



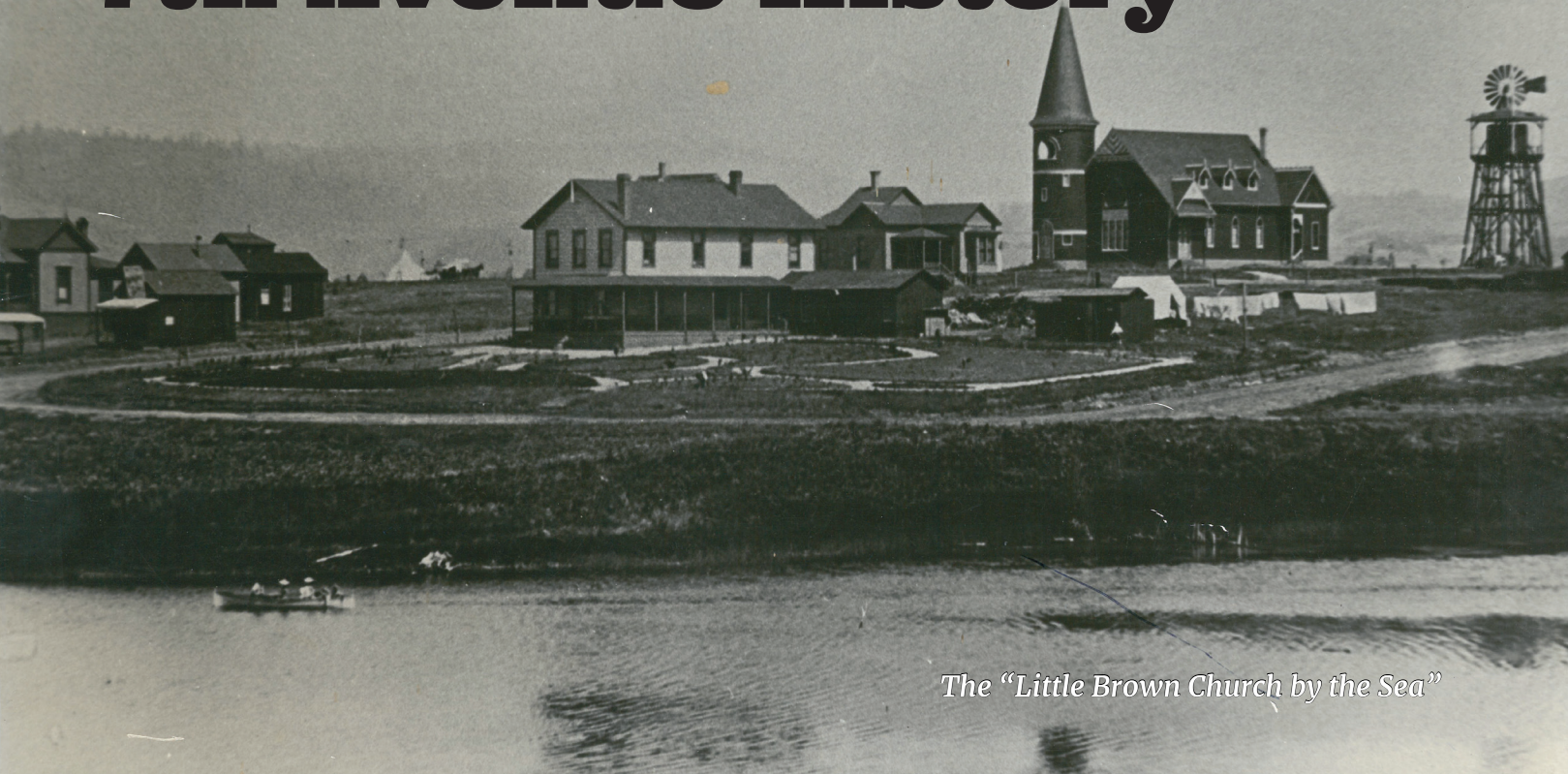
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## YEARS IN APTOS

### 1973 — 2023

# 1890-1969

## 7th Avenue History



*The "Little Brown Church by the Sea"*



Twin Lakes Baptist Church, originally known as the "Little Brown Church by the Sea", began in 1890. It was situated on 7th Avenue between "twin lakes" — Schwan Lagoon and Woods Lagoon, now the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor.

