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# HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN CALIFORNIA



"MAY THE CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA ALWAYS BE UNITED IN CHRIST."

**SECOND EDITION** 



Vivian and Jimmie Lovell

## TALKING THINGS OVER . . . with JIMMIE LOVELL

The history of my family — those who took the Bible and the Bible alone for the basis of their faith and practice; who believed Jesus to be the Christ; who repented of their sins and were baptized for the remission of them; who called themselves Christians and sought to live the Christian life, dates back to the Revolutionary War years. Children, grandchildren and members of the family since those early pioneers, as they crossed the mountains into Kentucky and Tennessee — area covered later by Campbell, Harding and Lipscomb — were also, in almost everv case, Christians. One of my grandmothers was baptized by David Lipscomb. She was a charter member of the church in Portland, Tenn., now 93 years old and which has stood as solid as a rock from the day it was started. My people are members and leaders there today. Grandparents on both sides of my family were Christians, my mother, all of my sisters, my brothers, their mates and all of their children, my wife, our only child, my wife's brothers, as were her father and mother. The church of Christ means everything in this life to me, that is, salvation which may be found in it.

I became a Christian in 1909 and the record in the church of my work, especially in the west beginning in Denver in 1920 — Salt Lake City, Chicago and all of the western states since we came to Los Angeles in 1933, stands for the Lord to judge. I am, however, especially happy over two facts — (1) my wife, Vivian, being, so far as we know, the first Utah born person to become a member of the church and (2) the fact I have never been engaged in any church division or ugliness. There is not a brother or sister in Christ dead or living whose hand I have refused to shake or who would not be most welcome at my table.

While in Denver again for a few months during 1936 I started the Colorado Christian, later giving it to C. E. Fritts, who changed the name to Rocky Mountain Christian. Upon our return to Los Angeles I began the West Coast Christian which was merged for awhile with the Christian Leader but published again by myself until in August 1948 I gave it to the Christian Chronicle. It was during this time (1942) I published a special issue (Vol. 5, No. 4) covering the "History of Church of Christ in California". Later I started the California Christian and in time gave it to Jack Bates and the brethren of the Broadway & Walnut Church in Santa Ana, Calif., who publish it today — James H. Sewell, editor.

There are few mission points on earth or missionaries whom I have not in some way or another helped — or few of our schools. It has been my joy to have served as trustee of the Children's Home in Ontario, Calif., trustee of Pepperdine College and elder of the Vermont Avenue Church where we yet have our membership — see history. For the past 36 years I have covered most all of North America for E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., with my headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware. Although I could work longer I plan to retire as quickly as arrangements can be made and then give my life more fully, if such is possible, to the work of the Lord. I still want to see the Word preached in every nation and believe and teach as I have done for years that every person has more right to hear the gospel once than any one person has to hear it twice.

Mrs. Lovell and I hope to continue making the progress of Pepperdine College, with the service it renders young people through the study of the Bible as well as the service it renders the Christian home — thus the church wherever the church exists or should exist, our principal interest. The longing to publish another paper will never die in my heart and regarding it I shall await His will.

It is my hope to work with all of our colleges on the missionary idea and in getting Bible lessons by mail going into every nation written in its own language.

Vivian and I have another dream and await His will—making a religious survey (paying our own way we hope) of every nation on earth where we have not sent workers relative to their entering with the gospel as we believe it. We also hope to visit our present workers, making moving pictures which we can show upon our return.

We have obligated ourselves to Pepperdine College to try and raise \$2,000,000 for a Science-Museum of Construction Building. We plan to break ground January 4, 1960.

My love for the church in California, which I have followed so closely for nearly 27 years, causes me to again give to the brotherhood this up-to-date history of the individual congregations.

I am sorry that some of the churches did not respond although I have written seven different letters and allowed nine months for answers. Some do not want to be included. I have asked for the history of every loyal church of Christ — if I have the record straight I shall be happy if there is error I am sorry. I am giving you what I received — you be the judge.

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May God bless every "light set on a hill" in this great state and every saint within your gates. Your welfare means much to me and I say again what I have said so often over the years — use me while I live. May God care for you early in the day and late at night. Stand fast and remember that your work for Him is not in vain.

#### A STATEMENT

In September 1958 I sent a letter to every church in California of which I had any record as being of "our group" — those listed in Lloyd Ellis' 1957 directory. Through May 1959 I had sent seven different letters to the 370 or more congregations — two different times I enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelopes. As of today (May 30, 1959) the following churches listed in my 1942 history have not replied: Blythe, Coalinga, Hemet, Highway City, Holtville, Lindsay, Ontario, San Bernardino (1354 Mt. View), San Pedro, Santa Cruz.

The churches listed below (established since 1942) have been contacted in like manner but no satisfactory information has been received, in fact, some have stated they do not wish to cooperate as have some of the above: Alameda, Bakersfield (134 Goodman, 424 Sterling), Bell, Bishop, Bellflower (Rose & Ibbetson), Bostonio, Brea, Burnt Ranch, Calimesa, Canoga Park, Castella, Dana Point, Dos Palos ("Y"), El Cajon, El Centro, Elsinore, Firebaugh, Fontana (9132 S. Sierra, Base Line), Fresno (Lewis & Bond), Gardena, Glendora, Greenfield, Huntington Beach, Lancaster, Latonio, Livingston, Lodi, Lomita, Long Beach (1401 W. Spring, 10th & Termino, 11th & Myrtle), Los Angeles (12031 W. Jefferson), Madera (13½ Ave., 1124 Sunrise), Montara, Montebello, Needles, Newman, Norwalk (14117 Clarkdale), Oceanside, Palm City, Pleasant Hill, Port Hueneme, Redondo Beach, Riverside (Casa Blanca), San Bernardino (1271 W. Orange), Salinas (Prunedale), San Diego (3760 50th., 38th & Hemlock, 232 N. 32nd), San Pedro, Santa Ana (Birch & Fairview), Santa Monica (1762 15th), Shafter, Stockton (2300 Washington), Waterford, Willits, Wilmington and Yreka.

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It is quite generally known that some leaders among some of the above churches oppose methods used consistently by the churches over the years on the matter of caring for orphans, operating colleges, radio programs, doing missionary work and so on. It brings a deep sorrow to my heart to see the Body of Christ divided over any matter of opinion. However, I have lived to see these temporary problems solved by time and patience, as I believe we will solve this one. I hope that the loyal churches in the state will treat kindly any church which may be less loyal and always hold out a warm "welcome home".

The following churches, according to "Church Directory of Churches of Christ in California — 1959" published by C. R. Worsham, in which he states, "We believe in undivided assemblies . . . and do not practice the 'one-man pastor' system": Atascadero, Bakersfield (612 Sharon Way), Buena Park (11th & Grand), Campbell (1st & Campbell), Ceres, Delano (11th & Oxford), El Centro (Park & 12th), Fresno (165 Orchard), Kingsbury, Lynwood, Monrovia, Olivehurst, Rodeo, Sacramento (4240 Curtis), San Bernardino (1323 Belleview), Sepulveda, Stockton (2101 N. California), Tulare (North M), Upland (8th St. & 3rd Ave.), Vallejo (Pythian Castle), Visalia (724 S. Court).

There are 33 congregations in the state made up of our Negro brethren.

Churches as listed in some of our directories at Gridley and Rio Dell have the musical instrument.

To Jesus Christ, our Lord, be all the praise but to my beloved wife

Vivian Ďorothy (Peterman) Lovell and to our Christian daughter Patsie Lee (Lovell) Trowbridge

Patsie Lee (Lovell) Trowbridge and to those of our bone and blood who may live after us this work is lovingly dedicated.

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# A Brief History of the Growth of the Churches of Christ in California

IN THE YEAR 1849 gold was discovered in California. People from all parts of the world came to this state in search of the precious ore, but the great body of immigrants came from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri. By 1849 the Restoration Movement had gained a stronghold in these states. It was not long before these immigrants, many of whom brought their religion with them, were making their homes in the rich valleys of northern California. Among these settlers were leaders and evangelists of the Restoration Movement. This influx continued for several years, and out of it the early churches in the state were organized.

Among the pioneers of 1849 was Thomas Thompson. He had been a preacher of the Restoration Movement in Missouri before he came to California. He and his family arrived in September and pitched camp at Gold Run, Placer County. His 22 years of service in the church in California were quite successful for pioneer days. He visited small groups of brethren over northern California and organized them into churches. It was Thomas Thompson who organized the first church in the state of Stockton

Other preachers joined Thompson, in those early days, in spreading the gospel. In 1852 J. P. McCorkle arrived. J. N. Pendegast joined the few workers in 1854. In 1858 Glenn O. Burnett came and set forth the State Missionary Society idea. J. P. Rose, who served the churches in the state from 1853 to 1873, was opposed to "all human organizations."

#### Hopeful Outlook

The period of the history of the Restoration Movement in California from 1860 to 1870 was ushered in with a hopeful outlook. During the first ten years, competent leaders had come to the state and 27 churches had been established. By 1860 the membership numbered 1,723. The spirit and the desire for growth were much in evidence. This was increased by the coming of A. W. DeWitt came and, upon the organization of the California Christian Missionary Society in 1865, he was appointed district evangelist. In this decade James Logan also arrived, and in 1864. Robert Graham, of national reputation in the Restoration Move-

ment, also came here.

The third decade (1870-1880) of the Restoration Movement in California began with great promise. There now were 2,500 members. The newcomers now were seeking homes, not gold. Among the leaders and preachers who came to the state about this time were H. D. Connell, Ephriam W. Barnes, Judge Durham, J. C. Keith, B. F. Standefer, John Southerland, G. R. Hand, B. F. Coulter, and Dr. Carroll Kendrick. It was H. D. Connell who

launched a Sunday School movement.

During the earlier years of California statehood the southern part of the state received little attention. The country south of Tehachapi was known as "cow country." In the 70's, when it became known that the southern country had a climate good for tuberculosis and other diseases, easteners began to come in search of health. Many came seeking new homes, and among this number were members of the church and some ministers.

B. F. Standefer was the first to preach in southern California. William Justice found him preaching in a carpenter shop in the village of San Bernardino in 1868. Here, in 1869, he organized the first congregation in the southern part of the state. In the same year upon the invitation of Branch Tustics of Downson he had year, upon the invitation of Brother Justice, of Downey, he held a protracted meeting in Downey which resulted in the second

congregation in this area. Ephriam W. Barnes began preaching in Modoc County in 1872. The seed he sowed has never died. Today there is a good church in Alturas, although the congregation established in Eagle-

ville is no more.

In 1874 G. R. Hand came from the northern part of the state become the minister of the Downey church. Brother Hand officiated at the organization of the first church in Los Angeles in 1875. In 1876 he became minister of the church in Ventura, and he also established the church in San Diego.

#### Memorable Year

In the annals of southern California church history the year 1877 is made memorable by the arrival of B. F. Coulter, the merchant-preacher. He soon established a merchandising business which grew rapidly and became the Coulter Dry Good Company

of Los Angeles, with a beautiful building on Wilshire Boulevard today. Brother Coulter soon became wealthy, and he used his money freely in supporting preachers and establishing churches. He was a tireless worker and probably did more than any other man of his time for the Restoration Movement in Southern California.

In 1875 a young man, John Southerland, his wife, and baby moved to New Pine Creek, Oregon, right on the state line, and he began preaching there and at Davis Creek, California. The family left the state in 1877 and spent the next ten years in Arizona. They returned in 1885, remaining until 1892. Keathly Bales and A. H. Fleming remained with the work in northern

California for many years.

Dr. Kendrick, who arrived in the state in 1874 and came to the southern part in 1879, joined with Charles Vincent in opposing the introduction of instrumental music into the worship of the church at Oakland. He had no tolerence for the use of organs in the worship or for missionary societies. Of strong character and noble spirit, he organized many congregations and for years was the leading spirit in the annual camp meeting held at Downey. The two decades from 1880 to 1900 were characterized by the

coming into the state of many leaders, by the establishment of many congregations, and by the bringing to a climax of disintegrating forces. Among the leaders and preachers in this period were E. B. Ware, R. L. McHatton, Henry Wood, M. J. Ferguson, A. C. Smither, and C. C. Chapman. Brother Ware was a leader in what became known as the liberal group. Henry Wood first preached in Davis Creek in 1887 and later moved to Cedarville, preaching for the church there and at Eagleville for more than two years. Brother McHatton was the first state evangelist. Brother Smither became minister in 1890 of the first church in Los Angeles. Brother Chapman was a man of wealth who used his funds freely for the church. Chapman College in Orange, was named for him in appreciation of his work, interest and gifts.

By 1900 the disintegrating forces (instrumental music and societies) had left fewer than a dozen small congregations in the state. The government census lists but 761 members in California in 1906. In 1932 E. N. Glenn reported 78 churches and in 1935 94 churches. Your editor picked up at that point and has kept the records since that time. He lists 118 congregations in 1938 and in July 1942 there were 152 churches with an estimated membership of over 12,000. Those 152 churches were at that time in full fellowship with each other. Lloyd Ellis lists 367 churches in his "Western Church Directory for 1957".

#### Gideon W. Riggs Arrives

Now let us go back to the turn of the century. Here we find Michael Sanders, of whom it was said that he did more for the church in the early part of the twentieth century than any other man. He was not a preacher, but until his death in 1915 he used his money for preaching the gospel. It was Sanders who, in 1902, sent for G. W. Riggs, a young preacher in Tennessee.

Brother Riggs held his first meeting under a tent in Long Beach in 1902 and in January 1903, baptized 10 persons in a meeting with the church in Papears. In 1903 the tent was nitched

meeting with the church in Pomona. In 1903 the tent was pitched in Los Angeles, and out of the meeting grew the Sichel Street

E. N. Glenn, also a Tennesseean, arrived here in 1904. Fought hard for the truth and the growth of the church all of his life. His son Joel is an elder of the church in Ventura today.

#### Other Leaders

We would not forget those other leaders of the early years, particularly J. B. Ellmore who was a great song leader; E. C. Love who settled in Fresno in 1900 and for several years was a leader and publisher of a church journal; George M. Scott who did so much to hold back the digressive wave which swept the state and who helped build a solid foundation for the church in South Africa —dying in the work in Cape Town; Edward Hyder who was preaching in Orange County in 1902; G. W. Winter, J. A. Craig,

L. D. Perkins came from Tennessee to Riverside in 1898 and was a worker until his death. E. A. Harper (father of Paul) came to California in 1912 and during the years spoke in practically every one of the older congregations and died here this year while still active.

William P. Reedy arrived in Long Beach in 1915. In the May-June 1945 issue of West Coast Christian there is a statement by Brother Reedy and Carl Etter on their taking fellowship in the Congregational Church. As I typed this report I phoned the Reedy home. He is working with the Evangelical Reform Church. Carl and Grace attend the Congregational. JLL).

W. H. Trice, a Tennesseean, arrived in California about 1916. He and his family have done much to build the church in the Bay Area and Central Valley. Brother Trice passed away a few months ago but leaves several sons who are strong and loyal workers.

W. W. Pace came to Santa Ana from Texas in 1918 and is still active in this area. A. M. Morris, an outstanding writer and teacher, came to Long Beach in 1919. He was editor of the *People's Bible Advocate* which was started in 1924 and ended at his death in 1941.

Of course, only God knows, but it is questionable if any man has done more for the growth of the church in California and the world than George Pepperdine, who came to Los Angeles from Parsons, Kansas, in 1916 — see history of Southwest Church.

#### New Life for Churches

Samuel E. Witty arrived in about 1920 and all of his life was busy in the pulpit, caring for the orphans and supporting the poor. H. Hall came to Los Angeles from Nashville in 1921 and although here for only a year, his interest in the work in California has never ended. The building at Central in Los Angeles is due to the work of Foy E. Wallace and Brother Hall. "Uncle Sam" moved back to California a few years ago and is now on the faculty at Pepperdine. He is presently writing Volume #2 of "Sixty Voors in the Pulvis" "Sixty Years in the Pulpit"

Few, if any persons living, can trace the record in the church in California back further than Brother and Sister W. Edgar Miller who live today in Pasadena. They were charter members of the first church in Los Angeles — have two sons who are elders and Haven the younger son a preacher. Edgar Miller has

elders and Haven the younger son a preacher. Edgar Miller has been a builder, a counsellor, an elder after the Bible pattern.

In the early 1920's J. Frank Young, James H. Sewell, William Green, O. W. Gardner, H Ishiguro, E. C. Fuqua became leaders in the churches and most of them continue to this day. S. W. Settle, Ernest Beam, J. J. Hogan and Wm. J. Whaley came in the 20's to the Long Beach area. A. L. Cassius, a Negro, arrived in 1923 and has been the father of the work among his race.

T. B. Larimore started with the church in Berkeley in 1927 and in 1929 E. H. Jiams arrived at Central in Los Angeles — W.

and in 1929 E. H. Ijams arrived at Central in Los Angeles — W. B. West, Jr., in 1930. Hugh M. Tiner came in 1925 and rose to the very heights as a leader and builder in the church and Pepperdine College. (Hugh is at this time out of duty but the prayers of Christian friends attend him. JLL). J. E. Wainwright is another great man whose works will long be remembered.

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James A. Scott, John Allen Hudson, Elmore Evans, W. E. McNeely, E. W. McMillan, Seth Rehkop, Joseph W. White, Hubert
G. Derrick, J. P. Sanders, M. Norvel Young, Wade Ruby, H. R.
Fox, Sr., Tom W. Phillips, Lloyd Ellis, George Dickson, Bill
Irvine, Frank Cope, R. N. Hogan, Fred Lee, Elbridge Linn, Floyd
Thompson, Paul Harper, Sherman Cannon, Don Osborne and on
and on we could name those who are pushing out the borders of
the church in this state today. the church in this state today.

#### Early History of The Churches

By 1860 the following churches had been established: Stockton, Yolo, Healdsburg, Big Plains, Santa Clara, Bear River, Grass Valley, Far West, Ukiah, Gilroy, Butte Mountain, Mark West, Lakeport, Potter Valley, Sacramento, Manzanita, Vaca Valley, San Francisco, Shaw's Flat, Santa Rosa, Old River, Liberty, Putah, Green Valley, Napa Valley, and San Ramon.

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lished. Of these, Stockton was organized in 1850; Yolo, 1853; Santa Rosa, 1854; Gilroy, 1855; Sacramento, 1855; Healdsburg, 1856; and San Francisco, 1856.

The second decade of California church history saw many new congregations established. These were started as a result of continued immigration, of evangelistic meetings, and, in a few instances, of one church's being instrumental in founding another. The churches followed the congregations of the preceding decade in their methods of obtaining places in which to meet. A few of the many established were Watsonville and Oakland in 1860, Napa

in 1867, and San Bernardino and Downey in 1869.

The San Bernardino Church was the first to be organized in southern California; the Downey Church was the second. The latter soon became the Jerusalem of the Restoration Movement in southern California. Annual Camp meetings were held there.

The three remaining decades of the nineteenth century witnessed a multiplication of churches. One church established another, groups of members in a community united and organized churches, and evangelists held meetings to establish churches. The Restoration Movement was spreading rapidly. The beginnings of churches always were small, but the growth was rapid and sure.
As yet there was no church in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. G.

W. Linton and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. A. Smith canvassed the town in 1874 to find members of the Restoration Movement. They found

23. Of the result of this endeavor, E. B. Ware says:
"In October of the same year 14 of these met at the County Court House, and the following Sunday they set up the Bible school with 30 pupils and teachers. After the Bible school they proceeded to 'break the loaf,' and Asa Linton preached to those

who remained.
"On February 28, 1875, they met at the County Court House and 'covenanted together to form a congregation of Disciples of Christ, called Christians, and constitute a church, accepting the Bible and the Bible alone as its only rule of faith and practice.'

The roll was signed by 26 members."

In 1882 a church building was erected on a lot given by B. F. Coulter where the eastern half of the present Hall of Justice stands. The Temple Street Christian Church, as it was known, was the leading church of the city for 20 years. Numerous missions were started by this congregation in southern California, largely through the gifts and leadership of Brother Coulter. The church was very conservative in its worship and work. It believed in adhering to New Testament teaching. After the coming of A. C. Smither to its ministry in 1890 the outstanding leaders were Brother Smither and Brother Coulter. The former was liberal, the latter, conservative, There soon was a clash of ideas and personalities. In 1894 the church property was sold and the present Sunday school section of the First Christian Church, Eleventh and Hope Streets, was occupied by probably the largest part of the church. In 1895, at a cost of \$100,000, the Broadway Christian Church

was built by Brother Coulter on a valuable lot on Broadway facing the County Court House. The church grew rapidly in membership and influence. Missions which grew into churches were started by Brother Coulter at Vernon, Shorb Avenue, Alvarado Street, Pico Heights, a Negro church on East Eighth Street, and a Japanese Mission in the Broadway Church. The Broadway Church later moved to Pico and Arlington and now is known as

the Arlington Christian Church.

On June 5, 1881, Dr. Carroll Kendrick organized a congregation in Santa Ana with 21 members. In 1882 he organized the congregation in Orange and in the early 80's the El Monte congregation. The latter had a membership of 40 in 1883.

The Riverside and Pomona Churches were organized in 1885, the San Diego Church in 1886, the Long Beach Church in 1894,

and the Santa Monica Church about the same date.

Only a few of the many churches established in the state up to 1900 have been mentioned. We have attempted to cover only the most historical points.

#### Disintegrative Forces

When the churches of Christ began in California, there were no organized missionary societies to do the work of the local churches. It is also true that there was no instrumental music in the churches. Years passed before either of these were introduced to trouble and divide a united brotherhood. (The name "Christian Church" was quite commonly used by churches of Christ some years ago and is used today in many places in the south where no Christian Church exists.) And when these factors were introduced it was done in the face of strong opposition. Courageous, competent, and consecrated brethren everywhere protested.

The early pioneers were divided on missionary societies. Some leaders favored such organizations while others opposed them. Thomas Thompson and G. O. Burnett were in the former class, and J. P. Rose was in the latter. J. P. McCorkle was doubtful and J. N. Pendegast hesitant. There was conflict over the question for more than 20 years. Those who advocated the missionary societies contended that the churches could more effectively execute the Lord's command to preach the gospel to every creature by working through an organized society. Those who opposed the societies contended that the local congregations could more effectively preach the gospel to the whole creation by working independently and cooperatively, and that organized societies were unscriptural.

The State Missionary Society finally was formed in 1865 and died within two years, only to be revived later through evolutionary process. As early as 1855 there were meetings of the churches in the state. These meetings were continued for years and were known as state meetings. They were of a social-evangelistic nature until some of the brethren gradually turned them into business meetings. In 1863 a resolution was offered at the state meeting in Vacaville to organize the "California State Missionary Society," it was voted down. The state meetings continued to be an important factor in the history of the churches until some of the brethren began to devise ways and means for the general spread of the Gospel throughout the state, and for the revitalizing of the forces already in existence." Upon the fruition of the plans of these brethren came divisions.

The history of the organ controversy in the state is similar in many respects to that of the missionary society. The early churches did not use instrumental music in the worship. As late as 1883 only a few of them used it, and even then the majority of the leaders were opposed to it strongly. Musical instruments were

introduced gradually through the course of the years. Able men contended for the use of the organ, and brethren as equally able opposed it. Its use was advocated on the grounds of expediency and opposed because it was without scriptural warrant. Principles were at stake. Each group firmly believed itself to be right. And so the controversies led to congregational divisions.

It appears that the society and organ issues were settled prin-

cipally somewhere between 1880 and 1890. Congregations decided their own attitudes in these matters. The greater number of them decided in favor of both issues during this period. Those who used the organ in their worship and missionary societies in their mission work came to be known officially as "Disciples of Christ" and those who did not use them, as "Churches of Christ."

# **Churches of Christ in California**

#### **ADELANTO**

It was on the last Sunday in September 1956, in the Freemont Women's Club building that James Staggers, Jay Dawson, Sid Meek and 12 other Christians met for the first worship. Sid was the first preacher. With the help of several congregations Brother Meek was employed and a building was purchased. We are located just off highway 395, northwest of town. Address: Box 485. Membership 41. Jay Dawson and Gene Brown are preaching at this time.

**ALBANY** 1942

Fifteen were present in the home of Adrian T. Bloom on Aug. 9, 1942 to begin this church. Adrian, W. H. Trice, Lloyd Ellis, Woodrow Whitten, Frank Rhodes and Wilbur Banks have served as preachers — Herb Clark is here now. Building at 1370 Marin Avenue was entered in 1951. Present value \$50,000. Church in El Sobrante started. Robert Ellis, Lowell Hood, Arthur Bevenue are the leaders.

1921 **ALHAMBRA** 

The vision of Dr. W. M. Green, now a professor in the University of California and elder of the church in Berkeley, is responsible for the church here. In 1921, he with Brother Mc-Intosh, C. L. Hinkley and wife, William Sneddin and wife, A. W. Abbott and wife, with R. W. Riggs preaching — all members of the Sichel Street Church in Los Angeles, began this work. Brother Green preached for a time followed by a brother Haden, George R. Baughn, Arthur Franke, J. Herman Campbell, Charles Bailey, Eugene White, W. O. Davis, James Tolle, Frank Hanna, Francis Long, J. E. Wainwright, Ivan Stewart and H. R. Fox, Sr. Jean Valentine has been here for the past four years and it has been under his ministery that one of the finest TV programs in the nation, "Message of the Master" has been carried to millions. Thousands of Bible lessons by mail have been distributed and many converted. Lots were purchased in 1923 and a fine building erected later at 1609 Alhambra Road.

**ALTURAS** 1938

In 1870 the Martin Hendersons moved to Davis Creek from Philomath, Oregon — see "early history". Ernest Love of Santa Rosa was probably the first evangelist in this area to use the name "Church of Christ". He and George S. Davis spent some time in Alturas, Davis Creek, New Pine Creek and Cedarville in 1907 and 1908. Max Langpaap of San Francisco stayed in Cedarville and Eagleville for two years. With the exception of Lewis M. Henderson, son of Martin, the field was unattended for a long period of time except for work done by Jimmy Moore. In June 1938 A. C. Oxley of San Antonio, Texas, sent J. E. Wainwright to hold a meeting in Alturas as three Oxley children lived here. Glyde Poplin came to preach to the new church which met in an old warehouse. Ralph Renner family helped to obtain the present building at 2nd & Main. John Beebe, Arnold Watson, John Cannon, Brother Blackburn, J. C. Clifford, Manuel Hartley and Forest Moyer have preached here — Wilbur L. (Bill) Banks is the present minister. Membership 65.

ANAHEIM 1933

It was in 1936 that a few members began meeting in the home of Maude Moore on South Los Angeles Street, J. W. Nicholson was the leader. A building on South Clementine was rented until 1938, later moving to the Ebell Club building. After meeting on East Sycamore, Cypress and Claudia, we moved to our present location — 1590 West Ball Road — in August 1956. Brethren Riggs, Sanders, Watson, Wainwright, Arlie Smith and Floyd Thompson held meetings or preached Sundays in the early days. James C. Dixon came from 1950 to 1954 and returned in June 1958. In the meantime E. M. West, Melvin Elliott, Paul Nunn and Daniel C. Hardin preached — Brother Dixon is on the faculty at Pepperdine College. The Central Church in Anaheim is growing.

#### ANAHEIM (PLACENTIA AVENUE)

The church, meeting at 311 North Placentia Avenue, started in a rented hall in 1954. Ed L. Latham was the first preacher. Move was made to the present location in early 1955. Ben. J.

Franklin served as preacher until 1959. New auditorium seating 648 was finished in 1958. Leonard Pamplin came as associate minister. Attendance over 250. Ed Allen, R. Hemsley, T. Shannon, L. Moore, R. Killingsworth, G. Sliger and G. Stackhouse are among the original members.

