

FREEZE FRAME: BREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH, BREA

A view of Orange County yesterday and today, appearing each Tuesday.

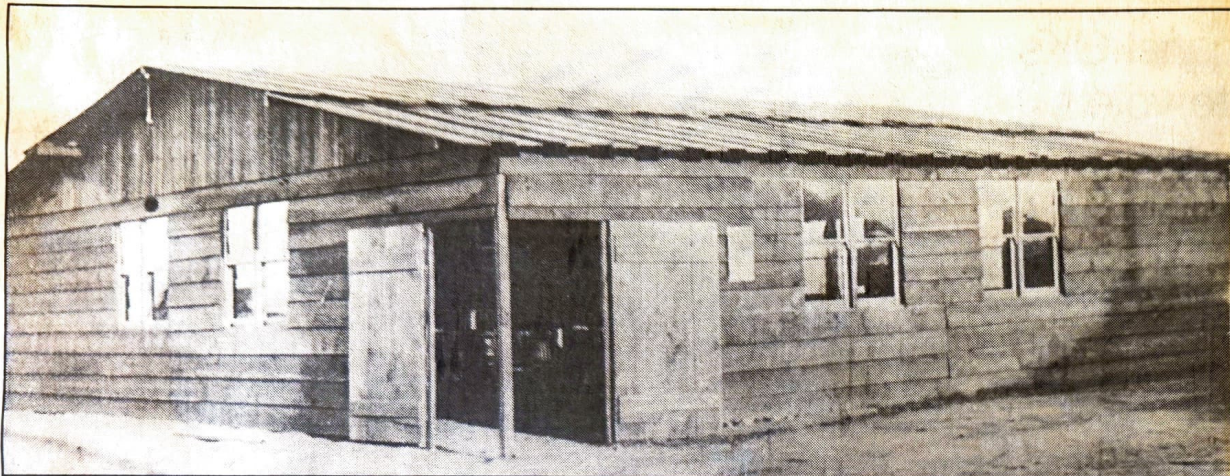
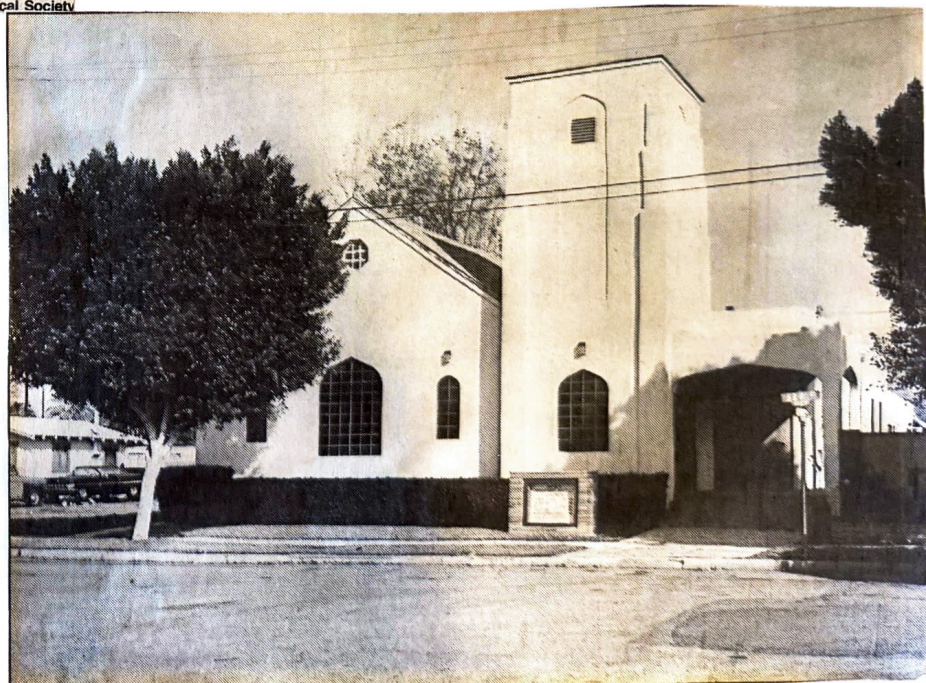


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held a three-week evangelical meeting at the tent site. In the fall of 1914, men of the congregation erected the wooden structure, shown here, in a single day. Two other structures were eventually to be built on the same site, the "little brown church" built by the congregation within the next decade, and a stucco structure that served until 1962.

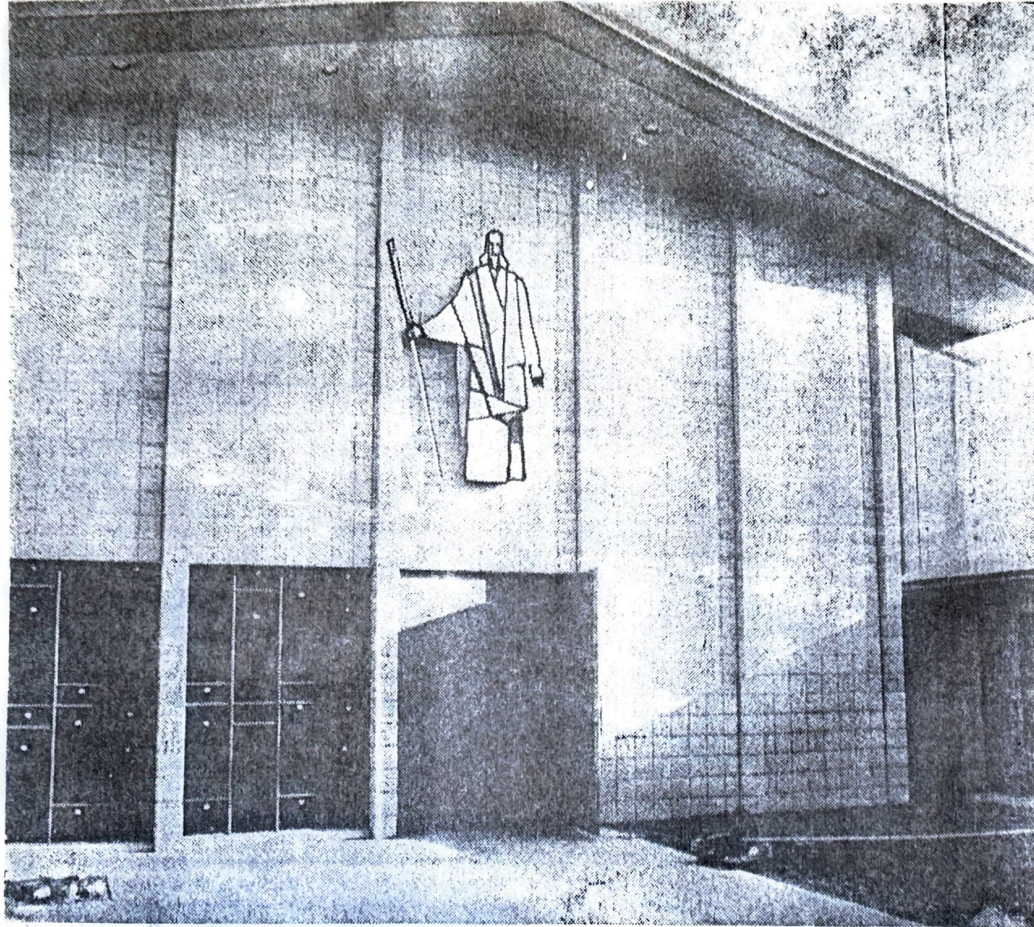
Today: On June, 17, 1962, ground was broken for the present location at Laurel and Lark Ellen. Because the site, at 3125 Laurel Ave., was just over the city line in Fullerton, the congregation voted to give it the new name of Lark Ellen Christian Church. The first services were held on Palm Sunday of 1963. On the site of the first Brea Christian Church today is the Brea Missionary Baptist Church, at 201 W. Ash St., built in the early 1960s.



New Congregational Church

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INAUGURAL SERVICES in the new Brea Congregational Church will be conducted Sunday by Rev. Charles Huddleston with a large gathering of members and friends expected to view the beautiful structure. Located on E.

Imperial, the new edifice is striking in appearance with its attractive appointments and affords a seating capacity of 280 persons.

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Set Services In Beautiful New Congregational Church

Marking the culmination of years of planning and high hopes, the beautiful Brea Congregational Church will be unveiled next Sunday when initial services will be held for the first time.

Rev. Charles F. Huddleston will conduct the services in the new sanctuary which has become a welcome reality for members of the church and friends.

The new \$104,000 structure, designed by Culver Heaton, Pasadena architect, will be formally dedicated in a special service on Sunday evening, Jan. 29.

Construction adjacent to the church building which has served the fellowship since 1926, the new edifice is an impressively striking addition to the community.

A gold-tiled Cross which reaches 50-feet toward the heavens at the northwest corner of the building can be seen over a wide area.

Above the west side entrance is a mosaic of the Good Shepherd to further enhance the beauty of the structure.

Interior of the church is simply but elegantly arranged in a modern scheme of beiges, browns and aquamarines and the sunlight sparkling through strips of jeweled windows on the south and north walls adds to the lovely setting.

Seating has been provided for approximately 200 persons on the main floor and the balcony will accommodate a choir of more than 30 persons.

Wheatland Construction Co. of Whittier is general contractor of the building and the organ rebuilding work was done by Thomas Gagan of Bellflower.

Preliminary planning and arrangements have been the responsibility of the building committee of the church, including Frank Hall, chairman, and Frank Hopkins, Mrs. Harold Yates, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Ernest H. Nelson, Mrs. W. Leo West, James Little, Mrs. Donald Hardy, W. E. Messick and Mrs. J. K. Doggett.

A special building fund committee was composed of Alan VanCouvering, Mrs. Gil Straw, Mrs. Howard Bowers, Robert G. Smith, E. H. Nelson, R. L. Rayburn and Kent Kough.

