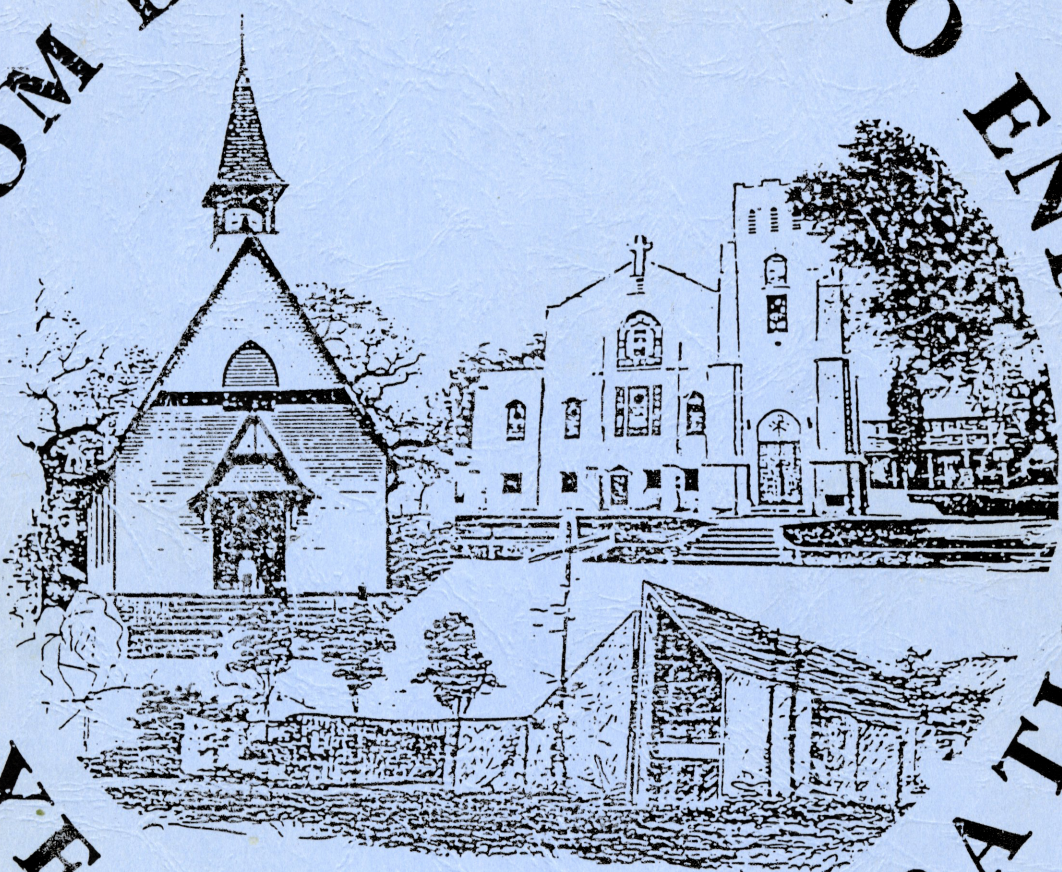


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100 YEARS OF CELEBRATION



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Preface



"For where there are two or three gathered in my name, I am there with you." Matthew 18:20

How true this verse of scripture is! How truly this Church has been blessed! For over 100 years, on the same site, the family of God known as the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall has been worshipping, praising the Lord and receiving His love.

It is not very often in the life of a congregation that a celebration like this, our Centennial, takes place. It is exciting to look back and realize that the faith of the 16 founding members along with a missionary pastor was the start of it all. In the years since the Church was organized there have been hundreds who have professed their faith in Jesus Christ. We can be proud of our Reformation roots in Scotland and of the accomplishments of the Presbyterian Church here in America. Presbyterianism was so prevalent in America that some British called the American Revolution the "Presbyterian Revolt". At least 14 signers of the Declaration of Independence (including clergyman John Witherspoon) were Presbyterians. That was the foundation upon which this Church was started and upon which we continue to build today.

In the early years this Church served as the only Protestant Church in the area - serving everyone in the valley. It was truly a community church. It's Fellowship Hall was open for the community to use for numerous and various activities. It was a busy place. It was used by the local Garden Club, for Masonic activities and even a meeting place for the "Glass Blowers Union" from Thatcher Glass plus many, many other groups.

The people here at the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall are what makes this congregation so unique. There is a warmth, a caring and a love within our congregation that makes it special. We really care about each other! More than once, newcomers have expressed a

feeling of welcome. This has led them to return and become a part of our fellowship.

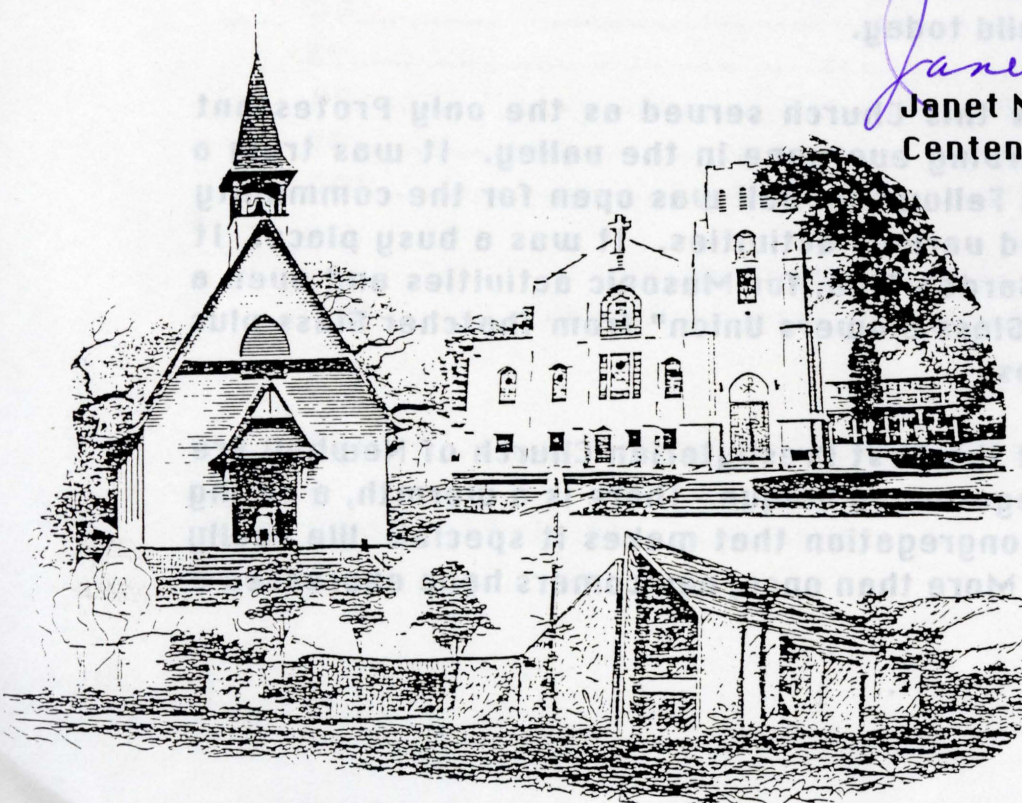
We have been blessed over the years by the many special men who have served this Church as Pastor. In the early years there were many...some serving only a year or so. For the past 23 years, Rev. Robert Bingham has been our Pastor, our leader, our teacher, our friend and yes even our mentor. He has served this congregation for almost one fourth of the 100 years. Under his guidance we have grown from a church in a sleepy little village to a thriving church in our own city witnessing to Jesus Christ and by being good stewards of our resources.

And now as we celebrate the Centennial of First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, we come with a feeling of joy and anticipation of what is yet to come. Thank you to the Centennial Committee (Bruce Carey, Marilyn Chase, Jim Didrickson, Don Johnston, Joe Kern, Myra Moore, Les Tanner, Nancy Young and Rev. Bingham) who have worked long and hard to make the celebration of our Christian Heritage such a success.

With the faith of this congregation and the guidance of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we strive forward toward our 200th year.

God Bless us all!

Janet Macey
Janet Macey
Centennial Chairman



A Message from the Pastor



On May 31, 1991, the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall was 100 years old. I want to share with you a verse that has repeatedly come to my attention during this Centennial year - it penetrates my mood the way a key penetrates a lock: "Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children; what we shall be has not yet been disclosed." (1 John 3:2)

There are several affirmations in these words of John - "What we shall be has not yet been disclosed." When the Church was organized, the King James' words were: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be.". What this means for us is that we have a future. There is more to come! There always is! We are not simply playing out the string - God is not finished with us yet. We are his workmanship and He is still building His Church in this community and the world.

In fact, in the perspective of the long run, you and I have hardly started. There are unrealized opportunities to be recognized and developed. There are stubborn sins and weaknesses to overcome. There is knowledge to receive. There is love to give and receive. We know, as did our founders, that there are struggles in whatever system, the age, or social context in which we move. The self to be, the Church to be, as I understand John, is hardly recognizable from the self, the Church that is. "What we shall be has not yet been disclosed."

Granted there is a future note here regarding the coming of the full kingdom of God. The next part of the verse hints the dawn of a new age and a better world - "We shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." (1 John 3:2b) But every theologian that I have ever studied has insisted that sanctification begins here when we believe, not there when we die. Some of the most impressive witnesses for the Christian life can be found in the lives of men and women who have been a part of the congregation. John said to them, as he says to us in the Centennial year, once you have known Jesus

Christ you can never be the same again. Whether you want your future or not, He draws you forward to it. You have a future says John, and it is good.

Because this is true of us as individual Christians it follows that it has not yet been disclosed what the Church will be, for the Church is nothing more than believers in community. This Church is here as a witness to the kingdom of God. The Church is not the kingdom of God and is always in trouble when it assumes that it is. We are, as it were, a pre-sampling of what the reign of God will look like when it comes. Many times we are a misleading sampling - which is why we pray our prayers of confession.

Someday the Church will be phased out. It will work itself out of a job. In the vision of the new Jerusalem, the city of God come down from above, we are told by John "there will be no temple there." (Rev. 21:21) But prior to that, the Church has a great future. Paul, who knew as well as any one, how petty and mean and frustrating the Church could be, declares that it is God's intention "to present the Church to Himself all glorious, with no stain or wrinkle or anything or the sort, but holy and without blemish. (Eph. 5:27)

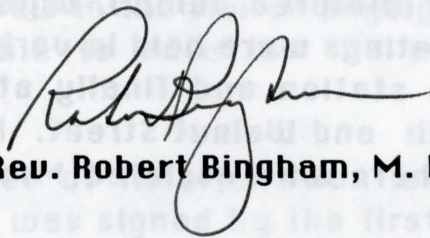
I don't know how the Church will get there from where it is today, but that is God's business, not mine. Jesus not only gave Himself for the Church, He gives Himself to the Church, so that increasingly the Church in its corporate life might resemble His will and reflect His desires.

There is no assurance here that the Church as we know it, its organization forms, its worship patterns, its programs, will be conserved. But we know that the Church's future is insured, and that some day it will appear in the eye of all to flawlessly conform to the will of the One who loves it and gave Himself for it.

It also follows that because the Church has a future the world has a future too. The only reason why the Church is here is for the world. The existence of the Church presumes the existence of the world and the continuity of history. The Church is not an end in itself. It is solely, only, exclusively here for the sake of the world that "God so loved." Paul tells us in the eighth chapter of Romans that "The

creation itself," not just the Church, "will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:21) In the Lord's Prayer we pray that the will of God might be done on earth, even as it is in heaven. Surely our Lord would not have encouraged us to pray an impossible prayer. Meanwhile, we work as if the future we envision is possible. In this confidence, over the 100 years of faithful witness of this congregation, assured by present realizations, we dare to long for the future that God is bringing to us. We are called to live in faith and hope even as did those 16 members of 1891, because there is more to come. There always is. Our role is to **walt** for it with **faith**, to **watch** for it, and to **work** for it. "Here and now, dear friends, we are God's children; and what we shall be has not yet been disclosed."

**Establish us, O God, in the hope that belong to faith,
Get us off our knees and on our toes in eager anticipation of
the new that is even breaking in upon us.
Thy kingdom come, O Lord, Thy kingdom come through us.**



Rev. Robert Bingham, M. Div., Pastor

*Walter S. Newhall of San Francisco
J. J. Arnott
P. V. Kinnear
Alex Hume
A. I. Fraser*

Soon afterwards, the Protestant Church Erection Board donated \$1400 to the building of the church. The site for the new church was 1891. The site included almost all of lot 2, tract 1059. The property was donated by the New England custom house. The same ground was incorporated into the new church. (Mrs. Willie wife of one of the "supply" ministers is buried here.)

Early History 1877-1899

The Newhall Presbyterian Community Church which had its beginning as a Sunday School, was a direct result of missionary work dating back to 1877, the first year of Newhall's existence.

In these early days, both Presbyterian and Methodist missionaries came from the San Fernando Valley and served the families living at the San Francisco Ranch (the name given by the Newhall family to the big Del Valle Ranch) Today, we know this better by the Newhall Land and Farm Company.

At first, Sunday School and Church services were held in the Southern Hotel (pictured below), organized by Mrs. Maria Hubbell. Later these meetings were held in various homes, at the park across from the train station and finally at the school which was then located on Ninth and Walnut Street. Mrs. Sarah Gifford was one of the early teachers who assisted Mrs. Hubbell in teaching Sunday school classes.



Southern Hotel, Newhall, California
Circa 1888

As attendance in the Sunday School and Church services increased, so did the need for the building of a church. The members realized that to make a community church a success, that only one denomination could be supported and thus on May 31, 1891, the Rev. F. D. Seward, along with sixteen charter members organized the Community Presbyterian Church. (The Record of Organization, as taken from the 1891 Session Meeting Book is shown on the next page.)

The first recorded Congregational Meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Ella Drew on June 18, 1891, and *Articles of Incorporation of the Newhall Presbyterian Church* were approved. Some of the provisions included: An annual meeting of the congregation to be held on the 3rd Thursday in June; Five members would be a quorum; Members would be elected by "those entitled" to vote...all members of the church in good standing could vote and "Each other adult person who shall have rented for at least one year, and occupied for at least three months, a sitting or pew in the church paying therefore quarterly in advance shall be able to vote for the pastor and directors"

On June 28, 1891, the Articles of Incorporation were signed making it a legal organization and was signed by the first Board of Directors:

Walter S. Newhall of San Francisco

J. J. Arnott

P. V. Kinnear

Alex Hume

A. I. Fraser

Soon afterwards, the Presbyterian Church Erection Board donated \$1400 to the building fund of the Newhall Church. The site for the new church was layed out by H. Clay Needham and included almost all of lot 2, tract 1059 (St. John's addition) in Newhall. Most of the property was donated by the Newhall Land and Farming Company. The New England custom of having both a Church and a Cemetery on the same ground was incorporated into the new site. (Note: Mrs. Wylie wife of one of the "supply" ministers is buried here.)

**Record of Organization
First Presbyterian Church
Newhall, California**

"During the months of August and September, 1889, Rev. F. D. Seward, Synodical Missionary preached at Newhall, four Sabbaths with the idea of organizing a Presbyterian Church but it did not seem best at that time. But in May 1891, members signified their desire for membership in such a church, and by authority of the Home Mission Committee of the Los Angeles Presbytery, Rev. Seward preached again May 31, 1891, and organized the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall with the following members:

<i>Alex I. Fraser</i>	<i>Mrs. Maggie Fraser</i>
<i>Samuel Grier</i>	<i>Mrs. Callie Grier</i>
<i>Mrs. Flora Arnott</i>	<i>Alex Hume</i>
<i>Mrs. Alex Hume</i>	<i>Henry Miller</i>
<i>Mrs. Ellen Miller</i>	<i>Mrs. Barbara Lane</i>
<i>Miss Lillie Miller</i>	<i>Mrs. R. D. Shryock</i>
<i>P. V. Kinnear</i>	<i>Mrs. Lucy Mendenhall</i>
<i>Mrs. Ella Drew</i>	<i>Mrs. Ida Ward</i>

P. V. Kinnear and Alex Hume were elected Ruling Elders of the Church, but their ordination and installation were deferred. The Synodical Missionary urged every member of the Church to let the Light of the Gospel shine very purely and very brightly all around and the new church with all its interests was commended to God in prayer. The following Sabbath, June 7, 1891, Mr. Seward preached again in the school house and administered the Lord's Supper and baptized Stella, Alma Pearl, Jessie Ethel and Flora Bell, children of Mr. and Mrs. Grier."

In August 1891, Mr. C. S. Hogan agreed to build the Presbyterian Church for a total sum of \$1225. His bid was accepted by the Session and on September 15, 1891, the building was accepted.

The formal dedication of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall occurred on October 11, 1891 in Services conducted by Rev. Wilbur and assisted by Rev. Crawford.



The Presbyterian Community Church was a favorite exterior shot for many of the early silent movies, including William S. Hart and Tom Mix.

From Session Minutes...October 1, 1899:

"There is no session at Newhall. Elder Kinnear died and Mr. Hume, though elected, has never consented to be ordained and installed. At present there seems to be no other member whom the congregation can elect to eldership. As the regular Stated Supply I have this day received into membership of this church, Mrs. Lewman by letter from the M. E. Church of Alhambra, Ca.

E. T. Lockard, S.S."

✍ Mr. Alex Hume has the honor of being the first Sunday School Superintendent. He faithfully served in this capacity for over thirty years.

✍ The first recorded Session Meeting was held November 1, 1891, with Mr. Alex Hume acting as Secretary.

Pastors 1891-1899

Rev. Frederick Dwight Seward (1891): Rev. Seward was born in Indiana on December 11, 1842 and died on June 11, 1918. At the age of eighteen, he entered the Union Army, retiring after more than three years service with the rank of captain of the 117th U. S. Colored Army. Rev. Seward was ordained May 14, 1873 by the Syracuse Presbytery. His first pastorate was at Hannibal, NY. In 1881 he entered the pastorate at Ventura, California and from 1887-1895 was Synodical Missionary for Southern California; Pastor of the Fresno, California Church from 1895-1897; Supply minister for Beaumont and Banning, California from 1897-1900; Pastor at San Pedro for 1900-1904; Pastor at Sunnyside, Los Angeles, 1905-1906; and Pastor at Moneta from 1906 to 1916.

Rev. T. P. Crawford (1891-92)

Rev. Henry P. Wilbur (1893) Rev. Wilbur served as an Elder of our Church prior to his pastorate. He served the First Presbyterian Newall Church in 1893 and again from 1894-97.

Rev. Robert Bartley Taylor (1894): Rev. Taylor was born in 1865 and died November 19, 1904. He served as pastor of the San Bernardino Church 1895-1901 and of the First Church in San Diego from 1901-1904.

Rev. Henry P. Wilbur (1894-97)

Rev. Anselm Byron Brown (1898): Rev. Brown was born in Sebago, Maine in 1845; ordained in 1873 and from our records we believe he was a Supply Minister from Los Angeles 1893-98. He died in Westfield, New Jersey in 1908.

Rev. Earl Tubbs Lockard (1898-1899): Rev. Lockard was born in Cambria, Pa., in 1849. He was a Stated Supply Minister serving

Cayucas, California from 1894-1898 and then assigned as Stated Supply from San Fernando 1890-99.
Rev. Lockard died in San Francisco in 1934.

Rev. James Harris Stewart (1899): Rev. Stewart was born in Sidney Ohio in 1845 and was ordained in 1871. He served as pastor at Redlands, California from 1891-1896 and was a Missionary Pastor, Los Angeles 1898-1900. He died in Los Angeles in 1912.

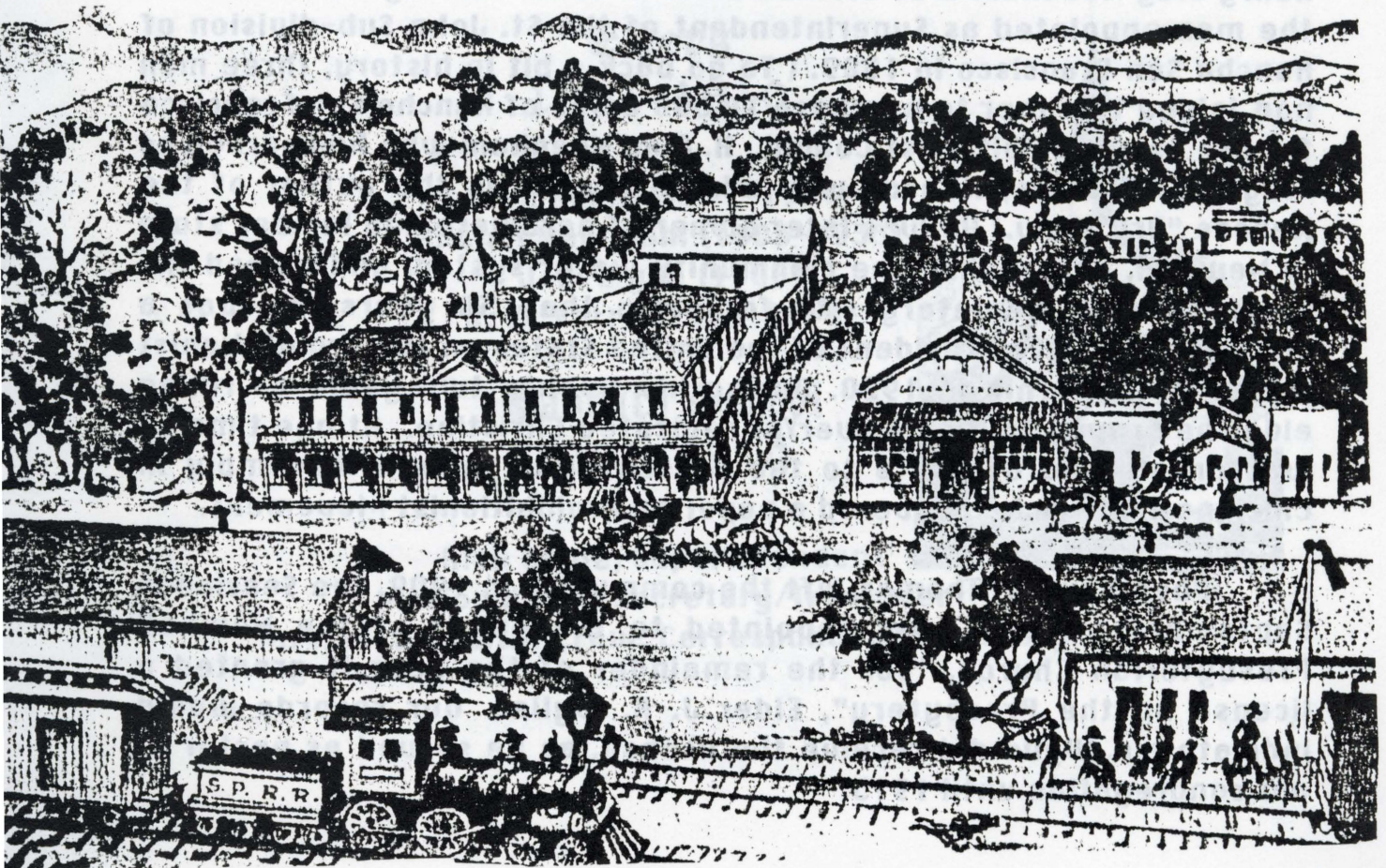
Elders 1891-1898

Mr. P. U. Kinnear (1891-1898)

Mr. Alexander Hume (1891-1921)

Membership

There were 16 charter members shown on the roll as of 1891



Newhall, California circa 1890's
An artists conception (Painting in main Newhall library)
First Presbyterian Church of Newhall in center background

1901-1910

The local archive church records for this period of time are quite deficient as to historical details.

In 1906, The Christian Endeavor Union, an inter-denominational group was organized and its program was adopted by the Newhall First Presbyterian Church on April 11, 1909. Elder J. R. Wylie was appointed President; Mr. M. D. Crow, Vice President; Edith Crow, Secretary; and Mr. Thomas Cantrill, Corresponding Secretary. This program, with its emphasis on youth, continued through the 1940's.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas was pastor of the Presbyterian Church when Henry Clay Needham was elected Elder in 1908. H. Clay Needham was the man appointed as Superintendent of the St. John Sub-division of Rancho San Francisco in 1889. (To go back a bit in history, three men had joined together to purchase 10,000 acres of Rancho San Francisco for use as a Prohibitionist Colony. H. Clay Needham who had served as Mayor of Arcadia, Kansas was widely known as the author of the Kansas "Dry" Law.) He was later owner of hardware and lumber store in Newhall, established the community water system and owned the Eternal Valley Cemetery site for more than 50 years. He was a candidate for Vice President of the United States on the Prohibitionist ticket in California in 1920. During his twenty two years as ruling elder he proved to be a powerful dedicated Christian. At one time he was an elected delegate to the Presbyterian General Assembly in Cincinnati where he delivered a paper on Prohibitionist Movement.

When Rev. Dr. Thomas left the community in 1909, the Session in September of that year appointed to the pulpit of the Newhall Presbyterian Church, "for the remainder of the year if granted a license by the Presbytery", Elder J. R. Wylie. Our records would indicate Mr. Wylie did receive the license, as he served as pastor of our congregation until 1913.

Pastors 1901-1910

Rev. John Monroe (1901-1908)

Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Pugh Thomas (1908-1909): Rev. Thomas was born October 23, 1877. Dr. Thomas attended Arnold College and the University of Wales and his Post-Graduate work from Oxford England. He was ordained in 1899 by Welsh Calvinistic Church and was a graduate of the Lane Seminary, Chicago. He served in Fair Haven, Vermont 1899-1904; Los Angeles 1904-1912; Pittsburgh, Pa. 1914-1919; Cleveland Ohio 1919-1922 and in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1922-1931.

