the Lord, and they report five recent additions. The church is uplifted spiritually.

2000

**Retirement
Have Bible
Will Preach**

October 2000
Richard Paslay, former Pastor at Freedom has resigned and is now living in Oakdale. He can be contacted at (209) 848-1933.

Richard Paslay In the Baptist Press

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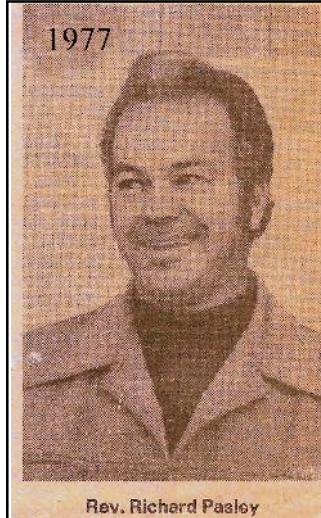
Introducing ---



PASTOR RICHARD PASLAY

Richard Paslay, Pastor of the Crown MBC at Norco, Calif., was born in Santa Monica, California. He was saved August 11, 1949 in Denver City, Texas. He united with the Faith MBC of Concord who baptized him in March of 1962. Later he became a deacon, in which office he served for 3 years. He surrendered to the ministry Sept., 1966, and started to CMBI Oct. 3, 1968, where he has been a very well liked student, and pursues his studies well. He is a trained salesman, which has been to his advantage. The church at Norco called him for pastor on Oct. 20, 1968, which he accepted and right away took up his duties as pastor. He is doing a very excellent job. In April he moved to the field and is residing at 955 Cole St., Norco, Calif., 91760; Ph. 714-735-9424.

He has a very good report from the church since going there, starting with 24 he moved up to 48 average. They have had 7 professions of faith, 6 of whom they baptized, and one other standing approved for baptism. 10 have been added by letter. They raised his salary, and are looking to putting him on full time salary. The spirituality of the church is very high. A ladies auxiliary has been organized. A youth group was organized.



Rev. Richard Paslay

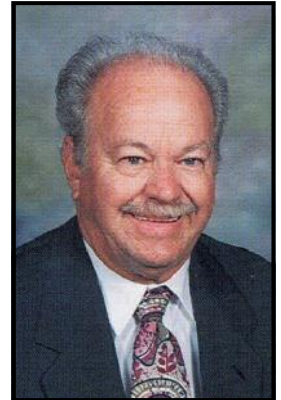
New minister

The Reverend Richard Paslay is the new minister at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Oatdale.

A graduate of the California Missionary Baptist Institute at Belflower, Rev. Paslay was pastor of the church in Norco, near Riverside, for eight and one-half years before accepting the pastorate here. He has been in the ministry since 1966.

Mr. Paslay and his wife, La Dean, are the parents of three daughters, 18-year-old Karen, 16-year-old Sheri and Lisa who is 15.

The new minister is in the church office each morning and welcomes visitors at any time. The telephone number is 847-6204. The church is located at the corner of East and G streets.

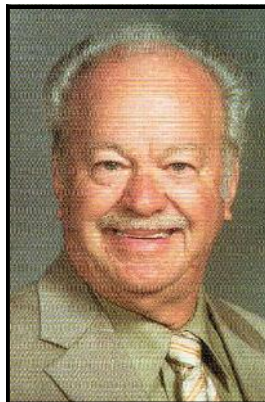


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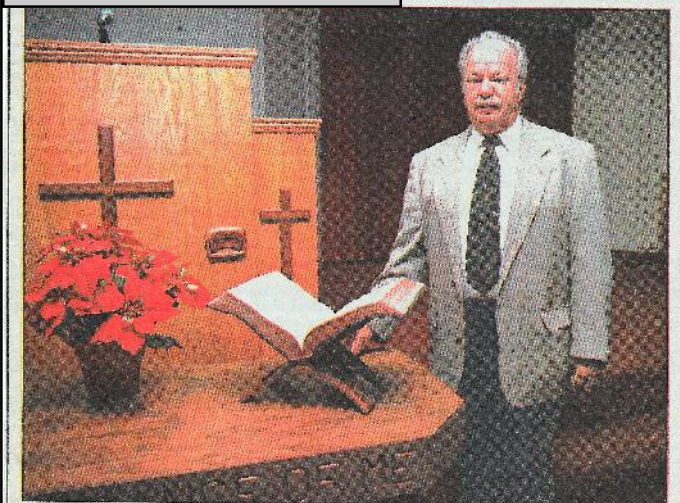
Freedom Church was organized December 1, 1950.