Located at 300 E. Imperial Highway, the new Brea Congregational church holds a

worship service at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning and the church school is also conducted at that time. Nursery care is provided.

A special invitation has been extended to everyone to attend services in the new sanctuary by Rev. Huddleston and visitors are always welcome. An added highlight to the



BREAK GROUND — First step toward new building was symbolized in ground breaking ceremonies of Brea Congregational Church recently. Shown, from left: Frank Hall, bldg. comm. chairman; Mrs. Thelma Wagstaff; Mrs. Hugh R. Williams; John Daugherty; the Rev. Charles Huddleston; Frank Sweitzer; Ernest Nelson, church moderator; Mrs. T. Elwood Moore, and Mrs. C. J. Deitrick.



MORTGAGE BURNING - From left, youth representative Heather Doughty; Pastor Paul Redmond; and 30-year church member Karl Fanning perform mortgage burning ceremony. See story below.

(News-Times photo by Rod Boren)

Lark Ellen celebrates end of debt payments

Lark Ellen Christian Church will celebrate paying off the church's mortgage with a mortgage burning ceremony Sunday, Oct. 28.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with a pot luck supper. There will also be a 'state of the church' presentation, allowing the congregation a voice in the decision-making processes that will chart a future course for the church.

The original church, the Brea Christian Church was organized in 1914. It was located at Ash and Walnut Streets in Brea, just one block west of Brea Boulevard. During the following years the wood structure was renovated and enlarged twice in order to serve the growing congregation. A parsonage

was built in 1919 on a lot adjacent to the church, a Log Cabin for the young people was put up in 1921. The final stucco sanctuary was dedicated in 1936, and in 1948, the two-room stucco Schweitzer Memorial building for pre-school children was built. These buildings still stand and are in use.

In 1960, with the old property having been sold, the congregation purchased the present 5½ acre land site from the Union Oil Company. The name was changed to Lark Ellen Christian Church as a means of geographical as well as community identity, the location being just inside the Fullerton city limits on Laurel Lark Ellen Streets.

The sanctuary was completed and the first worship service was held on Palm Sunday, April 7, 1963. The members and friends of Lark Ellen are extremely

proud of the accomplishments of their 'founding fathers' and are continually striving to serve the Brea-Fullerton communities.



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—(Picture by STANLEY BATHS)

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Styles Of Yesterday On Parade

The Brea Christian Church, which is marking its golden anniversary this week, will hold its final day of celebration on Sunday when the Campus Class will present a pageant and fashions since the church was established in 1914.

There will also be an exhibit showing pictures of the church and church activities in its fifty-year history.

"Fifty Years—Golden and Glorious" will be the theme of the celebration. Young people of the church in the clothing of earlier years will greet members at the door. Old familiar hymns will be sung as well as the anniversary hymn of the church. The Rev. Leslie Lowrey will preach on "Toward Christian Maturity."

Girls in costumes of the various years will be hostesses, and historical items and pictures will be on display throughout the educational building.

"Cradle Roll" pictures, including 700 baby pictures of church



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Fashions of yesteryear will be a feature of the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Brea Christian Church which will culminate on Sunday with

left, shows off an outfit worn by Mrs. Sadie Lowrey in 1954. Joanna Lowrey wears a 1914 dress of Mrs. Julia Schweitzer.

STAR-PROGRESS PHOTO

members, will be on view. Class pictures taken through the years as well as Vacation Bible School photographs also will be shown.

Pictures of the three earlier churches and many of the ministers who served here, as well as events in the church's history, will be included in the exhibit. A continuous showing of colored slides of many of the church's events since 1952 will be shown.

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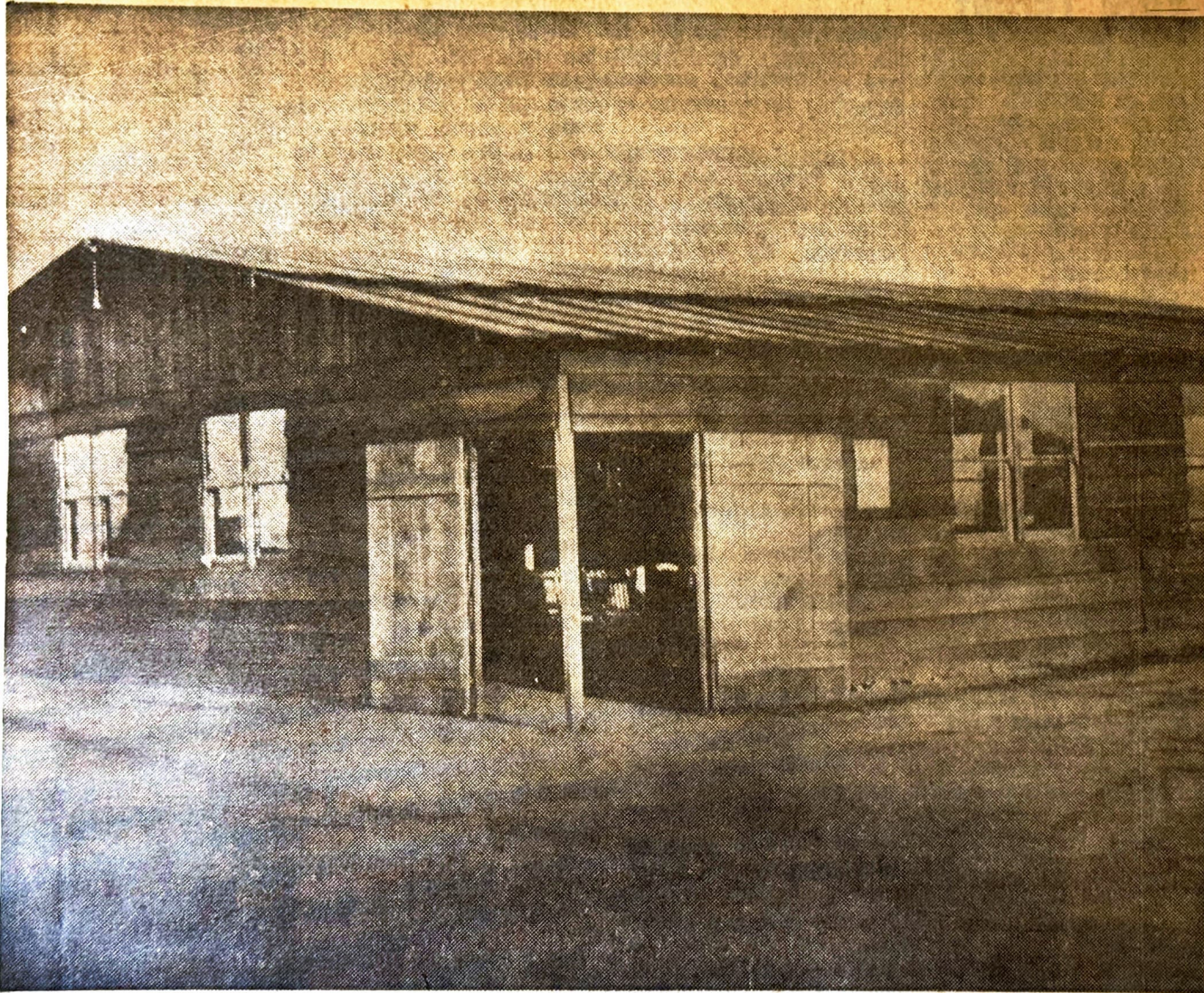
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Church Marks 50th Anniversary



Brea Christian Church Marking 50th Birthday

Brea Christian Church is marking its golden anniversary this week and one of the events which will commemorate the church's 50 years in the community is a pageant which will be put on by the Campus Class next Sunday, showing fashions of the time the church was established in 1914. There will also be an exhibit showing pictures of the church and the events in 50 year history.

It all started according to church historians, when 50 years ago this week the Ladies Aid Society of the church as organized and Mrs. Julia Schweitzer was elected as its first president.

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FIRST CHURCH — This rough frame structure reported to have have been put up in a day was

the first place of worship for the congregation of the Christian Church in Brea back in 1914.



50 YEARS
"GOLDEN AND GLORIOUS"
1914 -- 1964

Brea Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

LAUREL AT LARK ELLEN
Brea - Fullerton Boundary

W. LESLIE LOWREY

Minister:

Fifty years ago this week, the Ladies Aid Society of Brea Christian Church was organized and Mrs. Julia Schweitzer was elected as the first president. Today, a group of women met at the Church to do some work for the C.W.F. -- the direct descendant of the Ladies Aid Society -- and their work was directed by Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, this year's president of the Christian Women's Fellowship. Ruth is the daughter-in-law of Julia. This causes one to wonder if fifty years hence, descendants of families that are now active in the life of our congregation will still be busy at the Lord's work!

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Chairman of Elders: C. R. Merrifield
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Trustee: W. C. Hamlin
Financial Secretary: C. R. Merrifield
Church Treasurer: Kenneth Sutliff
Church Clerk: W. E. Fanning
Missionary Chairman: Ruth Sullivan
Music Director: Julia Schweitzer
Pianist and Assistant: Mrs. Bates and
Mrs. Runyan
Sunday School Supt.: R. O. Williams
Sunday School Pianist: Inez Jones (Fanning)
Special Day Supt.: Mrs. W. E. Jackson and
Mrs. S. C. Ellis
S. S. Sect.-Treas.: Nellie Merrifield
Librarian: Mrs. W. C. Hamlin
Cradle Roll: Mrs. J. M. Burquist
Deacons: S. S. Smith, W. C. Hamlin, Olon Sutliff,
Aubrey Sutliff, Karl Fanning
Deaconesses: Mrs. R. A. Bates, Mrs. Marie Tippin,
Rachel Sutliff, Mrs. W. E. Fanning

Frank V. Stipp became minister in August of 1934. His wife, the former Myrtle Wilson, had worked with Paul Wright in the 1914 meetings in the Tabernacle. She later went to the Philippine Islands where she met and married Frank Stipp.

