

Journal B-9 – San Dimas Churches

San Dimas Baptist Church

Known as Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California

First Church and Church organization in San Dimas.

Organized January 12, 1896.

First church building was erected on the northeast corner of Cataract and Commercial Streets. Built during the summer of 1896. The building committee was as follows: E.G.O. Groat, Harry E. Walker and William T. Micheal. The building was dedicated September 27, 1896. Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa preached the dedicatory sermon.

Rev. E.G.O. Groat, District Missionary of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, was called as the first pastor and served the church for one year. The church was received in the Los Angeles Baptist Association September 24, 1896.

The church was incorporated according to the Laws of the State of California. Papers of incorporation were filed in Sacramento, California, March 9, 1896.

The first trustees of the church were: Mr. A.A. McLean, Harry E. Walker, Hubert Knox, William M. Martin and James W. Walker.

The lots 673 and 675 were donated by Mr. George W. Hughes.

The First Baptist Sunday School. Copied from minutes of the church for November 5, 1897.
“Voted that we proceed to organize a Baptist Sunday School and elect officers for the same.
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Mr. L.S. Thacker – Superintendent
Mr. Hubert Knox – Assistant Superintendent
Miss Hattie Teague – Treasurer
Miss Lola Brownlee – Secretary
Miss Birdie Micheal – Assistant Secretary

Copied from church records October 1932.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

Baptist Church of San Dimas

Church organized January 12, 1896

Constituent or Founder Members:

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Walker
Mr. William Martin
Mr. Daniel P. McEwen
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Alec A. McLean
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Micheal
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Knox

Church dedicated September 27, 1896 with the following members:

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Walker
Mr. William M. Martin
Mr. Daniel P. McEwen
Mrs. Ella Potts
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Alec A. McLean
Mr. & Mrs. William T. Micheal
Mr. Riley
Mr. Stonewall Sallee
Miss Belle Sallee
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Knox
Mr. & Mrs. Ari Hopper

Pastor – Rev. E.G.O. Groat

This list I know is correct – Mrs. Harry E. Walker

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No. 25245

**State of California
Department of State**

I, L.H. Brown, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of The Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California, certified by the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles as a copy of such Articles filed in his office, was filed in this office on the 9th day of March A.D. 1896, which articles and copy thereof contained the required Statement of Facts, to wit: First – the name of the corporation as afore said: Second – the purpose for which it is framed: Third – the place where its principal business is to be transacted: Fourth – the term for which it is to exist: Fifth – the number of its directors or trustees, and the name and residences of those who are appointed for the first year.

And I do hereby further certify that the articles of incorporation set forth the holding of the election for directors, the time and place where the same was held, that a majority of the members of such association were present and voted at such election and the result thereof: which facts were verified by the officers conducting the election.

Witness my hand and the Great Seal of State at office in Sacramento, California, this the 9th day of March A.D. 1896.

L.H. Brown,
Secetry of State

By W.S. Sesmon, Deputy

[State Seal]

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Statistical Statement – Baptist Church of San Dimas

For the year ending in October 1, 1896.

Membership

By Experience – 4

By Letter – 20

Present Membership – 24

Non-Resident – 2

Financial Statement

For maintaining public worship	\$ 60.00
Building church property	1313.00
Other purposes	<u>19.00</u>
Total Home Expense	\$ 1392.00

Home Missions	\$ 86.62
American Baptist Publication Society	3.50
Other objects	12.50
Received from Home Missionary Society	200.00
Value of Church Property	1413.00

Financial Summary

To Home Missions	\$ 86.62
Baptist Publication Society	3.50
Local Missions	10.00
Benevolent Objects	<u>12.50</u>
Total Benevolences	\$ 112.62
Home Expenses	1392.00

First Baptist Church of San Dimas

Early in December 1895 a series of meetings were held in the School House at this place by Rev. E.G.O. Groat, District Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, an interest was awakened in the worship of God and the study of His Word. A canvas of the vicinity was made from house to house. As a result of this work, on January 12, 1896 a meeting was held at which the Pastors and several brethren from Pomona and Azusa churches were present. Remarks were made by the Missionary Pastor, Dr. Bennett of Pomona, Pastor Evans of Azusa and Rev. Frank Sullivan of the Pacific Baptist and others, after which twelve persons—six (6) men and six (6) women whose names will be found as Constituent Members list—adopted the articles of faith as published by the American Baptist Publication Society and entered into covenant as a Baptist Church, to be known as the Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk, E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

San Dimas, California – February 1, 1896, 2:30 p.m.

Church met in covenant meeting ten (10) members present—called for business Rev. E.G.O. Groat was by resolution called to the chair. Letters from Pomona Church to constituent members read and clerk ordered to reply to the church that they had been received. On motion D.P. McEwen was elected Church Clerk and W.M. Martin Treasurer. On motion it was resolved to hold the regular Covenant and Communion Service at 2:00 p.m. the first Sunday in every month. On motion, Pastor and clerk may call business meeting by giving due notice at a regular or special service of the church. On motion Mr. J.W. Walker was requested to act as Deacon. The letter of Mrs. Ella Potts was read and she was received as a member of the church. On motion of the Pastor, Clerk and Deacon were appointed a committee to arrange for recognition services. On motion Rev. E.G.O. Groat was requested to act as chairman of a committee to solicit subscriptions for a church building. Adjourned.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk, E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

San Dimas, February 19, 1896

A Business meeting was held. A.A. McLean was called to the chair. Six members present. On motion it was resolved to incorporate the church. This was same as per the Laws of the State of California and Brethren A.A. McLean, Harry E. Walker, Hubert Knox, William M. Martin and James W. Walker were elected trustees—the first two to serve one year, the rest two years. (See Article of Incorporation). Adjourned.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk, A.A. McLean, Moderator

July 1, 1896

The trustees resolved to insure the church building for two thirds its value.

July 12, 1896

Bros. McLean, J.W. Walker and Hubert Knox were elected as a finance and pulpit supply committee.

San Dimas, September 6, 1896

After morning services the church was called for business, Pastor Groat in the chair. On motion and sustained that we ask to be received as a sister church in the Los Angeles Association. On motion and sustained that Bro. Knox, Pastor Groat and clerk be a committee to prepare a letter to the Association. That Pastor Groat, Deacon Walker, and the Clerk be a committee to arrange for recognition services. That Rev. M. Cleveland be asked to preach the dedicatory sermon. That the committee on Recognition Services be empowered to make arrangements for Dedicatory Services. Adjourned.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk, E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

San Dimas, September 24, 1896

In answer to the invitations sent out for a council of recognition the following churches responded by sending Pastor and delegates: viz—Azusa, Ontario, American, Memorial and First Church of Los Angeles. The council organized by electing Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa as Moderator and Dr. Parker of First Church Los Angeles, Secretary. A member of the Pomona church who was present, was invited to represent that church in the council. The church presented its history through the Pastor. Officers of the church were also called upon to present their view of church work, and outlook, and responsibilities as follows: viz—Deacon James W. Walker, and A.A. McLean and Hubert Knox of the Board of Trustees. The council voted a pleasing satisfaction and proceeded to appoint a committee on services of recognition. The committee reported as follows: sermon—Rev. A.W. Rider of Memorial Church, Los Angeles; charge to the church by Rev. A.J. Garnett of the First Church of Los Angeles; the hand of fellowship by Rev. C. Jones of Ontario; prayer by Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa. The report of the committee was accepted and the order of exercises was carried through in a most pleasant and profitable manner. The benediction was pronounced by the Pastor.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk – per H.R.

San Dimas, September 27, 1896

After the morning service, the church met in business session, Pastor Groat in the chair. Bro. Groat as chairman of the building committee presented their report. It was voted to accept their report and that the trustees take charge of the church property. It was voted that the church tender their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the building committee for their efficient services; that the Pastor and Deacon J.W. Walker be our delegates to the Los Angeles Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Convention. It was voted to extend an invitation to the Union Sunday

School, and the Union Y.P.S.C.E. to hold their services in the church building, and that the trustees of the church be an advisory board to confer with said societies. Adjourned

At 2:30 p.m. Dedicatory Services were held and our new house of worship was solemnly dedicated to the service of Almighty God. Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa preached the dedicatory sermon. Brethren Ogle and Brink, who were present from the Pomona Church, were invited to assist in the services which were very pleasant and instructive. A beautiful solo was rendered by Bro. G.B. Harding of the Ontario Baptist Church.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, November 5, 1897

The church met in monthly covenant and business meeting. Deacon Thacker was chosen moderator. Records of last meeting were read and approved. Voted that Bro. McLean be permitted to withdraw his motion in reference to a B.Y.P.U. Voted that henceforth any organization coming into this church shall be under the auspices and control of the church. Voted that we proceed to organize a Baptist Sunday School and elect officers for the same. Voted to elect the officers of the Sunday School by ballot. Bro. James W. Walker, who had served as Superintendent of the Union Sunday School, declined to stand again as a candidate for re-election. Bros. Thacker and Knox were nominated for the office—the ballot showed Bro. Thacker's election—on motion of Bro. Knox, the same was made unanimous.

Result of election:

Brother Thacker – Superintendent
Hubert Knox – Assistant Superintendent
Miss Hattie Teague – Treasurer
Miss Lola Brownlee – Secretary
Miss Birdie Micheal – Assistant Secretary

Adjourned.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

Copied from book in the possession of Robert E. Mumford, October 1932

Genevieve R. Walker

Charter Members of the Baptist Church

Mr. & Mrs. James W. Walker
Mr. William M. Martin
Mr. Daniel P. McEwen
Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Alec A. McLean
Mrs. Ella Walker Potts
Miss Belle Sallee
Mr. Stonewall Sallee

Later Members

Mr. Riley

Mr. & Mrs. Ari Hopper

Mr. & Mrs. William Micheal

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Knox

Mr. & Mrs. E.G.O. Groat

The above was the church membership on Sept. 27, 1896.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

Baptist Church of San Dimas on new site – 1908

The church building was moved from the northeast corner of Cataract and Commercial Streets to the southeast corner of San Dimas Avenue and Second Street during the summer of 1908. The church was enlarged and greatly improved. The church was dedicated October 4, 1908. Dr. J.N. Fields preached the dedicatory sermon. The indebtedness of the church was lifted by cash and subscriptions, six months being given in which to pay the pledges. Bro. J.W. Walker assuming the rest. Several ministers took part in the service aside from Dr. J.N. Fields and the Pastor, T.J. Davenport. Among them Rev. George C. Wright, Rev. W.S. Gage, Rev. C.T. Sanford, Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith and two or three others.

The trustees procured an order from the court to sell lots 673 and 675 and use proceeds of sale for payment on new church building on lot 331 San Dimas Ave, San Dimas, California, with new church building to be used for Baptist use and work. On December 16, 1908 it was decided to deed the church and the lot upon which it stands in Trust to Southern Baptist Convention to be used for the benefit of the Baptist Denomination. Building Committee: James W. Walker, William M. Martin, Stonewall Sallee, Dr. J.E. Hubble and J.M. Ellis. Board of Trustees: James W. Walker, W.M. Martin, J.M. Ellis and Dr. J.E. Hubble. Officers for the church and Sunday School are Mr. J.W. Walker, Supt., Mrs. T.J. Davenport, Assistant Supt., Miss Nellie Mize, Secretary, Miss Etta McDonald, Pianist, Dallas Walker, Treasurer. Church—Stonewall Sallee resigned as trustee; Dr. J.E. Hubble was elected to fill the unexpired term. Miss Belle Sallee, Church Clerk, William M. Martin, Treasurer, Miss Etta Parch, Pianist, Mr. Lilarge, Chorister. Copied from church records October 1932.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

San Dimas Baptist Church
Regular Baptist Church – organized January 12, 1896

The following are the pastors who have served the church:

	Rev. E.G.O. Groat	-	January 1896 to January 1897
	Rev. A.J. Donaldson	-	February 1897 – November 1898
Also Covina	Rev. E.E. Tyson	-	April 1899 – September 1899
Also Covina	Rev. C.M. Jones	-	October 1899 – July 1903
	Rev. George C. Wright	-	March 1904 – December 1904
	Rev. W.F. Stone	-	April 1905 – August 1905
	Rev. J.W. Woolford	-	November 1905 – August 1906
	Rev. Herman J. Powell	-	November 1906 – December 1907
	Rev. T.J. Davenport	-	March 1908 – March 1910
	Rev. J.L. Matthews	-	March 1910 – July 1911
Supply	Rev. H.J. Powell	-	July 1911 – April 1912
	Rev. J.N. Lawless	-	April 1912 – June 1914
Supply	Rev. H.J. Powell	-	June 1914 – January 1915
	Rev. E.H. Marriner	-	January 1915 – November 1916
	Rev. Floy T. Barkman	-	November 1916
	Rev. J.W.C. Swan	-	March 1918 – April 1924
	Rev. George H. Harrison	-	June 1924 – June 1925
	Rev. Gordon A. Whipple	-	October 1925 - 1933
	Rev. Victor Freberg	-	October 1, 1933 – December 9, 1934
	Rev. Sherman S. Lemon	-	April 1, 1935 – June 22, 1938
	Rev. Murray Clayton	-	October 2, 1938 – June 30, 1939
	Rev. Jerald May	-	August 6, 1939 – September 30,
1940			
	Rev. Dan L. Barrington	-	November 3, 1940 – March 1942
	Rev. M.F. Rasmussen	-	June 28, 1942 – February 1950
	Rev. Alfred Dodds	-	November 1950 – May 30, 1951
	Rev. William Collins	-	January 1951 – September 1953
	Rev. Robert Billester	-	December 1953 – May 1955
	Rev. Kenneth Larrabee	-	August 1955

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Mrs. Harry E. Walker

October 25, 1933

The First Christian Church 1910

The history of this Church dates back to 1910, when as a result of the legacy of one of our earliest pioneers, Crawford Pinkney Teague, \$10,000 was left for the construction of a new Christian Church.

One evening in May of the same year (1910) a group of people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Macy (on First Street, between San Dimas and Depot Street) and with the Rev. W. Utter presiding, the First Christian Church of San Dimas was organized. The Sunday School was organized at the same time. The Charter Members were—Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Billheimer, Glen and Vera Billheimer, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Macy, Mary Macy Benner, and Mrs. J.O. Lussier. The first services were held in a tent at the N.W. corner of First and Bank Streets. Later services were held in the hall of the Forseman and Hoke Building on Bonita Avenue. Two years after the organization, on October 6, 1912, the present church building, occupying three lots at the N.W. corner of Second and Depot Streets (Monte Vista St.), and representing a cost of \$35,000, was dedicated. This beautiful building is as commodious and attractive a structure as can be found in any community the size of San Dimas in Southern California. It has not only an attractive auditorium of worship, but splendid educational and social facilities. The church has enjoyed a measure of well-deserved repute for the efficiency and depth of its religious educational program.

There were two religious educational directors, now prominent in much larger churches in Southern California, who were instrumental in creating the high standard of excellence prevailing: Mr. Byron Burditt, now of Huntington Park, and Mrs. Walter Boston, of Alhambra. Both went from this to much larger directorates in the work of religious education. They left behind a thoroughly organized school adequately equipped, and one which has enjoyed a reputation for very high grade work in the field of Christian instruction.

Once each month, young people and mature minds, met in a service forum to discuss ways of service to the community and the work. Rich and helpful programs of worship and inspiration were presented to the community.

Help went forth in behalf of various relief projects, substantial concern was manifest in the economic problems of local people. The late Mrs. J.S. Billheimer organized the Women's Missionary Society. This has always been a very active society, and at the time had a membership of 83. It is a banner society, and on the Honor Roll of the State. Mrs. Billheimer was its president for 8 years, and was also State Vice President. She resigned as president of the society to organize the Young Peoples Circle to which she devoted her efforts as long as she remained in San Dimas. The first pastor of the church was Rev. W.E. Spicer, and since then the following pastors have served the church: Rev. S.M. Bernard, Rev. W.E. Garrison, Dr. W.A.

Parker, Dr. Frank Dowling, Rev. Richard E. Brown, Rev. J.M. Stevens, Rev. Lambreth Hancock, Rev. P.M. McClure, and Rev. Tunis Cordill. The church had about 140 members.

Genevieve R. Walker

The Union Church 1912

A group of earnest people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Landon (corner of Covina Blvd. and Amelia St.) one evening in May 1912, and organized the Union Church, Interdenominational. The organization was effected as it was in order to leave the path toward church union an open one, in case the coming years should offer such an opportunity. At that time there were a number of San Dimas people not affiliated with any local church, and who had formerly been active in church work of their own denominations, some of them having affiliations with out-of-town congregations. They were convinced that local church affiliations were preferable both for civic and personal reasons, and that there was a field of work for such an organization. The group represented a number of different denominations, among them being Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Quakers, Congregationalists, and others. This organization, recognizing and respecting the individual denominational convictions of its members, but uniting on the essential beliefs common to all leading denominations, aimed to furnish an opportunity for Christian work and a church home for all not finding the denomination of their choice in San Dimas.

For three years after the organization, church services were held in a small building at the corner of 3rd and Depot St. (Monte Vista St.). At the end of that time the present lovely church building was erected at the corner of 3rd St. and San Dimas Ave. This church edifice was designed for religious worship, church school, the various church activities, and other forms of community and civic welfare uses. Prominent among the organizers of the church was the late J.D. Tangeman, in honor of whose memory the later addition containing rooms for Bible School classes and social work was dedicated as "The Tangeman Memorial Chapel." The church had five pastors: Rev. Chas. E. Stickle of Santa Monica who organized the church and was its pastor for three years, Rev. Horace Mallows of Claremont, who recently closed his 49th year of church ministry, was pastor for seven years and was instrumental in building the new church. The Rev. Shelton Bissel, of Franklin, New Hampshire, was pastor for six years and was followed by Rev. O.K. Walker who resigned in 1932.

For many years the Sunday evenings were given over mainly to the "Open Forum," a men's organization working with the pastor. This brought to San Dimas as speakers, men and women of prominence in fields of religion, education, philanthropy, business and various professions; so helping to give opportunity of keeping somewhat abreast of world movement and progress. The Women's Guild, organized in 1912, has always been a strong and active adjunct of the benevolent work, which includes both local and distant missionary enterprises. This group of women, numbering about 80, furnished the church throughout, even to the well equipped kitchen.

The Charter Members of the church were: Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Tangeman, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, Mr. and Mrs. A.S. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Gilman, Mr. and Mrs. F.D.

Landon, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Heald. The Union Church was dedicated September 23, 1917 and had about 135 members.

Genevieve R. Walker

The Community Church

Through the years the members of these two churches found they had much in common. They called each other by name, were entertained in each other's homes, traded in each other's stores and shops, sent their children to the same school to learn the same lessons from the same teachers, were trying to make the community a better place in which to live, they had so much in common, that without realizing it they fell in love with each other, and love—being the greatest thing in the world—works wonders.

As far back as 1927 there was an organization of young people combined from both congregations which created a closer bond between the two churches, as did joint evening services. Through the closer unity and good fellowship between the two congregations, their love and respect for each other grew and a better understanding was the result.

They all had known God! All had said "Our Father," all had desired to know more about Jesus and follow more closely in His footsteps. The same Bible had been their guide and source book of faith and practice. So they arose above mere denominational loyalty to the larger devotion of Christianity as a whole, with a desire to think and say not "A Church" but "The Church."

With both congregations in this frame of mind—each called a separate meeting on Monday evening August 1, 1932 to discuss plans for a federation of the two churches. At both meetings the vote was unanimous for it, and the churches became federated under the name of "The Community Church of San Dimas" (Christian-Union), the new federation to begin officially September 1, 1932.

A council was formed composed of 12 members from each church—and this council at a meeting on August 8, 1932 unanimously voted to retain the Rev. Tunis Cordill, pastor of the Christian Church for the ensuing year. Since the federation, the Union Church building has been known as the chapel, and the Christian Church building as the church.

The church school was organized September 11, 1932. It is the largest organization in the church except the church itself. It is a completely graded church school of ten departments, with a leadership of forty. Mrs. H.S. Gilman is General Superintendent.