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Scrapbook.

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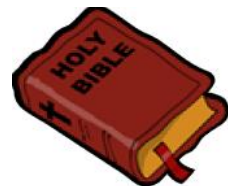
Baptist church enters its 48th year

Richard Paslay, Pastor at Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 2151 Freedom Blvd., stands at the pulpit inside the sanctuary of the church recently. Paslay, who has been a pastor at the church for 10 years, said the Landmark Church was organized in 1950, and currently has about 70 members. Community members are invited to attend services which take place Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.. The church telephone number is 722-2100.

A little history on the church: Organized in March, 1958, on 1½ acres of ground. They built a building which will hold approximately 175, containing 8 S.S. rooms, which is paid for now. Their former pastors were Alvin T. Quick, Mervin Vineyard, Leroy Horton, Mervin Vineyard, James Hoyt Chastain, Jr, Mervin Vineyard, and Richard Paslay.

This area is about a 10 miles radius, with an approximate 200,000 people.

—H. C., Editor



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Richard Paslay In the Baptist Press



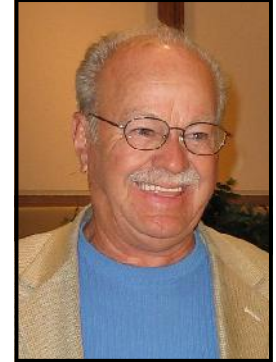
Top left, annual sermon preached by Clint Wilkins. Right, clerks, Dick Paslay & Martin Canavan. Bottom left, our missionaries, Jim Nye & Douglas Rogers. Right, moderator, Jerry Waymire.

1973 Southern California Association



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CMBI FALL TERM OPENS SEPT. 15
Opening Fellowship Sept. 16

Richard Paslay
I can't believe it! I am actually sending to the press the story for the opening of the fall term of school! But according to the calendar it is really here - where has the summer gone?

Yes it is really here! The fall term of school at CMBI is here. We will officially open on September 15; however, the full day of fellowship will be on Tuesday, September 16, as usual. Monday will be given to the orientation of students and faculty.

There will be added reasons for your coming this year. We have some improvements being made in the facilities. Though Bro. Lester McClister will not be able to be with us on the faculty this year, he has spent several days this summer expanding our library. It may not have all the shelving in it by the time school opens - though we hope so - but the space will be ready for you to view. Also, the men have been working hard all summer on the new expansion of the church and school building and their work is showing up. You will at least be able to see something of the space the new construction will provide. Many friends outside the Bellflower Church have spent many days helping get the construction as far along as it is, and we want you to see what they have done. Ya' all come, now, ya' hear!

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PASTOR RICHARD PASLAY of the church at Oakdale delivered an outstanding message to the crowd gathered for the opening at CMBI this year. We were proud of him as one of our former students.

1986

SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING IN RIVERBANK

The First MBC in Riverbank hosted the Sacramento Valley Associational meeting in September. Bro. Doug McLaughlin delivered a challenging message in the Friday evening services, and Bro. Doug Knox, Missionary in Fresno and student at CMBI, preached an inspiring missionary message on Saturday morning.

Mike Bonds, Assistant Music Director. Bro. R. W. Cullifer was elected to preach the annual message, and Bro. Dan Adkins was elected to preach the missionary sermon.

The First MBC in Oakdale will host the 1987 associational meeting.

Moderators for 1989-1990: (Left to right) Raymond Hynum, 1st Assistant Moderator; Richard Paslay, Moderator; Tim Sullivan, 2nd Assistant Moderator.