THE STUCCO CHURCH

By now the Little Brown Church was about 20 years old and had been condemned. A loan of \$4,000 was secured in 1935 from the State Board of Christian Churches for the construction of the Stucco Sanctuary at an estimated cost of \$7,500. By the end of the year \$2,000 had been returned on the loan. The new Sanctuary was dedicated on Feb. 16, 1936, with services morning, afternoon and evening. The Young People presented a pageant, "Unveiling the Sanctuary". Mr. Stipp remained as minister until 1941.

Erroll B. Sloan served as minister from 1942-1945, followed by L. D. Howard, 1945-1947. Ronald Lemmex served during the years 1947 through 1949. It was during his ministry that the Schweitzer Memorial Building -- a two-room stucco building for pre-school children -- was built facing the patio. Ned Romine was minister from 1949 until 1952. Following his ministry, Dr. Claude E. Jones served as ad interim minister. W. Leslie Lowrey came from Northern California as minister in August, 1952, and has remained with the Church until the present.

A parsonage was purchased at 307 E. Locust St. in 1956 and the old parsonage was then used for classroom and office space. It was re-named Friendship House and served for several years as a meeting place for women's and youth groups as well as for Sunday School classes. The new parsonage was used for five years and then sold when the Lowreys purchased their own home at 615 S. Maple. A Building Fund was launched in 1956 with \$36,894 pledged over a three-year period.

THE BRICK CHURCH

A "Look to the Future" Committee was appointed on Feb. 10, 1959 to study possible future developments. This Committee, composed of Harold Carver, Chairman, Archie Logsdon, Elwyn Saferite, Morris Bergman, Frank Schweitzer, Grace Kreps, Jean Carver, James Miller and Leslie Lowrey, presented their report to the congregation: (1) Development of existing site; (2) Development of existing site plus adjacent property; (3) Development of a new 5-acre site on the south border of Brea. The congregation meeting on May 23, 1959, voted to accept plan No. 3 and to re-locate on a new site.

A five-acre site was purchased from the Union Oil Co. on Jan. 15, 1960, at a cost of \$30,727.26. Cash was paid for the new site. E. Lynn Child, architect from Fullerton, was selected to draw plans and oversee the building program. The contract was let to Arundell and Lindsey. Groundbreaking took place on Sunday, June 17, 1962, with Mrs. Clara Burquist, a charter member, participating. Others who turned over shovels full of dirt were W. E. Fanning, Elwyn Saferite, Eileen Logsdon, Harold Carver, W. E. Spicer, Rev. and Mrs. Lowrey.

Construction was completed and the first services were held on Palm Sunday, April 7, 1963. Dedication of the site and buildings was on June 16, 1963, with Dr. Gerald Bash, minister of First Christian in Santa Ana, as speaker. Other ministers participating in the Dedication were William R. Terbeck of the Area Office, Rev. Austin Coe of Downey, Rev. R. C. McFadden of Brea First Baptist, Rev. Roy Bullock of Fullerton First Christian, Rev. Frank V. Stipp, former minister of the Brea congregation.

A LOOK TO THE FUTURE

Another "Look-To-The-Future" Committee has recently been appointed by Church Board Chairman Harold Carver, and they are already probing into possible future developments. At present, the Church is situated on a 5½-acre site with ample room for expansion.

PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

Our membership in 1964 totals about 280 and is composed of many families that have been associated with our congregation for 30, 40 and even 50 years. But we also have many new members that have just recently moved into this area. Since moving to our new location, there have been numerous families affiliated with the church from the new homes that are being built in North Fullerton. It is interesting to note that our Chairman of Stewardship is Frank Schweitzer, from a Charter Membership family, while our Church Banker is Mrs. Betty Froman, who moved into the new Fullerton tract within the past year. Teacher of our College Sunday School Class is Mr. Robert Law, new in our community, while among his pupils is Bill Fanning, from a family that dates clear back to the year 1914 in affiliation with our Church.

One of the really thrilling experiences for our congregation has been to accept and get acquainted with the many new people who have so recently become part of our congregation. The enthusiasm which they bring with them is challenging both old and new members to greater service to Christ and the Church.

MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED

Paul E. Wright, minister of First Christian in Santa Ana who organized Brea Christian, 1914
Thomas Vance -- 1914 - 1915
Rev. Hahn, of Los Angeles, ad interim, 1916
R. W. Abberley, of Pasadena, ad interim, 1916
W. E. Spicer -- 1916 - 1926
Dr. Remfrey Hunt -- 1926 - 1932
J. Wesley Runyan -- 1932 - 1934
Frank V. Stipp -- 1934 - 1941
Erroll B. Sloan -- 1942 - 1945
Leroy D. Howard -- 1945 - 1947
Ronald Lemmex -- 1947 - 1949
Ned M. Romine -- 1949 - 1952
Dr. Claude E. Jones, of Claremont, ad interim, 1952
W. Leslie Lowrey -- 1952 to Present

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR NEW SITE

The cost of land and improvements is \$40,000 and the value of the land is now more than double the purchase price.

The cost of our buildings is \$130,000, and our mortgage is now about \$73,000. The cost of furnishings is \$8,000.

The Sanctuary has over 5,000 square feet and seats about 350.

The Education Building contains 5,000 square feet, eight classrooms, rest rooms and offices.

Plans were drawn and construction directed by Architect E. Lynn Child, who is now a member of the congregation.

PRESENT OFFICERS

MINISTER: W. Leslie Lowrey
 CHAIRMAN OF CHURCH BOARD: Harold Carver
 CLERK: Don Gwinup
 BANKER: Mrs. Ray Froman
 CHAIRMAN OF WORSHIP: John Dyke
 CHAIRMAN OF EVANGELISM: Mrs. Joe Hodkins
 CHAIRMAN OF PROPERTY: Frank Secrest
 CHAIRMAN OF WORLD OUTREACH: John C. Schmitt
 S. S. SUPTS.: Mrs. Harold Carver and
 -- Mrs. J. M. Bergman
 S. S. SECRETARY: Leonard Hobb
 CHOIR DIRECTOR: Harold Carver
 ORGANIST: Mrs. Karl Fanning
 CHAIRMAN OF DEACONESSES: Mrs. John Dyke
 DEACONESS EMERITUS: Mrs. Minnie Bergman
 ELDERS:

W. E. Fanning, Elder Emeritus
 Mr. Kenneth Sutliff, Elder Emeritus
 Harold Carver David Kreps
 Willis Davis Elwyn Saferite
 Frank Secrest Walter Bergman, Chm.
 Glenn Gheen William J. Ball
 John Dyke Archie Logsdon
 Harold Moist

DEACONS:

Roy Ritz Leo Wilson
 Eugene Xenos Hugh Jones
 Tim Wilson Leon Pinkerton
 Joe Hodkins Leonard Hobb
 Dick Fanning Clayton Ries
 Don Gwinup Gus Colley
 Olen Sutliff John Schmitt
 Frank Blystone Walter Strickland, Chm.
 Lynn Child

ANNIVERSARY HYMN
(Tune: Austrian Hymn, No. 431)

Church of God stand great and glorious
Through the decades of our years
Bring to fruit a greater mission
Faith undaunted by our fears.
Generations stand unbroken
Heritage of faith undimmed
Saints immortal, living Christians
Are the church of the redeemed.

Now forgetting things behind us,
Reaching forth to things before
We press on to reach a great goal
And the prize that is in store.
The high calling of our Lord God
Manifest in Christ His son
We press onward, reaching upward
To lay hold on victories won.

Lord, forgive us for indifference
To the sins that bind mankind
Let us rise with noble courage
To renew our hearts and minds
Fill thy childrens desperate longing
For full measure of thy power
Now transform us, Now inspire us
Lead us to our greater hour.

Sadie A. Lowrey

A HISTORY OF THE LARK ELLEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On an August morning in 1914, a group of men and women from the First Christian Church of Santa Ana erected what they called a Tabernacle on west Ash Street in Brea. This was the beginning of what became the Brea Christian Church which grew and prospered under the leadership of a number of very effective ministers and a strong laity. The Burquists, Schweitzers, Sextons & Fannings were among the church's earliest families.

The first minister was Thomas Vance. He was followed soon by W.E. Spicer who served for over 10 years. Others who served were William Remfrey Hunt, J.W. Runyan, Frank V. Stipp, Erroll B. Slone, Leroy D. Howard, Ronald M. Lemmex, Ned M. Romine and W. Leslie Lowery. It was Les & Sadie Lowery who served the congregation when it moved to its present location in 1963.

The congregation has occupied several different buildings in its on-going life, and each has special meaning for those who were involved in the construction of them. That first tabernacle was used for lumber in the construction of the "Little Brown Church" that was erected during the first ten years of the congregation's existence. A parsonage was constructed in 1919 and a couple of years later, in 1921, the famous Log Cabin was built by the Honor Knights. The Little Brown Church was improved over the years, including a white paint job. It lasted until 1935 when the Stucco Sanctuary was built at an estimated cost of \$7,500. The new sanctuary was dedicated on February 16, 1936, during the ministry of Frank V. Stipp.

Over the years that followed, the Schweitzer Memorial Building, a two-room stucco building for preschool children, was built. It was at this time, in 1952, when the Lowerys came from northern California to assume leadership of the Brea congregation.

In 1956 a new parsonage was purchased and the old one was converted into classroom and office space and renamed Friendship House. This building became the center of congregational life as the meeting place for women's and youth groups, and as the Sunday School. The newer parsonage was eventually sold when the Lowerys purchased their own home. Interestingly, Friendship House was only recently demolished as part of the Brea redevelopment program.