1941 **ANTIOCH** 

The first Lord's day in October 1941 was the beginning of the church here. Everett Evans and Jimmy Biggers from Martinez and eleven families met in the Congregation Church building. Evening services were held in the home of T. R. Spainhower. P. T. Dean, R. S. Williams and Gordon Biggs were among the early leaders. Lloyd Ellis, W. H. Trice, Arthur Graham, Frank Rhodes, A. G. Rogers, H. W. Walker, John Beebe, Ray Rayburn, Rhodes, A. G. Rogers, H. W. Walker, John Beebe, Ray Rayburn, Robert M. Carey, Bert Wilson, Warren D. Ward have served as preachers — Johnie N. Luker is preacher at this time. J. E. Glenn, E. M. Paslay and T. R. Spainhower were selected as elders in 1952. A mission work in Rio Vista was started in 1947. This was the year we moved into our building at 16th & A Streets. The church was split in 1957 over matters of "cooperation". We helped start the work among the Negroes in Pittsburg. Our membership

**ARCADIA** 

The church first met on March 19, 1933 with 17 members present and Joseph W. White as preacher. James Harwell followed Joe in 1937, then Hoyt Houchen, Malcom Hinckley, O. H. Tallman, Woodrow Whitten and T. V. Atkinson. In October 1950 S. H. Hall returned from Tennessee and remained until his retirement in July 1956. Lyndell Cheeves is the present minister. From 1933 to 1950 the church met in rented halls but moved to new building at 1027 S. First Avenue in 1949. Present auditorium will seat almost 400 persons. Ernest Bell, Gerald Chess, Clarance Crabb, Leonard Giboney, Hugh Huff, Donald Miller, Sinter Stover and Estey Turner serve as elders. It has been largely around Brother Turner the church has grown. O. B. Curtis, for years the leader of singing at Central in Los Angeles, is the song director.

1948 ARLINGTON

Under the direction of 9th & Lime in Riverside, 18 members met in Jenkins hall on Feb. 8, 1948 to start this work. Albert Lovelady was the first speaker and Ira B. Sandusky our first preacher. Sept. 1, 1950 we moved into our new building at 3870 Castleman Street. Jack Tate became minister followed by Loran Biggs, Charles Stuart and Vern Moore, C. Neil Rehkop came in 1958. Membership 166. Property valued at \$90,000. Leon Cooter, Wesley W. Todd, O. O. Spencer, James Wyatt serve as elders; Oscar Cox, James Foster, Ralph Hurd, Dave Johns, Charles Smith, Dick Williams and A. L. Wingard as deacons. Church very active.

**ARCATA** 1959

The church in Arcata began meeting on February 15, 1959. It is made up of former members of the church in Eureka. There was no split in the Eureka congregation, no disagreement. This is simply an expansion of the Lord's work in this area; undertaken with financial and other assistance from the Eureka congregation, and their prayers. Thirty-five members, who live in the McKinleyville, Blue Lake, Samoa, and Arcata areas comprise the congregation. At the first services attendance was approximately 60. Average for Lord's Day morning for the first month has been about 70. The church is meeting in the Women's Club at 13th & J Streets, Arcata. Claude W. (Bud) Ellis is preaching.

**ARMONA** 1908

The church was founded in Hanford in 1908 by Major T. J. McQuiddy and S. J. White. J. A. Craig was the first preacher. The congregation moved from Hanford to Armona in 1920. L. D. Perkins and T. B. Larimore were two of the first preachers. L. J. Nichols and S. M. Brown were two of the early leaders. Pat Broaddus, Leroy Thompson, E. M. Borden, Sr., Wallace Thompson, Elbert Johnson, Carroll Davis and Marion Davis have served as preachers — William Ott is here now. New building erected in 1947. Several young men have gone from here as preachers: Arlie Smith, James Smith, Kermit Nichols, Kelley Doyle, Billy Yount and Ben H. Watkins. We have 90 members. Lemoore Air Base is near. Our address: Box 124. Max B. Nichols is one of the leaders.

This church began in October 1954 in a rented building at 1009 Derby Road. In 1955 we moved into a new building at 604 Haven Drive. This is being rebuilt. Church in Oildale has helped us so very much. J. H. Ewing came to preach in May 1955.

ATWATER 195

The church was started in Atwater Sept. 29, 1957 with 15 members. We now have over 50 members. Lots are being purchased. Meetings are held at this time in a rented hall at 5th & Broadway. John C. McCalister, Box 253, Livingston, Calif., is the preacher.

AUBERRY 1955

Clint Lovelady of Merced held a meeting here in early 1952 and the Billingsly, Reynolds, Marnard and Tyler families began worship in the Tyler home. A year later a new building was occupied on the main highway south part of town. Membership 40 and Jimmy Flint preaching.

AUBURN 1949

The church had its start in 1949 in the town of New Castle with about 15 members. W. T. Durrett was the preacher. In 1951 they moved to Auburn and met in the Eagle's hall. In 1956 the new building at Forest Hill and Oak Streets was entered. Edwin D. Kilpatrick came in 1957. Address: Box 571.

AVENAL 1944

With the help of the church in Coalinga, the church started here early in 1944. George Darling was at Coalinga at that time. Taylor L. McPherson, our first regular preacher, remodeled our building at 717 Skyline Boulevard. Marvin B. Eddy is the present preacher. Membership about 65. Archie Barnett is one of the leaders. Meetings have been held by L. H. Ousley, E. R. Garretson, Albert Lovelady, Jr., Floyd Thompson, Haskell England, Bert Wilson, Lloyd Moyer, Olen Halderby, Kermit Nichols, Ted Bollier, Oles Foshey and Will Invine.

AZUSA 1951

Sichel Street Church in Los Angeles sent J. C. Matthews and Bernard Howell to preach for the 15 Christians who decided to start worship here on April 1, 1951. Raymond Doshier led the singing. Church in Compton sent H. R. Thornhill to us in 1952. There were 39 members. On that same day Charles Dickens of Pasadena brought our plans for a new building on which Pomona, Arcadia, Temple City, Puente, Bellflower, El Monte, Pasadena, Upland, East Los Angeles and Sichel Street helped. Stephan R. Kramar followed Brother Tannyhill. James C. King came in May 1957. Membership today about 130. Address: 445 East First Street.

BAKERSFIELD 1920

Dr. and Bertha Drane moved here from Nashville and held worship in their home in 1920. C. R. Nichol came for a meeting in 1922 and with 11 souls the small church met for several months in the K. P. hall. J. T. Smith and W. C. Harrison were early preachers. The Central Church grew out of this early beginning with T. W. Phillips, II, L. D. Perkins, J. D. Taylor, Eugene White, Rue Porter, R. A. Hartsell, U. R. Beeson, E. W. Elmore, E. M. Borden, Sr., Jimmy Smith, Albert Phillips, Wallace Thompson, Bill Thomspon, J. E. Wainwright, Manley McCord and J. J. Hogan serving as preachers. E. M. Taylor and R. T. Golden were early elders. Church moved to 630 California in 1942 and to present new building — 425 South H Street — in 1954. Church in Oildale started in 1948. Earl Warford, Boyce Gilliland, Stanley Blackburn and Frank Summers added as elders. James Stagner, Curtis Posey, Arlie Smith, Harry Robert Fox, Sr., Randy Dickson and J. D. Rothwell preached during this period. Later Leo Ethridge, Robert Page and Dallas Stevens were added to eldership. Bill Adams, Sam Arnett, Ewell Carter, Joe Carter, Bob Chapel, Joe Cox, Ernie Ek, Gerald Elmore, W. M. Hays, Frank Jones, William Mullins, William Owens, George Ray and Bob Robinson are deacons. Clifton Laird is the present preacher. Carmella Casella is supported in Australia. One of the finest and largest churches in the state.

#### BAKERSFIELD (EAST BAKERSFIELD)

This church sprang from the Central church and started meeting in the K. P. hall in 1922. In 1945 they purchased the property at 1431 Lincoln Street and moved into the building in 1947. R. A. Hartsell, James Smith, W. C. Harrison, Homer Gifford, Wallace Thompson, Albert Phillips, Leroy Thompson, Randy Dickson and W. E. McNeely have served as preachers. G. Dudley Stout is here now. Thomas A. Spivy and R. M. Thompson are the elders—there are six deacons. Membership about 200.

## BAKERSFIELD (BAKER STREET)

Sister L. A. Brown of the Central Church called A. L. Cassius here in 1934. He baptized six persons and this church was started. He returned for another meeting the next year, Marshall Keeble came in 1936. R. N. Hogan came for a meeting in 1940 and baptized 86 and many more in another meeting the following year. Robert Lee came in 1942 as the first preacher. James Smith, M. H. Robertson, Tulsa Ellis, Russell H. Moore, Jimmy Richards, George Robin and LeRoy Durley have served as preachers. Carroll Pitts came in 1955. V. E. Ellis and J. D. Smith are elders, Gus Jacobs and Willie Magsby are deacons, Mannie Powell is the song leader. Membership 172.

#### **BAKERSFIELD (OILDALE)**

1948

This congregation was started in 1948 meeting at Warren & Wisteria with 80 members mostly from Central, moving to present location — 2912 N. Chester, April 25, 1954. J. E. Wainwright preached first sermon. Woodrow Gann, Chester A. Wood, J. P. Anderson and Evin Freelove have served as elders from the beginning — added later: W. O. Smith, Vernie Crismas and Elney Litteral. Clarence E. Franklin has preached for the last 10 years. Helped start the church in Arvin in 1954 and have assisted many other places. Membership around 400.

#### BAKERSFIELD (NORTHRUP STREET)

1952

This work began after a few members who had been going to Delano to worship met on California Avenue, later at 11th & P. A brother Lawson was the preacher, later Brother Smith of Corcoran. George Robin came in 1953. All are helping to start the church in Wasco among Negroes. Our address: 214 Northrup Street.

#### **BALDWIN PARK**

1951

The Baldwin Park Church which now meets at 3510 Baldwin Park Blvd., began in October 1951 when a group of El Monte brethren decided to build a strong church in this area. The library building was rented and 26 persons met for worship. Allen Brown was the first preacher followed by Teddy Vaughn, Bill Grasham who is still here assisted by Arthur Yates. Spring of 1954 saw us in our new building but double services are again necessary even after further expansion in 1958 — attendance near 350. A larger building is being planned under the leadership of Harold Alexander, Carl Harper, Jerry Pickett and Charles Rodgers, the elders. Deacons are: Gordon Brooks, Verle Lum, Elton Mathers, Ned Norfleet and Arch Teagle.

BANNING 1934

G. W. Riggs preached the first sermon here Dec. 2, 1934 and E. B. Linn followed with a good meeting. In 1942 the number had grown from 15 to about 50. Floyd Hamilton, C. M. McMullen, Hubert Derrick, W. C. Harrison, Hugh Shira, John F. Crews, F. A. Bailey, Andrew House, Russell Ingalls, T. W. Croom, and John R. Laursen have served as preachers — H. Alton Wimbish is the present preacher. About half of the membership started the work in Beaumont in 1948 — membership now about 75. Missionaries in many fields and other good works are being helped.

## BARSTOW 1947

This church had its beginning on Feb. 2, 1947 when a small group of Christians met in a home of one of the members. The church in San Bernardino sent Sardis McGee to preach. The Community hall was rented. In September 1947, Bernard Howell, a student at Pepperdine, came each week. After May 1950 Eugene Johnson, Ray Stewart, Gerald Evans and George Powell took turns. Wright Randolph preached the first sermon in the new building — Buena Vista and E — August 13, 1950. George Powell preached until September 1953 followed by Melvin Weldon and George Garrison. H. P. Cooper, the present preacher, came in June 1958. Membership 134. The church in San Bernardino has stood by us from the beginning.

## **BEAUMONT**

1947

The church now meeting at 890 East 8th Street began in January 1947 with about 25 members from the church in Banning. Women's Club was used for the first year and for awhile in our building west of town. Mission work in the Philippines is supported. Membership 75. C. V. Eubanks is the minister.

1922

1942

1941

C. H. Conover preached the first sermon to 25 members on Sept. 6, 1942. Albert Lovelady, W. S. Irvine and Vance Carruth have served as preachers — Vance came in July 1955 and is still here. Robert Price, Foy Wallace, E. R. Harper, Hugh Shira, Guy N. Woods, Peter Wilson, Bill Price, Wallace Layton and John O'Dowd have held meetings. With duplicate worship services, prether church was started in 1955 on Rose Avenue. The church another church was started in 1955 on Rose Avenue. The church is helping many missionary points especially in Italy and Japan. C. H. Conover, J. A. Marlowe and J. C. Westbrook are elders; Clyce Cochrum, Hayden Davis, Ivan Paden, C. C. Richardson and D. D. Richardson are deacons. Sunday morning attendance about

## **BELL GARDENS**

Nyal D. Royse, then a member of the Southwest Church in Los Angeles, started this church in the home of Cecil Brown on Nov. 8, 1941. O. M. Davis, of Indiana, held a meeting soon afterwards and baptized eight making a membership of about 40. A lot was soon purchased from Bro. Ralph Clarkson at 5643 Live Oak on which a small building was erected in 1943. Nyal preached for about five years followed by W. W. Pace and C. E. Fritts — Walker came in September 1953. The new building at 6745 Suva Street was entered in April 1954 — cost near \$60,000. There were 110 members. In 1956 additional building with an auditorium to seat 600 and a total of 17 classrooms. Paul Mathews was sent to New Zealand in 1956 and Bill Watts sent in 1958. We support Okon Udiofish, a native preacher, in Nigeria. Membership 275. Arlis Fincher, Robert Young, Hubert Maddux and J. B. Thomas serve as elders — Wylie Robinson, Charles Marlar, Paul Frazier, John Forrister and Strawn Fincher as deacons - Strawn assists with preaching.

#### **BENICA** 1953

Omar Bohannan, Roy Overturf, Henry Cathy, Alvin Dickinson and Edward Martin met with M. Morgan in his home in March to discuss the beginning of the church here — first service Easter Sunday 1953 in a rented hall. Tillman Prince preached and was followed by J. C. Stinnett and Ross McGinnis — Ross is still here. We moved into our new building in March 1956 — 430 East N Street. Membership about 60.

#### 1922 BERKELEY

L. Q. Harris, P. N. Anderson, James H. Sewell, Ralph Chase and A. J. Dumm were present when T. B. Larimore preached during the initial service of this church on April 9, 1922. D. M. Sayers, S. H. Biggerstaff, W. H. Trice, J. C. Hollis, Wade Ruby, Ralph Wilburn, Woodrow Whitten, R. C. Cannon, Everett Evans, Bill Baker and Lloyd Smith have served as preachers. Melvin Pownall came in 1956 and is returning to mission work in Italy. L. V. Pfeifer will succeed him. J. Claude Grady, Wm. M. Green, Bert Helsten and Kenneth Roberts are elders — Leo F. Ackers, Henry Miramonte, Glen Ross, J. W. Smith, Wayne Brown and Ward Spainhower are deacons. Address: Prince & Fulton Streets. Bob Helsten, son of Bert, was sent to Germany in 1948. Much support goes to the work in the Philippines, China, Africa, Brazil, Italy and the Ontario Children's Home. The record of this church rests squarely upon the elders as it should be in every church. Here the record is good.

#### BERKELEY (GROVE STREET) 1950

This work actually dates back to 1909 when D. S. Allen converted William H. Longrus and wife and 11 others of the Christian Church in Woodland to a better understanding. Worship was started in the Longrus home at 1715 Delaware Street and in the early twenties a building was purchased on 29th Street in Oakland. In 1950 the move was made to the present location — 2937 Grove Street, Berkeley. Marshall John, J. M. Butler, E. A. English and John H. Clay have served as preachers — A. C. Payne at this time. Membership about 350 making this one of the strongest churches in this area. E. A. English is one of the elders.

#### **BIG BEAR LAKE** 1956

Ralph Rule was instrumental in getting a few for worship in April 1956 in a home. Church in Arcadia helped rent the Women's club. The church meets here now. Plans underway for a building. Be sure to worship here when you visit Big Bear Lake.

#### BLYTHE 1940

The 1942 report reads, "This work began in 1940 in the home of B. M. Merler. John F. Crews preached for awhile and J. D. Rothwell held a recent meeting. A building is planned by the 40 members. Bert Lyon is one of the leaders." (Present address: North 2nd & Barnerd. JLL).

Several families came here from Arkansas to work in the lumber mills and the church was started in the Fall of 1947. The Merritt, Martin, Wilson and Golden families were most active in the work. Building erected in 1948. Morris Ruby, W. G. Poplin, Athel Crowson and Lowry Ruby, while doing secular work, have assisted in the preaching since the beginning. George Garrison came in Oct. 1958 for full-time work. There are about 70 members. Help is sent the Brittells in Africa.

1954 **BORON** 

With Howard Ewing preaching this work began May 23, 1954 in a TV shop. William and Madeline Pope, Ray Tucker, Huey and Marie Meadows, Vera Johnson, Leota Hull, Jean Roe, Bessie Hill, Walter and Minnie Bullard and Brother Ellengton were the ones present. The building was purchased and remodeled in 1957. Another lot was purchased for later use. Membership 55. Robert D. Irby, Lewis Anderson, Franklin Johnson and Harold Derr have also served as preachers — John Paul Jones is here at present. Faithful members from Edwards Air Base and North Edwards attend here.

#### 1941 **BRAWLEY**

J. W. Nicholson worked for Singer Sewing Machine Company and as he called from house to house he asked about church membership. Out in the country one day he found a woman who was a Christian who had a mother and three sisters in the neighborhood who were members of the church — the church was begun. The Nicholsons left in 1943 followed by James Wilburn, J. W. Middleton, Ed Hamilton, Don Coffee, Albert Botts, Tommy Hodge and Randy Dickson who is with us now but will be leaving in July. We moved into our new building, on which Brother Botts gave us so much help, in April 1953 — 2nd & B Streets. Harold Wright and Paul Hutchinson helped us a great deal. Claude Stamps is one of the leaders.

#### 1936 **BRENTWOOD**

The Brentwood congregation which now meets at the corner of Walnut and Balfour first met in the home of Jess Ruddick in the Spring of 1936 with five members. After three months they moved to Knightsen and met in the Community hall for nine years. (The 1942 History states: "The church in Knightsen was started in 1936. Elmer S. Burnett did a fine work here. W. H. Trice, Lloyd Ellis and Arthur Graham have assisted much. There are 45 members and James Helms is one of the leaders. ") In 1945 a house was built and the church moved back here. There are about 75 members. Some of the preachers who have served are Jesse Stephens, Donald Hinds, Alfred Lee. Earl H. Lowder is the present preacher, back for his second time.

#### 1943 **BUENA PARK**

About 20 members met in the Women's Club in 1943 for the About 20 members met in the Women's Club in 1945 for the beginning of the church. A year later they moved to a building at 7080 McNeil Lane. Dewey Hayes was the first preacher, followed by James Jones, B. Harrison, Vernon Posey, Vance Carruth and Jay Durbin. Robert M. Carey is the present preacher. Average attendance about 300. George Campbell, Lee Pennington and Earnest Woods serve as elders. The church plans a new building to seat 500.

#### 1940 **BURBANK**

Brethren who had been attending the church in Glendale and York Boulevard in Los Angeles started this church in the Women's Club in North Hollywood in July 1940 — J. E. Wainwright preaching. Following Brother Wainwright, Jack Morris came for about a year and then Batsell Barrett Baxter (today head of Bible Department at David Lipscomb College), Frank Pack (today head of Bible Department at Abilene Christian College), Choice Bryant and Lee Rawlins. Glenn L. Wallace is the present preacher. In 1954 this church gave \$3,000 and 60 members to start the work in Sun Valley. Preachers are supported in Italy and Africa. Our building at 3020 Burbank Boulevard was remodeled in 1958. Present value \$150,000. The families of George Beal, Charles McFee, Layton Randolph, A. D. Robertson, Arthur Umberson, all here in the beginning, are still with us. This is possibly one of the fastest growing churches in the state.

#### BUTTONWILLOW

1943

E. M. Taylor of Bakersfield, came out to help us get started in 1943 and continued to help us until he was no longer able. We met first in the Boy Scout building until we were able to have our own. We have never had a full-time preacher. Our membership is 25. Fred Johnson is one of the leaders.

CHICO

A sister from Ryan, Okla., visiting the Stovalls — he was her son — Howard and Blanch Ballard, Brother Harris and his wife and Brother Adron Hawkins met for the first worship June 25, 1950 at 1117 South B St., San Mateo. Bert Wilson was the first full-time preacher followed by Warren Cheatum, Clyde Wilson, Beryl Bodenham and Ward Walling. Clint Lovelady is the present preacher. Membership about 60. The Howard P. Ballards and Clay Stovalls are still here — leaders of the group. Address: 1135 Broadway.

BURNEY 1952

Jerry Lutzenheizer was instrumental in getting the church started here in August 1952. Paul Jones came in 1954 and remained until 1956. We moved to new building in May 1956. George Dickson, Paul Mathews, L. W. Mayo and Elmer Prout have held meetings. Membership about 20. Ralph G. Jones is one of the leaders.

CAMPBELL 1943

Sister Mentie Brown obtained the support of the church in San Jose which sent Paul Tucker for a meeting which began Jan. 1, 1943 and the church, with about 20 members from San Jose, was established. Today there are more than 230 members with 12 of the original number still here. Roy Hyde was the first preacher, followed by Bude Little, Floyd Hamilton, E. M. Borden, Jr., Cliff Winters, Robert Todd, B. U. Baldwin and Robert E. Gulley who is in his fourth year. We entered our building at 65 West Rincon Avenue in 1953. Herald of Truth radio program, work in the Philippines and so on, are in our budget. We have property in Cupertino where we plan to build a new work. Much credit for progress here goes to Bude Little and M. S. Gabbard for their pulpit work, Lloyd M. French, Cliff Winters and Floyd Little, elders, and LoRetta Houston for her leadership of the lady's class. Larry McCommas leads our singing.

CARMICHAEL 1958

Property purchased on California Avenue with building in which the church held the first service with 72 present the first Sunday in January 1958. W. T. Durrett, who owns a brake and electric business in Roseville, is the preacher.

CARPINTERIA 1951

Members of the church in Ventura and Harvey Wiser of Carpinteria started the church here the first Sunday in January 1951. Tom W. Phillips was the preacher. Several churches helped with a lot and a building was remodeled. Some 20 regular attendants went to aid in the start of Central Church in Santa Barbara proper in June 1958. Brother Phillips, while maintaining his business in Santa Barbara started preaching for us again in September 1958. Membership about 30. Address: 9th & Elm.

CARUTHERS 1944

This work started in the home of J. G. McConnell the second Sunday in 1944 with seven members. After meeting in the Chamber of Commerce hall for sometime March 1948 saw us in our building at Sandy & Quince with 71 members. Membership today about 125. Preachers: Marvin A. Phillips, John Evans, E. Johnson, E. R. Garretson, Marion Davis, W. O. Rouse, F. A. Bailey, and Jack Rudd. B. L. Bedwell came in 1957. P. D. McCutcheon, Champ Taylor, Ben Nix, Bailey McCutcheon, Will Redell and Cleo Hill have served as elders. Address: Box 433.

CASITAS SPRINGS

This work began in May 1928 when G. W. Riggs came for a meeting. E. N. Glenn moved here in 1934 and preached for the church until his death. Having been started by brethren in Santa Paula, it in turn started the church in Santa Barbara and other members went to Ventura and Ojai. Others who have preached here are C. C. Condra (it was he who helped us get our building), Teddy Barber, John McCalister, Albert Lovelady, Howard Galbraith and Strawn Fincher. W. R. Duncan is the present minister. Address: Box 46.

CHESTER 1956

Members who had driven 36 miles to Susanville started worship in Chester in June 1956 with a meeting held by Wayne Timmons. Have own building and self-supporting. Nelson Coffman is present minister.

(Although the report now received does not carry back past the first Sunday in January 1951, I must repeat what I carried in 1942. JLL). "G. Earl McCay started this church in 1924 in the home of J. R. St. Cloud. In 1925 he and George M. Scott returned for another meeting. A building was purchased in 1937. J. R. Greer has helped much in the preaching. C. M. Brockman is one of the leaders."

Through the efforts of Vennie Childs, Sam and Dalton Griffith the church now meeting at Lassen and Burnap was begun in January 1951. Fletcher Cauthen was the first local evangelist. Paul Stewart and W. L. Banks followed and in September 1957 Carl Thompson came from Tennessee as minister. Our thanks to churches in Hayward and San Leandro and 17th Street in San Francisco. James St. Cloud, Ernest Groff and Lewis McGuire are elders.

CHINO 1952

On July 6, 1952 17 members from the church in Pomona met in Thimble Club and established the church. B. S. Rawls preached without pay for the first year and then R. Lovelady, E. T. Hamilton, Jack Tate, and Floyd Hoover. Seth Rehkop, who has meant so much to the church in many of the western states, has just started preaching here. Membership about 40. John Rice, Floyd Ades, Ben Nickles, John Fitzwater, Mel Brooks and Ben Peltz are leaders. We have our building at Central and Walnut (address: Box 215) that will seat 200.

CHOWCHILLA 1919

This congregation began meeting in the home of W. F. Dials in 1919 and later in the home of Earl Massey. These, with the R. O. Bollinger family were among the first members. Later they were helped by Charles Aills, B. F. Sanders and Ed Clendennen. About 1930 a small building was erected at 7th & Trinity and enlarged in 1950 to one that seats 350. Jesse Stephens, Tom Wilmeth, Jack Bates, E. R. Garretson, Vernon Morris, Porter Norris, Robert Bolton and Paul Boyer have served as preachers—W. E. McNeely was the first full-time minister in 1935-'36 and he returned in July 1958. W. E. Bolton, Charles Johnson and L. D. McKinzie are the elders. Membership 150. Mailing address: Box 193.

CHULA VISTA 1948

The church here started possibly in 1948 meeting in the Women's Club and later in the Vista Community hall using various preachers. A dwelling was purchased in 1951 and a new building costing \$50.000 was occupied at 231 Fourth Avenue in June 1954. Lloyd E. Ellis followed Harris Goodman in June 1953 and is still here. At that time there were 72 members. A number went with the new church in National City which we helped establish and we still have 140 members left. Bernard Howell is being sponsored in Italy and Ruben Chaves in Mexico. Muclinterest in the work south of the border. Address: Box 207. (For years Lloyd Ellis has put out a directory of Western churches, building upon work I carried on for sometime and I was only carrying on the work started by E. N. Glenn. JLL.)

CLOVIS 1947

The church had its beginning in 1947 in the Women's Club. W. J. Kirk was the preacher and is still a member of the congregation. After outgrowing our building at Third & Baron, in which we had met for 10 years, we built at 210 Barstow. Our auditorium will seat about 350. A. J. Hendrix was the minister for four years.

COALINGA 1926

The 1942 report reads, "G. H. Woodrudd and A. G. Mayrey were instrumental in starting this work January 16, 1926, when Daniel Sommer was called for a meeting. In 1932 the church moved into its own building. Chester Estes, C. C. Houston, L. S. Rucker, Melvin Elliott and G. L. Mann have preached. Membership 50."

COLUSA 1944

The Ernest Young and John McCalister families started the work at 818 Bridge Street in 1944. The church in Santa Paula helped us get our building. Claud A. Guild, Ervin Harris, E. R. Watson, Albert Lovelady, E. R. Garretson, Jesse Stephens and Marion Davis have held meetings. John McCalister, James McFie, Walter Nelson and Robert Stewart have served as preachers—Walter Sanderson, Jr., whose father has been such a faithful worker in the Yuba City Church, is the present minister. This church is greatly indebted to the brethren in Yuba City.