However, in the 1920s the church is closed for eight years. Then on March 30, 1930, a group of just eleven people meets to restart the work. After bills are paid to patch roofs and fix windows, the church has only 19 cents left in savings.

*Dr. Roy Kraft starts as pastor in 1944 — and will serve for nearly half a century.*

*New church facilities are built on 7th Avenue in 1947 as the church increases from fifty people to over a thousand by 1969.*

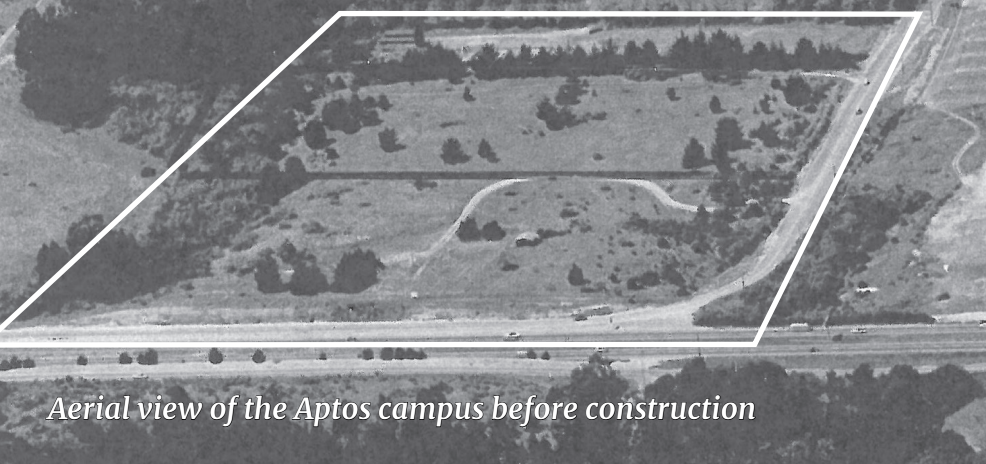


*The original congregation*



# 1965-1970

## Planning to Build



Aerial view of the Aptos campus before construction

**1965:** Church committee recommends relocation from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**1967:** During a leadership retreat at Mission Springs, the first suggestion is made to locate near Cabrillo College.

**1970:** After some initial reluctance, congregation votes by 10:1 margin to relocate.

*"It would be utterly ridiculous for anyone to think that this is the work of human effort. It takes a lot of human effort. But I believe there is only one explanation for the favor that we enjoy and that is it has pleased God to put his hand of blessing upon us."*