On Sunday morning September 11, 1932, the first services were held in the Community Church. The auditorium was packed to hear the Pastor, Rev. Tunis Cordill. He took as his text—treat one another with the same spirit as you experience in Christ Jesus, and he chose as his subject "An Appreciation of the Community Church Spirit." It was a most splendid service. Rev. Cordill spoke of the centrifugal age of Christianity being closed, the centripetal action having begun. The age of division being over, that of reunion coming on. He said that most of us rejoice that we have lived to see this day in which the minor divisions, which have divided us, are being forgotten or over-looked. Inter-church fights are almost unknown, the spirit of brotherhood is holding sway.

Practically every church organization has a commission on church union. For nearly a half century some groups have considered this a live issue, but at no time has it been so alive nor so universal as it is today.

Behind all development of cooperative Christian enterprises is a spiritual force. The ideal church will not be realized by its being united in one body, obedient to one official leadership, moving before the town folk as one mass. The ideal church will be realized when its members are harmonious, not because they are in one organization, but because they are filled with one spirit.

Christian union will be an answered prayer—the byproduct of Christian living.

The sermon left the members of the congregation feeling a personal responsibility to make this federation a great and outstanding success, and a willingness to work diligently to prove by their example that Christian people can unite effectively.

Now a year has passed since the Community Church was organized. In looking back over that period the results are most gratifying. All departments of church work are thoroughly organized. The Church School, Men's Fellowship Club, Women's Guild, Women's Missionary Society and Young People's departments are all deserving of special mention.

This church federation was an experiment. We now know it is a success. The spirit of harmony and good will is marvelous. Some of the members know just what the church is doing; but for the benefit of those who are not fully acquainted with the church, its organizations, its leadership and its program of activity now being carried on, a recent survey by the pastor will be interesting—it reveals that there are 55 different groups which are a part of this one church, that these 55 groups are directly serving a constituency of five hundred persons, that these 55 groups hold a total of 140 separate meetings monthly, that there are over 300 different offices in these 55 groups, that 156 different individuals are holding one or more of these 300 offices, that these 156 leaders represent 101 different families.

This is an enlightening report, and should make us very happy. This concrete expression of Christian unity, which has ever been an ideal, is one of the most interesting and far reaching events which this community has been privileged to see at close range.

The foundation upon which this federation was consummated is firm enough to withstand the weathering of time and the criticism of man, deep enough to satisfy the spiritual needs of man, and broad enough for all to enjoy the fellowship of other Christians.

Believing that no relationship with God can be perfect without full respect, tolerance and love for one's fellowmen, one cannot be true to Christ and to himself and remain aloof from his religious brethren.

The more one can love and the better one can get along with others makes religion more vital and real, and the blessing of God more sure.

For it is "By this that all men shall know that ye are My disciples" according to the Master's own statement, "if ye have love one for another."

Genevieve R. Walker

May 19, 1954
Information received from Mrs. W.T. Way
First Methodist Church

Charter Members of the Methodist Church – 1901

Mr. & Mrs. J.N. Crane
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Crane
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Way
Mr. & Mrs. James A. Johnstone
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Gore
Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Tigner
Mr. & Mrs. William Callender
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Callender
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Callender
Mr. & Mrs. Keyes
Mr. & Mrs. Shorey
Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Anderson
Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Turner
Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Rutherford
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cramer
Mr. & Mrs. G.C. Carter (E.G.)
Mrs. Ellis – W.D.
Mrs. Crowe
Mrs. Bowden
Mrs. Kent
Miss Jennie Clickner
Mr. Earnest Montgomery

Mrs. W. T. Way of San Dimas, California and her brother Mr. J.W. Crane of Modesto, California are the only surviving Charter Members. Mrs. Way is 87 years old.

The above information is from Mrs. William T. Way as given to her daughter Miss Pearl Way, May 19, 1954.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

First Methodist Church Organized 1901

Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Crane and seven children and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Crane and family moved to San Dimas in 1898. They ran a boarding house on the northwest corner of Depot Street (now Monte Vista) and Bonita Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Way and family settled northwest of town on the hillside (now known as Way Hill) in 1899—where Mrs. Way still lives—age 87 years. Mrs. Way was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Crane.

When these families came here they attended church services in Lordsburg, as there was no Methodist Church in San Dimas. Later three lots were purchased from James A. Johnstone for \$100 with an old hall on it which stood on the site of the present parsonage and served as the Church or Methodist Mission.

Rev. McGowen, a pastor of the Lordsburg Church, shared time with San Dimas for one year. Boxes from the packing house with boards across them were used as pews. As soon as the members felt financially able, they decided to erect a church on the corner lot—with G.C. Carter as contractor and builder. Bishop Inwood from San Diego dedicated the church in August 1901.

The first pastor was Rev. W.A. Brown who received \$25 per month plus a furnished house. Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Crane donated their organ, which they had brought from Nebraska, to the church. Mary Macy (Benner) was one of the early organists.

The first wedding in the church was that of Jenny Clickner [also spelled Jennie Klitner] and Earnest Montgomery—1902. When the church was completed and ready for use, the little hall was torn down. And the La Verne Heights School building was purchased by some public spirited citizens of San Dimas and moved to the lot where the hall had formerly stood.

Mr. J.N. Crane and sons, Wes and Gus, and Mr. Frank Cramer and son moved this building with teams and wagons. This building was used as a public hall where all types of entertainment was given. One of the small rooms was used as the first library in San Dimas. This school building was finally remodeled and made into the Methodist parsonage. This parsonage is still being used in 1954. The trees planted on the grounds of the church and parsonage were sycamore, carob, pomegranate, almond, fig, olive and date palm—all mentioned in the Bible.

Information from Mrs. William T. Way
May 19, 1954

In 1911 an addition was built to the church which was used as Sunday School rooms. In 1926 a new addition was built to be used as Sunday School rooms as the others had been outgrown.

The second wedding in this church was that of Muriel Anderson to George Metcalf. January 23, 1904.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

**First Methodist Church of San Dimas
1901**

The first Methodist Church of San Dimas as organized in 1901 and the church was built that year.

The Charter Members as near as can be determined were:

Tom Gore and family
J.N. Crane and family
W. Way and family
James A. Johnstone and family
J.W. Anderson and family
W. Callender and family
R. Callender and family
Dan Callender and family
John Turner and family
Mr. Tigner and family
Mr. Shorey and family

Rev. W.A. Brown was the first minister. In 1911 an addition was built to the church which was used as Sunday School rooms. In 1926 a new addition was built to be used as Sunday School rooms, as the other proved too small.

The first wedding in the church was that of Jennie Klitner and Earnest Montgomery in 1902. The second was that of Muriel Anderson and George Metcalf, January 23, 1904.

I cannot vouch for the correctness of the Charter Members. This record is far from complete, but the best I have been able to get to date—1950.

Mrs. Harry E. Walker

Holiness Church 1919

This church is a branch of the general body called the Holiness Church, incorporated in 1896 under the laws of California, with headquarters in Los Angeles.

Governed by a Board of twelve Elders and seventeen Trustees, a Chairman is elected each year at the general assembly meeting. The doctrine and teaching of the Holiness Church stands for a full salvation. First, Justification by Faith, Romans 5:18. Second, Sanctification by Faith, Matthew 3:11, Acts 15:8-9, Luke 24:49, as taught by John Wesley. To belong to this body all members must profess this experience. This church was organized November 7, 1919 by Rev. and Mrs. James R. Adams with a membership of thirty-six, after holding a seven weeks street meeting. The San Dimas Holiness Church is located on the corner of Monte Vista and First Street. Rev. and Mrs. Adams served as pastor for three years, followed by Rev. Alfred Morgan of Arizona, Rev. Walter Mateny of Los Angeles, Rev. C.J. Bodie of Pasadena, Rev. L.W. Dixon of San Dimas, Rev. Roy E. Morgan of Santa Ana and Rev. J.H. Khiel of Ojai, the present pastor. 1929

March 9, 1956

**History of the Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California
As prepared for Sixtieth Anniversary
1896 – 1956**

Sixty years is a long time. Consider any sixty year old person of your acquaintance—and then think back to the day that person was born. You may not be old enough to do that except in imagination, but it will give you a perspective of the length of sixty years.

Sixty years ago today, this church received her incorporation seal. This gave her the necessary legal standing in our state. One signer of the incorporation papers is still living here in San Dimas—Mr. Harry E. Walker. We hoped both Mr. and Mrs. Walker might be present tonight.

Early in December 1895, a series of meetings were held in the San Dimas School House by the Rev. E.G.O. Groat, District Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. An interest was awakened in the worship of God and the study of His Word. A canvas of the vicinity was made from house to house and as the result of this work, on January 12, 1896, a meeting was held at which the pastors and several Brethren from Pomona and Azusa churches were present. After discussion and prayer twelve persons, seven men and five women, adopted the Articles of Faith as published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and entered into covenant as a Baptist Church to be known as the Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California. This was the first church to be organized in San Dimas. Names of the constituent or founder members are as follows: Mr. & Mrs. James W. Walker, Mr. William Martin, Mr. Daniel P. McEwen, Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Walker, Mr. & Mrs. Alex A. McLean, Mr. & Mrs. William T. Micheal, and Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Knox.

The first records of this organization are still the property of this church. These pages are yellow and dilapidated with age but still give us knowledge of those first years of the work of this church. Mrs. Harry E. Walker has been very helpful in supplying information from the files and records she has been keeping over many years.

On February 1, 1896, a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for a church building. This committee: Rev. E.G.O Groat, Harry E. Walker and William T. Micheal.

The church was incorporated according to the laws of the State of California. Papers of incorporation were filed in Sacramento, California on March 9, 1896.

On September 27, 1896, on Sunday at 2:30, the new house of worship was dedicated, free of debt, at a cost of \$1,313. Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa preached the dedicatory sermon. Brother Ogle and Brother Brink of Pomona assisted in the service. This new building stood on lots 673 and 675 South Cataract Street and these were donated to the church by Mr. George W. Hughes, Great-Uncle of Mrs. Hayden Jones. At the present time the home of Miss Helen Kestersen stands on this property. I was told that the cellar of her home was once the baptistery of the church. At the time of dedication the church had 18 members. Besides those already named as

founder members, there were the following: Mrs. Ella Potts, Mr. Riley, Mrs. Stonewall Sallee, Miss Belle Sallee, and Mr. & Mrs. Hopper.

On the table before me is a picture of this very church loaned by kindness of Mrs. Walker. You may observe it, and other pictures at the close of the meeting. I am sure you will say it is a neat attractive little church building.

In the same month of the dedication the church asked to be received as a sister church into the Los Angeles Baptist Association and the Southern California Baptist Convention. Quoting from records, "September 24, 1896, in answer to the invitation sent out for a Council of Recognition the following churches responded by sending pastor and delegates viz: Azusa, Ontario, Pomona and the First Baptist of Los Angeles. This council voted to proceed and appoint a committee on Service of Recognition. The Committee reported as follows: Sermon by Rev. A.W. Rider of Memorial Church, Los Angeles; Charge to the Church by Rev. J. Garnett of First Church, Los Angeles; the Hand of Fellowship by Rev. C. Jones of Ontario; Prayer by Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa. The report of the committee was accepted and the order of exercise was carried through in a most pleasant and profitable manner. Benediction by the Pastor. Signed by Daniel P. McEwen, Church Clerk."

On November 15, 1896, two delegates were sent to represent this church when a council was held to consider the organization of a Baptist Church in Covina.

In this year the First Baptist Church of Pomona presented two gifts to the church. One was a complete communion set consisting of a tray, pitcher and two goblets. Our present generation would not consider that a complete set—would they! The other gift was a set of used song books—much appreciated.

In November of 1896, the Sunday School was reorganized as a Regular Baptist Sunday School instead of a Union Sunday School and was invited to meet in the new church building instead of the school house. This school house was the first of three that have occupied the same location on South Cataract Avenue. On January 2, 1897, the resignation of Rev. Groat was offered and accepted.

February 2, 1897, Rev. A.J. Donaldson became the pastor and stayed until November 1898. On October 3, 1897 the church sent delegates to Covina to organize a church there which became the First Baptist Church of Covina. In January 1899, the San Dimas and Covina churches united the two fields under one pastor. In April 1899, Rev. E.E. Tyson became pastor of the two churches. Six months later he stated he had recently adopted views inconsistent with the Baptist principles and therefore tendered his resignation.

In October 1899, Rev. C.M. Jones became the pastor of the two churches, and in October 1901, he was called to full-time pastorate in San Dimas. The first B.Y.P.U. was organized in August of 1902. Rev. Jones served until July 1903.

In March 1904, Rev. George C. Wright was called. He served until the end of the year. A call was then extended and accepted by Rev. W.F. Stone, in April 1905, but he had to leave in August of the same year because of the illness of his wife.

Rev. J.E. Woolford accepted a call in November 1905, and served until August 1906.

Under the next pastor, Rev. H.J. Powell, in 1906, the property was deeded over to the State Convention in Trust. Powell resigned in December 1907. In January of that year steps were taken as to advisability of wiring the church building for electricity. Up to this time the care of coal lamps, with their smoky chimneys, had been the chore of the women of the church for they served as caretakers of the building—sweeping floors, moping linoleums and carrying out ashes!

In March 1908, a call was extended to T.J. Davenport, and accepted by him. Twelve years had passed since the erecting of the church building and it was becoming evident that the town was growing northward, away from the present church site. So a lot was bought at the corner of 2nd Street and San Dimas Avenue and the church building moved into it and enlarged. The original building is the east end of the present building, the enlarging being done on the front of the building. The tower with belfry and the stained glass windows were added, at both front and sides. As yet there were neither sidewalks nor curbs on San Dimas Avenue. Hitching posts were provided for the horses that brot the church members to service in carriages and carts, or perhaps on saddles. The hitching posts were a gift to the church from R.M. Teague. This newer church edifice was dedicated free of debt on October 4, 1908. Dedicatory sermon was given by J.N. Field, of Redlands University.

On December 16, 1908, a court order was secured to sell lots 673 and 675. This was done on February 25, 1909, and the proceeds used for further repairs on the newly moved church building. Rev. Davenport resigned in March 1910.

A unanimous call was then extended to J.L. Matthews in March of same year and he served until July 1911.

Rev. H. J. Powell then came as a supply pastor in July and stayed until April 1912.

Rev. J.N. Lawless accepted a unanimous call in April and served the church until June 1914. Early in his ministry occurred the death of Mr. J.W. Walker, most respectfully known to many as "Uncle Jimmie Walker"—an uncle to Harry E. Walker. J.W. Walker had been the instigator of the church and a very faithful steward of God. He gave his time, talent and money unstintingly, and was a pillar in the church for many years. During Rev. Lawless' ministry the cottage next to the church was bargained for. This building was not then used for a parsonage, however, but for the use of the Sunday School and for social times and Young Peoples meetings. In June 1913, the Sunday School was reorganized and graded lessons introduced.

From June 1914 to January 1915, Rev. Herman J. Powell again faithfully served the church as a supply, awaiting the coming of Rev. E.H. Marriner who was doing lecture work in the south. Mr. Marriner arrived with his bride on New Year's Day, 1915, and served until Nov. 1916. At this time pepper trees bordered the church lot on two sides, in fact the church was often referred to as "the little brown church under the peppers." In Sept. 1913, wood was needed to warm the church building and it was recommended that the pepper trees in the rear of the church building and the cottage be topped before winter for fuel for the church stoves. The men of the church met with saws and axes and had a good wood-chopping bee, while the ladies prepared a delicious dinner for the workers. In Feb. 1916, the cottage used for the Sunday School rooms

was needed for a parsonage and it was voted to fit it up as such. Cost of conditioning the parsonage was \$167.22. Pastor Marriner reported that the church would have a 20th anniversary of its incorporation on March 9, 1916, and moved that the occasion be celebrated appropriately.

I found a little human-interest story in the records of Sept. 1915 when E.H. Marriner was pastor. It indicates that youth has ever been the same! Quoting the pastor, "I recommend that steps be taken to protect the church property from destructive children." Mr. H.E. Crenshaw, church clerk, was appointed a committee of one to see what could be done in the matter to stop the depredation.

Rev. F.T. Barkman came to the church in Nov. 1916, and he was the first pastor to occupy the parsonage. Noting the dates, that was just 40 years ago! No wonder that in 1956 the said cottage was ready for another repair and renovation job!

In March of 1918, Rev. J.W.C. Swan was called and served until late spring of 1924. He was a wonderful Bible student and teacher and under his teaching a great many of the members of this church were established in the fundamentals of the Word.

Following Rev. Swan came Geo. H. Harrison, a wonderful man of prayer and a strong fundamental preacher. He arrived in June of 1924, and served until June of 1925.

A friend of Rev. Harrison's, W.J. Miller, a retired minister, supplied for the church for three months until a regular pastor was called.

In Oct. 1925, Gordon A. Whipple began his ministry and remained until the summer of 1933, this being the longest pastorate of the church up to that time. In July 1926, the Sunday School attendance averaged 120 per Sunday and the growing attendance warranted more Sunday School rooms. Therefore plans were made and completed for an Educational Building built in the rear of the parsonage lot. This was completed and ready for dedication on April 1, 1928. The main floor of this building contains Sunday School classrooms, departmental rooms, restrooms and an office for the Sunday School. The roof floor contains a large pastor's study and the basement contains classrooms, an auditorium and a roomy kitchen. This building was erected at a cost of \$7,500 and paid for over a period of years by free-will donations. The church building and the parsonage were painted to match the new Educational Building. This is the building in which the social hour will be held this evening. This building is always a great help in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools each summer.

June 21, 1928, an ordination service was held for pastor Whipple in this church. Council was conducted by Rev. Matthews and the ordination sermon given by Rev. W.W. Catherwood.

October 30, 1932, this church united with the Association of Regular Baptist Churches of California.

On November 22, 1932, Miss Doris Blackwell, who had been a most helpful and faithful trained worker in many departments of the church and Sunday School, left here for missionary work in Nigeria, Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission Board. She is still serving in that field with her husband, Rev. Newton Kapp.

The following year, Oct. 4, 1933, Miss Wilda Miller, another capable and faithful worker in the church and Sunday School, had a call to the mission field of China, under the China Inland

Mission Board. Wilda, with her husband Arthur Mathew and little daughter, were held by the communists in confinement for about three years and finally were among the very last to be released.

April 19, 1933, ordination services were held here for two of our members, William Jones and Dale Satterthwaite.

October 1, 1933, Rev. Victor Freberg accepted a call to be the next pastor. He was a man much loved by all but as it was not possible for him to be a resident pastor, he resigned at the close of his second year, December 9, 1934.

Rev. G. Sherman Lemmon came as pastor on April 1, 1935, from the Green Meadows Baptist Church, Los Angeles. May 5, 1938, was an important date in the church history for on that date the church deed was received back from the Southern California Convention thru the efforts of Mr. M.C. Egly, Trustee Chairman, where it had been held in trust since June, 1907—31 years. Rev. Lemmon tendered his resignation on June 22, 1938.

Rev. Murry Clayton was the next pastor accepting a call on October 2, 1938, and closing his ministry on June 30, 1939. He came to us from a ministry at the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles.

Rev. Gerold May accepted a call on August 6, 1939, having just graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He only remained one year as he desired evangelistic type of work.

Rev. Dan Barrington came to the church on November 3, 1940, and resigned in March of 1942. His resignation was accepted with regrets as he and Mrs. Barrington left to travel in the eastern states in evangelistic work. During his ministry all three of the church buildings received a new coat of white paint.

Rev. M.F. Rasmussen accepted a call on June 28, 1942, from a ministry of Bible study classes in the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles. Early in 1946, the Misses Marian and Margaret Broady went out from this church to Ninilchik, Alaska as missionaries. These twin sisters had completed their work at Biola in 1945. Rev. Rasmussen left this ministry in February 1950, ending a pastorate of 7 ½ years.

Rev. William Collins came to us in January 1951, and separated his connections in September 1953. After a well-attended fellowship dinner, he and Mrs. Collins left in their house trailer to travel for the Sunday School Union in this state. Their daughter, Miss Hazel Collins, was a great help to the young people and conducted the Junior Church which grew rapidly under her ministry.

Rev. Robert Billester was the next pastor, coming in December 1953 and leaving in May of 1955. During his ministry the church building received a new white coat.