1928

Church in San Pedro started this work with a meeting at Rosecrans and Santa Fe in July 1942. Present property at 1823 N. Santa Fe was purchased in 1948. Members from this church started the work in Gardena and in 1956, due to a crowded condition, work was started in East Compton. We are known as Northside. (Report from Maury Lewis, elder, did not say so, but I know of good works in many parts of the earth done by this fine church — the Lord knows of them too. JLL).

#### **COMPTON (SOUTHSIDE)**

1956

This congregation met for the first time in the Eagles hall Sunday, March 18, 1956. There were 54 in attendance. Claude Counselman was the preacher. In January 1957 we moved to our present location — 15206 S. Butler Avenue. George Harris is the present preacher. James Crawford, Irvin Owen and Edgar L. Gooley serve as elders.

CONCORD 1952

After meeting in rented building since our beginning in 1952, we broke ground in September 1955 for our new building at 150 La Vista Street. Value of the property is estimated to be over \$50,000 and will seat 350. The report states that much of the inspiration for the progress of the work here came from Floyd Mitten who preached until June 1958 when Kenneth and Linda Shrable came.

CORCORAN 1945

This church, believe it or not, started in an old sugar mill, in 1945. In 1948 we built a small house on Osage Avenue — there were 20 members. In 1957 we put \$21,000 in a new building on Sherman Avenue and now have about 80 members. Joe Sturgeon drives over from Tulare to preach for us. Ralph Thomas and A. C. Rogers are elders.

CORNING 1912

This church began about 1912. J. T. Moffitt, A. P. Zumwalt, L.M. Berg, W. G. Williams, H. L. Stevens and Marion Kitts were among the early members. T. R. Greer preached here for many years followed by James St. Cloud, Edgar Pringle, Fletcher Cauthen, Johnnie Luker and Albert Hull. Brother St. Cloud preached until April 1948, when Bobb Gowen came. Southwest Church in Los Angeles gave much help here. Brother Gowen plans to return to college and prepare for foreign work — possibly in Ethiopia. Albert Wolf, 1066 6th St., is one of the leaders.

#### **CORONA**

C. Gordon, secretary of the Central Church reports that the only item of interest is the fact that the church has purchased three acres of land for future building expansion. Address: Box 3.

CORONADO 1952

Much credit for the start of the church (December 1952) must go to members of the Imperial Beach Church, especially Joe Baker and Marie Weiss. For awhile meetings were held in the Bowman, Clayson, Mangold and Miayeh homes. A hall was rented in 1953 and in 1958 our location at 657 "G" Avenue. C. B. Middleton was the first preacher. Bernard Howell, Gaines Turner and Myong Limb have spent time as ministers. R. W. Lehmann is here at present this being his third time with the church.

COSTA MESA 1925

G. W. Riggs held a tent meeting on the site of our present building — 1950 Church Street — and established the work in 1925. We obtained the building in 1928 and enlarged it. Names of men who have preached here — Carlysle, Brumfield, Love, Fuqua, Sewell, Biggers, Henry and Vernon Posey, Duane Canby, Jimmie Jones, Tom Baker, Edwin Jones, and D. G. Hurst — Jay Durbin is the present minister. Property valued at \$21,000 has been purchased. D. G. Hurst and Dean Dungey are elders, Theo. Martin and Kelmer White are deacons. Membership 130. Very active.

COVINA 1955

This congregation was established April 17, 1955 with five families meeting in the IOOF hall. Vance Moore, son of one of the founders, was the first preacher. He was followed by H. N. Hurd and A. E. Harper. (Brother Harper has gone to be with the Lord since this report was received. JLL.) Present location 4234 Lark Ellen Street. Membership about 50.

Joe Brummett and his wife began to hold worship in their home in 1954 after two previous efforts had been made to start the church. When the Daniel Sawyers moved here from Eureka the Grange hall was rented and there were four members. L. W. LieuRance preached for awhile and Daniel E. Sawyers is preaching at present. There are 27 members who are now erecting a building at Del Norte & Childs Streets. Present address for mail: 1390 California.

#### **CULVER CITY (CULVER CENTER)**

1957

The Culver Center congregation began Jan. 20, 1957 in the Memorial building with 25 members. After a year a building was purchased at 11137 Culver Boulevard and membership has grown to about 60. Building is being remodeled. Ira B. Sandusky is the minister.

#### **CULVER CITY (CULVER PALMS)**

1943

Twenty members of the Venice Church and with that church's blessings, met in a store building in August 1943 for the first service. W. S. Irvine preached. Hugh M. Tiner donated his time for several weeks and Bud Irvine was the first full-time-preacher. A building was purchased from the Presbyterians at 3768 Delmas Terrace in 1951. Some eight different men had served as preachers before Robert B. Todd arrived in Feb. 1947. Two other congregations in Culver City have started taking some members but 110 remain. Juan Gawe is being supported in the Philippines. This church is growing.

DAVIS 1947

A few Christians started worship in the Etna Hotel lobby in 1947. The group moved into a new building at 815 D. Street in 1953. Attendance about 80. Clarence DePew is the present preacher.

DELANO 1951

The first worship was held in the Legion hall July 4, 1951. There were 20 members and James Stagner preaching. Building was entered at 8th & Jefferson in October 1956. Membership about 80. Preachers who have served are James Stagner, Woodrow Gann, Homer Gifford, Charlie Green, I. L. Smith and Joe Smith who came in 1958. H. L. Newman, O. D. Dyle, Bud Irvine, J. P. Williams, Don Sawatzke and Rue Porter have held meetings.

DELHI 1942

This church began in 1942. Elbert Garretson held a short meeting about a year before. First services were held in the Legion hall. Building on Highway 99 was entered in 1943. Some of the early families: B. W. Kious, E. O. Voyles, Fred Shell, Oscar Shell, Earl Shell, Glenn Pope, Glenn Snelson and Ike Moore. Preachers which have served are Clint Lovelady, Ray Rayburn, Kenneth Shehi, Doc Page, L. L. Freeman, T. L. Davis, Roy Steele and Carroll Jackson who is here now. Membership about 140. Church is backing a mission point in Lake Tahoe area.

#### **DEL PASO HEIGHTS**

1941

The work began first Sunday in October 1941 when members of Oak Park in Sacramento who lived in this area felt a second congregation necessary. There were about 40 members meeting in the Legion hall until a building was erected at 1445 Nogales Street in 1943. The present auditorium will seat 250. Membership about 130 with many having gone to help five other new churches. Harvey Shipp, Elmore Evans, Clyde Griffin, Frank Curtis (before going to China and after his return), Lloyd Wheeler, A. H. Bryant, W. A. Brown have served as preachers — Virgil J. Cullum is here now. Clyde Bryant, A. C. Lentz, Joy R. Shuff and Donald V. Blachly have served as elders. Property estimated at \$50,000.

#### DENAIR

James E. Dewbre, minister, writes: "The church at 3957 Gratton Road in Denair, does not wish to have their history listed; however, we would like to have my name mentioned and address given." (We are happy to do it. JLL).

DINUBA 1913

G.W. Riggs held a tent meeting here in 1913 and a few members started to worship. S. W. Jordan, now in Lemoore, led the group the first few years. Building at 220 College Avenue was entered in 1948. W. P. Walker, Geo. W. Dickson, Tommy Barr, B. U. Baldwin, Leonard Rucker, C. C. Houston, Melvin Elliott, H. N. Hurd, Wallace Thompson, H. P. Cooper, Shelby Sanders, Elbert Garretson and Chas. Degenhart have preached here—John M. Banks is the present minister. Terry E. Mason has preached and taught singing in this area for more than 36 years. Arlo C. Gillen is one of the leaders.

The work here began in 1906 and has continued until this day. J. G. Pafford, one of the elders, reports 60 members. Location Lucerne and Palto Alto Sts.—address box 531. Charles Swan preacher.

DOWNEY 1939

The church was started in 1939 and meets today at 8321 E. Imperial Highway. Brother Boyd, Charles Butler, Albert Bass, Harold Wright, R. N. Lane, Bill Watts and Cleo Cook have served as preachers — Cleo is here now. New building in 1951. Present membership about 200. Church assists workers in Africa and Japan and sponsors the work of Arthur Yates at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital.

#### **DOWNEY (RANCHO LOS AMIGOS)**

1941

1906

In 1941 Charles Douglas began working with the patients in the Rancho Los Amigos Hospital and worship services began. During the first four years Brother Douglas baptized about 25 persons. Bill Watts preached until 1958 when he left for work in New Zealand and Arthur Yates is preaching now. Many churches in this area have fellowship in the work which has resulted in some 75 baptisms of patients. The church in Downey oversees the work.

DUARTE 1958

As early as 1955, through contacts made by C. W. Thompson and the E. D. Nunnellys, who live in this area, Bible classes began in homes. Soon the G. C. Smith family moved here from Oregon. In 1958 the Temple City Church rented the Legion hall and the first service was held Aug. 3, 1958 with eight members. Brother Thompson is assisted in his support by \$100 per month from Arcadia and \$25 from Temple City. Membership 30.

DUNSMUIR 1954

Sister E. E. Lynch and children drove 18 miles to Weed for worship before W. J. Linn moved to Costello. Spring of 1954 they started to worship in Costello. J. C. Matthews preached. In 1957 the group moved to Dunsmuir and now meet in the hotel. Jesse T. Willis came in September 1957.

#### EAGLE MOUNTAIN 1958

J. H. Hill, Box 64, writes that 14 members started meeting at Eagle Mountain Pumping Plant April 13, 1958. Men either work at the plant or at the mine four miles away. Howard Chambers of Blythe has done most of the preaching. Bob Rodgers of Indio has preached some, as has Lester Parker. Bob plans to enter Pepperdine this fall. This would be an ideal place for a school teacher who could preach.

EL MONTE 1938

York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles sent J. E. Wainwright to start this church on Feb. 25, 1938. Chester Elford, now an elder at church in Whittier, was the first preacher followed by Wade Ruby, Billy Mattox, John Beebe, Warren Henry, Ector Watson, Sewell Jones, Jay Durbin, John Allen Hudson and Paul Stewart—Clifton Ditmore is here now. Address: 336 South Hoyt Street. Although three congregations have been started from this work there are at present about 150 members. W. E. Browning, E. B. Linn, John M. Taylor, Lon Wall and Scott Williams serve the church as leaders. Interested in all good works.

## EL SEGUNDO 1953

L. H. Rose, an elder of the Hermosa Beach Church but living in El Segundo, desired to start the work here and after full approval of all nearby congregations, called J. E. Wainwright, and the first service was held April 19, 1953. Glen Rabe preached for sometime following Brother Wainwright and then Dr. Rex Johnston of Pepperdine College who left in about a year to become president of Northeastern Institute of Christian Education near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. George W. McCollum came in June 1956 and is still here. J. B. Phillips, Douglas Reed, serves as elders; Mel Hunter, Herman Maxwell, Wilbur Chenault and Milton McCutcheon as deacons. Building was erected in 1957 at 717 E. Grand Avenue valued at \$50,000. Present membership about 100. Support is given Arlie Smith in Brazil and the Children's Home. L. H. Rose was one of the early elders.

#### EL SOBRANTE 1955

Alfred Coburn writes that the church was started in August 1955 and meets in the Improvement Club building. There are about 40 members — Sid Meek the preacher.

#### **EMPIRE**

1955

August 21, 1955 saw the start of the church in a small building at Church & McCoy which is the present address. D. Cecil Brotherton was the first preacher to the 16 members. In 1958 the church erected a building that will seat 340 persons. Cecil is still our preacher and the membership is now over 100.

#### ENCINITAS

1941

1944

John Bills of Central Church in San Diego, started this church of eight members in a home in Cardiff-by-the-Sea in 1941. Walter Evans followed John, then a brother Pruitt, a navy man, Wilson Young, E. M. Borden, Reuben Chaves, the Middleton boys and others. Raymond I. Gibbs preached from 1954 to 1958 and B. H. Hayden is preaching at present. Central in San Diego backed the work for a number of years and helped get the building at 926 Second Street in Encinitas. Attendance about 60.

## ESCONDIDO

About 12 members started worship here in 1944 in the home of W. E. Badders. After two years the Ladies Club building was rented. Eugene Winter preached during 1946 and '47. Raymond I. Gibbs (the best money I ever loaned in my life was to help Raymond go to Abilene Christian College. JLL) moved here in March 1948 and preached for five years. There were 40 members and a new building. Glen W. Lundy, Walter Bostick and Paul Nunn have served as ministers. W. L. Hockett, Joe Smith and Joe Wilson are the elders; Frank Chism, Frank Latham, James Barron, Eugene Turnor and John Weishaupt are deacons. Membership over 200. Address: 345 West 7th Street. (This is the home of E. C. Fuqua, now 83. JLL).

#### EUREKA 1946

The first service was held April 7, 1946 in the home of Otto Watts. A hall was rented for the next two years and in 1948 a house was purchased from the Baptist that seated 155. This was remodeled to seat 265. There were 17 original members and after losing a number of families when the Rohnerville-Fortuna Church was started, our membership is today about 125. W. A. Martin was the first preacher and responsible for this work. After three years he went to help start the church in Crescent City but returned to make this his home. Lyle Bonner came from Phoenix in 1949 and is still here. A. M. Watts, Marvin Thrash, Joe Ballew and Martin Bauman have served as elders; we have four deacons—Vernon Berger, Calvin Thrash, Eddie Carroll and Fred Phebus.

## EXETER 1912

Meeting in the homes of A. Vaughn and J. C. Weekly, the church began in Exeter in 1912 — these two men becoming elders. In 1921 a building was erected at Chestnut & C Streets. In 1930 some members started another work on North Orange but after a new building was erected at Filbert & I Streets, fellowship between the two was restored. Membership is now 175. Walter S. Weekly and J. Earl Massey are the elders assisted by seven deacons. Robert C. Padgett is the present minister. Many are the men who have held meetings — A. E. Harper, W. P. Reedy, J. J. Hogan, L. D. Perkins, W. C. Rice, Rue Porter, C. L. Wilkerson, M. S. Mason, D. Austin Sommer, Carl Ketcherside, E. M. Zerr, J. E. Wainwright and others. A. F. Waller, Theo. Rice, Vernon Morris, John W. Rhodes, Bill Price, Carroll Davis and Jack Shelton have served as preachers.

#### FAIRFIELD 1949

The church was established the first Sunday in January 1949 in the Community hall. The first year attendance averaged between 40 and 60. In August 1955 a new building was completed and attendance reached 180. Another building program is underway. H. C. Helf is fully supported in his work in Pistoia, Italy. John Bessire, Robert Guile, Ward Walling and Harrell Helf have served as preachers. Truman Scott is the present preacher.

#### FILLMORE 1919

The 1942 report reads, "G. W. Riggs established the church in 1919. Walter Miller and John McCalister assisted in the early days. Bert B. Beck is one of the present leaders and Jack Morris the preacher. Sister Womack and Brother Coffer, two charter members, still remain. In 1925 the church met in the home of J. H. Moore — W. W. Pace held a meeting the same year. Roy Key preached for sometime." (Present address: 1st & Mt. View. JLL).

According to our records, this is the oldest church in the state having been started by 21 persons directed by James Logan on Sept. 28, 1873. G. W. Winter arrived from Nebraska in 1890 and began preaching. The churches in Graton, Santa Rosa and Healdsburg owe much to Forestville. "Helping others" is a phase that is certainly lived by members here, as it is by those in the churches Forestville helped established. J. Frank Young, now an elder (with Matthew Smith) has been a faithful leader and worker for many years. Noble Rogers and Charles Polley have served as preachers since 1942.

#### FORT BRAGG

1959

With George C. Garrison preaching and three other members present, the first worship service was held on Jan. 25, 1959 in the Kaleva hall. A radio program which is supported by the church in Boonville.

#### **FORTUNA**

1950

W. A. Martin preached the first sermon in the IOOF hall Dec. 7, 1950 and remained until 1956. He was followed by I. C. Fudge —Stanley Poole remained until July 1958 and membership increased to 60. Our building is located in Rohnerville. William T. Hooper is the present preacher. Membership about 70.

#### **FOWLER**

1946

This church was started in a hall in 1946 with a few members from the Christian Church — Paul Boyer preached. Building was purchased in 1948. Carol Davis, Elbert Garretson, Jim Smith and Lavimore White have covered as preaches. Larimore White have served as preachers — Larry is here now. Joe Hinton, R. S. Holland and D. G. Scheppegrell are elders. Address: Box 126.

#### **FREMONT**

1957

Nineteen members met in the Ambulance Company building on March 10, 1957 for the opening service. Today there are 62 members. The church in San Leandro is helping us obtain a place of our own into which we recently moved. Ray R. Ward is the present preacher. Address: 212 Bain Street. It is known as the Centerville District.

#### FRESNO (PALM AVENUE)

1904

The church "arrived" here when J. M. Arterburn and wife moved here in 1904 from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Sister Johnson, The Kauffmans, A. D. Hall and the O'Briens were among the first members. The Charles Chess family arrived in September 1907 and found the Frank Buker and James Arterburn and one or two other families meeting in private homes. G. W. Riggs came for a meeting. W. J. Kirk led the singing. Brother Sniffin of Dos Palos helped much. The Archie Parker family came in time and they gave the land or which the first hell? time and they gave the land on which the first building of the church in Fresno was erected — Nevada Avenue between Orcard and First. This was in 1912. R. P. Williams was the first preacher. The W. H. Trice family arrived from Tennessee in 1916. In 1919 several members started a new church at 1939 Fresno Street. James Arterburn, Charles Chess and Charles Hays served as elders; C. A. Hill and Sam Scheppegrell as deacons. This group moved into their new building at Palm & Dennett in 1926 and in 1930 the Nevada congregation combined with them and although the Arlington Heights work was started it became necessary to erect a new building at Palm and Dudley. Membership today is about 550. Porter Norris, T. R. Atkinson, L. D. Davis, Ernest Beam, W. S. Irvine, Ernest Love, Lloyd E. Ellis, Loyd L. Smith, H. P. Cooper and Albert Lovelady have served as preachers. Clifford Reeves is the present preacher. T. B. Larimore preached the first sermon in the Palm & Dennett building. Much missionary work is supported. Clarence M. Smith is one of the present

## FRESNO (WEST FRESNO)

1930

Palm Avenue Church called Marshall Keeble here from Nashville, Tenn., in 1930 to hold a meeting and a number of Negroes were converted. Palm\_Avenue built them a meeting place at Eldorado & Trinity. The congregation grew very fast and had to build again in 1952 at California & Weller. Harvey Johnson preached here from 1944 to 1950. T. L. Ellis came and then Eugene Derrick. J. W. Murdock looks after the work at this time.

#### FRESNO (ARLINGTON HEIGHTS)

Vernon Morris preached the first sermon in a hall at Divisa-Vernon Morris preached the first sermon in a hall at Divisadero & R when the first service was held in 1937 with about 30 members from the Palm Avenue Church. Harvey Nevens, F. E. White and Brice Smith were among the leaders. The church met for awhile at 6th & Grant and in 1954 the present building at 6th & Madison was completed. Those who have held meetings or done local work are Vernon Morris, Bill Irvine, T. M. Craig, Robert Bird, Roy Gulley, Harland Dilbeck, Malcolm Bowen, Pat Broaddus, Rue Porter, Joe Gilmore, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., Lyndall Cheeves, H. M. Harriman, Lloyd Moyer, Floyd Thompson, L. W. Cheeves, H. M. Harriman, Lloyd Moyer, Floyd Thompson, L. W. Mayo. John H. Beebe is the present preacher. Stanley Clark, Charles Ferguson, J. B. Seagler and J. F. Watkins are elders.

## FRESNO (VALENTINE AVENUE)

1952

This church was started the last Sunday in April 1952 at 1540 S. Valentine Ave., three miles southwest of Fresno. Jim Hatcher gave the lots. Jim and Laura Hatcher, Marvin and Cora Ward family, the Era Moore family, Barney Beirsmith and J. H. and Talma Hendrix family were among the first members. J. H. Hendrix has preached since the beginning.

#### FRESNO (WEST McKINLEY)

Four families met in December 1956 to establish a church in this community — our meeting place was a garage belonging to Herman Ward. We met in our building first on Aug. 11, 1957. It will seat 250 and valued at \$35,000. Location 5825 W. Mc-Kinley Avenue. Dale E. Church is our preacher and V. A. Anthony one of the leaders.

#### **FULLERTON**

1925

G. W. Riggs held a meeting here in 1925 which resulted in a new church. In 1942 there were 150 members. W. N. Bohannan preached for the church off and on for many years. Harry R. Fox, Sr., D. E. Hayes, Frank Grammer and possibly others have served as preachers. Afton Stephens is the present preacher. From 1929 to 1958 the church met at 301 E. Amerige but is now in a new building valued at \$150,000 at 2121 East Wilshire Avenue. The congregation is known as the Fullerton Church of Christ. The church has helped in the establishing of the work in Anaheim, Buena Park, Brea, La Habra, in Alaska and Italy. Preachers have been supported in Africa, Philippines, Germany and other countries. The work in New Zealand is now supported. There are about 200 members. Andrew J. Wood, Roy M. Burns and Alvin J. Rogers serve as elders, Henry Harrington, Dave Easley, Lindell Jones, Paul Wilkinson, Leldon Watson, and Edsel Johnson as deacons.

#### **FULLERTON (WEST FULLERTON)**

1958

First meeting Sept. 14, 1958. Address: American Legion hall. Mail address: Box 13, Fullerton. Membership 50. James Tolle is the preacher. The congregation has been self-supporting from the beginning. Does much missionary work and supports a boy in Westview Boys' Home in Hollis, Oklahoma.

#### 1948 **GILROY**

Four members were meeting in homes in the latter part of 1948. In 1959 they rented the Legion hall. Since the church in Hollister was also very small they decided to join the work here and Leroy Wiley came as the preacher. In 1950 they purchased property at 7th & Eigleberry. The coming of A. J. Bachman did much to help growth. Hollister brethren and those from San Martin, Morgan Hill, San Juan Bautista and those here have been faithful. C. H. Wells came as our preacher two years ago. We now have about 60 members and expect a new building soon.

#### **GLENDALE**

1934

The 1942 History reads: "J. F. Tipton is the father of the Glendale church which was started with a few members Jan. 14, 1934. He remained for five years. Jean Valentine came in 1939 and is the preacher today. This is one of the patterns of good works in the state, an example of what can be done when brethren

works in the state, an example of what can be done when brethren work and pray together. Two radio programs, thousands of tracts, personal work — those are some of the congregation's projects. It sponsors the Negro church in Pasadena."

J. Eddie Weems followed Jean, then J. E. Wainwright, Thornton B. Crews, Harrell Collard, Roy Tidwell, J. Dudley Fenn and Paul Harper who is still associated with the congregation in their programs of experience work. Bilay Marquis Ir, has been the raul Harper wno is still associated with the congregation in their program of evangelistic work. Riley Marquis, Jr., has been the associate preacher for some time. Elbridge B. Linn came as minister September 1, 1958. With three full-time preachers, support to the "Take Time to be Holy" radio program, Ontario Children's Home and many other good works and plans for a new congregation in North Glendale, this church is one of the most active in the state. It is blessed with fine leaders.

The first worship was on July 20, 1947 in the Women's Club. W. T. Durrett was the preacher for the first two years. Charles Swan came for two years and Robert Stewart for one. J. W. Fenny willed his home to the church and it helped us on a new building. A. P. Wade is one of the present leaders. Eugene E. Taylor is the present preacher. Address of church: 658 Whiting St.

GRATON 1909

The following appeared in the 1942 History: "Possibly no church so small is so well known among us. Beginning in 1909 with the help of Forestville and a meeting with E. C. Love, the church has 'gone into all the world' since that day. G. W. Winter, George S. Davis, R. J. Narron, George M. Scott, G. Earl McCay (forerunner of the church in Alaska), R. R. Hayes, E. Badger, A. B. Tenney, J. A. Craig, Monroe Craig, F. G. Owen, W. E. McNeely and R. C. Cannon have preached here. It is the home of Pacific Christian Academy which is supported mostly by members."

Since 1942 the following have worked here: Herman Wilson.

Since 1942 the following have worked here: Herman Wilson, Woodrow Wilson, Glyde Poplin, Forest Moyer, Athelston Crowson, Noble Rogers, Richard Osburn and John Bessire. Our new building will seat 200. Mission work has been stressed throughout the years. This is the former home of the Brittell family now in Africa. The church sponsors the Lester Brittells at the Sinde

Mission near Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia.

GROVELAND 1945

Way up on the West Slope of the Sierras among the big trees of the Mother Lode country — all alone — is a beautiful little church house with a sign — Church of Christ. No other church building in the state gives you such a feeling. Brother Nickolson of Oakdale held a meeting in this area in 1945. Floyd Hamilton held another under the trees in 1946. T. Wesley Osborne moved here in the Fall of '46. There was no church or place to meet. Floyd came for another meeting in 1947. Robert Hemsley of Anaheim led the singing. Five were baptized. We then put up our building on highway 120 about four miles East of Groveland. We now have 30 members. H. M. Harriman, L. L. Stout, Guss Eoff, Sherman Cannon, Jack Rudd and others have held meetings. Brother Osborne continues to preach. A larger building in Groveland is planned.

GROVER CITY 1946

J. E. Norman preached the first sermon Sept. 8, 1946 and remained until 1950. He was killed in Bakersfield in 1953. We met in Arroyo Grande for a few months until the building at 8th & Rockaway was completed. The work started with 14 members — there are now 81. R. Monroe preached for three years. Three years after his conversion Kenneth Rodriguez started preaching for us — 1953 — and has been here ever since. J. A. Finley is one of the leaders.

HANFORD 1908

Worship was held here for years before the Christian Church took over the building. About 1908 Sandy White put up a building and the faithful met there for years including the McQuiddy, Utterback, Dingman, Scarbrough, Dority, Plummer, Viney, Bane, Perking, Poore and Sewell families and others. T. B. Larimore held the first meeting followed by meetings with W. H. Trice and G. W. Riggs. Johnny Plummer, who later left the church, was one of the first preachers.

About 1922, after a tent meeting with C. R. Nichol, the church met in Armona but in 1938, with George Dickson preaching, Arthur Phillips and Brother Gardner helped get the work started again in Hanford but at times with Brother Phillips away, five women and some children carried on the worship. Today there is an \$80 thousand building and some 200 members meeting at 1461 N. 10th Street. Jack Shelton, R. Monroe and Floyd Mitten have been recent preachers. Clinton L. Storm is the present preacher.

HAWTHORNE 1935

The church met for the first time in the home of E. M. West on Feb. 18, 1935. A building was purchased in 1941. Adding of land and additional building has been going on ever since. E. M. West, E. M. Borden, Claude Thurman, Jim Batey, C. H. Shipp, Arlie Smith, Jim Smith, W. A. Kercheville, G. R. Dickson, G. W. McCollum and Vaughn Crumley have served as preachers. John W. Young is the present preacher. O. S. Briley, John Reagan, O. J. Long, B. Y. Jarvis, C. P. Easterly, Roy Lehman, Ted Nicholas, Garland Alexander and Doug Reed have served as elders. Present elders are Roy Ragsdill, H. R. Vaden, Clyde James. Deacons—Doug Long, V. P. Murphy, Dick Shields. Much help has been given toward starting of other churches especially in Beaumont and Hesperia. Support is given Arlie Smith in Brazil, Children's home and hospital work, and \$200 per month to Message of the Master TV program. Address: 437 West El Segundo Blvd.