Rev. J. R. Wylie (1909-1913)

Elders 1901-1910

Alex Hume (1891-1921)

H. Clay Needham (1908-1935)

J. R. Wylie (1908)

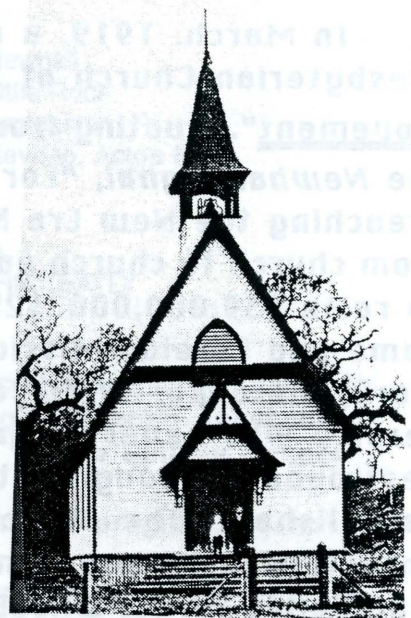
J. W. Ferrie (1909-1916)

Sabbath School 1901-1910

Alex Hume, Superintendent

Marion Hume, Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs. M. D. (Edith) Crow, Corresponding Secretary



1911-1920

The historical facts on our local church during this time frame are also lacking. Membership statistics for the years 1916 through 1920 in both the Church and Sunday School and are listed as shown:

Year	Church	Sunday School
1913	13	
1916	23	50
1917	32	55
1918	37	42
1919	30	52
1920	35	62

In March, 1919, a national appeal for funds was made by the Presbyterian Church of America in a campaign called the "New Era Movement". Quoting from the the front page of the March 21 issue of the *Newhall Signal*, "For weeks pastors all over the land have been preaching the New Era Movement—ten minute men have been going from church to church each Sunday speaking and working with people to raise \$39,000,000..\$25 million for expenses and \$13 million (for Home and Foreign Missions). .. The Church today is called to a noble work, the opportunity for service and the need of the church giving service was never as great. In the war zone alone churches were destroyed and congregations scattered. These must be rebuilt and re-established. The church's influence must reach out and help the unfortunate in any community in every land. The WHOLE church marshalled for its WHOLE task and a specific task for you..this is the New Era Movement".

An announcement and Program for the Second Annual Convention of the Antelope Valley District Sunday School Association on March 16, 1919 is shown on the next page and was xeroxed from the *Newhall Signal* newspaper.

C.E. GIVES LAWN SOCIAL September 5, 1919

[Front page article]

**SECOND
ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
Antelope Valley
District Sunday School
Association
TO BE HELD IN
PALMDALE, SUNDAY,
MARCH 16, 1919**

OFFICERS:

President	REV. W. H. EVANS	Newhall
Vice President	J. P. GLENDENNING	Little Rock
Secretary	Mrs. BLANCHE C. JONES	Lancaster
Treasurer	WM. EARL	Reveno, Acton P.O.

PALMDALE ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

MRS. E. L. SADLER M. J. J. PHILLIPS MRS. JOHN KEATLY

NOTE: Come to this great annual feast for Sunday School and urge others to come. Bring a lunch basket, containing lunch enough for noon and evening. Coffee will be served at noon and chocolate at night by the Sunday School workers of Palmdale.

We have three great Sunday School Experts on the program, do not fail to hear them.

Be sure to attend the two meetings for everybody, and come prepared to take a part in them.

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1911-1920

Accompanists:

Mrs. C. W. Greene. Mrs. Blanche C. Jones

General Theme: "Sowing and Reaping"

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him."

PROGRAM

Sunday Forenoon

10:00-A Season of Praise for Sowers and Reapers. Led by Rev. C. W. Greene, Lancaster. Sunday School Lesson for March 16.

11:00-A Seed Sowers' Meeting. Come prepared to tell where you have been sowing this year. Conducted by the President.

11:30-Song: "We are Sowing, Ever Sowing" Lancaster Community School. Address: "The Sunday School Seed Sower." W. A. Hillis, Field Secretary-L.A. Bible Institute. Song: East Side School.

12:10-Unloading the Baskets, followed by a time of fellowship.

Afternoon Session

1:45-"Sowing in Praise". Led by Rev. C. W. Greene

2:00-"Sowers and Reapers Report Service". District Officers will bring their report, other workers to follow. Bring the best word on Sowing and Reaping during the year.

2:30-Song "Where are the Reapers?" Young Ladies of the Acton Presbyterian School. Address: "Working Among the Tender Plants", Mrs. Pearle V. Gentry, State Supt Childrens Work, Los Angeles.

3:10-Address: "Digging up the Tares." H. Clay Needham, Newhall

3:45-Song: Members of the Little Rock Union School. The Sowers and Reapers' Round Table. Primary and Junior, Mrs. Gentry. Secondary: Rev. Paul G. Stevens. Adult, W. A. Hillis

4:25 Business. Awarding the Banner to the school that has the largest percent in attendance according to members enrolled.

Pastors 1911-1920

Elders 1911-1920

Rev. J. R. Wylie (1909-13) Alex Hume (1891-1921)

Rev. J. A. Walton (1913) H. Clay Needham (1908-1935)

Rev. Wolcott H. Evans (1914-1930) J.W.Ferree(1909-1916)

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE NEWHALL SIGNAL:

C.E. GIVES LAWN SOCIAL-September 5, 1919

[Front page article]

The lawn social given by the C. E. last Thursday evening was a great success. President Frew was there with a glad hand to give every one a welcome. Miss Louise Soule sold tickets so fast that her supply was exhausted during the first hour, but a rush order brought a large order at once and her work went merrily on. Mrs. Hume was the lady in waiting at the pink lemonade stand and after they tasted the homemade drink she did not have to wait long after for someone asked what it tasted like and the answer was "It tastes like more".

The ice cream and sherbet were also Newhall products and were quickly consumed by the people who know a good thing when they see it. Mr. Shaffer looked after this department and sold everything in sight, even the flowers on the table. One lone bouquet of roses escaped the blow of his hammer, but this was no fault of auctioneer Shaffer.

The great event of the evening was a tug of war by the boys, with Herbert Young as captain of the Newhall Gaints and Donald Frew as captain of the Newhall Tigers. After seesawing back and forth, there was a deadlock and it was observed than an oil man had joined the Tigers and that a Ford man had joined the Giants.

Ladies Aid Organized-October 3, 1919

Thursday afternoon a number of ladies held a meeting at the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of organizing an Aid Society. A talk was given by Mrs. Agnes Taylor in which she dwelt upon the apparent necessity of such an organization and the good that would result.

The society was organized and the following officers elected:

President: Mr. C. M. Reynolds
Vice President: Mr. R. R. Thompson
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Weiss

The society will meet at the church every Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

1921-1930

The population increase in the Newhall area prompted the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall to recommend to the congregation, the building of a new Sanctuary to replace the original 1891 church building. Funding was subscribed and the old church building was purchased by William Purucker who took off the steeple and moved it to the corner of Newhall Avenue and 8th Street. The duplex was later purchased by Mr. Charles Mack and afterwards by Dr. William Ross.

The Building Committee appointed by the Session included A. H. Wilkie as Chairman; Mrs. Louise Zeigler, Secretary; Miss B. Eleanor Shaffer, Treasurer; and members-at-large, Mrs. J. T. Gifford, J. R. Rolls and S. D. Dill.

Funds for the new church were solicited not only from the members of the Newhall Presbyterian Church, but from the entire Newhall Community. An article on the front page of the 1923 *Newhall Signal* :

"Eighteen dollars were handed to Mr. Wilkie during the Sunday School meeting last Sunday as a result of the letter writing enterprise for the new church building. Mr. Rolls handed in the largest amount. Did you write that letter to a friend or a relative and invite them to have a little share in our new church building?"

On the first Sunday in August (1923), Corner Stone Dedication was held. The program was carried out on a large platform which had been erected in front of the church. Congregations from Bakersfield, Palmdale, Little Rock, Acton, Saugus, San Fernando, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Whittier, Santa Monica and Redondo Beach were represented. Mrs. Iola Masters presided at the piano with the congregation singing "All People on Earth do Dwell". After a prayer by Rev. J. C. Wilson of Palmdale, a solo "The Hills of God" was sung by Mrs. S. D. Dill. The sermon, "Jesus, the Precious Corner Stone" was delivered by the Rev. Frederick of Cypress Park Presbyterian Church. Following the sermon, Rev. Evans' aunt and sister sang a duet "Ivory Palaces". Elder H. Clay

Needham delivered an address congratulating all the people of the Valley for their support and work over many years. Rev. Evans presided over the placing and sealing of the corner stone.

Among the documents placed in the vault were the names of the charter members of the church, the names of the building committee who had charge of the 1891 construction, names of members of the Christian Endeavor Society, names of the Boy Scouts, names of the Sunday School Scholars and visitors of the Sunday School who attended President Hardings' Memorial Service, a new Monroe coin furnished by Mr. Needham, copy of the Newhall *Signal*, the *Presbyterian*, Songs of Hope hymn book and a new Bible.

Bids for the construction of the church building were advertised in the local paper (calling for the bids) to be opened August 16, 1923. The plans and specifications for the church building were on display at Mr. Wilkie's Newhall barber shop.

Rev. Wolcott Evans in October of 1923 was given his third FORD since he became pastor of the Newhall Presbyterian Church. His first FORD was a gift by the Sunday Schools of the Los Angeles Presbytery and individual gifts; the second FORD was given by Mrs. M. W. Lamberson, his Aunt. The 1923 FORD was a result of contributions by his Aunt; his sister, Mrs. Buckingham; his niece, cousin, and nephew ; Rev Leusinger (LA) and H. Clay Needham of Newhall. A. H. Wilkie added a dash light; Spotlight from Mr. A. G. Thibaudeau; Extra tire from E. M. Chaix; an automobile robe from Mr. George Freeman and his daughter and finally T. M. Frew Jr. put on his famous fender braces "so that Lizzie will not rattle".

Rev. Evans is also noted for not only suggesting, but actually was the organizer of the Newhall Chamber of Commerce. At a meeting of interested Newhall citizens in the Hap-a-lan Hall he asked that a motion be made and seconded that a Chamber of Commerce be organized to be known as the Newhall Chamber of Commerce. The motion carried and A. C. Swall and A. B. Perkins were nominated as president. Mr. Perkins declined the nomination and Mr. Swall was then elected by general acclamation. A. B. Perkins, A. H. Wilkie and Rev. Evans were appointed to draw up the by-laws.

September 15, 1921

On Sunday morning Communion services will be held. Baptism will be administered and new members will be received into the Church. Parents wishing to present their children for baptism are requested to speak to the Minister before the service. Those wishing to unite with the Church on confession of faith, or by letter, are requested to make application to any member of the Session before the service Sunday Morning.

The members of the session are Rev. W. H. Evans and Elders H. Clay Needham and Frank P. Hovey.

Sunday School will be held at 10:00 a.m. We need more teachers as our School is growing. Will you heed the Macedonian call and come over and help us?

The C. E. Service will be held Sunday Evening at 7:00.

All are invited to the services of the Little White Church under the oaks.

Donald Frew, Herbert Yound, and Edmund Evans accompanied Rev. Evans to Acton on Sunday morning. Donald, who is preparing himself for missionary work, gave a talk on the Summer Conference at Occidental College.

Rev. Evans gave a special talk to the young people on Sunday night, his subject being on how to sweeten the memory.

The Christian Endeavor meeting was conducted by Lillian Wilkie and her subject was "How to use the Bible."

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE NEWHALL SIGNAL:

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NOTES**

OCTOBER 14, 1921: Preaching Services Sunday morning at 11. Subject: The Great Coronation Service. Sunday School at 10 a.m. Subject: Paul Writes to the Christians at Corinth. The C.E. meets at 7 p.m. Come and join us in these services. The Young Peoples class held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Wertz Friday evening and spent the time pleasantly, singing and planning for their class work. A fine song service was held on Sunday evening before the C. E. meeting. Every one enjoyed the group singing especially. Four new members were received into the Society, the membership of the Society is now composed of fifty members, the largest membership in the history of the Society. Yet there are many more whom we would like to welcome in to the C. E. Society for it offers a great opportunity for Christian activity.

LADIES AID BAZAAR A DECIDED SUCCESS

DECEMBER 8, 1922: Hap-a-lan Hall was filled to capacity attendance last nite when the Ladies Aid held their annual bazaar. Shortly before the hour at which the ladies began to serve supper and from then on, there was a steady stream of people arriving and long after supper was first served stragglers continued to come in. The supper shared honors with the booths in popularity. At the left as one entered the hall, was the candy booth in charge of Mrs. Ida Anderson and Miss Eleanor Shaffer. Everyone has a tooth for sweets and as there was some fine home made candy the store of supplies was sold out before the demand had been met. Passing on up the line one came to the doll booth in charge of Mrs. P. C. Miller. There were dolls of all shapes, style and dress--about 40 of them--and they proved good sellers, grown-ups as well as the children expressing a fancy for them. The fancy work booth in charge of Mrs. Ziegler was filled with pretty and useful articles attractively arranged and was nearly sold out in a short time. This netted the most of any one booth. A "run was made on the fortune telling booth of "Queen Sybil". Here Miss Montgomery popular teacher of the Pico school gave out consoling messages thru the medium of a pack of fortune telling cards. We think however, that there was a "coach" close to the "fortune telling" lady's ear. The fish pond was a source of delight to the kiddies. The proceeds from the evening's affair will be about \$200.00 which will go into the fund of the Ladies Aid to be used as they see the need of. An incident of the evening was the ovation extended Mr. Tanner who was unexpectedly present. He was our school principal last year and when he appeared in the hall last nite the children greeted him with all the enthusiasm of which children are capable.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE NEWHALL SIGNAL

NEWHALL'S NEW CHURCH
[Front page story]

June 23, 1922: We realize the success of a community is determined by its church life and the church life is measured by the kind of buildings in which it houses its constituency.

Our new church is to be of concrete foundation, ground floor walls of finished cement and above with cement stucco on frame construction. It is to stand on the church property of Newhall Avenue facing Market Street which is a beautiful location. This building will cost a little over \$12,000 and it is expected that the Church Board will assist to the extent of \$4000, part of this being a gift and part a loan payable in ten years without interest.

Plans for the building, which as has been stated will be 46x69, will have a main floor, ground floor and balcony. On the main floor will be the auditorium, class rooms and church parlors which can be opened into one large room with a seating capacity of 285 and choir balcony seating 20.

The ground floor will really be a shallow basement as it will be three feet below the surface. Here will be located the social hall and modern kitchen.

The balcony will provide for an over flow audience, with a seating capacity of 50.

At the close of the service last Sunday morning, Mr. Shaffer presented the church plans and asked for contributions. In a few minutes \$2,000 was pledged. During the next ten days the Committee will make a canvass, thus giving all an opportunity to have a share in this movement which will mean so much for our beautiful valley.

The Building Committee includes A. H. Wilkie, chairman; Mrs. Florence Ziegler, Sec'y; J. F. Shaffer, Treas; J. T. Gifford, Mrs. Sarah Gifford, S. D. Dill, H. N. Tanner, Rev. Evans.

In November of 1923, the *Signal* featured the following on its front page:

"The Thanksgiving Offering Service last Sunday morning (at the Newhall Presbyterian Community Church) was met with a generous response from the congregation and nearly \$40.00 was added to the Building Fund. This money was earned in different ways, such as picking up corn, doing errands, giving dinners and serving lunches. Mrs. Frew earned \$5.00 in ways which she described as follows:

Mrs. Taylor wanted a quilt washed one day
So the old Apex was brot into play
Plenty of soap and lots of water,
The accumulation I then went after
The result was plain if you glanced at the fence
And this was the starter of fifty cents.
Then my son Duncan came home with his duds,
Which meant old Apex and another hot suds..
This increased my fund one dollar and a half
Which was enuf to make me laugh
Then my neighbor one day,
Wanted some one with her children to stay
Almost in despair what to do, finally thot of Mrs. Frew
Three times I helped to give her pleasure
And received three dollars which was good measure
Now I give this five to the building fund
I am sure you will agree it was honestly done."

(This poem was written by the Mother of Mr. Don Frew.)

Mr. C. W. Lewis, after many building delays, was placed in charge of the construction and the building was completed in early 1925. A Mollier organ, rebuilt by Robert Morrison Co. of Van Nuys was installed in May, 1925. The two manual \$3500 organ had eleven full pipe sets, Dagan chimes, base and snare drum, a full orchestral set, xylophone and attachment for player rolls. The organ was built originally for the Strand Theatre of Meridian, Mississippi, and installed in September 1915. The organ, although installed in a theater was not an instrument we know as a theater organ (of the 1920 and 1930 era) but a custom made organ of the day.

COMMUNITY CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

Sunday, June 14th, 1925

MORNING

10:45 Organ Recital

11:00 The Chimes.

Anthem: Open the Gates of the Temple.....Choir

Prayer. The Pastor, Rev. Wolcott H. Evans

Violin Solo, Selected Virginia Keeler

Solo. The Holy City..... Mrs. Glen Wilson

Organ Offertory

Hymn. Coronation. No. 218..... Congregation

Solo, Hear my Cry O Lord (Woollery)..... Dr. J. G. Mackey

Violin and Piano Duet, Selected...Mearl Marklin and William Neal

Solo, Selected..... Mrs. Edith Lane

Greetings from the Board of Church Extension.....

.....Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth, D.D.

Presentation of the Building Committee.

Anthem, What Hast Thou Given.....Choir

Duet.....Lillian and Blanche Wilkie

Sermon. Successful Builders.....Rev. John A. Leusinger

Dedication Service

THE TE DEUM, The Rev. J. C. Wilson, People Standing

Doxology, Lord's Prayer, Scripture.

The transfer of the keys of the house.....C.W.Lewis, Bldg Supt.

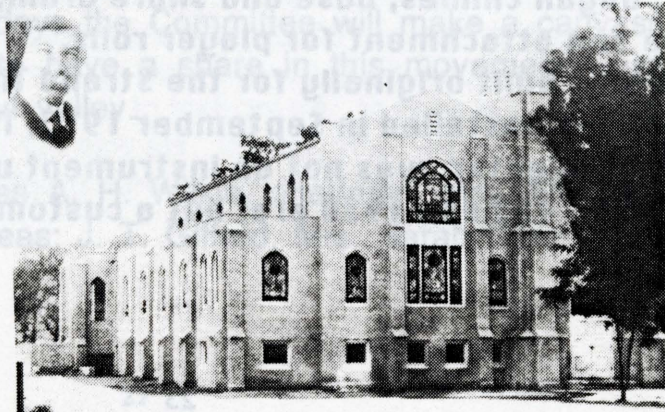
Dedication. Pastor Officiating

Dedication Prayer, Rev. F. D. Seward (note) Rev. S. D. Seward

organized this Church May 31, 1891. There were 16 charter

members Benediction

Organ Postlude



AFTERNOON SERVICE

2:45 Organ Recital

3:15 Song Service conducted by Rev. Maurice Johnson.

Song with Saxophone accompanist.....

.....T. M. Edwards, Mrs. Philip Wall; Lyn Orb and Jean Turner

Cornet and Piano Duet.....Mr. T. Kornelison and Mrs. Ruth Carson

Prayer.....Rev. F. W. Willman

Solo, Beyond the Dawn, Sandison.....Dr. J. G. Mackey

Greetings from Neighborhood Pastors.

Anthem, Holy Art Thou.....Choir

Violin Solo.....Mrs. Frederick Clint

Organ Selection.

Solo, Selected.....Mrs. Edith Lane

Violin Duet, Selected.....Mildred Mackey and Frederick Clint

Presentation of the Flag.....Mrs. Frances Davenport

Response.....A. H. Wilkie

Remarks by R. A. Critchlow, from the Bartlet Logan Corps, G.A.R.

Los Angeles.

Song, The Star Spangled Banner. No. 281

Benediction

Organ Postlude.

The organ recital on June 14, 1925 was given by Mr. Owen Thomas of London, England who was spending his vacation in California.

The total cost of the building and organ, not including donated labor, was \$22,140. The keys to the new building were presented to Mr. T. M. Frew, Chairman of the Trustees by Mr. C. W. Lewis.

FROM THE *NEWHALL SIGNAL*: November 19, 1925:

THE LITTLE OLD CHURCH UNDER THE OAKS

BY RAYMOND WILKIE

The old church that stood under the oaks
Was loved so well by the old time folks
The rose garden by it seemed always in bloom,
The dear superintendent whose name was Mr. Hume.

This dear and precious soul who loved the Lord
And always helping others, has gone to his reward.

H. Clay Needham, a worthy man,
Is another member of the noted band.

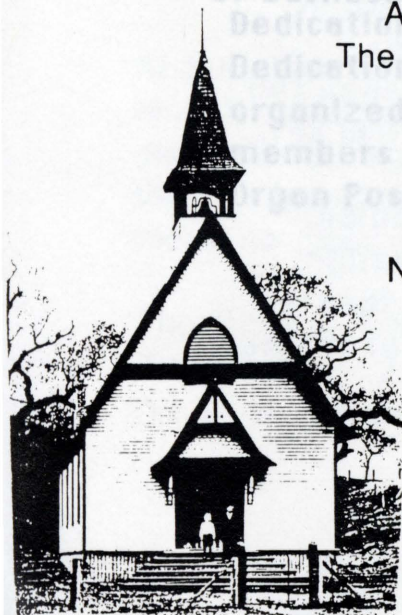
There are many others I did not know;
Before I came was their time to go.

Another fact I wish to tell
Is about the preacher when he rang the bell,
A shower of acorns around him fell.

The audience grew big, the church grew small,
Till finally there wasn't room for all.

So a crowd of people together got,
And planned a new church to put on the spot.
And now we have a new church in the land.
The "Shepherd of the Hills," and a Christian band.

The Old Church we don't want to forget;
Tho if we look we can see it yet,
But not in the form that it used to be,
Nor yet in its place 'neath the old oak tree.



From the NEWHALL SIGNAL, November 26, 1925:

Our New Church

BY RAYMOND WILKIE

How we built our new church is the story I am trying to tell
So if you have never seen it, You can learn to love it well

First we got together and we planned and talked and thought
Of how we were going to build the church and even planned the spot

Then a great question arose before us that almost made us frown
How are we going to raise the money in such a little town?

Jesus was our captain so we took his good advice
And for so doing I will assure you we can show you something nice

There were those who didn't like it and made all kinds of fun
But we hired a team of horses and then our work begun

First we built the basement, we were working every one
But sorry to say we had to stop before our church was done.

Our money supply grew shorter until almost to the cent
And what little was coming in found some bill and went.

So then we went to praying and our prayers went up in a stream
And in return for praying came a letter writing scheme.

We wrote to our old friends and asked what they could do
And in return for each letter we received a dollar or two.

So we went on with our building keeping up the good old pace
Until able to use the basement as our Sunday worshipping place.

For many months we labored, I cannot describe it all
Though one day we had our preacher putting plaster on the wall.

We were working every minute and that is why we can say
That we used June 14th as our dedication day.
And now we have a big stucco building, colored windows all in their place
Help us use it every Sunday, and keep it from all disgrace.



Pastor 1921-1930

Rev. Wolcott H. Evans (1914-1930)

Elders 1921-1930

H. Clay Needham (1908-1935)


Frank P. Hovey (1917-1923)

A. H. Wilkie (1923-29)

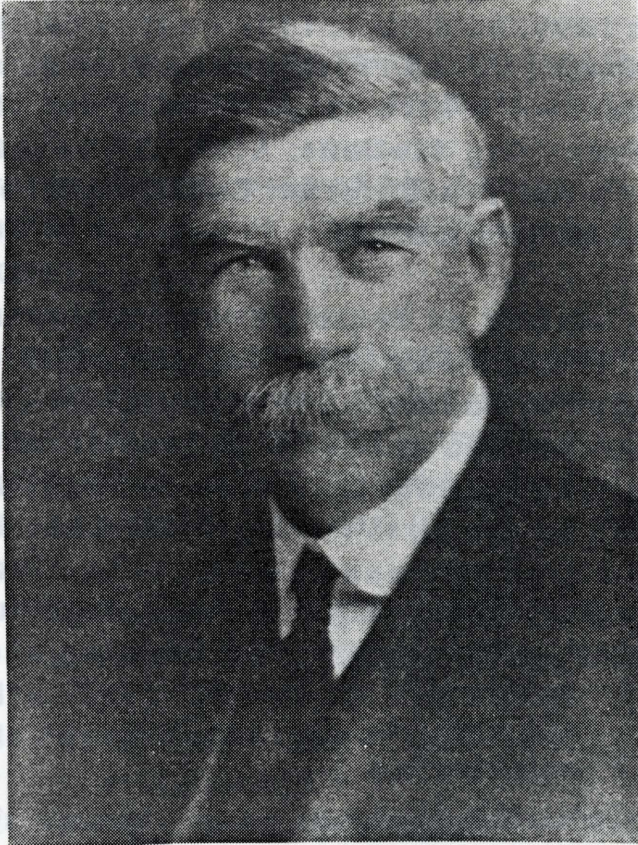
Dr. J. E. Mackey (1928-29)

Membership

Year	Church	Sunday School
1921	41	87
1922	42	90
1923	50	121
1924	53	143
1925	81	111
1926	83	122
1927	84	110
1928	78	120
1929	84	101
1930	75	121

 Mr. Don Frew joined the Presbyterian Community Church in 1921.

Pastoral Profile



Rev. Wolcott H. Evans

Rev. Wolcott H. Evans, known to the people of Newhall as the "Shepherd of the Hills", became pastor of the Newhall Community Presbyterian Church in 1914. Quoting from an editorial in the *Newhall Signal*: upon the resignation of Rev. Evans in 1930:

"He was always ready, even anxious to do a good turn and to everyone in need he often proved a helpful friend. In the great disaster of the St. Francis Dam, he worked day and night for weeks to help the unfortunate victims. He conducted a very extensive relief campaign and through his efforts, thousands of dollars were made available for financial relief. Suffice to say, his strenuous work resulted in a stay in the hospital which almost cost him his life. It is with deep regret that the congregation accepted Mr. Evans resignation in 1930 after sixteen years, the esteem for him was manifested by the contributions for his new home at Vista, California where he lived after leaving Newhall."

Wolcott Evans married Ida Philpot in Chicago in 1892 at which time he was employed by the Chicago Tire and Spring Company. He was commissioned a Union Sunday School Missionary by the American Sunday School Union in 1899. On April 1, 1902 he was commissioned as a Sabbath School Missionary by the Presbyteries of Minnewaukon and Mouse River (North Dakota) where in 20 months he organized 24 Sabbath Schools; 28 Preaching Stations; Held 134 Gospel Meetings, adding 134 members to the Presbyterian Church; and organized 12 churches during this period of time.