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Discovering that they were in Fullerton, rather than Brea as they had first thought, the members of the congregation chose a new name that would more closely identify them with the new neighborhood. Taking the name from the major street in the area, Brea Christian Church became Lark Ellen Christian Church. Many new folks from the north Fullerton area became active in the congregation and it continued to grow.

In 1970 some of the excess land at the rear of the church was sold and developed. The first of two preschools began operation, and in 1979, under the leadership of Paul Redmond, the mortgage was burned.

Currently, the congregation shares the facility with a second thriving Christian preschool and two ethnic congregations, the Cornerstone United Methodist Church and the Brea Apostolic Assembly. Lark Ellen is also deeply involved in the work of the Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Services, the New Vista Shelter and community efforts to assist the homeless and the hungry of this area.

One of the more recent exciting events in the life of our congregation is the possibility of adding a fellowship hall through a joint venture with the other two congregations now sharing the facilities.

Lark Ellen has also maintained its strong tie to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and has, in the last three years, achieved record increases in its mission giving to the denomination. Members of the congregation are also active in regional and district activities.

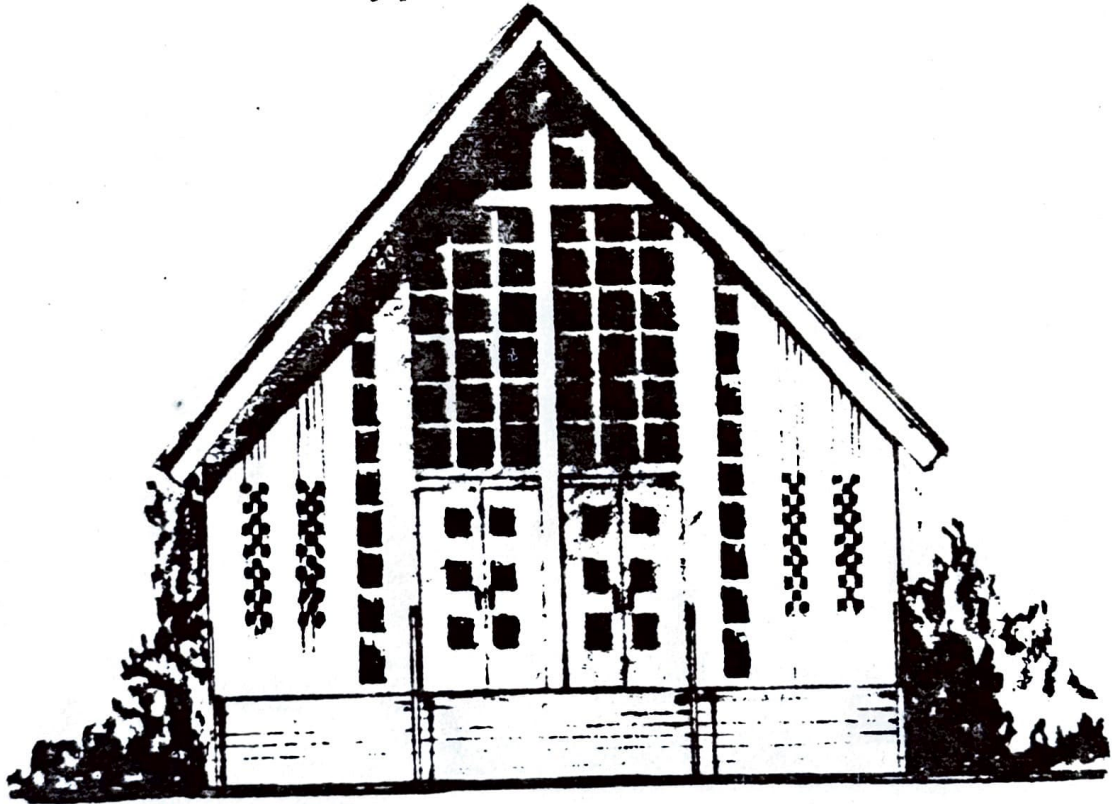
All of us, who are a part of the present congregation, want everyone to know how grateful we feel to have survived the struggles over the past few years and to still be a viable and effective manifestation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in this community. We also thank you for your support and for all your contributions to this part of the Body of Christ that have helped make us what we were, what we are and what we will become.

Let us celebrate and praise God for the gift of divine love, embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ, shared and made known through us, the Church.

October 8, 1989



Celebrating 75 Years!
Brea Christian Church
1914 - 1963



Lark Ellen Christian Church
1963 - 1989



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LARK ELLEN CHRISTIAN

BREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1914

1989

75 YEARS OF PROCLAIMING AND WITNESSING THE GOSPEL!

PRELUDE

Debra Artim

INTROIT

Combined Choirs

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

No. 7

CALL TO WORSHIP

Inez Fanning

L: We gather from different times and places.

P: WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND TO CELEBRATE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN, WHO WE ARE AND THAT WHICH WE ARE BECOMING.

L: We are gathered as a part of the Body of Christ in the World.

P: WE COME REMEMBERING, REJOICING IN AND RECOMMITTING OURSELVES TO WHAT WE FOUND IN THIS PLACE.

L: Let us now say together the words of the Christian Endeavor pledge, a renewal for some, a new affirmation for others:

ALL: TRUSTING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR STRENGTH, I PROMISE HIM THAT I WILL STRIVE TO DO WHATEVER HE WOULD HAVE ME DO. I WILL MAKE IT THE RULE OF MY LIFE TO PRAY AND READ THE BIBLE AND TO TAKE PART IN THE WORK AND WORSHIP OF MY CHURCH. THESE THINGS I WILL DO UNLESS HINDERED BY CONSCIENTIOUS REASONS, AND IN ALL, I WILL SEEK THE SAVIOUR'S GUIDANCE.

INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bob Weitzel

(Lord's Prayer sung by Arnie Gomez; Accompanist, Karen Gomez)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Bob Weitzel, Inez Fanning, Frank Schweitzer

All Guests will be acknowledged.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Sadie Lowrey

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

No. 305

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. David Tsang

ANTHEM

Cornerstone United Methodist Choir

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESS.....

Les & Sadie Lowery

THE PRESENT AND THE PRESENCE

Bob Weitzel

The Offering

Edna Makins

Special Music

Lark Ellen Choir

Communion (Take as it is passed)

Jack & Jackie Doughty

DREAMS AND VISIONS

Dr. Peggy Owen Clark

*Please Stand

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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

"Anniversary Hymn"

See Back of Bulletin

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Ezekiel Marron

*RECESSIONAL

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

No. 204

***** **CELEBRATE!** *****

WELCOME to this place where the Church meets on the momentous occasion of our 75th anniversary as a congregation! We hope the warmth and the atmosphere of the worship will strengthen your daily walk with God and that you will return. Please note your presence on the slip in your bulletin so we may have a record of your visit.

THOSE WITH US IN SPIRIT (Those who called or wrote):

Ruth Daugherty, Lucile Sloan, Earl Merrifield, Eunice Wilson Ramage and Pastor Ned Romine.

COMING UP!

OPPORTUNITIES

TODAY	After Worship	75th Anniversary Luncheon & Celebration
		NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY!
Tue/Oct 10	6:45 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Sat/Oct 21	11:30 a.m.	California Christian Home Benefit Luncheon & Auction, Gateway Plaza Holiday Inn, La Mirada. Limited tickets @\$15.00. See Bob
Sat/Oct 28	6:00 p.m.	Hobo Party
Fri/Nov 3	10:00 a.m.	Church Women United: United Methodist Church, Fullerton. Program: Eden Presbyterian Church (Korean church at Orangethorpe Christian), complete with costumes!
Sat/Nov 4	9:00 a.m.	CWF Bazaar, FCC, Fullerton. Luncheon concession by Lark Ellen CWF.
Sun/Nov 5	Worship	Covenant Players

Anniversary Hymn

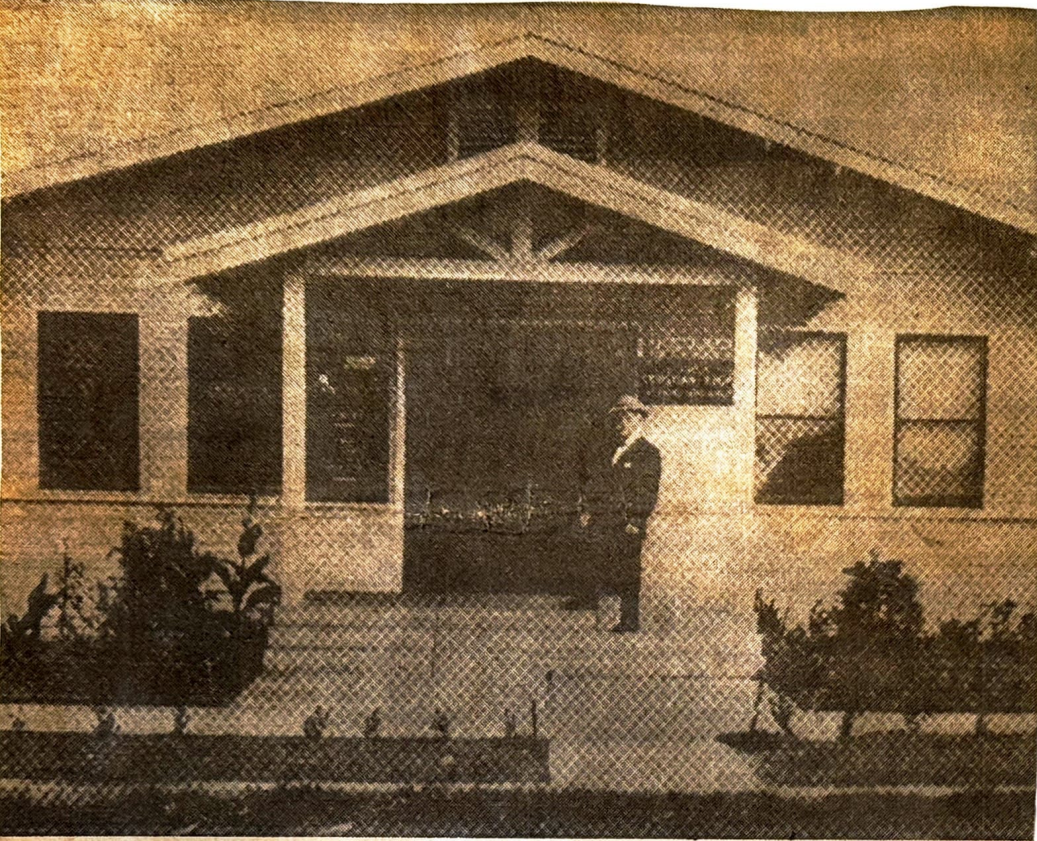
(Tune: Austrian Hymn, No. 260)

Church of God stand great and glorious
Through the decades of our years
Bring to fruit a greater mission
Faith undaunted by our fears.
Generations stand unbroken
Heritage of faith undimmed
Saints immortal, living Christians
Are the church of the redeemed.