**HAYWARD** 

Thirty-seven members met for worship on Dec. 24, 1950 in the old Dania hall. In 1952 property at 22307 Montgomery was purchased and is now being enlarged. John W. James, R. B. Williams and R. K. Todd were the first elders with Don Williams, Bill Fitzpatrick, W. O. Brown, Grover Eastman, Glenn Steele and J. L. Davenport later added as deacons. John W. James helped much in getting this church started and to assist by preaching. Ervin Harris came in 1953 followed by Morton T. Utley. Joe Gilmore is the present preacher. The following have held meetings: Lloyd Moyer, M. F. Davis, G. K. Wallace, Robert LeCroix, Willard Collins and Glen Wallace. Melvin Wise will come this year. A. J. Small, Don Osborne, Ernest Wright and Glenn Steele serve as elders, Gerald Howard, Ira Williams, Robert Gutleben and Harry W. Richards have been added as deacons. The churches in Pleasanton and South Hayward grew out of this work and the church helped start the work in San Lorenzo and Chico. Mission work is supported in Montana and Italy. Membership 272.

#### **HEALDSBURG**

1934

Five families which were then meeting in Forestville, Graton and Santa Rosa assembled for worship July 8, 1934. Moved into own building in 1940. W. H. Trice, W. J. Green, Morris Ruby, Lowry Ruby, Claire Marshall, Joe Bryant, Walter Nelson and Elmore R. Evans have served as preachers. Brother Evans who was with the church when it was established is the present preacher. The church has always been interested in others.

HEMET 1925

This church has asked not to be listed but the following was in the 1942 History: "First worship held in the Henry Parker home in 1925. James Sewell, Alton Wimbish and Jean Valentine have held meetings. Homer Gifford followed Ed Hamilton as preacher. There have been many ups and downs. The Central Church in Los Angeles is sending Floyd Thompson next month to hold a meeting. J. W. McKinney is one of the older leaders."

#### HERMOSA BEACH

1943

The first Sunday in October 1943 Wade Ruby began a gospel meeting in the Women's Club which was the beginning of the church here. In 1950 the church moved into their new building at 1063 Pier Avenue. Plans are underway to enlarge. Billy G. Yount, John Bean, W. C. Whitten, Eugene Perry, J. Emmett Wainwright, Vernon T. Posey, Glenn Rabe, Otis Castleberry have labored here — H. M. Harriman is the present preacher. Garner Bell, Lewis Witt and J. E. Young are elders; J. D. Kennon and Clay Golden are deacons.

HESPERIA 1956

The work began the first Sunday in September 1956 in the Grange hall. James C. Dixon led the singing, Chas. B. Middleton preached the sermon. Charley and his brother James Middleton assisted in the preaching for several months. Walter Fennel of Pepperdine College is preaching now. There are about 30 members made up of the Albert Passmore, Tom Glenn, Lee Moses, Al Stovall, Porter Sanders families and others.

HIGHLAND 1954

Ten members who had been worshipping in other places met here in July 1954 to establish the church. Garth Smith as preacher, Jerry Hodges as song leader and Lenard Wilburn, directed the work. Worship was held in a rented hall until August 1958 when we moved to the new building on which we were helped so much by the church in Redlands. Len Wood, Harry Highland and Jerry Hodges are present leaders with Garth Smith preaching. Clint Lovelady preached the first sermon in the new building located at 26814 Cypress Street.

#### HIGHWAY CITY

1936

The 1942 report reads, "This church is a result of radio program sponsored by Palm Avenue Church in Fresno. Chester Elford went in 1936 to start the church. L. D. Davis followed for many months and a solid work was established. Larimore White is preaching at this time."

#### **HOME GARDENS**

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In 1938 J. E. Agee, T. A. Boyd, Lenord Black, Irving Hall and L. T. Banks — about ten in all, erected a small building at Blair & Magnolia Streets and began the worship. E. G. Johnson came from Colton to preach and then R. W. Stewart took the work. A new building was erected in 1954 at 3764 S. Ellis Street. T. R. Nicholas came in 1956 as full-time preacher. Membership over 50. Harold L. Moore is one of the leaders.

Martha Phillips, Emma Owens, Etta Moss (still living) and Vada Lewis were charter members of the church which started in 1946 in the IOOF hall. The present building at 4th & Pine was completed in 1950. Tom Wilmeth, Brother Hays, B. L. Bedwell, Brother Page, Cecil Brotherton, George House, Douglas N. Qualls, Jr., and Ralph Len have served as preachers. Elbert R. Garretson is the present preacher. H. M. Harriman, Elbert Garretson, Jesse Stephens, Walter Teel, J. Hays, Tom Wilmeth, Frank Curtis, A. J. Hendrix, Roy Lanier, Everett Evans, Sherman Cannon and L. K. Gordon have held meetings.

#### **HUNTINGTON PARK**

1929

Central Church in Los Angeles sent Samuel E. Witty here on Nov. 3, 1929 to conduct the first service in a rented hall at Saturn and Rugby. Hugh M. Tiner came in 1936 and remained until he left to start the Vermont Avenue Church in Los Angeles on Sept. 11, 1938. Hubert G. Derrick came and remained for ten years. In addition to Vermont Avenue, the church in South Gate was established in 1940 and the church in Compton started in 1942. New building at 3034 E. Gage Street erected in 1941 and preacher's home in 1944. George Dickson preached for two years following Hubert and Malcom P. Hinckley, who has just moved to Sun Valley, preached for eight years. A \$43,000 addition to the building was made in 1958. In 1937 work was started among the Spanish speaking people and now a second such work has been started. Possibly no other church in California has helped to start so many churches and lend such support to others. E. R. McInnes deserves special mention for his many years of unselfish service. He, Joe Scott, James Casey and Andrew Saunders are the elders.

HURON 1949

Harve Hendrix and his son A. J., helped get a small building and start worship here in 1949. Dean L. Lawyer came to preach in 1951 and the attendance had grown from 15 to 80 or more—membership about 50 although there have been 60 baptisms during this time.

INDIO 1945

The church in Venice sent elder J. D. Murphree and preacher W. E. Irvine here for a tent meeting in 1945 and the church was started. Pat Bradley was the first preacher to live here followed by C. V. Eubanks, Dick Lane and Edward Latham — H. N. Hurd is the present minister. Address: 45-745 Deglet Noor St. Alfred Cross is one of the leaders.

#### INGLEWOOD 1942

Hugh M. Tiner as preacher, Russel N. Squire as song leader, James L. Lovell and Earl Watson were sent by the Vermont Avenue Church in Los Angeles to begin the work — first service in Women's Club — Jan. 4, 1942. After the first month Wade Ruby was called to preach, followed by Jean Valentine, James Smythe, J. Eddie Weems, W. A. Kercheville, Lowell Davis, John E. Crosslin (who served from 1952 to 1958) and now Fred D. Davis. The church moved into a new building at 304 Nectarine Street in 1949. Plans are being made to enlarge building to seat near 600. H. V. Crumley served for some time as associate minister. Homer Grimsley, Jack Daniels and Earl Watson (who has since passed away) were made elders. Bink Dawdy has recently been added. Norman Growns, Harold Russell and G. C. Nichols serve as deacons. This congregation of 200 members has supported Roy Palmer and Mack Kercheville in mission fields for a number of years.

#### IVANHOE 1943

The Mullins, Bateman, Boswell, Gilmore and Banks families were among the charter members who started the work in a school building here in Oct. 1943. Arlie Moore held the first meeting. Vernon Morris and Troy Banks assisted in the preaching — there were 20 members — today 106 members. Eugene B. Cullum is the present preacher with F. W. Wilson and C. G. Banks serving as elders, Raymond Buford, Charles Skaggs and Ellis Jones as deacons.

#### KELSEYVILLE 1954

The first service was held in the home of William Gray on July 4, 1954. Another couple was present — Dr. Louis R. Patmont and wife. Later the church met in the Women's Club and Legion hall but moved to own building on Main Street in October 1955. At the death of Brother Patmont sufficient funds were left by his estate to get a new building. J. W. Wheeler has been preaching here for sometime and has done a mighty fine work. This church is interested in all good works. Other names of charter members: Palmquist, Johns, Pennington, Hammon, Hail and Tanado. Address: Box 492.

KERMAN 1940

This work was started in a rented hall in 1940 and moved into a new building at 6th & D Streets in 1947 and to the present building at 6th & G Streets in 1954. There are about 75 members. Robert L. Scott is the present preacher.

LA HABRA 1936

Spring of 1936 saw the beginning of this church, meeting in the home of Sister Lucille Hall. Frank Grammer and Willie Williams were among the first preachers. Others who have preached here are — Grover Holland, Bill Watts (now in New Zealand), Joe Lyons (now in Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, and supported by this church), Bryan Brown, and now Hugh Shira. After meeting for sometime in the Masonic Temple, the little building at 112 N. Lemon was constructed. Weldon Bennett, then in Fullerton, took a very active part in this building program. The present building at 550 North Hiatt was erected while Joe Lyons was here and enlarged during the stay of Bryan Brown.

LAKE TAHOE 1957

Lee Norsworthy purchased a Motel here and a few members started meeting in one of his cabins in the fall of 1957 — later in the Legion hall. Carroll Jackson and Earl Packwood, Jr., were among the first preachers. Sherman Cannon and others have helped in a meeting. The church in Delhi and Turlock have assisted much. No service are being held during the Winter of 58-59 but worship will start again the spring of 1959.

LAKESIDE 1958

Floyd Thompson held a meeting here which resulted in the beginning of the church the first Sunday in May 1958 with about 30 members. James Medlin, Fred Amick, Ezra Amick, Max Bradford, Albert Botts, Ken Burks, Leon and Clyde Goff assisted much in the preaching for the first four months. Wallace W. Thompson came in September and is the present preacher. Worship is held in the Kiwanis hall. Lary D. Haws, T. E. Holland, T. J. Randolph and G. F. Roe serve as elders; Frank Makemson and Wayne Mopps as deacons. Membership 56. Plans for building on two acres on Julian Avenue. Pleasant Valley Church in Amarillo, Texas, sent Paul Lusby for a meeting last November. The Amarillo brethren and Geo. H. Brown of Van Nuys have been of much help to us.

LA MESA 1940

Maurice McMullen preached to the original 40 members who met for first service Nov. 5, 1940, in the Women's club. El Cajon Church in San Diego started the work and supported it the first year. Building at 8510 La Mesa Boulevard seating 300 was occupied in 1947. In 1954 another building that will seat 300 was erected in Lemon Grove and that fine work started with about half of our members. Additional lots have been purchased at Jackson Drive and Highway 80 and plans are to move there soon. Virgil M. Watson followed Brother McMullen, then James O. Wilburn, H. M. Harriman, Lyndell L. Cheeves, Hal H. Hougey, and H. I. Taylor. Maurice A. Meredith is the present minister and doing a fine work with W. M. Ballinger, O. Lee Sparks and W. P. Stahle serving as elders, F. F. Cross, R. L. Hussey, Geo. Ogle, Harce Rice, C. M. Thompson, W. H. Wilson and A. R. Young as deacons. Membership 165.

LAMONT 1941

Jack Lynch preached for the few who gathered here in 1941 to start the church. After meeting in a theater for awhile the ten members bought property at Wharton & San Gorgonio. Other preachers — John W. Wilson, A. A. Phillips, Roscoe Nottingham, Edgar Choat, Homer Walker and Joe Smith. Homer L. Gifford of McFarland has preached for over two years. Delmar Shields, John Nickell and Leroy Klase serve as elders; R. W. Shields, L. Hull, R. S. Vandiveer and John Dame as deacons. Present address of new building: 255 Gail Marie Drive. Membership 80.

LA PUENTE 1955

August 28, 1955 with 40 present in the Women's Club house, saw the first meeting at this place. I. Irl Pemberton was the first preacher. Francis Herring and Delmar Bunn took turns until Delmar moved to Los Angeles. T. R. Vaughan came for the morning services and Brother Herring preached at night. Our attendance is about 65. New location at 15124 E. Eliott Street.

LATHROP 1911

The church was started by Ernest C. Love in 1911. D. B. Cargile lived here from 1920 until his death in 1938. J. A. Craig preached for several years after the work was started. W. H. Trice, Adrian Bloom, Elmore Evans, Arlie Smith, Ernest Beam, Porter Norris, L. K. Pomery, Charles Adams and others have preached here. H. C. Rice has been preaching for us for 14 years. C. M. Brockman gave so much help in getting our building. L. H. Brockman is one of the leaders.

With help from the church in Hanford, Robert H. Bell preached to 25 charter members on the first Sunday in June 1948. Building erected at 5904 Mt. Whitney Avenue in 1949. There are at present 10 members — all women. C. C. Stone is the preacher.

#### **LEMON GROVE**

1954

It was on July 4, 1954 that the first service was held here—a suburb of San Diego. The work was started by the church in La Mesa and had its own building for the first service. Enlarged to seat 400 in 1956. Ralph Aycock preached for the 44 families for the first three years. He is now doing mission work in Holland. Haldon Arnold preached for a year and Burt Pauley is here now. James Beebe, Clyde Buckner, J. D. Elston, Pearl Packer and James Williams are elders. Membership 183. Address: 2515 Imperial Avenue.

#### LEMOORE

1946

This church was started in April 1946 meeting in homes. Jim Smith was the first preacher followed by Marion Davis and Ronald L. Brotherton. Moved into our own building in May 1947. Attendance about 90. Address: 140 Skaggs.

#### LINDA VISTA

1948

With John G. Bills preaching, this work was started in 1948. After meeting in a community building for some years, the church met in the Linda Theatre. After Brother Bills was fatally stricken with a heart attack in March of 1955, J. E. Wainwright was called until June 1955 when V. M. Watson came. The new building will seat 500 and has 12 classrooms. Location — 7277 Fulton Street (San Diego).

#### LINDSAY 1935

The 1942 report reads, "In June 1935, Palm Avenue Church in Fresno sent A. F. Waller to hold a meeting and started this church. Geo. W. Dickson, Terry Mason, Arlo Gillan, Chet Elford, J. H. Ballard, Leroy Thompson, Vernon Morris, Arlie Smith, J. D. Taylor, Rue Porter, C. L. Wilkerson, Claud McClung, J. O. Wilberson, W. E. Jones, John Adair, Joe Coppinger and W. S. Boyett have held meetings or preached here. Claude Davis is one of the leaders. Building planned."

## LITTLE ROCK 1949

A. L. Cassius held a meeting in the fall of 1949 and members started worship in the home of Therkiel Hopkins, later in the home of Fred Lyons. Building erected in 1955. Harvey Johnson came in 1950 as the preacher and is still here. Membership 23. This is known as the Sun Valley Church (not to be confused with the church in Sun Valley, California) and the address is 100th and R-8 Street. Mail to 901 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles.

#### LIVE OAK 1940

Fifteen members met in the IOOF hall in 1940 to start the church. Building erected in 1942. J. R. Worsham was the first preacher. During the time a few had started meeting in Gridley. A meeting was held in 1949 and the two groups consolidated except for three families who went to Yuba City. During 1948-1950 Douglas Qualls and Paul King taught school in the area and preached. Thaddeus Bookout was the first full-time worker followed by Carl Collier and George Schroeder (part time) — K. A. Stone came for full-time work in 1957 and is still here. Address: 126 E. 14th St. Present membership 76.

#### LIVERMORE 1950

Mother's Day, May 6, 1950, marks the beginning of this church in the Forester hall. The Charlie Bair family, Brother Rogers, another couple from Brentwood, Dixie Eckert, Arvel Williford and Ireva — now Mrs. Milton Benson — were the first members. Others immediately followed — the Clio Zearing family, Sister Williford, Cora Hendrix, Margarite Gardener, Gladys Gardener, and the Frank Bennetts. In new building (976 Walnut) in June 1955. Membership 51. Charlie Bair, Orville Harvel, Bob Green, Robart Todd, W. H. Trice, Lyle McCollum, Earl Lowder, Malcolm Bartee and Hollis D. Harper have assisted in the preaching. The church in San Leandro has stood by us from the beginning.

#### LOMPOC 1940

Albert Lovelady held a meeting in 1940 and a few members started worship. In 1954 the membership was only about 15 but has now reached 63. A brother Putnam was here preaching in 1954 and Brother Montoya drove up from Los Angeles to preach in 1956. Churches in Huntington Park and Torrance helped support him. Brother Nunn is with us now. We are starting to build at Walnut Avenue and O Street. Address: Box 434. Kenneth House is one of the leaders.

The history of the church in Long Beach dates back to 1903 when M. A. and Maud Rucker moved here from Pomona. They located a few others and met from house to house — there were eight members, J. B. Ellmore one of them. Gideon W. Riggs came for a meeting in 1903. In 1908 elders were appointed and the church met in a rented hall at 416 Pine Avenue. In 1913 the first building was erected at 9th & Olive. Funds willed by Mary J. Bunford made the building possible — M. Scott Rucker had charge of construction. L. F. Clipp of Wenatchee, Wash., preached the first sermon in the building on Nov. 2, 1913. A. M. Morris and William P. Reedy were early preachers and teachers. In 1924 a new building was erected at 9th & Lime and S. W. Settle was the first preacher. J. Jerome Hogan led singing here for 12 years. In 1950 possibly one of the finest buildings in the state was the at 3707 Atlantic — the present home of the Uptown Church. Scott Rucker, the only living charter member in Long Beach at that time poured the first shovel of cement. January 6, 1952 the first service was held in the new building and it marked the 50th anniversary of the church in the city. Plans of expansion are underway. There are seven elders and 15 deacons. Membership about 400. Names which cannot be forgotten: Morris, Reedy, Rucker, Beam, Hogan, Ellmore, Harold Clark, James A. Scott, J. R. Tannyhill, Hugh M. Tiner, Frank Cope, Herman Wilson, Bill Irvine, W. P. Gray, I. D. Moffitt, S. E. Witty, J. E. Wainwright, Ford Carpenter and many, many others. H. Frank Cope is the present minister.

#### LONG BEACH (CENTRAL)

1928

The second work in Long Beach was started in the late 20's and moved into their new building at 12th & Alamitos in 1933. For 20 years Ernest Beam served this congregation as minister. Members from this church helped established works in Compton, San Pedro, North Long Beach and East Long Beach. In 1942 there were some 300 members. In May 1948 the church became known as the Central Church and was moved to the present location at 501 Atlantic. J. D. Fenn, who teaches at Pepperdine College, is preaching at this time. (As a matter of history, Brother Beam eventually left here and established a church in the Lakewood District, using the mechanical instrument of music at one service and without it the next. Brother Beam passed to his reward a few years back and the church there remains. Harold V. Clark is one of the leaders. JLL).

#### LOS ANGELES (SICHEL STREET)

1903

The first church of Christ in Los Angeles was known as the Sichel Street Church and grew out of a tent meeting on East Avenue 28 held by G. W. Riggs in 1903. Meetings continued in the tent for a year and then moved into a "tabernacle" on Manitou Avenue. In 1910 the church occupied the present building at Sichel & Altura Streets. G. W. Riggs continued as an elder here until his death. Out of this work many of the Los Angeles churches have started, as well as in such places as Riverside, Downey, Fresno, San Diego, Dinuba, Alhambra, Fillmore, Santa Paula, Casitas Springs, Yucaipa, Burbank, Placentia, Glenn and Fullerton. Many noted preachers have served here. Those after 1940 are in order: F. W. Mattox, Chester Elford, H. O. Wilson, Mark McElhaney, Roy Key, Lloyd Ellis, John Wolfe, Byron Brown, Carl Mitchell, Elton Davis, Gene Powell, Kenneth Shrable, Bill Free, Dale Townsend and the present minister — Jess Armas. L. C. Flint, Lewis M. Duff and Paul Eldridge serve as elders.

#### LOS ANGELES (CENTRAL)

1922

On Jan. 1, 1922, 84 Christians began the Central congregation at 1220 S. Flower Street. S. E. Witty and R. E. Wright did the preaching until 1927. W. E. Bernard, W. Edgar Miller and A. A. Godfrey served as elders — James D. Morgan led the singing. By the end of the first year there were some 200 members and the group moved to 1080 South Hope Street and in 1928 to 1816 S. Figueroa — all halls. The new building at 12th & Hoover was occupied in 1930. This was one of the finest buildings west of Texas at the time and among the finest yet. F. O. Smith, N. B. Hardeman and S. H. Hall held meetings during the next five years and since 1928 the following have served in the pulpit: Carl Etter, Foy E. Wallace, Jr., E. H. Ijams, W. B. West, Jr., F. L. Young, J. E. Wainwright, J. W. Saunders, H. R. Fox, Sr., G. C. Brewer, Batsell Baxter, Glen L. Wallace, J. Herman Campbell, Homer Hailey, Roy Key, Hoyt Houchen, M. C. Cuthbertson, Floyd H. Horton, Robert Simmons, Wilson Wallace, Max Crumley, and at the present time Don Harriman and J. Herman Campbell. A number of song leaders have served Central: J. F. Lilly.

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J. Reynolds, Herman Campbell, Bryan Adrian, Dean Walling, Judson West. Serving as deacons: R. L. Smith, C. M. Johnson, Martin Christensen, Perry Hurst, Lloyd Marshall, William Marshall, L. O. Forsythe, O. B. Curtis, Earl McCown, Donald V. Miller, Sib Thompson, M. B. Edmonds, Howard Baker, A. S. Peterson, Vernon Cowart — at present Asa Buckelew, Melvin McNutt and John Stowe.

(I cannot help but remark again, as I did in the history recorded in 1942, those early 30's were dark days at Central when our contributions did not pay the interest on our \$40,000 note. The elders put me in charge of the "finance committee" and with F. L. Young preaching for nothing, we began to make progress. It is also important that I report that out of Central many great churches have started and developed. The church has always backed missionaries, home of orphans and aged and all other good works. JLL).

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#### LOS ANGELES (SOUTHWEST)

1922

On June 13, 1922, a group who had been worshipping in Long Beach, met to plan a gospel meeting in Los Angeles which began July 9th with W. P. Reedy preaching (fellowship at the time between this group and Central and Sichel was not good JLL) The first worship service was on July 30 with 33 responding. Only two remain — George Pepperdine and Sister Mattie Lewis. For the first six years meetings were held in halls at 48th & Vermont and 51st & Western. The first service in the new building at 62nd & Normandie was held April 1, 1929, T. W. Phillips succeeded Brother Reedy in 1935, then followed John Allen Hudson, Wade Ruby, Morgan Harlan, Nyal D. Royse and James Smythe in 1955. Warren Jones came in 1958 as co-minister. Possibly no church in America has been interested longer and done more for foreign mission work than Southwest, especially in the Philippines. The Cassels and Brashears have been sponsored by this church as has H. S. Moore in hospital work in Los Angeles. George Pepperdine, one of the founders and a present elder has poured millions of dollars into the college bearing his name, "More Than Life" tracts, support of young churches all over the western United States and other good works (I know for I have helped him. JLL). There is no good work in which this church is not interested. Membership about 300.

## LOS ANGELES (NINETY-FIFTH & COMPTON) 1922

This church was started in 1922. Amos L. Cassius, J. R. Arnold, I. J. Williams and P. W. Zollar families made up the membership. Meetings have been held by T. H. Merchant, G. P. Bowser, Marshall Keeble and others. A. L. Cassius was the only full-time minister until 1956 when J. C. Clemons came. William Evans and H. O. Isom serve as elders; Aquilla Randle, Frank Peters, N. McCloskey, J. Alexander, Walter White, R. Love, Philip Moore and H. Johnson are deacons. Jimmie Lymon and Fred Lee associate ministers. Address: 9512 Compton Avenue. Property valued at \$50,000. Membership about 300. Helps in many missionary points.

#### LOS ANGELES (WESTSIDE)

1923

Cora M. Brooks lived in Texas. She was on the prayer-list of S. H. Hall and the Russell Street Church in Nashville. She gave a large sum of money to Brother Hall who in turn bought a building and started the work among the Japanese with H. Ishiguro assisting. This was in 1923. Central Church helped with teachers and the work grew very fast. By late 30's all teachers were Japanese. In 1939 E. A. Rhodes (he and Sister Rhodes are now in Japan where they have worked for the Lord so many years. JLL) while in America, helped start preaching for the English-speaking Japanese. The war years were sad ones for these loyal Christians as they were sent away to relocation centers and after the war they started from scratch. Michio Nagai, E. A. Rhodes and H. Ishiguro began to build. The church was called Westside. \$25,000 was put in a building in 1956. Bob Matheny and William Ott helped before Delmar Bunn (back from mission work in Germany) came to work with the English-speaking members. Motoyuki Nomura, from Japan, came to relieve Brother Ishiguro who went to be with the Lord. This church has a bright future.

## LOS ANGELES (OLYMPIC BOULEVARD)

1933

Since there are some 250,000 Spanish-speaking people in the Los Angeles area, the Echandia Church asked permission of the Olympic Boulevard Church to allow a Spanish class and worship service to be held in one of their classrooms. The Huntington Park Church, for more than 20 years the mainstay of financial help for the Spanish-speaking work agreed to aid this new effort. Two student ministers, Mario Rodriguez and Samuel Vasquez began the work in September 1933. Later, Jose Gomez and Bill Stivers took charge and it may be hard for you to imagine it, but actually two worship services were being conducted at the same time under the same roof — one in Spanish and the other in English but there was complete harmony. In due time the Olympic Boulevard

Church purchased property on Beverly Boulevard in Monterey Park and moved. The Spanish work is now carried on in a "borrowed" building which we hope to purchase. There are 23 faithful members. Mario Rodriguez is again working with Jose and Bill. Other churches are helping us.

#### LOS ANGELES (YORK BOULEVARD)

1936

In July 1936 the church building at 4908 was purchased and the first service was held in it on the fourth Sunday of that month with 96 persons placing membership and J. E. Wainwright preaching. Leon Bennett, Elder Bonham, Bert Cooper, E. L. Frank, Melvin Jackson, R. L. Keith, Robert Lytlle, Sr., C. C. McFee, F. W. Wilson, Sr., and Edgar Wood were selected as deacons — Guy Nunn as treasurer. During the next four years, with the use of Brother Wainwright, this church helped establish or reestablish nine other congregations — Ojai, Santa Barbara, El Monte, Whittier, Alturas, San Jose, West Los Angeles, Burbank and Reno, Nevada. Other preachers: Hugh M. Tiner, M. Norvel Young, Batsell Baxter, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Forrest Waldrop, W. B. West, Jr., Morgan Harlan, Arlie Smith and Dudley Stout — Rex Johnston is the present minister with Richard Palm as song director. Boyd Rose, Sr., Louis Short, L. C. Walters and C. J. Taylor serve as elders. Jose Santos is sponsored in his work in Brazil. There are many other good works.

#### LOS ANGELES (WEST LOS ANGELES)

1937

During September 1937 four families met in the Hugh Moore home to discuss a new work in this area and the following Sunday about 40 attended the first worship. First meetings were held in the Legion hall and then in a building at 11271 Massachusetts and in the new building at 1731 Corinth Avenue in October 1947. Joseph W. White was the first minister followed by Cliff Winters, Jack Shelton, George Moore, J. D. Fenn, James C. Dixon and now Fred L. Casmir, a young man born in Germany and converted there by Otis Gatewood, now teaching at Pepperdine College. Hugh Moore, chaplain at the General Hospital has his membership here. The church is interested in many missionary works.