Rev. Evans next served as Presbyterian Missionary Pastor at Solomonville, Arizona. He then was called to be pastor of the Golden Gate Presbyterian Church in Oakland, California where he served for two and a half years. He was called to be pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, California in 1909 and served in Wilmington until coming to the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall California in 1914. Rev. Wolcott Evans died in 1934. The choir room and library area next to the Sanctuary in our present church building are named for and have been dedicated to his memory.

**Presbyterian
Sabbath School
Missions**

**Echoes
From
North
Dakota**

By **W. H. EVANS, S. S. Missionary,**
DEVILS LAKE, N. D.

REV. JAS. A. WORDEN, D. D., SUPT.,
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. B. CLAPP, SYNODICAL SUPT.,
Fargo, North Dakota.

1931-1940

Rev. John E. Berry was called to the pastorate of our church in 1930, following the resignation of Rev. Wolcott Evans.

In 1934, through the bequest of Mr. George W. Freeman, one of the early members of the church, the building was reconstructed and the grounds improved.

Rev. Berry and his family are remembered for their work among the youth and further development of the church playground. Some of these activities included a Donkey baseball game and the Boy's band from Glendale which were featured at a mid-summer carnival which was held on the church grounds.

Community singing was a weekly event at the Presbyterian Church...each Sunday at 7:30 P.M. Singing was conducted by Mr. A. B. Thatcher with Mrs. Ruth Carson at the piano. Mid-week church services were held every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M.

Omnia Vincit Amour was the subject of one of Rev. Berrys' August sermons in 1934. Bibles were Dedicated at this Service and the choir sang a selection out of the new Presbyterian song book, "Victory and Praise".

In 1934 a pictorial musical presentation of "The Majesty of Jesus" was read by Rev. Berry as Mrs. Iola Masters played organ favorites, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me".

It was also in 1934 that Frank Miller, the State Evangelist of Illinois toured schools and churches throughout California. He spoke to the Newhall Presbyterian Church illustrating his sermon with chalk talks and various pictures.

Rev. Berry, as did many others in California, felt the sting of the depression. The church records show he received only a third of his salary that year. (The pianist too, received only \$1.50 a week during

this era.)

During November and December of 1934, Rev. Berry presented twelve evening programs consisting of a combination of highlights of the Bible illustrated in over 600 pictures of the Holy Land... a masterful "Eyegraphic System" of imparting permanent Bible knowledge to all who attended. Rev. Berry's message to the congregation and citizens of Newhall..."You should come even if you are not interested because you will be after you see and hear one program."

In 1935, Sunrise Easter Services were conducted on a hill back of the Mack home on Eight Street, with the home of W. S. Hart to the right of Mack's. "He Arose" was the opening song as the sun appeared. About a hundred people braved the temptation to stay in bed and came up the hill for the Services. The music on Easter morning featured Russell Johnson on his trombone and Miss Dorothy Boles with a piano accordion.

The 45th Anniversary of the founding of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall was celebrated in 1935. Rev. Kenneth McLennan, Los Angeles Executive Secretary of the Presbytery preached at the morning service. The afternoon program included special music, addresses and early recollections of the church by Mrs. Sarah Gifford (Sunday School efforts); H. Clay Needham (a history of the first 20 years of the church); Mrs. Evangeline Frew (the third decade); Mr. A. H. Wilkie (the fourth decade); and Mr. A. B. Thatcher told the history of the most recent five years of the church.

Mr. H. Clay Needham, who had been an elder in the church for twenty-five years (1908-1935) died on February 21, 1936. He had been a leading citizen of Newhall, serving as a county supervisor in earlier times, and nationally known as one of the outstanding opponents of the liquor traffic. Rev. Herbert E. Hays was in charge of the funeral services which were held at the "Wee Kirk o' the Heather" in Forest Lawn.

Rev. Hays came to Newhall to supply the pulpit during the vacation of Rev. Berry in August 1935, and on the resignation of Rev.

Berry, he was called to the pastorate.

Easter Services in 1938 were held again at the foot of the cross on the Eight Street hill. The morning sermon topic of Rev. Hays was "In Heaven with Jesus" and the evening sermon was "On Earth with Jesus".

The community of Newhall celebrated the 4th of July 1938, on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church which featured a picnic with free coffee being provided by the church.

Pastors 1931-1940

Rev. John Berry (1931-35)
Rev. Herbert E. Hays (1935-41)

Elders 1931-1940


H. C. Needham (1908-1935) A. H. Wilkie (1923-1939)
F. R. Lamkin (1931-1946) F. P. Hovey (1931-55)
Walter Roberts (1931-36) Frank Reeder (1934)
Virgil Barnhill (1939-46) Thoborn Beebe (1939-41)


Membership

Year	Church	Sunday School
1934	109	113
1938	103	162
1939	97	92
1940	92	196

Sunday School Superintendents

Mr. F. Lamkin 1931-1938
Mr. F. P. Hovey 1938-194

 Mr. George Larinan and Miss Dorothy Jones were married in 1938. Our records indicate that Dorothy joined the church in March 1940 and today she is our #2 Pioneer in terms of length of active membership.

 From "Local Stuff" *Signal* 4/29/37: "Walter McKay, a Chevrolet expert has taken charge of the mechanical work at the Lamkin Garage and patrons can be assured that their repairs will be in competent hands"

1941-1950

In September 1940, due to a sudden failure in his health, Rev. Herbert E. Hayes requested that he be allowed to resign as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall.

The Rev. Claude Edward Rowley was installed as Pastor on the evening of January 26, 1941. Rev. Rowley had begun his ministerial career in 1925 at the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York. In 1932, he accepted a call to a Presbyterian church in Florida where he served for seven years. In 1939, he and his wife sailed to Australia for a years leave of absence in order to study the work of the Presbyterian Church abroad. He accepted a call to the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Australia. After Germany entered World War II, Rev. Rowley decided to return to the United States. While on board the *Niagara*, the ship was sunk and the Rowley family was rescued and taken back to Auckland, New Zeland, where he continued to preach. In August 1940, Rev. Rowley, his wife and daughter arrived in Los Angeles.

The Golden Anniversary of our church was observed in August 1941. The theme of Rev. Rowley's morning service was "The Church of the Past" with special tribute paid to the "old timers". The congregation sang the Glory Song. Maybelle Shaffner and Eugene Bishop sang a duet. Seven young men were received into church membership...Thomas Frew III, Donald Biddison, Glen Jensen, Robert and Lynn Foreman and Robert and William Hargraves.

The Ladies Aid Society served a Reunion Dinner in the church dining room following the morning services. Miss Lila Beal sang two solos, accompanied by her mother at the piano. Mrs. Thibaudeau gave the welcome luncheon address. A quartet composed of Mrs. Freeman Beal, Maybelle Shaffner, Frank Hovey and J. Frank Shaffer rendered several selections. Histories of the Newhall Presbyterian Church were given by Mrs. Virgil Barnhill and Mrs. Donald Frew. Later many of the visitors gathered at the home of Mrs. Thibaudeau for an afternoon of recalling old times.

The 50th Anniversary evening service theme was "The Church of the Future" and was conducted by members of the Youth Organization. Mr. F. W. Trueblood, Jr., gave the Call to Worship, the sermon, and the invocation.

The Presbyterian Youth Organization in 1941 was headed by Fred Trueblood, Jr., President; Miss Maybell Shaffner, Vice President; and Mildred Story was the Secretary-Treasurer. Their work during this period of time included clearing off and cleaning up the tennis court and the construction of a barbecue and badminton court.

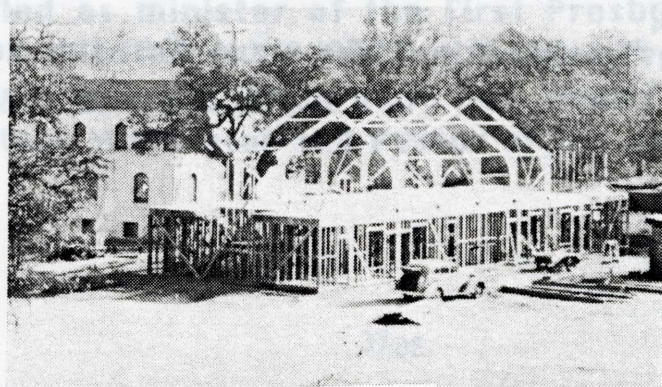
Rev. John Abraham Christensen was called to the pastorate in 1944. Rev. Christensen a graduate of Princeton Seminary had last served as Pastor of the Englishtown, New Jersey, Presbyterian Church.

The Session of the church was increased from four to seven elders in 1945, the first year "staggered terms" was introduced. It was also this year that the "Ladies Aid Society" changed their name to "Womens Guild".

Mr. Don Frew was elected president of the HOMEBUILDERS CLUB in 1947. The purpose of this new church organization was to "furnish clean social affairs for younger married folks". Mr. Alfred Ertel was elected president of the organization in 1948.

The first professional choir director, Miss Dibble, was hired in 1947 and was succeeded by Mr. Carlton Hadley in 1949.

The congregation approved the construction of a new Christian Education Building in November 1947. (It was commonly referred to as the "Community Hall" and had its beginning with a \$1000 contribution to the Youth Group from William S. Hart.



Pastors 1941-1950

Rev. Claude E. Rowley (1941-1944)
Rev. John A. Christensen (1944-1951)

Elders 1941-1950

(See Listings on pages 109-110)

Membership


Year	Church	Sunday School
1941	82	186
1942	93	138
1943	96	101
1944	n/a	106
1945	n/a	143
1946	n/a	186
1947	n/a	280
1948	165	252
1949	189	268
1950	258	273


Sunday School Superintendents

Mr. Frank Hovey (1938-1942)

Mr. Ray Kessinger (1945-1948)

Mr. Alfred C. Ertel (1948-1953)

 Mrs. Christena Ertel joined our congregation in 1949. She is another one of the family of present day Pioneers who worships with us regularly.

 Among the Deacons elected in 1950 were Dorothy Larinan and Christena Ertel.

1951-1960

Rev. John C. Weston was called to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall upon the resignation of Rev. John Christensen in 1951. Rev. Weston had served the First Presbyterian Church of Santa Monica prior to his move to Newhall. He was ordained by the Box Butte Presbytery in 1938 and served as minister of the First Presbyterian Churches in Kimball, Nebraska and Ft. Morgan, Colorado before moving to California.

In 1952, The Woman's Guild changed their name to "The Women's Association". Five circles were formed:

- Mary Martha (16 women)**
- Lydia (16 women)**
- Ruth (14 women)**
- Lois (17 women)**
- Esther (8 women)**

The formal dedication of the Christian Education Building took place on October 11, 1953. A copy of this "Service of Dedication" is reproduced on the next page.

The first Year Book of the Woman's Association was published in 1954.

Rev. Dean S. Collins served as Acting Pastor of the Newhall Presbyterian Church for the eleven month period following the departure of Rev. John Weston in 1957.

On September 28, 1958, Rev. Joseph Heher Robertson was formally installed as minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall by various officials of the Los Angeles Presbytery. Taking part in the Service of Installation were Rev. Dean Collins, Dr. Stanley George, Presbytery Moderator and Pastor of the Whittier Church; Dr.

C. L. Shuster, Executive Secretary of the Southern California Synod; Rev. Arthur Dahlberg, Jr., Pastor of the San Fernando Presbyterian Church, and Elder James D. Nesbit.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Shuster; Prayer of Installation by Rev. Dahlberg, Jr.; Charge to the Minister by Rev. Dean Collins and Charge to the Congregation by Elder Nesbit. Dr. Stanley S. George, Presbytery Moderator and pastor of the Whittier Presbyterian Church noted that both Mr. and Mrs. Robertson had been members of his congregation at San Bernardino before their marriage, praising them highly and congratulated the congregation for their excellent selection.



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COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newhall, California

The Act Of Dedication

Minister—Beloved in Christ, inasmuch as God, in His providence made it possible for us to build this edifice as a place of worship, instruction and Christian fellowship, it is right that we should now dedicate it to Him responsibly now in our own act of dedication.

Minister—To the glory of God Our Father, Author of all truth, goodness and beauty, Giver of all skill of mind and hand.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—With faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, His Son, whose life and ministry are the only true basis of our faith and teaching.

Minister—Moved by His Holy Spirit, our guide in the worship of God and our strength in the living of the Christian life.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—To maintain a school of intelligent faith, wherein we may learn to give a reason for the faith that is in us.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—For kindling the flame of devotion in the hearts of our youth who shall assemble here.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—To the Teacher of Galilee who when He saw the multitudes, had compassion on them and taught them.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—For aggression against evil, for fostering civic righteousness, for promotion of peace and justice in all the earth.

People—We dedicate this Building.

Minister—For the sending forth of the Gospel unto the uttermost part of the earth, for the giving of hope and courage to those that labor in the Lord, for the consecration of life and service, till thy Kingdom come.

People—We dedicate this Building.

The Prayer of Dedication Rev. Carroll L. Shuster

The Solo Dedication: "Bless This House" Taylor and Brahe

The Benediction Rev. John C. Weston

The Postlude Our Guests

The Rev. Carroll L. Shuster, D.D., Executive Secretary—Synod of California

Southern Area, Los Angeles, California

The Rev. Herman J. Sweet, Ph.D., General Director of Christian Education

Southern Area, Los Angeles, California

The Rev. James A. McMill, Minister

Presbyterian Church, Panorama City, California

Mr. Arthur Wallon, Elder

First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, California

Invitation to the Fellowship Tea

Tea will be served by the ladies of our Women's Association with Mrs. Thomas H. Frew as chairman, Mrs. Minnie E. Dawson and Mrs. Donald R. Frew will pour. Mrs. F. Slaby Carpenter and Miss Claudia Kluttim will serve those who prefer punch.

Service of Dedication

John Copeland Weston, Minister
Miss Barbara Larson, Director of Music
Mrs. Ruth Woods, Pianist

October 11, 1953 3:00 o'clock
The Prelude: Largo Handel

The Hymn: "God Of Our Fathers"

1. God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band Of shining works in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past; In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be thou our Haler, Guardian, Guide and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy path our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from death's pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defence; Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way; Lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine; And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine, Amen.

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer Rev. James A. McMill

The Voice of Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-12 Mr. Arthur L. Walton

Brief History and Presentation of the Keys to the Trustees: Mr. Roy Kesinger, Chairman, Building Program Committee

Acceptance of the Keys Mr. Russel C. Powell, Chairman of the Trustees

Presentations by the Minister:

Superintendent of Building Construction, Mr. Lawrence E. Weibly

Superintendent of the Church School, Mr. William H. Lansing

Past Superintendents of Church School, Mr. Frank P. Hovey, Mr. Roy Kesinger, Mr. Alfred Eriel

Moderator of the Westminster Fellowship, Marvin F. Greenleaf

President of the Women's Association, Mrs. Donald R. Frew

The Presentation of Guests, Mr. Ralph W. Overton, Chairman, Building Finance Committee

Greetings: President, Newhall Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Ralph W. Overton

President, Newhall-Saugus Kiwanis Club, Mr. Ernest E. Chittwood

President, Newhall Lions Club, Mr. Taylor Powell

President, Newhall 20-30 Club, Mr. Paul V. Tuttle

Superintendent, W. S. Hart Union High School District, Mr. Irvin A. Shimm

The Anthem: "Open The Gates of the Temple"—Knapp The Choir

The Dedication Offering: The Ocolology

The Message: Opportunity Unlimited—Rev. Herman J. Sweet

Pastors 1951-1960

Rev. John A. Christensen (1944-1951)
Rev. John C. Weston (1951-1957)
Rev. Joseph H. Robertson (1958-1967)

Elders 1951-1960


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Membership

<u>Year</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
1951	240	299
1952	288	311
1953	310	327
1954	328	289
1955	347	302
1956	340	296
1957	350	222
1958	296	232
1959	326	268
1960	326	223

Sunday School Superintendents

Alfred C. Ertel (1948-1953)
William Lansing (1954)
Adrain Adams (1954-1956)
Dorothy Larinan (1956-1960)

 New members joining our church during this decade included:

Mr. and Mrs. George Harris (1952); Barbara Larson (1953);
Wayne Jones (1954); Geneva Lenardson (1954); Marilyn Chase (1958);
Laura Davidson Howie (1958) Alice McKay (1958); Bob Chase (1958) and
Marion Redfern (1960).

1961-1967

Rev. Joseph Robertson served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall for almost nine and a half years. In November of 1967, the Session called a special meeting of the congregation to act upon Rev. Robertson's request to terminate his pastoral relationship.

While ministers of the First Presbyterian Church had been excellent shepherds of the congregations, the years after the pastorate of Rev. Wolcott Evans had been times calling for a reassuring word, a calming voice, and gentle nature. The Robertson's years had tried to bring such a ministry.

In Rev. Robertson's message to the members of the congregation, he wrote,

"Dear Friends, We are caught by the truth of the words written by the Old Testament author: 'There is a time for everything.' There was a time for us to come to Newhall. Now it is time to leave. We feel our work here is done. It has been challenging.

The eighteen men who served before us had an average pastorate of three and one half years duration. The salary was minimum. The manse was inadequate. The outlook was dim. But you corrected it as fast as you could. The church was painted inside and out. The worn-out organ was replaced. The chancel was redesigned. The forty year old and thousand dollar mortgage was paid. A modern air conditioned manse was built...we have a week-day nursery school, an excellent music program with a soon-to-be installed gift of five ranks of pipes for the organ, a growing Boy Scout and Cubbing program. Many organizations within the community share the use of our facilities.....".

The above message briefly tells the story of the the accomplishments of the First Presbyterian Church during the years 1961-67.

The Chancel Choir had three music directors during this period of time. Donna Robertson served as choir director until September, 1962. Mrs. Georgette Danielson then served until Mr. Larry Mason took over these duties in 1966.

The organizational meeting of the Mariners was held in the home of Roy and Pat Atkinson's on February 1964. There were thirty-one charter members. The Atkinsons' were elected Skippers and Les and Millie Tanner elected as Logkeepers.

In 1966, the Session and Trustees were merged into one unicameral board. The Session at this date was enlarged to fifteen members.

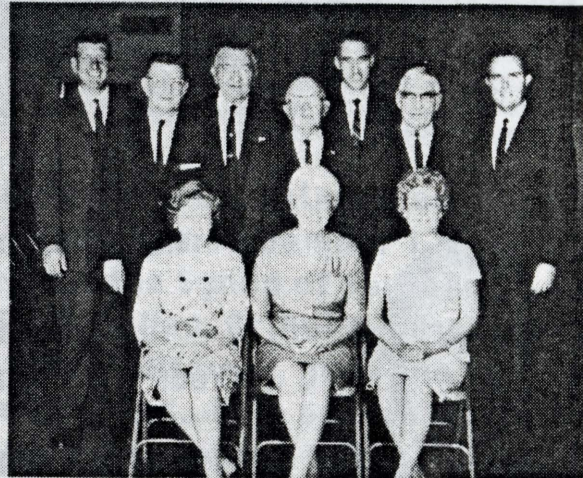
The year 1966 marked the seventy-fifth year of our church's life. Rev. Robertson in his message to the congregation noted that "Our temporal structures continue to need maintenance and repairs. New leadership has to be recruited for our church school, boards and organizations....For most of these past seventy-five years, we were the only worshiping congregation in the community. Sixteen years ago, we were one of only four serving the needs of 8,045 people. Today (1966) we share this task with thirty-one other congregations in a community of 33,000...."

In observance of the 75th Anniversary, a Pictorial Church Directory was published and presented to all the members of the Congregation. Mrs. Frank Brawley was the coordinator of this project. Portions of the Directory are reproduced below and on the following page.



BOARD OF DEACONS:

Donald Dandy, Margaret Lagerberg, Peter Marshall, Marion Redfern, Robert Chase, Pat Atkinson. Absent from picture: Wanda Lewis, Donald Frew, Maude Larson, Doris Petrie, John Woodman.



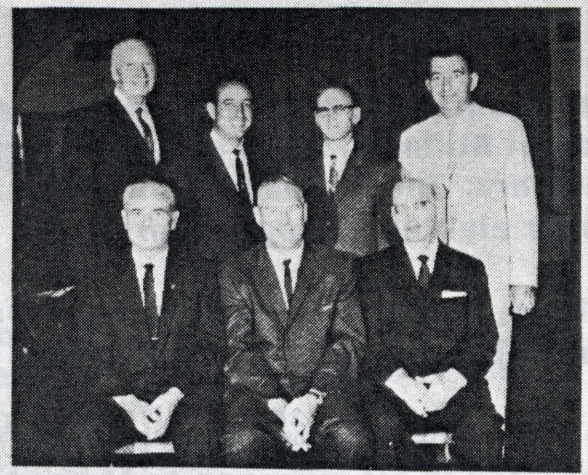
BOARD OF SESSION:

Joseph Robertson (Moderator), Jerry Veenendaal, Joseph Critchfield, Erwin Neumann, Leland Carver, John Fuller, Douglas Fortine, Laura Davidson, Mildred O'Neill, Eva Pullar. Absent from picture: Forrest Maguire, Vernan Swindall, Jacqueline Koehler, William Ross.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD:

Alma Jerma, Millie Tanner, Margaret Haskell (president), Eva Pullar, Florence Hildebrand, Ellie Fuller, Vella Fortine, Donna Robertson, Sally Vandiver, Katherine Garver, Millie O'Neill, Willa May Green, Georgia Dandy, Mae Maurer. Absent from picture: Sharon Morrison, Mary Morgan, Claudine Planck, Charlotte Henke, Mary Vincent.



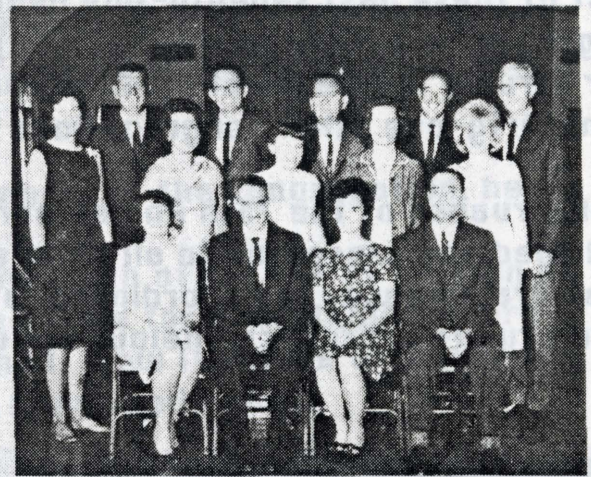
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

George L'Odense, Eugene Ballif, Boyd Slocum, Joseph Ware, Ralph Rich, Kenneth Yates, William Pullar.



CHANCEL CHOIR:

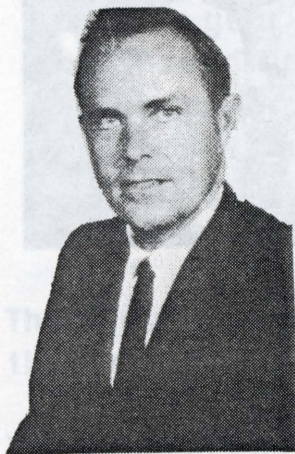
Georgette Danielson (Choir Director), Florence Hildebrand, (Organist), Donna Becker, Ken Loyd, Floyd Yingst, Doris Petrie, Barbara Larson, Gordon Petrie, Mae Maurer.



"GOLDEN HIND" MARINER'S EXECUTIVE BOARD:

John & Ellie Fuller (Skippers), Les & Millie Tanner, Roy & Pat Atkinson, Bob & Marilyn Chase, Eugene & Ruth Ballif, Ted & Pat See, Jerry & Sigrid Veensendaal. Absent from picture: Glen & Jean Gordon, Les & Betty Bond.

Pastor 1960-67 Rev. Joseph H. Robertson

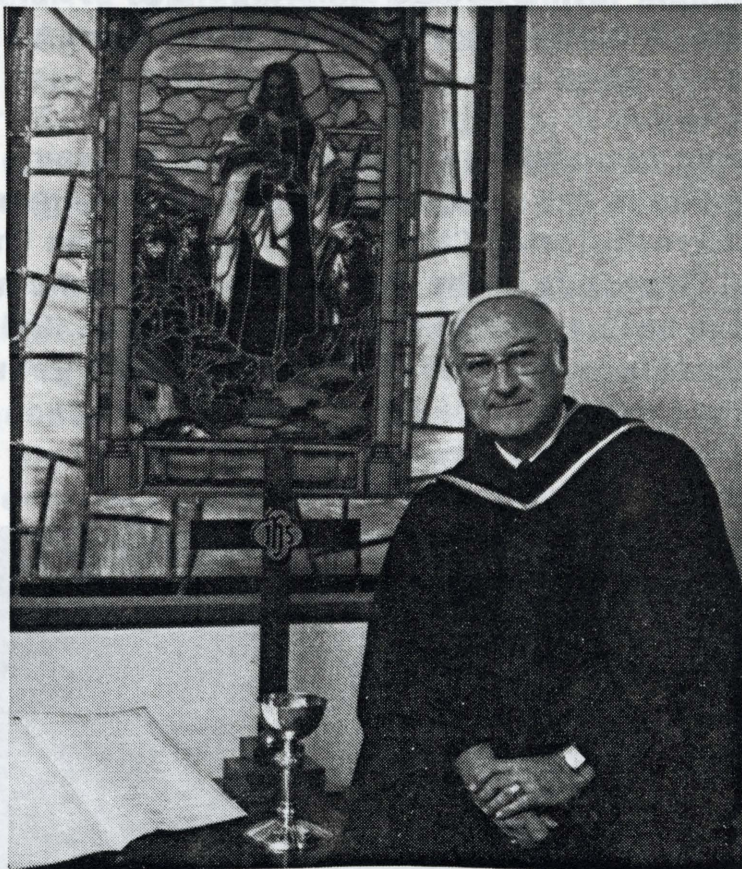


Rev. Joseph H. Robertson

Membership

Year	Church	Sunday School
1961	341	241
1962	353	240
1963	353	265
1964	360	320
1965	381	309
1966	418	308
1967	377	n/a/
1968	420	177

1968-1991



The Pastorate

After an 11-month search, Rev. Robert Bingham was installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall on November 17, 1968 by the Rev. Lee V. Kliwer, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Southern California and a personal friend of Rev. Bingham. Rev. Arthur E. French Jr., Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Riverside, California, gave the morning sermon "Peace and Calm or Fear and Panic". Rev. Gordon MacInnes, Pastor of the Sunland Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church gave the Charge to the Pastor. Elder John Fuller (of our church) and Elder Don Brock of the Granada Hills, St. Luke Presbyterian Church took part in the Installation Service.