— Pastor Roy Kraft



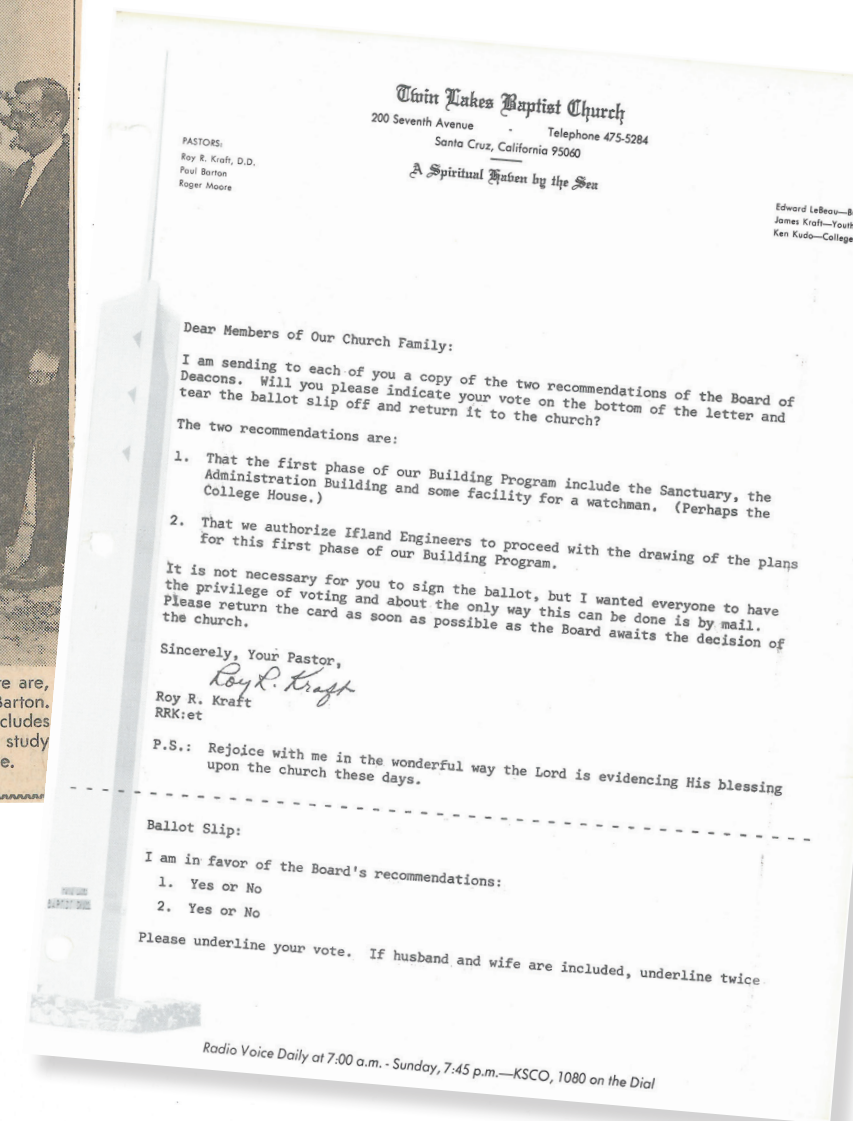
Pastor Kraft at the groundbreaking



Congregation gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony



Looking over the sign which will be placed on the new Twin Lakes Church site are, from left: Ed LaBeau, Dr. Roy Kraft, church pastor; Roger Moore and Paul Barton. The future site is located on Cabrillo College Drive and the freeway and includes 15 acres. A planning committee of 25 church members is currently making a study of a master plan. Ifland Engineers has been retained to work on the first phase.



Pastor Kraft onsite during the first phase of construction

# 1973

## The Big Step of Faith

Auditorium construction

After years of planning, the first three buildings on the Twin Lakes Aptos campus opened Fall 1973.

"How thrilled we were to move into this place. What a vast difference between this and the Little Brown Church. But the most important thing is not our plans or these buildings. I want you to know that we are primarily concerned that we shall here always sound forth these six notes: The grace of God, the liberty that is ours in the gospel, fellowship with one another and with Christ, the peace God calls us to, the sanctification of our lives, and the glory Jesus Christ brings into our lives now."

— Pastor Roy Kraft,  
first sermon at Aptos campus, August 12, 1973

Construction of the Administration building

## First Service at Twin Lakes

Dr. Roy Kraft, at left, invites all members and friends of Twin Lakes Baptist Church to attend the first service in the new church home on Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30 and the evening service at 7 o'clock. The new church plant has a seating capacity of 1750. Future events planned are an open house September 9 and the formal dedication September 16. The plant has been two years under construction, according to the pastor. It is located at 2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Soquel, near Cabrillo College.

### PRE-SCHOOL BUILDING:

5,000 sq. ft., containing 4 large classrooms, heated and ventilated by 4 roof-top units.

### CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL (all buildings)

Concrete; adobe-colored slumpstone walls; antique red clay tile roofs.  
Over 5,000 sq. yds. carpeting.