#### LOS ANGELES (WORKMAN STREET)

937

The work among the Spanish-speaking people of Los Angeles was started in 1937 by John Wolfe and H. R. Zamarano on Brooklyn Avenue. In 1938, under the direction of the Huntington Park Church, Billie Williams, (now a leader of West Los Angeles Church, JLL) property was purchased at 601 Echandia. Eduardo Vasquez followed Brother Zamarano in 1941 and remained until his death in 1951. Bill Stivers, member of the Vermont Avenue Church, started working with this church in 1938 and no one person has meant so much to the Spanish-speaking church in all this area. He preaches and teaches in both Spanish and English and has been a true leader over the years in every respect known to a congregation. Mario Rodriguez and Jose Taylor have served in the pulpit — Jose is here now receiving partial support from Uptown in Long Beach and Southwest in Los Angeles. Another mission work in the city was started in 1955 by a number of our members and in 1956 the church was started in Tijuana, Lower California. Other mission efforts are being made in several points in that area. In 1957 a building was purchased at 1933 Workman Avenue where English and Spanish services are held each Sunday. Appreciation is extended to every church and person who has helped.

#### LOS ANGELES (110TH & WILMINGTON)

1937

The church at 9512 Compton Avenue sponsored R. N. Hogan in a gospel meeting in January 1937 resulting in 44 baptisms and the beginning of this church. Fred C. Lee was the first minister followed by Arthur Perkins. Warren Simmonton is the present preacher assisted by Dorsey Spikes. Meetings were held in a store building until 1950 and then our present building was occupied. It will seat 400.

#### LOS ANGELES (HOLLYWOOD)

1938

The church in Hollywood began in the Masonic building on Santa Monica Boulevard in April 1938 with S. E. Witty preaching. R. L. Nichols was an early leader. Fred McClung, James Smythe, Tom W. Phillips and John Allen Hudson have served as preachers. Dr. Wade Ruby of Pepperdine College and Harris Goodwin are co-ministers at this time. It was during the eight or ten years Tommy Phillips was here that the property at 600 N. Rossmore, now valued at \$100,000, was obtained. Dr. Clarence A. Darnell and Hubert Huffstutler are elders. When the call came for help for the Manhattan Church in New York City, this church sent \$3,500. The church in Paris, France is helped and the radio program there is supported. Many good works are carried on by the Hollywood Church.

## LOS ANGELES (VERMONT AVENUE)

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1938

(Since this church grew out of a dream which Hugh Tiner and I had, and since he and I started making plans a year before the church was established, and since I have been a member from the very start (Sept. 11, 1938) I am personally writing the history. JLL).

Hugh and Lola Tiner, whose memories will never die and who will forever be loved in this community, deserve more credit than any others for inspiring the beginning of this church, as well as Pepperdine College. We first met in a Masonic hall at 79th & Vermont and Hugh was our preacher for the first year — without salary. Elders of Huntington Park Church had oversight of us. The evangelistical work of R. N. Hogan was our responsibility. We, in turn, started the churches in Inglewood and Maywood. J. P. Sanders (now dean of Pepperdine and whose membership is again here — his wife, Gloria Millay, was a charter member) followed Hugh and was with us when we moved across the street into our present building. Pepperdine College (actually, George Pepperdine) gave in trust the lots for eternal use of a place to worship for students. When J. P. left for Nashville to become dean of David Lipscomb College, C. R. Nichol preached for us while teaching at Pepperdine. Ralph Wilburn followed on the same basis, and then R. C. Cannon and Hubert Derrick. Interest in the work of young people was lacking and membership was falling away — H. Frank Cope was called in 1957. Frank put new life into the church and doubled the membership. M. Norvel Young (his wife Helen Mattox was also a charter member) president of Pepperdine College has his membership here. The beloved J. M. McCaleb worshipped here at the time of his death.

A. R. Holton, one of the great gospel preachers of the church in our generation is to be our first full-time minister beginning this coming September. He and Sister Holton have just returned from Korea and a visit to mission work around the world. Our future is bright.

#### LOS ANGELES (WESTCHESTER)

1949

This work was started by the Southwest Church in January 1949 with 12 members. The church met first at Manchester & Emerson, then the Women's Club, Westchester Dance Studio and in September 1952, to the new building at 5925 West 79th Street. Morgan Harlan was the first regular preacher and James Morgan led the songs. Eugene White came in 1951, followed by H. R. Fox, Sr. Dr. Howard A. White, now a professor at Pepperdine, is preaching. Memory about 100. Earnest Floyd, Arnold Fox, Lowell Hodge, Byron Lusk, Lonnie Mills, Carl Nall, Kenneth Ross, Robert Scott and Irl Stalcup serve as deacons. Much interest in hospital, orphans and mission work.

#### LOS ANGELES (WEST ADAMS BOULEVARD) 1955

This work was started Feb. 13, 1955 by Jesse C. Walton and Charles Scott. Encouraged by Hugh M. Tiner, A. L. Cassius and R. N. Hogan the original eight members soon became 85. Location of the church — 5755 West Adams Boulevard. Brother Walton still preaches and continues his education in Bible at Pepperdine. Thomas Davis is one of the leaders.

## LOS ANGELES (MAIN STREET)

Actually, the church started in San Pedro by William DuBoise in house to house classes in 1955. With 20 members a house was purchased at 11106 S. Avalon. William preached until 1958 when Eugene Lee came. Place of worship has been moved to 11220 S. Main Street. Membership 85. New building planned.

## LOS ANGELES (AVALON BOULEVARD)

1957

The overflow of 9512 Compton resulted in the start of this church at 13706 S. Avalon Boulevard — building as well as members — in June 1957. The start was made with a new building costing \$60,000, two elders, two deacons, about 25 other members and A. L. Cassius as minister. Brother Cassius had charge of construction. Present membership about 250. Talmage Carr and Jesse Hamilton are elders; John Brown and W. H. Brown, deacons. Associate ministers: Sulvenos Lewis, W. H. Brown, Isaac Clark, Harvey and Rudolph Johnson.

#### LOS ANGELES (103RD STREET)

R. N. Hogan held a meeting and started this church in August 1959. An entire Baptist congregation, including the preacher, was converted and resulted in this work. Carl C. Bassus is the minister and the church is helped a great deal by the Figueroa Street Church. Increased membership necessitates a new building which is planned in 1960. Ralph Byrd, Fred Molette, C. B. Perry and Richard Henry are leaders.

#### LOS BANOS

J. C. Bair preached the first sermon here in 1953. Bob Lyman, George Garrison, William Ellis and Brother Burgess have preached. Phil Fredrickson is the present preacher. New building located at Iowa and L Streets.

#### LOS MOLINOS

1952

It was on June 8, 1952 in the Women's Club, with Paul Woods preaching, this church started. Fletcher Cauthen did much to get the charter members together. Ralph Mapes came and then Bob Gowen. Maurice Powell came in July 1957. We have our own building and a preacher's home.

#### 1890 MADERA

The church was started in 1890 in the home of A: E. Waters. With three families, a building was erected in 1891 and moved to South I Street in 1904 where they met until 1939. New place of worship at Central and B Streets. A number of churches have been started by this group. J. J. Wyatt was the first regular preacher. Others who have served — Bud Irvine, Vernon Posey, Floyd Hamilton, Ed McNeely, Raymond Shirley, S. H. Shipp and Clifford Booves. Clifford Reeves — Don Fox is here now. Elders — B. Buckley, A. Clark, Basil Seagraves and Lon Davis. Deacons — Bill Ping, Henry James, Arnold Sallabury, Dayton Lambkin, Sherman Rowland and Claude Coats. Supports work in Africa.

#### 1952 MANTECA

Earl Louder held a tent meeting and the church was started Oct. 26, 1952 — Don Hinds came in 1953. The work was built around the Teers, Corleys, Clyde Hinds, Martins, Sister Bolinger and Sister Copeland. Much help was received from the La Loma church in Modesto. After Don left Brother Louder helped again until U. A. Carruth came in March 1956. Attendance about 80. Address: 924 N. Lincoln Street.

#### 1935 MARTINEZ

The work was started in June 1935 with four families. Headed by Wade Ruby and assisted by sister congregations in the Bay Area a new building was completed in 1937. It has been enlarged since that time. We have helped other churches in this area to get started and much is given to mission work. Everett Evans, Emmett Long, Claude Thurman, Claude Doggett and Art Walters have preached here. LeRoy Thompson is the present preacher. Charles Buchanan, Sr., and James T. Biggers are elders — Donald Backens, Wayne Cole, C. J. Hamrick, Robert Harrington and Al Almond are deacons. Address: Palm & Almond.

#### MAYWOOD

J. F. Tipton, who has been a builder in the Los Angeles area, at that time a member of the Vermont Avenue Church, began the work in Maywood Sept. 10, 1939 in the Moose hall. He preached for eight years. New building at 5950 Heliotrope Circle dedicated Jan. 1, 1946. Hugh Shira, Jack Tate, John Wilson, Paul Matthews, Afton Stephens and Clinton Storm have preached — John Crosslin is here at this time. Membership 105. Possibilities are tremendous.

#### **McFARLAND**

After previous attempts the church was started in March 1943. First meeting was held in the home of George Davis — E. M. Borden preached. From one building the move was made to a larger in 1955 which seats over 300. Membership about 125. E. M. Borden, E. M. Borden, Jr., Jimmy Smith, L. L. Freeman, W. M. Mann, Owen Bailey, James Stagner, Homer Gifford, O. D. Diel and Ed McNeely have preached here. Bill Barksdale is the present preacher. Frank Gifford is one of the leaders. The church was started June 20, 1937 with 17 members — it now has 250. Monroe Craig was the first preacher followed by Haskell Conover, Joe Hunter, William Mansur, Ross McGinnis and Clint Lovelady. Paul King is the present preacher. The church has been on the air for eight years, supported the Yosemite Encampment and three Youth Camps. Many of our great men have held meetings here. Herman Kenney and J. W. Romine are elders, Philip Fredrickson, Aaron Wilkerson, Andy Anderson, Bob Kennedy, Ray Gill, Roy Francis, Norman Williamson, Afton Stucker, Eldon Hawkins and William Tyson are deacons. Address: 2050 Yosemite Parkway.

#### MERCED (4TH & P)

1955

March 13, 1955 marks the beginning of this church which was started with the help of white churches in Antioch and here in Merced. The church meeting at 1230 Revere Avenue in San Francisco agreed to send Robert L. Worde to do the preaching. There were 10 present. A building is now under construction at 4th & P Streets. Paul J. Boyer is given much credit in the building of this work.

#### MIRA LOMA

Address: 10733 50th Street. Letter states, "We do not feel that a promotion of this kind is essential. We are all thrilled at the growth achieved by the church."

## MODESTO 1927

W. J. Whaley held a meeting and the church was started July 17, 1927. J. J. Hogan came for a time and was followed by S. T. LaNier, L. D. Davis, J. D. Taylor, Ed McNeely, Clayton Bussard, Jesse Stephens, Hugh Shira, and Sherman Cannon who has been here for nine years. Hugh was with the church when the present building was erected. It will seat 500. Many churches have been helped from here, especially Manteca, Sonora, Newman, Waterford and West Side in Modesto. Possibly the finest work was the \$30,000 building for Whitmore & Carol Lane. A radio program has been conducted since 1940. Membership approximately 400. Another congregation in the Northwest section of town is planned. Address: 215 La Loma. This is one of our best churches in the state.

#### MODESTO (WESTSIDE)

1944

This work grew out of the now La Loma Church and was started in Eagle's hall July 16, 1944. Jesse Stephens of Turlock did the preaching and soon moved here. The Willie, Roby, Verill, and Arthur Hager families, Truebloods, Hendersons, Clay Spencers, Thurston Spencers, R. L. Bissells, Sister Peck and daughter, George Hawleys, Sister Thompson, Charles Lantznesters, Orrin Seelys and others played parts in this good work. W. H. Trice, Jack Bradshaw, Afton Stephens, Jack Freeman and W. Arthur Walters have served as preachers. Membership about 175. Nice building at 4th & F Street seating 400.

## MODESTO (WHITMORE)

1958

Walter Dobbs preaches for the new congregation that started July 6, 1958 with 65 members who came in most part from La Loma Church which did so much to help us get started in a beautiful building. Thirty-two have already been added. The area is zoned and cottage meetings are being held. Paul King will hold out next meeting. Address: Rt. 4, Box 391.

#### MOJAVE 1956

Several members were located, and guided by the Oildale Church in Bakersfield, the church was started in January 1956 in the IOOF hall. Woodrow Gann and Wesley Cox spoke at the first service. W. H. Shoemaker came in August followed by H. D. Counts who is here now. Gerald Bartell, J. C. Hackett and Chester A. Wood have done so much to help on the new building. Ray Mayner was also an outstanding leader. J. C. Hackett, Frank Summers and Gerald Bartell serve as trustees — Veston Woodall as song director.

#### MORRO BAY

1950

Churches in Paso Robles, Grover City, Santa Maria and Orcutt sent J. E. Norman in a tent meeting which resulted in the work starting in July 1950. The IOOF hall was rented. B. B. Beck was the first preacher, followed by Joe Wilson, R. Monroe and Jim Smith who is with us now. Paul and Doris Fields have been loyal workers. New building in 1952. Meetings held by Hugh Shira, Brother Raney from Texas, Randy Dickson, and C. H. Shipp. Palm Avenue in Fresno is helping finance this work. Churches in Bakersfield, Grover City and Modesto have also helped. B. B. Beck remains as one of the leaders.

A few brethren living in the area started meeting in a store building on Calderon Avenue in June 1952. The church in San Jose sent L. M. French to help guide the work and Roy Hyde to preach. Clyde Griffin served for about four years. New building on Miramonte Avenue was moved into in Oct. 1958 with Robert E. Gulley preaching the first sermon. Churches in Redwood City, Campbell and San Jose have been of much help to us. E. R. Leslie is one of the leaders. Membership 78.

#### **MURPHRYS**

1945

The church began in the home of John Blakemore in December 1945. There are six of us and we still meet in this home. Elton Nickerson and his wife, John Blakemore and wife, George Morrison and wife, James E. Smith and wife.

NAPA 1938

The 1942 report reads, "This work began in 1938 in the home of Merl Douglas. Paul Tucker preached for some weeks. H. R. Thornhill held meeting in 1939. W. G. Poplin has preached since 1940. Several members went to help start the church in Vallejo."

## NAPA-A NEW WORK

1959

With some 80 in attendance, this work began Feb. 22, 1959, meeting at 577 Brown Street. Tom Atkinson is our preacher. A building is in the planning. A. E. Minyard is one of the leaders.

#### NATIONAL CITY

1939

The 1942 report reads, "This church was started by Dr. Cox, Kenneth Shehi, L. F. Martin and others in May 1939. L. W. Bates has been preaching since 1940 and done a splendid work. Membership doubled. Building planned." (I am told that this church—617 E. 8th — is out of fellowship. JLL).

## NATIONAL CITY (HOOVER STREET)

1957

The present work was started by Glen Humphrey and Joseph W. Bawea, Jr., in June 1957. Fifty persons placed membership. For the first year the church met in VFW hall but with financial help from churches in the San Diego area a church building was purchased at 1130 Hoover which was remodeled and now seats 250. Average attendance about 160. Joe Baker is the preacher.

#### NEWARK

1952

Eight members met in a rented hall in Centerville for the first worship in Oct. 1952. A building at 5880 Thornton Ave., in Newark was purchased and moved into July 18, 1953. Roy Steele was the first preacher. Others who have served are — Otis Moyer, Ray Kimzey, Walt Hudson and Woody Bradley — Rollie Rankin is here at present. Churches in Hayward and Sunnyvale have given us much support. We have about 90 members.

#### NEWHALL

1958

The church in San Fernando saw a need for the church in Newhall for members who live here and with James M. Tolle as preacher, started meeting Jan. 5, 1958. Dean Bixler is the preacher now.

#### NEWMAN

1947

R. F. Taylor preached the first sermon in November 1947 when six families met for worship at the air base — this was during a meeting held by Brother Porter of Turlock. In January 1951 the church moved to Newman. E. A. Page and Clint Lovelady held a meeting at that time. A building was erected at Tulare & Q Streets. W. W. Copeland, Brother Bradshaw, Bob Harvey, J. R. Stevens, Bob Padgett, W. W. Bradley, Bill Hooper and G. H. Huffman have served as ministers — Allen Jones is here now.

#### NIPOMO

1958

Sgt. Augusta L. West, USAF, Vandenberg Air Base, preached the first sermon in the Women's Club during the first worship service held here on July 27, 1958. Attendance about 75. Russell Wilson of Santa Maria held our first meeting. Self-supporting from the beginning. Plans are being made for a building. Brother West continues to preach and help guide the work.

#### **NORTH HIGHLANDS**

1954

This work dates from August 1954 when a few members of the church in Roseville met in their own building at 6201 Watt Avenue. The Nellor, Bryant, Shindler and Clothier families are still here. Elders and deacons were selected in 1955. New building that will seat 400 was occupied in April 1957. Howard Hunt, Edwin Kilpatrick and Warren Ward have served as preachers — Warren is here now. Value of property \$112,000 — membership about 150. The church has a part in many missionary works. Eldred Goddard is one of the leaders.

1932

Several members from 9th & Olive Church in Long Beach met in the Jane Adams school for the first worship on April 3, 1932. Earl Massey took the lead — Everett Evans did the preaching. Meetings were held in a store building at Dairy & Market until July 1936 when the move was made to 1128 E. Artesia. E. M. Borden came in 1937 when J. H. Lomax and P. H. Ramy were selected as elders — H. M. Chaffin and G. D. West as deacons. New auditorium in 1948 and in 1954 12 classrooms. The Lomax, Chaffin, and Wm. C. Dickey families, Ralph Brees, and Gilbert West, original members still remain. Others who have preached here are — Alonzo Welch, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Sherman Cannon, Clinton Whitten, Roy V. Palmer, W. E. Irvine, Robert Byrd, W. E. McNeely and H. P. Cooper. Floyd E. Mitten is the present preacher. Membership about 180.

NORWALK 1927

G. W. Riggs preached on April 17, 1927, the day the church was started, and W. W. Pace came once each month. Ernest Beam held the first meeting. In April 1929 the new building was first used — Lindale & Elaine Streets. J. W. Saunders, Seth Rehkop, W. G. Jernigan, Ed Hamilton, Cline Drake, Charles West served as preachers — Nyal Royse for several years. Paul C. Randolph is the present preacher. The church was located for awhile at Norwalk Square and then to our present location — 15333 Pioneer Boulevard. Program calls for additional building. Donald Bone was supported in his work in the Philippines. This is one of the live and stronger congregations in Southern California.

NOVATO 1953

Ted Beever preaches for the church which meets at 807 Grant Avenue. The church in San Rafael started this work with 35 members in a rented building in July of 1953. Peter J. Wilson preached and was followed by Elmore Evans, Don Sawatzke, Warren Cheatham. Darrell Kent and E. V. Smith serve as elders — membership 67. Building program is planned. Location is near Hamilton Air Field.

OAKDALE 1940

Earl Thorp, an elder at Modesto, Blake Taylor and Gene Whitt were instrumental in starting this work on March 3, 1940 with Jack Bates doing the preaching. There were 32 members present. Preachers who have helped here are — L. K. Pomeroy, Harvell Rice, J. W. Nicholson, Walter Dobbs, Hugh Ousley, Tom Wilmeth, H. N. Hurd, Vernon Morris, T. M. Craig, J. A. Davis, Orville Newman, G. C. Stephens, Truman Scott and L. L. Freeman. Robert K. Todd is the present preacher. The church in Riverbank grew out of this work. C. E. Schultz and John Sansing serve as elders; Kenneth Peck and Marion Hickman as deacons. Lots have been purchased near the new High School. Rue Porter, Charles Parker, Roy Lanier, Everett Evans, Paul King, Doc Mayo, Will Thompson and Seth Rehkop have held meetings.

OAKHURST 1958

The church began meeting under the big trees in Yosemite National Park in April 1958 and later moved into the Administration building. Future plans call for a building in this area that will seat 250 persons. Address: Freddy J. Waddell, Oakhurst, Calif.

OAKLAND 1938

Forty members from the church in Berkeley started this work on August 5, 1938 with Ralph Wilburn doing the preaching, followed by Alonzo Welch in 1939. In 1942 some 30 or more members transferred membership to the new San Leandro Church. Building on Whittle Avenue was purchased in 1939 — present building erected in 1950 — membership 210 with three elders and eight deacons. William Thompson, Jr. is the preacher. The church, in cooperation with four other Bay Area churches, sponsors Carl Mitchell in Florence, Italy. Twenty other churches in Northern California have been helped to get started by this church — address 2808-35th Avenue.

## OAKLAND (CENTRAL) 1947

This work was started in 1947 in a very fine property located in the heart of the city — 531 25th Street. George E. Darling was the first preacher, followed by Jesse Stephens, Guss Eoff and others. Robert R. Price, who has been in the Bay Area for the past 19 years, is the present preacher. The work is growing. Of special interest is the fact that under the direction of this church and Robert Price, over 2,000 Christians of this area gathered in the city auditorium on March 29th to hear Reuel Lemmons speak. Fifty congregations were represented and 45 gospel preachers came to "bind their hearts in Christian love" and prove to the world that the church is marching ahead in California.

The church began meeting in a small building at 1748 11th Street in 1951. Brother Vessey was the first preacher then Brother Cotes and Brother Reed. Dorris Pitts, the present minister, came in November 1955. The church moved into the new building at 1031 12th Street. Membership about 100.

OJAI 1938

George S. Biggers remembers attending the church in Los Angeles when it first began. He tells of his father and mother getting the eight children up at day break and driving 13 miles to the church in Fillmore some years before 1919 as was recorded in the 1942 history. The church known as Ojai Valley Church, located at El Roblar and Pueblo Streets (in Meiners Oaks) was started in August 1938 by the Arthur Downey and James Antwerp families. Building erected in 1944. The church has remained apostolic in its worship still using one cup and one loaf on the Lord's Table. A church in the mountains of Kentucky and another in Columbus, Ohio, were started by this group. George Biggers preaches and from their bee farms, helps support and start new churches.

#### **OJAI (MONTGOMERY STREET)**

1949

This church was started May 9, 1949 with Frank Hanna as the first preacher. In 1955 they moved into their new building at 411 N. Montgomery St. with Tom Harris, who followed Howard Galbraith, doing the preaching. The list is long of those who have spoken here on occasions and the following have held meetings: J. E. Wainwright, W. S. Irvine, Jean Valentine, John Wilson, W. W. Pace, W. W. Bradley, Arlie Smith, Bob Malier, Duane Canby and Woodrow Allen. Luther Archer is preaching until a full-time man can be obtained. Roy Vantine, Arthur Downey, John Rodgers, Jeff Proctor, Ralph Stallings, Donald Ball, Sr., Hal Buckner, George Carpenter and Barton Downey families were among the early members. S. N. Bear, Arthur Downey and Roy Vantine serve as elders.

ONTARIO 1912

The 1942 report reads, "In 1912 this work started with 12 members and today is one of the stronger churches in Southern California. W. A. McCann and H. F. Parker were the first elders; S. W. Rucker and Chas. Willingham first deacons. S. E. Witty came in 1915 as the first preacher. Several congregations have started from here. Present elders — E. L. Woodruff, H. W. Hoover, H. F. Houchen (father of Hoyt, JLL). H. M. Harriman is the preacher." (Present address: 126 West E. JLL).

ORANGE 1930

In a small building at 357 S. Lemon St. Bert D. Webster with eleven others started this work in 1930. The building was enlarged in 1937. Brother Webster preached until his death in 1948 — a great man of God who never accepted a penny from the church. James W. Wheeler followed Brother Webster as preacher and elder, also serving without pay. After leaving for Lake County, Raymond Putnam came as preacher. The church has always stood for sound doctrine, caring for the widows and fatherless and others in need.

ORANGEVILLE 1956

The work began Nov. 18, 1956. George Stevens preached. Members from Morse Avenue in Sacramento, North Highlands and Roseville purchased property at 5915 Main Avenue. Howard Hunt (Captain in Air Force) preached until September 1958 when S. Thaddeus Bookout came as the first full-time worker. There are 88 members. Bob Hutsell, Bor Melloir, Cletus Smith, Luther Riley and Tom Spencer are among the leaders. A \$30 thousand building is in the planning.

ORCUTT 1950

The churches in Santa Maria and Grover City sent J. E. Norman here in 1950 to start this work — 120 Clark Street. Worship actually began in August. L. Lovern, A. A. Phillips, C. V. Baker and Sardis McGee have preached here. Charlie Roberts, Floyd Boyd families, Gertie Webster, Iva Jean Brown and Sister G. L. Eddy are the only charter members remaining. There are about 30 members.

ORLAND 1928

This church was started in 1928 by the Irvin Rea, Jesse Blair and a few other families who have since moved away. Building was purchased in 1950 and remodeled and added to in 1958. Roy K. Holten is the preacher.

1954

Vernon Morris of Visalia assisting the church at Dinuba started the work here in February 1954. He still preaches, dividing the time with Jack Shelton, also of Visalia. The church has grown steadily. A nice building has been erected. Membership about 50.

OROVILLE 1938

T. R. Chisholm preached the first sermon in the home of Jack and Ethel Latham in November 1938. Two other families met with the Lathams. Brother Greer of Corning came once a month for the first year and in 1945 John W. Chisholm moved here from Texas and we bought a building in Thermalito. Everett Evans held our first meeting and James St. Cloud was our first regular preacher followed by Charles Adams and G. L. Hawley. J. W. Wilson held our first meeting. In 1948 we moved into our new building at 625 Bird St. and George Darling preached our opening sermon. T. R. Vaughn came for a meeting. Other regular preachers: B. U. Baldwin, Edwin Black, Bobb Gowen and now Robert E. Adams. Our attendance is about 70.

OXNARD 1942

With the assistance of the church in Ventura and three or four families in Oxnard, the church was started in 1942. Much credit is due the G. C. Ritchie family. Brethren Smith, Taylor, Bullard, Phillips, Luper and others preached here until Clinton W. Whitten came in 1945 as the first located worker. Jean Valentine followed in 1949. During Jean's stay the church moved into the building at 1815 Marino Street. Glen Riley and Jesse Eubanks served as preachers — now Roy E. Wilson. Remodeling is underway. The church is mission minded and alive. They have a 30-minute radio program. Herbert Hawthorne and Frank Decrow serve as elders, Charlie Adams. Lyle Bean, Clayton Shelton, Phillip Shores as deacons.

PACHECO 1957

The church here is made up mostly of members who formerly worshipped in Concord. It was started on Sept. 15, 1957 with 49 members and has grown very fast. Contribution in 1958 ran over \$10,000. There are 10 or 15 cottage meetings in progress at all times. Much help is given to orphans and mission work. J. C. Stinnett is the preacher. Plans are being made to build.

PACIFIC GROVE 1943

A few Christians started meeting in the House of Four Winds in Monterey in September 1943. L. L. Scott came in 1944. We moved to our new building at Central Avenue & Dewey in January 1946. Building will seat 325. B. U. Baldwin, K. K. Nichols, Lyle K. Pomeroy, G. T. Prince and J. N. Luker followed Brother Stout — Ralph Meyers preaches part-time now. The church in Seaside grew out of this church. Average attendance about 100.

PALMDALE 1956

The church in Lancaster started this work in late 1956. In April 1957 a small building was erected and a valuable piece of property was given the church by Brother and Sister Garland Lacy. Fifteen families made up the initial membership and Rosse V. Long was the first preacher. Alfred F. Hartwigsen came in October 1957. There are now 55 families with many recent additions. A building program is underway. The church is quite missionary minded. Address: 2340 East Avenue Q.

PALM SPRINGS 1956

On the first Sunday in April 1956, J. J. Hogan, sent by the Uptown Church in Long Beach, seven members from the church in Indio and five members in this area, met in the home of Brother and Sister Jimmie Brister. James A. Scott, following an illness, moved to Palm Springs and helped with the preaching after Brother Hogan passed away — Brother Scott is still here. E. E. Juday is now preaching. There are 35 members and the church is located on East McColomway near the airport. Alfred Young is one of the elders. John Allen and Sister Hudson plan to move here soon.