Rev. Bingham was born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He met his wife, Janet Schaefer as a freshman in David B. Oliver High School and they became "sweethearts" by their senior year. Both

Bob and Janet attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa. Shortly after graduation Bob and Janet were married...August 4, 1951. They will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in 1991! Bob received his Master of Divinity degree from Pittsburgh-Kenia Seminary.

Bob and Janet have two children; Bruce and Gail Stewart. Bruce Bingham and family live in Lebanon, Ohio. Bruce is serving as a Deacon in the Lebanon First Presbyterian Church, helping with the church school and his wife, Brenda is in the church choir. Gail and her husband Cameron are both active in our Newhall church...Gail is an Elder and has been active in the Church School for many years. Cameron is presently serving on the Board of Deacons.

Rev. Bingham recalls that when he first met with the representatives of the pastor-seeking committee, he asked them what goals they were seeking in his ministry at Newhall. Their answer was three-fold:

“To help build a new church”

“To work with Youth”

“To help gain leadership for our church’s life and mission”

It wasn’t too long before the first of these goals presented itself in the form of an earthquake which occurred February 9, 1971...hastening the decision to replace the 1923 church.

The second goal was addressed in Rev. Bingham’s 1972 Annual Report to the congregation... “I am happy with the many steps we have made in Christian Education, in a time many churches are seeing a decline in these programs. We have found renewed interest and leadership for a summer program, extended our church school hour and have renewed programs for senior high and college age students.” This goal has continued over the past 23 years as evidenced by Jr. and Sr. Hi Fellowship, Youth Club, and Bell choirs described later in this chapter.

The third goal, that of an increase in mission leadership and giving is clearly brought out in the fact that the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall has increased its Mission giving from \$2550 a year in 1968 to over \$33,000 a year in 1989!

Rev. Bingham, in addition to his duties as pastor, has reached out into the Santa Clarita community serving as Editor and later as President of the Newhall Rotary Club; as a member of the Board of Director of the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, Chairman of the Patient Care Committee for a seven years, Member of the Quality Assurance Committee, Vice Chairman of the Board, later became Chairman of the Board and today he serves on the Ethics Committee.

Rev. Bingham's service beyond the congregational needs over the past 23 years have included moderating the Sessions of a number of churches in the Presbytery; serving as Vice Moderator and Moderator of the San Fernando Presbytery, and serving on various Committees of the Presbytery and Synod. He is presently Chairman of the Synod Conference Grounds Management Committee.



THE INSTALLATION SERVICE

of

THE REVEREND ROBERT BINGHAM

by

THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN FERNANDO

Sunday, November 17, 1968

11:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: Thanksgiving

Robert Purvis

Matines

Louis Dierne

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Chancel Choir

***THE APOSTLES CREED**

Rev. Lee D. Klierer D.D.

Stated Clerk, Synod of So.

Calif.

***HYMN #437**

"The Church's One Foundation"

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Dr. Klierer

***GLORIA PATRI**

RESPONSIVE READING

Selection 13

Elder Don Brock

St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Granada Hills

ANTHEM

"Thanks Be to God"

Dickson

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:35-43

Elder John S. Fuller, First Presbyterian Church, Newhall

SERMON

The Reverend Arthur E. French, Jr.

Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Riverside

"Peace and Calm or Fear and Panic"

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS:

Dr. Klierer

INSTALLATION PRAYER

***HYMN #470**

"We Would Be Building"

CHARGE TO THE PASTOR:

Rev. Gordon A MacInnes

Pastor, Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church-Sunland

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Chester M. Buley, D.D.

HYMN #298

"Lord, Speak to Me, that I May Speak"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE: Maestosa in C Sharp Minor

Louis Dierne



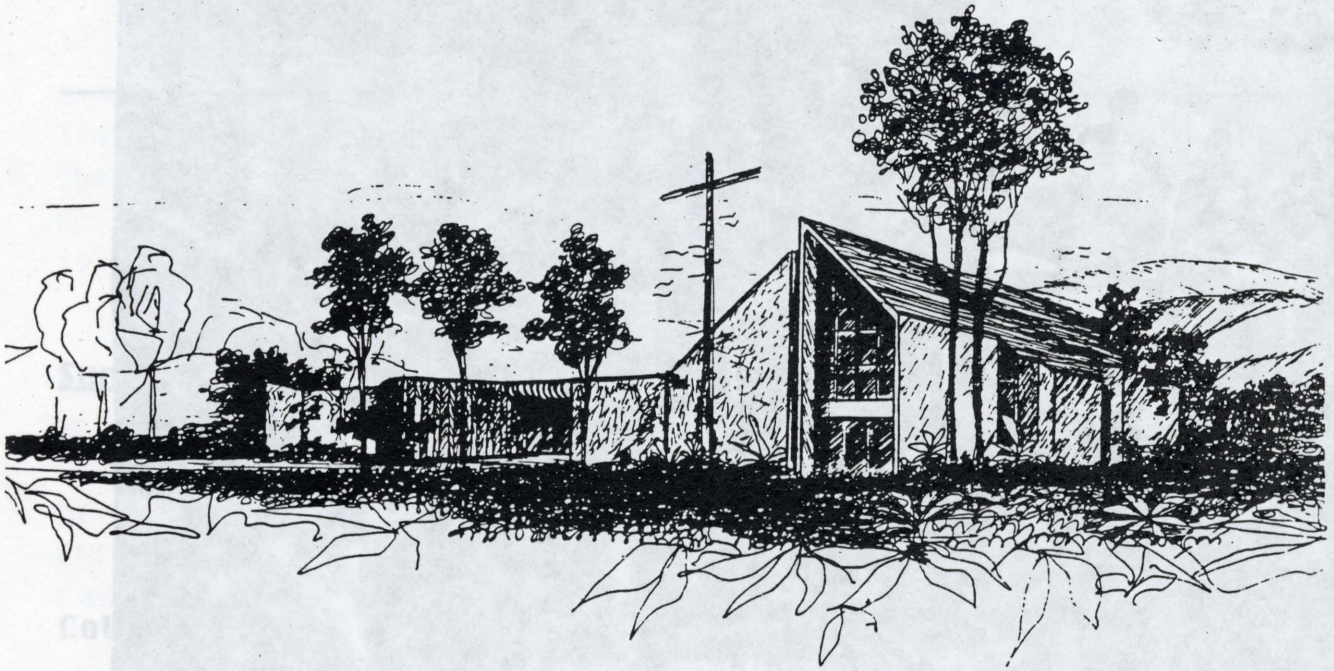
WHO WILL FINISH THE SHIP

Plaster falling, a leaking roof and power overloads combined with cold Sunday mornings during the winters of 1969 and 1970 had the congregation and Rev. Bingham thinking that a new sanctuary would soon be needed.

The earthquake on February 9, 1971 hastened these thoughts! The Fellowship Hall arches supporting the roof were damaged, making the Fellowship Hall unsafe and in the Sanctuary, our church organ was extensively damaged. On the Sunday following the earthquake we held morning Worship Services in the Hilburn Funeral Chapel.

During the following weeks we learned that the total damages exceeded over \$40,000. Jerry Deenendaal and John Castagna made the necessary repairs to the Fellowship Hall and we continued to worship in the Sanctuary with "fingers crossed". When it rained, it poured! The ushers had to put tarps on the last three pews and buckets to catch the water many times during the year. The Christmas Eve and the Christmas Sunday Worship Services had to be held in the Fellowship Hall in 1971 due to the heavy rains!

On May 3, 1973, the Congregation approved the Master Plot Plan for a new Church. In November the County of Los Angeles gave final approval of our Conditional Use Permit.



The Session appointed a building committee composed of Jerry Deenendaal, Chairman and assisted by Barbara Beckman, Eugene Ballif, Georgia Dandy, Karen Effertz, Louis Gobble, Kenneth Lloyd, Warren Rakness and ex-officio, Rev. Bingham.

The Primary activity for 1974 involved a Building Campaign geared to underwrite the General and Building Programs. The Congregation, in faith, committed to a three year pledge program. The Program was headed by Rev. Cliff Post (Support Agency) and John Fuller and William Brice were appointed Chairpersons. Other members of the committee included Margaret Haskell, Personnel; Joe Kern, Promotion; Alice McKay, Staff Committee; Gary Michael and Elizabeth Daggy, Dinners; and Jay Headley and Jeff Wheeler, Follow-up. Seventy members of the congregation attended training sessions resulting in \$88,521 pledged toward the new building over a three year period.

A building permit was obtained on January 15, 1975, and the Trustees let bids on the building on January 16.

Ed Bolden donated civil engineering, grading, street and sewer plans and furnished blueprints of the entire project.

The 1976 Building Committee Report told of the Committee's and Rev. Bingham's concern and months of study to arrive at a liturgical arrangement for worship in the new Sanctuary...Suggestive of the "reformed" tradition, the wood Communion table, with its inlaid ceramic artwork, rests as a free-standing unit on the quarry tile Chancel floor. The pulpit, symbolizing the "Word" has been carefully located" as were the pew arrangements. Some of the original stained glass windows will be incorporated into the new windows. The Chi-Rho symbol on the pulpit is the Greek abbreviation for the name of "Christ" and proclaims the truth, "I believe in Jesus Christ, His Son, Our Lord". It is superimposed over the Alpha and Omega symbol, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the beginning and the end...the first and the last.

On February 18, 1976, James Hill was awarded the contract for the construction of the new church for a total of \$204,558. The Trustee also signed a \$12,000+ contract with Jos Maes for new stained glass to be used in the new Sanctuary.

Ground Breaking Services were held on March 7, 1976 and the contract was signed by Mr. Hill and the Trustees during this Service. We broke ground the first Sunday of Lent (March 14, 1976). The Session presented those in attendance a small cross of nails made from the square nails taken from the 1891 church structure. Our next two Sundays were devoted to sharing a simple evening meal in the Fellowship Hall and becoming more aware of the worlds' hunger.



Elder Dave Moore



Cross of Nails

The final Worship Service was held in the "old" Church building on February 6, 1977. Who can ever forget Rev. Bingham leading the Chancel Choir out of the old building and into our new building for a Service of Communion and the Erection of the Chancel Cross! (The Chancel Cross was made from beams taken from the 1891 Church.) During this Service members of the Session and the Building Committee carried the Cross into the Sanctuary and once inside the building, Rev. Bingham invited all men, women and youth to come forward and help hold up the Cross over the Communion Table. Following the Sacrament, the Cross was placed in its worshipful center.

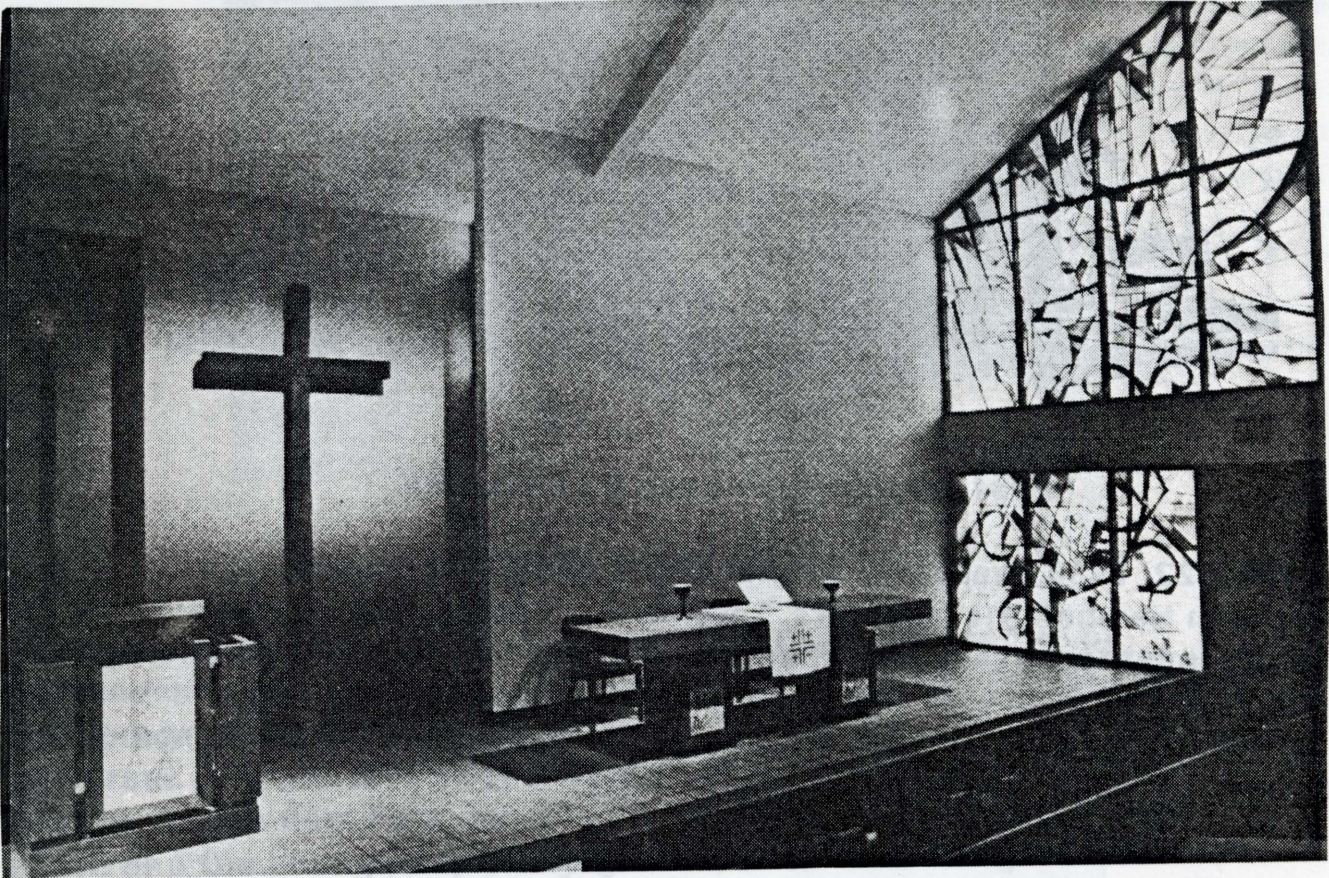
The following Sunday, February 13,, the formal Service of Dedication was conducted with Parish Associates William Ward and Marvin Weishaar assisting. The key to the new building was passed from James Hill, contractor, to Architect Robert Inslee, to Jerry Deenendaal, Chairman of the Building Committee and then to Dave Moore, Chairman of the Trustees. Dave then presented the key to Rev Bingham "and entrusted him to open not only the building but the Word of God to us as well".



Janet Bingham (l) and Myra Moore(r) observe the resealing of the Cornerstone

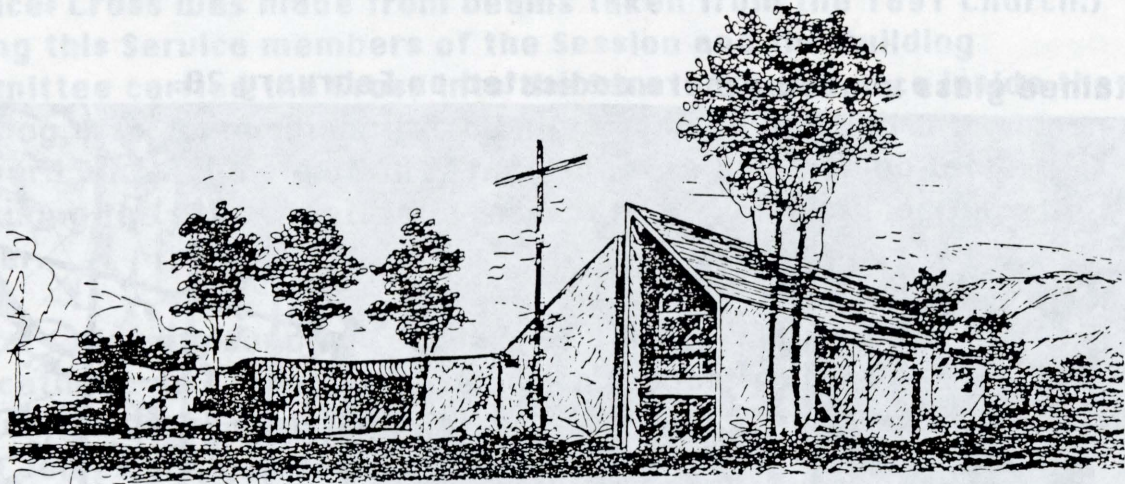
The sealing of the new cornerstone and the resealing of items from the 1923 cornerstone took place in the afternoon of February 20, 1977.

The stained glass windows were dedicated on February 20.



The stained glass window which faces Newhall Avenue was drawn by the artist, Mr. Jos Meas. The upper right corner has the traditional IHS expressing Jesus as the Light of the World; the Cross shows the Love of God; the Vine and Branches remind us of our union with Christ; while the Wheat and Grapes express the reality of the union and love in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The Butterfly give us the word of Resurrection and Eternal Life. In the lower corner are shown our 1891 and 1923 church which have served as landmarks and centers of our Christian Faith since 1891.

The 1977 Christmas Eve Services, held in our new Sanctuary, saw the entire Church filled to maximum capacity (and over) with the overflow sitting in the Narthex Chapel area!



First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

January 22, 1988, marked a special day for our First Presbyterian Church in Newhall, its members, Session and Pastor...we had repaid ALL the indebtedness on our church properties (through three Building Fund Drives and excellent money management of our Trustees and Pastor)...many years ahead of schedule. Our repayment to the Synod was not scheduled to begin until April 1991!

YOUTH FORGE THE FUTURE



Youth Fellowship

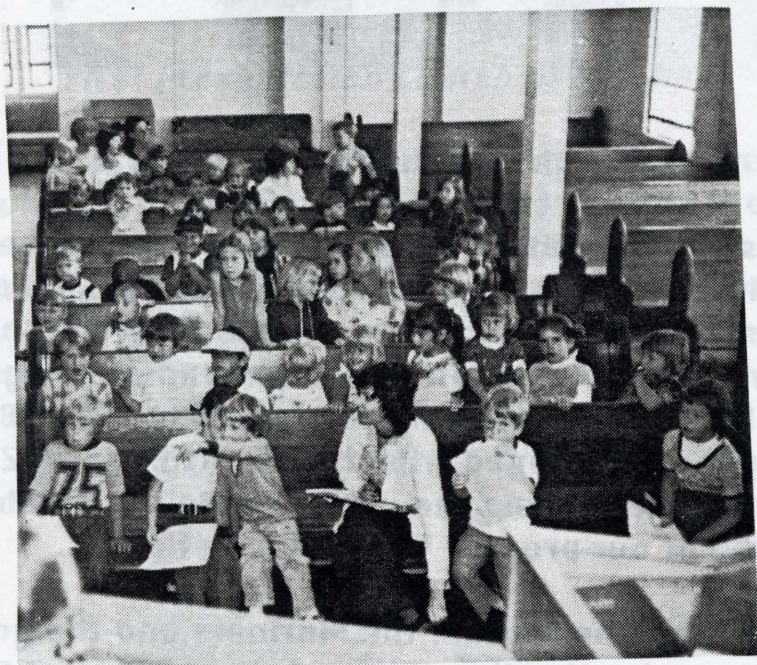
In 1969, the Session felt that Christian Education had to be expanded beyond the weekly Sunday morning Sunday School and a SUN FUN program was created as a part of the summer church school program. Classes met on the lawn of Dr. and Mrs. Ross on Eighth Street, and at Hart Park, swimming parties were held at the Ballif pool, and the young people enjoyed trips to the Los Angeles Zoo and to Forest Lawn in Glendale to view the various religious exhibits. This marked the beginning of our present Youth Club activities.

During the 1970 Christmas Season, the Mariners and the young people of our Church, under the direction and supervision of Ellie Fuller provided a living Nativity Scene in front of the Church (in the rain) for the community of Newhall. In 1971 the Junior High group acted out the parts of Wise Men and shepherds in the Living Christmas Tree Scene.

In 1971 the Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi groups enjoyed various snow and beach outings, bike rides to Castaic, Ice Cream Social. The home of Gwen

and Harry Castle was used as a biweekly meeting place for the Senior High group. Ray Gray spearheaded a Sr.Hi./College age fellowship group in 1972. Jay and Kathryn Headley took over as sponsors of the Sr. Hi. Fellowship in 1974 .

A midweek youth program of Bible study and singing began in 1975 under the leadership of Myra Moore and Kathryn Headley. A teen choir "Teensing" had its debut in March and during the year would sing about every six weeks, during the morning worship service. The Senior Hi group under Jay and Kathryn Headley found time to do more than just study and discuss the various Gospels...they enjoyed camping in the Wolf's van at Morro Bay; miniature golfing; an Easter party; a surprise party for Sonne Behrens (the foreign exchange student who lived with the Castle's); a weekend at Refugio State Beach, Christmas caroling and a New Years Eve night spent in the Wolf's family van at the Rose Parade.



1975-A youth gathering in the "old church"

In October 1976, Myra and Kathryn headed up the new youth organization the "Youth Club". Originally grades 1-8 were included and the program consisted of a four-part program...recreation, choir, Bible study, and dinner. Eric Didstrand taught the 1st grade; Pam Hendley, grades 2 and 3; Rev.

Bingham, grades 4, 5 and 6 and Jr. Hi. Millie Tanner had the responsibility for the mid week meal. Jay Headley and Bill Ward were responsible for the Senior Hi Fellowship group this year.

In 1977, the Youth Club added grades 10-11-and 12 and a realignment of teaching assignments. Connie Froeberg taught the 1st grade; Chris Autz the 2nd; Eric Vidstrand, 4th; Jay Headley, 5th and 6th; Rev. Bingham, 7th; Carole Wheeler the 8th and 9th grades; and Sigrid Deenendaal and Bill Ward the Sr. Hi. group. Youth Club attendance numbered forty-five students. John and Ellie Fuller along with Jay and Kathryn Headley reactivated the Sunday Evening Fellowship group.



Rev. Bingham speaks to the Youth Club

Keith Franklin, one of our members and a student at Claremont School of Theology, was added to the church staff in 1978 to work with the Jr. and Sr. Hi group. The Youth Club, under Myra Moore, this year had an average attendance of 65 youths. Four youth choirs were also organized this year..."Joyful", "Praisers", "Teensing" and "Witness" under the direction of Kathryn Headley. The Senior Hi Fellowship group enjoyed swimming parties at Ventura Beach. Keith left in June of 1979, and part of his work was taken over by Sharon Johnson, a senior at Fuller Seminary. Sharon worked with the Youth

as part of her intern assignment. Many in the congregation still remember the Teensing and Witness choirs "Story Tellin' Man", musical presentation at a morning Worship Service in 1979...and the Senior High of '79 still remember their three retreats that year...the winter retreat at the home of Dan and Marion Waters; Spring retreat at El Capitan State Beach and the Fall retreat at Refugio State Park. I bet leaders, Jay and Kathryn Headley also remember the retreats! Jane Fuller, Jill Lytle and Denise Stanley, of our youth group led the morning Worship Service in May.

The Youth Club celebrated its 5th year in 1980, under the direction of Myra Moore. Kathryn Headley headed the various youth choirs and the Sunday evening Senior Hi Fellowship continued under Jay Headley and Bill Ward.

The Sr. Hi. Fellowship group enjoyed a winter retreat at Dan and Marion Waters' Arrowhead cabin and two weekend retreats at the Endean's Oxnard Beach house. If our records are correct, this was also the year the Youth Fellowship began their annual pumpkin pie and bread bake prior to the Thanksgiving season.

In 1981, Kevin Rudolph, Seminary Intern took over the Senior Hi Fellowship, assisted by Gail Bingham and Sigrid Veenendaal. Kevin was also assigned the responsibility of serving as Director of the Youth Club. Myra Moore and Kathryn Headley retired as Youth Club directors, having both been instrumental in starting the Youth Club and having nurtured it into a thriving program. Ellie Fuller continued as Chief Cooking Superintendent. Several young people were extended the opportunity to attend a Youth Club National Conference in Estes Park Colorado. They included Kathy Craig, Lisa Endean, Kevin Sinderman, Shawna Smith and Greg White.

Record attendance was achieved in the Senior High Fellowship during 1982 with Kevin Rudolph and Gail Bingham heading the program. The group enjoyed a Winter Retreat, an Easter Picnic, trip to Magic Mountain and a kidnap breakfast. Pumpkin pie and bread bakes furnished funds for the group activities at Thanksgiving. Youth Club enjoyed a good year too and a pre-club program for grades 1-3 was held prior to the regular Youth Club activities on Wednesday afternoons. Four of our young people attended the Youth Club National Conference in Estes Park...Donna Jo Kern, Lisa Endean, John

Mayne and Kevin Sindermann.

With the departure of Kevin Rudolph, Youth Club was continued under the direction of Rev. Bingham and the new Seminary intern, Jeff Sievert until September, 1983. Jeff Sievert remained for one and a half years.

Youth Club was discontinued in 1985 due to lack of leadership.

Hadley Davis was employed in 1985 as a part time youth director to work with the Jr. and Sr. Hi Fellowship group. It was this year we saw our youth softball team named champions of the city-wide Church Youth softball League under the coaching of Bruce Zigtema. Other youth activities this year included beach outings, refinishing pews, repainting the church house, water skiing, the annual senior breakfast, the ice cream socialable, a car rally and a working trip to San Francisco.

Clark Cowden, seminary intern, lead the Sr. Hi. Fellowship and other youth meetings beginning in September 1986. Clark continued his work with the youth until June 1987 when he was called to a hospital ministry internship. His work with the youth fellowship was assumed by Dan and Karen Cowen and by Craig and Lydia Campbell. "Adventure Club" was started in October 1987, reinstating a mid-week youth group for grades 3 through 6 under the direction of Kathryn Headley. In the summer of 1988, the Adventure Club changed its name back to Youth Club. Sarah Morrison took over the leadership of the Youth Club from Kathryn Headley in the fall of 1989 and directed the activities of the group until her resignation in 1990.