Now forgetting things behind us,
Reaching forth to things before
We press on to reach a great goal
And the prize that is in store.
The high calling of our Lord God
Manifest in Christ His son
We press onward, reaching upward
To lay hold on victories won.

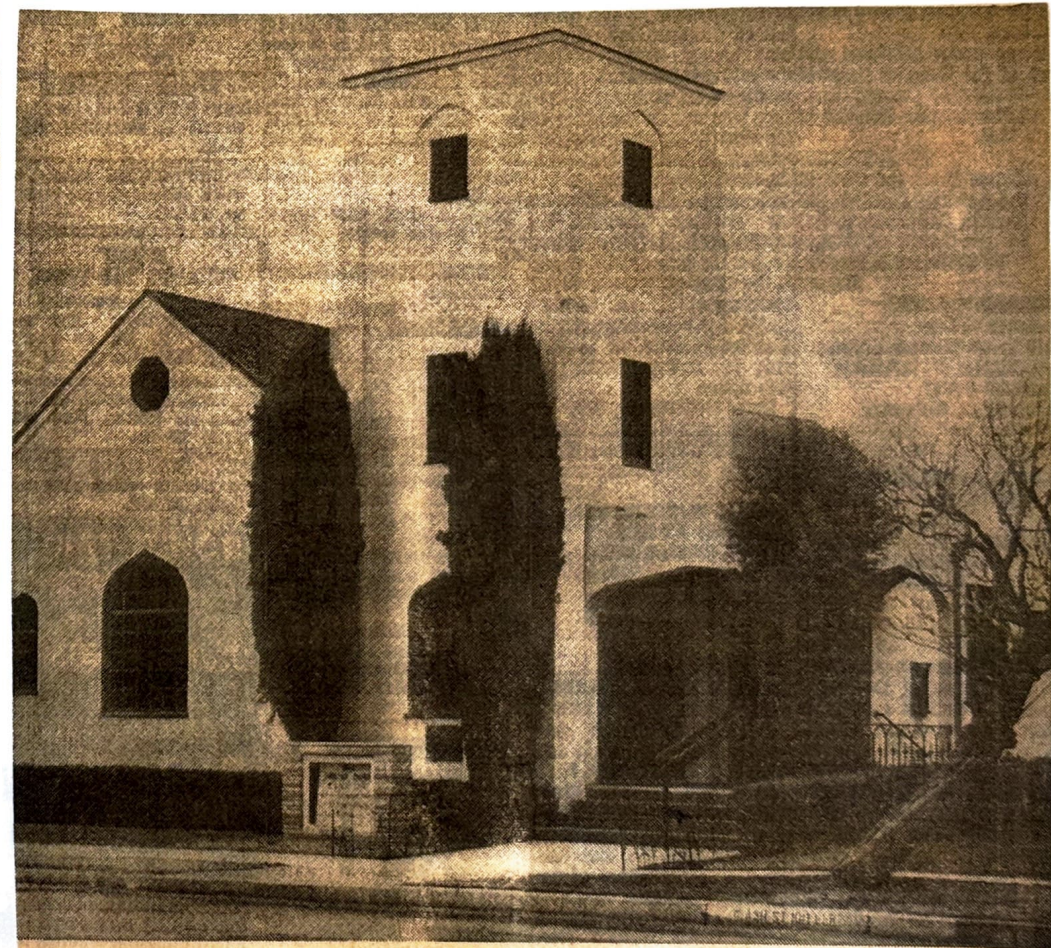
Lord, forgive us for indifference
To the sins that bind mankind
Let us rise with noble courage
To renew our hearts and minds
Fill thy childrens desperate longing
For full measure of thy power
Now transform us, Now inspire us
Lead us to our greater hour.

Sadie A. Lowrey



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Christian Church 51 Yrs. Old Tomorrow—Lowrey Here 13 Yrs.

With the surprise resignation of Rev. Leslie Lowrey, who has served as pastor for 13 years, members of the Christian Church today looked back over the church's long history in Brea. The Lowreys are leaving for missionary work in Okinawa next month.

It was 51 years ago yesterday that the Reverend Paul E. Wright was granted a leave of absence from his pulpit at First Christian Church in Santa Ana to lead in starting a church in Brea. He brought with him a group of men from Santa Ana and they were joined by men from Brea who built the "Tabernacle in a

Day" on West Ash Street. During the month of August, Mr. Wright held a three-week evangelistic meeting aided by Miss Myrtle Wilson. The church was organized at the conclusion of this meeting. Later that year, Thomas Vance was called to be the first minister of the new congregation. The Schweitzer, Burquist and Sexton families were among charter members.

Elders chosen to guide the new congregation were J. L. Sexton, W. H. Swoap, J. S. Elder and K. E. Nothway. The Henry Becker family today continues the close association of the J. S. Sextons with the church. Mrs. Becker is a daughter of the Sextons. Following the ministry of Mr. Vance two ad interim ministers served for brief periods—R. W. Aberly of Pasadena and Rev. Hahn of Los Angeles. It was during this period that Richard and Margaret Jones united with the church.

Little Brown Church

The following year, W. E. Spicer came to lead as minister. Brother Spicer recently commented about his first experience in Brea, "My first sermon in Brea was delivered in the slab 'built-in-a-day' meeting house on Ash street, some-

where around fifty years ago. During the early part of Mr. Spicer's ministry, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fanning were received into membership; however, they had been active participants since 1914.

During the 10-year ministry of Rev. Spicer, The Little Brown Church was constructed, using some of the better lumber from the "Tabernacle in a Day".

The old records show that officers in 1918 included J. L. Sexton and W. E. Fanning as elders; J. L. Sexton and Richard Jones on the Board of Trustees; Bible School Superintendent was W. E. Fanning, and Director of Music was Mrs. F. J. Schweitzer. During 1918, the church was incorporated under the laws of the State of California. The Articles of Incorporation were signed by Edward Beatty, J. S. Elder, K. E. Nethaway, W. H. Swoap, J. L. Sexton and W. E. Spicer.

Parsonage Built

In 1919, a lot adjacent to the church was purchased and a parsonage was built.

The log cabin was constructed by the Honor Knights during the ministry of Rev. Spicer, 1921. The Honor Knights were led by "Junior" Schweitzer and Walter Bergman. In 1924, two lots were purchased at Imperial and Orange Streets with the intention of rebuilding in this new location. This plan was abandoned after a few years and lots were sold.

Dr. Remfrey Hunt, former missionary to China, became minister in 1926. During his ministry, the exterior of the church buildings were redone. Following the five-years ministry of Dr. Hunt J. Wesley Runyan became minister. He