PARADISE 194

The church was started July 20, 1947 and purchased a building in 1950. Edwin Black, Leslie Hawley, James R. St. Cloud and W. P. Garretson have assisted in the preaching. H. W. Prior is the present preacher. Walter Bostick, Robert Price, Guss Eoff, L. W. Mayo, and Billy G. Jackson have held meetings.

Actually, a small group of Christians met for worship here previous to 1939 but this was the year that the Central Church was begun. W. Edgar Miller, whose history in the church runs so deeply, with Ed Harper, Paul Harper and a number of others—about 100 in all—held the first service in the Pasadena Athletic club on May 14. Paul Harper was the first preacher. Elbridge Linn came in September and remained until 1941 in which year they moved to Hudson & Walnut. During this time Edgar Miller, Ed Harper and W. B. Wood served as elders. Hugh M. Tiner and others preached until Alton Wimbish came in 1942. In 1947 property was purchased at 404 E. Washington and the church meets there today. About this time Dick Lyttle, Charles Dickens and Tom Dodson were selected as deacons. Robert Broadus, Virgil Bradford, Herman Wilson, Jean Valentine, Elton Davis and William Reeves served as preachers—Thomas L. Campbell is the present preacher. Others who have served as elders: Earl McCown, Earle Baugher, George Slauson, Robey Peak and Donald V. Miller. Some who have served as deacons—some are still here—Howard W. Sherk, Cecil Barnes, Frank Newcomb, Ben King, Leonard Ebrite, Roland Sholty, Marvin Tunstall, Rufus Hibbett, A. L. Harry, Jr. and Alfred Doshier. It was while Jean Valentine was here that the "Message of the Master" TV program was born.

#### PASADENA (LINCOLN AVENUE)

1942

Several members living in this area who attended the 9512 Compton Avenue Church in Los Angeles, with the backing of the church in Glendale met on March 1, 1942 in their new building at 1478 Lincoln Avenue. Charles Scott was the first preacher. After John H. Clay left, A. L. Cassius, elder of the church on Compton Avenue and one of the great preachers of the gospel in this area, was called to look after the preaching which he is doing at this time, in most cases, using young men. There are 125 members. Property valued at \$50,000.

#### PASADENA (EAST PASADENA)

1957

This church started in the Women's Club on March 24, 1957 with 40 adults (and 26 young people) as members, most all from the Central Church. Today there are 69 adults and 46 young people. D. Lloyd Nelson, (son of J. B.) Robert Jones, Robert Holton (son of A. R.), Richard Keyser, Cloyd Kerr and James Wright serve as elders. Harold Holland formerly in Japan, is the preacher. Building program planned. Address: 58 S. Sierra Madre Blvd.

#### PASO ROBLES 1938

This church was organized April 20, 1938, with eight members meeting in the home of Sister Chris Hodel 12 miles east of town. Arthur Graham came to preach in 1940 and Glen W. Collins held a meeting in 1941. Fred McClung, while a chaplain at Camp Roberts, preached here until Ira Y. Rice, Jr., came in 1942. Charles Grady was one of the early leaders. Other preachers: Foy Farris, F. A. Bailey, Cullen Black, Elbert Johnson, Edgar Choate and Virgil Leach. Stanley Poole is the present preacher. Meetings have been held by L. L. Stout and Rue Porter. Plans underway for additional land and new building.

PATTERSON 1938

The church was started by brethren of Modesto in October, 1938. Jesse Stephens held the first meeting and 16 were baptized. Clint Lovelady was the preacher for the first few years. Other preachers: Vernon Posey, Harold Davis, Jess Young, B. U. Baldwin, J. C. Bair, and Ronald Brotherton. L. Dewayne Walters is the present preacher. M. C. Millard was one of the early leaders. Some charter members who are still here are R. L. Bingam, Betty Rush, Julia Mayfield, Mary Well, Brother and Sister E. D. Myers. The address: 5th & Los Palmos.

PERRIS 1950

The work started by meetings in homes in 1950, later a rented hall and in 1953 the church moved into a new building on 4th at F Street. Warren Barnes and Ken Posey helped much with the preaching until Floyd T. Hamilton came in December 1958. John D. Hollandsworth is one of the leaders.

PETALUMA 1948

This church was started Easter 1948 and meets in the Dania hall. There are about 50 members. John Burkhart is the preacher and serves as an elder with Neil S. Edmundson and Russel Wolfe. Lots have been purchased and building is planned.

In February 1953 Hugh Moore, who is now chaplain at Los Angeles General Hospital, began knocking on doors and preaching in Pico. He baptized a lady on the first day and the church began. On the 22nd a small group met in the Legion hall and after four years in halls, June 1, 1958 saw us in our building at 5058 Cord Avenue. Besides Brother Moore, Walt Hudson, Jimmy Tolle and Jay Eubanks have preached here. Roy L. Steele came in 1957. Membership well over 100. Address: Box 331.

**PINEDALE** 1949

This church was started in 1949 in a small dwelling, moving into new building in 1950 located at College and Beechwood Streets. J. F. Coppinger was the first preacher, followed by T. M. Craig, Edgar Choate and C. W. Zenor. Glover H. Shipp has been preaching since July 1957. From this church went members to help start the worship in Auberry and the West McKinley Church in Fresno. Of much interest to this church is the Yosemite Bible Camp. Pinedale is an active and growing church.

PIXLEY 1938

Six members met in a school building in March 1938 for the first worship. L. L. Freeman did the preaching. J. E. Wheeler and L. D. Perkins did much to help in the early years and Pat Broaddus did the preaching for some time. A building was obtained in 1940. John Belflower deserves much credit. Several have preached here — R. H. Bennett from 1952 to 1957 and while here they moved into new building. Stephen E. Ennis is the present preacher having come in June 1958. There are 70 members.

**PITTSBURG** 1958

Martha James, secretary, 270 Diane Ave., sent this report: "This church was started May 28, 1958 by Eugene Riley who is still preaching.

**PLEASANTON** 1957

John James and Don McCord have been helping with the preaching but Ben Franklin has moved here as the full-time preacher. He held a fine meeting in 1958 with a number of baptisms. A new building is planned. The church has had a steady growth since the beginning in October 1957. The work was started by members who formerly worshipped in Hayward.

**POMONA** 1901

The following appeared in the 1942 History: "Starting with 12 members in 1903 in a meeting held by G. W. Riggs, those few who had come to California from Whitewater, Kansas, have grown into a membership of 200. In 1898 the Bunfords, Orems, Laytons, Vandruffs, Ruckers, and Austins had met in the Austin home for worship. A building was erected in 1910, the lot being donated by Albert Layton and S. R. Orem. Brethren Glenn, Perkins, Witty, Clipp, Bartlett, Norad, Daily, Williams, Estes, Hamilton, McGlassen, Merch, Vaughn, Jones, Hogan, and Paul Harper (at present) have been used as preachers. Grandpa James Ades, 90 years of age, the oldest member and elder, never misses a service. J. J. Hogan did much for the work, particularly in securing a new building and Paul Harper is back for the second time."

Still meet in building at 6th & Towne but plans are underway for new building about a mile north of present location. Membership over 300 with attendance averaging over 450 with double services — 30 baptisms in last few months. Preachers since 1942— Seth Rehkop, Robert Carey, Truman Hester and B. U. Baldwin. Donald L. Vannoy is the present preacher with Clyde Ades, Buford Gray, Ernest Alcorn, Charles Westmoreland serving as elders, Charles Taylor, Melvin Sien, Troy McGee, Orvil Young. Elwin Hawes, Robert Cain. John Lumm and Jim Davis as deacons. Children from the Children's Home attend here. Many of them have become Christians. have become Christians. Pomona has an enviable record as one of the great churches of the west.

**PORTERVILLE** 1926

Three families met in the Farnum home in 1926 to begin this work. A small building was erected in 1929. Porter Norris and George R. Dickson were the early preachers. Owen Humphrey, Chester Green, James Collier and Fred McGuire were appointed elders while L. W. Mayo was minister. Present property valued at over \$80,000 and free of debt. A \$50,000 expansion program is underway. Attendance over 400. George Cosby, A. B. King and Albert Coleman have been added as elders. Marion C. Davis is the present minister. Address — 520 E. Morton Street.

The Floyd W. Hunt, Ralph A. Clarkson and Horace Cleveland Ine Floyd W. Hunt, Raiph A. Clarkson and Horace Cleveland families started this church on May 4, 1947, meeting in the Clarkson home for two years until the present property was purchased at 42203 North 50th St. West. In the early days much help in preaching was supplied by the churches in Glendale, East Los Angeles and Lancaster. Robert D. Irby is the present preacher—Floyd W. Hunt and Don Long elders. Membership 60.

QUINCY 1954

Foy Simpson, now an elder in San Rafael, with seven others, started this church in August 1954 — he preached for about eighteen months, followed by Alex L. Largent who is still here — Brother Largent does secular work. Membership averages about 20. Brother MacWilliams, a Negro, is preparing for the ministry.

#### RANCHO CORDOVA

This church was started in the VFW building (14 miles East of Sacramento) May 5, 1958. Howard Hunt, Capt., U. S. Air Force has preached here. (Brother Hunt was instrumental in helping start the church in North Highlands, Orangeville, Cordova and Morse Avenue in Sacramento. He is loved and respected by all Christians in the area. April 15, 1959 he and his family leave for three years of service on Guam Island. Howard will be a big help to the church there.) E. G. Hitchcock is one of the leaders.

**RED BLUFF** 1953

The first worship was held on Nov. 29, 1953 in the home of Ben F. Crowe. There were 23 present. Melvin Rose was the first preacher. Joe Byrd and wife were the first converts. After meeting in the Eagle's hall for sometime, they moved into their building at 1605 Park Avenue Jan. 1, 1956. There are 45 membrs. Plans are to enlarge the building. Norton Dye is the present preacher.

REDDING

Several attempts were made to start the work. J. C. Clifford, C. R. Pipkin, Stan and Virginia Jones and a few others were successful in 1944 but it was in 1950 before the church was selfsupporting. A new building was moved into in 1957 at 1620 Continental Street — membership 168. Wallace Thompson followed Brother Clifford then J. A. Robbins, George Dickson and W. W. Morris. J. L. Trimmer is the present preacher. The elders Allen Eagleman, Lyman Lovelady and Ralph Mapes. J. A. Hockett and W. D. Hunter serve as deacons.

REDLANDS 1941

With Mason Emde preaching this work was started July 6, 1941. L. L. Rider and Paul E. Neal were two of the leaders. There were 18 members. Noble Rogers, Emmett Long, Phil Allen, Raymond Key, Carl Collier, Lewis King, Woodrow Wilson and Horace Coffman — all students at Pepperdine College — have preached here. For long periods, J. T. Walling, Lewis Dugger and Paul Harper — T. J. Walling returned in July of 1947 when the new building at 402 Church Street was completed and has the new building at 402 Church Street was completed and has been here since. Building will seat 300 with 280 members. Paul E. Neal, Dean Carleton, W. T. Barnes are elders; W. B. McGee, Scott Neal, Paul Rogers, Albert Minyard, Bill Rogers, Jack Posey, Monta Core and Jack Campbell are deasons. Six acres have been purchased for future building.

#### REDWOOD CITY 1925

The first record of an organized work in this city was in 1925 when a group met for a short time on Sunday afternoon in the Baptist Church building. W. H. Tice was the preacher. The present effort dates from 1938 when Charley Polley moved here and started worship in his home. George Polley, Lloyd Goodwill, John Evans and others met in homes until 1949 when the present property was purchased at 901 Madison. Austin Ellmore (whose father and uncle were gospel preachers), Lester Green, S. L. McLean, and Merton Swift serve as elders. After Brother Polley, Elmore Evans, Roy Hyde, W. E. (Bud) Irvine, H. R. Thornhill, Rex Johnston, John Evans, W. H. Trice, Glen Walker, Clyde Griffin, Mort and Homer Utley have preached. Douglas N. Qualls, whose father has done so much to build the church in Colorado, is the present preacher. Very valuable lots have been purchased in Palo Alto.

## REDWOOD CITY (MIDDLEHELD ROAD)

1954

This church, which meets at 3021 Middlefield Rd., was established in the home of Brother Porter Sept. 12, 1954 with six members. Today there are 89 members. Grover C. Wilson is the preacher.

There were 31 present in the Legion hall for the first service on April 25, 1954. Charles Swan was the first local preacher. Pomona, Upland, Santa Ana and San Fernando had a part in starting this work and James H. Sewell held the first meeting. Marvin Tate filled in until the church in San Fernando sent Alvin T. Hamilton who has been here ever since. December 19, 1956 the church moved into its new building at 237 W. Merrill. There are now 80 members. J. D. Ambrose, Oliver Lewis, Leland Ford and R. D. Horton serve as elders, Jesse Hale, Walter Mc-Gowan, Wilton Pate. Gene Turner, Manford Williams and Paul Young as deacons. This church helps support Fausto Salvoni in Italy and the Children's Home at Ontario.

RICHMOND 1934

The second Sunday in June 1934, 21 charter members, most all from the church in Berkeley, met for worship in a new building at 36th & Macdonald. J. C. Hollis was the first preacher followed by Elbridge Linn, Wm. S. Irvine and again Brother Linn following his return from mission work in Japan. Harvey Childress followed Elbridge then Robert R. Price, Lloyd Moyer, Don Wilson and now Melvin E. Weldon. There have been many fine gospel meetings. Enlarging of the building took place in 1943 and again in 1943 with an auditorium now seating 1000. Property is estimated at \$175,000 — membership around 200. A number of other congregations have grown out of this one.

#### RICHMOND (ALAMO STREET) 1943

The first worship was held in the home of Jesse Warrick in 1943. There were eight members — Jesse and Beulah Warrick and daughter — Jesse preached — Arsula Christian, two daughters and a son, and Mary Murphy. Shortly afterwards the John Kelley family moved here. L. H. Alexander held a tent meeting in 1944. A small building was erected at 1740 Giaramita in which the church met until 1952 when it moved into the new building at church met until 1952 when it moved into the new building at 321 Alamo. F. F. Carson came to preach in 1949 and is still here. Three preachers have been trained here: Eli Williams, Doris Pitts and Lerov McGrue. Property valued at \$50.000. Membership about 250. This church supports Isong Uyo Ibok-ete, a gospel preacher from Nigeria, in Pepperdine. Present leaders: J. M. Russell, Ernest Moore, John Adams, Cliff Collins, Woodrow Russell, Kay H. Daniels, Marvin Cremer, John H. Starks.

#### **RICHMOND (RHEEM & SAN PABLO)** 1953

This church began in a rented building at Nevin & 15th Street on Oct. 18, 1953 with 55 former members of 36th & Macdonald Church. Robert Price was the first preacher and during his stay they moved to their own building at 13041 San Pablo Avenue. A. E. Harper came for a year and then Norman L. Warren who is still here. Membership has more than doubled. Ray Dougan is one of the leaders.

RIDGECREST 1946

This church started in January 1946 in a storage room of a grocer in China Lake Trailer Court. There were 13 adults and the church grew. They moved to Ridgecrest. When Brother Black left, Brother Wood of the church in Pasadena, came twice a month. Loran Biggs came to preach full-time. J. E. Wainwright held a meeting in 1950. Brother Wolverton, Sid Meek and Glen Lovelady have preached here — George T. Stautner is the present preacher. Paul Harper held a recent meeting. The church in Redlands has helped much. There are 80 members. Address: 243 Baton Avenue.

**RIO VISTA** 1947

Sister Theo. J. Stockton and Sister Bonnie Parish, who were members of the church in Antioch, were instrumental in starting this church Jan. 24, 1947 — Teddy R. Vaughan preached. With help from Antioch the Women's Club was rented and John Beebe preached for a time in the afternoons. Today there are 40 members. Ward Walling and Truman Scott have preached and A. P. Spurloch is the present preacher. Address: 45 North 3rd Street. Charles Buchanan is training to preach.

#### RIVERBANK 1951

The church in Oakdale supported a small group in starting the church in Riverbank in 1951. For the first year they met in a hall but soon purchased property at 8th & Texas Streets. The group has grown from 25 to 90. G. C. Stevans was the first preacher followed by Cecil Brotherton. Don Hopper has been here over three years.

This work began in the Ladies Club building March 28, 1948 — Marvin Phillips preached. New building entered in November. Tom Craig, Jim Smith, Don Swatzke, C. A. Wells, Eddie Bruelette have preached here — Marvin Phillips has been here since 1955. There were 70 members at one time but only 25 left. Frank Faulkner and Roy Buchanan are elders. Address: Hazel at A.

RIVERSIDE

Meeting in the home of L. D. Perkins on 6th Street with 20 members, this church had its beginning in 1903. G. W. Riggs held a meeting that year. J. T. Noel and J. E. Cain came from Kansas to hold another meeting. J. E. Campbell, J. T. Van Hoy, J. T. Noel and G. W. Crowell were selected as elders. Hubert G. Derrick came in 1935 and on July 5, 1936 the church moved to 9th & Lime, present location. Membership is now 225. Property has been purchased and building to seat 500 will be erected at 6100 Riverside Avenue. Others who have preached here are — Albert Lovelady, L. Swindle, C. C. Klingman, E. C. Clipp, H. G. Cassell, C. A. Norred, E. M. Borden, H. E. Bartlett, J. L. Craig, L. L. McQueen, Ed Hamilton, A. E. Harper, Paul Harper, Carl Etter, Donald V. Miller, J. E. Wainwright, Jesse P. Sewell, Elbridge Linn and Burt Pauley. Joe R. Risener is here now. Jack Campbell, O. D. Beard, A. E. Fields, J. S. Hicks, Melvin Hull and Boyse Stanford serve as elders, T. L. Biggs, Jay Glover, Ray Hull, W. R. Johnson, Clayton Johnston and Ted Lanier as deacons.

#### RIVERSIDE (NORTHSIDE)

Guided by E. T. Hamilton, some 20 Christians, mostly from 9th & Lime, started the work in a hall in October 1954. Cleo Cook came in 1955 and with a doubled membership the church moved into its new place of worship at 3370 Columbia Avenue. In 1958 William E. Young (whose grandfather Mike was a gospel preacher in Texas and father an elder in Laramie, Wyoming) came to preach to the present 110 members. Ralph Munson, David Smittle and Charlie Yates serve as elders, Robert Rash, Gariel Yates, Don Crawford and Jack Powers serve as deacons

#### ROLLING HILLS ESTATES

Viewing the possibility of establishing another much needed church in this fast growing area, bordered by Torrance, Redondo Beach, Lomita, San Pedro and Wilmington, a meeting of some eight families met in the home of Elmer W. Grimes on April 19. Warren Jones will preach part time in case the work is established.

ROSEVILLE

The church met in the Community Club in Citrus Heights on the first Sunday in June 1943 with 26 present. An Army Chapel was purchased and the church moved to Roseville in 1948 — 924 Douglas Street. W. T. Durrett was the first preacher followed by Elbert Garretson, Jessie Stephens, Athel Crowson and H. N. Hurd. Frank B. Curtis has preached here for the past seven years. A. D. Schroeder and W. C. Roman are elders. Membership 155. W. T. Durrett still lives here where he has a business but spends much time in helping establish new churches.

SACRAMENTO

The Cause of Christ began in the Oak Park section of the city with 17 members in March 1924. W. T. Tracey, Curtis Porter, Seth Rehkop, W. H. Trice, Roy Whitfield (formerly a missionary in China, now an elder), Forrest Waldrop, Charles Polley, Elmore Evans, Bill Price, Frank Taylor, C. H. Shipp, and Andy House have preached here — Frank Taylor is here now for a second time after a number of years as Charlain in the army The old Oak Park property which Sister O'Dell helped us obtain has been sold and building will start soon at another location. For the present, mail may be sent to 2800 33rd Street. The church has divided twice to form new congragations and there are nine congregations in the area this one used to serve. Present membership 225. M. C. Carman is one of the present elders.

#### SACRAMENTO (LAND PARK)

1958

This church also grew out of the vision of the Oak Park congregation. First worship service in the new building at 2020 16th Avenue was held Aug. 18, 1958. Building was designed by Clovis McGuire, one of the members. It is one of the most beautiful in the state. Membership 134 with additional plans for more space. Alton Hall was the first preacher. Appointment of elders soon.

#### SACRAMENTO (MORSE AVENUE)

F. A. Blackburn donated the property at 1946 Morse Avenue and the church started in 1950. The following year a building was completed and Frank B. Curtis was the preacher. At that time Additional building in 1953. Billy G. Jackson came as a full-time preacher and is still here. In 1958 auditorium seating 350 was moved into. Membership 120.

W. O. Hunnicutt preached in the first service here Nov. 28, 1954. Don Jones of Antioch preaches for us at this time. We are a small group but have a mind to work. Robert T. McCord, Box 42, Rutherford, Calif., is one of the leaders. Worship is in Native Sons hall.

**SALINAS** 1935

The church started here in 1935 during a meeting conducted by L. L. Freeman. Jack Bates, W. S. Irvine, Billy Young, Elbert Garretson, Everett Evans have served as ministers - D. M. Mc-Quiddy came in 1957 and is still here. In 1950 a new building was completed at 221 California Street at a cost of \$50,000. Membership was about 100. During the stay of Everett Evans membership more than doubled and it was decided to start another congregation on Eucalyptus. About 200 went with the new work and 200 remained. L. F. Stone, W. Stout, T. G. Prince and W. W. Gardner serve as elders, B. Todd, Paul Mehringer and J. K. Norris as deacons.

#### SALINAS (ALISAL)

1958

As a project of the Downtown Church which gave us about 125 members and a new building at 67 Eucalyptus Drive, this church started in 1958 and plans a great future. Claude McQuiddy held the opening meeting. C. H. Shipp came in June 1958 and is the present minister. Attendance about 200. Everett Evans will hold our next meeting. Mrs. M. Norvel (Helen) Young of Los Angeles has done much to encourage our ladies.

SALTON SEA 1949

The church of Christ is now holding regular services at Seashore Avenue and Marina Drive. Charles B. Middleton is the preacher and Homer Stiff is the song leader.

#### SAN BERNARDINO 1923

The 1942 report reads, "O. M. Reynolds held a meeting in 1923 and started this church — Ontario sponsored. Building in 1924. E. M. Reed, L. C. Carlisle, E. T. Hamilton, G. W. Riggs, L. L. McQueen, T. R. Vaughn, T. R. Atkinson, W. C. Harrison and H. Alton Wimbish have served as preachers." (Present address: 1354 Mt. View, JLL).

#### SAN DIEGO (EL CAJON BOULEVARD) 1908

T. B. Larimore baptized one person here in 1892. but it was in 1908, in the Bedford home, that G. W. Riggs held a meeting and established the church. E. C. Clipp, E. N. Glenn, B. E. Hayden, Hugh H. Miller, R. E. Wright, Eugene Smith, J. F. Chambers, Sherman Cannon, J. E. Wainwright, Fred A. Amick, Elbridge B. Lipp heave for the control of the contro Elbridge B. Linn have been former preachers — A. H. Kennamer is the present minister. S. H. Hall held a meeting here in 1928 and it was while Eugene Smith was here that the building at 2528 El Caion Boulevard was erected. Additional building in 1949 and 1953. This church has had a part in the establishment of most every other church in this area, and there are many.

#### SAN DIEGO (COLLEGE DISTRICT) 1936

Although this church had its beginning on Feb. 1, 1955 the first members were those from the old Central congregations which was started at 18th & G by Eugene S. Smith in 1936. John Bills, Joe S. Warlick and Loyd L. Smith followed Eugene at Central but it was while Robert Bell was there the decision to move was made. Property was purchased from the Lutherans at 4790 Seminole Drive just a mile from San Diego State College. Jerry F. Bassett preached before Fred A. Amick came in July 1947. Jerry F. Bassett preached before Fred A. Amick came in July 1947 and an entire new building has been erected since that will seat 600. The spirit of the group is healthy and program of work well balanced.

#### SAN DIEGO (HILLCREST)

John G. Bills was the first preacher of this congregation which started in about 1943 in a store building, Present building was erected at First & Thorn Streets in 1947 while Glen Humphrey was preaching. J. W. Middleton and Harris Goodwin preached was preaching. J. W. Middleton and Harris Goodwin preached for short periods. Bryan Brown came for four years and Felix W. Tarbet has been here for three years. The church has helped a number of workers in other places as Waymon Miller, Joe Lyons and Joe McKissick in Africa and children in the Ontario home. Lots have been purchased in Allied Gardens and plans are being made to build to seat more than 500. This will be a new congregation.

#### SAN DIEGO (PACIFIC BEACH)

El Cajon Church started this work in 1946 using James O. Wilburn as preacher. They first met in Ocean Beach but moved to Pacific Beach and met in rented halls for a time. In 1951 built at Jewell & Oliver. In 1954 we made the down payment on the building for the Clairemont Church and many of our members went there. Contract was let to Paden Construction for a building that would seat 750. We are now in the building located at 4243 Ingraham Street. Travis W. Callaway, Foy A. Ferris and Robert M. Elkins serve as elders — Douglas H. Perkins as minister. The church has a part in mission work in Mexico, Japan, Philippine Islands and other places. There are 22 classrooms.

#### SAN DIEGO (DOWNTOWN)

1946

El Cajon Church supported J. E. Wainwright in starting this church in the downtown section. The Methodist Church at Front & Beech was purchased in 1950 and has been remodeled twice. B. S. Brown, E. Y. Folk, R. Wilson and L. Goff have served as preachers — E. L. Latham is here now. The church has trained a number of young men as preachers.

#### SAN DIEGO (CLAIREMONT)

1954

First meeting was on July 4, 1954 in a converted duplex purchased by the Pacific Beach congregation. By March 1958 membership had reached 100 and Glen Paden of Cleburne, Texas, was given a contract to build for 400 persons. The building located at 3951 Dalles Avenue was occupied in June, 1958. V. M. Watson, Rolfe Wagner, Eugene Winters and Steve Butters have served as preachers — Bryan S. Brown is the present minister.

#### SAN FERNANDO

1941

Sichel Street Church in Los Angeles, churches in El Monte and Van Nuys sent Billy Mattox here for a mission meeting in 1941 and the first worship service was held on Sept. 10th. They met in the Owens home for a time and then in the Pythias hall. The Barbarick, Justus and Blackstone families and Sister Wade are still here. With Arnold Banks as preacher, they met in the Hotel Ray for about three years. Arnold was followed by Logan Fox, Woodrow Hughes, Carol Davis, James M. Toole, Alvin Hamilton and now L. Gwynn Devey. Present building at 768 Alexander Street was occupied in 1957. New Foothill work was started in 1951; Newhall work in 1957. Paul C. Gentry, Ira C. Guthrie, O. J. Long, Wayne Cohea and Eugene Winn have served as elders; Paul Edwards, Ted Goss, Gene Hutchens, Vaughn Elmore, E. R. Furguson, Joe Ator, Verdelle Young, Blaine Metcalf and Ben Young as deacons.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

1895

In 1895 Donald McRae and a few others withdrew from the Christian Church to begin worship at Fifth & Mission. E. C. Love, E. N. Glenn and G. W. Winter were among the first preachers. W. H. Trice arrived in 1916; the church was meeting at 149 Eddy. Walter Keene was baptized in 1916. Sister T. J. McRae was then very active, as were W. D. McRae, Melvin McRae and Max Langpaap T. B. Larimore did much to the preaching. C. P. Womack was another early leader. Burt Elliott helped with the building on Jules Avenue and Sister E. B. Odell made the largest contribution. Emerson Keithley, Harry L. Thompson and Jason Terry brought Arthur Graham to the pulpit in 1936. Lloyd E. Ellis came in 1038 and helped rebuild the attendance to where it was before Lester Green, George and David Trice, William Billingsley and others went to the new work on Eighth Avenue. The church felt a loss when Homer Trice and Jason Terry moved away. Vernon Fitzpatrick and Frank Gibbons have been of great help as have the Fred H. Fisher family, Don Rude and wife, Malcom Hinckley came to preach in 1942. This property was sold and members went to the new congregations.