### INVESTMENT: (as of 9/1/73)

Land, including land improvements	\$ 261,556
Land acquisition & development	141,694
Buildings (Aver. \$23 per sq. ft.)	1,235,916
Water System	33,591
Furnishings & fixtures	138,508
<b>Total investment to date</b>	<b>\$1,811,265</b>

### ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS:

Model in Garden Entrance.  
Approximately 60,000 sq. ft.

STAFF: 5 Ministers and 8 other personnel.

### SERVICES TODAY - SUNDAY, AUG. 12, 1973

MORNING SERVICE — 11:00 A.M.  
ENTER THE SANCTUARY AND QUIETLY READ GOD'S WORD  
Organ Prelude ..... Nelda Barton  
Call To Worship ..... Sanctuary Choir  
Invocation .....  
Response .....  
Hymn of God The Father ..... Congregation  
Responsive Reading ..... Philippians 3:7-21  
Hymn of The Son ..... 42  
Tithes and Offerings ..... Sanctuary Choir  
"Rise Up O Church" (Skillings) .....  
Prayer .....  
Solo—"Changed" ..... Paul Barton  
MESSAGE—"REACHING FORWARD" ..... PASTOR KRAFT  
Hymn of The Spirit ..... 171  
Benediction .....  
Organ Postlude ..... Nelda Barton

### SUNDAY SCHOOL: A CLASS FOR EVERY AGE—9:40-10:45 A.M.

2:00 p.m.—Driftwood Convalescent Hospital Services  
5:00 p.m.—C.E. Committee Meeting, Pastor Moore's office  
5:30 p.m.—Youth Choir Practice

### EVENING SERVICE — 7:00 P.M.

Organ Prelude ..... Nelda Barton  
Hymn Time .....  
"His Grace Is Sufficient" ..... Sanctuary Choir  
Tithes and Offerings .....  
Scripture and Prayer .....  
"If This Isn't Love" .....  
MESSAGE—"WHAT GOD HATH DONE" ..... Ladies Trio  
Hymn—"To God Be The Glory" ..... PASTOR KRAFT  
Reception of New Members ..... 449  
"Lord's Prayer" .....  
Organ Postlude ..... Congregation  
Nelda Barton

THE HENDRICKSON FAMILY have placed the flowers on the Communion table today in loving memory of their beloved son and brother; Mr. Philbrian in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Moore's anniversary. Foyer with this greeting: "The Lord's richest blessing is our earnest desire."

VERSE OF THE MONTH: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (II Corinthians 5:17)

\*Late Comers may be seated

### "BIG STEP OF FAITH" REPORT . . .

Today is the culmination of about 10 years of planning. It was that long ago that the church appointed an Advisory Committee whose report pointed out the necessity of enlarging our base of operation. There ensued countless hours of work by various committees, site selection, preparation and adoption of building plans, the Lord's leading, all undergirded by continuing, fervent prayer. Today we want to say a special "Thank You" to the many who have worked so hard, especially these past few weeks, in so many different ways to prepare the buildings for this day and the big job of actually moving in. Whatever your part has been in work, prayer or finance it is genuinely appreciated. "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!"

TAPE CASSETTES of the Pastor's last message at our old church and the first message today will be available through the library. You may order by paying the full price of \$2.00 in advance.

ATTENTION SENIORS: We will be leaving the old church promptly at 10:00 a.m. on August 15th for the Ice Follies. Be at church at 9:45 a.m., return around 6:00 p.m. Bring a sack lunch.

RECEIVING THE Right Hand of Fellowship this evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bolls, Miss Nancy Clark, Mrs. Barbara Grensted, Mrs. Linda Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Rueb, Mr. and Mrs. David Skomsvold, Mr. and Mrs. John Tibstra and Mr. Floyd Younger.

WE EXPRESS OUR sincere appreciation to Blue Bird Van and Storage and to Bekins Van and Storage for their donation of trucks and personnel in moving all of the church equipment to the new location. WE CONGRATULATE Mr. and Mrs. James Avery upon the arrival of twin boys, Jason, who was born Aug. 3rd at 11:55 p.m., and Jody, who was born Aug. 4th at 12:02 a.m. We pray God's richest blessing upon this home.

### ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Tuesday—  
Sanctuary Choir Practice—7:00 p.m.  
Harbor Masters Practice—8:20 p.m.  
Wednesday—  
Seniors to Ice Follies, Bus leaves old church facilities at 10:00 a.m.  
Brass Practice—7:00 p.m.  
MID-WEEK SERVICE—7:00 p.m.  
High School Bible Study  
Pioneer Girls  
Stewardship Committee, Administration Building—8:15 p.m.  
Outreach Committee—8:15 p.m. (Inquire at Information Desk in Foyer for location)  
Thursday—  
Men's Prayer Group, Pastor Kraft's office—6:00 a.m.  
Philanthian-Homesteaders' Men's Prayer Group, Pastor Moore's office—6:00 a.m.  
Chosen Generation Practice—7:00 p.m.  
DEACONS' MEETING, Pastor Kraft's office—7:30 p.m.  
Friday—  
College Department to American River, Sacramento—Leave church at 8:30 a.m.  
Philanthian Family Beach Party, Twin Lakes Beach—6:00 p.m.

DESIGN & ENGINEERING: Ifland Engineers, Inc.  
GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Bogard Construction, Inc.

AUDITORIUM BUILDING: 43,800 sq. ft.  
Main Floor 25,600 sq. ft.  
Second Floor 12,200 sq. ft.  
Control Room & Studio 1,400 sq. ft.  
Basement 4,600 sq. ft.  
Seating: 1,750

Rooms: Garden Entrance, 8 Classrooms, Women's Lounge, Library, 2 Choir Robing Rooms, Choir Practice Room, Sound-Lighting-Video Room, Recording Studio, 8 Restrooms, Basement Area, Storage Rooms.

Heating & Ventilation: 2,600,000 BTU hot water heat through blower units. 19 zones, each with its own thermostat, including 3 zones in Sanctuary: Platform, Main Floor & Balcony. Air circulated 28,150 cu. ft. per min., 30% exhausted, 70% mixed with fresh outside air.  
Sound-Lighting-Control rooms air-conditioned.

Lighting: Main Floor & Balcony controlled by 12 dimmers, Choir & Platform by 12 dimmers and 12 spotlights with 12 microphones.