Rev. Kenneth T. Larrabee was the next and present pastor. He filled the pulpit continuously for three months until August 22, 1955, when he received a call to the pulpit. During his short ministry the membership has grown and God has definitely blessed. The parsonage has received a much needed renovation and repair job, including complete rewiring and the placing of modern lighting fixtures and new wall to wall carpeting. The next project for

the church is to be the painting of the parsonage and repairs and painting for the educational building.

God alone knows when the ministry of Rev. Larrabee will end—but I am sure I speak for the entire membership when I say we hope it will continue until the Great Shepherd of the Sheep comes to end all local assemblies. Brother Larrabee is the 26th pastor of this church, besides two supply pastors.

This has always been a missionary church, both foreign and home fields. For at least twenty-five years the church has sent a Gospel Team once a month to the Boys' Probation Honor Camp in the hills just north of town. Twice a month a Gospel Team goes to the local "Sunshine Rest Home" to conduct services for the sick. The Los Angeles Emmanuel Baptist Mission has for several years been on our monthly schedule for a visit from the Gospel Team. Only twice in many years have we failed to hold a Daily Vacation Bible School. Four missionaries have gone out to foreign fields directly from this church.

Rev. William Jones, who has been in Nicaragua, Central America for the past 14 years, was a Sunday School boy in this church and was ordained to the ministry here. He was a frequent supply in this pulpit during the time he was a student at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

The present membership of the church is 109.

This history record would not be complete without the mention of two San Dimas dwellings which were built in the early years, but are still standing, and have had a close relationship with the church. One is the large two-story wood dwelling at the southwest corner of north San Dimas Avenue and First Street—familiarily known to the people of San Dimas as the Carruther's home. This large dwelling of 30 rooms was built by the San Jose Land Company in 1887 and later sold to a Mr. Carter of Canada. It was built in the center of a 40 acre tract to serve as a hotel for the people who came distances as prospective purchasers of orange groves. But the boom broke and the hotel was never used for its intended purpose.

In 1890, Mr. Carter sold the orchards and hotel building to Mr. James Walker who lived there until his death in 1912. The property still belongs to his family and five generations have lived in it. Mrs. Fred Potts, daughter of Mr. James Walker, came with her husband and daughter Miss Rowena, to live there with her parents in 1896. Both Mr. and Mrs. Potts lived there the rest of their lives. Mrs. Potts was a faithful member of this church as long as she lived. Mr. Walker was affectionately known as "Uncle Jimmie" and his wife as "Aunt Susan." The chief interest of these two was always the church. Being people of means they bore much of the financial needs of the church from its beginning and, at his death, Mr. Walker provided for financial aid to continue as long as needed. The bedrooms of the hotel/home were all exceptionally well furnished, but as then few were needed, the Walkers took from their abundance of furnishings and supplied the needs of pastors of the church who came, giving without reserve. After the church was moved, there were times, before the parsonage was provided, that the pastor and family had to live in the rear rooms of this building and in the upstairs rooms. Mr. Walker always saw that the rooms were newly furnished for the incoming pastor as the one leaving was

the owner of what had been provided. Mr. Walker served as Sunday School superintendent and as deacon continuously during that period, and in various other offices at various times. Many others have given the best that was in them "to the little brown church under the pepper trees, but none have given with the same unfaltering intensity for the long period which he did."

The other historical dwelling already referred to is located at 119 East First Street. It was the first house to be built in San Dimas and was put up by the San Jose Land Company for a home for the agent who lived here and represented the company, in the spring of 1887. The Santa Fe Railroad came thru San Dimas in 1886, and brot people out to be shown the land by the promoters. The depot was completed in 1889. Mrs. Harry Walker says that Mr. Gore and others who were here in 1887, told her the people stood in line to purchase. I might state here also that that was the year the R.M. Teague Nursery was started and Mr. Teague was the first to grow these famous orange trees for planting in this new area. By 1894, the excitement was over, the boom had broken and the agent's home vacated, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, a young couple just out from Kentucky, went to housekeeping in it in 1894. Their two children were born there, and they lived there until 1908, and then they moved into the beautiful large home where they now reside tho it was enlarged and remodeled in 1930. You will remember at the beginning of this history we were told that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker were founder members of the church and remained until 1919.

Friends, we are still making history, not only San Dimas history, or earthly history. There is One in heaven who is recording our lives daily. It is not with faulty penmanship nor with brevity—for God is the recorder and the penman! Let us so build upon that foundation that is as gold, silver, precious stones, for "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward." I Corinthians 3:14.

There is another Scripture I would like to leave with you in closing: I Corinthians 15:58—"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

By Mrs. Flossie B. Mumford

Copied from book in the possession of Robert E. Mumford.

Genevieve R. Walker

October 1932

San Dimas, Calif.

San Dimas Baptist Church

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E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, California. February 1, 1896. 2:30 p.m.

Church met in covenant meeting (10) ten members present. Called for business. Rev. E.G.O. Groat was by resolution called to the chair. Letters from Pomona Church to constituent members read and clerk ordered to reply to the church that they had been received. On motion D.P. McEwen was elected Clerk and W.M. Martin, Treasurer. On motion it was resolved to hold the regular Covenant and Communion Service at 2:00 p.m. the first Sunday in every month. On motion, the pastor and clerk may call business meetings by giving due notice at a regular or special service of the church. On motion J.W. Walker was requested to act as deacon. The letter of Mrs. Ella Potts was read and she was received as a member of the church. On motion the preacher, clerk and deacon were appointed a committee to arrange for recognition services. On motion, Rev. E.G.O. Groat was requested to act as chairman of a committee to solicit subscriptions for a church building. Adjourned.

E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, February 19, 1896

A business meeting was held. A.A. McLean was called to the chair. Six (6) members present. On motion, it was resolved to incorporate the church. This was same as per the Laws of the State of California and Brethren A.A. McLean, H.E. Walker, H. Knox, William M. Martin

and J.W. Walker were elected trustees—the first two to serve one year, the rest two years. (See articles of Incorporation). Adjourned.

A.A. McLean, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, California. March 1, 1896. 2:00 p.m.

Church met in covenant meeting. Nine (9) members present. Called for business, Rev. E.G.O. Groat in chair. The letter of Mr. Riley was read and he was received as member of the church. On motion, Mr. and Mrs. Ari Hopper were received as members of the church on their (on motion) experience. On motion, Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Micheal were received as members of the church on their experience. Adjourned.

E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, California. March 8, 1896

At the close of morning service, Stonewall and Miss Belle Saltee presented their letters of dismission from the Pomona Baptist Church and on motion were received as members.

San Dimas, March 18, 1896

A business meeting of the church was held, Rev. E.G.O. Groat in the chair. On motion that Mr. Hughes be asked if the building be not completed according to agreement that we have the privilege of buying the lots on which it is built. On motion, that a building committee be appointed. On motion that a committee of three be elected and that H.E. Walker be one of them. Moved that we adjourn.

E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, March 24, 1896

Church met for business. H. Knox was called to the chair. On motion and sustained that we invite Rev. E.G.O. Groat as pastor of the church for which we promise to contribute for his support our Sunday morning offering. On motion, that Bro. Groat be asked to collect as well as solicit for building fund. Moved and sustained that the motion for accepting of Mr. Hughes' verbal offer be laid on the table. On motion, that we incur no debt, that the church may be dedicated free of debt. On motion, that we elect a committee of three to select plans for church building which shall be submitted to the church for approval. On motion, that brethren H.E. Walker, E.G.O. Groat and W.T. Micheal be the building committee. Adjourned

H. Knox, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, March 25, 1896

An adjourned meeting of the church, Bro. Groat in the chair. On motion it was resolved that we accept the building committees plan to be amended by not building the tower and to add to rear of building. On motion, that H.E. Walker sign the money orders drawn on the treasurer for material or work performed. On motion and sustained, that the building committee ask Mr. Hughes to give a written statement that, if building be not completed according to specifications that he grant the deed of lots on which it is built. On motion and sustained that width of building be 56 feet, instead of 40 feet, according to original plan. On motion that we adjourn with prayer.

Rev. E.G.O. Groat, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, June 30, 1896

Moved and sustained that J.W. Walker be credited with twelve dollars (\$12.00) on his subscription for church building for the payment of incorporation papers.

San Dimas, June 28, 1896

After morning services a resolution was passed by the church granting Pastor E.G.O. Groat one month's vacation.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, July 1, 1896

A meeting of the trustees was held in which it was resolved and sustained that we insure the church building for two thirds its value.

San Dimas, July 12, 1896

At close of morning service a resolution was passed that we consider next Sunday at close of service the best means of raising Pastors salary.

San Dimas, August 9, 1896

At the close of covenant meeting, the church remained to consider the best means of raising Pastors salary. On motion and sustained, that we elect Bros. McLean, Walker and Knox as a finance and pulpit supply committee.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk

San Dimas, September 24, 1896

In answer to the invitations sent out for a council of recognition, the following churches responded by sending Pastor and delegates viz—Azusa, Ontario, American, Memorial and First Churches of Los Angeles. The council organized by electing Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa as moderator and Dr. Parker of First Church of Los Angeles, secretary. A member of the Pomona church who was present, was invited to represent that church in the covenant. The church

presented its history through the Pastor. Officers of the church were also called upon to present their view of church work and outlook and responsibilities as follow—viz Deacon, J.W. Walker and Bro. A.A. McLean and Hubert Knox of the Board of Trustees. The council voted a pleasing satisfaction and proceeded to appoint a committee on services of recognition. The committee reported as follows—Sermon by Rev. A.W. Rider of Memorial Church Los Angeles; Charge to the Church by Rev. A.J. Garnett of the First Church of Los Angeles; the Hand of Fellowship by Rev. O. Jones of Ontario; Prayer by Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa. The report of the committee was accepted and the order of exercises was carried through in a most pleasant and profitable manner. The benediction was pronounced by the Pastor.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, September 27, 1896

After morning service the church met in business meeting. Pastor Groat in the chair. Bro. Groat as chairman of the building committee presented their report. It was voted to accept their report and that the trustees take charge of the church property. It was voted that the church tender their sincere and heartfelt thanks to the building committee for their efficient services. It was voted that the Pastor and Deacon J.W. Walker be our delegates to the Los Angeles Baptist Association, and the Southern California Baptist Convention. It was voted to extend an invitation to the Union Sunday School and the Union Y.P.S.C.E. to hold their services in the church building and that the trustees of the church be an advisory board to confer with the said societies. Voted to adjourn.

At 2:30 p.m. dedicatory exercises were held and our new house of worship was solemnly dedicated to the service of Almighty God. Rev. T.R. Evans of Azusa preached the dedicatory sermon. Brethren Ogle and Brink, who were present from the Pomona Church, were invited to assist in the services, which were very pleasant and instructive. A beautiful solo was rendered by Bro. G.B. Harding of the Ontario Baptist Church.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, October 4, 1896

After morning service, a business meeting of the church was held. It was voted that we adopt the letter prepared by the committee as our church letter to the Association. Voted that the Pastor, in the absence of our delegate, be authorized to appoint anyone of our members who may be present at the Association, to act as a delegate. Voted that we observe the Lords Supper once a month after morning services.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, October 18, 1896

After morning services, was voted that letter of dismissal be granted to Mrs. Kate Shuneman and Miss Flora Shuneman to the Baptist Church of Kewanee, Ill.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, November 15, 1896

Voted that we elect two delegates to represent us at Covina, when a council is to be held to consider the advisability of organizing a Baptist Church at that place. Voted that Bros. J.W. Walker and A.A. McLean represent us at above mentioned council.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, November 22, 1896

Voted that Bro. S.A. Riley and Bro. and Sister Ari Hopper be granted letters of dismission to the First Baptist Church of Covina, California.

D.P. McEwen, Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, December 27, 1896

After morning service, a business meeting was held. Voted that we hold our monthly covenant and business meeting on the Saturday afternoon preceding communion service. Voted that we insist upon having a morning service every Sunday. Voted that Bros. Sallee, Knox and Micheal be a committee to wait upon Pastor Groat and confer with him with reference to his official relations with this church. Voted to adjourn.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, January 2, 1897

The above mentioned committee that waited upon Pastor Groat reported that the Pastor wished to terminate his connection with the church without any further action by the church and that from the present he would exercise no pastoral authority or responsibility. Voted to accept the report of the committee. The committee also presented a statement of expenses from Bro. Groat amounting to \$13.60 incurred by him on behalf of the church, and it was voted to pay the bill and as much more as can be raised in view of his laborious and efficient services to the church. Voted to adjourn.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, January 30, 1897

The church met in covenant and business meeting. It was unanimously voted that we extend a call to the Rev. A.J. Donaldson to become our Pastor, from February 1, 1897, and that we pledge him whatever we can raise on the field by subscription, and also the Sunday morning loose collection. (see also below)

A.A. McLain, Moderator

D.P. McEwen, Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, March 1, 1897

Voted that we incorporate the church as a legal body. Voted that A.A. McLain, H.E. Walker, H. Knox, W.M. Martin and J.W. Walker be the Board of Trustees. The two brethren first mentioned to serve one year, the others two years.

San Dimas, April 3, 1897

The Church met in covenant and business meeting. Voted that we take a collection on Sunday evenings to defray the current expenses of the church.

D.P. McEven, Clerk per H.K.

Additional to meeting of January 30, 1897

Voted that the financial and pulpit supply committee, consisting of Bros. Walker, McLain and Knox be authorized to solicit pledges for the pastors' salary.

D.P. McEven, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, May 1, 1897

The Church met in covenant and business meeting. The pulpit and finance committee reported progress. Voted that Bros. J.W. Walker and H. Knox and Sisters Thompson and Knox be a committee to select a suitable organ for the church and report at next meeting. Pastor A.J. Donaldson and wife presented their letter to unite with this church, and they were unanimously received. Voted that the Treasurer report at the next meeting of the church as to its financial condition. Voted that the Treasurer present a statement of the financial condition of the church every three months.

D.P. McEven, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, May 5, 1897

The Church met in special meeting. The Treasurers report was read and accepted. Voted that Bros. H. Knox and D.P. McEwen be church auditors of the Treasurers accounts. Voted that Pastor Donaldson be added to the committee on purchase of organ, and that he be authorized to solicit and receive subscriptions for the same. Voted that Bro. McLain be a committee to look up articles of incorporation and report at next meeting. Voted to adjourn.

D.P. McEwen, Church Clerk per H.K.

San Dimas, July 31, 1897

The Church met for monthly covenant and business meeting. Bro. L.S. Thacker was chosen Moderator and Bro. Knox Clerk pro-tem. The following resolution with reference to our brother Daniel P. McEwen who died of appendicitis on July 7, 1897 was unanimously adopted. Whereas—It has pleased God in infinite wisdom to remove from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant our brother Daniel P. McEwen. Therefore—Be it resolved that in his death we have lost a true-hearted consistent Christian comrade, and—Be it further resolved—That as a

mark of respect and affection, this resolution be spread upon the church records and a copy transmitted to the parents of our deceased brother.

The Church Treasurer, Bro. Martin, presented his quarterly report and the same was accepted. Remarks upon the financial condition of the church were made by the brethren present. Voted that Bro. W.T. Micheal be church auditor in place of Bro. D.P. McEwen, deceased. Voted that Bro. Hubert Knox be Church Clerk in place of Bro. D.P. McEwen, deceased. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, September 4, 1897

The Church met in monthly covenant and business meeting, the Pastor presiding. Voted that the Board of Trustees be appointed a committee to select a date for the annual church meeting and to arrange a program for the same. Voted that the Clerk prepare the annual letter to the association and present it to the church for its approval at the next covenant meeting. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, October 2, 1897

The Church met in monthly covenant and business meeting, Pastor Donaldson presiding. Records of last meeting read and approved. The Clerk presented the letter to the Association and the same was approved. Voted that the Pastor and Bros. Thacker and Knox be delegates to the Association. On invitation of the Covina Church to send delegates to a service of recognition to be held on October 3, 1897, the Pastor and Brethren W.T. Micheal and H. Thompson were elected to represent this church at said service. Remarks were made by various brethren on the advisability of changing the Sunday School organization from a Union to a Baptist footing. The Pastor expressed a desire and an intention of holding an afternoon service at Lordsburg. The sentiment was expressed by various brethren that, since the Pastor views the outlook as helpful, the church ought to give him earnest support. It is moved and seconded that we form a B.Y.P.U. Remarks were made by various brethren. On motion of Brethren Thacker, it was voted to postpone further consideration of the matter until next meeting. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, November 5, 1897

The Church met in monthly covenant and business meeting. In the absence of the Pastor, Deacon Thacker was chosen Moderator. Records of the last meeting were read and approved. Voted that Bro. McLain be permitted to withdraw his motion with reference to a B.Y.P.U. Voted that henceforth, any organization coming into this church shall be under the auspices and control of the church. Voted that we proceed to organize a Baptist Sunday School and elect officers for the same. Voted to elect the officers of the Sunday School by ballot. Brother J.W. Walker, who had served as Superintendent of the Union Sunday School, declined to stand again

as a candidate for re-election. Brethren Thacker and Knox were nominated for the office of Superintendent. The ballot showed Bro. Thacker's election and on motion of Bro. Knox, the same was made unanimous. Voted that Hubert Knox be Assistant Superintendent. Voted that Hattie Teague be Treasurer. Voted that Lola Brownlee be Secretary. Voted that Birdie Micheal be Assistant Secretary. Voted that the Board of Trustees acquaint Bro. J. W. Walker with the doings of their meeting on November 2, 1897, and serve upon him a copy of their findings. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, January 1, 1898

The Church met in monthly covenant and business meeting. In the absence of the Pastor, Brother McLain presided. The records of the last meeting were read and approved. Voted that the annual meeting of the Church and Sunday School be held on January 12, 1898. Voted that the Pastor be added to the Board of Trustees, acting in accordance with the resolution of September 4, 1897, and that the board appoint such sub-committees as may be necessary in making arrangements for the annual meeting. Remarks were made by various brethren on the churches financial condition. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, February 5, 1898

The Church met in monthly covenant and business meeting. In the absence of the Pastor, Deacon Thacker was elected Moderator. In the absence of the Clerk, Bro. H. Thompson was elected Clerk pro-tem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It was then requested that the Church Covenant be read. The report of the Treasurer was read and accepted. The Board of Trustees, with Bro. Thacker's assistance, was talked of as a pulpit supply committee, but action was deferred until next meeting. It was then voted to adjourn until Feb. 19, 1898.

H. Thompson, Clerk pro-tem

San Dimas, February 19, 1898

The adjourned meeting of Feb. 5, 1898 was called to order by the Pastor. The minutes of the meeting of said date were read, and it appearing that the clause with reference to the Board of Trustees and Bro. Thacker serving as a pulpit supply committee had been made as a motion and not seconded, it was voted to strike out said clause from the records. The minutes as amended were then approved. Voted to proceed to elect three Trustees. Voted that the three outgoing trustees, viz, William M. Martin, James W. Walker, and Hubert Knox be re-elected for two years. Bro. McLain made the statement that he could not care for the church as janitor longer than the first of March. Deacons Thacker and McLain, the Pastor, Sister Bussey and Bro. Knox remarked upon the advisability of patronizing our own "Publication Society" in the matter of Sunday School supplies. It was then voted that, in the future, we purchase our Sunday School

supplies from the "American Baptist Publication Society." Voted that the general meeting of the Church be held on the Saturday preceding the first Sunday in March, next. Voted to adjourn.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, March 5, 1898

Morning Session. Owing to the illness of the Pastor the annual meeting of the church was called to order by Deacon Thacker. After the singing of a hymn, prayer was offered by Deacon Walker. Deacon Thacker was then elected Moderator. Bro. H. Knox tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees. Action on the same was deferred until the afternoon session. Voted to adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

Afternoon Session. Called to order by the moderator. Voted that the resignation of Bro. H. Knox as a member of the Board of Trustees, be accepted. Voted to receive the reports of the various officers of the Church and Sunday School. The Church Treasurer was excused from making any report at this time. Sister Lola Brownlee, as Secretary of the Sunday School, made her report and same was accepted. Sister Hattie Teague, as Treasurer of the Sunday School, made her report and the same was accepted. Voted that Bro. Bussey be a member of the Board of Trustees in place of Bro. Knox, resigned. Voted that Bro. Micheal be a committee to investigate the question of the legality of the Board of Trustees and what measures or laws, if any, are necessary for a legal meeting of the Church. The Church proceeded to the election of officers. Voted that Sister Thompson be Church Clerk. Voted that Bro. William M. Martin be Church Treasurer. Voted that Bro. H. Thompson be Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. Voted that the remaining officers of the Sunday School be the same as at present for the ensuing year. Sister Brownlee resigned her position as Secretary of the Sunday School and the same was accepted. To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation it was voted that Sister Birdie Micheal be Secretary of the Sunday School. Voted that Bro. Roy Micheal be Assistant Secretary of the Sunday School. Voted that the thanks of the Church be extended to Bro. and Sister McLain for the use of their organ in the church prior to the purchase of an organ. Voted that the care of the church be left in the hands of the Deacons. Voted that the Church Clerk be instructed to issue letters of dismissal to Bro. and Sister Hubert Knox and their daughter, Helen, to the First Baptist Church of Ontario, California. A discussion relative to the annual call of the Pastor was opened by Bro. Bussey. Others followed. It appearing during the discussion that a wide difference of opinion existed with reference to the proper method to be followed and also as to the usefulness of the present pastors' services. It was voted that at the next regular covenant meeting we proceed to elect a pastor for the ensuing year. Voted to adjourn after singing and prayer.

