

EARLY CHURCHES INFLUENCED BOULDER CITY LIFE

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Most of the workers who built Hoover Dam were religious and believed in God, early church history of Boulder City reveals.

Like the Pilgrims who set foot in America at Plymouth Rock three centuries ago, the pioneers who landed in Boulder City in 1931 brought their Bibles along with their faith. Their zeal for work and no doubt would have pleased the Catholic, Mormon, and Protestant missionaries who left footprints in the desert sands of southern Nevada many years earlier—long before man had dreamed of damming the mighty Colorado River in the Grand Canyon.

The 31ers² began their church buildings almost as soon as they moved into houses built by the Hoover Dam contractor, Six Companies, Inc., and the Bureau of Reclamation. Construction funds came from the churches' national and regional headquarters as well as local residents. Six Companies and Reclamation pitched in with machines and volunteer labor. Churchmen and non-churchmen alike donated many hours of their time.

Pioneer Bruce Eaton³ said everyone should agree that Boulder City needed churches if it were to do its best job of supporting Hoover Dam.

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