Church School

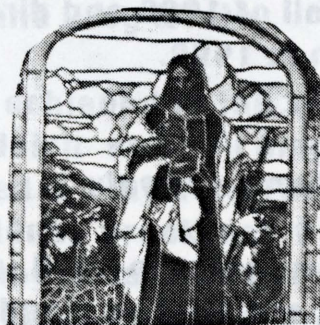
When Bob Bingham became pastor in 1970, John Fuller was the Church School Superintendent, assisted by Floyd Yingst. The Church School staff consisted of sixteen teachers and helpers and the enrollment totaled 177.

“Christian Faith and Action” curriculum was implemented by John Fuller in the fall of 1970 by the Church School. Junior High and Fellowship activities during this year included a trip to the Rose Parade, Mount Pintos snow trip, an ice skating party, Ice cream social, Disneyland trip, painting their basement classroom and at year end, the singing of Christmas Carols to the various shut-ins of our congregation.

Our church records indicate that John Fuller and Floyd Yingst served as Church School administrators until 1973. An outstanding Bauman Bible Study Series was launched in 1972 by Rev. Bingham and successfully used over the next several years followed by Barclay’s commentary used in the Adult Home study groups. In 1973, Kathy Rakness and Carole Wheeler took over from John Fuller as Church School Coordinators and introduced “team teaching”. The Church School had 22 officers, teachers and helpers in 1973, the year in which attendance peaked at 207. In 1974 Georgia Dandy was recognized by the Session and the Church School for her ten years of service as Church School Secretary. Jay and Katherine Headley were appointed Sr. Hi Fellowship coordinators for the group which met Sunday evenings.

Time flies...it was fifteen years ago (1975) that many of the young adults of today remember Janet Macey’s Nativity collection...Janet had over 100 such scenes and the Church School children and Mariners enjoyed her “open house”.

In 1976, Kathy Littleton was named Church School Coordinator and with a staff of 21 brought the attendance back up from 154 in 1976 to 183 in 1978.



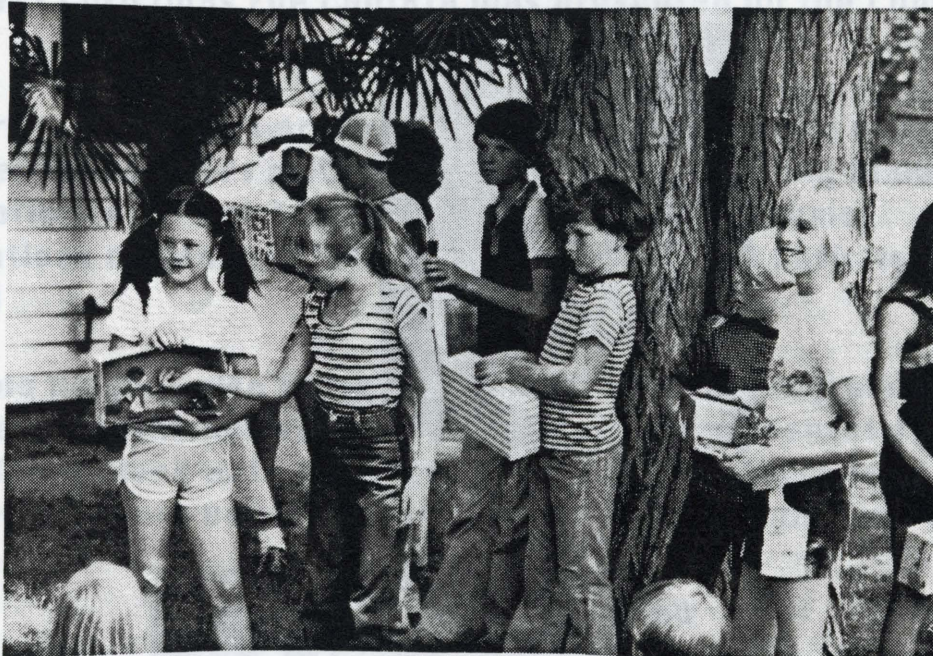
Children of the Church School originally presented the Good Shepherd Window as a memorial to Alexander Hume, the first Sunday School Superintendent and the window was located in the balcony area of the 1923 Church. Today this window is located in the Narthex Chapel .



Glenna Gray served as Church School Secretary through 1979 and in 1980, Gwen Castle and Carmella Lytle were named named Coordinators, adding Jean Emmett and Kathy Littleton to their staff in 1981. Gwen served as Coordinator during the year 1982 and up until September 1983, when Kathy Littleton was again asked to serve as Coordinator. Kathy Littleton then served until September of 1986, when Gail Stewart took over as Coordinator. Gail Stewart served until this year (1990) and was replaced by Sally Didrickson.

Vacation Church School

During the summers the church has offered a variety of of experiences for children in the Vacation Church School. These programs have been directed over the years by the following **dedicated adults:** *Kathy Rakness and Carole Wheeler; Pat Anderson and Debbie Whitaker; Cynthia German and Connie Froeberg; Carol Raker and Nancy Vahovick; Susan Hunter and Carol Raker; Susan Hunter and Sharon Carey; Sharon Carey and Becky Novy; Becky Novy and Chi Kanagi; Barbara Hynes and Judy Carter; Cathy Souza; Jan Stavinga and Cathy Souza.*



Little Shepherd's Nursery School

The Little Shepherd's Nursery School was the first Church Related Nursery School in the Santa Clarita Valley. It began operation in September of 1967 and offers a program of Christian nurture, helping

young children develop good feeling about themselves as a basis for loving others. The program supplements the Christian Education program of the church. Mrs. Terry Howe, the original director retired in 1976 and her position was filled by Ester Kloth who has held this position for the past fourteen years. Various board members and ex-officio members have included: Mrs. Katherine Garver, Betty Harris, Mary Kay Ross, Portia Anderson, Jane Hanson, Sigrid Veenendaal, Barbara Larson, Norma Stanley, Barbara Beckman, Joan Wilson, Ellie Fuller, Millie Tanner, Joan Wilson, Dorothy Harris, Sylvia Beardon, Carole Goldstein, Dorothy Harris, Irene McConnell, Connie Froeberg, Pam Bullock, Sue Fields, Florence Vidstrand, Harriet Duval, Jacquie Moore, Marlene Meyers, Janet Parker, Becky Novy, Martha Sherry, Judy Upham, Wanda Lewis, Sheila Jackson, Chi Kanagi, Vi White, Dixie Selvidge, Shari Klahs, Connie Cottier, Barbara Hynes, Shirley Johnston, Linda Adams and Dee Ann Woods. Ex Officio: Rev. Bingham, Virginia Furniss, Margaret Murray and Vernadene Zigtema.

CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY

Quality music, both organ and choral has always been a drawing characteristic of the church.



Dennis Ehrhardt

Dennis Ehrhardt became the church organist in 1969 and after twenty-two years, continues in this position today, an attribute of the Newhall Presbyterian music that is present in the Church's 100th year.

The Chancel Choir, during the years of Rev. Bingham's pastorate, have been under the direction of several superb directors. The music has been carefully selected for Christian content offering inspiration to the congregation over the past twenty-two years.



The Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir directors have included: *Larry Mason (1968-1971); Dr. Gilbert Seeley (1971-72); Maurita Thornburgh (1972-1979); Gary Arnold (1979-80); Kathryn Headley (interim 1981); Glenn Wonacott (1981-82); Jeannie Wagner (interim 1982); Scott Sandmeier (1983-1985); and Jeannie Wagner (1986-present).*

The first Christmas Eve Cantata was presented by the Choir in 1969.

Maurita Thornburgh presented many special musical programs during her seven years as Chancel Choir Director. Many in our congregation (and choir) today still remember the special presentations of Handel's "Messiah" during various Christmas seasons!

Jeannie Wagner also presented special musical programs and the one the editor remembers in particular was the presentation of our Chancel Choir along with members of other local churches of "REQUIEM" by Faure under the direction of Roger Wagner in 1988.



The Children's Choir(s) were under the direction of Kathryn Headley from 1975-1980. In 1982, Kathryn Headley started the Adult Handbell Choir and Patricia Bulber was responsible for the Youth Choir. Kathryn Headley continued directing the RSDP and Beggar Bell Choirs until her resignation in 1989. Mr. Charles Spier now directs the Bell Choirs.



TAKE TIME... TO SERVE

Ushering

Over the past years we have had a number of dedicated men who headed up the ushering programs for the church services. The head ushers during this time have included: Wayne Jones; Frank Morrison; Bob Osterholt; Bill Murray and Warren Rakness; Warren Rakness and Larry Ehrhardt; and Larry Ehrhardt and Bruce Carey.

TAKE TIME...TO SHARE...TO SUPPORT

Organizational Activities

Mariners: The stated purpose of the Golden Hind Mariners..."Married couples might find instructional (safe voyage), social (happy decks); and service (cargo) within the fellowship of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall". The Golden Hind Mariners organized in 1964 continued for twenty years. In 1984, an monthly Adult Fellowship was organized following the 1983 merger of the Mariners and the Gathering.

Various Skippers of the Golden Hind Mariners from 1964-1983 included:

Roy and Pat Atkinson (64); Les and Millie Tanner (65); John and Ellie Fuller (66); Jerry and Sigrid Deenendaal (67); Gene and Ruth Ballif (68); Roy and Pat Atkinson (69); Jim and Liz Daggy (70)(72); Guy and Evelyn Hanegan (71); John and Ellie Fuller (73); Charles and Doris Ludwig (74)(75); Judy and Bob Lazarus (76); Arnie and Florence Vidstrand (77)(82); Jean and George Butterfield (78); Hank and Helen Fritsch (79); Bill and Ruth Ward (80); Carole and Jeff Wheeler (81).

The various "cargo's and social events of the Mariners throughout the years included the planting of 50 pine trees on the hillside behind the Church and the erection of a Cross on the hillside; annual Christmas progressive dinners; theater parties; Dodger Baseball games; construction of the Kiosk by Bob Macey and Bob Osterholt; the traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage on St. Pat's Day (cooked by Bob and Janet Macey); Hawaiian nights; Halloween parties; and furnishing and serving meals at several annual Congregational dinners.

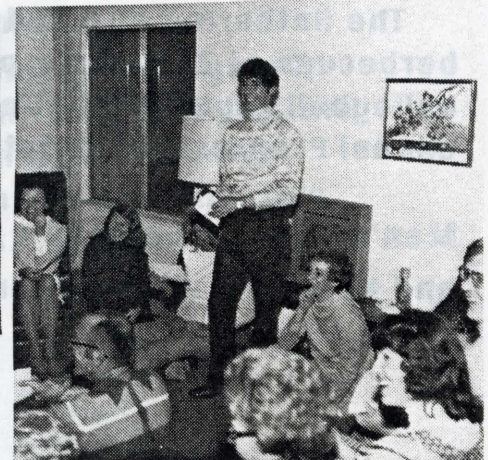
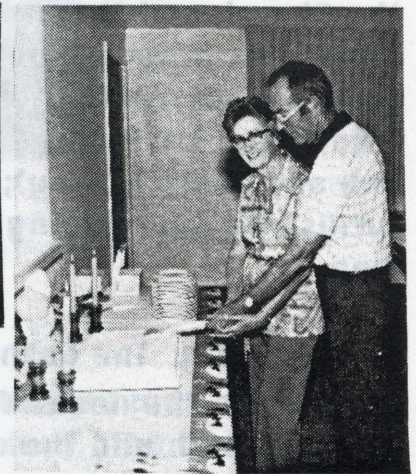
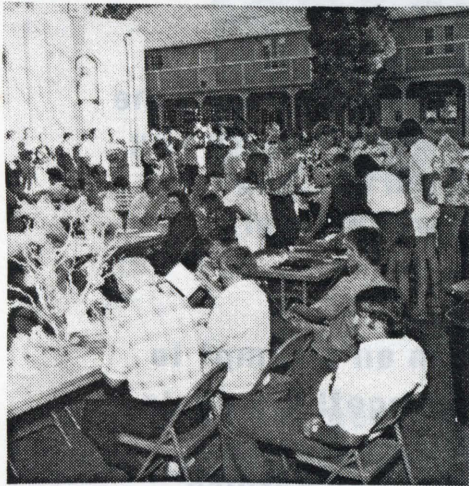
Gathering: The Gathering was organized in 1976 in an attempt to respond to the needs for more outreach... "bringing together people of the church and the community in order to strengthen Christian Relationships through activities of a social, education and service nature." The new members included both single and couples. This fellowship continued for seven years until 1983...when both the Mariners and Gathering became inactive due to decreasing attendance. The various "Conveners" during these years included: *Karen and Jerry Leonard (77); Doug and Connie Froeberg (78); Larry and Jean Ehrhardt (79); Sharon Carey and Pam Bullock (80); Glenna Gray and Dee Ann Wood (81); Dee Ann Wood (82); Don and Pam Trammell (83).*

The Gathering enjoyed Valentine and Halloween parties, outdoor barbecues at Zigtema's, potluck dinners, pizza parties at Young's; volleyball, swimming, skating, and uniting with the Mariners in the annual Progressive Christmas dinners.

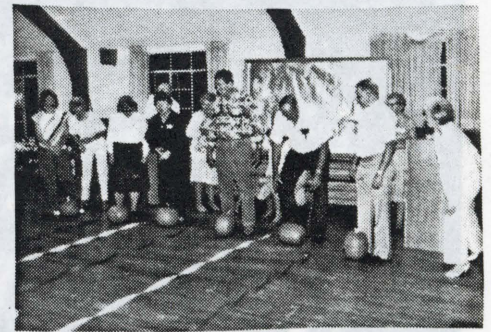
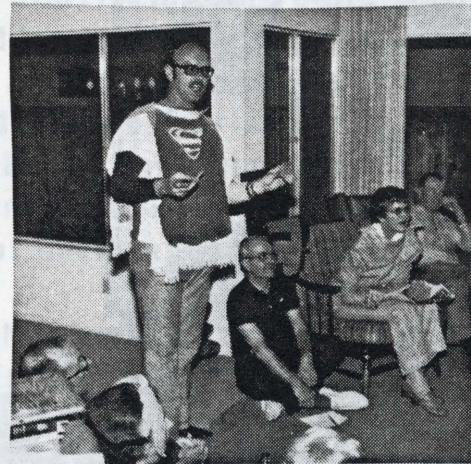
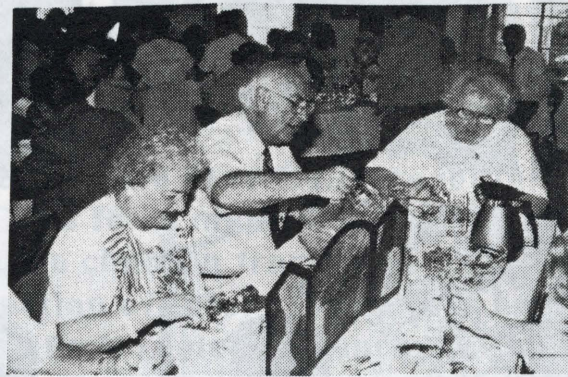
Men's Brak : A men's BRAK was organized in 1979 (Bible Reading and Koinonia) with morning meetings at 6:30 a.m. The group was led

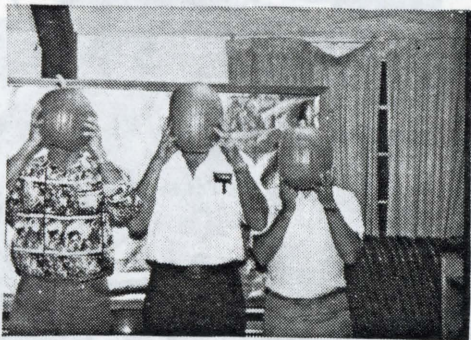
by Elder Ralph Killmeyer and continued active for the next two years.

Adult Fellowship: The Adult Fellowship Group was formed in 1984 to revive the two adult fellowships that had ceased in 1983. This fellowship continues to this date and the members enjoy various monthly social activities. In the years from 84 to the present, members have had family picnics, Ash Wednesday Sacrificial meals; pizza parties, Thanksgiving Day Feasts (for those who did not have celebrations at home); New Years Eve watch party; Bob Macey's Irish Night... corned beef and cabbage; Hollywood Bowl trips; Roman Toga night; parish open houses; ice cream sociable; Valentine parties; and the annual Christmas dinner.



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Pres Club: The Pres Club, an extension of the Adult Fellowship Program, was organized by Sarah Morrison in 1989 provides a social and service opportunity for the senior and retired members of the congregation.

The first 1990 event of the Pres Club (Presbyterain Club) was a Valentine Luncheon. The forty members attending enjoyed a pre-luncheon musical by the children from Little Shepherd's Nursery School under the direction of Ester Kloth. Other events during the 1990 year included an April Fools Day Luncheon featuring favorite old time tunes directed by Merritt Wolf; a June Luncheon with presentation of Chinese writing by Sarah Morrison; a summertime Barbeque with the top chefs, Pastor Robert Bingham, George Butterfield, and George Harris. Banjo music and singing was provided by musicians Rusty and Pam Cottrel; an October Bingo game marked the Harvest Home luncheon; and the Christmas Pres meeting was held in the home of Harry and Gwen Castle.

Pres Club officers are: Marion Redfern, President; Jean Butterfield, Secretary; and Chris Ertel, Treasurer. Committee members included: Gwen Castle, Harriet Duval, Dorothy Harris and Shirley Johnston.



Presbyterian Women Organization: One of the key purposes of the Women Organization of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall has been to support the Mission of the the Church in the United States and also help one another grow in Christian Faith and Understanding.

A listing of the various Presidents of the Presbyterian Women and the names of their organizations from 1919 to present are found elsewhere in this history. Historian, Mrs. Christena Ertel was responsible for assembling these statistics.

Over the past years, the Women Organization has had the goal of increasing mission giving, expanding their outreach to other women and meeting community needs. These goals have yearly been accomplished through the combined efforts of the many dedicated, caring and loving Christian women in our congregation!

A partial list of the various activities of their various Circles over these years have included: Birthday parties for the residents of the Newhall Nursing Home (serving at times over 100 residents); collecting Betty Crocker coupons; rummage sales, sewing circles; Holiday boutiques; transporting members to various hospitals, church;purchasing new drapes for the Fellowship Hall, new kitchen equipment, choir robes for Youth Choirs, 120 settings of stainless flatware, New Testaments for the new born children of the Congregation; furnishing of a library book cart; "Mothers and Others" dinners; Mary Magdalene Project; Planning and presenting a 96th Church Anniversary Family Fellowship Night; Telephonic Prayer Chain; Program highlight of the history of our church presented by PW Historian Christena Ertel and Dee Ann Wood on the 98th birthday of our church; and maintaining and overseeing the church library located in the Evans Room.



REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE

Stewardship of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall over the past twenty-two years has been remarkable! The congregation has indeed established a "Heritage for the Future" as shown by a new debt-free church, improvements to the Fellowship Hall and parking area. Most importantly, our Mission giving has risen from \$2550 in 1968 to over \$33,000 in 1989!

RESPONSIBILITY/ABILITY

Leadership in the Presbytery and Synod has been demonstrated by several lay members of our congregation: Edward Bolden recently served as the Presbytery Moderator. Carole Wheeler represented the Presbytery at a General Assembly. Gwen Castle, Myra Moore, Carole Wheeler, and Janet Macey have all taken leadership roles in the Presbytery. Janet Macey recently served as Moderator of Presbyterian Women of the San Fernando Presbytery and was a Member of the San Fernando Presbytery Bicentennial Committee.

IN HIM WE LIVE...LIVE IN HIM

Sarah Morrison, M. Div., a graduate of Fuller Seminary began her ministry in our church during August of 1989. Sarah assisted Rev. Bingham in the morning worship services and delivered several sermons during her brief but significant stay with us. Sarah worked with the Education and Outreach Committees of the Session. She was responsible for the introduction of two new programs...The Ministry of Prayer, an unique service which was conducted at the front of the Sanctuary, following the morning Worship Service which included meditative prayers and personal prayers for healing. Any person was invited to come forward and share their need with Sarah. The second program Sarah started is called the Pres Club, a social gathering of the senior members of the congregation. Although Sarah tenure was short, and the congregation reluctant to see her leave in September 1990, her work continues.



General Assembly Vice
Moderator Rev. Sharon Johnson

TO GIVE IS TO LIVE

Sharon Johnson, our first Seminary Intern, participated in the ministry of our Church in 1979. Sharon, too, was involved in our Youth Ministry, and the visitation of our senior members. At the termination of her internship, Sharon wrote, "In my internship I have valued my contact with Mr. Bingham as my Pastor and supervisor. He is both a good ministerial model and an excellent teacher. I have been especially pleased with the opportunities for ministry he has given me...I am most thankful that the Lord had led me to the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. I have appreciated the warm and loving people who have provided me with such a positive atmosphere in which to learn". Sharon is currently (1990) serving as Vice Moderator of the 202nd General Assembly.


Kevin Rudolph (Seminary Intern 1981-82), in his farewell comments, wrote, "I am indebted to Rev. Bingham for giving me the chance to attend classes they never offered in seminary, like how to plan budgets, series of sermons, write prayers, and how to plan an order of worship. He (Rev. Bingham) has been an apt teacher, never stingy with his time regardless of his own schedule. He has, more than any other single factor, made this the kind of experience I needed and hoped for." Rev. Rudolph is now an Associate Pastor of the Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church of Richardson, Texas.


PEOPLE OF PURPOSE


As in any history of an organization, one hopes not to overlook the accomplishments of any person or organization. In looking over Session minutes, annual reports, and press releases of Bob Bingham's pastorate, I find some members of the Congregation who have played key Christian roles in the heritage of our Church and who have contributed their time and talents in various ways:


✍ Gail Bingham's High School Class that originated the Christmas Wreath (first displayed in front of the "old" Church).


✍ Wayne Jones generous gift of a Christmas tree for many years.


and  Gene and Ruth Ballif donation of wreathes and poinsettias for many, many years.


 The many, years of faithful secretarial and staff service of Virginia Furniss, Margaret Murray and Vernadene Zigtema.


 John Ford's work with the Session in the presentation of the Last Supper scene in full costume during several Maundy Thursday Services.

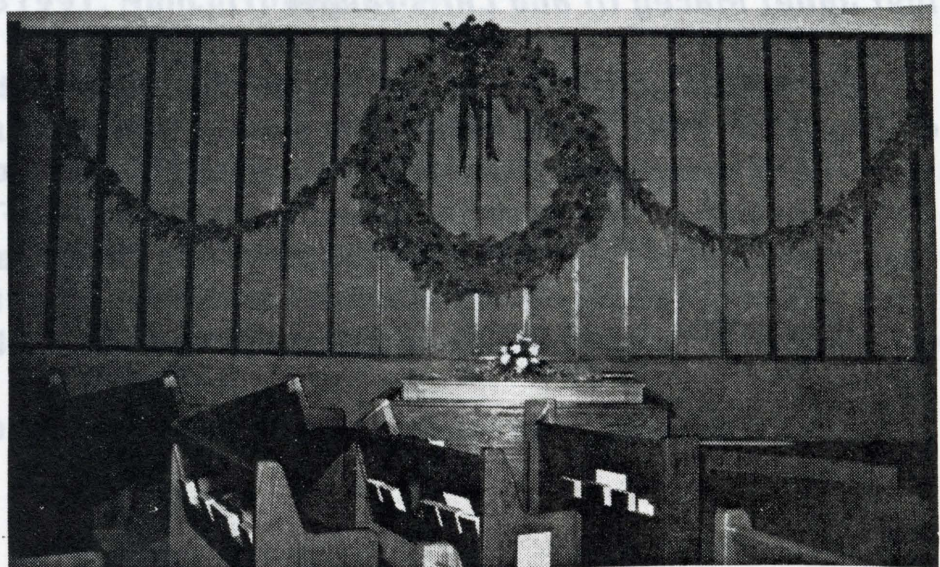
 The various church treasurers and their assistants over these 22 years who have donated many hours to the counting and keeping track of the various offerings: George and Dorothy Harris; Ken Ehrhardt; Eva Pullar; Vernon and Marge Vanderpool; Dave and Roma Prior; Delma Martin; Bob and Eros Widrig; and Bob and Marilyn Chase. Delma Martin is now again serving as Treasurer.

 Dorothy Koons who has been baking bread for our Communion Services for as long as I remember. Janet Macey has traditionally baked the shortbread for our Reformation Communion Sunday.

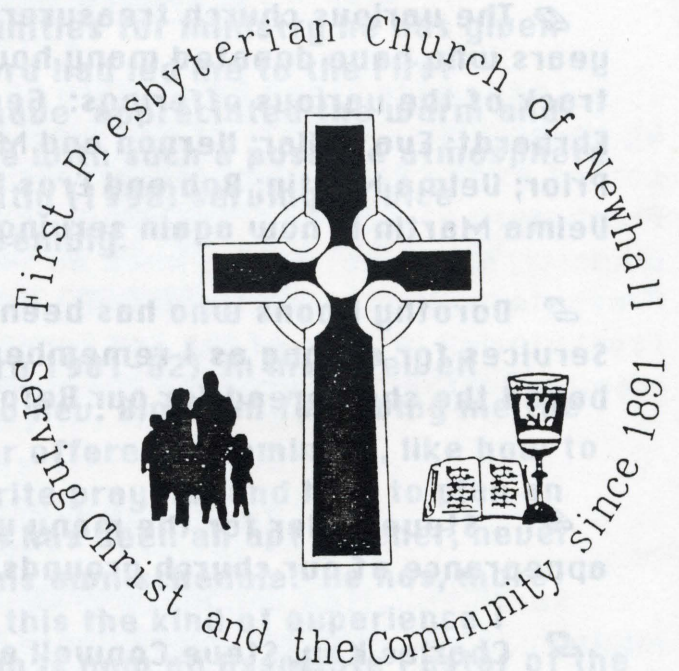
 Steve Fuller for the many years he has faithfully cared for the appearance of our church grounds.

 Charles Kay, Steve Conwell and Joe Warwick for their work with our Boy Scout troop.

 Don Frew and Don Stearns for the collection and storage of used clothing for the poor.



CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL



Elder Janet Macey (l) and Chris Tanner (r)

Centennial Logo

In 1989 the Session started to plan for the centennial to be celebrated in 1991. Elder Janet Macey was named Chair and was given the responsibility to select a committee who would arrange for appropriate ways to honor the great heritage of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. Other committee members are Bruce Carey, Marilyn Chase, James Didrickson, Donald Johnston, Joe Kern, Myra Moore, Lester Tanner, Nancy Young, and Rev. Robert Bingham.

The Centennial Logo (shown above) was designed by Chris Tanner

and the Centennial Christmas Card featured a photograph taken by Joe Kern of the stained glass window in the Sanctuary.

The committee set up a special monthly centennial heritage observance programs which will lead to the climax of the Centennial celebration during the week end of June 1, 1991. These monthly programs included:

"Our PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S Heritage"... a history of the Presbyterian Women, September 2, 1990, chaired by Myra Moore.

"Our MISSION Heritage" chaired by the Stewardship Committee which included an African Style Dinner, prepared by Jeff and Carole Wheeler and Richard and Joan Winger on October 7, 1990.

"Our MUSIC Heritage" in which special music was presented by the Chancel and Handbell Choirs followed by an old fashion hymn sing-a-long on November 4th. The evening was dedicated to Dennis Ehrhardt, our organist for over 20 years. Jim Didrickson, Chair.

"Our CHILDREN'S Heritage" Church school students of the present and past were honored at an 1891 Advent Service sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of the Session and chaired by Millie Tanner and Sally Didrickson. December 2, 1990.

"Our WESTERN Heritage" A Western Worship Service followed by a chuck wagon brunch and the viewing of a silent film of William S. Hart was held January 6, 1991. Nancy Young, Chair.

"Our ADULT FELLOWSHIP Heritage" A pot luck dinner, February 2, 1991, during which we will remember and honor those from the Golden Hind Mariners, The Gathering and the Pres Club.

"Our PRAYER Heritage" All Santa Clarita Church Women were invited to participate in the Universal World Day of Prayer Service, March 1, 1991. Luncheon was hosted by Presbyterian Women. Myra Moore was chair of this program.

"Our SCOTTISH PRESBYTERIAN Heritage" Janet Macey, chair, gave a review of our Scottish roots and a bit of history about our Presbyterian Church in Scotland today. The evening program on March 2nd featured a Scottish meal and the entertainment included bagpipers and Highland dancers.

"Our PREACHING Heritage" Rev. Sharon Johnson, Vice Moderator of the 202 General Assembly was our guest minister at the morning Worship Service on April 7. All ordained Elders and Deacons of our Church were recognized. At the close of the Service, Rev. Robert Bingham was given a standing ovation for the twenty two years he has been pastor of our church. Coffee Fellowship was sponsored by the Session.

"Our NEWHALL Heritage" All Christian churches in the community were asked to bring or send Centennial greetings at the afternoon program held on May 5. All members who had been baptized in our Newhall Church were honored. Don Johnson was chair.

CENTENNIAL BANQUET, June 1, 1991. The banquet, held at the Ranch House Inn, featured a special speaker. All former Pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall were honored. A copy of this book and a special centennial coffee cup were given to each family who attended. Bruce Carey was chair of the event.

CENTENNIAL PICNIC, June 2, 1991. The picnic was held on the church grounds where all present and former members of our congregation had lunch and enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship. A memorabilia display in the Fellowship Hall featured the history of the church dating back to 1891. Les Tanner was chair of the program and display.

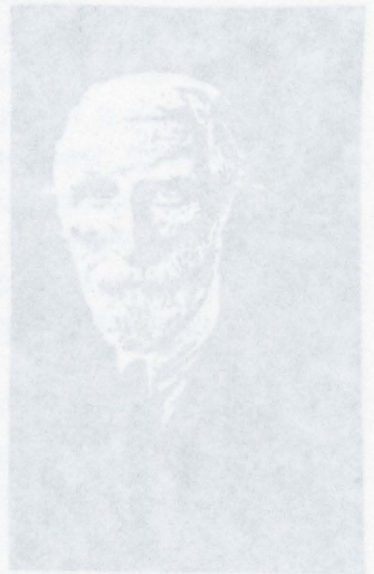
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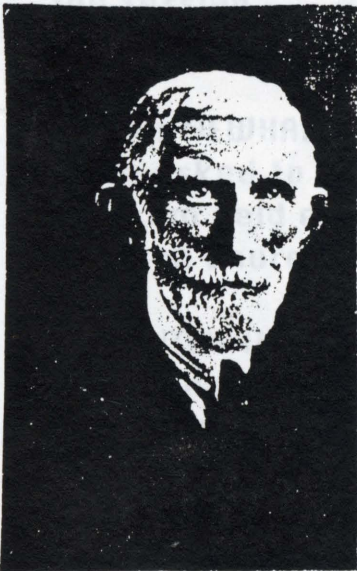
Elders (See pages 115-120)

Membership

Year	Church	Sunday School
1968	420	177
1969	429	203
1971	411	181
1972	377	206
1973	408	207
1974	352	173
1975	358	158
1976	385	154
1977	387	171
1978	405	183
1979	431	156
1980	411	130
1981	413	122
1982	412	139
1983	413	94
1984	415	94
1985	424	122
1986	448	136
1987	452	
1988	436	
1989	411	



PIONEERS OF YESTERDAY



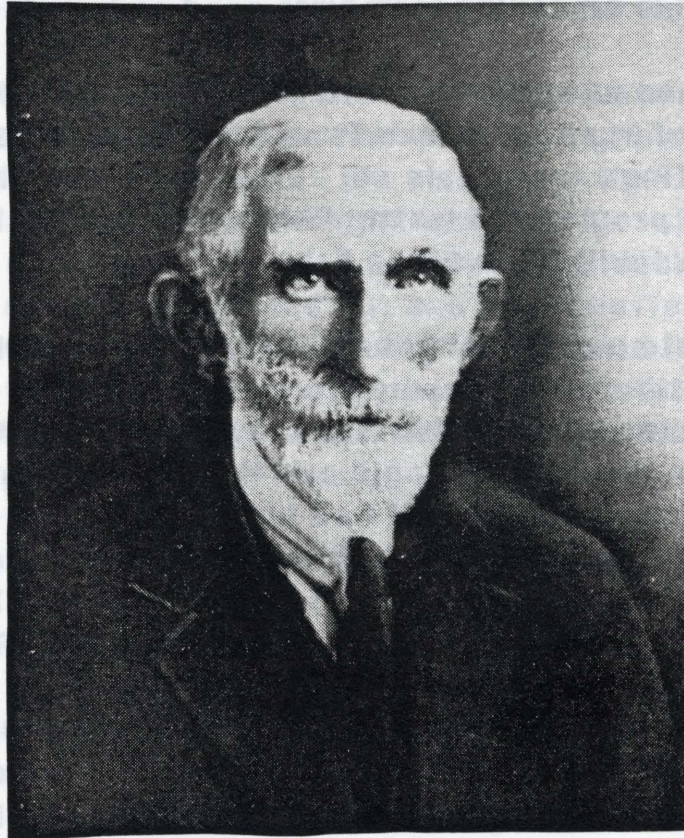
Alexander Hume

H. Clay Needham

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF
NEWHALL CALIFORNIA

Alexander Hume

(Alexander Hume served as the first Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall from 1891-1921. He was also Sunday School Superintendent during this same period of time)



Mr. Alexander Hume was born in Toronto, Canada, January 28, 1852. He was married to Anna McNabb at Barrie, Canada and they had two children. In 1889 Mr. Hume and his family came to California, stayed a short time, returned to Victoria B.C. for a year and then returned to Newhall.

Mr. Hume was a charter member of the First Presbyterian Church and served as an Elder and Sunday School Superintendent. Rev. W. H. Evans, a close personal friend officiated at Mr. Hume's funeral. The pallbearers, all longtime friends, were Judge Powell, J. T. Gifford, H. Clay Needham, S. D. Dill, T. M. Frew, and C. M. Reynolds. All businesses and public schools were closed the day of Mr. Hume's funeral.

The following is the **IN MEMORIAL** which was written by the Rev. W. H. Evans and published in the Friday, April 8, 1921 edition of the *Newhall Signal*:

"On Sunday morning, in the little church that Mr. Hume loved and worked since its organization 30 years ago, a service was held in his loving memory.

The service opened with the Hymn "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing of My Redeemer's Praise." The text was taken from 1st Kings 19-20, "Let me I pray thee, kiss my Father and my Mother and then I will follow thee."

The writers tribute was in part as follows: "We have met to pay a loving tribute to one whom we all loved and whose memory we will ever cherish in our hearts.. His mantle has fallen on us as a people and it is for us to take the part of that mantle that God places on us and ask Him to make us faithful to the trust that has been committed to our care."

Eleanor Shaffer, Evangeline and Marion Frew and Alice Hodgell, representing the Sunday School, sang "Sweeter As The Years Go By."

The following was Mr. Shaffer's tribute and was read by Mrs. Dill. Mr. Hume, the neighbor "We may speak of a man as a good citizen, as a good leader of men, but to truly know a man is thru the office of a friend or neighbor. It has been our very good fortune to be a friend and neighbor of Mr. Hume for several years; to see him daily and to enjoy the hospitality of his home. His neighborliness did not only rejoice with you in your joyous moments, but comforted you in your sad ones. In sickness and calamity, his doors were opened and we were told that his home was ours and it was for many days. Not only the home and the faithful ministrations of his wife were our, but a very kindly inquiry of

financial needs and an offer to do anything in his power for us.

If enviousness were by nature mine, I could but envy the fellowship of those who have known him thru long years. May God grant that you and I when our summons comes, may go to our reward with the calm assurance of a perfect rest, as has been the lot of Alexander Hume."

We know that Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer enjoyed and appreciated the kindness and hospitality bestowed on them by Mr. and Mrs. Hume. We also know that Mr. Hume held them dear in his heart and that he said if the time ever came that this wife and daughter could not take care of him, he wanted Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer to do so. Mrs. Hume said that the loving service and tender ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer could not be told in words, but the memory of their devotion would ever have a large place in her heart.

Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Shaffer sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and at the close of the Service, "Asleep in Jesus".

Mrs. Louis Ziegler's subject was "Mr. Hume, the Sunday School Superintendent." Following is a part of her wonderful story, "During the past 30 years Mr. Hume has been Superintendent of the School and for 25 years he has traveled to the Church many times on foot, thru winter storms, spring rains, and summer heat. Many times his family and himself would be the only ones to compose the Sunday School class, but Sunday School would be taken up just the same. He has served the School in every capacity from caretaker of the building to the Superintendent of the School. He could interest the children, hold the attention of the boys, fascinate the girls with his stories of personal experiences and instruct the adults."

There are many former Newhall people who look back to

their Sunday School days and thank God for Alexander Hume. Mrs. Ziegler has been associated with Mr. Hume in Sunday School work for several years and he often spoke of her faithful service and loving devotion to the School.

Mr. H. Clay Needham's subject was "Mr. Hume the Citizen". He said in part,"During all these years we have walked side by side and worked hand in hand. He was a grand, noble, upright and stalwart man, ever ready to do his part for his community and his country. All men respected him, had faith in him, knew him to be a man of God and would go to him for advice, help and sympathy, which he freely gave. Newhall will never be the same to me. Oh how I shall miss him for he was a brother greatly beloved."

Mr. F. P. Hovey represented the Saugus Sunday School and paid a splendid tribute to the memory of Mr. Hume, going back to the first day that he met him in a business way in the long ago and coming on to the times when Mr. Hume would assist in the Communion Services in Saugus.

"Worship the King" and "My Jesus I Love Thee" were sung during the service.

The following resolutions were offered by the writer and adopted by the congregation: "In as much as our all-wise God and loving Father has called our beloved Elder and Superintendent, Alexander Hume to his Heavenly home, we the members of the congregation of the Newhall Presbyterian church, offer the following resolutions:

'Be it resolved, that in the passing of Mr. Hume, we have lost a most efficient church officer, a faithful and devoted Sunday School Superintendent, a loving Co-worker and a true friend, one who endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, because of his beautiful Christian life, which reminds one of the words of St. Paul who said, 'Ye are living epistles, known and read of all men.'

'Be it resolved that we herewith extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Hume and the members of her family,, praying that God of all Grace will give them the Grace, Peace Love and Strength that they need at this time.'

'Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Hume, a copy to be spread on the sessional records and a copy to be sent to the Newhall Signal and San Fernando Valley Press.'



Children of the Church School originally presented the Good Shepherd Window as a memorial to Alexander Hume, the first Sunday School Superintendent and the window was located in the balcony area of the 1923 Church. Today this window is located in the Narthex Chapel.

H. Clay Needham

(H. Clay Needham is the elder who had the second longest tenure on the Session of the Newhall First Presbyterian Church, He served for 25 years as a ruling elder)

Mr. H. Clay Needham was born in Hardin County, Kentucky and spent his early childhood there. He came to California in 1889 and made his home in Newhall. He did the survey and engineering on the 1891 church. He was ordained a ruling elder of the Presbyterian Community Church in 1908 and served as a faithful member of the Session until 1933. He was active in the community affairs in Newhall and throughout the state. He was a Presidential candidate on the Prohibitionist Ticket in 1920 and was also a candidate for the Senate in 1922. Mr. Needham died on February 21, 1936.

At the time he was running as a candidate for the U. S. Senate, Blanche B. Brown, Publisher of the Newhall Signal ran the following editorial (8/11/1922):

"H. CLAY NEEDHAM PROHIBITION CANDIDATE FOR U.S. SENATE

Friends of H. Clay Needham have placed his name on the primary Prohibition ticket for United States senator.

Few individuals are better known or more thoroughly identified with every phase of the prohibition movement in this state than Mr. Needham. He has never affiliated with either of the dominant political parties, having been a lifelong party Prohibitionist, and yet he is known to his friends as a man eminently fitted to occupy any position within the gift of the people.

During his many years residence in this community, Mr. Needham has, by his upright life and kindly disposition, won his way to the hearts and commanded the confidence of all with whom he has been associated, and holds a place in their esteem and affection which is rarely ever given to any one individual to enjoy.

Born and reared in Hardin county, Kentucky, he was a youth, an outspoken abolitionist before the Civil War and the enthusiastic champion of an enslaved race, believing fully that "God created all men with certain inalienable rights of life, liberty and happiness," regardless of race, clime or color. During the Civil War, while too young to enter the service, he was an avowed Lincolnite as the term was applied to those most outspoken against human slavery, and rendered service, boy as he was, in ways of scout and informant in the days of guerrilla warfare in his state.

After the war, from having seen the sins and ravages of alcohol among those he cared for, he at once began a life work of opposition to its legalized existence. He carried the petitions for the first local option law ever attempted in Kentucky and entered the fight for its adoption with the zeal of a fanatic. In 1872, the year of his majority, he severed his relations with the Republican party, on its adopting the "Raster Resolution" which virtually annihilated the Christian Sabbath and turned the national administration over to rum and brewers of beer, and ever since he has been an insistent and consistent advocate of the doctrine of Political Party Prohibition Organization, holding that no great reform in any democratic government can ever be fully accomplished without an organized party administration back of it.

While Mr. Needham's name will appear only on the Prohibition ballot at the primaries, many of his friends who have known him longest and best are intending to write his name in on the ballots of both the Republican and Democratic parties, and shall all do this, and make his vote unanimous in this, his home precinct, no more fitting compliment could be paid a more deserving man. If the children could vote, he would certainly sweep this community as every child of every creed and nationally knows and loves him and he is their unfailing friend.

Mr. Needham has, all his life, been connected not only locally but nationally with every forward prohibition movement. In 1871 he joined the Independent Order of Good Templars and has ever since been a member of the organization, keeping its every pledge with religious observance. In 1889 in the meeting of the Kansas Grand Lodge of Good Templars, he drew the resolutions which started the constitutional amendment for the state and committed the order to it. The petitions of the Legislature to have it placed upon the ballot were circulated through the subordinate lodges. He campaigned much of the state for its adoption and gave generously of both time and money for its enforcement when it had become a part of the state's constitutional law.

Coming to California in 1889, he located at Newhall, and at once was given a prominent place among the prohibition forces of the state, and as a logical and convincing platform speaker and orator for the cause he has had few equals. For many years he has been a recognized leader and chairman of the party in this state. He was elected as the choice of the prohibitionist of this state as their presidential candidate two years ago, and had it not been for an attack of heat prostration and subsequent illness which prevented his attendance at the national convention, he would doubtless have received the national presidential nomination.

This candidacy for the Senate give the temperance forces an opportunity to vote for a man who can be relied upon to combat to the last ditch any effort

to weaken the Volstead Act looking to the allowing of the coming back of wines and beers, as well as an effective supporter of all patriotic, forward, progressive and moral legislation which would help to bring this country back to the fundamental principles which have made it great.

Mr. Needham is a zealous churchman and a generous supporter of every moral and religious effort. His great-grandfather bivouacked at Valley Forge and fought through the Revolutionary War, and one of his most cherished possessions is the little wooden canteen which his grandsire made and carried through all those eventful years. The Puritan blood of those who gavetheir all to this land in its infancy flows through his veins and he has ever been faithful to their high ideals.

It is an honor to our community that Mr. Needham's name is placed upon the ballot, and it would be a still greater honor if every voter would write his name for the place he is so eminently fitted to occupy, on the ballot he casts at the primary election."



Newhall School 1891...9th and Chestnut Streets

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chase
LATER CHRISTINA

(Mrs. Chase died in 1955)
Myrtle Moore in August 1950

Present Day Pioneers

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA



The construction of the Fellowship Hall

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chase

(From an interview by
Myra Moore in August 1990)

Marilyn remembers her family arriving in Newhall on a Saturday afternoon in 1955. "All seven of us". The next day the entire Fruendenthal family took their Sunday Best from their suitcases and attended the morning Services at the Presbyterian Church.

"Our first impression of the Presbyterian Church?...we liked it a lot...in fact there was only one other Protestant church (Baptist) and of course the Catholic Church. Rev. Weston was the pastor and the Church was engaged in many activities." Newhall was a small community and one did not move into the area without a warm welcome from everyone...from the druggist to the postmaster"

Bob Chase remembers attending the Newhall Presbyterian Church for his first time in 1948. He graduated from Hart High School and remembers that Ruth Jones was one of his earlier teachers. Bob lived in Honby Hills with his uncle and mother. "Carl McClaffin, his stepfather helped build the Fellowship Hall". Bob joined the Church in 1958, the same year he and Marilyn were married. "We have been active in many Church activities over the many years, Marilyn was in the choir in the early years, I played on the first softball team...we have both served as Deacons and were active in the Mariners organization, and we both served as Church Treasurer for three years", Bob recalled.

Marilyn, with a twinkle in her eye, also remembered that the Pastor got her mixed up with her twin sister, Mary and Marilyn was almost the bride of her brother-in-law!

Both Marilyn and Bob stated that 'in the early days' they were influenced and hold a special place in their hearts for the Westons', Chris Ertel, Mary Booth, Alice McKay, Ruth and Floyd Yingst, Grandma Jones, Wayne Jones and Dorothy Larinan, Don Frew, Mrs. Grace Hovey and Florence Hildebrand. "The Church was smaller and everyone seemed to know each other better...we had lots of family picnics and there were fewer people in the church."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chase



MRS. CHRISTENA ERTEL

(My interview with Mrs. Ertel took place at her home in April 1990...JK)

Christena and her husband Alfred were married in Williamsport, Pennsylvania in 1933. They had one son, Ronald Ertel. The family moved to California in 1944, during World War II, and attended the Newhall Community Church (as it was commonly known at that time) and became members in 1949.

Christena recalls that the Church was undergoing several changes when they arrived. "Rev. Rowley was in the process of leaving...and only thirty people, including the choir, were regularly attending the morning Church services. Attendance at the Sunday School, however, was good". Christena soon became a teacher in the Primary Department.

"Dorothy Larinan was the first friend I met when we enrolled our 3 1/2 year old son in Sunday School. Dorothy was superintendent of the Sunday School (Primary Department) and Roy Kissinger was the superintendent of the entire Sunday School."

"My husband, Alfred, became quite active in the Sunday School and served as Sunday School Superintendent for six years. He also served two terms as Ruling Elder (Class of '56 and '62) serving under Rev. John Christensen and Rev. Joe Robertson."

Christena recalled "the Sunday School grew rapidly under Rev. Christensen's pastorate and the growth prompted the decision by the Session to build a Fellowship Hall. There were several problems...some of the church property had been sold previously...the property north of the church manse...and in addition, parking had to be provided. The land where the present sanctuary stands was repurchased during Rev. Joseph Robertson's pastorate."

"I remember how the women worked to furnish the new kitchen in the Fellowship Hall...the many cookie sales, bake sales, the saving of Betty Crocker coupons for silverware..the various 4th of July booths and especially the Swiss Steak Community Dinner! I would help do it all over again if the need arose! The construction of the Fellowship Hall

was completed and dedicated during John Weston's pastorate."

Christena and Dorothy Larinan were the two women responsible for the first baby nursery at the Church. Christena remembers, "this just happened in 1951 when on a Saturday, before Services, Rev. Weston needed a nursery...Dorothy and I found a crib that Rev. Christensen had left, we cleaned the crib, Mr. Wickham donated a mattress and Alfred spent a total of 27 cents for nuts and bolts...My Mother made crib sheets, and on Sunday morning, the nursery became a reality."

Christena has been an active member of our congregation for many years. She has been a teacher in the Church School, served twice on the Board of Deacons, was active in the Women's Association and is Treasurer of the Pres Club. Christena served as Historian for the Women's Association and was a valuable reference to me as I wrote this book. Thanks Christena for your many years of your service to our Church and its many members!



Mrs. Christena Ertel and Rev. Robert Bingham

MR. DONALD FREW

(Interviews with Mr. Frew by James Didrickson on 5/18/88 and by JK on 5/28/90)

***A Silver Beaver, Bakers helper, Carpenters Helper, Seminary (almost) student,
Loving Husband, Dedicated Christian "Will the REAL Don Frew stand up?"***

You guessed it...Don Frew has been of of these above and much more. Today, Don holds the record for being a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall longer than anyone else in our Church today. The Church records indicate he joined the Church in 1921...70 years ago!

Don was born in 1905 and was baptized on April 30, 1905 by the Rev. John Monroe (who served as pastor of our congregation from 1901-1908. The earliest recollections Don has of his Sabbath School days and early Church attendance was his yearning to always sit next to H. Clay Needham. "Mr. Needham always drove his team of horses to Church and the kids all fought to see who would sit next to him in the pew. He always carried a bag of hard candy in his pocket and kept us kids happy ... and quiet."

"After Rev. Monroe left (he was the 9th minister), Rev. Thomas was pastor for short time and then Rev. Wylie came. Rev. Wylie worked for the railroad during the week as a flagman, on the south end of the tunnel going to San Fernando. He and Mrs. Wylie would ride the train down to the Newhall Station on Sunday mornings. After the morning Worship Service, Alex Hume would take the Wylie's back up to Fremont Pass. I was with them one time and asked why Mr. Hume didn't take the Wylie's all the way home? (The Wylie's lived at the Tunnel Station). Mr. Hume told me that if he did that, he would have to pay the toll at the pass."

"When Mrs. Wylie passed away I was at the Funeral Service and I remember that when the undertaker closed the casket, I cried and cried and Mrs. Hume asked me what was wrong. I told her I wanted to see Mrs. Wylie!

The undertaker opened the casket and lifted me up in his arms so I could see her. Mrs. Wylie was buried in back of the old (1891) Church and when the Fellowship Hall was built I guess no one realized that her grave was there. It was only marked by a concrete railing...so as far as I know Mrs. Wylie is still at rest under our Fellowship Hall."

"I remember Rev. Evans as a great story teller. He loved the kids and we all loved him. He had a scar on his face but it was hidden by his mustache. One of his favorite stories was 'The Little Engine That Could'.

He always used a story to illustrate the theme of his sermons. I could always remember his sermon. Rev. Evans came from Wilmington, California and many times we would have picnic lunches and other programs with the members of the Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Rev. Evans also preached in Acton and Saugus, first traveling by horseback and then by Motel T Ford. I would go driving with Rev. Evans almost every Sunday afternoon."

"We had Christian Endeavor every Sunday evening and many times my Mother was asked by Rev. Evans to bring her Edison phonograph. It was a beauty with a flowered horn. My Mother would announce that we would now hear 'Silver Threads Among The Gold', but we (angels of the Christian Endeavor) would fool her and slip in an Uncle Josh record in place of the announced song."

"During those early days, I remember how my Father would baby sit my youngest brother and how one Sunday evening a brown eyed Douglas opened the back door to the Church (just a crack) and look in to see where Mother was. Douglas had on a long night gown and Mother, sitting in the congregation saw him peeking through the door and was horrified! Rev. Evans made my Mother go to the door, and bring him in to sit in the pew with her."

"One of my fondest memories was my Mother's making doughnuts for the Church. She would make 20 dozen and I would fry them for her. (I got to eat the holes) Mother did this for the Ladies Aid Society."

"Another memory about the Christian Endeavor group...we sang Christmas Carols to William S. Hart and to his sister. (She had snapped her neck when their chauffeur driven too fast on Foothill Blvd.) Mr. Hart gave our song lead a two pound box of candy and then later sent a \$1000 check to the Church to be used in the building of a Christian Education facility."

"As a boy I always wanted to organize a Scout troop. Rev. Evans became the Scout Master of Troop #2, which is still active today. I later did organize a Cub Pack which also is active today." (Note: Don has received many awards and honors for his years of service to Scouting, including the prestigious 'Silver Beaver'.) 'Every time we had Scout meeting, we would have to tell of a good deed that we had done daily. I still follow this rule today'."

"About the time I joined the Church (1921), Mr. Clay Needham offered to pay my way in college if I would study to be a minister. I now look back and realize what an honor this was for me to have been offered this opportunity."

"I believe Mae Reynolds was the organist when I joined the Church. I remember her telling me that she wasn't going to be able to attend church a particular Sunday, but said 'I'm glad you are doing it. You will belong to the one institution that is trying to make the Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.' Mrs. Reynolds invited my brother to Church one time and my brother said that if he attended the roof might fall in...Sure enough a big piece of plaster fell right on the organ when he did attend."

"My wife, Irene, was President of the Ladies Aid. At her Memorial Service our Minister told me that due to her leadership in the Womens Ladies Aid, she was responsible for the forming of the women circles in our Church...something that no one else had been able to do."