Hubert Knox, Church Clerk

San Dimas, April 2, 1898

The Church met in regular covenant and business meeting. After singing and prayer and remarks by various brethren, the business meeting was called to order by the Pastor. The

minutes of the last meeting were read and the portion relative to the granting of letters to Bro. Knox and his wife and daughter was at Bro. Knox's request rescinded, and that portion relative to the call of a pastor was expunged. The minutes were then approved. It was voted that the Rev. A.J. Donaldson is and will continue to be Pastor of this church, until the pastoral relation shall be regularly dissolved and we further pledge the Pastor our confidence and support. Bro. Micheal as a committee on investigation of the legality of the election of the Board of Trustees, and notices of church meetings reported that it was not necessary to post any notices of church meetings and that any election would be legal provided that a majority of the members participated. Voted to adjourn after prayer by Deacon Thacker.

Mrs. H. Thompson, Church Clerk

San Dimas, November 1, 1898

The Church met in regular Covenant and business meeting. Bro. Knox was appointed Chairman. Bro. Thacker made a motion to nominate Bro. McLain as Moderator, that Bro. declined. Bro. Thacker was elected permanent Chairman. It was moved and seconded that a pulpit committee be appointed. Bro. Thacker and Bro. McLain and Sister Thompson were elected to that office. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman assist the Clerk in writing the letter to the Convention. The motion was made and seconded to send Bro. and Sister Knox as delegates to the Convention. It was moved to adjourn which met with a second.

Mrs. Flora Thompson, Church Clerk

San Dimas, December 3, 1898

The Church met in regular covenant and business meeting. Bro. McLain was elected to the chair. It was moved and seconded that the Board of Trustees should canvas the membership to raise money for the Pastors salary and report at Sunday School in one week. The motion was carried. After other matters of business were talked over, it was voted to adjourn.

Mrs. H. W. Thompson, Church Clerk

San Dimas, December 31, 1898

The Church met in regular covenant and business meeting. The record of the last meeting was read and approved. Voted that we have a call meeting two weeks from date for the purpose of calling a Pastor. Voted that the San Dimas and Covina Churches unite in the support of a Pastor. Voted to adjourn.

Mrs. H. W. Thompson, Church Clerk

San Dimas, January 15, 1899

The Church met in a call meeting, Bro. Thacker presiding. There was a delegation present from the Covina Church to perfect arrangements for uniting the two fields under one pastor. Voted that we have a joint meeting of the two Churches, and that Bro. Custer correspond

with Bro. Douglas and request his presence at the meeting, if possible. Voted that the meeting be held in the San Dimas Church next Friday. Voted to adjourn.

Mrs. Thompson, Clerk

San Dimas, January 20, 1899

The joint meeting of the San Dimas and Covina Churches was called to order by Bro. Thacker, he being elected Chairman. Plans of uniting the two fields in the support of one pastor was talked over by several of the members. Voted that Bro. Custer, Bro. Matthews, and Bro. Thompson of the San Dimas Church act as pulpit supply committee. Voted to adjourn.

Mrs. H.W. Thompson, Church Clerk

San Dimas, February 4, 1899

The Church met in regular covenant and business meeting. There being no business on hand, proceeded at once to the election of officers. Voted that we elect officers by acclamation. Voted that Sister Bussey act as Church Clerk. Voted Bro. Martin be retained as Treasurer. Voted that Bro. Martin and Bro. Walker be retained as Trustees. Voted that Brother Martin be elected (retained) as Sunday School Superintendent. Voted that Bro. Micheal be elected Secretary of the Sunday School. Voted that Mary Taylor be voted Treasurer of the Sunday School. Letter granted Sister A.J. Donaldson. Voted to adjourn.

Mrs. H. W. Thompson, Clerk

San Dimas, March 4, 1899

San Dimas Baptist Church met in regular business and covenant meeting, March 4, 1899. Bro. Cain of Los Angeles conducting the covenant meeting. He read Scripture lesson from Corinthians, 13th chapter. Business meeting called to order by the Moderator. There being no business before the church except the call of Pastor. Moderator told of his report to Bro. Douglas as Chairman of Pulpit Committee. After which he read a communication from Bro. Douglas in regard to the matter. There being so few present, it was deemed best to have a call meeting on the morrow.

Sunday March 5, 1899. Meeting called to order by Bro. Thacker, who stated to the church the object of the meeting. Those who were absent from business meeting the day before were requested to express themselves in regard to the subject before the church. Bro. Walker responded, saying he thought it best to have an appointed time and notify the members as far as possible. A motion was then made and carried that the following Sunday be appointed as the time to call a Pastor. Voted to adjourn.

Mrs. E. Bussey, Church Clerk

San Dimas, April 2, 1899

Minutes of a meeting of the San Dimas Baptist Church, April 2, 1899. Moved and seconded and carried by vote of the church that we call Rev. E.E. Tyson to the pastorate of this church, cooperating with the Covina Baptist Church and State Convention Board, and this church agreeing to raise \$225.00 during the year beginning "April 1, 1899," State Board paying at the rate of \$100.00 per year and the Covina Church to pay \$175.00. Done by order of the church.

Mrs. E. Bussey, Church Clerk

San Dimas, June 3, 1899

San Dimas Baptist Church met in regular covenant and business meeting June 3, 1899. Pastor conducting both. Minutes of three preceding meetings read and approved. No business coming up, moved to adjourn.

Mrs. E. Bussey, Church Clerk

San Dimas, California, September 1, 1899

After the ordinance of the Lord's Supper at the close of public service, the Pastor stated that he had recently adopted views inconsistent with Baptist principles and very properly tendered his resignation which was promptly accepted by the church.

Mrs. E. Bussey, Church Clerk

San Dimas, California, October 4, 1899

San Dimas Baptist Church met in regular session. On motion, Bro. McLean was chosen Moderator pro-tem. Minutes of last meeting not at hand. Bro. Knox from Pulpit Committee made a report which was adopted. On motion, a unanimous call was extended to Rev. C. M. Jones to become our Pastor in conjunction with the Covina Church. On motion it was ordered that in the event either pastor or church wishing to sever their relations that thirty days' notice be given. It was moved and seconded that Bros. Thacker, McLean and Sallee constitute a committee on finance, carried. Moved to adjourn.

A.A. McLean, Moderator

Wm. M. Martin, Clerk pro-tem

San Dimas, November 12, 1899

San Dimas Baptist Church met in special meeting to arrange some matters of business pertaining to the pastoral relations and work of the ensuing year. On motion, L.S. Thacker is elected moderator and the undersigned, clerk pro-tem. Pastor Jones read a communication from the Convention Board, asking the amount of money the church would pledge for the support of a pastor on the field. On motion it was voted that the church pledge the same amount as last year, (\$225.00) and ask the board for a contribution of \$75.00 for support of the work from November 1, 1899 to November 1, 1900. Meeting adjourned.

L.S. Thacker, Moderator pro-tem
Wm. M. Martin, Clerk pro-tem

San Dimas, California, December 2, 1899

San Dimas Baptist Church met at 2:30 p.m. in regular covenant and business session. Meeting opened with prayer and Scripture reading by the Pastor, lesson taken from John 21. Nearly all present took part in the services, speaking words of testimony for the Master and cheer and comfort for each other. As a matter of business the question of regulating the hours of service between this and the Covina Church was taken up and discussed at some length. On motion of Bro. McLean, the matter was left for the Pastor and wife to arrange with the Covina Church. On motion of Bro. Knox a unanimous vote of Christian sympathy was extended to our sister church at Covina. Moved by Bro. Knox that Sisters McLean, Thacker, Sallee and Walker be named as a committee to solicit contributions of furniture and money to fit up the upper room in the church building for the use of the pastor and family and to build a barn on the premises. Motion carried. Adjourned.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk pro-tem
C.M. Jones, Moderator

San Dimas, California, January 6, 1900

The annual meeting of the San Dimas Baptist Church as called to order by the Pastor. Clerk being absent, Hubert Knox was chosen Clerk pro-tem. Bro. J.W. Walker reported the church property had been reinsured for five years in the Los Angeles Co. Mutual Fire Association. Bro. Martin, Treasurer made partial report of the church finances. Bro. McLean called for report of committee on church finance, and Bro. L.S. Thacker from that committee reported \$223.00 pledged toward the Pastors salary for the ensuing year. Treasurer reported first payment of taxes for the year paid. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Superintendant of Sunday School	-	Wm. M. Martin
Assistant Superintendant of Sunday School	-	Sister Mary Jones
Secretary of Sunday School	-	Helen Knox
Treasurer of Sunday School	-	Mary Taylor
Organist of Sunday School	-	Helen Knox
Assistant Secretary of Sunday School	-	Roy Thacker

On motion of L.S. Thacker it was voted to open Sunday School at 2:30 p.m. and church services at 3:30 p.m. It was also ordered on motion of Bro. McLean that the Clerk be directed to have notice of these services published in the *Lordsburg Sunbeam*. On motion of Bro. Thacker the Trustees are directed to make some provision for funds to meet incidental expenses. By vote, the Finance Committee is continued with instructions to solicit further pledges of financial support and report at next covenant meeting. On motion, election of Trustees is deferred one month. On

motion of L.S. Thacker, Bro. Wm. Martin is elected Church Treasurer for ensuing year by unanimous vote. On motion of Bro. J.W. Walker, L.S. Thacker was unanimously elected church Clerk. By motion of Sister McLean, Sister Fannie Knox was elected Church Organist. Meeting adjourned.

Hubert Knox, Clerk pro-tem

San Dimas, California, February 3, 1900

Church met at usual hour and after devotional services led by the Pastor a short business meeting was held. Bros. J.W. Walker and Wm. M. Martin are elected Trustees for ensuing three years by acclamation. On motion Bro. and Sister McLean and Sister Thacker are appointed committee to solicit contributions of money and articles of furniture, and fit up the upper room in the church house and build a barn for the convenience of the Pastor and his family. Adjourned.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, March 31, 1900

San Dimas Baptist Church met at 2:30 p.m. in regular covenant and business meeting. After devotional services led by the Pastor and participated in by members present, the regular order of business was taken up. Bro. J.P. Sallee submitted a proposition to change the time of holding our covenant meeting. After some discussion it was thought best to defer action in the matter until next meeting, and on motion it was so ordered. Bro. McLean made partial report from committee on improvement. The clerk submitted the following communication which was, on motion, approved and ordered forwarded to the Pomona Baptist Church. Dear Brethren, The members of the San Dimas Church send Christian greeting and desire to express their high appreciation of your kindness and interest in them in the gift of 25 song books and a communion set, for which a unanimous vote of thanks is extended. By order of the Church. Adjourned.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, April 5, 1900

Church met at 2:30 p.m. Covenant meeting let by Bro. Thacker, aided by brothers and sisters present. Bro. McLean was chosen moderator of business meeting. Minutes of March 31 read and approved. Matter of changing date of covenant meeting was taken up and discussed and, on motion of Bro. Knox, action was postponed indefinitely. Treasurer made his quarterly report as follow, which was approved. Total collected for quarter ending April 30, 1900—\$90.40. Moved by Brother Knox that Bros. Thacker and Davies be made a soliciting committee for money to put up screens. Carried as amended. Moved that Bros. Knox and Martin be made committee to assist clerk in completing the church record as nearly as possible. Moved to adjourn.

A.A. McLean, Moderator pro-tem

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, June 30, 1900

San Dimas Baptist Church met in regular covenant and business meeting. A.A. McLean led the service by reading a part of John 14. Bro. Sallee offered prayer. After a short season of testimony and praise to the Lord for the great things He has done for us, a short business session was held. Minutes of April 5 read and approved. It was moved and seconded that the pastor be granted a vacation during the month of July or August, at his option. Motion carried. Adjourned.

A.A. McLean, Moderator pro-tem
L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, July 15, 1900

At the close of the public service, Mr. Martin was unanimously received as candidate for baptism and church fellowship on his voluntary confession of faith.

C.M. Jones, Moderator
L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, August 8, 1900

San Dimas Church met at 2:30 p.m. for the purpose of worship and the transaction of business. Devotional services led by the Pastor, participated in by the brothers and sisters present. It was ordered that the church meet September 29 for the purpose of adopting church letter and appointing delegates to the Association at Long Beach. And it was suggested that the annual business meeting and election of officers might be held at the same time to accord with the associational year. Adjournment.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, September 29, 1900

Church met at the usual hour and after devotional services led by the Pastor, church entered into business session for the transaction of business. Clerk read letter and statistical report to the Los Angeles Baptist Association, which was on motion of Bro. McLean, approved. On motion, the clerk was directed to correspond with non-resident members whose addresses could be ascertained relative to their church fellowship. Bros. Walker and Davies were chosen messengers to the association. Adjourned.

C.M. Jones, Moderator
L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, October 14, 1900

San Dimas Baptist Church met at close of public service to consider Pastoral relations for the ensuing year. By unanimous vote, Rev. C.M. Jones was called to the pastorate under same conditions as the past year and his applications to the convention board approved on motion. Brothers Walker, Davies and Thacker are appointed committee to confer with members of

Covina Church and, if they are willing, to unite with us in support of Pastor and the two fields to arrange details. Adjourned.

A.A. McLean, Moderator

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, December 1, 1900

Church met in regular covenant meeting. Devotional services led by the Pastor and a spiritual uplift was enjoyed by the few present. The financial interests of the church were discussed at some length in an informal way, but no action taken. Brother and Sister Davies asked for letters of dismissal to unite with the Pomona Church, which was granted. Adjourned.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

San Dimas, California, February 2, 1901

Church met at usual hour and after a short devotional service, entered upon the business of the annual meeting. Pastor made brief informal report of his work and experience on the field. Clerk also made report of his work. Treasurer made partial report of financial condition of the church. Clerk moved that we increase our pledge to the church expense fund to the amount of \$275.00 which was seconded by Bro. Walker. Motion carried. It was voted that officers elected at this time shall hold their offices only until such time in the fall as may be fixed for our annual election to conform with regard to annual reports. Elections resulted as follows: L.S. Thacker was elected Church Clerk by acclamation. Bro. Martin was also re-elected in the same manner to the office of Treasurer. Bro. McLean was duly elected a member of the Board of Trustees. Brothers Thacker and Thompson are also elected on the Board. Bro. Knox was placed in nomination for Superintendent of Sunday School, and was elected by acclamation and Bro. H. W. Thompson was chosen Assistant. Roy Thacker was nominated and elected Secretary of the Sunday School, Harold Knox, Treasurer and Helen Knox, Organist. Mrs. Flora Thompson was chosen Church Organist, Bro. Knox, Chorister. Meeting closed with doxology and prayer by the Pastor.

L.S. Thacker, Clerk

All the minutes are complete from 1895 to February 2, 1901. From this point will only note facts from different meetings which might be of interest. Date of meetings for later dates.

March 2, 1901, June 1, 1901

San Dimas, California, July 6, 1901

Time of church service changed from Sunday afternoon to morning hour.

August 3, 1901

August 4, 1901

N.W. Griffin was received into church fellowship by letter from Shawnee Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

August 31, 1901

Annual Meeting. Election of officers resulted as follows: Trustees – Knox & Martin; Clerk – L.S. Thacker; Treasurer – W.M. Martin; Sunday School Superintendent – Knox; Secretary – Roy Thacker; Treasurer – Harold Knox; Helen Knox, Organist; H. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School.

September 8, 1901

Nina Griffin was received as candidate for baptism and church fellowship, upon confession of faith.

San Dimas, September 15, 1901

Stephen A. Easley, Deborah Easley, Edward Easley, Elizabeth Easley, Albert Linder and Jessie M. Linder admitted to membership, letters from Baptist Church of Golden, Colorado.

September 29, 1901

The following chosen as delegates to Los Angeles Baptist Association: Hubert Knox, Mrs. A.A. McLean and L.S. Thacker. To Sunday School Convention; Hubert Knox and Mrs. A.A. McLean.

October 3, 1901

Pastor reported that he had given notice to Covina Church that his pastoral relations with them would cease October 31, 1901.

October 13, 1901

Sufficient amount was pledged to warrant calling the Pastor on the field for full time. Rev. C.M. Jones was called by unanimous vote.

November 2, 1901

Committee on finances reported \$475.00 pledged to the support of the work for the ensuing year. It was ordered that the church agree with the Home Mission Society to contribute that amount to the Pastor's salary. It was also voted to ask aid from the Society to the amount of \$100.00. Bro. Knox was appointed delegate to the Convention.

November 3, 1901

The Pastor's application to the Home Mission Board for appointment as a missionary on this field was read and approved and the following certificate was adopted: At a regular meeting

of the San Dimas Church, County of Los Angeles, State of California held November 3, 1901 the forgoing application was read and concurred in, and the church agreed to pay the Pastor Rev. C.M. Jones the sum of \$479.00 for the year beginning November 1, 1901. There were present at the meeting 19 members. Voted that the entire offering at the morning service be applied to Pastor's salary.

November 17, 1901

Letter from Covina Church dismissing Rev. C.M. Jones, Sister Mary Jones and Bayard Jones to us. They were unanimously received and extended the Hand of Fellowship.

November 30, 1901

Midweek prayer meeting changed from Thursday evening to Wednesday evening. Vote of thanks extended to Mrs. Taylor for interest in church in dying portiers over rostrum.

1902

February 2, 1902

The Trustees are instructed to look into the matter of water supply for the church and to have pipe connections made if thought best to do so. Sunday morning, February 3, 1902, Pastor directed to write to Rev. G.W. Taylor to arrange for special meetings.

March 1, 1902

April 5, 1902

Sister Olive Chisholm presented letter from Pomona Baptist Church and was received into fellowship with us.

May 3, 1902

Bro. McLean reported for the Trustees that a substantial hitching rack was just completed and small deficit of expense to be raised.

May 31, 1902

July 5, 1902

Pastor granted a vacation for the month of August. A desire having expressed on the part of some of the young people to organize a B.Y.P.U., a resolution was passed expressing hearty sympathy with the movement, and extended a cordial greeting to the society as an auxiliary to the church and the Misses Birdie Micheal and Helen Knox and Mrs. Thompson were named as a committee to arrange preliminaries for the organization of such society.

August 2, 1902

Church confirmed organization of B.Y.P.U.

August 7, 1902

Election of officers resulted as follows: L.S. Thacker, Church Clerk; Bros. McLean, Thompson, and Thacker elected to succeed themselves as Trustees. W.M. Martin, re-elected Treasurer. Hubert Knox chosen Chorister, Sister Thompson, Organist with Miss Birdie Micheal as Assistant. Brother Knox is elected Superintendent of the Sunday School and W.H. Thompson, Assistant. Bayard Jones is Secretary, Nina Griffin, Treasurer of Sunday School. Birdie Micheal, Organist.

