

## Maurice Wilcox 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Lord willing, Saturday, October 8, will be a very special day at First Baptist in Windsor. Folks will gather to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Pastor Maurice Wilcox (his actual birth date is October 11).

Following a career as an engineer, the Lord called Maurice into ministry; he was licensed to preach in 1946. He attended Golden Gate Baptist Seminary and was ordained in 1953.

Maurice accepted his first pastorate at Calvary Baptist Church in Susanville. During 65 years of active ministry, he pastored CARB/GARB churches in Gridley and Paso Robles, planted churches with the American Sunday School Union (now the American Missionary Fellowship), and was a Chaplain for the Salvation Army Men's Rehabilitation Program. After being in full-time pastorates, he began a 21-year ministry preaching at the Windsor NACO West RV Park. He also led a Bible Study at the Senior Living Community Facility in Healdsburg.

Pastor Maurice remains active in ministry still, serving as Pastor Emeritus and conducting phone visitation at First Baptist.

Maurice married Olie Anson in 1938. She was always a wonderful help to him during their days of ministry. He has three children: Dee (Dolores) Wilcox, Maurice Jr., and Warren; 8 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Those who cannot attend the party are encouraged to send a card and pray for Maurice as he continues to serve the Lord. He will be preaching at First Baptist in Windsor on October 16. His only concern is which message the Lord would have him bring.

## Outreach at Crest Avenue Baptist Church in Riverside

A small team of college and career age single adults has been going out on Friday evenings to witness in local malls and youth gathering places. Some of them preach open air, but most just pass out tracts and speak one-on-one. According to Pastor Robin Montgomery, "It has been very fruitful." Another group of teens recently went for evangelism training with Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron in Oceanside.

The outreach passes out about 20,000 tracts every year at various events around their city and county, such as car clubs, chili cookoffs, Christmas lighting, etc. At the funeral of a Christian veteran who was killed in Iraq, tracts with the American flag on the front were passed out with the invitation, "\_\_\_\_\_ was a Christian and he wanted you to have this message."

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did, even though many, like this young man, will not heed our message.

Our road has taken us many thousands of miles. We attended LifePointe services in Woodland; I was with the pastors/missionaries in Sacramento, then drove across the Sierras to preach and help the pulpit committee in Hawthorne, Nevada. We flew to Denver to attend the GARBC National Conference, where I participated in a regular session and a workshop. One of the highlights was a dinner with 25 of our California contingent. While in Colorado, we also drove 500 miles to preach at First Baptist in Springfield, a dear church we pastored 26 years ago.

From Denver we flew to Charleston, South Carolina to see our youngest son, Travis, and family, and attend a reunion with my three brothers.

Upon returning to California, I preached and met with the pulpit committee at Grace in Yuba City and did the same at Bethany in Martinez. August found us in Brawley where I performed the wedding of a friend and attended Western Avenue, then spent a week at Victory Ranch helping with their teen camp. On the way back north we were with Faith in Strathmore, speaking and meeting with the pulpit committee. We ended the month preaching in Seward, Alaska while spending a few days with our oldest son, Tylan, and his family.

### PASTORLESS CHURCHES:

Bethel Baptist, **Lancaster**; Grace Community Baptist, **San Jose**; Faith Baptist, **Strathmore**; Bethany Baptist, **Martinez**; Grace Baptist, **Yuba City**.

### PASTORAL CHANGES:

**Paul Radobenko** resigned from Grace Baptist, Yuba City. **Buzz Fanion** to First Baptist, Hawthorne. **Dennis Leavell**

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## Pastor Bramblet at Campbell Baptist

### By Chips Ross

While a new pastor, James Bramblet is not new to the CARBC. His early years at First Baptist Church of Walnut Creek prepared him for his ministry at Campbell Baptist Church.



James, Gwen, and daughter Katelynne are expecting another daughter in October.

At the age of 5, James trusted Jesus Christ as his Savior during Sunday School. He and his family consistently attended church services and James was enrolled in the Christian school. But this was an era of frequent pastoral changes at First Baptist, and James witnessed several times the stress a church experiences as they

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## Pastor Fanion at Hawthorne, NV

### By Ron Schrock

We are excited to inform you that First Baptist of Hawthorne has a new pastor. Buzz (Neil) and Lynn Fanion began their ministry with First Baptist on Labor Day weekend. The church remodeled a building and turned it into a very comfortable parsonage.



Buzz and Lynn came from Cypress, Texas where he served as pastor of Cypress Pointe Baptist for the last nine years. They have four children (Reggie & Holly in Connecticut, Hope in Atlanta, Georgia, and Elizabeth) and 6 grandchildren.

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## Victory Baptist Gift to Church Plant Fund

By Ron Schrock

We received the following message from Jim Weisz, representing Victory Baptist Church of Citrus Heights:

Dear CARBC,

After the passing of our Pastor, Bill Peterson, the membership of Victory Baptist Church has elected to dissolve the church. We decided to donate our remaining funds to the Church Plant Fund that Bill Peterson had a big part in getting started.