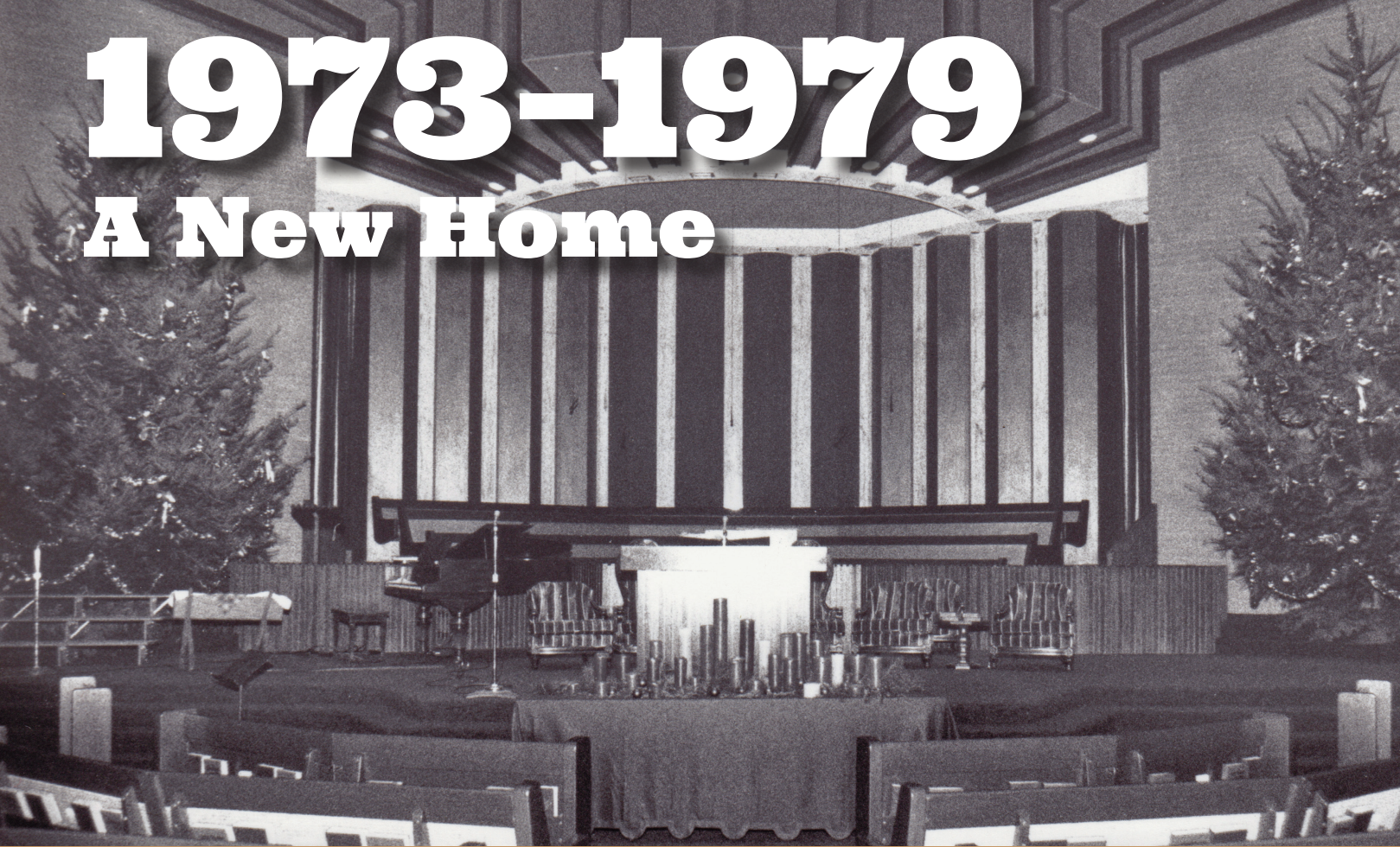
### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING:

7 private offices (will be divided into 10 in the future); Work Room, Staff Room, Secretaries' General Office, Lobby, Men's and Women's Restrooms.

5,000 sq. ft.. air-conditioned with 5 roof-top units controlled by 5 thermostats.

# 1973-1979

## A New Home



In the 1970s the church explodes with growth on the new campus, adding a conference center with seven meeting spaces and a commercial kitchen: Monschke Hall.

**February 1979:** Roy Kraft's 35<sup>th</sup> year as senior pastor is celebrated.

*"Our ambition was not to build a big church or a big work. I learned early on that people don't care too much about my politics — they want spiritual food and love.*

*Love people and feed them the Word of God. That is our ambition." — Roy Kraft*



*The new Monschke Hall conference center*

66—Santa Cruz Sentinel — Sunday, February 18, 1979

## His Focus: Love Them, Feed Them

By BARBARA BURKLO  
Sentinel Staff Writer

To say that Safeway Stores lost a first-rate prospective executive when Roy Kraft left their grocery business to enter the ministry might be an accurate statement.

Because Dr. Roy Kraft, today celebrating 35 years as pastor of Twin Lakes Baptist Church, was early in his life interested in business, and did work for Safeway.

There will be a big anniversary celebration tonight at 8:15 at the church, and all those who have enjoyed Dr. Kraft's church and radio ministry through the years are invited to attend.

The past 35 years have brought fulfillment to Dr. Kraft, along with some dark days and some continuing dreams of the future. He has seen the church, which, when he entered its ministry in 1944 had 50 members, grow to its present 2,100 membership. He has seen growth through numerous expansion programs at the 7th Avenue location culminate in a new building in Aptos.