1903

January 3, 1903, February 28, 1903, April 5, 1903,

June 7, 1903

The Pastor, Rev. M.C. Jones, tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the third quarter of the fiscal year of the church, July 31.

June 21, 1903

Letter granted Sister M.L. Reges to Baptist Church at Shelton, Washington.

July 5, 1903

Pastor Jones resignation duly accepted. Voted to grant Pastor a vacation for the month of July that he might go with his family to their new home in Berkeley, California.

August 7, 1903

Letters granted Bro. C.M. Jones and family to Berkeley Baptist Church.

September 20, 1903

Bro. J.W. Walker and Bro. Martin are authorized to act on joint committee with Covina Church with general missionary C.T. Douglas with reference to uniting the two churches under one pastorate.

October 4, 1903

Delegates chosen to Los Angeles Association as follows: to the Sunday School Convention, Bro H. Knox and Sister Birdie Micheal; to the Association, Bro. A.A. McLean and Sister Thacker; to B.Y.P.U. Convention, Sisters Flora Thompson and Nina Griffin.

October 18, 1903

It was voted to cooperate with the Covina Church in the settlement of a pastor if a man is found upon whom the two churches could unite.

November 1, 1903

J.W. Walker is chosen delegate to Southern California Baptist Convention to represent the church. Mrs. Carrie Collard to represent the B.Y.P.U.

1904**March 2, 1904**

Church met at the home of J.W. Walker. Letter read from District Missionary Petty urging the church to renewed activity and to settle a pastor on the field at once. He also proposed that if the church would make up \$500 for the support of the work the convention would contribute \$200 and strongly recommended Rev. George C. Wright as the right man for the place and available. Accordingly by unanimous vote, a call is extended Bro. Wright to the pastorate.

June 4, 1904

Bro. Walker, Pastor, Clerk and Mrs. Thompson are appointed to revise church membership list. Music committee appointed as follows: Mrs. H. Thompson, Mrs. Roper, Birdie Micheal, Helen Knox, Hubert Knox and Mrs. McDonald. Committee on finances: Bros. J.W. Walker, William Martin, & Micheal. Bro. L.S. Thacker elected Superintendent of Sunday School with Guy Roper, Assistant. George Livingstone is chosen Secretary of Sunday School and Ella Smith, Assistant. Trustees directed to employ janitor.

July 2, 1904

Brother and Sister A.A. McLean granted letters to unite with church at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Bros. Walker and Martin and Pastor, delegates to installation services at Covina on July 6. Bro. W.T. Micheal is elected trustee in place of A.A. McLean. The matter of building an addition onto the church discussed. A meeting on July 5 to consider the matter more fully.

August 6, 1904

Letter read from church at Glendale asking us to send our Pastor and two delegates to recognition council at that place September 23. Brothers Walker and Roper are appointed with the Pastor. Letters granted to Bro. Easley and Bro. and Sister Linder at their request.

December 11, 1904

Clerk read letter from secretary of Convention Board congratulating the church on their advancement in becoming self-sustaining. Pastor Wright gave notice that he had received a call to the pastorate of the church at Santa Barbara and offered his resignation to take effect the end of the year. On motion of Bro. Walker, it is accepted with deep regret on the part of the church.

The deacons, Bros. Martin and Micheal, are appointed pulpit committee to take steps to secure another pastor.

December 25, 1904

On advice of Bro. Petty, Rev. W.F. Stone was recommended as a man suitable and available for pastorate here. A call was extended him at a salary of \$800 subject to his acceptance after coming on the field. Resolution: Expressions of kindly Christian feeling were extended Bro. Wright and his family and a high appreciation of his labors among us as pastor and bidding God Speed in the new field into which he is called. Bro. Wright responded briefly, expressing his appreciation of the sentiment of the resolution, and asked for letters for himself and his wife.

1905

February 4, 1905

Rev. Stone delayed acceptance of pastorate until better acquainted. Bros. Walker, Knox and Thacker committee to solicit funds for improvement of church building.

April 1, 1905

Rev. Stone accepts the call of the church to the pastorate.

May 21, 1905

A letter from T.W. Thacker of the Baptist Church of Girard, Ill. stating that he had secured from members of said church \$128 toward our improvement fund and sent draft for same. Clerk was directed to convey thanks to Mr. T.W. Thacker and the Girard Church and Christian greetings and our high appreciation of their interest in us and our work here. Pastor given two weeks leave of absence to move family here.

June 30, 1905

July 23, 1905

Letters granted Mrs. Alice K. and George Conant, Ella and William Livingstone and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Roper to unite with a church to be organized at Metz or Clark Colony in Monterey County, California.

August 5, 1905

Pastor is received in fellowship of the church on his letter from the First Baptist Church of Reno, Nevada. Bro. Stone formally tendered his resignation as pastor of the church on account of the illness of his wife. Resignation accepted with regret and deep sympathy for him

and his dear family in their affliction. Resignation to take effect September 1, 1905. August 2, 1905 – letter granted Bro. Stone to unite with some other church of like faith and order.

September 2, 1905

Bros. Walker, Martin and Mumford appointed pulpit committee. Thacker and Knox instructed to draft resolutions of sympathy and commendation to Bro. Stone and family. L.S. Thacker and wife and Roy Thacker and wife were at their request granted letters to another church of like faith and order. Election of officers: R.E. Mumford, Church Clerk, William Martin, Treasurer, Trustees – Stonewall Sallee elected to succeed L.S. Thacker and other members whose time expires are re-elected to succeed themselves. J.W. Walker, Superintendent of Sunday School. R.E. Mumford, Assistant. Ella Smith is elected Secretary and Rowena Potts, Treasurer. Birdie Micheal, Organist and Helen Knox, Assistant.

1906

November 11, 1906

Call extended to Herman G. Powell, at a salary of \$600 per year.

November 18, 1906

Call accepted by Bro. Powell.

December 2, 1906

Mrs. H.E. Walker, Clerk Pro-tem. Letter of Mrs. A.G. Miller accepted. Deacons to appoint one to assist Bro. Martin in taking up collections. Flower committee appointed as follows: Mrs. Mumford, Chairman, Miss Sallee, Mrs. Ellis. Miss Sallee to make record of past year and read at next business meeting. Deacons to arrange for house cleaning and janitor. Moved and carried that we adopt the schedule of systematic beneficence. "The Wheel Plan" adopted at the Convention held in Redlands November 17, 1899. Delegates to the State Convention authorized to buy new clerks book and church envelopes. Ushers appointed Rowena Potts and Ollie Wright.

December – Bro. J.W. Walker and Bro. Wm. Martin with the Pastor, elected delegates to represent the church at the State Convention to be held at Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles.

December 23, 1906

Received as members of the church by letter Rev. H.J. Powell and sister Frances L. Powell. December 12, 1906 – letter granted Earnest Berry to unite with the Baptist Church at Petaluma, California.

R.E. Mumford, Church Clerk

Record of year 1905 and 1906 as prepared by Miss Sallee

1907

January 11, 1907

At regular meeting in October 1905, a call was extended Rev. J.E. Wolford, consideration \$800—\$500 to be paid by the church and \$300 by the board. Call accepted and work begun November 1905. January 1906, steps taken for a special meeting with the pastor to do the preaching, the church to furnish the organist and singer. Miss Carrie Hart was secured and was paid \$10 per week for her services. Owing to bad weather and illness of the pastor, meetings extended over four weeks with no apparent results. July 8, 1906 at call meeting, steps were taken as to the advisability of wiring the church building for electricity. Mr. Martin and Mr. Micheal appointed committee to learn cost of wiring and time to do it. Two children were accepted for baptism, Rowena Thompson and (?). July 15, 1906, Rev. Wolford resigned pastorate of San Dimas Baptist Church to take effect August 1, 1906. July 29—letters were granted to W.H. Micheal, wife and four children—Birdie, Roy, Lloyd and Frank. Missing link between the pastorate of Rev. Stone and Rev. Powell. Report of Belle Sallie.

January 12, 1907

Elections of officers to serve until September 1907. Miss Sallee, Clerk. Mr. Wm. Martin, Treasurer. J.W. Walker, Superintendent of Sunday School. Mrs. Harry W. Walker, Assistant Superintendent. Rowena Potts, Treasurer of Sunday School. Lulu Sheely, Secretary. Pastor left to appoint following committees: Flower, Music, Baptismal, Reception, Ushers and Young Peoples meeting.

Committees to serve from February 1907 to September 1907:

Flower – Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Bussey

Music – Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Rowena Potts

Reception – Mrs. H.E. Walker, Mrs. W.M. Martin, Mrs. A. Weed

Baptism – Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Powell, Deacons ex-officio

Sunday evening Young Peoples meeting – Mr. Mumford, Miss Wright, Miss Lulu Sheeley, Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Roper.

Miss Belle Salle, Church Clerk

February 2, 1907

Bros. J.W. Walker and R.E. Mumford were elected as trustees to serve until September 1907. Stricken Baptist Churches of San Francisco, \$25.

March 2, 1907

It was voted that sister Nina Zugg's (nee Griffin's) name be dropped from the church roll. Orders to write letters of dismissal on the Micheal family at once, explaining delay. Sister Ruth Keaton was received into the church on her experience. Sister Martha E. Vaughn

was received into membership after baptism.

March 3, 1907

Special meetings were begun at the San Dimas Baptist Church. Evangelist W.R. Pavey preaching, assisted by Pastor H. J. Powell. The meetings extended over a period of three weeks. Bro. Pavey preaching the first fifteen days, Bro. Petty then taking up the work and continuing until the last Sunday. Eighteen new members were added just prior to and immediately following. Six by letter and experience and twelve by baptism.

March 10, 1907

The following were received into church membership—Sisters M.S. Weed and E.M. Dunbar on their experience and baptism. For baptism—J.E. Boyd, Mrs. J.E. Boyd, Adelle Bussey, Bertha Miller and Rena Thompson.

March 13, 1907

Mary and James Vaughn were received for baptism.

March 17, 1907

Vera and Nellie Boyd were received for baptism.

March 24, 1907

Marshall Dunbar and Roberta Patten were received for baptism.

April 6, 1907

Minutes mislaid.

April 7, 1907

Miss Stella Sheely, Miss Leah Sheely and Miss Lulu Sheely were received into the church by letter from Rivera Baptist Church.

May 1, 1907

Mrs. Hathi Hyde was received into the church by letter. Lois Ray Hyde was received into the church for baptism.

May 15, 1907

Letter granted to sister Margaret Weed to the Baptist Church at Bakersfield, J. Fred Jenkins, pastor.

June 1907

Decided that seven (7) members of the church shall be a quorum to do business amended so that six (6) resident members (2/3 being adults) should constitute a quorum. It was decided to deed the church property over to the State Convention, in Trust. A communication from the Los Angeles City Mission Society was received inviting the church to send Pastor and one delegate to sit in council to consider the advisability of organizing a Regular Baptist Church to be located at Figuerora Street and 49th Street. Thanks and regrets sent as Pastor and delegate could not come.

July 7, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Ellis were received by letter from Long Beach Baptist Church.

July 10, 1907

Church Covenant composed wholly of Scriptural passages adopted. Deacons to provide for church services during the Pastors vacation thru the month of August.

September 18, 1907

Rally Day and Roll Call. Morning, Rev. Smith of Pasadena; afternoon sermon by Rev. Petty. Reports. J.E. Boyd, J.W. Walker and Bro. Martin were elected delegates to Baptist Convention in Los Angeles. Mrs. Potts elected delegate. Mrs. Harry Walker elected to represent the young people in the Convention. Sunday School Convention delegates Bro. Walker, Bro. Ellis, Sister Powell. Election of church officers—Clerk, J.E. Boyd; Church Trustees—Martin, Ellis, and Sallee. Motion carried that Trustees act as Finance Committee for the Church. Pastor appointed following committees:

Baptism – Mrs. Sallee, Boyd Vaughn

Music – Dr. J.E. Hubble, J.E., Mrs. Potts

Flowers – Rowena Potts, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Mumford, Adelle Bussey

Invitation Committee – J.W. Walker, Bro. Martin, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Roper and S.J. Vaughn.

Visiting Sick – Deacon and Mrs. Patton, Mae McDonald

Sunday School Officers – Superintendent J.W. Walker, Assistant J.E. Boyd. Other officers to be elected by the school.

October 2, 1907

Trustees authorized to have pledge cards printed for the church.

October 16, 1907

The minutes of previous meeting having been misplaced but which have since been discovered and filed, covering the transfer of church property to the Southern California Baptist Association in Trust. This meeting, reconsidering the above action, votes to deed their church

site and building to the Baptist Convention, in Trust for use in Baptist work in San Dimas, California.

J.E. Boyd, Clerk

October 30, 1907 – November 17, 1907

Grover C. Peters of North Pomona was received into the church on experience.

November 1907

Bro. J.W. Walker elected as delegate to Long Beach to Convention.

December 29, 1907

Call meeting to consider resignation of Pastor Powell. Resignation accepted. Bro. Powell appointed pulpit committee as follows: the two deacons and Dr. Hubble. Rev. J.N. Fields was present in the interest of the Southern California Baptist College to be located at Redlands. Twenty one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$2,125) was pledged for the college. Bro. Powell asked for his letter to unite with the church at Oceanside, California. Letter granted.

1908

January 1, 1908

Letter granted to Miss Jessie M. Moore of Pomona. The names of Mrs. Julia Foote, Mr. F.N. Ruiz and Walter Beatty were retired from the church list—until heard from.

Since the resignation of Bro. Powell the pulpit has been filled each Sunday morning and evening by Rev. Hatcher of Long Beach and Rev. T.J. Davenport of Tenn. On **March 17, 1908** a call was extended to Bro. T.J. Davenport who accepted the same and delivered his first regular sermon on the following Sunday.

February 26, 1908 – March 11, 1908

September 20, 1908

Adjourned business meeting at the home of Bro. J.W. Walker. Rev. T.J. Davenport be instructed to prepare annual letter to the Association which meets with Pomona Church Oct. 6-7. Rev. T.J. Davenport, J.W. Walker, James Ellis and Belle Sallee appointed delegates to said Association. Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Fred Potts and Miss Rowena Potts appointed delegates to Sunday School Convention. Following delegates to represent the Young Peoples' Society at the Association: Miss Lottie Parch and Miss Adelle Bussey. Election of officers for the church and Sunday School are as follows: J.W. Walker, Superintendent; Mrs. T.J. Davenport, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Nellie Mize, Secretary; Miss Etta McDonald, Pianist; Dallas Walker, Treasurer. Church – Stonewall Sallee resigned as trustee, Dr. Hubble was elected to fill Mr. Sallee's unexpired term. Belle Sallee, Church Clerk; William M. Martin, Treasurer; Miss Etta Parch, Pianist; Mr. Le Large, Chorister. Moved that Dr. Field be asked to preach the dedicatory

sermon, October 4, 1908. Mr. J.W. Walker elected as Committee of Correspondence to arrange for dedication of the church. Rev. Davenport and Dr. Hubble were elected Program Committee for October 4, 1908. Moved and carried unanimously that Stonewall Saltee be given a note of thanks for his interest and help in the moving and rebuilding of the church.

October 4, 1908

The Church was dedicated October 4, 1908, by Rev. J.N. Fields. The indebtedness of the church was lifted by cash and subscriptions, six months being given in which to pay the pledges and Bro. J.W. Walker assuming the rest. Quite a few preachers took part in the discourse, viz: Rev. George C. Wright, Rev. Mr. __?__, Rev. W.S. Gage, Rev. C.T. Sanford, Rev. M. __?__, Rev. Albert Hatcher Smith, Rev. W.W. Y __?__, and the Pastor. At the close of the meeting the following named persons united with the church by baptism: Page Hubble, Vivian Hubble, Mattie Hubble, Jean Hubble, Eddie Roper and Mrs. Haifley. October 20, 1908.

November 4, 1908

Brother Walker elected Assistant Treasurer. Bro. J.W. Walker made a report of Building Committee to date.

December 16, 1908

Bro. J.H. Fulk received into the church by letter. Motion made by J.W. Walker and carried, that the Trustees procure Order of Court to sell lots 673 and 675 of San Dimas, California and use proceeds of sale for payment on new church building on lot 331 San Dimas, California. Motion made by J.W. Walker and carried, that the Trustees deed lot 331 San Dimas, California with new church building to be used for Baptist use and work. Right Hand of Church Fellowship given Bro. Fulk.

1909

February 25, 1909

The Trustees of San Dimas Baptist Church, on above date, the trustees unanimously approved of the action taken by the church December 16, 1908, namely to deed lot 331, corner San Dimas Avenue and Second Street, San Dimas, California together with the church standing thereon, in Trust to Southern California Baptist Convention to be used for the benefit of the Baptist denomination. Also that the Trustees procure order to sell lots No. 673 and No. 675 of San Dimas, California and use the proceeds of sale for payment on the new church building.

J.E. Hubble, Clerk

September 26, 1909

Following delegates appointed to attend Los Angeles Baptist Association October 5, 6 & 7: J.W. Walker, Mrs. F.W. Potts, Mrs. Davenport, Mrs. Mumford & Rev. T.J. Davenport.

October 2, 1909

Letters granted to Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Calkins. Delegates were appointed to sit in council for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church at Pomona, the same to be known as the Calvary Baptist Church, they are Messrs. Davenport, Walker, and Hubble. Officers elected for the ensuing year. Sunday School Officers: Superintendent – O.S. Tillman; Assistant Superintendent – Mrs. Hubble; Secretary – Miss Vivian Hubble; Treasurer – Miss Etta Partch; Librarian – Clara Cobb; Assistant Librarian – Dallas Walker; Church Clerk – Belle Sallee; Church Treasurer – J.W. Walker.

1910

March 6, 1910

A call meeting for the purpose of calling a pastor, Rev. T.J. Davenport's year having expired. It was moved by Bro. O.S. Tillman, that we extend a call to Rev. J.L. Matthews. Making the call indefinite, the church reserving the right to dissolve the relation on 60 days' notice and allowing the pastor the same right of giving 60 days' notice should he desire to cease being our pastor. The call was accepted by Rev. J.L. Matthews. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered Rev. T.J. Davenport and wife for their earnest and consecrated service for the church during the past two years.

March 1910

A two-week revival meeting conducted by Rev. Watson of Los Angeles during the month of February. Rev. Matthews continuing the meeting for a few days after Rev. Watson's departure. Ten new members were added to the church as a result of these meetings.

May 4, 1910

It was voted that Miss Belle Sallee should take the place of Mrs. B.F. Johnson on the Financial Committee during the latter's absence. O.S. Tillman and E. Kriner were elected as Trustees, five being needed. Messrs. J.L. Matthews, J.W. Walker and J.E. Hubble were appointed a nominating committee to consider the election of two new Deacons. Mrs. E. Kriner was elected Librarian. The resignation of O.S. Tillman as Superintendent of Sunday School accepted. J.W. Walker was appointed to fill the office throughout the year. Dr. B.F. Johnson was elected President of B.Y.P.U., O.S. Tillman, Vice President. The latter being authorized to organize and continue the work until Dr. Johnson's return. A committee composed of Rev. J.L. Matthews and J.W. Walker was appointed to look into the matter of seating the church.

December 28, 1910

Belle Sallee tendered resignation as Church Clerk, same accepted and a vote of thanks given for the faithful performance of her duty. J.E. Boyd was elected Church Clerk. Moved that Bro. O.S. Tillman revise the church roll, also to send letters and cards to members. O.S. Tillman, Dan Yarbrough and H.E. Crenshaw were appointed a committee by Pastor, the

expenses of same to be borne by the Church. The subject of our new music books was then taken up and the sum of five fifty dollars (\$55) was pledged for payment of the books.

1911

March 1, 1911

Letters granted Bro. Haifley and Bro. Thompson and members of his family. Revival meetings held in February by Rev. Catherwood of Covina and Bro. Trevor of Covina, who was also special chorister. Sunday, **March 26, 1911**, letters granted to Bro. and Sister Spear to join the Calvary Baptist Church of Pomona.