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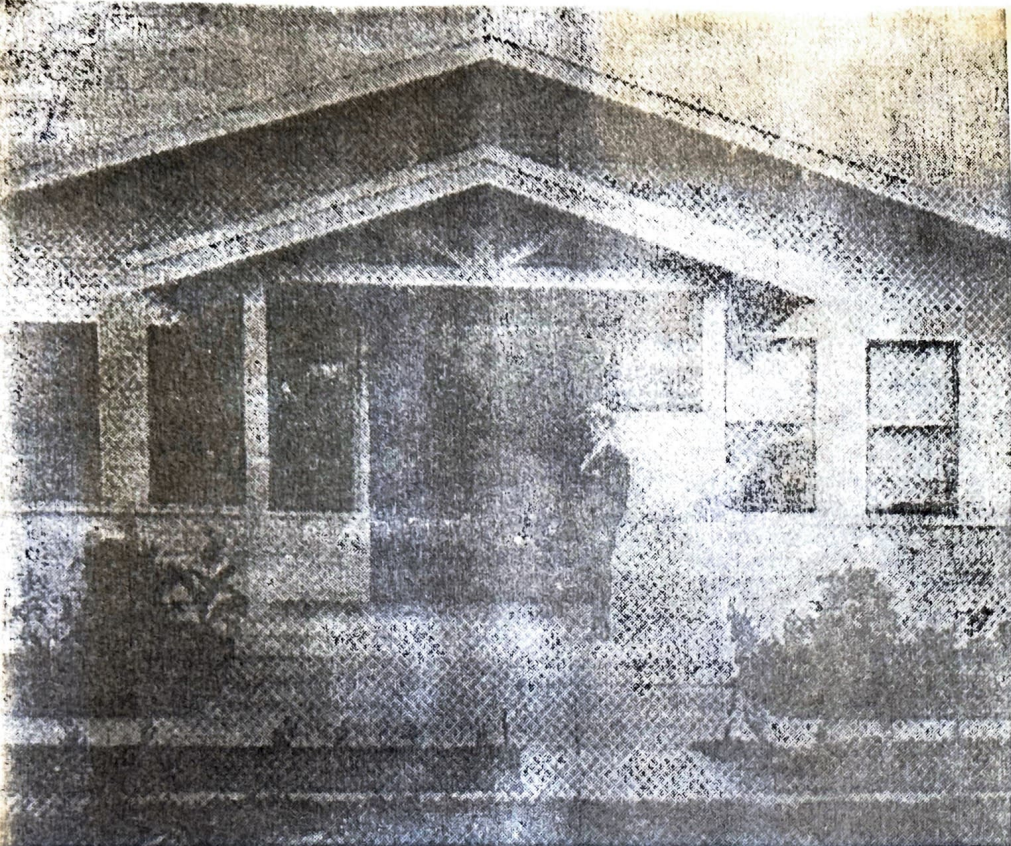
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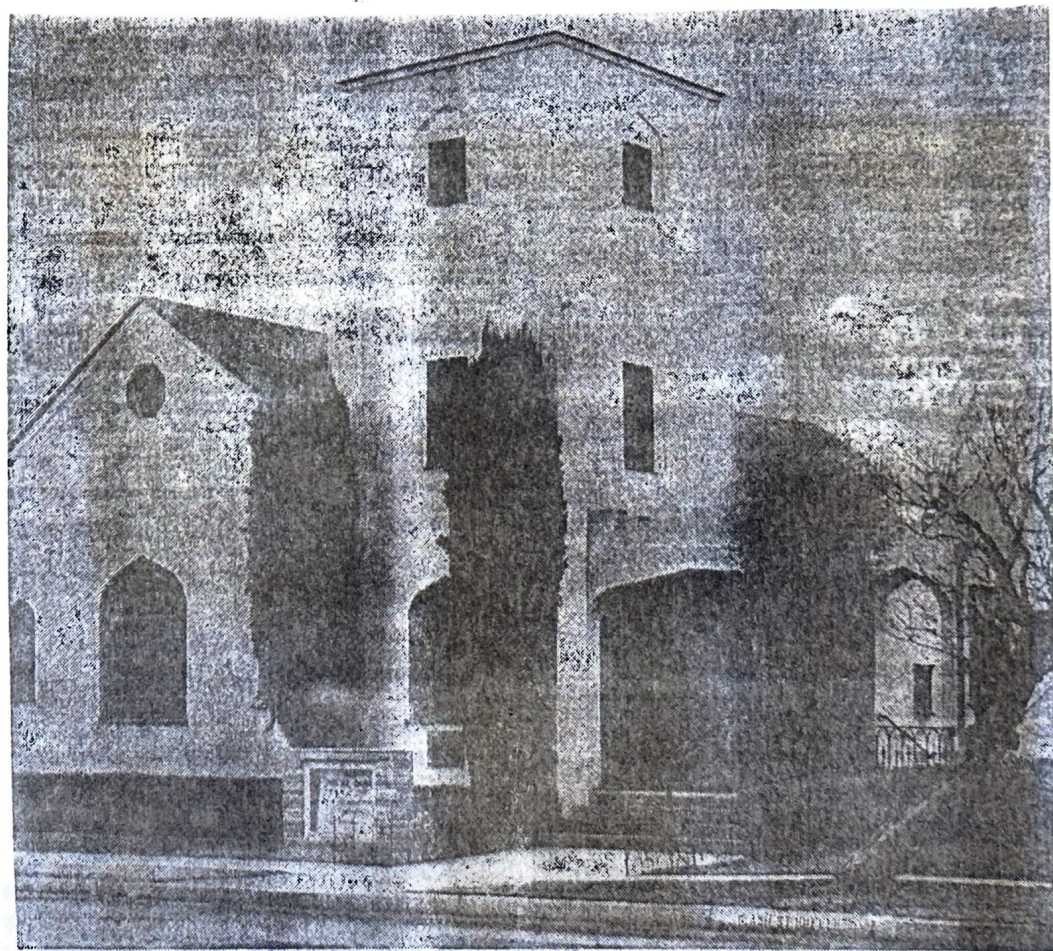
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The Ministers

Paul E. Wright, minister of First Christian Church in Santa Ana, who organized Brea Christian church in 1914; and ministers who have served are as follows: Thomas Vance, 1914 - 1915; Rev. Hahn, of Los Angeles, ad interim, 1916; R. W. Abberly, of Pasadena, ad interim, 1916; W. E. Spicer, 1916-1926; Dr. R. Remfrey, 1926-1932; J. Wesley Runyan, 1932-1934; Frank V. Stipp, 1934-1941; Erroll B. Sloan, 1942-1945; Leroy D. Howard, 1945 - 1947; Ronald Lemmex, 1947-1949; Ned M. Romine, 1949-1952; Dr. Claude E. Jones, of Claremont, ad interim, 1952; W. Leslie Lowrey, 1952 to the present time.

The cost of land improvements is \$40,000 and the value of the land is now more than double the purchase price. The buildings are valued at \$130,000, and the mortgage is \$73,000; the furnishings cost \$3,000. The sanctuary seats 350, and has an area of 5,000 square feet. The education building covers 5,000 square feet, with eight classrooms, rest rooms and offices. Architect E. Lynn Child, a member of the congregation, drew the plans and directed the construction of the church.

Present Officers

The present officers are as follows: W. Leslie Lowrey, minister; Harold Carver, chairman of the board; Don Gwinup, clerk; Mrs. Ray Froman, banker; John Dyke, worship; Mrs. Joe Hodkins, evangelism; Frank Secrest, property; John C. Schmitt, world outreach; Mrs. Harold Carver and Mrs. J. M. Bergman, Sunday School superintendents; Leonard Hobb, S.S. secretary; Harold Carver, choir director; Mrs. Karl Fanning, organist; Mrs. John Dyke, chairman of deaconesses; Mrs. Minnie Bergman, deaconess emeritus. The elders are as follows: W. E. Fanning, elder emeritus; Mr. Kenneth Sutliff, elder emeritus; Harold Carver, Willis Davis, Frank Secrest, Glenn Gheen, John Dyke, Harold Moist, David Kreps, Elwyn Saferite, Walter Bergman, chairman; William J. Ball, Archie Logsdon; Deacons are as follows: Roy Ritz, Eugene Xenos, Tim Wilson; Joe Hodkins, Dick Fanning; Don Gwinup; Olen Sutliff; Frank Blystone; Lynn Child; Leo Wilson; Hugh Jones; Leon Pinkerton; Leonard Hobb; Clayton Ries; Gus Colley, John Schmitt; Walter Strickland, chairman.

APRIL 6, 1990

Lark Ellen
Christian Church

LAUREL AT LARK ELLEN
IN NORTH-EAST FULLERTON



(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

CHURCH SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:45 A.M.
COMMUNION OPEN TO ALL CHRISTIANS

PAUL C. REDMOND PASTOR
529-2529 OFFICE
990-0497 HOME

The Challenger

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February 1992

Dr. Paul G. Nance, Interim Pastor

Pastor's Ponderings

In the calendar of the church the Lenten season begins this year on Wednesday, March 4th. During the six weeks of Lent, leading up to Easter Sunday, Christian people will be seeking to make their souls ready for the celebration of the glorious resurrection of Christ.

Many of us miss the deeper meaning of Lent by thinking of it as a time when we must give up certain material things, rather than as a time when we should seek a deeper spiritual experience. Lent consists in "doing something", not merely "doing without something".

Lent is not so much a matter of giving-up something as it is of taking-on something: taking on life's battles with a deeper sense of --and a greater trust in--God's help and love; taking on the sort of living that is marked by acts of kindness, loving words, and sacrificial service to others.

There was never a time in history when we as individual Christians, and our battered world, needed more to "put-on" and "to-live-by" the Spirit and the Teachings of Christ Jesus than now.

During this coming season of Lent let us ask God to help us avoid the outward veneer of religiosity, and to help us understand the height and the depth and the width of our Saviour's love. Pray that God will give us grace and strength to place Him first; and, pray that God will help us to overcome all temptations to selfishness and greed.

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Celebrating our diversity in the unity of Christ!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 6:00 P.M.

You are invited to attend the Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Frugal Dinner on that Wednesday. The purpose of the meeting will be to continue the process of terminating the visible ministry of Lark Ellen. Specifically, we will be considering the Board's recommendations on the distribution of Lark Ellen's assets.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FEBRUARY 19 MEETING

On Wednesday, February 19, sixteen Lark Ellen members met with Dr. Nance, Dr. John Wolfersberger (Regional Pastor), Rick Reisinger (Board of Church Extension) and Jim Johnson (President of the Christian Church Foundation).

In distributing church assets there are three options: (1 Cash which can be restricted or unrestricted, (2 Permanent Endowment for which members can designate who gets the money and what percentage they receive, and (3 Capital Fund which is an account which can be spent. Sometimes it has to be repaid, sometimes not.

It was emphasized that Lark Ellen wishes the property to remain a church. The resolution which members passed at the Congregational Meeting of February 9 was to deed the property to the Christian Church Foundation. They will actually sell the property. When it is time to list the property for sale, it will be advertised to other churches first.