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A Good Adhesive
"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another." (John 13:34)
Our Lord gave His church some rather pointed commands that He expected them to obey after He ascended into heaven. One of these was to "love one another" as He had loved them.
As I recall, it was a cool spring evening about 9:30 at night. The sidewalk was filled with people on both sides, making a human chain bordering the street. A very special event was about to take place. THE MCKEY MOUSE ELECTRICAL PARADE was going to march down Main Street at Disneyland.
Arriving early to secure a good view,

FMBI Commencement May 1

BRO. GEORGE WALTON
Awards Speaker

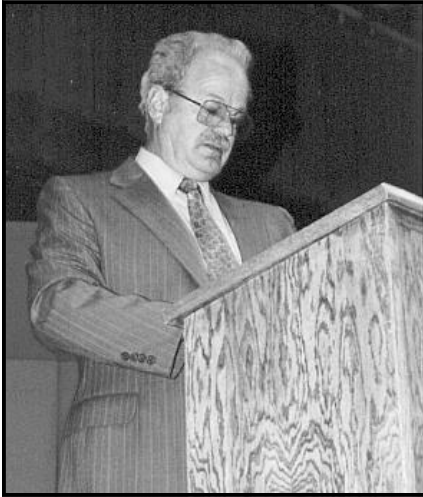
BRO. RICHARD PASLAY
Commencement Speaker

Commencement exercises for FMBI are scheduled for Friday

After Thoughts Of FMBI Seminar
I remember with certain glee those early days, when as a young man, I endeavored to pastor the valley MBC of Cloud Chief, Oklahoma. The winters, with the rain and snow and ice, were able to shut down all activity including the gathering of the saints of God. Upon accepting the pastoral activities of the church, I was cautioned of the extreme danger of the frozen highways between the church and Tulsa (the distance was 495 miles round trip). The church suggested that when the weather was "real bad" not to make the trip.
Not knowing exactly what "real bad" was in the mind of the church,

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, messengers of the churches, visitors and guests. I want to thank you for giving me this privilege of being your moderator for this associational year. My prayer is that I may serve you in a way that will be pleasing to you as well as to the Lord. Please pray for me that I will perform these duties as they should be.

My subject for the Moderator's Address is "Standing in Our Place." In the book of Judges, chapter 7, verse 21, we read: "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp, and all the army ran, and cried, and fled."

What a tremendous motivating story from the pages of God's Word. Every one of Gideon's soldiers obeyed their orders. "Every man stood in his place ..."

We should notice that they did not rush into the host of Mideon as greedy either of blood or spoil but patiently stood to see the salvation of the Lord. They obediently held their lamps, blew their trumpets, broke their pitchers. Breaking into panic, the Mideonites, "...Ran, and cried, and fled," they fell upon one another in flight. The victory was complete.

There are some great lessons that we can learn from this incident:

First, let's notice the "Unity" that was prevalent. There was no division, no quarrels, no mutinies among them. They stood united, just as they were ordered to stand.

What a great work that the churches of the Lord can do if they will work together in carrying out the orders that the Son of God has left with His church. To work together and be successful, takes unity. The Psalmist said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1).

Secondly, notice that they had courage. Though so few in number they displayed no fear. In its conflict with the world today the church needs members with fiber, of courage. It seems as if our number is diminishing as some depart from the faith, and some fall by the wayside. We need to remember, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God had Moses speak these words to Israel "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God, He it is that doth go with thee: He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Another characteristic of these men was their faith. The victory was a victory of faith. We sing a song that goes like this, "Faith is the victory, oh glorious victory that overcomes the world." "Without faith it is impossible to please God." This kind of faith is trust. Trust in God for the victory. The Wee Hebrew children are a great example of true faith. Listen as they answered the King, "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O King." (Daniel 3:17). Yes, God can and will deliver us from the evil one!

Lastly, notice the obedience that they displayed. "And they stood every man in his place."

As they were given their instructions, they heeded them right to the greatest degree. In so doing, it brought them victory. "And all the army ran, and cried, and fled." God told the children of Israel about their obedience: "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; a blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse if you will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God ..." We need to see the importance of obedience in our day if we are to gain the victory in our lives and in our churches.

With Unity, Courage, Faith and Obedience, how triumphant the success! The victory was complete. The men stood in order round the camp as commanded. At the given signal they blew their trumpets, and broke their pitchers, and held their torches high, and cried, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." They stood and watched the enemy flee. It was a victory which was God-given and complete.