"One last story that I will tell is that when working as a young boy on the building of the manse, I carried the shingles up the ladder to the men putting on the roof. The women of the Church always had dinner ready for us when the work day was done."

Don Frew in his 70+ years as a member of this Church has certainly done more than carry shingles or eat donut holes. He is a dedicated Christian, a person who you can call on to do any task. His entire life has been one of service to his fellow men.



Don Frew and Dorothy Larinan

Mr. AND MRS. GEORGE HARRIS

**(From an interview of George and Dorothy Harris
by
Les and Millie Tanner on September 5, 1990)**

George came to Newhall in 1948, as a High School principal and teacher. He first commuted from Los Angeles and later from San Fernando, moving here in 1949. "When we first arrived I remember there were only a very small group attending the Sunday Services...about fifteen or twenty", Dorothy said.

"Newhall's Community Church was the Presbyterian Church," she noted and George added "only four other churches were here..the Catholic, Later Day Saints, Seventh Day Adventist and the Four Square".

George and Dorothy both stated "the most meaningful experiences included our association with many early church members and in particular: Walter Cook and his wife (which gave the church the chimes, which are no longer in use today); Tom Frew and his wife Patsy; Trueblood, Perkins and Aikens; Millie O'Neal; Grace Hovey and Florence Hildebrand; Eva Pullar and Minnie Dawson and of course, Dr. Ross, who is living in Ventura, should be an invited guest to the "1991 Return to Newhall Presbyterian Church Celebration".

"When Pastor Weston came, he worked hard building up the Church membership. He was active in the Kiwani's Club and even 'recruited' members among whom many became active in the Church", said Dorothy.

At the mention of the Kiwanians...George with that wonderful smile of his couldn't help but recall some of the "great times" he and others of the congregation had at various meetings. "I remember Chitwood (furniture owner) who had a great passion for flowers, and their photographs...anyway someone slipped in a photo in one of his lectures..." and that Magician Blackwell and his beautiful assistant... what the later wore (or didn't) wear at a performance at the Newhall Bowl will be long remembered!...and Sam Hyman and Don Frew and the Spelling Contest, I'll never forget. Last but not the least...the incident where I had brought a new Superintendent by the name of Talby to a meeting and Perkins (A.B) after having been sprayed by an ice cube at the meeting, got up and poured a bucket of water on Perkins. (Talby who was sitting next to him, got a bit wet too!) and I also remember that Joe Robertson after telling me to park in a "NO PARKING" area, "Its'

Ok, George!...park.”..and then the note (and language) left on the windshield...”

Dorothy, breaking into the conversation, turned the interview back to specifics, remembering when an usher, during the time when Rev. Joe Robertson was pastor, dropped the entire collection plate! “Yes,” replied George, “and I remember that one Sunday just before Bob Bingham arrived we had an intern minister, a singing minister, and one Sunday, a fellow came into the church, and sitting on the first pew (in the old church), was quite pleased with the message of the sermon and gave several AMENS! during the course of the presentation.” (Les Tanner, who was in the choir, also remembered this incident.)

Again thoughts turned back to the “early days” when George and Dorothy recalled having annual turkey dinners prepared in the Fall, by Gladys’ Channey. “We would sell over 200 tickets to these affairs”, said Dorothy. “I also remember that the first time we came to Church, it was Wayne Jones who was ushering and he did this for many many years!” “And we will always have close remembrances of our special friendship with Bud and Barbara Johnson and Sam and Margaret Haskell”, George remarked.

George served on the Board of Trustees in 1954 and on Session (Class of 1962). Dorothy served on the Session Class of 1965. George was reelected to the Session and has served during the years 1969-1971 ...Dorothy too, reelected to the Session serving in the Class of 1975.

In the final minutes of the interview, Dorothy, speaking for the family, “The Newhall Church is very very special to George and me. We both feel a special closeness to the members of the Congregation in the sharing of our thoughts and ideas, common spiritual beliefs and basic friendships”.



Mr. and Mrs. George Harris



MRS. LAURA DAVIDSON HOWIE

(From an interview of Mrs. Howie by Janet Macey on June 6, 1990)

"I was born in Saskatoon, Canada and lived there until I was eighteen. My father was quite active in the United Church of Canada and my mother was a choir leader. I was raised in a Christian home."

"At eighteen, I left for North Dakota and went into Nursing. During one of my vacations to Canada I met Jack Howie" (Jack and Laura were married thirty years later...this after the death of her first husband).

"In 1939, my first husband, Harry Davidson and I moved to a five acre ranch in Gorman, then later we moved to Castaic. I became a member of this Church in 1958 during the time my mother and sister were living with us. One of the first memories of the Church I have was the visit of one of the Elders who told me "When you belong to the Church, you are expected to tithe!"

"I have served as an Elder and Deacon in the Church. I remember that when I was a Deacon, Eva Puller was on the Board and the question of a Nursery School came up...later as an Elder I recall the question of where to locate the "new" Church was an issue and our Session had three options...a lot in Valencia, in Sand Canyon and our present Church site."

"Another thing I remember was the donation of bells to the Church. We were all so proud of the bells!...and then in 1966 we received a letter from a neighbor asking the bells be discontinued as they were disturbing the peace."

"When I was elected an Elder, Gene Baliff was elected at the same time. Prior to our first Session meeting, Gene turned to me and asked, "What is this all about? Guess we had better go in and find out". Gene and I have always been good friends since that time."

"The people I remember the most include the Baliffs', Eva Pullar, Warren Rakness, Wayne Jones, and most recently Sarah Morrison. I enjoy Rev. Bingham's sermons. He has done great job, he is a fabulous manager and I am impressed by his accomplishments."

"Being a member of the Newhall Presbyterian Church is very important to me. It is a part of my life!"

Mr. Wayne Jones

(From an interview with Joe Kern in January 1991)



Wayne Jones was born in Nebraska. He is the brother of Dorothy Larinan and they shared five other brothers. During World War II, Wayne spent some time in the U.S. Air Force at an air base in Anchorage, Alaska before heading south to California.

Wayne became a member of the First Presbyterian Church on February 21, 1954. Rev. Joe Weston was pastor and Minnie Dawson the Clerk of the Session. In 1958 Wayne was ordained and served as a Deacon and in 1961 he was ordained and served as a Elder.

In addition to his official duties, Wayne had been the head usher, serving as such in the old church prior to the '71 earthquake. Indeed, I remember Wayne with his ever present smile and outstretched hand not only before the morning services but afterwards as well!

Wayne recalls, "I like the dinners, socials, and fellowship we shared in the basement of the old Church, but the event I remember most fondly was that day in 1979...September 30, when Bob married Violet Waggoner and me!"

"My most humorous recollection were the efforts that were made in the old Church to combat the rain...we had a water leak that no one seemed to be able to fix. One Sunday I saw that pans, kettles, umbrellas, and various cooking utensils were scattered about the last pew in the Church in an attempt to alleviate the problem. Many of the congregation joined with me in laughter!"

Today, Wayne and Vi are in attendance almost every Sunday, sitting in the third pew in the back of the Church...and...as in years past, Wayne is always there with a smile and warm handshake for all.

Mrs. Dorothy Larinan

(From an interview by Christena Ertel)

Dorothy (Jones) Larinan was born in Myrna, Nebraska. She was the only daughter in a family of six brothers. The family moved to Mountain View, Missouri in 1925 where Dorothy finished her elementary and high school education. After high school she enrolled in Teachers College in Springfield and in time became an elementary school teacher.

While teaching in Springfield, she met and married George (Bud) Larinan. They moved to a 40 acre ranch in Pico Canyon near Newhall where Bud was active in raising cattle and being a beekeeper. Dorothy continued living at her ranch after the death of Bud and until quite recently continued in the management of the cattle ranch.

Dorothy joined the First Presbyterian Church in 1938, over 52 years ago and with her musical talent and leadership ability, volunteered to be in charge of the Beginners-Primary department of the Sunday School. Her leadership in the 20 years of teaching and administrating in the Sunday School contributed to the many successful Children's Day and Christmas programs held in the Fellowship Hall. Dorothy "retired" as Superintendent of the Church School on February 7, 1960 and Alfred Ertel delivered the following tribute "The Church being a religious institution contains many people who devote their lives to the joy and fellowship of those around them. The fruits of their labors and not felt until long after their task has been completed. Today we honor such a person who has given 20 years of teaching and administrating our Church School. Many families have felt the impact of her teaching and guidance on their children and as an administrator has introduced policies both beneficial to the Church and to the Church School."

Today, Dorothy is the only remaining member of the Fellowship Hall Building Committee which had the responsibility of building design, securing volunteer labor, and raising the necessary finances for the

furniture and fixtures of the Fellowship Hall which was dedicated in 1953. The building was started during the pastorate of Rev. John Christensen and was dedicated by Rev. John Weston.

When the Women's Association was organized in the 1950's, Dorothy became an active member, serving whenever needed. She was first in the Lois Circle and then later in the Ruth Circle. Her Bible lessons were always well received.

Dorothy too, was active in the "Homebuilders"... a social organization of our church for married couples.

Two years ago the Presbyterian Women Organization recognized Dorothy for her many accomplishments over the 50 years she has been active in the Church! In 1990, the Presbyterian Women made her an Honorary Life Member.

Today, we all are praying for Dorothy's sight to be restored. Thanks Dorothy for your love of our Church and of our children over these many years.



Mrs. Alice McKay

(From an interview of Mrs. Alice McKay by Janet Macey on June 5, 1990)



Alice McKay remembers first coming to Newhall in 1937. She and Walter were married on May 24, 1937.

“We had hardly settled in our new home before two women from the Presbyterian Church came by and asked me to help them with the arts and crafts in the Vacation Bible School of the First Presbyterian Church. One of these ladies was Mrs. Lamkin, the wife of the Chevrolet dealer (who had his business located next to my husband’s garage) and the other lady was Mrs. Dawson. Both the Lamkins and Dawsons were strong and devout Presbyterians.” [Alice’s expertise in decorating for the many church dinners and bazaars does in fact date back to 1937!]

“I went to work at the local telephone company, and being the low person on the totem pole, had to work on Sundays. It was this way for many years, so I was unable to attend Church...then World War II came, and Walter went into the armed services and I again started going to Church with Mrs. Shafner. It was during this period of time that the Church was undergoing some difficulty, so again I stayed away from any controversy and attended only frequently up until the time Walter and I were blessed with Connie. She was four years old when we adopted her and I believe the very second Sunday after she came to us, we had her in Sunday School and she didn’t miss a Sunday for many a year. I recall that even on vacation, Walter would stop on Sunday morning and Connie would visit Sunday School and receive a notification of her attendance!”

“I believe I joined the church in 1956 and have served as both an Elder and a Deacon.”

“For years, I served as Treasurer, or assistant treasurer, and it worked well...my husband was on a 24 hour call, and if I was unable to get the monies, Connie would get it for me. I did this up to 1969.”

"As a Deacon I remember working with Mrs. Norman and Mrs. Freudenthal on various art and craft projects. And on our Birthday Dinners...I remember when I was in the Mary Martha Circle we decorated twelve tables and continued this tradition for many years. Walter (at the dinners) always wanted my cooking. We held our dinners (and bazaars in the basement of the church and later in the Fellowship Hall)... I remember that I received first prize, two years in a row for table decorating and second prize the third year, so you see I do enjoy this work!"

"We had great fun at the Bazaars too...I remember one time when we used one of the lower rooms of the Fellowship Hall and decorated it as an Antique Store. We even had flour in the old type barrels and for fun put fake mice in the flour...you should have seen the looks on some of the people who visited the bazaar...they couldn't believe it."

"Janet, you ask about some of the people I remember from past years? Patsy Frew is one who comes to my mind. She was one of the most wonderful women! She was Tom Frew's wife. Patsy never had an enemy in the world and with all of the upheaval that took place in the Church in those early years...Patsy never said an unkind word about anyone or anything! I always admired her for that. I also remember the Dandy's with fondness...they were good friends to Walter and me. They were married in 1937, only a week before Walter and I were."

"My recollections of past ministers?...Well, I remember that Rev. Hays was the minister when Walter and I came to Newhall, and I recall that Rev. Weston's wife was as much a minister as Rev. Weston. Rev. Robertson was younger than Rev. Weston and then came Rev. Bingham... Rev. Bingham, I feel has done more for this church than any other man. He looks at both sides of everything and if there is a problem he gets it solved. We really got the right man for the job and at the right time!"

[Ed note: Alice McKay holds the honor of being a participant in the church and its various functions second only to Don Frew, in terms of time. THANKS ALICE



Mrs. Marion Redfern

(From an interview with Janet Macey in December 1990)

Marion is one of those native Californians. She was born in Glendale and graduated from Burbank High School. She married Fred Redfern in 1946 in Glendale and they moved to Newhall in 1956. Marion recalls she started going to the First Presbyterian Church "right away".

"I loved the old Church, the beautiful stained glass windows, the friendly people and the opportunity to worship God as I pleased", Marion said. "I remember when I first joined the Church, my children were younger and some of the church women who were particularly caring of our family were Dorothy Larinan, Patsy Frew, Millie Dawson, and Eva Pullar".

Marion goes on to relate her most humorous event connected with the church, "Laura Davidson and I were serving Communion and lo and behold we had forgotten to put the grape juice in the chalice! I'll never forget how first we were shocked and later couldn't help but smile over our mistake!"

"My most meaningful experience I have had while a member of this church was when Fred was in intensive care and Bob's (Rev. Bingham's) presence, prayers, concerns, and support of Fred was always there! When Fred died, Bob was there again with the support I and my two children needed."

"In addition to the women I named above I would also like to mention I have certainly been influenced by my good friends, Christena Ertel and Margaret Haskel who have always been there when I needed them!"

"I feel that being a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall means that I can go to Church and be accepted as I am. If I need help it is there for me and visa versa. I can meditate as I please in Church and I enjoy the beautiful music. In summary ..I have always loved the Church!"

Marion has served several times as an Elder and a Deacon. She is active in the Pres Club and Presbyterian Women. Our thanks to you Marion for that ever present smile and your ever wiliness to serve your God and your congregation.

**A History of the Various Women Organizations
First Presbyterian Church of Newhall**

1919-1991

by

Christena Ertel, Historian



Lt to rt: Christena Ertel, Dee Ann Wood, Sarah Morrison

Presbyterian Women Organizations-Historical Notes 1919-1991

[Give me the Spirit of God in six women organized into a Ladies Aid—
and I'll shortly give you a church of which the Master will be proud"
....Author unknown]

The first Sunday School in Newhall was organized in 1878 at the Southern Hotel by Mrs. Maria Hubbell. The Newhall Community Church was organized in May 1891 under the Presbyterian Church and its supervision. In about 1947 it became known as the First Presbyterian Church when Rev. John A. Christensen was pastor. It was the main church of the area with the exception of the Catholic Church on Walnut Street and 10th Street, now known as Lyons Avenue. There was a small Four Square Church on Spruce St. at the corner of 13th, also an Adventist Church on Newhall Avenue.

We have found records that indicate that the Ladies Aid Society was formed on October 3, 1919 showing Mrs. C. M. (Lillie) Reynolds as founding president. (There is a plaque honoring Mrs. Reynolds in the cement curbing of our lawn dated 1927). The women of the area were very active by 1930 with sewing projects and having dinners to help finance the work of the Presbyterian Church. Each fall they had a turkey dinner with the entire community participating. Turkeys were roasted in individual homes with the balance of the meal prepared in the church basement. It was a great community event and always well attended.

To date, the records we have show the name of the Ladies Aid Society was changed to Women's Guild in 1950. Mrs. Jackson was president, Mrs. Harvey Nesbit, vice president and Mrs. Blanche Gibson as treasurer. Other women who were active in the women organization during that time included: Mattie Dill, Maude Dull, Minnie Dawson, Patsy Frew, Bertha Howe, Blanche Gibson, Amantha Thibideau, Sally Vandiver, Irene Frew, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Woodard, Verdine Maurer, Virginia Cunningham, Mary Erwin, Mrs. Gifford, Mrs. Harvey Nesbit, Ann Swanson, Grace Hovey, Evelyn Kee, Mrs. Frank Newfeld. (Leaders, Rev. and Mrs. John A. Christensen served from September 1944 until June 1951.)

In 1951 Lois Harbison became president of the Guild. In December of 1951, Rev. John C. Weston and his wife Ruth became leaders. On October 24, 1951 Rev. Weston had a get acquainted meeting with the women and the name of the organization was changed to Presbyterian Women's Association. It was a very active organization. Rev. Weston resigned in 1957 and tribute was paid to Mrs. Weston for her active part in the women's work. Rev. Joseph Robertson and his wife Donna were with the Church from September 1958 until the end of November in 1967. In 1967 the Women's Association became known as the United Presbyterian Women and kept this as their name until June 1988, when the name became "Presbyterian Women".

We should remember Mrs. Daisy Lorentzen who worked with the women of the Church and privately gathered clothing which she repaired, cleaned and distributed to those in need both in Newhall and the Olive View Sanitorium.

Rev. Robert Bingham and his wife Janet became our leaders on November 1, 1968. The Women's Association has been a vital part in helping make their tenure a success. Sarah V. Morrison became Assistant to the Pastor in 1989 and served the church for one year.

LADIES AID SOCIETY

October 3, 1919:....Mrs. C. M. Reynolds, Founding President
1923....Florence Ziegler
1926....Mrs. Bowman
1938....Mrs. Bert Howe
1939....Mrs. A. G. Thibadeau
1941....Mrs. L. B. Dull

1946....Mrs. L. B.(Maude) Dull

WOMENS GUILD

1950....Mrs. Jackson
1951....Lois Harbison

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

1952-53....Irene Frew
1954-55 ...Mrs. Blanche Gibson
1956.....Mrs. Barbara Johnson, Mrs. Wanda Payne
1957.....Mrs. Wanda Payne
1958-59....Jacquelin Jaegar
1960.....Mrs. Charlotte Henke
1961-62....Mrs. Vella Fortine
1963-64....Mildred O'Neill
1965-66....Margaret Haskell

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

1967-68....Millie Tanner
1969-70....Donna Becker
1971-72....Helen Mendler
1973-74....Florence Vidstrand
1975-76....Gwen Castle
1977-79....Glenda Johnson
1980.....Jean Butterfield
1981.....Jacquie Moore
1982.....Mavis Mayne
1983-84....Mollie Leonard
1985-86....Myra Moore
1987-88....Janet Macey

Presbyterian Women

1988-89.... Becky Novy
1989-90....Dee Ann Wood
1990-91....Myra Moore



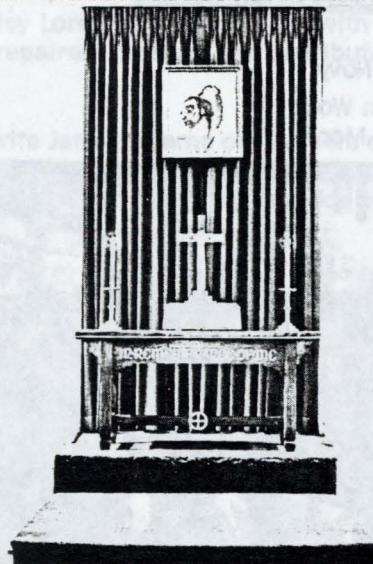
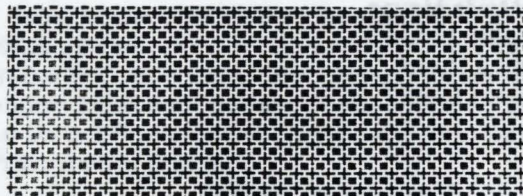
Left to right: Ann Johnson, Lois Whittemore, Wanda Cramer, Aldah Meyers, Gwen Castle, Dee Ann Wood, Vernadene Zigtema, Janet Macey, Myra Moore, Thelma Whitthorne, Alice McKay

Pastors-Elders-Deacons-Trustees

1891-1991

Chronological Listing

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWHALL, CALIFORNIA



Pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Newhall, California 1891-1991



Rev. John C. Weston

- Rev. Frederick D. Seward (1891)
- Rev. T. P. Crawford (1891-1892)
- Rev. Henry P. Wilbur (1893)
- Rev. Robert B. Taylor (1894)
- Rev. Henry P. Wilbur (1894-1897)
- Rev. Anselm Brown (1898)
- Rev. Earl T. Lockard (1898-1899)
- Rev. James Stewart (1899)
- Rev. John Monroe (1901-1908)
- Rev. Ebenezer Thomas (1908-1909)
- Rev. J. R. Wylie (1909-1913)
- Rev. J. A. Walton (1913)
- Rev. Wolcott H. Evans (1914-1930)
- Rev. John Berry (1931-1935)
- Rev. Herbert E. Hays (1935-1941)
- Rev. Claude E. Rowley (1941-1944)
- Rev. John A. Christensen (1944-1951)
- Rev. John C. Weston (1951-1957)
- Rev. Joseph H. Robertson (1958-1967)
- Rev. Robert Bingham (1968-Present)



Rev. Joseph H. Robertson



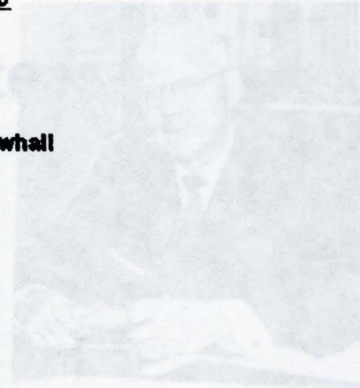
Rev. John Christensen and family



Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bingham

**PASTORS-ELDERS-DEACONS-TRUSTEES
1891-1991**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pastor Elders</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>
			July 15, 1891- <u>April 16, 1918</u>
1891	Rev. Seward	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V.Kinnear J. J. Arnott P.V. Kinnear Alex Hume A.L. Fraser Walter S. Newhall
1892	Rev. Crawford	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear
1893	Rev. Wilbur	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear
1894	Rev. Taylor	Alex Hume P.V.Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear A.I.Fraser
1895	Rev. Wilbur	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear R.McCracken
1896	Rev. Wilbur	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear
1897	Rev. Wilbur	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear
1898	Rev. Brown	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear	Alex Hume P.V. Kinnear
1899	Rev. Stewart	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1900	Rev. Stewart	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1901	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1902	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1903	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1904	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1905	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1906	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1907	Rev. Monroe	Alex Hume	Alex Hume
1908	Rev Monroe Dr. Thomas	Alex Hume H.Clay Needham J. R. Wylie	Alex Hume



1909	Dr. Thomas	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume	
1910	Rev. J.R. Wylie	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J.W. Ferrie	Alex Hume	
1911	Rev. J.R. Wylie	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume J.W. Ferrie	
1912	Rev. J.R. Wylie	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume	
1913	Rev. J.R. Wylie Rev. Walton	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J.W. Ferrie	Alex Hume	
1914	Rev. W.H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume T. Frew Sr. E. Rumsey	J.D. Gifford F. Hovey
1915	Rev. W.H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume T. Frew Sr. E. Rumsey	J.D. Gifford F. Hovey
1916	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham J. W. Ferrie	Alex Hume T. Frew Sr. E. Rumsey	J.D. Gifford F. Hovey
1917	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey	Alex Hume J.D. Gifford G. Harris	S.D. Dill J. Rolls
1918	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey	Alex Hume S.D. Dill J. Rolls	Wayne Brazee J.D. Gifford
1919	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey	Alex Hume J. Gifford S. D. Dill	W. Brazee J. Rolls
1920	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey	Alex Hume J. Gifford S.D. Dill	W. Brazee J. Rolls
1921	Rev. W. H. Evans	Alex Hume H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey		W. Brazee J. Gifford S.D. Dill J. Rolls F.P. Shaffer

1922	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey	W. Brazee J. Gifford F.P.Shaffer	S.D.Dill J. Rolls
1923	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey A.H. Wilkie	H. Belknap T. Frew Jr. A.H.Wilkie	S.D. Dill J. Rolls
1924	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A.H. Wilkie	T. Beebe T. Frew Jr. A.H. Wilkie	H.Belknap C. Lewis
1925	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie	T. Beebe T. Frew Jr. A.H.Wilkie	H. Bricker C. Lewis
1926	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie Dr. J. Mackey	T. Beebe T. Frew Jr. A.H. Wilkie	H. Bricker C. Lewis
1927	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie Dr. J. Mackey	T. Beebe T. Frew,Jr A. H. Wilkie	H. Bricker C. Lewis
1928	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie Dr. J. Mackey	T.M.Edwards C. Lewis T. Beebe	T. Frew,Jr. A. H. Wilkie H. Bricker

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Elders</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	
1929	Rev. W.H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie Dr. J. Mackey	H. Bricker T. Edwards C. Lewis	T. Beebe T.Frew Jr.	
1930	Rev. W. H. Evans	H. Clay Needham A. H. Wilkie	T. Beebe C. Lewis	T. Frew Jr. A.B. Thatcher	
1931	Rev. John Berry	H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey A. H. Wilkie F. R. Lamkin Walter Roberts	T.A.Beebe T. Frew Jr. F. Shaffer	W.Dyer C.Lewis A.B.Thatcher	Mrs. T.Beebe Mrs.S.D. Dill Mrs.M. Gray Mrs. Kindig Mrs. Lamkin
1932	Rev. John Berry	H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey A.H. Wilkie F. R. Lamkin Walter Roberts	T.A.Beebe F.P. Shaffer J.F. Shaffer	W. Dyer S.Sheartman A.B.Thatcher	
1933	Rev. John Berry	H.Clay Needham Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin Walter Roberts A. H. Wilkie	W. Dyer F.Lamkin A.B.Thatcher	Mrs.T.Frew G. Shaffner	Mrs. Dill Mrs. Newfield Mrs. Rumsey Ms.E.Frew Mrs.Lamkin

1934	Rev. John Berry	H. Clay Needham Frank Hovey A. H. Wilkie F.R.Lamkin Frank Reeder	Mrs.T.Frew F. Shaffer A. Wattell	F.Lamkin A.B.Thatcher	Mrs.Beebe Mrs.M.Gray Mrs.Lamkin Mrs.Roberts
1935	Rev. John Berry Rev.H. Hays	H.Clay Needham Frank Hovey A.H.Wilkie F.R.Lamkin Walter Roberts	Ms.E.Frew W.Roberts A.B.Thatcher	F.Lamkin F. Shaffer A.B.Thatcher	Mrs.Beebe Mrs.Dill Mrs.M.Gray Mrs.Lamkin Mrs.Roberts
1936	Rev. Herbert Hays	A.H.Wilkie Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin Walter Roberts	Ms.E.Frew F. Shaffer Albert Wattell	F.Lamkin A.B.Thatcher A.B.Thatcher	Mrs.Dill Mrs. Beebe Mrs. Lamkin Mrs.E.Erwin Mrs.M.Gray
1937	Rev. Herbert Hays	A.H. Wilkie Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin	Ms.E.Frew F.Lamkin Albert Wattell	F. Shaffer A.B. Thatcher A.B. Thatcher	
1938	Rev. Herbert Hays	A. H. Wilkie Frank Hovey F. R. Lamkin	V. Barnhill Mrs.R.Gibson Frank Newfeld Mrs. Thibaudeau	L. Dull Mrs.Kee A.B.Thatcher	
1939	Rev.Herbert Hays	A.H. Wilkie Frank Hovey F. R. Lamkin T. Beebee Virgil Barnhill	V.Barnhill Mrs. R. Gibson Frank Newfeld Mrs. Thibaudeau	L. Dull Mrs.E.Kee A.B.Thatcher	
1940	Rev. Herbert Hays	Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin T. Beebee Virgil Barnhill	V.Barnhill Mrs.R.Gibson Mrs.Thibaudeau	L. Dull Mrs. E. Kee	
1941	Rev. Herbert Hays Rev.Claude Rowley	Frank Hovey F.R. Lamkin T. Beebee Virgil Barnhill	Freeman Beal Pierce Daries Mrs.R.Gibson W.D. Parks	L.Dull H. Gruenwald A.B.Thatcher	
1942	Rev. Claude Rowley	Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin Virgil Barnhill Walter Cook Elmer Wood	V. Barnhill P. Daries Mattie Dill Mrs. Kee A.B.Thatcher	F. Beal Minnie Dawson Lester Dull W.D. Parks Mrs. Thibaudeau	
1943	Rev. Claude Rowley	Frank Hovey F.R.Lamkin Virgil Barnhill Walter Cook Elmer Wood	Mrs.Pearl Cook Lester Dull A.B.Thatcher Elmer Wood	S.D.Dill Evelyn Kee Mrs. Thibaudeau Minnie Dawson	

Pastor Elders Trustees

1944 Rev. Claude Rowley
Rev. J. Christensen

Frank Hovey
F.R. Lamkin
Virgil Barnhill
Walter Cook
Elmer Wood

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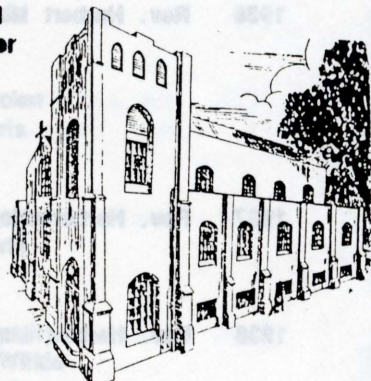
1945 Rev. John Christensen

Frank Hovey
F. R. Lamkin
V. Barnhill
Elmer Wood
Mary Erwin
Lester Dull
Minnie Dawson

Mrs. Pearl Cook Wm Foreman
Mrs. Frownfelter J. Harblson
Roy Kessinger Elmer Wood
W. McIntyre Frank Shaffer
Geo. Larinan Jr.

