

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.

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 busying 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 Baptist Church of Modesto. After earnest prayer it was decided to send a letter of invitation to the pastors of the independent Baptist Churches to assemble at the Calvary 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 Origin and Early History of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches, by G. Rector Dye).

The next issue will trace the founding of the CARBC.

CARBC Calendar (visit CARBC.org for more events):

- Southern CA Pastors, Wives, and Christian Workers Retreat Sept. 17–19
- Northern CA Ladies Retreat Oct. 4–6
- Northern CA Annual Meeting Oct. 7–8
- Central CA Ladies Retreat Oct. 18–20
- Southern CA Round Up Nov. 3

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 sat 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 live 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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Summer Camps

Victory Ranch

Summer camp 2018 at Victory Ranch officially wrapped up on Aug. 11. We had 29 young people participate in our staff training week, 18 in our Horsemanship Camp, 98 in our two Junior Camps, and 131 in our Teen Camp. We saw 23 young people place their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, 9 rededicate their lives to Christ, and 1 decide to serve the Lord as a missionary!

We had participation from the pastors of First Baptist Church in Beaumont; Calvary Baptist Tabernacle and South Vermont Avenue Baptist Church in Gardena; Fellowship Baptist Church in Hemet; and Bible Baptist of Santa Monica. Countless other volunteers served as kitchen help, recreation help, musicians, first aid directors, counselors, and staff. Another praise was that half of our 24 counselors were former campers that wanted to come back and minister with us.



Pilot Lake

This summer, CARBC churches sent almost 50 young people to camp at Pilot Lake to be challenged on the subject of friendship. At least four churches were represented, and several groups brought teens from outside their church group to take part in the program.

Michael “Coach” McCarty, director of athletics and head men’s basketball coach at Boyce College in Louisville, Ky., was the featured speaker. Coach McCarty challenged the young people to not only choose right friends, but to be the type of friend others need. Pastors Roger McCarty and Daniel Sternquist (First Baptist Community, Monte Sereno), Charlie Eldred (Fairway Park, Hayward), and others supported Coach’s messages with their own devotional challenges.

See Camps cont.