Consider an illustration from more recent history. On the field of Waterloo, there was a regiment which stood under fire through all that dreadful day, and were not permitted to charge against the foe. They held the key to their position, and as again and again they asked for permission to advance, the answer came back, "Stand firm." When they had nearly all fallen, the message came back for the last time from their commander, "You have saved the day," and the answer was returned, "You will find us all here." Sure enough, there lay a heap of slain on that fatal yet glorious hill. They had simply stood, and history has given them the reward of valor and imperishable fame of having turned the tide of the greatest battle of the nineteenth century.

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So, God is preparing crowns for those of His that will stand in their places. Our admonition for today can be found in what Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong." Corinthians 16:13).

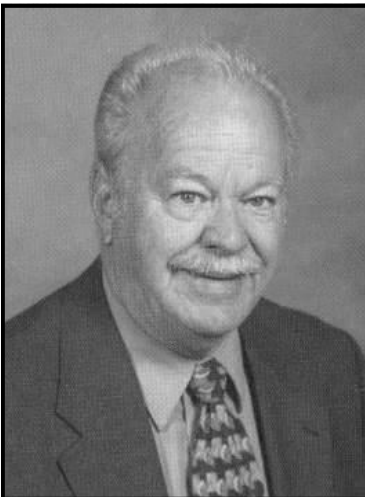
There is a great need in these last days of the soon coming of the Lord for His people to stand firm among the host of evil that is all around us. A need to stand firm for, "The doctrines once delivered to the saints," and to practice and be obedient to them. In the past years, we have witnessed many brethren fall by the wayside, not being able to stand for the great doctrines our Lord gave to His church.

The Lord, in His letters to the seven churches in Revelation, said that He knew their works and their tribulations, and He commended the church at Ephesus for their stand against false teachers and their ability to stand and not give up. To the church at Smyrna, He said that He was pleased for their stand in spite of the persecution and hardship they had experienced. The Pergamos church was commended for their standing and holding fast His name and not denying the faith. And the church at Philadelphia was commended for using the opportunities and open doors that were set before them.

May we be challenged by this example in our text, as well as the many places where the Scriptures speak, to hold fast and to stand in the last days.

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The Need For Truth

Text: John 17:6-17

Messengers, brethren, and friends of the California Cooperative Association, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your moderator one more year. I count it a great privilege to be able to act in this position for such a great group of people. My prayer is that God will receive all the honor and glory in our deliberations and that each one of you will pray for me that I may conduct this meeting with wisdom.

God made us for living. We are designed to function at various levels: physical (the body), mental and emotional (the soul) and religious (the spirit). The proper function of these levels constitutes life as God intended.

If the body is crippled or diseased, living is impaired and made difficult. If the soul is hampered, crushed or limited, living is seriously reduced.

If the spirit is deprived of its functioning essential (faith), our capacity to live becomes primitive and animal-like.

What is necessary to prevent this decent into meaninglessness, is that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Jesus addressed these words to Satan during the temptation in the wilderness. They clearly (do not) deny the need for bread (food), but they equally and clearly insist that something more is needed to live a full and happy life.

Without the knowledge of the Word of God and a resolve to follow it, nothing can prevent the twisting of our souls, the limiting of our mental powers, the upset of our emotional balance and the devastating impairment of our judgments. Even our bodies soon manifest the terrible effects of minds deprived of guidance and security of the divine Word.

Sometimes, with the best of intentions and often at great personal cost, men and women in many walks of life continue to practice activities that destroy human lives. They continue to make decisions that render their own existence drab or dangerous. Witness the traffic in drugs by those who want a thrill but who find themselves hooked in the process. Or pornography, which murderously exploits those involved, too often is supported by even well dressed business men

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and women who openly buy and read porn magazines or rent X-rated videos for home viewing. Add the problem of abortion, easy divorce, homosexuality, racial bigotry, corporate and judicial corruption, tax evasion, the aids plague, the growing acceptance of euthanasia and the ultimate horror of nuclear holocaust.

We have lost the secret of living and nothing can restore it except the "glorious, illuminating, healing Word of God" "And the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). "He sent forth His Word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction" (Psalm 107:20).

True life is made visible in God's children by the continual exhibition of the 'Fruit of the Spirit' (Gal. 5:22-23).