He has lost a minister son and watched his other three children mature in the faith.

And he has many dreams and plans — some of which are possibly not generally known.

When Dr. Kraft and his twin brother, Ralph, were graduated from Wasco High School, they went to work for Safeway, where their older brother already was employed. Another brother was a student in a Baptist seminary

way board there. He is now retired.

Dr. Kraft met his future wife, Jeannette, at Biola and after graduation, the two young ministers and their wives embarked on a youth evangelism ministry that took them all over the United States and Canada. Several summers during that period, they operated the grocery store at Mt. Hermon.

When Dr. and Mrs. Kraft began the ministry at Twin Lakes Baptist Church in 1944, he says, "Our ambition was not to build a big church or a big work. I learned early that people didn't care too much about my politics or the books I read — they wanted spiritual food and love.

"Love people and feed them the word of God — that is what I believe is one of the greatest needs today and that is the advice I would give young pastors.

"There is so much that could be done today — but we don't have enough pastors. We have enough great pulpites — who sit behind desks and read and study — but we are desperately in need of 'undershepherds' who would love and feed the people — spend time with them."

Right from the first, Dr. and Mrs. Kraft began having home Bible studies along with their church services and the congregation steadily grew. A new church was built at the old 7th Avenue location in 1948, and additions followed.

In 1973, the present church was

Lorenzo Valley, which, along with University Baptist Church, had been founded earlier by the Twin Lakes congregation.

"When I had to tell David he had cancer and that the doctors said he had no hope," Dr. Kraft says, "he asked me to come over to his hospital bed and hug him.

"Then he said, 'Dad, I want to tell you that I love you, and I want to thank you for building a faith into me for a time like this.'

"I wouldn't take anything for those statements. The people of his church were so good to him. He demonstrated his love when he was so ill, and often sent taped messages out to his people.

"David was a scholar and a musician — I really think he would have done a fine job in the ministry."

The Kraft's two other sons are Jim, an ordained minister who runs the Twin Lakes' Camp Hammer and who is described by his father as particularly sensitive to the needs of young and elderly persons; and Dan, who owns Kraft's Body Shop in Santa Cruz and who, as a Christian layman, ministers on a one-to-one basis. Their daughter, Ruth, is married to a Baptist minister in Lincoln City, Oregon. The Krafts have 10 grandchildren.

Jeannette Kraft, according to her husband, has the ministry of being the "perfect homemaker."

"She has been very supportive of my work — no one

departed from the basics of the Scriptures and have allowed themselves to be driven into lifestyles they wouldn't accept if they were really thinking. Mankind as a whole today is looking for a voice of authority — a guideline."

Dr. Kraft has two dreams.

One, is to establish some type of home for those whom he terms, 'throw-aways'. "You'd be surprised how many young people have been kicked out, thrown out of their homes," he says. "We are interested in them. They have no place to go. We would love to have a place for them. Our church has been given a 1,200 acre ranch and we are considering using it for this kind of ministry."

The other dream is to initiate a facility, perhaps on the same ranch, where he could take 25 couples at a time for weekend retreats, and give them instruction on how to live happily together.