1946-1951

PASTOR: John A. Christensen (9/29/44-7/1/51)



Elders Trustees Deacons

1946 V. Barnhill
Lester Dull
Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
F.R. Lamkin
Roy Kessinger
Elmer Wood

Mrs. Frownfelter
Patsy Frew
H. Nesbit
W. McIntyre
Mrs. Leslie Woodruff

Don Frew Mrs. S.D. Dill
Joe Harblson Grace Hovey
Frank Shaffer Mrs. Henderson
Elmer Wood
Sally Vandiver

1947 Minnie Dawson
Lester Dull
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Elmer Wood

Patsy Frew Joe Harblson
W. McIntyre H. Nesbit
Sally Vandiver Elmer Wood
Mrs. Leslie Woodruff

A.B. Thatcher
Mrs. Dill
Versey Henderson

1948 Minnie Dawson
Lester Dull
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Elmer Wood

Minnie Dawson Patsy Frew
W. McIntyre H. Nesbit
R. Thompson Sally Vandiver
Elmer Wood

Lois Harblson

1949 Minnie Dawson
Lester Dull
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Elmer Wood

M. Dawson Wm Lansing
H. Nesbit R. Thompson
Elmer Wood W. McIntyre
Pearl Cook

Lois Christensen

Elders

Trustees

Deacons

1950 Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Elmer Wood
Walter McIntyre
Harvey Nesbit

Chis Hilburn Vera Smith
R. Thompson E. Wood
Glen Wright

L.Christensen
Christena Ertel
Dorothy Larnan
Sally Vandiver
Lawrence Weibly
Eva Wood(Pullar)

1951 Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Minnie Dawson
Roy Kessinger
Walter McIntyre
Omer Morgan
Harry Nesbit
Elmer Wood

Carlton Hadley
Joseph Hartison
Cecil Smith
Hazel Snow
Glen Wright

Mrs. J. Christensen
Christena Ertel
Dorothy Larnan
Omer Morgan
Mrs. Sally Vandiver
Mrs. Eva Wood (Pullar)

1952-1957

PASTOR: Rev. John C. Weston

1952 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Walter McIntyre
Omer Morgan
Harry Nesbit
Elmer Wood

Jay Stewart
Charles McFarland
Milton Johnson
Russell Powell
Hazel Snow

David Barrus
Mrs. S. Payne
Charles Wright

1953 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Walter McIntyre
Omer Morgan
Harry Nesbit
Robert Warriner

Loyal Amstutz
George Harris
Russell Powell
Dan Schroeder
Jay Stewart

David Barrus
Mrs. S. Payne
Charles Wright
Mrs. Walter McIntyre
Mrs. Jay Stewart
Mrs. Sally Vandiver

1954 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Russell Powell
Frank Hovey
Roy Kessinger
Walter McIntyre
Omer Morgan

Loyal Amstutz
George Harris
Russell Powell
John B. Smith
Jay Stewart

David Barrus
Mrs. S. Payne
Charles Wright
Mrs. Walter McIntyre
Mrs. Jay Stewart
Mrs. Sally Vandiver
Mrs. P.G.Henderson
Mrs. Paul Mitchell
Mrs. Wm. Pullar

1955 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Russell Powell
Frank Hovey
Mrs. T. Frew III
Walter McIntyre
Omer Morgan
Harry Nesbit
Robert Warriner

James Buddell
C. Daniel Foote
Clyde Houdeshell
George Harris
John E. Smith

Mr. Alfred Ertel
Mrs. Tom Frew III
Mrs. Sam Haskell
Mrs. P.G.Henderson
Mrs. Paul Mitchell
Mrs. Eva Pullar
Mrs. Walter McIntyre
Mrs. Jay Stewart
Mrs. Sally Vandiver

EldersTrusteesDeacons

1956 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
Russell Powell
Frank Hovey
Mrs. T. Frew III
Walter McIntyre
Alfred Ertel
Omer Morgan
Robert Warriner
Francis Howard
Loyal Amstutz

Clyde Houdeshell
Francis Howard
Samuel Payne
Mrs. Arthur Thompson
Floyd Yingst
V.R. Clark

Mrs. P.G. Henderson
Mrs. Paul Mitchell
Mrs. Eva Pullar
David Barrus
Mrs. A. Clymore
Don Frew
Mrs. Sam Haskell
Alfred Ertel
Mrs. T. Frew III
Alice McKay

1957 Minnie Dawson
Mary Erwin
F. E. Howard
Kenneth Ehrhardt
Mrs. T. Frew III
Walter McIntyre
Alfred Ertel
Omer Morgan
Robt. Warriner
Francis Howard

V.R. Clark
F.E. Howard
Samuel Payne
Mrs. Art Thompson
Floyd Yingst

Mrs. Grace Hovey
Mrs. F.E. Howard
Mrs. Eva Pullar
Alfred Ertel
David Barrus
Mrs. A. Clymore
Don Frew
Alice McKay

PASTOR: Joseph H. Robertson (1958-1967)

1958 Minnie Dawson
Kenneth Ehrhardt
F. E. Howard
Alfred Ertel
Omer Morgan
Loyal Amstutz
Frank Howard
V. R. Clark
Floyd Yingst
Harvey Nesbit

Mrs. David Barrus
Wm Ludlow Jr.
M. L. Norman
Mr. Art Thompson
I F. Wagner

Mrs. Grace Hovey
Mrs. F.E. Howard
Mrs. Eva Pullar
Mrs. Sylvia Cogley
Mrs. P. Mitchell
Wayne Jones

1959 Minnie Dawson
Kenneth Ehrhardt
F. E. Howard
Sally Vandiver
David Barrus
Dallas Harp
Joseph Harblson

Robert Esseek
Robt. LARGERBERG
Wm. Ludlow
Peter Marshall
Melvin Norman
Samuel Payne
Mrs. Loren Clymore

Mrs. Grace Hovey
Mrs. F.E. Howard
Mrs. Sylvia Cogley
Mrs. P. Mitchell
Wayne Jones
Charles Koehler
Mrs. L. Lo Fiego
Velma Jones
Hazel Freudenthal

1960	Sally Vandiver David Barrus Dallas Harp Joseph Harbison V. R. Clark Floyd Yingst Harvey Nesbit Mrs. Vella Fontine George Harris Margaret Haskel	Lyle Badius Chis Koehler Floyd Freudenthal Robert Lagerberg William Ludlow Everett Norris George Scarborough	Mrs. C. Bedwell Miss Helen Francis Mrs. Leonard Heri Miss Barbara Larson Ronald Planck Mrs. Sylvia Cogley Mrs. Paul Mitchell Wayne Jones Charles Koehler Lois Lo Fiego Velma Jones Hazel Freudenthal Robt. Rump Paul Nicholson
1961	David Barrus Dallas Harp Joseph Harbison Mrs. Vella Fontine George Harris Margaret Haskel Sally Vandiver Bob King Wayne Jones	Robert Lagerberg Charles Koehler Floyd Freudenthal Everett Norris Geo. Scarborough Jack Mehterian	Mrs. C. Bedwell Miss Helen Francis Miss Barbara Larson Ronald Planck Charles Koehler Lois LoFiego Velma Jones Mrs. Wann Wilks Mrs. E. Norris Harold Deines Mrs. Bob King James Hannum Mrs. Wm. Ross
1962	Mrs. Vella Fontine George Harris Margaret Haskel Sally Vandiver Bob King Wayne Jones Mrs. Lois LoFiego Floyd Yingst Alfred Ertel	Kenneth Ehrhardt Don Miller Don Healy Sam Haskell Charles Koehler Jack Mehterian Geo. Scarborough	Mrs. C. Bedwell Miss Helen Francis Miss Barbara Larson Mrs. E. Norris Harold Deines Mrs. Bob King James Hannum Mrs. Wm Ross Kenneth Kimes Mrs. John Doner Mrs. R. Sickman Mrs. Pat O'Neil Forrest Maguire
1963	Sally Vandiver Bob King Wayne Jones Lois LoFiego Floyd Yingst O.L.Morgan Charles Koehler David Barrus Dorothy Harris	Art Hildebrand Don Healy Jerry Veenendaal William Ross Kenneth Ehrhardt Don Miller Dallas Harp	Harold Deines Mrs. Bob King James Hannum Mrs. Wm. Ross Kenneth Kimes Mrs. John Doner Mrs. Rbt. Sickman Mrs. Pat O'Neal Don Healy Alma Jermo Mary Donaldsdon Mrs. C Henke Bob Fletcher Wm. White

	Elders	Trustees	Deacons
1964	Mrs. Lois LoFiego Floyd Yingst O.L.Morgan Charles Koehler David Barrus Dorothy Harris Mrs. Eva Pullar Mrs.Laura Davidson (Howie) Joseph Critchfield	Kenneth Ehrhardt Dallas Harp Jerry Veenendaal Art Hildenbrand Dr. Wm Ross Wm Ludlow Eugene Ballif	Kenneth Kimes Mrs. John Doner Mrs. Robt Sickman Mrs. Pat O'Neal Alma Jermo Mary Donaldson Mrs. C. Henke Bob Fletcher Wm White Mrs.Robt.Chase Mrs.Robt.Largerberg Mrs. A.W.Moore Mrs. V. Swindall Mrs. Glen Gordon Donald Dandy
1965	Charles Koehler David Barrus Dorothy Harris Mrs. Eva Pullar Mrs. Laura Davidson Joseph Critchfield Mrs. Pat O'Neal Vernon Swindall Leland Carter	Jerry Veenendaal Dr. Wm Ross Wm. Ludlow Gene Ballif Roy Atkinson Wm. Pullar Kenneth Yates	Mary Donaldson Mrs. C. Henke Bob Fletcher Wm. White Mrs. A. W. Moore Mrs. V. Swindall Mrs. Glen Gordon Donal Dandy Robt Largerberg Mrs. Pat Atkinson Mrs. John Donner Don Frew Mrs. Lois LoFiego Mrs. M. Larson
1966	Mrs.Eva Pullar Mrs. Laura Davidson Joseph Critchfield Mrs. Pat O'Neal Vernon Swindell Leland Carter Erwin Neumann William Ross Mrs. Jackie Koehler Douglas Fortine Jerry Veenendaal John Fuller Forrest Maguire	Gene Ballif Wm. Pullar Kenneth Yates Ralph Ritch George L'Odense Boyd Slocum Joseph Ware	Mrs. V. Swindall Mrs. Glen Gordon Donald Dandy Don Frew Mrs. Lois LoFiego Mrs. M. Larson Mrs. Robt Largerberg Marion Redfern Mrs. Pat Atkinson Robert Chase Jim Woodman Peter Marshall Doris Petrie

1966 was the last year the Elders and Trustees were separate Boards. They were merged into one unicameral Board ...as shown from 1967 to present date.

ELDERS

DEACONS

1967 Mrs. Pat O'Neal
 Vernon Swindell
 Leland Carter
 Erwin Neumann
 William Ross
 Mrs. Jackie Koehler
 Douglas Fortine
 Jerry Veendaaal
 Kenneth Yates
 William Pullar
 Eugene Ballif
 Don Dandy
 Mrs. H. Garver
 Mrs. Leslie Jermo
 George L'Odense
 Boyd Slocum

Mrs. Robert LARGERBERG
 Don Frew
 Lois LoFiego
 Mrs. M. Larson
 Marion Redfern
 Pat Atkinson
 Robert Chase
 Jim Woodman
 Joseph Critchfield
 Laura (Howie)Davidon
 Peter Marshall
 Elizabeth Smith
 Doris Petrie

1968-1991

PASTOR: Robert Bingham

Elders

Deacons

1968 Erwin Newman Wm. Ross
 Jackie Koehler Doug Fortine
 William Pullar Eugene Ballif
 Donald Dandy Mrs. H. Garver
 Mrs. L. Jermo Geo. L'Odense
 Boyd Slocum John Fuller
 Kenneth Yates Alice McKay
 Kenneth Loyd Wm. Jakeman
 Wm. Ludlow

Marion Redfern Pat Atkinson
 Robt.Chase Jim Woodman
 Jos.Critchfield Laura(Howie) Davidson
 Peter Marshall Elizabeth Smith
 Mrs.F. Hildebrand Frank Morrison
 Mrs. Gladys Clark

1969 Eugene Ballif Donald Dandy
 Mrs. H. Garver Mrs. L. Jermo
 Geo L'Odense Boyd Slocum
 Kenneth Lloyd Wm. Jakeman
 William Ludlow Clyde Becker
 Jim Daggy John Barrett
 Gary Gunderson George Harris
 Marion Redfern DeWolf Stanley
 Jeff Wheeler

Joe Critchfield Laura (Howie)Davidson
 Peter Marshall Elizabeth Smith
 Florence Hildebrand Frank Morrison
 Mrs. G. Clark Robert Chase
 Leland Carver Christena Ertel
 Ellie Fuller Ruth Jones
 Warren Rakness

1970 John Barrett Gary Gunderson
 George Harris Marion Redfern
 DeWolf Stanley Jeff Wheeler
 John Fuller Barbara Larson
 Erwin Neumann Dr. Les Tanner
 Jerry Veendaaal

Ellie Fuller Ruth Jones
 Warren Rakness Ruth Atwood
 Wayne Jones Millie Tanner
 Marian Wolf W.Blanksvard
 Gladys Clark J. Critchfield
 Christena Ertel F.Hildebrand
 Debbie Veendaaal

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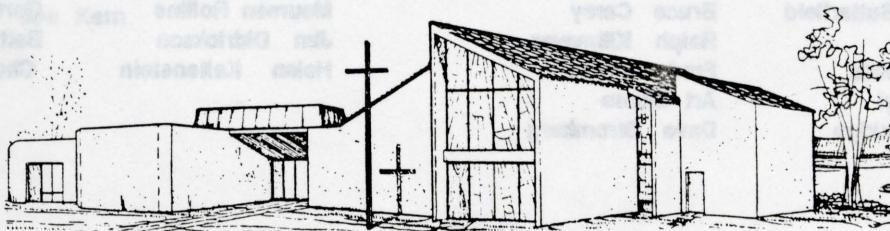
Deacons

1971	John Barrett George Harris DeWolf Stanley John Fuller Dr. Les Tanner F. Maguire Jim Daggy Donald Jerry Dallas Harp	Gary Gunderson Marian Redfern Jeff Wheeler Barbara Larson Jerry Veenendaal Donna Becker Guy Hanegan Joel McConnell	Ellie Fuller Warren Rakness Wayne Jones Marion Wolf Venita Baldwin Lewis Gobble	Ruth Jones Ruth Atwood Millie Tanner W.Blanksvard J. Finster Foxie White
1972	John Fuller Dr. Les Tanner F. Maguire Jim Daggy Donald Jerry Dallas Harp Estelle Finster Joe Kern Robt. Osterholt Floyd Yingst	Barbara Larson Jerry Veenendaal Jim Daggy Guy Hanegan Joel McConnell Geneva Lenardson Jay Headley Robert Hill Warren Rakness	Ruth Atwood Millie Tanner W.Blanksvard Lewis Gobble Martha Foreman George Sturges	Wayne Jones Marian Wolf J.Finster Foxie White Gary Michael Penny Harris
1973	Jim Daggy Donald Jerry Dallas Harp Estelle Finster Joe Kern Robt. Osterholt Floyd Yingst Dorothy Harris Jeff Wheeler	Guy Hanegan Joel McConnell Geneva Lenardson Jay Headley Robert Hill Warren Rakness Barbara Beckman Dave Moore Merritt Wolf	James Finster Foxie White Gary Michael Rita Ashley Eliz.Daggy Anne Pilling	Lewis Gobble M. Foreman Penny Harris Wm. Brice L. Mehterian Ray Gray
1974	Estelle Finster Joe Kern Robt. Osterholt Barbara Beckman Dave Moore Merritt Wolf John Fuller Harry Castle	Jay Headley Robert Hill Warren Rakness Dorothy Harris Jeff Wheeler Gail Tonkinson Margaret Haskell Ralph Keller	Martha Foreman Rita Ashley Laura Mehterian Anne Pilling Iise Braceros Charlene Harmon	Gary Michael Wm Brice Eliz.Daggy Ray Gray J. Harmon Penny Harris
1975	Barbara Beckman Dorothy Harris Jeff Wheeler Gail Tonkinson John Fuller Ralph Keller J. Oliver Johnson Robert Lazarus Dr. Les Tanner	Dorothy Harris Dave Moore Merritt Wolf Harry Castle Margaret Haskell George Butterfield Benny Goldstein Peter Marshall	Wm. Brice Laura Mehterian Ray Gray Charlene Harmon Penny Harris Lucille Ford Sharon Whitman	Eliz. Daggy Anne Pilling Iise Braceros Jack Harmon Leora Moses Leota Hall

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1976	Gall Tonkinson John Fuller Ralph Keller Benny Goldstein Peter Marshall Joe Kern Dr. Irene McConnell Jerry Veenendaal	Harry Castle Margaret Haskell George Butterfield Robert Lazarus Dr. Les Tanner Ed Littleton Kathy Rakness	Ise Braceros Charlene Harmon Lucile Ford Sharon Whitman Eric Vidstrand Wm Whitaker	Jack Harmon Edith Johnson Leota Hall Glenna Gray Marion Waters Gerry Zook
1977	George Butterfield Robert Lazarus Dr. Les Tanner Ed Littleton Kathy Rakness Dave Moore Jeff Wheeler Gene Ballif	Benny Goldstein Peter Marshall Joe Kern Dr. Irene McConnell Jerry Veenendaal Walter Briece Carole Wheeler	Lucile Ford Glenna Gray Marion Waters Gerry Zook Jean Butterfield Myra Moore J. Oliver Johnson	Leota Hall E. Vidstrand Wm. Whitaker Fred Endean Ellie Fuller John Davis
1978	Joe Kern Dr. Irene McConnell Jerry Veenendaal Carole Wheeler Gene Ballif Bruce Carey Doug Froberg Jerry Leonard Joe Ware	Ed Littleton Kathy Rakness Wm Briece Jeff Wheeler John Fuller Larry Cox Ralph Killmeyer Gall Tonkinson	Glenna Gray Marion Waters Gerry Zook Ellie Fuller Mrs. Marion Waters Coleen McCullough	E. Vidstrand Wm. Whitaker Fred Endean Myra Moore Sharon Carey Lavana Pearce
1979	Walter Briece Jeff Wheeler John Fuller Bruce Carey Doug Froberg Jerry Leonard Ed Bolden Ed Hall Sigrid Veenendaal	Carole Wheeler Gene Ballif Robert Osterholt Larry Cox Ralph Killmeyer Gall Tonkinson Harriet Duval Peter Marshall	Fred Endean Myra Moore Sharon Carey Dixie Selvidge Jean Butterfield Dave Stocum	Ellie Fuller Dorothy Koons Lavana Pearce Rose Budin Chas. Lytle
1980	Bruce Carey Doug Froberg Jerry Leonard Ed Bolden Peter Marshall Benny Goldstein Joe Kern Ed Hall Richard Zigtema	Larry Cox Ralph Killmeyer Gall Tonkinson Harriet Duval Sigrid Veenendaal C.C.(Pete) Koons Millie Tanner	Sharon Carey Dixie Selvidge Jean Butterfield Kathy Littleton Ise Braceros Glenda Johnson	Lavana Pearce Rose Budin Chas. Lytle Dave Stocum Doroth Koons Dr.L. Tanner



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1982	Benny Goldstein Millie Tanner Ellie Fuller Gerry Kern Myra Moore James Combs Robert Hill C.C. (Pete) Koons	Joe Kern Richard Zigtema Charles Kay Art Moore DeWolf Stanley Jay Headley Bob Osterholt James Parker	Ise Braceros Glenda Johnson Kenneth Craig Kathy Littleton Milton Fogg Marion Redfern	Dorothy Koons Dr. L. Tanner Glenna Gray DeeAnnWood Leota Hall Janet Parker
1983	Ellie Fuller Gerry Kern Myra Moore James Combs Robert Hill James Parker Gwen Castle Richard Masline	Charles Kay Art Moore DeWolf Stanley Jay Headley Bob Osterholt Ruth Ballif Shirley Johnston Ken Selvidge	Kenneth Craig Kathy Littleton Milton Fogg Marion Redfern Irene Ehrhardt Mavis Mayne	Glenna Gray DeeAnnWood Leota Hall Janet Parker Joyce Keller Woody White
1984	James Combs Bob Osterholt Wanda Lewis Ruth Ballif Shirley Johnston Ken Selvidge Hans Dill Dave Moore Nancy Young	Robert Hill James Parker Warren Rakness Gwen Castle Richard Masline Ise Braceros Janet Macey Jeff Wheeler	Milton Fogg Marion Redfern Irene Ehrhardt Mavis Mayne Ellen Dill Maureen Rollins	Leota Hall Janet Parker Joyce Keller Woody White Jim Martin Gordon Leonard
1985	Ruth Ballif Shirley Johnston Ken Selvidge Hans Dill Dave Moore Nancy Young George Butterfield Ralph Killmeyer	Gwen Castle Richard Masline Ise Braceros Janet Macey Jeff Wheeler Bruce Carey Joe Kern Wanda Lewis	Irene Ehrhardt Mavis Mayne Ellen Dill Maureen Rollins Carole Goldstein Myron Jenkins	Joyce Keller Woody White Jim Martin G. Leonard Judy Carter Becky Novy
1986	Ise Braceros Janet Macey Jeff Wheeler George Butterfield Joe Kern Wanda Lewis Chi Kanagi Dixie Selvidge	Hans Dill Dave Moore Nancy Young Bruce Carey Ralph Killmeyer Fred Endean Art Moore Dave Stromberg	Carole Goldstein Myron Jenkins Ellen Dill Maureen Rollins Jim Didrickson Helen Kaltenstein	Judy Carter Becky Novy Jean Kost Gordon Leonard BettySchutz Cheryl Haggard

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1988	Chi Kanagi Dave Stromberg Dave Trammell Florence Craig Dave Prior William Ward Glenda Johnson Millie Tanner	Dixie Selvidge Sue Pichelli Ed Bolden John Fuller Marion Redfern Judy Carter C.C.(Pete)Koons Richard Zigtama	Jim Didricksen Helen Kaltenstein Connie Cottler Dr. David Tanner Dan Cowan Kathy Littleton	Betty Schutz Cheryl Haggard Noel Chase Jean Kost Helen Fritsch Cam Stewart
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1990	Judy Carter C.C.(Pete)Koons Richard Zigtama Dave Moore Jeff Wheeler Connie Luechtefeld Paul Johnson Gall Stewart	Glenda Johnson Millie Tanner Janet Macey Betty Schutz Richard Winger Wanda Cramer Maureen Rollins Dr. Dave Tanner	Dan Cowan Kathy Littleton Cameron Stewart Sally Ledbetter Tom Bailey Dorothy Koons	Helen Fritsch Robt.Haggard Ellie Fuller Gary Kanagi Julie Chase Merritt Wolf
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