March 29, 1911

Bro. J.W. Walker declined nomination for Treasurer. Bro. Mumford was elected. The Trustees are given authority to sell folding chairs. Bro. Kriner resigned as janitor.

April 3, 1911

On motion, the use of the church was given for the evening of June 11, 1911, for the annual Baccalaureate sermon for the Bonita Union High School. Sermon by Rev. Spicer of the Christian Church, services otherwise to be conducted under management of the Pastor. Bro. Boyd resigned as Church Clerk on account of his absence for some months to come, and Bro. Cleveland Peters was elected to fill that vacancy. Letters were granted Bro. and Sister B.F. Johnson. Rev. J.F. Watson, our newly elected secretary of the Southern California Baptist Convention, was present and gave a 20 minute address pertaining to the work before him and us all in the immediate future.

Cleveland Peters, Church Clerk

May 10, 1911

Bro. Matthews and Dr. Hubble, committee appointed to call on Miss Nina Keller and talk the matter of her conduct over with her. Reported that Miss Keller denied the accusations, an explanatory letter was read from her. Sisters Matthews, Hubble and Lewis appointed a committee to confer with her in a Christian Spirit. The advisory committee of the church with Bros. Yarborough and Crenshaw added to confer with Bro. Walker.

May 17, 1911

The Pastor stated that his resignation would be submitted to the church, in writing, Sunday, May 21, 1911. Dr. J.E. Hubble offered his resignation as a Trustee and an active Deacon of the church. His resignation was accepted. The Dr. stating that it was impossible for him to serve the church longer in this capacity.

May 24, 1911

Bro. J.L. Matthews, offering his resignation May 21, 1911. This request of the pastor came before the business meeting Wednesday evening, May 24, 1911. During the business session of this meeting on motion made by G.L. Yarbrough, seconded by O.S. Tillman, that Bro. J.L. Matthews resignation be accepted was received and adopted. Wishing the pastor success as he leaves this field of work in San Dimas. We fully appreciate that he has been an honest and faithful servant in his service. Hoping that all blessings may be bestowed upon him and his family in any field that may be allotted to them. So God bless them all. Following committee appointed to fill pastorate—George L. Yarbrough, J.W. Walker, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Mumford.

Grover Cleveland Peters, Clerk

June 4, 1911

Dr. Hubble, Mrs. J.E. Hubble, Page Hubble, Vivian Hubble, Mattie Hubble, and Jean Hubble were granted their letters to the First Baptist Church at Pomona. John Bramlett was received into the church by confession of faith and baptism.

June 18, 1911

Brother S.L. Burgess was received into the church.

June 25, 1911

Rev. Heartness was supply for the pulpit and also on July 2, 1911.

July 2, 1911

Letters were granted to Rev. J.L. Matthews, Mrs. Matthews, Annie A. and Vera Matthews to the First Baptist Church of Banning, California. Rev. H. German and J. Powell filled the pulpit July 9, 16 & 23, 1911.

September 27, 1911

Preaching services to be held the first Sunday of each month. Order to renew the \$1,000 policy on the church building. Carried that the east side of San Dimas Avenue, in front of the church lot on that street, a distance of 50 feet, be paved and curbed at the same time so that the road work is done at that point. It was decided to again extend to Rev. E.H. Marriner a call to the pastorate of this church.

October 29, 1911

Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cochrane were received into membership by letter, also Sister Lindy Swango, Sister Bertha Burgess and Bro. R.W. Burgess.

November 1, 1911

Granted that the church be available to the Christian people for the purpose of holding a series of meetings beginning November 19 and lasting until December 10, 1911.

1912**January 7, 1912**

Mrs. Maud Farley was admitted to membership by letter from the Temple Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Mrs. Fannie Spilman and Miss Sue Spilman were taken under the care of the church pending the arrival of their letters from the east.

February 4, 1912

Sisters Fannie M. Spilman and Sue W. Spilman were received into the church by letter from the First Baptist Church of Dayton, Kentucky.

February 15, 1912

It was decided that a business policy of the church for the year be outlined, and such offices be filled that expire annually and others that are vacant.

March 13, 1912

Decided that Bro. Powell invite Bro. Bailey to come here to canvas the church membership in regards to Missions and current expenses. Duplex envelopes adopted. Miss Snelling elected Superintendent of girls work. Miss Snelling elected Pianist. Tillman, J.W. Walker and George Yarbrough appointed committee to confer with Congregational and Presbyterian and report to church.

April 17, 1912

The pulpit committee was instructed to recommend the calling of Bro. J.W. Lawless as pastor of the church, not for any definite time. At any time that Bro. Lawless sees that his work is done here, he is to give the church sixty days' notice of his resignation. And at any time the church thinks his work is finished here, they shall give him sixty days' notice. And the church agrees to pay him \$1,500 a year for his services.

April 21, 1912

Church called Bro. J.W. Lawless by unanimous vote.

To the Baptist Church
San Dimas, California

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Something over a year ago I accepted your invitation to become your pastor, believing your hearty and unanimous voice was the call of the Master. For His blessing on our united labors, I am grateful. While the results hoped for by me have not been secured, our Father has helped your pastor to do double the amount of work promised and has blessed him beyond his merits. May the blessings of your work increase through the coming years.

But it now seems as clearly the leading of the same Spirit that I should close the work here; and I hereby resign, asking to be released one month from date.

Heartily do we thank you for the measure of cooperation. We shall never forget the many kindnesses. We pray that those who have given sacrificial service to Christ may ever have the joy of his presence. May our God "supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Jesus Christ."

While asking your prayers for divine leading in our lives, especially as we have no definite plans, we promise you our hopeful prayers that you may have the largest blessing on your work as a church, and on your personal lives. I need not urge all to remember that they can best show their loyalty and regard for the retiring pastor by steadfast life, faithfulness in the life of the church, pressing forward zealously under a new leader and sacrificially following our Great Leader in devoted service. Let us not take the backward step or even hesitate, but trust in God and confidently do His will, letting Him do His will with us.

Sincerely your brother,
Herman J. Powell
San Dimas, California
December 18, 1907

List of Membership of San Dimas Baptist Church

Name	Date	Manner
Mr. James W. Walker	December 1895	Letter
Mrs. James W. Walker	December 1895	Letter
Mr. William Martin	December 1895	Letter
Mrs. Ella Potts	December 1895	Letter
Mr. Harry E. Walker	January 1896	Letter
Mrs. Harry E. Walker	January 1896	Letter
Miss Belle Sallee	March 1896	Letter
Stonewall Sallee	March 1896	Letter
Mr. Herbert Thompson	March 1896	Baptism
Mrs. Herbert Thompson	March 1896	Baptism
Rena Thompson	March 1907	Baptism
Mrs. Rowena Carruthers	?	Baptism
Mr. J.B. Scott	?	Baptism
Mrs. J.B. Scott	?	Experience
Jessie Shumaker	January 1900	Baptism
Mrs. L.J. MacDonald	October 1900	Letter
Miss Ollie Wright	October 1907	Baptism
Mr. S.J. Vaughn	February 1907	Letter
Mrs. S.J. Vaughn	March 1907	Baptism
Miss Mary Vaughn	March 1907	Baptism
Mrs. Ellen Miller	January 1907	Letter
Mrs. S. Keeton	March 1907	Experience
Miss Adele Bussey	March 1907	Baptism
Marshall Dunbar	March 1907	Baptism
Mrs. Hattie Hyde	May 1907	Letter
Louis Ray Hyde	May 1907	Baptism
T.J. Davenport	April 1908	Letter
Mrs. T.J. Davenport	April 1908	Letter
J.H. Fuls	December 1908	Letter
Mrs. M. Campbell	April 1908	Experience
Dallas Walker	February 14, 1909	Baptism
Ruth Haifley	February 1909	Baptism
Mrs. Wells	February 1909	Watchcare
Miss Grace Wells	February 1909	Watchcare
Mr. D. Crutchfield	February 1909	Relation
Mrs. D. Crutchfield	February 1909	Letter
Mrs. Stella Sheely	April 1907	Letter
Lulu Sheely	April 1907	Letter
Mrs. Leah Aldrich	April 1907	Letter
Roberta Patten	March 1907	Baptism
Esther Sargeant	February 1909	
Mr. O.S. Tillman	May 1909	Letter

Name	Date	Manner
Mrs. O.S. Tillman	May 1909	Letter
Mr. George Yarbrough	May 1909	Letter
Mrs. George Yarbrough	May 1909	Letter
Dr. B.F. Johnson	February 1910	Letter
Mrs. B.F. Johnson	February 1910	Letter
Dr. J.E. Hubble	September 1904	Letter
Mrs. J.E. Hubble	September 1904	Letter
Page Hubble	October 1908	Baptism
Vivian Hubble	October 1908	Baptism
Mattie Hubble	October 1908	Baptism
Jean Hubble	October 1908	Baptism
Guy Roper	May 1905	Experience
Mrs. Guy Roper	May 1905	Experience
Mrs. Nina Haifley	October 1908	Baptism
Elinor Roper	March 1907	Baptism
Eddie Roper	October 1908	Baptism
Miss Ella Smith	July 1905	Experience
Mr. R.E. Mumford	May 1905	Experience
Mrs. R.E. Mumford	May 1905	Letter
Mrs. Cloe Sapp	January 1910	Letter
Mrs. Reeves	February 1910	Letter
Mr. George Ford	January 1910	Relation
Mrs. Craft	January 1910	Relation
Mr. E. Kriner	March 1910	Relation
Mrs. E. Kriner	March 1910	Relation
Mr. A.A. Garrison	March 1910	Experience
Mrs. A.A. Garrison	March 1910	Relation
Rev. J.L. Matthews	April 1910	Letter
Mrs. J.L. Matthews	April 1910	Letter
Anna Grace Matthews	April 1910	Letter
Vera Ethel Matthews	April 1910	Letter
Mrs. Ada M. Smith	April 1910	Letter
Mrs. Lucinda Patterson	April 1910	Experience
Ethel Ford	May 1910	Baptism
Lela Ford	May 1910	Baptism
William Jones	May 1910	Baptism
Harrison Jones	May 1910	Letter
Lucy Jones (Whitted)	May 1910	Letter
Lonnie Jones	May 1910	Letter
Mr. Haifley	June 1910	Baptism
Mr. John H. Bates	September 1910	Letter
Mrs. John H. Bates	September 1910	Letter
Mr. Robert A. Bates	September 1910	Letter
Mr. J.E. Boyd	November 1910	Letter

Name	Date	Manner
Mrs. J.E. Boyd	November 1910	Letter
Mr. Harry Crenshaw	November 1910	Letter
Mrs. Harry Crenshaw	November 1910	Letter
George Crenshaw	November 1910	Letter
Mr. W.R. Followell	December 1910	Letter
Mrs. W.R. Followell	December 1910	Letter
Mrs. Hattie Woods	December 1910	Letter
Mrs. Bertha Hubbard	December 1910	Letter
Miss Vina Keller	December 1910	Baptism
Miss Keller	December 1910	Baptism
Rev. E.A. Spear	January 1911	Letter
Mrs. E.A. Spear	January 1911	Letter
Mrs. J.M. Neeley	January 1911	Letter
Mr. George H. Lewis	March 1911	Letter
Mrs. George H. Lewis	March 1911	Letter
Miss Lizzie Lewis	March 1911	Letter
Miss May Newell (Mrs. Bisel)	March 1911	Letter
Mr. John Bramlett	June 1911	Letter
Mr. S.L. Burgess	June 18, 1911	Letter
Mrs. W. Ames	August 27, 1911	Letter
Mr. W. Ames	August 27, 1911	Letter
Mr. Chambers	September 1911	Letter
Mrs. Chambers	September 1911	Letter
Mr. H.C. Cochran	October 29, 1911	Letter
Mrs. H.C. Cochran	October 29, 1911	Letter
Mrs. Lindy Swango	October 29, 1911	Letter
Mrs. Bertha Burgess	November 5, 1911	Letter
Mr. R.V. Burgess	November 5, 1911	Letter
Mrs. B.C. Williams	December 12, 1911	Letter
Mrs. Maud Farley	January 7, 1912	Letter
Mrs. Fannie Spilman	January 7, 1912	Letter
Miss Sue Spilman	January 7, 1912	Letter
Mrs. Harrison Jones	May 1910	Letter
Mrs. Oscar Hanks	October 1905	Baptism

This list is very incomplete. G.R.W.

Mr. & Mrs. L.S. Thacker
Mr. & Mrs. W.T. Micheal
Miss Birdie Micheal
Mr. & Mrs. Ari Hopper
Mr. Riley
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Knox

Mr. & Mrs. Bussey
Mr. Sallee (father)
Mr. & Mrs. A.A. McLean
Mr. & Mrs. A.S. McDonald
Mr. Dave McEwen

Statistical Statement – Baptist Church of San Dimas
For the year ending in October 1, 1896

Membership

By Experience -	4
By Letter -	<u>20</u>
Total Additions	24
Present Membership -	
Non-Resident -	2

Financial Statement

For maintaining Public Worship	\$ 60.00
Building Church Property	\$ 1,313.00
Other Purposes	\$ 19.00
Total Home Expense	\$ 1,392.00
Home Missions	\$ 86.62
American Baptist Publication Society	\$ 3.50
Other Objects	\$ 12.50
Received from Home Missionary Society	\$ 200.00
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,413.00

Financial Summary

To Home Missions	\$ 86.62
Bap. Pub. Society	\$ 3.50
Local Missions	\$ 10.00
Benevolent Objects	\$ 12.50
Total Benevolence	\$ 112.62
Home Expenses	\$1,392.00

Church Organized January 12, 1896

Pastor Rev. E.G.O. Groat

Union Sunday School and Christian Endeavor in connection.

Also a mission Sunday School at Covina.

Constituent Members or Founders:

Mr. James W. Walker
 Mrs. James W. Walker
 Mr. William M. Martin
 Mr. Daniel P. McEwen
 Mr. Harry E. Walker
 Mr. Alec A. McLean
 Mrs. Alec A. McLean
 Mr. William T. Micheal
 Mrs. William T. Micheal
 Mr. Hubert Knox
 Mrs. Hubert Knox

When the church was organized January 12, 1896

Charter Members of First Baptist Church 1896:

Date	Name	Manner
1895	Mr. James W. Walker	Letter
1895	Mrs. James W. Walker	Letter
1895	Mr. William M. Martin	Letter
1895	Mr. Daniel P. McEwen	Letter
1895	Mrs. Ella Walker Potts	Letter
1896	Mr. Harry E. Walker	Letter
1896	Mrs. Harry E. Walker	Letter
1896	Mr. Alec A. McLean	Letter
1896	Mrs. Alec A. McLean	Letter
March 8, 1896	Miss Belle Sallee	Letter
March 8, 1896	Mr. Stonewall Sallee	Letter
March 1, 1896	Mr. Riley	Letter
March 1, 1896	Mr. Ari Hopper	Experience
March 1, 1896	Mrs. Ari Hopper	Experience
1896	Mr. William Micheal	
1896	Mrs. William Micheal	
1896	Mr. Hubert Knox	
1896	Mrs. Hubert Knox	

When the Church was dedicated September 27, 1896.

Copy

No. 25245

**State of California
Department of State**

I, L.H. Brown, Secretary of State of the State of California, do hereby certify that a copy of the articles of Incorporation of the Regular Baptist Church of San Dimas, California.

Certified by the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles as a copy of such Articles filed in his office, was filed in this office on the 9th day of March, A.D. 1896, which Articles and the copy thereof contained the required Statement of Facts, to wit;

First, the name of the corporation as afore said; Second, the purpose for which it is framed; Third, the place where its principal business is to be transacted; Fourth, the term for which it is to exist; Fifth, the number of its directors or trustees, and the name and residences of those who are appointed for the first year.

And I do hereby further certify that the Articles of Incorporation set forth the holding of the election for directors, the time and place where the same was held, that a majority of the members of such association were present and voted at such election and the results thereof; which facts were verified by the officers conducting the election. Witness my hand and the Great Seal of State at office in Sacramento, California, this the 9th day of March A.D. 1896.

L.H. Brown, Secretary of State

By W.S. Sesnon, Deputy

San Dimas Baptist Church
Regular Baptist Church, organized January 12, 1896

Order	Pastor's Name	Dates of Service
First	Rev. E.G.O. Groat	January 1896 to January 1897
Second	Rev. A.J. Donaldson	February 1897 to November 1898
Third	Rev. E.E. Tyson (Covina)	April 1899 to September 1899
Fourth	Rev. C. M. Jones (Covina)	October 1899 to July 1903
Fifth	Rev. George C. Wright	March 1904 to December 1904
Six	Rev. W.F. Stone	April 1905 to August 1905
Seventh	Rev. J.E. Woolford	November 1905 to August 1906
Eighth	Rev. Herman J. Powell (supply)	November 1906 to December 1907
Ninth	Rev. T.J. Davenport	March 1908 to March 1910
Tenth	Rev. J.L. Matthews	March 1910 to July 1911
Eleventh	Rev. H.J. Powell	July 1911 to April 1912
Twelfth	Rev. J.N. Lawless	April 1912 to June 1914
Thirteenth	Rev. Herman J. Powell	June 1914 to January 1915
Fourteenth	Rev. E.H. Marriner	January 1915 to November 1916
Fifteenth	Rev. Floy T. Barkman	November 1916 to
Sixteenth	Rev. J.W.C. Swan	March 1918 to April 1924
Seventeenth	Rev. George H. Harrison	June 1924 to June 1925
Eighteenth	Rev. Gordon A. Whipple	October 1925 to

The First Christian Church 1910

The History of this Church dates back to 1910, when, as a result of the legacy of one of our earliest pioneers, Crawford Pinkney Teague, \$10,000 was left for the construction of a new Christian Church.

One evening in May of the same year (1910) a group of people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Macy (on First Street between San Dimas and Depot Street) and with the Rev. J.W. Utter presiding, the First Christian Church of San Dimas was organized—the Sunday School was organized at the same time. The Charter Members were: Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Billheimer, Glen and Vera Billheimer, Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Bixby, Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Macy, Mary Macy Benner, and Mrs. J.O. Lussier. The first services were held in a tent at the N.W. corner of First and Bank Streets. Later services were held in the hall of the Forseman and Hope Building on Bonita Avenue. Two years after the organization, on October 6, 1912, the present church building, occupying three lots at the N.W. corner of Second and Depot Streets (Monte Vista Street), and representing a cost of \$35,000, was dedicated. This beautiful building is as commodious and attractive a structure as can be found in any community the size of San Dimas in Southern California. It has not only an attractive auditorium of worship, but splendid educational and social facilities. The church has enjoyed a measure of well-deserved repute for the efficiency and depth of its religious educational program.

There were two religious educational directors, now prominent in much larger churches in Southern California, who were instrumental in creating the high standard of excellence prevailing: Mr. Byron Burditt, now of Huntington Park and Mrs. Walter Boston, of Alhambra. Both went from this to much larger directorates of the work of religious education. They left behind a thoroughly organized school adequately equipped and one which has enjoyed a reputation for very high grade work in the field of Christian instruction.

Once each month, young people and mature minds met in a service forum to discuss ways of service to the community and the work. Rich and helpful programs of worship and inspiration were presented to the community.

Help went forth in behalf of various relief projects and substantial concern was manifest in the economic problems of local people. The late Mrs. J.S. Billheimer organized the Women's Missionary Society. This has always been a very active society, and at one time had a membership of 83. It is a banner society and on the Honor Roll of the State. Mrs. Billheimer was its President for 8 years and was also State Vice President. She resigned as President of the society to organize the Young Peoples Circle—to which she devoted her efforts as long as she remained in San Dimas. The first pastor of the church was Rev. W.E. Spicer, and since then the following pastors have served the church. The Rev. S.M. Bernard, Rev. W.E. Garrison, Dr. W.A. Parker, Dr. Frank Dowling, Rev. Richard E. Brown, Rev. J.M. Stevens, Rev. Lambreth Hancock, Rev. P.M. McClure and Rev. Tunis Cordill. The church had about 140 members.