The members listed the following possible ministries for Lark Ellen's assets:

- Cash: (1 Pay off the mortgage of Orangethorpe Christian Church - \$35,000
(2 Contribute to "Embrace the Future" campaign
- Capital Fund: (1 Donate a capital fund to the Regional Church to be used for building new churches.
- Endowment: (1 Scholarship (for Debra)
(2 Regional Church
(3 California Christian Home
(4 Pension Fund/Embrace the Future
(5 Disciples Seminary Foundation
(6 Basic Mission Finance

Trustees will meet Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.
Board will meet at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD OF LARK ELLEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FOR 1992

Moderator:	Clyde Johnson
Vice Moderator:	Edna Makins
Recording Secretary:	Grace Ries
Financial Secretary:	Lenard Hobb
External Ministries:	Edna Makins
Internal Ministries:	Thelma Johnson
Operational Ministries:	Lenard Hobb & Dave Chlebik
Church Historian:	Inez Fanning
Trustees:	Frank Schweitzer, Edna Makins, Grace Ries, John Dyke, Lenard Hobb, Dave Chlebik
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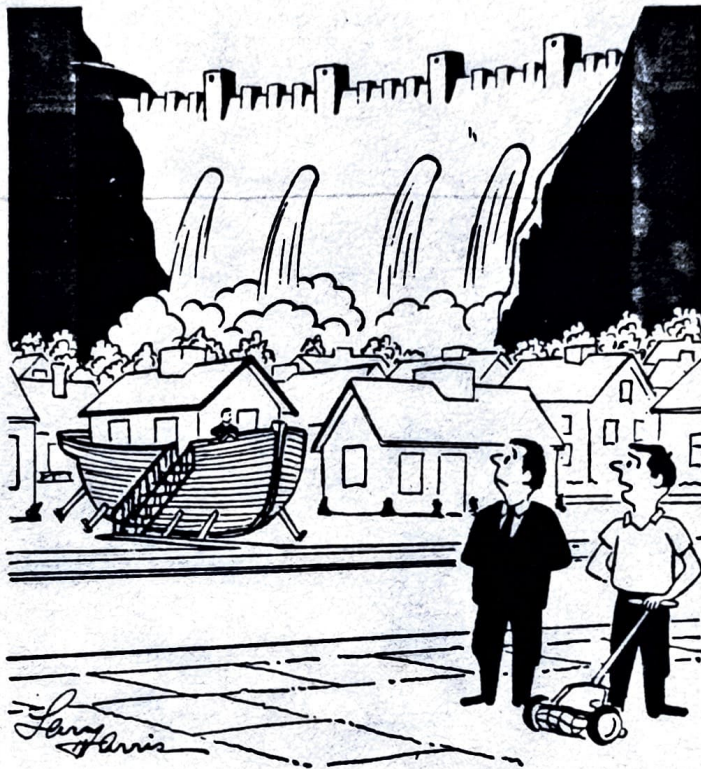
MARCH BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



<u>March 12</u>	Walt Bergman
<u>March 14</u>	Edwina Drake
<u>March 18</u>	Viola Swindle
<u>March 29</u>	Barbara & Bob Bowlby

ADVENTIST THRIFT SHOP

The Seventh Day Adventist Church is sponsoring a Thrift Shop for the needy. The Thrift Shop will be located at 2816 Lincoln Avenue, Anaheim. Opening day is Sunday, February 16. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call (714) 527-5505 if you have any donations for this worthy cause.



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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Father's Day will be observed this year on Sunday, June 21'st. And this year's Father's Day reminds me that some of us are fathers who are now beyond middle-age, and we are beginning to suffer from what could be referred to as "milestones." Milestones may be like Gallstones, or Kidneystones--I don't know which.

Most fathers have faults, and some of us have several faults. Sometimes we need to be forgiven for forthright indecision; occasional laziness; or, a tendency to mount the family soapbox at the drop of a problem. As we grow older we just seem to want to lie around and fight tooth decay (if we have teeth), with our eyes closed.

We fathers ought to tell our children, and grandchildren, not to change too much. If they were to become perfect children, and grandchildren, they would demand perfect fathers and grandfathers. And we have already confessed to not being perfect (and probably not perfectable). If our children and children's children didn't fall from time to time in what they try to do, our chance to hold a son or daughter or grandchild close and say, "It's OK...We still love you anyway!" would be gone.

All of this is written in the name of Jesus Christ, who showed us You are like a Father--only better by far!

Dr. Paul (Nance), Interim Minister



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Disciples of Christ

Gayle Schoepf
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To our friends in the Lark Ellen Christian Church,

On behalf of the congregation at Orangethorpe Christian Church, we thank you for your generous grant of \$17,000 to be applied to our mortgage. This reduction in our mortgage will allow us to begin planning for future growth of our church facilities. It is very much appreciated.

We offer our continued support to your church family as they consider opportunities to begin new chapters in their Christian walk. We hope that some of you will find a new home with us at Orangethorpe, but our primary concern is for an easing of the pain that many must be feeling during this transition. Please let us help wherever we can.

Thank you again for your generosity. We will never forget your gift of love.

In Christian Love,

Rev. Gayle Schoepf
Minister

Linda Gardner
Board Chair



PLEASE
COME!

You are cordially invited

to attend the final celebration of Lark Ellen Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ), formerly Brea Christian Church.

After 78 years, we are closing our visible ministry on Sunday, June
21st, which is also the day we honor all fathers--including our
heavenly Father.

Please join us for

10:30 a.m.

Worship

12:00 noon

Catered Cold Buffet

2:30 p.m.

Closing Celebration

Our buffet will allow ample visiting time for longtime friends.

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st!

In Christian Love,

LARK ELLEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

WORLD CONVENTION

THE THEME:

***“God’s Dominion:
From Sea to Sea”***



Sail into port at Long Beach. Be a shipmate in five days of spiritual inspiration with **Sessions on the Queen Mary . . . A Galilean Youth Breakfast . . . Singing the Great Maritime Hymns . . . Hearing Ship’s Bells and Hand Bells . . . Drama Groups from Thailand & San Antonio . . . Speak with the Hollywood Stars & Be Led by Other Stellar Attractions.**

LONG BEACH ● AUGUST 5-9, 1992



An Invitation from

HAROLD R. WATKINS

Our World Convention President

“Another great and grand opportunity awaits our Christian Church people from all parts of the world as they come together in Long Beach this August. It will be the first time since 1980 that members of the Campbell-Stone Movement have gathered together for fellowship in the USA. Everyone will want to hear Fred Craddock, outstanding preacher, as the Jesse M. Bader Lecturer & Preacher. LeRoy Garrett will be the author of our Bible Studies on the convention theme: *God’s Dominion: From Sea to Sea.*” Speakers from Canada (Allan Dunbar) and as far away as Australia (Keith Farmer) will be inspiring the convention with their messages.



And, of course, we will all come together in the final World-Wide Communion Service which happens only once every four years and you will receive your souvenir communion cup.

World Convention - in Long Beach - August 5-9, 1992 - five days you won't want to miss! I'll look especially for you!

The Challenger

of



Lark Ellen Christian Church

May 1992

Dr. Paul G. Nance, Interim Pastor

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Sunday, May 10th, is "Mother's Day." Probably no other day in the year stirs the human heart as does this special day devoted to the honoring of mothers. Mother may live close by, or be thousands of miles away, or she may already have gone to that beautiful land beyond--but the observance of Mother's Day always means the same wonderful things to us.

In John 19:25, at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, when all the disciples except John had deserted Jesus, we read this account. "There stood by the cross of Jesus. His mother." That is a true picture of Godly Motherhood, for though her son or daughter may be condemned and forsaken by everyone else, Mother still has hope and never gives up. The great leaders of God's people during the Mosaic period of their history tried to describe motherhood this way: "God needed help to show his love, therefore He gave us Mothers." Some of the greatest men and women in history have given tribute to their mothers. For instance, Abraham Lincoln said, "Everything that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." The world badly needs Christian motherhood today to lead us out of this dark and troubled time.

Whether your mother is still living, or has already departed to be with Christ, honor her by being at worship on Sunday, May 10th. Invite family members or other friends to be with you also. On Mother's Day Pastor Nance will be speaking on the subject, "When the Lord Created Mothers."

Dr. Paul (Nance) Interim Minister



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS

- June 2 Frank & Ruth Schweitzer
- June 5 Clyde & Thelma Johnson
- June 14 Gus Colley
Marian Norris
- June 21 Evelyn Bergman
- June 26 Caren Hallam
- June 28 Karl & Inez Fanning
- June 29 Audrey Smith
- June 30 David Chlebek
Charles & Caren Hallam

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 10**

The next congregational meeting will be Sunday, May 10, immediately following worship service at Lark Ellen Christian Church.

The purpose of the May 10th meeting is consideration and voting on the April 7, 1992 version of the document, "Policy of the Lark Ellen Christian Church of Fullerton, California" (having reference to the disposition of the congregation's assets after closing its visible ministry).

THE NEXT REGULAR TRUSTEES AND BOARD MEETINGS ARE TUESDAY, MAY 12, AT 6:30 AND 7:30 RESPECTIVELY.

CELEBRATE!

SPECIAL EASTER HAPPENINGS

On Easter Sunday we shared the joy of Jim and Lola Wilson as we witnessed the baptisms of Kimi and Nicole Kato, the Wilson's grand-daughters.

Also, we celebrated as Joy Sterner placed her record of church membership with Lark Ellen Christian Church. Joy is the mother of Benjamin, our youngest attending child. Her husband is Dan Sterner.



APRIL MEETINGS

Trustees Meeting, April 14

The Seventh Day Adventist Church will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of their church meeting at Lark Ellen on Saturday, May 9. This special event will feature a speaker from Arkansas and a concert by an Indonesian group.

The Trustees voted to add one more day to the cleaning schedule. The \$100 cost will be split by the three church congregations. Cleaning will now be done 5 times weekly. The other cleaning days are paid for by the preschool.

Preschool director Ginny Blough invited Lark Ellen members to the preschool's annual open house on May 1st. This year the theme is an Italian Street Fair and includes an Italian dinner. Tickets are \$3.00.

John Dyke reported that after a thorough title search is completed, the church property will be offered for sale, first to the mainline churches.

The Trustees approved the April 7, 1992 version of the "Policy of the Lark Ellen Christian Church of Fullerton" (re distribution of assets) It differs from previous versions in the following way: 50% to Region; 5% to All People's Center; 5% to Eastmont Center.

