

Nearing Ninety: A History of the CARBC

As the CARBC nears 90 years, an article by David Hollingsworth in his work, The Ongoing Story: A History of the CARBC, traces the background that led to the formation of the CARBC in 1929.

Our Baptist forefathers fought for and won religious freedom for all Americans. As Robert Torbet has written,

The great colonial awakenings in the revival of the mid-eighteenth century created an environment which was favorable to the increase of dissenters and to the growth of religious freedom. *A History of the Baptists*, p. 234.

That freedom has been demonstrated since in many ways, one example being the fact that six of the twenty-one Colonial Brigade Chaplains during the Revolutionary War were Baptists. By 1850, three percent of the people in this country were Baptists by persuasion, the number growing to five and one-half percent by the start of the 20th century.

Baptists do not constitute a denomination (that is, a church in the sense of the Lutheran Church or the Presbyterian Church). Rather, people who hold to certain, distinctive beliefs are denominated Baptists. These distinctives were challenged in the late 1800's by the influence of European rationalism and Darwinian evolution. The practical effect of these influences was felt most keenly in the religious educational institutions. Of particular note in the influx known as modernism were Shailer Matthews of the Divinity School of Chicago, Walter Rauschenbusch of the Rochester Theological Seminary, and Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of the Riverside Church in New York City. These men set out to define a middle ground between uncritical evangelicalism and philosophical modernism.

The hybrid that was produced wasn't at all evangelical, and, therefore, probably did not represent an honest middle ground. Instead, it constituted a challenge to the supernatural element of Christianity. Discarded were such basic and essential truths as the inspiration of the Scripture, the virgin birth and deity of Jesus Christ, and the necessity of substitutionary atonement to deliver depraved men from the eternal penalty for sin in a devil's hell.

In the next issues, we will find out what happened on the national level and what God began in California.

Transition in Elk Grove

The mantle of pastoral leadership was passed from Jim Garcines to Amado Manangkil on January 14 at Filipino International Baptist Church in Elk Grove. The vision of Pastors Garcines and Manangkil is for FIBC in Elk Grove to be the mother church for new church plants.

In his 27 years of ministry in the Philippines, Pastor Amado Manangkil has planted 26 churches, started a Bible institute, and established an organization focused on planting churches. He comes to the United State with his wife, Nimfa, and two of his five children, Adrian and Bhea. His other children are leading ministries in the Philippines.

Pastor Manangkil's vision for FIBC is to make the church stronger so it can fulfill its role as the mother church to new church plants. He clearly states his philosophy of church planting when he says, "The pastor must produce another pastor, and the church must produce another church."

We welcome Pastor Manangkil and his family into the CARBC family and pray that the partnership of these two veteran church planters will produce much fruit for the glory of God.

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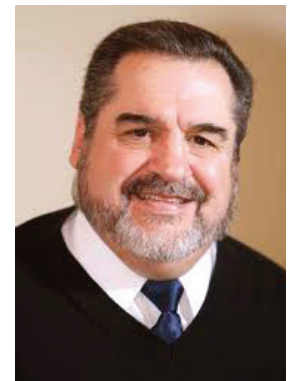
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2018 CARBC Conference April 9-11 at Westwood Baptist, Fresno

Jim Cecy, senior pastor-teacher of Campus Bible Church in Fresno, will be the keynote speaker for the CARBC Conference on April 9-11. Speaking on living pure lives in an immoral world, Jim will explain the commands, helps, and guidance on purity found in God's Word. Part of Jim's desire for this conference is to give attendees an understanding and materials so they are equipped to teach others about God's Word on purity. "Jim delivers a tough message with gentleness and respect," says Dave Wilcox, former CARBC State Representative. "We as church leaders need to hear his heart's message and pass it on to those to whom we minister." CARBC State Representative Bruce McLain added his recommendation, saying, "His ministry has been a blessing and encouragement to us in the past. Jaron Ministries was a help to me in dealing with a church situation many years ago. I believe our CARBC family will be built up by our time in Fresno this year."



The conference will be held at Westwood Baptist Church in Fresno, pastored by Chips Ross. Look for more information on registering for the conference at carbc.org. To find out more about Jim Cecy and his ministry, visit campusbiblechurch.com and puritywar.com.

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