#### SAN FRANCISCO (GOLDEN GATE)

1937

Eugene White serving as minister, preached the first sermon to a small group from the Ingleside Church, meeting in the Improvement hall at 649 8th Avenue on May 3, 1937. Ingleside was the only church of Christ in San Francisco at that time. Frank Rhodes followed Eugene in 1939 and then James D. Bales. B. E. Bawcom came in 1942 and remained until 1947 and during his ministry the church assisted in starting the work on 17th Street and moving into a new building — 8th Avenue and Cabrillo Street. Robert Helsten came for a year before going to Germany, then Arlie Smith, Mort Utley, W. H. Trice. and Claude S. Doggett. After Claude went to Italy in 1956 Brother Trice returned until Morgan Taylor came in June 1957.

1943

Due to the vision of Bingham Trice, E. E. Dailey and a few others from Ingleside and Golden Gate churches, this work was started in a Spanish Baptist building on 17th Street Aug. 9, 1942. They wanted a more centrally located congregation. As a result of the urging enthusiasm of Brother Dailey and the backing of the West Coast Christian money came from many places and many persons to purchase the Temple Baptist building at 3459 many persons to purchase the Temple Baptist building at 3459 17th Street. George Dickson was the first full-time preacher followed by Mort Utley, Ira Sandusky, J. D. Rothwell, Gerry Scoggin, Carl Mitchell, and since 1958, Tom Marshall. Present elders: Don Phillips, Odell Lee, Hugh Taylor, George Trice and Fred Walker. L. I. Hadaway, Tom Hallinean, Jim Henry, Charles Hoover, James Manley, Carl Prunty and Walter Watson serve as deacons. Membership 275 — 275 active Christians backing "every good work". Plans in 1959 call for new building that will seat 500 on site near Lake Merced.

## SAN FRANCISCO (DOWNTOWN)

1945

1942

Backed by moral support of the church in Richmond and Robert Price, Ira Y. Rice, Jr., started the church in downtown San Francisco on July 8, 1945 in a rented store building at 39 Grove Street. A building was purchased at 1349 Mission Street and moved into in 1948. Ira burned the mails with appeals and got results. Evangelistic services were held every night for a year. In that year alone more than 80 persons were baptized. The congregation was made up of all nationalities. Bayview Church grew out of this work. Some members started another church at 1135 Broadway in Burlingame. Beryl Bodenham and his family attended services at Downtown and were converted. He went to Alabama Christian College, came back to Burlingame and then he and Harry L. Thompson teamed up to go back and build Downtown. In the past few months over 65 have been baptized. Membership is small and always will be but there is peace and harmony.

#### SAN FRANCISCO (BAYVIEW)

Ira Y. Rice Jr., who is now doing a fine work in Singapore, Malaya, and Wm. Meacham began this work on Evans Avenue in 1950 but moved later to Sacramento Street. There were about 10 members. J. C. Rogers, who is preaching here now, came in 1954 when the church was meeting in the home of Fred Wilson. Robert Worde preached here for awhile. Our present building is located at 1230 Revere Avenue. We are helping the churches in Merced and Pittsburg and works in Singapore, Africa, Italy and Australia.

#### SAN FRANCISCO (UPTOWN)

1946

In the year of 1946 on Dec. 21st in the home of Jessie Walton at 2084 Pine Street, this church was started by J. M. Butler and six other members. Present membership over 300. When membership outgrew the Walton home Brother Butler visited many ship outgrew the Walton home Brother Butler visited many churches in many places asking for help on a building. Above what he raised and what was needed, loans were made by Roxanne Ellis, the C. B. Martins, Allen Getters, Jr., and Jessie Waltons. Membership soon outgrew this building and a loan was made for the present building at 1641 Ellis Street by the 17th Street Church. That loan has been paid. This building cost \$65,000 and will seat 1000. It is interesting to note that the largest congregations in both San Francisco and Los Angeles are made up of Negro brethren.

#### SAN GABRIEL

1950

San Gabriel Church, 320 E. Valley Boulevard, was started through the effort of Sewell Jones, former minister at El Monte, unrougn the effort of Sewell Jones, former minister at El Monte, and a few others in September 1950. Building was purchased in 1951. After six years Sewell turned the pulpit over to Robert Ebbe who is here now. Amos Bates, Clyde Sutton and Oscar Ramsey are elders; Homer Collom, James Elliott and Robert Ebbe are deacons. Arlie Smith, in his work in Brazil, is helped by this church. Membership about 80.

#### SANGER

1948

Palm Avenue Church in Fresno sent Paul Boyer and this church had its beginning in September 1948. There were 15 members. The John Mitchells and Harold Andersons are still here. After meeting in Creger Funeral parlor and the Ladies Club house, we moved into our new building at Cherry & P Sts. in February 1954. This church owes much to the churches in Selma, Clovis, Chowchilla, Dinuba and Palm Avenue in Fresno. Porter Norris, Joe Coppinger, Jack Banks, Jack James, John Nevins, C. H. Shipp, Bert Wilson, H. P. Cooper, A. J. Hendrix, W. E. Williams, Jessy Jones, Bob Garrett, T. M. Craig, Jack Morris, O. C. Watson, Benny Bradley, Eddie Boffman and George Broaddus have worked here or held meetings. Harold Andrews, Roscoe Byrd, Raymond Rodgers, Harvey L. Wooten and Harley Wooten serve as leaders — Harvey as preacher.

#### SAN JOSE

The church of Christ in San Jose held its first meeting June 8, 1938, with J. E. Wainwright preaching, at 65 S. 7th Street in the Adventists' building. Sister Angie Compton had recently moved here from Tennessee and found about 12 other members in this area. W. H. Trice arranged for a speaker each Sunday. Roy C. Hyde came from Kentucky and gave much help as preacher and teacher. Brother Hyde and L. M. French contacted George Pepperdine and received help to support H. N. Hurd. Billy Yount came in 1939 and membership grew to 85. Paul M. Tucker (now in Tennessee) followed Billy (and received \$62.50 per month) and stayed three years. The work was started in Campbell and Gilroy. A. J. Bachman came in 1944 and move to the new building at 81 N. 8th Street was made in May 1948. Churches started at Sunnyvale and Mountain View. Membership grew to 300. The work in Africa, Alaska and other places have been helped. L. W. Mayo, Otis Moyer and Edward Brouillette have preached here — Max R. Crumley is the present preacher. Elders: Clinton Cash and Marvin Dick. New work started on White Road.

#### SAN JOSE (EAST FOOTHILL)

The 81 North 8th Street Church in San Jose started plans for the work in 1955 and the first service was held at 214 North White Road Jan. 27, 1957. E. A. Brouillette preached. Ken Sterling preached for awhile before Brother Brouillette came full-time. Earl Rhodes, J. L. Teese and T. F. Gardner serve as elders.

#### SAN LEANDRO

The first meeting of the San Leandro Church was held in the IOOF hall March 8, 1942. Lloyd Ellis preached the first three Sundays. Prayer meetings in the home of Charles Brinkmans, with James D. Bales teaching. W. H. Trice was the first regular preacher, followed by Alton Wimbish, Charles Polley, Morton T. Utley and Lloyd Moyer. Roy T. Osborne, Jr., has served as minister since December 1953. Present property at 601 MacArthur Boulevard is valued at \$250,000. In 1951 47 members went to Hayward to start that work. The church has always been vitally interested in mission work at home and abroad, orphan homes and Christian schools — Charles Hunt, who is studying for the ministery at Pepperdine College is supported by this church. Present membership 345 which makes this one of the largest churches of white brethren in the state. Curtis Bond, Jack Eagan and Barney Young serve as elders — there are nine deacons.

#### SAN LORENZO

The T. J. Jones, J. C. Simpson and H. Hinds families from the Central Church in Oakland started this church on Oct. 10, 1954 in a rented building at 15834 Hesperian Boulevard. Don Osborne, an elder of the church in Hayward, preached the first sermon. The starting membership of 24 soon grew to 80 largely due to the fine work of D. C. Marshall. New place of worship entered in 1956 - 977 Grant Avenue. Floyd J. Maclasky preached until September 1958. Joe Helf is with us now.

#### SAN LUIS OBISPO

1941

May 18, 1941 a few members met in the home of Virgil Skeems on Nipoma Street, then to the Monday Club building and then to Santa Rosa and Murray Streets. Property was then purchased at 1444 Santa Rosa. The Joe Proctors, Joe Greens, Herbert Langs, Virgil Skeems - the Hayes, Comptons, Bucys, Whites and charles Grady, J. E. Norman, Floyd Colur, Jack Morris, H. N. Hurd, Harold Whitehead, Ben Autry, Don Walker, and Don Sawatzke have preached here. T. A. Davis is the present minister.

#### SAN PEDRO

The 1942 report reads, "This church was founded in 1924 by Ninth & Lime Church in Long Beach. Ernest Beam preached for the first year, followed by H. S. Nelson, Thomas Scott, and at present, Hugh Shira. This church established the work in Torrance."

#### SAN RAFAEL

1942

Sometime prior to 1942 Christians living in Marin had tried to start the church but it was not successful but in July 1942 about 15 did meet for the first worship here. Carroll Cannon preached. After meeting in rented halls for about four years we put up our own building at 18 W. Crescent Dr. in 1949. Glenn Moreland, J. C. Bristow, Ira Y. Rice, Jr., Earl Mansur, John Wilson, John Burkhart, Pete Wilson, Glyde Poplin, Elmore Evans, Forrest Moyer, Douglas Qualls, Joe Helf and Virgil Leach have preached here. Jim Evans and Foy Simpson serve as elders. We helped start the church in Novate Present manufacturing to 100. the church in Novato. Present membership about 100.

1904 G. W. Riggs held a meeting here in 1904 and started this church, W. T. Vandruff and U. G. Littell were pioneer members. New churches springing from this one include Birch and Fairview Streets, Fullerton, Orange and Costa Mesa. Many great preachers have worked and held meetings here including T. B. Larimore who is buried in Santa Ana. James H. Sewell has been a great leader, preacher and elder. He is presently editor of the California Christian — address Box 553. E. W. McMillan is the present minister with George Duke, Mark Harwell, Joe Ed Holly, Scott Lee, William McBee, Harvey Witcher and Jimmy Sewell serving as elders, Floyd Barker, Harold Bullock, George Campbell, James Carpenter, Louis Duke, Leon Gibson, Luther Gilmore, Edwin Givan, Harold McCuistion, Al Morris and Max Mowrer as deacons. This is one of the most active churches in California backing every good work.

SANTA ANA (BERRYDALE BOULEVARD)

This congregation, with a new building at 13211 Berrydale Boulevard began worship on May 19, 1957. Floyd Thompson has continued to preach since the first service of the church in Brown's Mortuary November 16, 1955. The church is partially an outgrowth of the Birch and Fairview congregation. Harlan S. Coffman, Marvin L. Stockton and Elmer H. Rhoton serve as elders. Address: Box 1313. (I recently heard Foy E. Wallace in a fine meeting here. He is still a strong and powerful preacher. II I.) meeting here. He is still a strong and powerful preacher. JLL).

SANTA BARBARA

The 1942 report reads, "First service in the home of E. F. Day in January 1936. J. E. Wainwright held a meeting the same year. Southwest and York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles have helped much. Calvin Van Hooser preached in 1941 before Tom Harris came. James A. Scott and E. N. Glenn have held meetings."

SANTA BARBARA (CENTRAL)

Tom W. Phillips, with Marvin Gaither, King Hudson and R. L. Van Zandt started a Bible class in mid-spring of 1958 and made plans for this work which started the last Sunday of June. Tom Harris has preached since the beginning. Some of the charter members of the church in Santa Barbara became charter members of Central — Brother and Sister E. F. Day, Sister Elizabeth Campbell and others. This church has the full fellowship with congregations in the channel area. Present address: Carillo Auditorium.

SANTA CRUZ

The following appeared in the 1942 report, "W. V. Boltz, Sister Lee and Sister Arnold were among the few who began worship in 1903. A. P. Kirk, William Huddle, Charles Walker, worship in 1903. A. P. Kirk, William Huddle, Charles Walker, J. R. Tannyhill, Charles Caton and E. Powell joined them in 1904. The McKinneys, Whitestines, Fourtneys, Yorks, Halls, Kaufmans, Marshalls and others are remembered. Meetings have been held by Brethren Boltz, Love, Condra, Pool, Craig, Sniffin, Winter, Jones, Morris, Harper, Reedy, Hogan and J. D. Tant. Harry Morton is one of the present leaders, and we must not forget Sister Maud Perkins." (I know this is a fine church and am sorry they failed to give late report. JI.J.) am sorry they failed to give late report. JLL).

SANTA FE SPRINGS 1958

Twenty-three members began meeting Nov. 2, 1958 at 11326½ Telegraph Road — Bob McCurdy preached. Paul Frazier, 12541 Birchdile St., Downey, Calif., is one of the leaders.

SANTA MARIA

An advertisement in the newspaper by the Lester Browns resulted in the start of this church in 1935 in Guadalupe in the home of Sister Mack Massey and later in the home of Sister Berlier. E. N. Glenn came once a month to preach. Alva Rogers, supported by Southwest Church in Los Angeles, drove from Santa Paula to assist for several months. Albert Lovelady held a meeting in 1939. Brother and Sister Bradley and Tom Whiteside were three other charter members. Noble Rogers was one of the early preachers. Russell R. Wilson is here now. We meet in our own building at 416 N. Lincoln, Support is given Ruben Chaves in Tijuana, Mexico.

SANTA MONICA

When the first special issue of the West Coast Christian, covering the history of the church of Christ in California was published in 1942, the Santa Monica church was the youngest in the state, having been started just a month before — June 8. J. E. Wainwright was the preacher and remained a year. Services were held in the Women's Club building. D. H. Williams, a stranger to all and 20 years out of duty, made the confession and became the first member. York Boulevard Church in Los Angeles helped in the beginning. High Tiper preached for about a year than H. R. For beginning. Hugh Tiner preached for about a year then H. R. Fox, Sr., and Brother Tiner again. Joseph W. White, head of the Bible Department at Pepperdine, came in July 1946 and has been here ever since. He is assisted by Dale Townsend. The church built at 1057 Fourth Street in 1955 and will add an educational plant this year.

In 1921 J. H. Biggers called G. W. Riggs for a tent meeting and with C. C. Condra, the church was established here. W. W. Pace helped much in the early days. A Christian school was oper-Pace helped much in the early days. A Christian school was operated in the early 1930's but was forced to close. We also sponsored a Mexican church for some time. Church at 501 Ojai Road entered in May 1941. Sherman Cannon, the first full-time preacher was here at that time. Earl West, Earl Mansur, Grady King, William Price, Robert H. Bell, Woodrow Bradley, and J. E. Wainwright have served as preachers — L. Duane Canby has been here since 1953. Many improvements have been made to the building. K. M. Barbour, J. H. Biggers, J. C. McCalister, R. B. McCalister, A. G. Rogers, L. R. Hobson and W. H. Jones have served as elders. Membership steadily growing Membership steadily growing.

SANTA ROSA 1908

The church began meeting in homes in 1908, later in a hall on Third Street, and in 1917 occupied a new building at First & E Streets. Many able men served the church in early years but the influence of O. W. Gardner and E. C. Love is still felt. Ralph Wilburn was the first full-time preacher, followed by Paul Tucker, Herman Wilson, Everett Alexander, B. U. Baldwin, B. C. Ballard and Clais Marshall. W. G. Poplin came in 1954 and is still here. New work started on Sonoma Avenue in 1953. Membership today about 45. The church has always been interested in others.

SANTA ROSA (SONOMA AVENUE)

The work here was started Aug. 9, 1953 — O. C. Lambert preached. Harland Dilbeck was the first preacher. The church was started by First & E Streets while B. C. Ballard was there. John Foutz, Ray Benson and Jesse Bridges were in charge of building. Much credit must go to D. C. Marshall, the Blackwell brothers, and M. K. McPeak. Property valued at \$100,000. Felix Tarbet served from 1954 to 1956 when L. K. Gordan came. He is still here. Address: 2200 Sonoma Avenue.

SANTA ROSA (WESTSIDE)

1954

This work started as a Bible class in the Boy Scout building on Sunday morning by members of First & E Streets. After the building on Sonoma Avenue was occupied, the elders at Sonoma Avenue became interested in starting a third congregation on the westside of town and services started in the same scout building in January 1954. Building was purchased and occupied in June 1954. Harland Dilbeck has been the minister since the beginning. Attendance about 100. The example of the church in Santa Rosa should be an example of every city.

SANTA SUSANA

The Simi Valley Church had its first worship service on Nov. 4, 1956. The Legion hall was used and 47 persons were present. Claude E. Worley has served as minister from the beginning. Membership about 30. Don Marsters, Preston Main, Jesse Martin and Clarence Walker serve as leaders. The church in Reseda has helped much in this effort.

SEASIDE

The church here was started by the church in Pacific Grove in September 1949. First services were held in a rented hall. Property purchased at Broadway and Noche Buena Streets. Nice building erected in 1956. Clarence Eubanks of Wewaka, Okla., came as the first preacher, then Doyle Goss, Brother Rogers and Ed Latham. Charles Fuller came in January 1954 and is still here. Plans are underway to start a church in Marina. Church address: Box 1153

**SEBASTOPOL** 

The church here began meeting in the IOOF hall Nov. 19, 1946. Neil Edmunson, Ernest and Albert Coburn were the early 1946. Neil Edmunson, Ernest and Albert Coburn were the early preachers. Charles Polley, Brother Croome and Elmore Evans, Morris and Lowry Ruby, Glenn Moreland, Bill Poplin, George Hendrix, Clyde Poplin, Bob Coburn, Noble Rogers, Jack James, Charles Hopper and others preached Sunday to Sunday. Preston Cunningham came for a time and we now have our first full-time preacher — Charles N. Stewart. We now have our own building at 648 Murphy Street thanks to Edward Rice and many, many other who did so much to make it possible. other who did so much to make it possible.

The church here had its beginning in 1937. We met in the Adventist building and later in American Legion hall until April 1949 when we moved into our own building at 2nd & Wilson. Arlo Gillin, Terry Mason of Dinuba and Brother Kirk of Fresno were our first speakers. S. P. Tipton and Arlo Gillin were regular preachers. Pat Broaddus came in 1947 as the first full-time preacher, followed by S. W. Sanders, Arlie Smith, Bert Wilson and Elmer Butler. Don McMillien came to us in 1956. H. N. Hurd held our first meeting. Church has had a steady growth. Membership now about 150. We are helping Robert Worde in Merced and Bert Wilson in Fact Factors A proposed in helping alanged in helping alanged. Wilson in East Fresno. A new congregation is being planned in Kingsburg and nearby community.

SONORA 1946

The church first met here in the Patton building in 1946 and continued for awhile after the work started in Tuolumne but finally placed membership with the Tuolumne group which was sponsored by the 9th & Lime Church in Long Beach and later the church in Stockton. Early preachers Brother Nicholson of Turlock, Ben Shuff, Jesse Young, Howard Francis and A. J. Hendrix. Meetings held by Frank Cope, Grissom Cassell, A. R. Keeple, James A. Scott, Ray Raburn, Art Walters, Elbert Garretson, Guss Eoff and Druward Lee. On Aug. 22, 1954 the church moved back to Sonora and we sold the building in Tuolumne. Walter Nelson was the preacher. He was followed by Claude T. Springs who is here now. Church address: 136 E. Columbia Way.

SOUTH GATE 1940

A few members of the Huntington Park Church began meeting here Oct. 3, 1940. Robert Bynum preached for two months followed by Eddie Weems, then a teacher at Pepperdine College. Albert Lovelady followed Eddie. H. M. Harriman, L. L. Stout, H. V. Crumley, Vance Carruth and W. B. Andrews have also preached here — Ben Franklin grew up in this church. The church started in the Women's Club at 10022 California and moved to new building at 9534 California in 1946. Membership over 200. Ray Roberts, Newton Smith and Jack Bills serve as elders, Howard Murphy, Henry Murray and Oscar Parham as deacons — Don Hughes leads the singing.

SPRINGVILLE 1947

The church in Springville was started in 1947 and the membership is 47. Woodie Bradley is the preacher and J. A. Bivins is one of the leaders. Address Box 704.

STOCKTON 1936

Worship was held here first in these later years on March 22, 1936. Lloyd Wright, Walter Travoli, George Morrison and Lyle Pomeroy families were among the first members. It should be remembered that it was in Stockton in 1851 that Thomas Thompson organized the first church in California. Arlie Smith assisted during 1936 and Elmore Evans preached until 1939, followed by Jim Springs, Ed McNeelv. Elmore returned for two more years followed by Linwood Bishop, Guss Eoff and Paul King — Lyle Leach is the present minister. Work among colored brethren started in 1950. We moved to our present building — 3305 Mission Road — in 1956. Arvil Lee, Russell Burnley and Wayland Lee serve as elders.

#### STOCKTON (EASTSIDE)

1945

The church at 209 South "C" Street, known as Eastside Church, began in 1945 with 24 members. Tillman Prince came in 1951, followed by T. A. Davis and Charles Lea. Geo. W. Dickson came in 1956. Present building erected in 1951 and seats 225. Since we are running over, a new congregation is being planned. Membership 160. Orphans and missionary work supported as is the work among the Negroes here. W. J. Turner. Herbert Fox and Geo. W. Dickson serve as elders; Jesse Black, Keith Evans, Ernie Batton, Gene Martin and Bernard Kilpatrick as deasons.

STRATFORD 1956

The church first met here in December 1956 in a stock room to a store building on Main Street. A few weeks later in a dwelling on 4th Street and later in our building at First & Cross Streets. The Melvin White, Robert Bradley and Dave Robins families, Wesley Dorm, Flossy Jones, Maple and Ike Standridge and Sister Corder were among the first members. A. J. Hendrix held our first meeting. Gilbert Estes and Conway Bryant of Avenal assist us in the preaching.

SUNNYMEAD 1948

Encouraged by the 9th & Lime Church in Riverside, the small group which had been studying the Bible together for some months, had the first worship on the first Sunday in November 1948 with 37 present. Brother Jones from Santa Ana preached. Johnie Gibbs came in 1950. In 1953 we erected a building that will seat 300. Johnie left last year and Doyle Williams is with us now. We are helping the work in Mountain Home, Idaho and other places. C. A. Davis, Jim Kiesting and D. Landers are the elders. Membership about 100. Address: Box 347.

SUNNYVALE 1949

Oct. 1, 1949 26 members, many of whom are still here, started this church under the eldership of the church in San Jose. First meeting was in a store building at 146 E. Iowa St. in which we met for three years. In the spring of 1952 we moved to our present location — 402 Carroll Street — but since we need more room

we plan to sell and build at Remington & Lime Streets. Ted Beever of Novato and S. A. Soderstrand are assisting us on plans for a \$175,000 building. We are using the 5% interest Broadway bond plan. Joseph H. Hooper, Clarence L. Turner and Ernest L. Lewis serve as elders, Dalton Griffin, James Lewis, Sam Griffin, Harold Horne, Harry Hendry, Jessie Nixon, Sam Royal, Oren Allen, Charles Boling, Bradford Melton and John Collins as deacons. Otis H. Moyer, Peter J. Wilson have served as preachers — Forrest Darrell began with us last December.

SUN VALLEY 1954

The Sun Valley Church had its commencement July 4, 1954. On that date the charter members, who were all from the Burbank congregation, met in the school building at 8800 N. Lankershim. Lee E. Rawlings preached for the first four years. In Feb. 1959 Malcom P. Hinckley came to serve as the first full-time minister. The church was self-supporting after six months and soon had a nice building seating 260 at 11935 Wicks Street. More rooms were added and plans are already being made to start a new congregation in the Northwest San Fernando Valley. This church has a bright future.

SUSANVILLE 1947

The church started meeting in the home of Ed Grant in 1947. Emma Brown gave the land and building was erected in 1948. A larger building will be put up soon. Jack Shelton, Brother Larson and Roy Steele have preached here. Wayne Timmons is the present preacher. The church in Westwood grew out of this congregation but when the town died the church moved to Chester. Westwood is building up again and Susanville and Chester will help them start the work there once more. Address: Box 182.

SUTTER CREEK 1953

The James Satterfields lived here. They asked Frank Curtis in Roseville to come and help them start the church the first Sunday in January 1953. A few other members and interested persons were found. Frank Curtis, Andy House and Don Rude held a meeting. Several good men have helped us with the preaching — Durward Biggerstaff at the present time. We now meet in the Carpenters Union Hall on Highway 49. Membership about 20. They come from West Point, Jackson, Ione and Sutter Creek. Report made by Bessie Heaslet, Rt. 1, Box 37C. Thos. Bailey, Ione, Calif., is one of the leaders.

TAFT 1934

About ten persons began the worship in the summer of 1934—Perry Cathron held a meeting. While in the Legion hall Brother Houston and Brother Settle were the preachers. When we moved to our building in Ford City, Perry Albany was the preacher, followed by E. W. McNeely, Albert Phillips, Jack Morris, Melvin Elliott, Ruben Porter and J. C. Beaty. In 1950 we moved to Seventh & Kern Streets. Francis Herring was the preacher, followed by Ross McGinnis and Rex Newborn. Membership about 100.

TEHACHAPI 1946

Three faithful Christians in this area decided to start the church and the first service was on Aug. 19, 1946. Robert Bell and Clarence Gobbel came to help us get started. Odis Castleberry, then in Pepperdine College, came to preach for us while brethren from Lancaster came to teach. We have our own building on G Street and Eddie G. Morphis is the preacher. Attendance nearly 100

TEMPLE CITY 1947

First known as the Rosemead Church and started in 1947 by the church in El Monte. Henry Warren was the first preacher. New building was entered the same year — location 5272 N. Serano Drive. After H. R. Thornhill left, Francis H. Long came in 1949 and is still here. In 1951 another building was erected adjoining the old one. Three other congregations have grown out of Temple City. The church contributes to many missionary points and sponsors the work of Arlie Smith in Sao Paulo, Brazil and Negro work in Duarte. Members of the church serve on boards of the Childrens Home, Sunset Haven — home for the aged, and Pepperdine College. Membership almost 200. John Allen Hudson, James M. Tolle, L. D. Webb have held meetings; J. P. Sanders, M. Norval Young, Elbridge Linn, Paul Harper, D. H. Perkins, Melvin Weldon, Ben Franklin, John W. Young and Vance Carruth spoke during recent lectureship. F. M. Denniston, R. F. Keesling, H. S. Williams and W. B. Wood serve as elders; J. A. Bayless, V. G. Casedy, G. E. Cook, C. F. Dickens, J. D. Meaden, C. R. Robbins and C. E. Sutton as deacons.

1940

This congregation was started at 1315 Cravens Street by the church in San Pedro in 1940. Hugh Shira was the preacher but since there was but one member the work was abandoned. Boyd Field, a student at Pepperdine, heard that a lease had been taken on the building and asked San Pedro to allow him a few other students to resume the meeting. Sister Mattie Kirkman was the only person to attend the first meeting — she is still here. Some members of Ninth & Lime in Long Beach began coming. Boyd and Fredd Field left for Juneau, Alaska, and R. C. Cannon came and the move was made to 1217 Cravens Avenue. Elmer Prout came in 1952 and did a fine work. Vincent Pocorba was employed to assist. After Elmer and his wife Geneva left for Japan in 1958, Loren Biggs came. Louis B. Aguilar, Arthur L. Barnett, James M. Hibbs, Robert G. Himes, Edward S. Licht and Erwin M. Whitcomb are elders. There are seven deacons. The church helps in many places.

