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.

In 1924, the two-year-old Baptist Bible Union of California, under the leadership of Benjamin F. Feldman of the Tremont Baptist Temple of Pasadena and Frederic W. Farr of the Calvary Baptist Church of Los Angeles passed a resolution requesting that the Union be incorporated as an alternative affiliation for independent Baptist churches. But the national leadership felt the time was not right for “divisive” action.

The Baptist Bible Union grew until 1926, when several unfortunate events occurred that led to its decline in numbers and interest.

Californians in 1928 were busyng themselves with many things. Politically they were caught up in the presidential election campaign between Herbert Hoover and Alfred Smith. National pride was still soaring in the wake of Charles Lindbergh’s 1927 solo trans-Atlantic airplane flight.

A lesser known incident occurred in the fall of 1928. John Carlos Derfelt and George Rector Dye made a trip north from Los Angeles as far as the Oregon border to meet with about 25 independent Baptist pastors about the need for and benefits of an association of churches. Quoting from Dr. Dye’s personal records a few months later, “In January, 1929, Rev. Van Dyke Todd, pastor at Ceres, and Rev. H. Eilertsen, pastor of Danish Baptist Church, Modesto, met with Rev. G. R. Dye, Mrs. Dye, and Rev. A. B. Whitney, in the prayer room of the Danish Tabernacle and South Vermont Baptist Church in Los Angeles to consider the question of forming a new Baptist Association. That was the real beginning of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches” (Taken from Origins and Early History of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches, by G. Rector Dye).

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Camps cont.
The Junior Camp program was expertly led by Pastors Ken Doan and Paul Moore (Orchard Baptist Church, Vacaville), who kept the young people on the move with activities, challenges, projects, and times of Bible study and memorization. Pastor Doan’s enthusiasm for children and Scripture really shines in a camp setting!

Set aside July 8–13, 2019, as we will once again head “up the mountain,” meet under the stars, hear good preaching, and enjoy great fellowship at Pilot Lake Wilderness Camp.

Holy Spirit cont.
so she could try to read along in her language. After one Sunday service, my wife, Joan, and I enjoyed lunch with Anna and then asked for her questions. We set outside on a beautiful afternoon and shared from God’s Word, asking her to read each passage in Farsi. Little by little we could see God opening her heart. What an unspeakable joy to join hands, just the three of us—Joan, Anna and me—to pray together and hear Anna thank God for saving her.

Do I believe in the Holy Spirit? Yes! More so than ever! Anna couldn’t stop thanking us for sharing with her and God for saving her. We can’t stop thanking God for the privilege of witnessing the birth of one of His everlasting children! “Please, Lord, teach us to walk in the fullness of your Holy Spirit! Please send forth laborers into Your harvest field, and please send us out on the first shift!”

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