So often these attributes are missing from the members of the Lord's churches. Why? Is it because these teachings are not taught to the people? Or is it that God's people are not heeding the truths of God's Word? Pastors and teachers must expound with persistence and clarity the truths of God's Word.

Truth is the heart and soul of the Word of God. It is that 'Secret and hidden wisdom of God' (I Cor. 2:7) which Paul sets in sharp contrast with the wisdom of the world (I Cor. 1:20). The truth supplies the lost secrets of human behavior which are necessary if we are to live as God intended for us to live.

Since the truth is grounded in the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer, an other truths flow from it. This truth exhorts us to the daily practice of our union with Christ and reminds us of the availability of His power and comfort at any moment. It should, therefore, be the chief subject in the curriculum of every church, and the central theme of all pulpit preaching.

What we find today is a frightening biblical illiteracy even though the Bible is our "Rule of Faith and Practice." We may hear many sermons, yet be taught little truth. We may drown in words, but thirst for reality. How many people in our churches know the meaning of terms like "Justification," "Sanctification," "The Kingdom of God," "The Bride of Christ," "Walking by Faith," "The fruits of the Spirit"?

The need of the hour is for us, as leaders of the churches, to become committed to the discipline of the people to We by the Word of God and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Then we well see members growing to maturity, moral purity, personal integrity and loving. By this there will be a penetration into the communities in which we live.

This is God's plan to change the world through His Truths which He left with His church. He marks success in a church not by impressive buildings or massive numbers, but by people who are warm, loving, secure individuals, who, are able to reach out to others in need and to offer a model of healing to the ones who are hurting and are in need of the TRUTH.

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Richard Paslay, Former Pastor

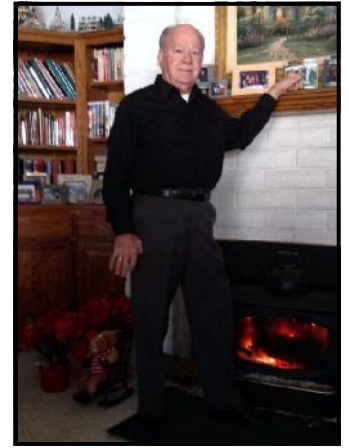
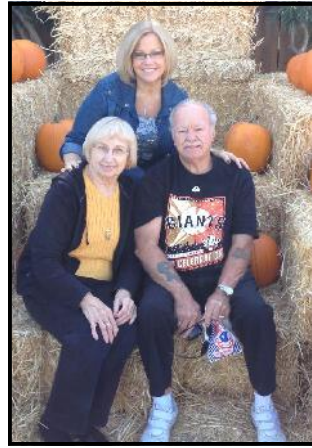


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Clifford Creel, Pastor

Images Gleaned from Richard Paslay's Facebook Page



Lois LaDean Chapman & Richard—Wedding September 3, 1955 in Hayward, California



Pastor Appreciation Dinners At First MBC-Porterville



Photo Gallery



2001 Sacramento Valley Association



2002 Sacramento Valley Association



Front Row L - R

- Charles Warren—US Army/Air Force
- Don Robinson—US Navy
- Jack Webb—US Navy
- Art Richardson—US Navy
- James C. Pack—US Navy
- L. E. McCalister— US Navy
- Jim Hunt—US Army
- Gary Perdue—US Navy

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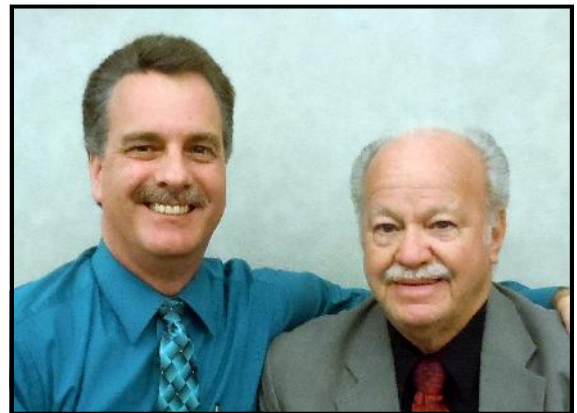
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- Michael Thebeault—US Air Force
- Marcketa Godbehere—US Army/Air Force
- Richard Paslay—US Air Force
- June Godbehere—US Navy
- Enan Williams—US Air Force
- M. D. Keeling—US Army/Air Force
- Gary Marshall—US Air Force
- Jeff Jones—US Air Force
- Bill Newlove—US Marines