1942 TRACY

The 1942 report reads, "James D. Bales (now — 1959 — is in the Bible Department at Harding College. JLL) began a meeting in Tracy May 11 of this year, the beginning of the church here — churches in the Bay Area assisting. Frank Rhodes will be the preacher. Earl Warford, (now — 1959 — an elder in Bakersfield and trustee of Pepperdine. JLL) relative of David Lipscomb, is one of the leaders."

1908 TRANQUILITY

The record shows some services held previous to 1912 — possibly from 1908 — when A. E. Harper came for a tent meeting. In 1914 a small building was erected. W. A. Draper lived here for 25 years and preached most of the time. E. W. Ayers, Truman Voorheis, A. Brown, George Miller and Brother York were among the first leaders. New building at Anthony and B Streets in 1949. Daniel Sommer, Leonard Rucker, L. L. Smith and others have held meetings. Chester Phillips and Haskell Shirley are elders; Frank Miller, Jr., W. Lampe and Calvin Marshall deacons. Olen Holderby is the minister.

1946 **TRONA** 

The work began in 1946 with six members. After about two years, Loran Biggs came from Ridgecrest in the afternoons and preached. We got a building in 1949 and J. F. Reeves came to preached. We got a building in 1949 and J. P. Reeves came to preach. He was followed by Dan Drew of Ridgecrest. Loran Biggs came again in 1954 and W. O. Davis of Los Angeles helped us for about a year. Robert D. Parks, Box 614, is one of the leaders. Stephen Krammar and Wesley Cox have also preached here. We are helping to support Wesley in Bozeman, Montana. We have 40 active members.

1950 **TUJUNGA** 

In October 1950, Charles Worsham, a ministerial student at Pepperdine College, and a member of the church in Hollywood, met with Henry Ramsey, Vestal Sliger and wives — members of the Burbank Church, and arranged to start worship in the La Crescenta Valley. They met in the Music Academy in Tujunga. The church in San Fernando took oversight and sent Alvin Hamilton to preach with Charles assisting. A move was made to a store ton to preach with Charles assisting. A move was made to a store building on Foothill. Lots were purchased and Lewis Anderson, Jack Decker, Durwood Mosley, Clarence Marshall, Henry Ramsey, Vestal Sliger and Bethel Yowell were appointed trustees. The church in Glendale helped on the lot. Loran Biggs came in 1955 and was followed by Harry Robert Fox, Sr. in September 1958. A building program will be underway soon. Membership 75. Address Foothill Church of Christ, Box 393, Tujunga.

**TULARE** 

In reporting the beginning of the church here in the 1942 issue, I must repeat what I said then. JLL. "The church began Jan. 2, 1916 by L. M. Williams and wife observing the Lord's Supper in their home. (May God grant that wherever the child of God goes, the church goes with him. Give us members as this great man and woman, and instead of a few there will be thousands of churches throughout the earth.)" For a number of years ands of churches throughout the earth.)" For a number of years Brother Williams preached without pay. In 1921 a building was purchased. J. W. Dunn, C. A. Norred, T. B. Larimore, C. L. Wilkerson, Rue Porter, G. W. Riggs, T. W. Phillips, Albert Lovelady, Roy Tidwell, Will Slater, E. M. Borden, A. J. Bachman, J. O. Wilburn, Clarence Gobbel, J. P. Williams, G. K. Wallace, Marion Davis, John Wilson, Hugh Shira, A. J. Hendrix, Bill Price and John Banks have held meetings. A. F. Waller, L. S. Rucker, Calvert Wiley. Johnny Adair, Hugh Ousley, Robert Ball Rucker, Calvert Wiley, Johnny Adair, Hugh Ousley, Robert Bell, E. E. Mitchell, Francis Herring, Paul Stewart, Leroy Thompson have served as preachers — J. P. Coppinger is here now. Membership 236. Address: 160 North N. Street.

The first meeting was on June 13, 1948 in a building purchased from the government — formerly used as a Buddist Temple for Japanese war prisoners. There were 13 charter members. More buildings were obtained later to enlarge the first. Ted Hurlburt, Glen Vernon, Dewain Arnold and now Lloyd Hosman have served as preachers. Membership about 60. Address: Box 486.

TURLOCK

It was in the Rose Lawn school on July 4, 1911 that B. F. Rude, H. Covey, R. Fanning and Sister McConnell started this Rude, H. Covey, R. Fanning and Sister McConnell started this church. W. M. and Frank Chappell soon joined them. E. C. Love held the first meeting in 1912. C. R. Nichol, Steve Settle, J. J. Hogan, E. M. Borden, E. A. Harper, Ernest Beam, J. E. Wainwright, R. E. Hartsell, J. C. Hollis, Roy H. Lanier, W. S. Irvine, Clint Lovelady, Everett Evans, E. R. Garretson, Sherman Cannon and Jimmy Tolle have held meetings. Will Kirk, J. A. Craig, Jack Bates, Monroe Craig, E. R. Garretson, Tom Wilmeth, Vernon Morris, Jesse Stephens, W. E. McNeely, Everett Evans, Guy Click, J. D. Bales, Reuben Porter, Walter Dobbs, L. K. Gordon, and Earl Packwood have preached. A. J. Hendrix is here now. Works in the Philippines and Denmark are being supported. Location in the Philippines and Denmark are being supported. Location 627 Canal Drive. Morris B. Dick is one of the leaders.

#### TWENTYNINE PALMS

1947

In August 1947 a few Christians moved to the desert for health reasons and by September 15 a few others were found and the church was started. After meeting in rented halls for about three years and preaching done by men from San Fernando and Glendale, these two churches helped us get a building on Larrea Road in 1955 — Paul Harper preached the first sermon in the building. Through the Herald of Truth program, H. L. Chapman was converted and Alvin Hamilton baptized him. Brother Chapman developed and became the preacher. The group has grown to about 30.

1948 UKIAH

The church was established in 1948 and first met in the old Grange hall, then in the Labor temple. While the building was being put up they met in the Adventist's house. Morris Ruby was the first to preach in the new building at 150 Luce Avenue. Other preachers were Lowry Ruby, A. Crowson, B. U. Baldwin, Glyde Poplin, Claude Ellis, Carl Collier, George Harris, and Ross McCippin, Ray Woods in the present preacher. There are chest 70 Ginnis. Roy Woods is the present preacher. There are about 70 members.

1940 **UPLAND** 

The church in Ontario sent Seth Rehkop, Arthur McCann, A L. Hamilton, Porter Taylor and some 30 other members to build the church here. The first service was held on Feb. 25, 1940 in the Women's Club at 590 2nd. Albert Hamilton, Porter Taylor, the Women's Club at 590 2nd. Albert Hamilton, Porter Taylor, Arthur McCann, Alva Roden were the first elders. Marvin R. (Jack) Tate followed Seth Rehkop, then Earl Warren (deceased) — Earl was before Jack — Lloyd Ellis, Glen Lundy and Don Vannoy. Harold O'Neal, formerly a missionary in the Philippines, is the present minister. The present elders are Bernice Hull, J. D. Hawes, E. E. Ades, Roy Hoover, Bill Taylor, W. T. Zacher and A. P. Sterme. These here here many visiting presches as S. F. A. P. Storms. There have been many visiting preachers as S. E. Witty, J. A. Scott, Ernest Beam, Hugh Tiner, J. A. Hudson, H. A. Wimbish, Paul Harper, Ed Hamilton, Hugh Shira, Sherman Cannon, F. A. Bailey, W. W. Pace, Jean Valentine, Albert Lovelady, John Beebe and others. This church has always been solid. Address: 201 N. 1st.

1941 VACAVILLE

The church was built around D. H. Williams in 1941. Address of building is 635 Williams Street. New building to seat 300 is planned. Membership now numbers 85. C. M. Glasgow, D. H. Williams and Audrey Ives serve as elders. Future is very bright. With church in Davis, Fairfield and Rio Vista, plans are to start the church in Woodland or Dixon.

1942 **VALLEJO** 

The first workship was held in the home of Sister Pauline Blank, daughter of W. H. Moore early in 1942. R. H. Overturf, Blank, daughter of W. H. Moore early in 1942. R. H. Overturf, Brother Stinnett and H. M. Farmer were present. R. C. Cannon preached. Under the leadership of brethren J. T. Dotson, Bohannan, Farmer and Bill Lewis 25 met in the IOOF hall. Woodrow Whitten was the first preacher with J. T. Dotson and Bill Lewis as elders. In 1944 the church moved into a building at 739 Virginia Street and in April 1958 in the new building at 1109 Lassen—an investment of \$83,000. Joe Gilmore, Tillman Prince, Gene Frost, A. L. Harbin have preached here. W. H. Price is the present preacher. J. T. Dodson remains as elder along with E. E. Stock preacher. J. T. Dodson remains as elder along with E. E. Stock and R. L. Mooris. Lewis B. Owen, John L. Kitchen and John Lisherness serve as deacons.

1935

Dissatisfaction with the Christian Church was the basis of the start of this church. James A. Scott set up the plans with L. H. Anthony. Central Church in Los Angeles and Ninth & Lime in Long Beach sponsored the work. James Scott preached the first sermon November 3, 1935. Jimmie Lovell and James Saunders were sent by Central to get the work started. J. J. Wyatt, W. W. Pace, Joe Hunter, Eddie Weems, Boyd Field, Bill McKown, Norvel Young, W. B. West, Jr., Hoyt Houchen, Roy Tidwell, Norvel Young, W. B. West, Jr., Hoyt Houchen, Roy Tidwell, Wallace Thompson and John Beebe have served as ministers — L. W. Mayo is the present preacher. This church actually began in an alley and after meeting in the IOOF hall moved to own building in 1940 at Tyrone & Calvert. Present building that will seat 550 and which cost \$250,000 was entered in 1953. Membership 250. Address: 14644 Sherman Way. Iris Bohannan is one of the elders.

VENICE 1932

The first worship was held in the home of J. D. Murphree in 1932 and in January 1933 — three months later — to 1316 Venice Boulevard. There were 16 members. Eugene White preached here from 1940 to 1942, followed by J. E. Wainwright, Bill Irvine and others. C. F. Murphree is one of the present leaders. This church has always been loyal.

**VENTURA** 1937

The church started in the Coco Cola bldg., on July 18, 1937 with 12 members. T. W. Phillips, sent by the Southwest Church in Los Angeles, preached the first sermon and assisted until 1941. In 1940 a building on Santa Clara Street was used (for awhile in the Carpenter's hall) until 1950 when they moved into their new building at 174 S. Anacapa Street. V. T. Smith was the first full time preacher, followed by Thomas F. Harris, L. C. Bussard, and Frank Hanna who is now an elder as are V. P. Riley, Joel Glenn, Dale Scott and Sam Burrows. Deacons are - Rudy Miller, Don Parrish and Basil Morrow. It may be that Harry R. Fox, Sr., D. E. Hayes and Frank Grammer preached here. W. Woodrow Allen came in 1956 and resigned in December 1958 to help start the new work. Archie Luper, who does so much to help the Arlie Smith family in Brazil is a member here. W. Arthur Walters is the present preacher.

#### The new Church in VENTURA

With Woodrow Allen as preacher, Archie Luper and some 20 other families with the backing of the Anacapa Street congregation, the second church in Ventura started on Jan. 4, 1959 in the Women's Club — 3451 Foothill Road.

VICTORVILLE 1952

Brother Bedwell preached to the ten members who met in the home of Sister Betty Wade for worship on Feb. 3, 1952. The church moved into a small house at 5th & Yucca in June. Lots were purchased on Mesa Drive in 1954 but were sold. We are now in our building at 2nd & A. There are 47 active members. Eugene Johnson and Jerry Evans helped with the early preaching as have Sid Meek, Chas. Middleton, Leo T. Crow, Robert Robinson, Rex Burrow and Charles D. Partain who serves as both preacher and elder — Harold L. Loudermilk is the other elder. This church has helped start the work in Hesperia, Adelanto and Lucerne Valley. It is missionary minded and lends support to orphans, the aged and other works.

VISALIA 1934

Former members of Dinuba started worship here in 1934 in a rented hall — Chet Elford preached the first sermon. After meeting for sometime in the Women's club building it was purchased and moved to our present location — 1219 W. Noble Avenue. Building has been remodeled and classrooms added. George Dickson, Perry Mason, Larrimore White, Vernon Mooris, John Adair, Wallace Thompson, Joe Coppinger, Clarence Gobbel, Harvey Harriman, Floyd Mitten, Robert Todd and J. P. Williams have served as ministers — Claude Counselman is here now. Ward Roundtree, James Miller, Viro Pickard, W. Henry Reed and Raymond L. Williams have served as elders; James T. Haire, Ozro Waterman, Phillip Williams and Rosco Parker serve as deacons. Carlton Massey, Bill Kuykendall, Ray Taylor and Jeff Smith are among the workers. New auditorium seats 475 Smith are among the workers. New auditorium seats 475.

In 1942 History reads: "W. E. Badders family and Mrs. Pearl Morrison, moved to Vista in 1927 and began worship in their home. Today (1942) there are 25 members. S. E. Witty held the first meeting in 1928 with L. F. Martin leading the singing. Jimmie Saunders, Hoyt Houchen, Floyd Thompson and Madison Wright have held meetings. Leaders are A. S. Debard, Nolan Bohannan, W. E. Badders and Fred Pepperdine."

Albert Botts who had formerly preached in Brawley and Holtville, moved to Escondido in June 1957. Assisted by Joe Wilson,

Brother Haden and Bennie Lewis, the church was reestablished here on Oct. 6, 1957 with 37 present. Brother Botts who does secular work, preached and his son Alton led the singing. The church meets in the Carpenter's hall but property has been pur-chased and building will start soon. Brother Botts plans to help

start the work in Ramona.

#### WALNUT CREEK

1944

The church in Martinez sent Everett Evans here for a mission meeting on July 2, 1944 and the church was established. A building was erected in 1950. Preachers who have worked here are Lowry Ruby, James Ferguson, Lyle McCollum, Warren Ward, and most recently Denton Scott. Support is given the Brittells in Africa, Claude Doggett in Italy and the work in Germany. R. M. Hamilton is one of the present leaders.

WASCO 1932

On June 7, 1932 14 members met in the home of Brother and Sister Woods to establish the church here. The first worship service was held in the St. John hall on June 12. In March 1958 the church moved into their new building located at 2005 7th Street. Those who have served in the past are — P. L. Albany, P. P. Humphrey, J. F. Rowland, S. M. Moody, Elba Hamilton and E. F. Garretson. E. M. Borden, Sr. and Jr. have preached here as Jenkins, Brown Nixon, Haskell Hanes, Alister Little and Victor Lair serve as elders; Louis Franks and Owen Priest are deacons.

#### WATSONVILLE 1938

Early in 1938 this church had its beginning in the Pat Heteck, Lester Clements and Hill family homes. With six families worship was held in the Veteran's Memorial building with Arlie Smith preaching. H. N. Hurd followed Arlie and a move was made to the Nazarene building. The church in Long Beach sent Ernest Beam for a meeting. L. C. Bussard came in 1941 followed by W. E. Jones, B. L. White, B. U. Baldwin, Brother Rogers and again Brother Bussard until 1954. H. R. Atchison remained until 1955, Ross McGinnis and Elmer Butler came for awhile, Brother Atchison returned and is with us now. Lester Clements, Alton Eaker, Elmer Gibson and Leonard Preston serve as elders, Joe Taylor, Will Ed Jackson and Don Palmer as deacons. Membership 125. Address: 801 Main Street.

WEED 1945

The church had its beginning in the home of Mrs. Addie Small and her son J. D. — a grandson, Billy, also met with them — this was in 1945. In 1947 other members of the family moved here. Gerald Scoggins came and preached the first sermon in the Union hall on May 15, 1949 — 12 persons were present. Today there are 40 members meeting in their own building. John W. Maupin is preaching. J. D. Small is one of the leaders.

#### WESTMINSTER 1949

Jimmy Sewell preached the first sermon here to 40 members who started this church the fourth Sunday in July, 1949. W. W. Mosley, Jr., was the first regular preacher followed by W. W. Pace and now Donald M. Osborne. Began meeting in new building at 13852 Newland St., in January 1952. Emory Kile is one of the leaders who has been here from the start. Membership about 200.

#### WESTWOOD 1958

Westwood is a lumber town. About three years ago the mills closed and Westwood became a ghost town. The few Christians moved away. People are moving back and brethren in Susanville and Chester want to revive the work since there is a building owned by the church. Wayne Timmons of Susanville is now preaching.

1938 WHITTIER

Billy Williams, now an elder of the West Los Angeles, formerly of Huntington Park, under whose direction the church among the Mexican people was started in Los Angeles, got 33 members together for the first service in Whittier May 5, 1938. The meeting was held in the Women's Club and Batsell Barrett Baxter, who served for several months, preached the first sermon. In 1943 the church moved into a building at 341 S. Milton. The present building at 827 S. Painter, was moved into in December 1950. Although the auditorium seats 330 persons, duplicate morning worship services are necessary. Adjoining property has been purchased. Arlie Smith, James A. Scott, E. W. McMillan and others have preached here. B. W. Guymon is the present preacher. J. W. Burrow, T. L. Cannon, W. T. Crawford, W. R. Eatough, C. T. Elford, W. N. Gatewood serve as elders, F. A. Doolittle, B. H. Ervin, L. M. Herring, Dr. B. P. Hubband, B. A. Labnow, J. H. Ledlow, E. E. Pruitt and N. R. Williams as deacons. Member-

#### WHITTIER (SOUTH WHITTIER)

Nov. 11, 1956 marks the beginning of this church with 19 charter members. First meeting in Women's Club at 11030 Carmenita Road. In 1957 three lots were purchased from the Alton Thorpe family and church built at 14128 Leffingwell Road. There are about 100 members. Lee C. Wallis is the present preacher. The church in Maywood and Painter Avenue here in Whittier have helped much in starting this work. It is some time known as the La Mirada Church.

WOODLAKE 1946

The church dates back to 1945 when Bible study, under the direction of Joe Coppinger of Visalia, was started in the home of Loy Scott. The first worship service was held in the Brooks Funeral chapel the first Sunday in 1946. A. C. Williams preached the first sermon, Clarence Gobbel led the singing and Robert Bell made a talk. Pat Broaddus held the first meeting. Building was completed in 1946. Joe Coppinger preached until 1948 followed by W. W. Bradley, U. A. Carruth, Don Sawatsky, Jake Coppinger (son of Joe), and John Nevins. Charley Green is the present preacher. A number have held meetings. Much credit is due the churches in Visalia, Dinube, Porterville and Tulare.

WOODVILLE

This church was started the first Sunday in January 1942 in a home. There were 16 members — membership today 100. Preachers who have served: Thomas Moore, Tom Wilmeth, Brother Easom, John Adair, N. C. Matthews, R. H. Bennett, Voyd Ballard, Elbert Johnson, James Galbreth, Jack Freeman, Bill Shamblin, Joe F. Coppinger, R. H. Bennett is present preacher. J. W. Sisk and J. T. Burton serve as elders. Preachers who are in full-time work trained here are N. C. Matthews, R. H. Bennett, Woodie Bradley, Bill Burton and Marshall Brookey. Bob Bradley preaches part time. The church is growing. Own their building.

#### YUBA CITY-MARYSVILLE

1935

J. C. Clifford, assisting James A. Scott, started this work in Sept. 1935. F. F. Alderman and Walter Sanderson were early leaders - Brother Sanderson has been the guiding force over all these years. Southwest Church in Los Angeles and the church in Sacramento helped support Guss Farmer for some time. Frank Rhodes followed Guss. About 1943 a building was erected at 290 Percy Avenue. A new work is being established at Linda. Yuba City Church has always supported orphans, local and foreign mission work.

#### YUBA CITY-MARYSVILLE (LINDA DISTRICT)

This new work just starting with new building is backed by the church in Yuba City. It will be known as the Linda Church of Christ.

**YUCAIPA** 

Ellis and Anna Beasley moved here from Los Angeles in 1919 and called G. W. Riggs for a meeting in 1920. About that time the Orval Vinall family moved here in early 1921 and the church was organized, meeting in the Beasley home. In 1924 E. T. Hamilton held a meeting in a store building. The church then moved to the Legion hall and in 1941 into their own building at Adams & A. Lonnie Woolverton preached during the early '40s followed by brethren Read, W. C. Whistle, Bill Shannon, McQueen, Willbanks, Carlysle, Pace, Walling, Floyd Hamilton, Roy Key, Alton Wimbish, McCann and Clyde Griffin. A number of students from Pepperdine College have preached here. Ben Franklin served from 1951 to 1955 and the church grew rapidly, so much so that a building seating 300 was erected at 33981 Yucaipa Blvd. in 1954. L. E. Woolverton followed Ben and Lee F. Lambert came in 1956. Membership 140. The church is most active in mission work in many parts of the world, radio programs, care of orphans, etc.

#### YUCCA VALLEY

1958

The first worship service was held in the home of Fred Terry Pausch May 18, 1958. Five members from Glendale Church were present. Services are now held in Legion hall. Lots have been purchased and building plans are underway. E. E. Judah has been preaching — Paul Moore is helping at this time. Mail to Box 325 c/o Brother Pausch.

## -:- Some of Our California Preachers -:-





Robert E Adams W. Woodrow Allen Ventura



Fred A. Amick San Diego



Luther Archer Ojai



Jess Armas Los Angeles



H. R. Atchison Watsonville



C. V. Baker Santa Maria



Joseph W. Baker National City



Carroll Cannon San Diego



**Hugh Counts** (New Zealand)



W. R. Duncan Casitas Springs



E. N. Franklin (Philippines)



C. B. Middleton San Diego



W. H. Price Vallejo



Wilbur L. Banks Alturas



Bill Barksdale McFarland



John H. Beebe Fresno



R. H. Bennett Woodville



Geo. S. Biggers Ojai



Loren Biggs Torrance



Woolie Bradley Springville



Dean Bixler Newhall



O. D. Bixler Japan



Beryl Bodenham San Francisco



Lyle Bonner Eureka



S. Thaddeus Bookout Orangeville



E. M. Borden (deceased)



D. Cecil Brotherton Empire



Lemoore



San Diego



Ronald L. Brotherton Bryan S. Brown Charles F. Buchanan Rio Vista



Delmar Bunn Los Angeles



J. M. Butler San Francisco



J. Herman Campbell Thomas L. Campbell
Los Angeles Pasadena Los Angeles







L. Duane Canby Sherman L. Cannon Robert M. Carey Santa Paula Modesto Buena Park





Vance Carruth Bellflower



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F. F. Carson Richmond



Fred L. Casmir Los Angeles



A. L. Cassius Los Angeles



Lyndell Cheeves Arcadia



Herb Clark Albany



Joe F. Coppinger Woodlake



Cleo Cook



H. P. Cooper Barston



H. Frank Cope Long Beach



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Maywood



Max R. Crumley San Jose



Eugene B. Cullum Ivanhoe



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W. H. Dilbeck Santa Rosa



Clifton Ditmore El Monte



James C. Dixon Anaheim



Walter Dobbs Modesto



Chas. L. Douglass Downey



Jay W. Durbin Costa Mesa



Mervin B. Eddy Avenal



Lloyd E. Ellis Chula Vista



Essien A. Essien Student-Nigeria



Elmore R. Evans Healdsburg



Everett Evans



J. Howard Ewing Arvin



J. D. Fenn Long Beach



Walter Fennel Hesperia



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Homer L. Gifford Lamont



Joe Gilmore, Jr. Hayward



E. N. Glenn (Deceased)



L. K. Gordon Santa Rosa



Bill W. Grasham Baldwin Park



William Green Berkeley



Robert E. Gulley Campbell



W. Guymon Whittier



S. H. Hall Los Angeles



Alvin T. Hamilton Rialto



Floyd Hamilton Perris



A. E. Harper (Died 1959)



Paul E. Harper Donald D. Harriman Glendale Los Angeles Glendale





H. M. Harriman Hermosa Beach



B. H. Hayden Encinitas



H. C. Helf (Italy)



A. J. Hendrix Turlock



Malcom P. Hinckley Sun Valley



R. N. Hogan Los Angeles



Harold E. Holland Pasadena



Roy K. Holten Orland



A. R. Holton Los Angeles



W. T. Hooper Fortuna



Don W. Hopper Riverbank





John Allen Hudson Isong Uyo Ibok-Ete Palm Springs (Student-Nigeria)



Robert S. Irby Quartz Hill



H. Ishiguro (Deceased)



Billy G. Jackson Sacramento



Carroll Jackson Delhi



John James Pleasanton 31



Harvey Johnson Little Rock



Robert Johnson Los Angeles



Rex Johnston Los Angeles



John Paul Jones Boron



Warren Jones Los Angeles



E. E. Juday Palm Springs



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James C. King Azusa



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Clifton E. Laird Bakersfield



Lee F. Lambert Yucaipa



T. B. Larimore (1843-1939)



Dean Lawler Huron



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L. W. Mayo Van Nuys



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La Mesa



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Geo. W. McCullum El Segundo



Ardes McGee Orcutt



Ross McGinnis Benecia



E. W. McMillan Santa Ana



D. R. McMillien Selma



W. E. McNeely Chowchilla



Michio Nagai Los Angeles



Motoyuki Nomura Los Angeles



Harold O'Neal Upland



Roy F. Osborne, Jr. San Leandro



W. W. Pace Montebello



Earl Packwood Turlock



Charles D. Partain Victorville



Burt V. Pauley Lemon Grove



D. H. Perkins San Diego



L. D. Perkins (Deceased 1942)



Carroll Pitts, Jr.
Bakersfield



**Dorris Pitts** Oakland



Vincent Pocoroba Torrance



Charles Polley Forestville



Stanley Poole Paso Robles



W. G. Poplin Napa



Melvin Pownall (Italy)



Robert Price Oakland



H. W. Prior Paradise



Elmer Prout (Japan)



Orange



Raymond Putnam Douglas N. Qualls, Jr. Paul Randolph Orange Redwood City Norwalk





Clifford Reeves Fresno



Neil C. Rehkop Arlington



Seth Rehkop Chino



Joe R. Reisner Riverside



Ira Y. Rice, Jr. (Singapore)



G. W. Riggs (Deceased)



E. A. Rhodes (Japan)



George Robin Bakersfield



Kenneth Rodriguez Mario R. Rodriguez Grover City



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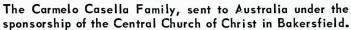
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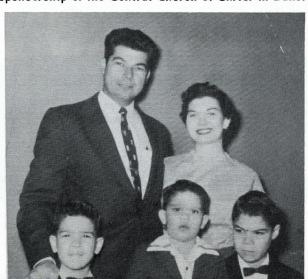


Howard E. Hunt and wife. Missionaries in Guam.



The Arlie Smith Family, located in Brazil. Sponsored by the Temple City congregation.

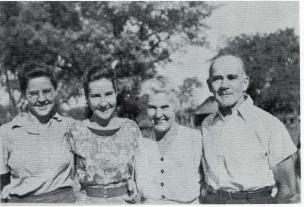






The Charles T. Garner Family. Missionaries in Zamboanga City, Philippines. Sponsored by the Upland congregation.

Below: The J. A. Brittell Family, located at Sinde Mission, in Africa.



Ralph and Eunice Brashears, working in Baguio and Manila in the Philippines. They have been in the Philippines since 1948. Sponsor: Southwest Church of Christ, Los Angeles.