Please find enclosed a cashier's check in the amount of \$9,482.42. Our prayer is that Victory Baptist Church will still live on through new churches that are started.

Love in Christ.....

When we got this letter and the enclosed check, I thought of Hebrews 11:4— “By faith Abel offered unto God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.” (ESV)

William MacDonald wrote about Abel this way: “But Abel’s testimony is perpetuated: Through his faith he still speaks. There is a sense in which faith enables a man’s vocal chords to go on functioning long after his body is lying in the grave.”

In this case the principle is true both of a pastor and a church. Brother Bill was promoted to glory in April, but his ministry continues on. Victory Baptist Church has dissolved, but their ministry continues as well, as we use their funds to reach more people and plant new churches. **Though they died, they still speak!**

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adjust to a new shepherd. Out of this, God placed in James a desire to pastor churches in need of restoration.

After receiving degrees from Pensacola Christian College and Calvary Baptist Theological Seminary, plus ministry experience with Lucerne Christian Camp, Victory Christian School, and serving as assistant pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Folsom, James is excited to be pastor of Campbell Baptist. “My heart has always been to help churches that have dwindled,” he said. For Easter, the 11 members of the church worked together to spruce up the facility. God blessed and they had 6 visitors, including a neighbor of the Bramble’s that has continued to attend.

Being near San Jose, James knows there are great opportunities for church growth. But first, he wants to build relationships within the church, waiting patiently for the Lord to bless spiritually and numerically.

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Buzz was born in Bristol, Connecticut, received Christ as Savior at age 19, and was ordained in 1981. His education includes a degree in communications from the University of Connecticut, a ThM in Theology from Liberty University, an ACST in Systematic Theology from Dallas, and a Doctorate in NT Theology from BBGST in Springfield, Missouri.

Buzz spent five years in the Marines, including time in Vietnam. He has pastored churches in Connecticut and Texas. Since 2004, Buzz has been serving as Chairman of the LoneStar (Texas) Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches and is on the Board of Administrators for Regular Baptist Builders Club.

We are thrilled to have the Fanions in this strategic ministry, and part of our CARBC family.

## On The Road

By Ron Schrock, CARBC Representative

Questions, questions, questions. Do you ever feel almost overwhelmed with questions? I have spent the last three days answering questions via phone, email, and text. I am thankful for the privilege of working with so many wonderful people, and glad they contact me—still, I am pressed by the weight of their questions. Thank God we can pray to Him for wisdom and grace in our humility.

Our excursion in Mark, looking at the theme of “On the Road,” stops next in chapter 10. In the first 17 verses Jesus is bombarded with 3 difficult questions. The first is on divorce and remarriage, and comes from both His enemies and His friends. The second relates to the value and importance of ministry to little children.

The third question, in verse 17, is where we find our theme. While “on the road,” a young man comes rushing up, kneels before Jesus (which His disciples seldom did), and with great emotion beseeches Jesus to tell him how to inherit eternal life. Interesting that Jesus did not challenge all the good things he claimed to have done. And he did not brusquely rebuke him. Instead, He simply stated His love for the young ruler, and patiently pointed out that he was a sinner trusting in his works and wealth—things that would never earn him Heaven.

As we travel our roads, you and I meet people like this. They are hard to lead to the Lord because they are such genuinely nice people. They help with Little League, watch over elderly neighbors, volunteer at shelters. But they are still sinners. We must be willing to spend time with them, as Jesus

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Check it out today for interesting information, new pictures, and tools for ministry.

## Northern CARBC Meetings

We will meet October 24 and 25 at Berean Baptist Church in Fremont. Pete Mothershead will be speaking on “Balanced Evangelism,” a theologically-based approach to evangelism. To RSVP or for more information, call (510) 792-3928 or [office@bereanbaptist-fremont.org](mailto:office@bereanbaptist-fremont.org).

## Victory Ranch Events

Registration and info at [vranch.org](http://vranch.org)

### Fall Ladies Retreat, October 7-8

Kathrine Rogers is the featured speaker. Santa Clarita Baptist Church will help host and provide music.

### Fall Men’s Retreat, October 21-22

Ron Schrock speaking on “Man Up”

## Pilot Lake Events

Registration and info at [pilotlake.org](http://pilotlake.org)

### Men’s Retreat Sept 29 - Oct 1

with Ron Schrock “God, Gold, and Guns”

## Pastor Dennis Leavell at Orchard Avenue

Dennis Leavell received a unanimous vote to become the Associate Pastor at Orchard Avenue Baptist Church in Vacaville. With his wife, Laura, Dennis will be creating a Young Families Ministry as well as overseeing our music and tech ministries. They will be starting in mid August.

**Pictured:** Pastor Ken Doan (left) and new Associate Pastor, Dennis Leavell.