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2011 Cooperative Association w/Jerry Smith



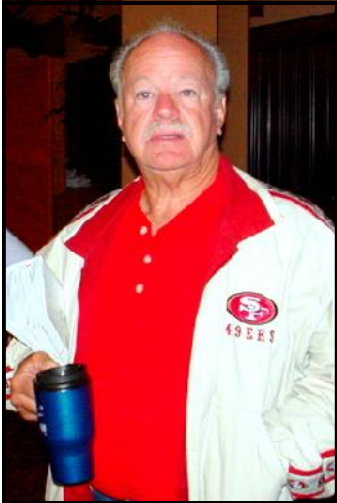
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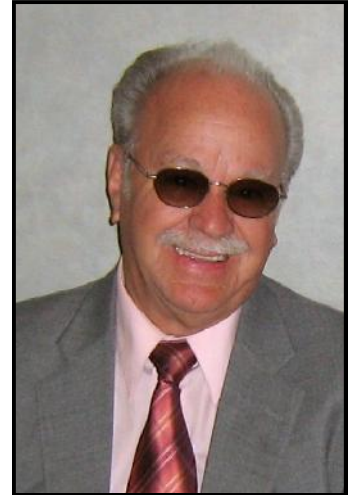
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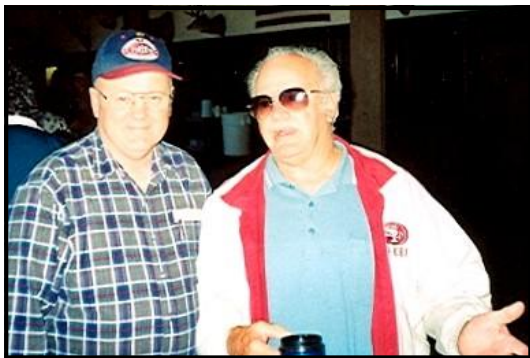
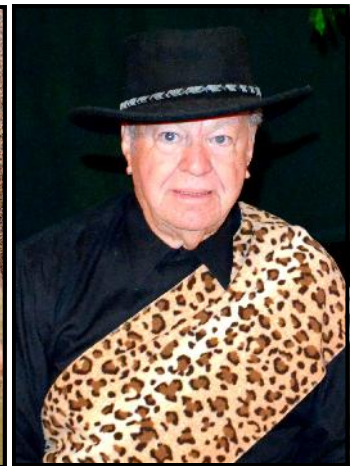


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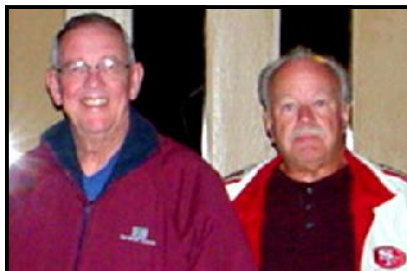


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2014 First Missionary Baptist Church
Porterville Pastor Appreciation Dinner



And a wonderful time of Fellowship was enjoyed
by all.



70th Anniversary First Missionary Baptist Church—Oakdale

Schedule of Services	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH 2017	
<u>3:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Welcome</u>
Pastor Richard Carnes Prayer: Bro. Richard Paslay Congregational Singing	
<u>3:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Church History</u>
Bro. Robert Cullifer	
<u>4:00 p.m.</u>	<u>Special Singing</u>
Sis. Sheri Venema Bro. & Sis David & Lisa Keeling Bro. Jared Keeling	
<u>4:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
Bro. Clifford Creel	
<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>Dismissal Prayer</u>
Bro. Vance Calton Dinner in Fellowship Hall	

On Left: Schedule of Service Program for the 70th Anniversary.

Bro. Carnes, new pastor of the church, did an outstanding job as Host Pastor. The ladies of the church prepared an excellent meal for the after service.

The Keeling family of the Unity church in Sunnyvale led the congregation in wonderful hymn/songs of praise. Specials were rendered by Lisa, Sheri Venema and Jared, Deb Cullifer, Bro. & Sis. Larry Pruitt and Sis Melissa Cook.