The Trustees approved a recommendation to the Board that the building fund account at Landmark Bank be transferred to the checking account at First Interstate Bank.

The Trustees approved the updating of signature cards for Lark Ellen's investment note with the Church Board of Extension by replacing Jackie Doughty's signature with the current secretary, Grace Ries.

Board Meeting, April 14

John Dyke reported that the title search will take at least another week. No specific date has been set for the closing celebration.

The Board approved the Trustees' recommendation concerning the distribution of assets. The recommendation will be presented for a vote at a Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, May 10th, immediately following the Mother's Day service.

Inez Fanning will contact the denominational Historical Society to see what records they might want.

The Board approved moving the money from the Building Fund account to the checking account.

Lark Ellen's Financial Status:

Checking Account	\$ 125.00
(As of end of March)	
Building Fund	1,000.00
Savings Account	7,000.00
Investment Note	11,000.00

Trustees Meeting, April 21

The Trustees reviewed the inventory and made notes on possible distribution of furnishings and equipment.

The final decision on the distribution will be voted on by the congregation.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS



Earthquake in eastern Turkey. Winter. Mountainous region. Close to 1000 deaths, thousands of injuries, thousands of people left homeless. Landslides, avalanches hamper relief workers. Needed: winterized tents, search and rescue teams with dogs, medical teams, blankets, first aid kits and other relief items. Church World Service responding for American churches.

Your giving through Week of Compassion makes this kind of aid possible. Thank you.

Marilynne Hill, Interim Administrative Director

Our Ministry of Caring

News





"IT ALWAYS HAPPENS LIKE THIS AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE."

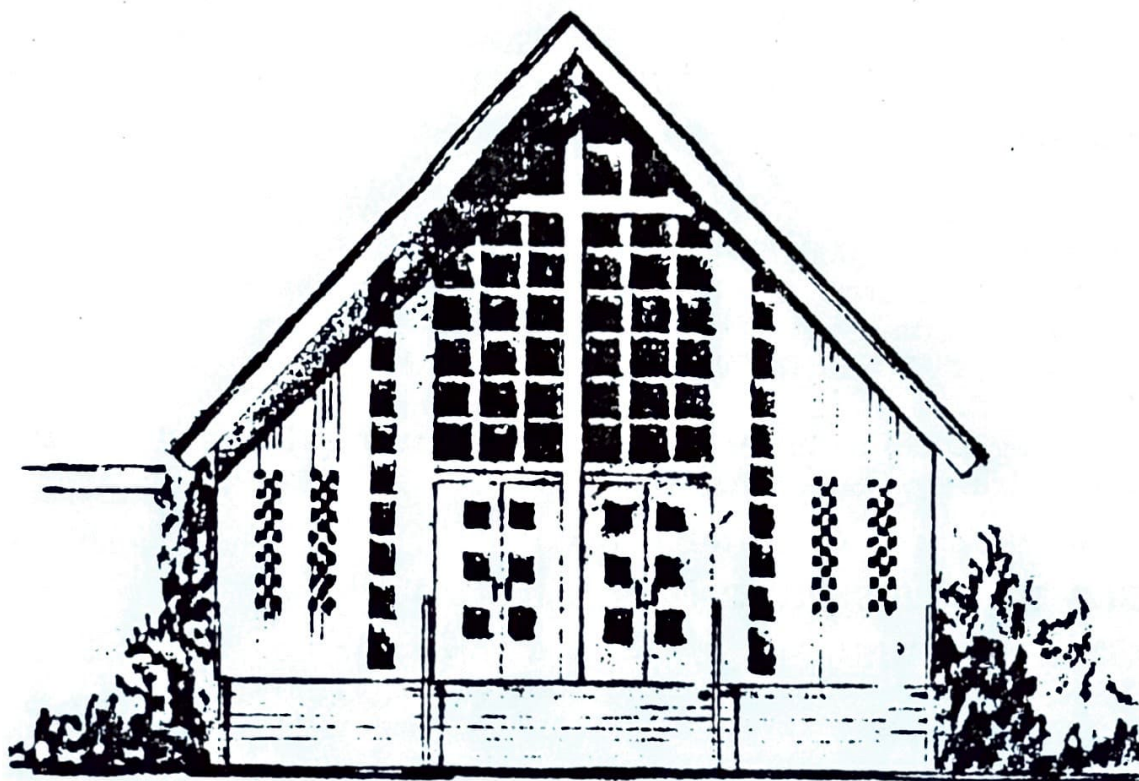


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Celebrating our diversity in the unity of Christ!

Father's Day



LARK ELLEN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*Congregation Standing

PRELUDE

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: This is God's hour for Good News!
- P: WE COME TO WORSHIP, TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE AND FORGIVENESS AND TO FIND HOPE FOR OUR LIVES.
- L: In Christ we become new creatures. The old has passed away and the new has come.
- P: WE BRING OUR BROKEN DREAMS AND UNFULFILLED HOPES. WE NEED HEALING AND RELEASE.
- L: The living Lord is here! Come let us worship Him and receive His power and a new beginning for our lives.

*OPENING HYMN "God of Our Fathers"

*INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debt & Debtor)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

HYMN OF WORSHIP "Faith of our Fathers"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE WRITTEN WORD John 14:1-14

THE SPOKEN WORD "Our Father"

*HYMN OF DECISION "Rise Up, O Men of God!" No. 219

(If you wish to commit your life to Christ or to take membership in this congregation, simply come to the front of the sanctuary during the singing of this hymn so that we might celebrate with you.)

OFFERING MEDITATION

*DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION

COMMUNION MEDITATION

COMMUNION HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross"

PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION Anna Lou Horspool & Frank Schweitzer

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING "Peace on Earth"

June 21, 1992

10:30 a.m.

Debra Artim

No. 361

Edna Makins

No. 262

Pastor Nance

Edna Makins

The Choir

Pastor Nance

No. 189

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No. 429

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WELCOME to this place where the church meets. We hope the warmth of our congregation & atmosphere of the worship will strengthen your daily walk with God and that you will return.

June Worship Team: Edna Makins, Frank & Ruth Schweitzer, Anna Lou Horspool, Jencye Hodkins, Leota Jones, Jim & Lola Wilson, Gus & Rose Colley, Walt & Evelyn Bergman.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Marguerite Wilson and Mildred Dyke in celebration of Lark Ellen's 78 years of service to God and from Walt Bergman in celebration of Evelyn's birthday!



Leota & Loretta & family wish to thank members of the congregation for prayers, cards, flowers, food and other helpful remembrances at the time of Frank's going-home.

Thelma Davidson & family wish to thank members of the Lark Ellen congregation for the many kindnesses, cards, flowers, prayers and food at the time of Dave's death and memorial service.

DON'T FORGET — July 23, Thursday, is the day the CWF will visit the California Christian Home. Call Evelyn Corollo at (310) 691-3913 about luncheon reservations.



LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant
to be.

With God, our Creator, family all are we.

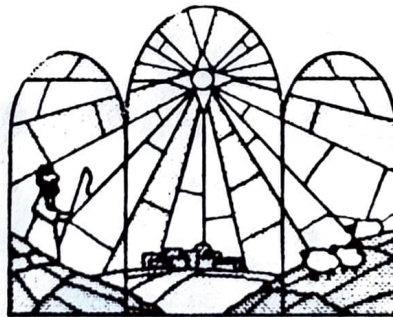
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment, and live each moment, in peace
eternally!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



Peace On Earth

Members cling to church memories

By Barbara Giasone
DSP Managing Editor

BREA — Brea's first school bus driver has never allowed her faith to detour since she first set foot inside the Brea Christian Church in 1954.

"That first day I walked in and there were four of my co-workers," said Edna Makins, vice chairman of the renamed Lark Ellen Christian Church congregation. "I felt so at home. Now I'll be losing a lot of friends."

Charter member Inez Fanning offered quick consolation. "We'll all be friends forever, we're only losing a personal network."

The women joined trustee chairman John Dyke Wednesday afternoon to organize Sunday's closing celebration of the 78-year-old Brea church. The program, which includes a 10:30 worship service and noon buffet, will be attended by Jim Johnson, president of the Christian Church Foundation; Dr. John Wolfersberger, regional minister for Southern California Disciples of Christ Churches; the Rev. Kenneth Scovill, pastor of Fullerton First Christian Church; a Chapman University representative; and former Lark Ellen minister, the Rev. Leslie Lowrey.

Surrounded by worship materials, artifacts and picture albums that chronicled the church history, Fanning said the new demographics of megachurches make

it difficult for neighborhood congregations to survive.

"Basically, the new generation just wants to sit and listen and not get involved," Makins said. "We were always the participants. We got in there and got the job done."

Getting the job done meant serving up hundreds of chicken pie dinners, sewing items for mission projects and offering help to those in need. It also meant gathering in the shade of pepper trees in downtown Brea where falling leaves and berries flavored summer picnic fare.

Holding small pie tins, Fanning explained many of the churchwomen butchered their own chickens in Brea back yards for the "fresh" pot pie dinners.



(Star-Progress photos by Barbara Giasone)

Above, Inez Fanning, seated left, holds her brother's Cradle Roll certificate while Edna Makins displays early sheet music (detailed below) that was written and published in Brea. John Dyke displays pie tins and an offering box from the memorabilia closet.



tual budget — described by some as a "major sacrifice" — for the 1992-93 school year when it met Tuesday night.

The budget balanced after a \$881,000 deficit, according to a district report.

Approximately \$585,000 in funds came from employee layoffs, lottery expenditures and curriculum materials.

The rest of the shortfall, \$300,000, was covered by a savings account from previous years. The funds in the savings account were left over from supplemental grants and lottery funds.

The district has released nine teachers, 35 classified employees.

Presidential

NEWARK (AP) — President Bush's scheduled visit to California today stirred controversy even

TURN UPWARD →