Genevieve R. Walker

The Union Church 1912

A group of earnest people met at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Landore (corner Covina Blvd. and Amelia St.) one evening in May 1912 and organized the Union Church, Interdenominational. The organization was effected as it was, in order to leave the path toward church union an open one, in case the coming years should offer such an opportunity. At that time there were a number of San Dimas people not affiliated with any local church and who had formerly been active in church work of their own denominations; some of them having affiliations with out of town congregations. They were convinced that local church affiliations were preferable both for civic and personal reasons and that there was a field of work for such an organization. The group represented a number of different denominations, among them being Lutherans, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Quakers, Congregationalists, and others. This organization, recognizing and respecting the individual denominational convictions of its numbers but uniting on the essential beliefs common to all leading denominations, aimed to furnish rare opportunity for Christian work and a church house for all not finding the denomination of their choice in San Dimas.

For three years after the organization, church services were held in a small building at the corner of 3rd and Depot Street (Monte Vista St.). At the end of that time the present lovely church building was erected, at the corner of 3rd St. and San Dimas Avenue. This church edifice was designed for religious worship, church school, the various church activities, and other forms of community and civic welfare uses. Prominent among the organizers of the church was the late G.D. Tangeman, in honor of whose memory the later addition containing rooms for Bible school classes and social work was dedicated as "The Tangeman Memorial Chapel."

The church had five pastors: Rev. Charles E. Strickle of Santa Monica, who organized the church and was its pastor for three years. The Rev. Horace Mallows of Claremont, who recently closed his 49th year of church ministry, was pastor for seven years and was instrumental in building the new church. The Rev. Shelton Bissel, of Franklin, New Hampshire was pastor for six years, and was followed by Rev. O.K. Walker who resigned in 1932.

For many years the Sunday evenings were given over mainly to the "Open Forum" a men's organization working with the pastor. This brought to San Dimas as speakers men and women of prominence in fields of religion, education, philanthropy, business and various professions, so helping to give opportunity of keeping somewhat abreast of world movement and progress. The women's Guild, organized in 1912, has always been a strong and active adjunct of the benevolent work, which includes both local and distant missionary enterprises. This group of women numbering about 80, furnished the church throughout, even to the well equipped kitchen.

The Charter Members of the church were Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. G.D. Tangeman, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Johnstone, Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Harwood, Mr. & Mrs. William Martin, Mr. & Mrs. A.S. McDonald, Mr. & Mrs. H.S. Gilman, Mr. & Mrs. F.D. Landon, Mr. &

Mrs. J. C. Walker and Mr. & Mrs. E.A. Heald. The Union Church was dedicated September 23, 1917. The church had about 135 members.

Church Council Minutes

August 8, 1932

The first meeting of the Church Council convened at Tangeman Chapel, August 8, 1932, at 7:30 p.m.

By unanimous consent, J.T. Titsworth was made temporary chairman and J.P. Campbell, temporary secretary.

In accord with the provisions of the Plan of Federation, it became the first duty of the council to organize and proceed with the organization of the Federation.

It was moved by W.A. Johnstone, seconded by Roy Huston and duly carried, that those present constitute themselves a committee of the whole for the purpose of perfecting the organization, and that we agree forthwith to elect a chairman, a vice chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. Those present were as follows: T. Roc Hobbs, Roger Holden, Mrs. Katherine Tangemen, W.A. Johnstone, J.P. Campbell, A.G. Owen, Mrs. C.W. Mann, Mrs. E. H. Bixby, Mrs. J.A. Hinkle, Mrs. S.W. Plummer, J.A. Hinkle, J.T. Titsworth, Roy Huston, J.H. Hoover, Ira Morter, W.C. Sanders, S.W. Plummer, W.R. Wood, and H.J. Smead.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the chairman appoint five others to act with him to form a committee for the purpose of formulating a Constitution and By-Laws for the organization, to be submitted at a later meeting. J.T. Titsworth thereupon appointed the following to act with him: J.P. Campbell, W.A. Johnstone, Mrs. Katherine Tangeman, J.H. Hoover and S.W. Plummer. It was regularly moved and seconded and carried that the Chairman appoint a committee of six who should nominate to the Council for offices of chairman, vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. The Chairman then named the following committeemen: J.A. Hinkle, Roger Holden, Mrs. C.W. Mann, W.C. Sanders, Roy Huston and A. G. Owen.

T. Roc Hobbs read a letter from the Four Square Church requesting the use of the Union Church building for the purpose of conducting services. After a brief discussion the Council declared itself to be without power to pass on this matter at the present time.

The nominating committee then placed in nomination the following names: J.P. Campbell (Chairman), J.T. Titsworth (Vice Chairman), S.W. Plummer (Secretary) and T. Roc Hobbs (Treasurer). There being no further nominations J.P. Campbell was unanimously elected Chairman, whereupon he took charge of the meeting after which each of the above named was elected to his respective office. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Chairman of the Council call a meeting of the superintendents and officers of the present Sunday Schools to meet with him to effect a temporary unification of the two schools until the permanent unit of organization can be accomplished; this meeting to be called at the earliest possible date.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that Rev. Tunis S. Cordill be engaged as Pastor of the Community Church for the remainder of the year 1932, subject to the ratification of

the congregation at its first meeting. The Secretary was instructed to notify Rev. Cordill of this action.

Mr. W.R. Wood's resignation was then read as a member of the Church Council and, upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, same was accepted with sincere regrets.

The Chairman then appointed Mr. J.T. Titsworth, J.H. Hoover and J.A. Hinkle as a committee to nominate for the vacancy thus created on the board. H.G. Lillards name was placed in nomination and there being no other nomination, Mr. Lillard was duly elected to membership on the council until the next church election.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a temporary finance committee be appointed and accorded regular power until superseded by a regular committee. The Chairman then appointed the following: T. Roc Hobbs, Roger Holden, John Hinkle and J.H. Hoover.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be authorized to circularize the entire membership seeking the individual's commitment and his or her willingness and desire to foster and support this new federation, and also to find in what capacity each individual is best adapted and desirous to lend of his or her talents.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

_____, Chairman

_____, Secretary

Community Church – Christian Union
Articles of Agreement
1932

These Articles of Agreement are entered into by and between the members of the First Christian Church of San Dimas and the Union Church of San Dimas for the purpose of making more useful and effective their work in San Dimas, for the furtherance of the Christian religion and the principles of Christianity believing that the time has arrived when minor religious differences should be forgotten in the work of the churches in this country in combating the evils that beset us and in supporting all efforts to better social conditions as Christ preached in His day.

A federation of these churches has been agreed to by each congregation by unanimous vote under the name of the Community Church of San Dimas Christian Union under the provisions of an initial agreement—voted at the meetings held on August 1, 1932. This initial memorandum is the foundation of the federation and this agreement is a more formal expression of its terms for the union and its government in the future. The following sections of this preliminary agreement are again recited:

1. The Trustees of the individual churches party to the federation, will grant their free use of all their properties to the federation, pending organic union, and the federation shall pay all expenses incurred after date of federation, assuming no responsibility for debts contracted prior to said date.
2. Federation should be consummated not later than September 1, 1932.
3. Forms of Baptism shall be optional, or in the case of infant consecration the form shall be optional with the parents.
4. Regular Communion may be held monthly or as determined by the Church Council.
5. The present Guild and Missionary Societies are most important phases of the church work and should be maintained. A feeling of cordial welcome will be extended to any wishing to join either society.
6. The Church Benevolences, as now carried on by each church, shall be continued and all church benevolences shall be handled by a Benevolence Committee to be appointed by the Church Council.
7. In order that the organization may become effective, the members of the Union Church and Christian Church shall each elect: 12 members of the Church Council—4 to serve one year, 4 to serve two years, and 4 to serve three years; whose first duty shall be to effect a working organization among themselves, and then to perfect the organization of the federation. After the first year, 8 members of the council shall be elected annually to the federated membership to serve for a term of three years. Vacancies may be filled by the council until the next church election.

In accordance with these provisions, the Union Church elected the following twelve members to the council: Mr. T. Roc Hobbs, Mr. J.P. Campbell, Mrs. G.D. Tangeman, Mrs. C.W. Mann, Mr. Roger Holden, Mr. A.G. Owen, Mr. F. H. Harwood, Mrs. W.G. Smith, Mrs. H.E. Walker, Mr. A.J. Morrison, Mr. H.S. Gilman, and Mr. W.A. Johnstone. And, the Christian Church elected: Mr. J.T. Titsworth, Mr. S.W. Plummer, Mr. W.C. Sanders, Mr. W.R. Wood, Mr. J.S. Hoover, Mr. J.A. Hinkle, Mrs. S.W. Plummer, Mr. Roy Huston, Mr. Ira Morter, Mr. S.B. Rouse, Mrs. E.H. Bixby, and Mr. H.J. Smead.

Mrs. J.A. Hinkle became a member of the Council as President of the Missionary Society of the Christian Church and Mrs. Dallas I. Walker as President of the Guild of the Union Church.

The Church

Union Church building, August 3, 1932, at 7:30 p.m., elected the following officers of the Community Church of San Dimas: Mr. John P. Campbell, Chairman of the Council, Mr. J.T. Titsworth, Vice Chairman.

A committee consisting of J.T. Titsworth, J.P. Campbell, W.A. Johnstone, Mrs. G.D. Tangeman, J.H. Hoover, and S.W. Plummer was appointed to prepare and submit a form of government for the Community Church in accordance with the general terms of the initial terms of the federation.

I

Now therefore, it is agreed, that the name of the federated churches shall be The Community Church of San Dimas, Christian Union.

II

That the members of each church federated, as shown upon its records at the date of federation shall become members of this church and that, therefore, any person may become a member of this church by:

1. Public confession of faith in Jesus the Christ and baptism (the form of baptism shall be optional with the person seeking admission).
2. Presentation of a letter of membership from any church requiring faith in Jesus Christ, or by,
3. Statement of previous membership in such church requiring faith in Jesus the Christ.

III

Officers

1. There shall be twenty-four Councilors, elected by and from the membership of the church, who, together with the Pastor, Director of Religious Education, President of the Women's Guild, and the President of the Women's Missionary Society shall constitute the governing body of the church and be known as the Church Council. The Councilors shall be elected at the annual business meeting of the church, after the organization of the

church, eight each year, who shall serve for terms of three years. The members as now elected shall serve until the annual meeting to be held in 1933.

2. There shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected by and from the Church Council and serve for a term of one year.
3. There shall be a Religious Educational Director, Sunday School Superintendent and Financial Secretary, each to be chosen by the Church Council to serve for one year.
4. There shall be a Pastor, elected by the membership of the church.
5. There shall be a Board of Elders of at least six members, who shall be elected by the membership of the church upon nomination by the Pastor and Church Council, who shall serve indefinitely unless removed by a two-thirds vote of the Council.
6. All officers shall serve until the successors are elected.

IV

Duties of Officers

1. The Church Council shall have authority over all spiritual matters, order, time and place of worship, and over all matters of church business, it shall appoint such committees and additional officers as may be needed to further the interest of the church and its spiritual material and educational program. In the event of a change in the pastorate it shall be the duty of the council to nominate a successor to the membership.
2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the council and also of the church.
3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete and accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings of the council and of all meetings of the church and to perform all the duties usually performed by the clerk of a church.
4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and care for all monies received for the church and Sunday School and to pay all expenses of the church and Sunday School in the manner prescribed by the council and keep accurate records thereof.
5. It shall be the duty of the Religious Educational Director to supervise and generally direct all matters pertaining to the educational program of the church.
6. The Sunday School Superintendent shall supervise and direct the Sunday School work assisted by the advice of the Religious Educational Director.
7. The Financial Secretary shall receive all offerings and pledges and payments thereon; keep accurate records of all receipts from every source; report to the Council from time to time upon the condition of the church finances and, after proper records have been made, turn over all money's received to the Treasurer.
8. The Pastor shall have general supervision of all the activities of the church proper, subject to the approval of the council.
9. It shall be the duty of the Board of Elders to officiate at the Communion Service and to act in an advisory capacity to the council in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the church.

V

Meetings

1. The annual business meeting of the church is to be held at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of October in each year.
2. Special meetings of the church may be called by the council whenever, in the opinion of the council, such meetings are necessary provided that all members of the church be given reasonable notice in advance of such meetings.
3. Regular meetings of the Council shall be held quarterly after the organization meeting which shall be held immediately after each annual meeting, the first quarterly meeting of the year shall fall on the second Tuesday of January. The hour of meeting shall be at 7:30 p.m. and the place at the church.
4. Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chairman or by written request to the Chairman by five members of the Council.
5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any church meeting shall consist of 25% of the membership. A quorum of the Council shall consist of 10 members.

VI

The fiscal year of the church shall begin November first of each year.

VII

This agreement may be amended by a quorum of the membership at any annual or regularly called special meeting of the membership or by the written consent of not less than fifty percent of the church membership.

To the Members of the Union Church:

The federation of the Union and Christian Churches of San Dimas has been agreed upon unanimously, by both congregations.

A governing council of twelve members from each congregation has been elected, also a Chairman, Mr. John P. Campbell; a Vice Chairman, Mr. J.T. Titsworth; a Secretary, Mr. Stanley Plummer; and a Treasurer, Mr. T. Roc Hobbs have been elected by the Council. A committee to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws and operating plan is appointed. A Financial Committee has also been appointed, and steps are being taken to consolidate the two Sunday Schools.

The Guild will continue as usual.

In the meantime, you will continue to pay your subscriptions to the Treasurer of the Union Church until September first. After this date they will be payable to Mr. T. Roc Hobbs, Treasurer of the Community Church of San Dimas.

The members of the Christian Church, it is expected, will proceed in the usual manner. This will be the procedure until the new church is fully organized when all finances will be managed by the new officers.

We earnestly request that you complete the full payment of your dues to the Union Church before September first in order that we may clear up all of our floating obligations before entering the new church. Also please join in the enthusiasm of the church membership in making the new church an efficient and successful church which will be able to do all the things hoped for in San Dimas.

Mrs. Katherine Tangeman
Mrs. W.G. Smith
Mrs. Harry E. Walker
Mrs. Chas. W. Mann
Mr. Roger Holden
Mr. W.A. Johnstone

Mr. Frank H. Harwood
Mr. A.G. Owen
Mr. H.S. Gilman
Mr. A.J. Morrison
Mr. John P. Campbell
Mr. T. Roc Hobbs

Mrs. Pansy Walker, President of Guild
Mrs. Ira Trimer, R.E.

At a meeting of the Union Church members last Monday evening it was unanimously voted to unite with the Christian Church and the above members were selected as a committee of twelve to work with the committee of twelve from the Christian Church to draw up church By-Laws and so forth.

A meeting of both committees was called for Monday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tangeman Chapel.

We hope that all our members will be able to be there.

Yours very truly,
signed – T. Roc Hobbs

note:

Christian Church Committee:

Mr. Titsworth

Mr. Sanders

Mr. Plummer

Mr. Hinkle

Mr. Hoover

Mr. Rouse

Mr. Morter

Mr. Lillard

Mrs. Plummer

Mrs. Bixby

Mrs. Hinkle, President of Missionary Society

Community Church

It is wonderful to have so many here today in celebration of our 40th anniversary. Greetings to you all.

You are all familiar with the history of the church, so I will only make a few remarks on the side—not too important but perhaps you will be interested in them. When this church was organized in 1912, it was by a small but sincere group who believed in the promise that “where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” What we see here today is the result of that faith and the efforts of that faithful few. When we realize that in that small group many denominations were represented, it is wonderful to see how they have lived and worked together in complete harmony all these years.

The foundation of this church was built on “Love thy neighbor as thyself,” which we all feel accounted for the continued good fellowship which has existed in the church from the beginning.

This group had many difficulties to overcome—there were many little, as well as big things to be done, but each one did his part and the results have been more than gratifying.

When this church was organized in 1912 this little village was a happy and prosperous one. We took great pride in the fact that we could truly advertise as “Frostless San Dimas” while our neighbors to the east and west looked at us with envy. But pride goes before a fall. In January 1913, we had a real freeze. Those of you who were not here or not old enough to remember can scarcely realize what a shock it was to all of us—it was really paralyzing. I might say here that immediately after the freeze, our neighbor to the west erected a very sizeable sign by the Pacific Electric tracks which read “Lost—somewhere between Pomona and Covina—one frostless belt.” But thru these difficult times plans for the new church continued. One day a southern woman who had arrived in San Dimas a year or so before said to me, “Mrs. Walker, people in San Dimas date everything from the freeze—just as we in the south date everything from the Civil War.” So you can see it really was a catastrophe, and I mention this just so you can better realize the difficulties of this church at that time.

This little church had in mind a church building of their own but now they were discouraged, it seemed that a home of their own would be only a dream for many years to come. But the very thing that instigated the establishment of the church was still there, and they felt that “faith without works is dead.” So everyone put their shoulder to the wheel and made super human efforts and the results were wonderful. The Woman’s Guild was organized in the early days of the church. Mrs. Herbert Gilman was the first president and from that time on the Guild has played an important part in the life of the church.

In a new organization such as this church there were, as always, many things to be ironed out so there were many meetings and many discussions. This group was, of course, inter-denominational. From the beginning there was a consensus of opinion that the church should have its own minister. The question then arose as to what kind of a minister—what denomination. Many suggestions were made. The opinion was once expressed that the Union

Church might well call a rather progressive and liberal Presbyterian or perhaps a somewhat conservative Congregationalist.

The first Communion Service was held in June 1912. At that time services were being held in a small building at the corner of Third and Depot Streets. So, it was decided to hold the Communion Service on the lawn at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Johnstone. It was a most impressive service—one that has been long to be remembered by those present. It was surprising how everyone who was interested did a little here and a little there to help the cause along. As an interesting little side light—one of our citizens had been attending services and was so pleased and happy that he wanted to tell the world. One day he met one of his friends, an old timer, Mr. Dave Teague and he said to Mr. Teague, “Dave, I want you to come out to church next Sunday—it is wonderful.” Mr. Teague did not seem too excited or interested, so his friend made one last effort—he said, “Dave, I want you to promise me you will come out to church Sunday morning—it can’t do you a ‘damn’ bit of harm and it might do you a ‘hell’ of a lot of good.”

Some years ago an old friend was at our home and he was regretting the fact that he was not connected with some church but said that in his earlier years he was not interested either in the churches or the preachers he had known. But you know, I feel very different now, ever since that Mr. Mallows came to town. You know, Mrs. Walker, that old man Mallows is certainly a grand fellow—he lives his religion. Then he proceeded to tell me many things he had heard and things he knew about Mr. Mallows’ activities in the community. He wound up by saying “Now that man really has religion—the right kind of religion.”

And so it has been that both ministers and members have helped in every way to make this church a success.

One of our former ministers once said, “It is the little things that count after all. A home could not exist and towns would shrivel up and die but for those who gladly do the chores.” Our church is just the same. It would still only be a dream but for those who did the little things that counted.

A word about the organizational set-up of the Community Church of San Dimas.

The church is in the world to do the things that Jesus Christ would do if He were here today. It is the body of people dedicated to His purpose, united in fellowship, to carry out His will. What is that will?

In John 10:10 Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life, that you might have it in abundance." The one thing most important to every person is life!

In Luke 2:52 we are told that "Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God and man." It is the picture of His own symmetrical growth and development through adolescence. It is an ideal condition for any life.

So then, we come to think of the Church as existing for the purpose of providing the more abundant life for all the people of a community and of the world, by providing opportunities for the growth and development of each individual along the four essential phrases: Spiritual Enrichment, Mental Enlargement, Social Enjoyment, and Expressional Achievement. From this view-point, "Nothing that vitally affects humanity is outside the sphere of the Church's responsibility."

If then, this be the task of the Church (and it is), it is necessary that certain responsibilities be assumed by the different members according to their interests and abilities, in order to provide adequately for every phase of this work. Naturally, everyone cannot do the same thing and if they all did the same thing, other matters would be neglected. No haphazard scheme will long suffice. Organization and delegated responsibilities gladly assumed is the only proper method. How to set up such a system is the problem!

The Church is purely democratic, for in the Kingdom of God everyone stands upon equality without any regard except his own interest, effort, ambition, and ability. We must of necessity begin with all the members of a level. This we call the congregation of the Church.

The congregation selects a Pastor who is charged with the general oversight of the whole work, especially the spiritual enrichment of the members.