Recognized as living Charter members were Ann Blanco (in attendance) & Agnes Spradlin (currently living in Washington State). Longest serving members: Donnie Pruitt (62 yrs.) and Tammy Pruitt McIntyre (46 yrs.)

Bro. Richard Paslay & Bro. Clifford Creel represented former Pastors.



Richard Carnes



Robert Cullifer



Clifford Creel

Anniversary Celebration At First Baptist

First Missionary Baptist church will be celebrating 70 years in Oakdale with a special event on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The church organized with 22 charter members on Jan. 3, 1947. Located at 1141 Walnut St., Oakdale, the church congregation invites all to come celebrate with them on Saturday. Services start at 3 p.m. and dinner will be served following.

The church is also inviting the community to come and meet its pastor, Richard Carnes.

"I am truly passionate about the gospel ministry and always eager to connect with diverse individuals and families who share my belief in helping others to flourish and thrive in their spiritual lives," the

pastor said. "My favorite moments are when I know I have made a difference in someone's life; be it a Church member, a student, a colleague, or a complete stranger."

Licensed by Liberty Missionary Baptist Church of San Fernando 1992, he was ordained in 1997.

He pastored Grace Missionary Baptist Church of Tulare from 1997 to 2010, earned a BA in Social Science and MA in Psychology, MFT (Marriage & Family Therapy) from Chapman University.

Previously, Carnes owned and operated three retail businesses in Southern California for more than 30 years. The businesses sold and serviced products ranging from bicycles to fitness equipment to furniture.

He has been married to his wife Leslie for 31 years and she is a preschool teacher. They have two adult daughters and three grandchildren.

Pastor Carnes and his wife have lived in Oakdale since June 2015.

RIGHT: Pastor Richard Carnes and wife Leslie will join in to welcome the community to the 70th anniversary celebration of the First Missionary Baptist Church in Oakdale on Saturday, Jan. 7.

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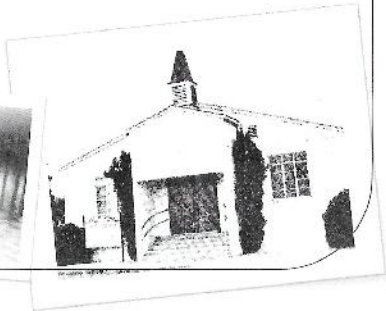
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CHARTER MEMBERS

Dee Burch
Oleta Burch
Annie Lue Burch
Opel Light
Ethel Light
W. R. Lockhart
Maybelle Lockhart
Charles Lockhart
Leonard Lockhart
Needham Northcutt
Thelma Northcutt
Freddie Northcutt
Glenda Northcutt
W. O. Perdue
Annie Perdue
Howard Perdue
Gary Perdue
Richard Perdue
Jean Perdue
Douglas Perdue
Maurine Perdue
Joe Spradlin
Agnes Spradlin
Troy Ward
Sonny Williams
Inez Williams

PASTORS

1947	L.D. Perdue
1948	W. Griffin
1948-51	A. Taylor
1951-53	C. Murphy
1953-54	L.M. Branch
1954-59	Wayne Faslon
1959-60	L.M. Branch
1960-61	R.M. Brown
1961-62	L.R. Horton
1962-66	George Walton
1967-71	Tonie Robertson
1971-74	Maynard Beckler
1975-76	James Ligon
1977-87	Richard Paslay
1988-93	Jeff Roadcap
1991-93	Jim Kral (Associate Pastor)
1993-1999	Clifford Creel
1999-2007	Tonie Robertson
2007-2009	None
2009-2011	Vance Kelley
2011-2014	None
2014-2016	Zak Crouch
2016-Present	Richard Carnes



70th Anniversary

First Missionary Baptist Church of Oakdale

Organized on January 3, 1947



"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail
against it." Matt 16:18



?, Sheri, Lisa & Tammy



LaDean & Richard Paslay



Leslie Carnes & Wilma Pruitt



Annie Lue Blanco



Sis. Creel & Donnie Pruitt



Tammy Pruitt McIntyre



Melissa Cook & Sheri Venema



Sis & Bro Howard