The congregation also selects a Board of Directors (Official Board, Council), and delegates to them the definite supervision of the total work.

The Board of Directors (the Council), selects a group of officers to direct its work and to be responsible for the carrying out of the congregations desires, and the purposes of the Church. In addition to the general officers, there are chosen a number of persons each charged with one particular function of the work, a function in which he is most interested and for which he is best suited. These functions all are in keeping with the four-fold purpose of Christ and His church in providing for the more abundant life of the people. In order to provide spiritual enrichment four groups are deemed necessary: public worship, music, outlook-evangelism, and home contacts. In order to provide for the mental enlargement two groups are deemed necessary—the religious educational group and missions-benevolences. A social enjoyment group is necessary also. And the expressional achievement aspect of the program calls for practical service, community

service, and stewardship-finance activities. Thus we have the departmental organizational set-up of the church.

The Church – Rev. Tunis S. Cordill, Jr., Minister

The Council – Mrs. Harry E. Walker, President
Mr. John T. Titsworth, Vice President
Mr. Stanley Plummer, Clerk
Mr. John P. Campbell, Treasurer
Mr. W.A. Johnstone
Mr. T. Roe Hobbs
Mr. Frank H. Harwood
Mr. Herbert S. Gilman
Mr. H. Roger Holden
Mr. A.G. Owen
Mr. K.L. Tangeman
Mrs. C.W. Mann
Mrs. W.G. Smith
Mr. Will C. Sanders
Mr. J. Howard Hoover
Mr. John A. Hinkle
Mr. Henry G. Lillard
Mr. Sanford B. Rouse
Mr. Harry J. Smead
Mr. Ira M. Morter
Mr. Roy Huston
Mrs. Stanley W. Plummer
Mrs. Edward H. Bixby
Mr. Peter Morrison

Ex-officio:

Mrs. C. L. Brewster, President, Women's Guild
Mrs. J. H. Hues, President, Women's Missionary Society
Mrs. Ira J. Trimm, Director of Religious Education
Rev. Tunis S. Cordill, Jr., Minister

Board of Elders – John T. Titsworth
G.A. Lang
W.C. Sanders
W. S. Thomas
H. Roger Holden

W.D. Fitkin

Board of Deaconesses –

Mrs. C.L. Brewster
Mrs. G.A. Lang
Mrs. W.C. Hartman
Mrs. Peter Morrison
Mrs. J. H. Harris
Mrs. Eva Scoon
Mrs. W.S. Thomas
Mrs. K.L. Tangeman
Mrs. W.G. Smith
Mrs. Susan Downs

Directors of the Church's Work –

Worship – Mr. J. T. Titsworth
Music – Mrs. Catharine Hancock
Outlook (Evangelism) – Mrs. J. O. Lussier
Home – Mrs. Floyd Godgrey
Sociability (The Church Hostess) – Mrs. Roger Holden
Missions-Benevolence – Mrs. J.T. Titsworth
Religious Education – Mrs. Ira J. Trimm
Practical Service – Mr. J.H. Hoover & Mr. A.G. Owen
Community Service – Mr. John P. Campbell
Stewardship (Finance) – Mr. John A. Hinkle

Board of Trustees of the Church –

Board of Trustees of the Chapel –

The Church School – Mrs. Herbert S. Gilman, General Superintendent

The Cabinet of Officers and Teachers –

Mrs. H. S. Gilman, Superintendent
Mr. H. Roger Holden, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Sanford B. Rouse, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Frederick Smith, General Secretary
Mr. Sidney Russell, Assistant Secretary
Miss Marjory Waters, Financial Secretary

Mr. John P. Campbell, Treasurer
Mr. H. Roger Holden, Supply Secretary
Mrs. Edward H. Bixby, Superintendent of Missions

Mrs. Ira M. Morter, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department
Mrs. Frank M. Broady, Superintendent of the Nursery Class (1 assistant)
Mrs. G. F. Harbin, Superintendent of the Beginners Department (3 assistants)
Mrs. H. Roger Holden, Superintendent of the Primary Department (3 assistants)
Miss Arma Shull, Superintendent of the Junior Department (4 assistants)
Mrs. Fred Smith, Superintendent of the Intermediate Department (5 assistants)
Mr. Lambreth Hancock, President of the Young People's Department
 Mrs. S.W. Plummer & Mr. Tunis Cordill, Advisors-Instructors
Mr. George Martin, President, Triple Circle Class (1 teacher)
Mrs. W.W. Allen, President, The Women's Bible Class (1 teacher)
_____, President of the Men's Class (1 teacher)

Organizations –

Women:

Bible Class – Mrs. W.W. Allen, President
Guild – Mrs. C.L. Brewster, President
Missionary Society – Mrs. J.H. Hues, President

Men:

Class –
Fellowship Club – Mr. Carl Naegele, President

Young Adults:

Triple Circle Class – Mr. George Martin, President
Senior Young People's Christian Endeavor –

Young People's Department:

Lambreth Hancock, President
Miss June Huston, Church School Vice President
Miss Ruth Wilhelm, Christian Endeavor Vice President
Hi-Tri (Girls) –
Modern Minute Men's Club (Boys) – Fred Willis, President

Intermediates:

Christian Endeavor – Mr. George Martin, Superintendent
– President

Pioneer Club (Boys) – Mr. Clyde Waters, Leader
– Eugene Sanders, Chief Ranger

Juniors:

Christian Endeavor – Mrs. Frank Broady, Superintendent
– President

Friendly Indians (Boys) – Marvin Hopkins, Big Chief Advisor
– Richard Russell, Indian Chief

Organized Groups Affiliated with the Community (Christian – Union) Church, San Dimas

The Church

The Church Council (Board of Directors)

Departments of organized work:

1. Worship
2. Music
3. Outlook (Evangelism)
4. Home
5. Sociability
6. Missions – Benevolence
7. Religious Education
8. Practical Service
9. Community Service
10. Stewardship

Spiritual Enrichment; Social Enjoyment; Mental Enlargement & Expressional Achievement

The Board of Elders

The Board of Deaconesses

The Board of Trustees of the Church

The Board of Trustees of the Chapel

The Church School

The Church School Cabinet (Workers Cabinet)

Departments of the Church School:

1. Cradle Roll
2. Nursery Group
3. Beginners
4. Primary
5. Juniors

6. Intermediates
7. Young People (High School and Junior College)
8. Triple Circle (Young Adults)
9. Women
10. Men

Organizations:

Women:

- Bible Class
- Guild
- Missionary Society

Men:

- Class
- Fellowship Club

Younger Adults:

- Triple Circle Class
- Senior Young People's Christian Endeavor

Young People's Department (Church School and Christian Endeavor):

- Hi-Tri (Girls)
- Modern Minute Men's Club (Boys)

Intermediates:

- Christian Endeavor
- Pioneer Club (Boys)

Juniors:

- Christian Endeavor
- Friendly Indians (Boys)

Mrs. Harry E. Walker – 1938

SAN DIMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH THE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Church shall be called “San Dimas Community Church.”

ARTICLE II – COVENANT

We believe in the freedom and responsibility of the individual and the right of private judgment in the worship of God and the promotion of Christian life, character, fellowship and service for this community and the world; the basis of fellowship in this Church is the purpose to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ and to share in the organization, life and program of the Church.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Qualifications and conditions:

The members of this Church shall be persons who have received the recommendation of the Board of Deacons and publicly accepted the covenant of this fellowship.

- a. On presentation of satisfactory letters of transfer from other Churches; or
- b. On recommendation of the Board of Deacons when external baptism is waived because of conviction; or
- c. If letters of transfer are not available, by reaffirmation of faith on recommendation of the Board of Deacons; or
- d. On confession of faith and baptism; form of baptism to be determined by candidate.

Section 2 – Reception:

Candidates duly qualified shall be received at a Communion Service or such other time as designated by the Board of Deacons; anyone who is unable to attend in public may be received by the Deacons acting in behalf of the Church.

Section 3 – Duties:

Members are expected to be faithful in all spiritual duties essential to the Church life and in so far as possible to attend the services of the Church, to contribute to its support and charities and to share in its organized work.

Section 4 – Privileges:

Every active member of the Church over the age of 16 shall be entitled to vote in all matters presented to the Church.

Section 5 – Termination of Membership:

Membership in the Church shall be terminated as follows –

- a. By departure in death; or
- b. Any member who desires a letter of dismissal and recommendation to transfer to any other fellowship is entitled to receive same upon his written request; or
- c. Upon proof of immoral misconduct and unchristian behavior and non-repentance, a member may be voted by the Church Council into disfellowship; or
- d. Voluntary withdrawal – Any member who for the duration of a church year, does not attend any church meeting or donate any sum whatsoever to the church's expenses or communicate to the church clerk or minister his desire to remain a member shall be presumed to have voluntarily withdrawn from active membership and the church clerk shall *ipso facto* place such member on inactive membership list; any inactive member who remains on said inactive list for one year, thereby failing to show any interest in the Church sufficient to rebut the presumption of a voluntary withdrawal, must be dropped from membership of the Church by action of the Church Council.

Section 6 – Restoration:

Any person whose membership has been terminated may be restored by a favorable vote of the Church Council upon the recommendation of the Board of Deacons, upon a satisfactory explanation of the reason of termination of said membership.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**Section 1 – Worship:**

Services of worship shall be held at given hours each Sunday and on some regular evening of each week, unless otherwise suspended by vote of the Church Council, and such other times as deemed necessary by the Church Council.

Section 2 – Sacraments:

This Church shall observe open sacrament of the Lord's Supper, which shall be celebrated on the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise designated by the Church Council. (Once per quarter as per action of Council, November 15, 1939.)

Section 3 – Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the second Wednesday of February, in the town of San Dimas, at which time there will be a reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting and of any special meetings held during the year, the roll call, the officers, and the discussion and action on deferred and new business.

- a. Notice – Notice of the annual meeting shall be published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the publication immediately preceding the meeting, and

announcement of same shall be made from the pulpit the Sunday immediately preceding the meeting; such other publicity shall be given the meeting as the Church Council deems necessary.

- b. Quorum – A quorum shall consist of fifty percent of the active membership of the Church.
- c. Voting – A majority vote is decisive and unless restricted all members of the Church are entitled to vote; all non-members over 16 years of age who contribute regularly to the support of the church may vote upon all financial matters.

Section 4 – Special Business Meetings:

Special business meetings may be called by the minister, Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, the Church Council or by the Church Clerk upon written request of five members of the church; the purpose and nature of the transaction of the business must be stated in the call.

- a. Notice – Same notice required as for annual meeting (See article IV, Section 3, Sub-section a.) except that the nature of the business to be transacted must be stated.
- b. Quorum – A quorum shall consist of thirty-three and one-third percent of the active membership of the church.
- c. Voting – Same voting regulations as for annual meeting.

Section 5 – Conduct of Meetings:

Robert's "Rules of Order" shall apply to the conduct of all church and committee meetings unless otherwise provided for herein.

ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS

Section 1 – Eligibility to Hold Office:

No person may hold any elective office unless an active member of the church.

Section 2 – Term of Office:

The term of all offices shall be for one year unless otherwise specified herein; any deacon, trustee or councilor after serving two full terms in said respective capacity shall be for one year ineligible for re-election to same office.

Section 3 – Official Year:

The official year of the church shall begin the 15th day of February, and all officers, boards, and committees shall assume their duties at that time, or as soon thereafter as appointed, and continue in office until their successors are elected and qualified. (Fiscal year – Annual Meeting second Sunday in November.)

Section 4 – Vacancy of Office:

Should any vacancy in office occur, unless otherwise provided therefor, the Church Council shall appoint a successor to fill the vacancy.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICES**Section 1 – Minister:**

The minister shall have charge of the spiritual welfare of the congregation; he shall preach to Gospel and have in his care the stated services of public worship and have the spiritual oversight of the church. It shall be the duty of the minister to visit the church constituency and to represent the church in all interdenominational and community activities; the minister shall be a member *ex officio* of all boards, committees and Church Council, except where matters concerning himself are considered, and shall submit an annual report and such other reports as the Church Council may request.

- a. Selection – Whenever a vacancy in the office of minister occurs, the Church Council or a committee therefrom shall select a minister (possessing the necessary religious, moral, educational, social and cooperative qualifications) and present him to the congregation for its approval.
- b. Election – At any annual or special business meeting called for the purpose of calling a minister to the pastorate, a minister may be elected to receive the call by two-thirds vote of the members present.
- c. Term of Office – When a minister has been duly elected and accepts the call, he does so for an indefinite period.
- d. Termination of pastorate – The members of the church may at any time by a majority vote at any annual or special business meeting called for that purpose, request the minister's resignation with the expectation that it will be presented within sixty days; the minister may at any time give sixty days' notice in case he wishes to leave of his own volition; should the minister lose his ministerial standing, or be guilty of immorality or unchristian conduct, the members of the church may by a majority vote at a business meeting called for that purpose decide to cease relations immediately.

Section 2 – Church Clerk:

It shall be the duty of the church clerk to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all church and council meetings, keep the active and inactive membership roster to date, together with the date and mode of reception, to issue letters of transfer upon written request, to preserve on file all reports and communications, to notify all persons elected to offices and appointed to committees, to give notice of all meetings when such notice is necessary, to have custody of all papers relating to the church, and to do such other acts as usually pertain to the office of clerk.

Section 3 – Treasurer:

The treasurer shall be custodian of the general and benevolent funds of the church; he shall receive all moneys from the financial secretary and give receipts for same; he shall keep distinct moneys received for general fund and moneys received for benevolent fund; he shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements and give such bond, if any, as the Church Council may require; the treasurer's book shall be open to any member of the church at reasonable hours upon request and subject to a yearly audit; said treasurer shall pay only the bills and expenses of the church from the general fund on order of the Church Council and shall pay only the objects of Christian benevolence from the benevolent fund on order of the Church Council; the treasurer shall keep all vouchers of all disbursements and shall make such reports as the Church Council may require.

Section 4 – Financial Secretary:

The financial secretary shall receive all moneys coming from pledges, donors and subscribers of the church and shall credit all such persons with payments of subscriptions and pledges whenever same are earmarked and keep an accurate account with all subscribers, donors, and pledgors; take charge of all offerings and special collections; pay all moneys received to the treasurer taking receipts for same; furnish subscribers and pledgors with quarterly statements of their accounts and submit reports of accounts to the Church Council upon request.

Section 5 – Sunday School Superintendent:

The Sunday School Superintendent shall have the general supervision of the Sunday School and promote its activities and interests.

Section 6 – Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees shall consist of five members, elected for terms of three years each, except those first elected, who shall serve as follows: two for one year, two for two years, and one for three years; the board may organize; it shall have the care and custody of the property of the church but no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer the property of the church without specific authority by two-thirds of members present at a duly called annual or special business meeting; the board shall employ a competent janitor for the church buildings and grounds and fix his salary; it shall be responsible for maintenance and repair of all church property and shall make recommendations to the Church Council for necessary expenditures for upkeep of same; and make such reports to the Church Council as may be required.

Section 7 – Board of Deacons:

The Board of Deacons shall consist of four members, elected for terms of two years each, in such a manner that the terms of two members shall expire annually; the Board of

Deacons may organize; it shall be the duty of the Board of Deacons to cooperate with the minister and assist him in looking after the needs of the poor and unfortunate; to assist in the preparation and administration of the sacraments; to have charge of welcoming and ushering members of the congregation; to provide for the supply of the pulpit in case of a vacancy and in the absence of the minister; to assist the church clerk in keeping the active and inactive membership roster to date and to examine applicants to membership as to their qualifications, letters and such other duties as are set forth in Article III of this Constitution relating to membership; and it may organize a board of junior deacons to assist them in their duties as ushers.

Section 8 – Board of Deaconesses:

The Board of Deaconesses shall consist of four members, elected for terms of two years each, in such manner that the terms of two members shall expire annually; the board may organize and elect a chairman; it is the duty of this board to cooperate with the pastor in promoting the spiritual interests of the sick and needy, to call upon new members, and to introduce new families into the life of the church.

Section 9 – Counselors:

There shall be nine counselors, elected for terms of three years each, in such a manner that the terms of three members shall expire annually; the duty of the counselors is to serve as members of the Church Council and work on any Committee on which they may be appointed.

ARTICLE VII – CHURCH COUNCIL

Section 1 – Members:

The Church Council shall consist of the minister, church clerk, treasurer, financial secretary, Sunday School Superintendent, Board of Trustees (5), Board of Deacons (4), Board of Deaconesses (4), representative from the San Dimas Community Church Guild (1), and counselors (9).

Section 2 – Duties:

The Church Council shall have oversight and general management of all spiritual and financial matters of the church and shall be responsible to the members of the San Dimas Community Church; it shall be the duty of the Church Council to see that there is an adherence to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of all members, committees, boards and councils of the church and to do all acts necessary to the most efficient and harmonious supervision, guidance and government of this institution.

Section 3 – Organization:

The Church Council shall organize every year immediately following the annual meeting and shall at that time elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman; neither the Chairman nor Vice Chairman may serve in respective offices longer than two successive terms; fifteen members (as of 1940) of the Church Council must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; meetings of the Church Council shall be held regularly in Tangeman Chapel, at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month of the year, unless otherwise voted by the Church Council; any special meeting of the Church Council may be called by the Chairman or any four members of the Church Council by notifying the Church Clerk.

- a. Duties of Acting Chairman. The Chairman shall preside at the annual and all special business meetings of the church and at the Church Council meetings; the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Church Council, shall appoint all members of all committees as provided in the By-Laws; the Chairman shall be a member *ex-officio* of all said committees and it shall be his duty to see that they function to the best interests of the church.

ARTICLE VIII – ORGANIZATIONS

The San Dimas Community Church regards as integral parts of itself, all organizations formed for the purpose of ministration and which use the facilities of the church property; the minister shall have general oversight of all such organizations and the church will expect a report from each at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regularly called annual or special business meeting called for that particular purpose, the proposed amendment being inserted in the call.

**SAN DIMAS COMMUNITY CHURCH
BY-LAWS**

ARTICLE I – COMMITTEES

The following named committees, when duly appointed, shall organize and proceed to function.

Financial Committee – It shall consist of the treasurer, the financial secretary and a chairman. It shall be the duty of this committee to estimate and present at the annual meeting a budget for the ensuing year, and to make arrangements for the raising of funds to meet said budget; and to make disbursements covering salaries and other church expenses as authorized by the Church Council.

Music Committee – It shall consist of three members. The duties of this committee shall be to cooperate with the director of music in maintaining a choir or choirs to assist in the worship program of the church services; to recommend candidates for the position of organist or director of music to the Church Council when such vacancies occur; to have custody of all choir vestments, music and hymn books, and approve the expenditure of all moneys in the purchasing of music supplies.

Membership Committee – The Membership Committee shall consist of five members. The purpose of this committee is to increase the membership of the church and maintain a high attendance average; to keep an accurate record of church service attendance and report same at the Council meeting.

Social Committee – A Chairman shall be appointed with power to form committees as circumstances require. It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the social activities of the church in whatever way is considered best in promoting a wholesome fellowship within the church.

Benevolence Committee – This Committee shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be selected by the Woman's Guild, one deaconess and a representative from the Church school. The duties of this committee shall be to recommend to the Council projects, both of home and foreign interests, for the adoption by the Church as a whole. All benevolence shall be kept separate and a treasurer appointed to keep in trust such funds and disburse same in accordance with the ruling of the Benevolence Committee.

Religious Education Committee – This Committee shall consist of the teachers and officers of the Church School.

Nominating Committee – This Committee shall consist of three members, and it shall be the duty of this committee to nominate members for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting; it shall also be their duty to fill vacancies, at the request of the Chairman of the Council; to pass on all questions of parliamentary procedure and law; and to make suggestions and recommendations for amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws and present same to the Church Council.

Any member or person interested in the Church may be appointed a member of any of the standing committees; the first member appointed on a committee will be Chairman thereof, unless otherwise designated. Each of said committees must make reports to the Church Council when so requested.

ARTICLE II – AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regularly called annual or special business meeting called for that particular purpose, the proposed amendment being inserted in the call.