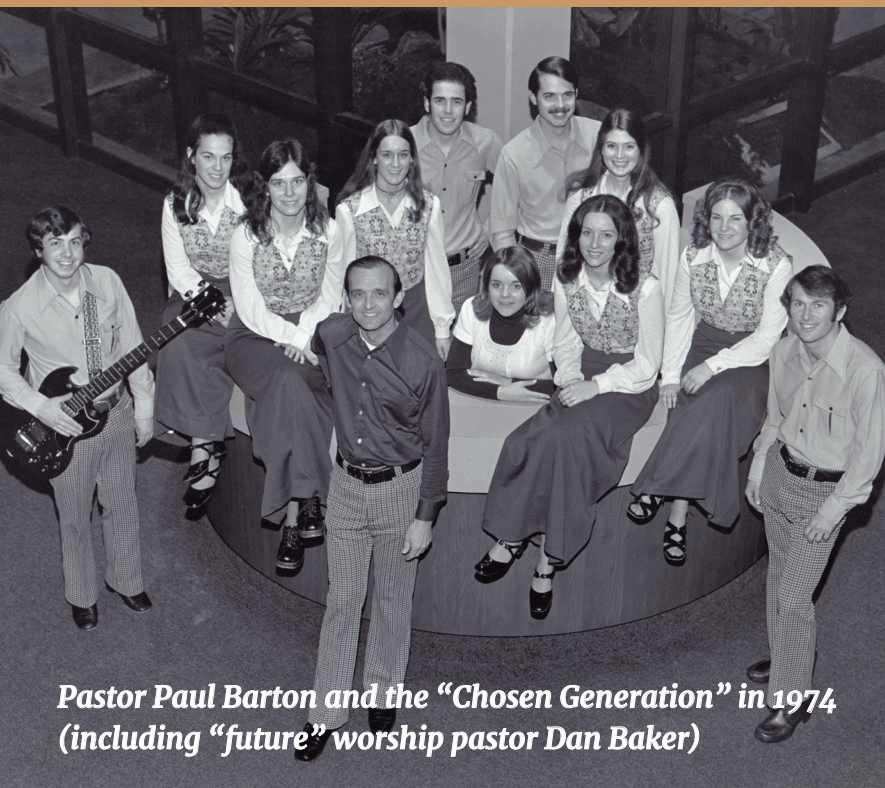
"We carry about 100 people at a time, counseling with our staff," he says. "There are so many unhappy homes, unhappy marriages, and all the problems that grow out of this. If we could just take them to a retreat, and perhaps have them return periodically, there is so much that could be done."

Returning to his feeling for people, Dr. Kraft says, "I like people and I like to minister to people and I don't care about the hour of the day. I like to be with people when they need me."

Above, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Kraft at home.



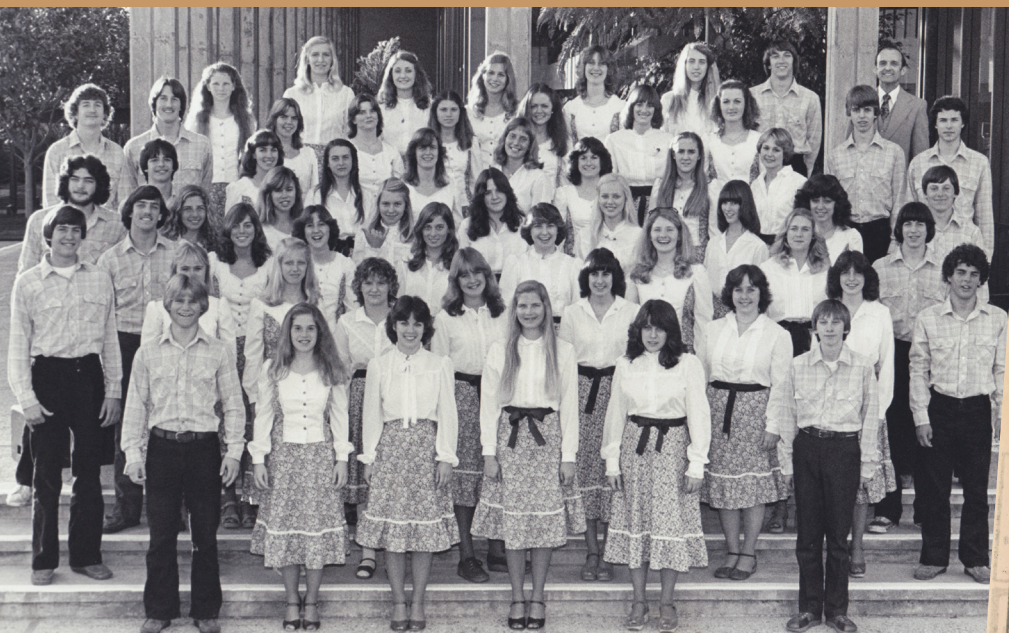
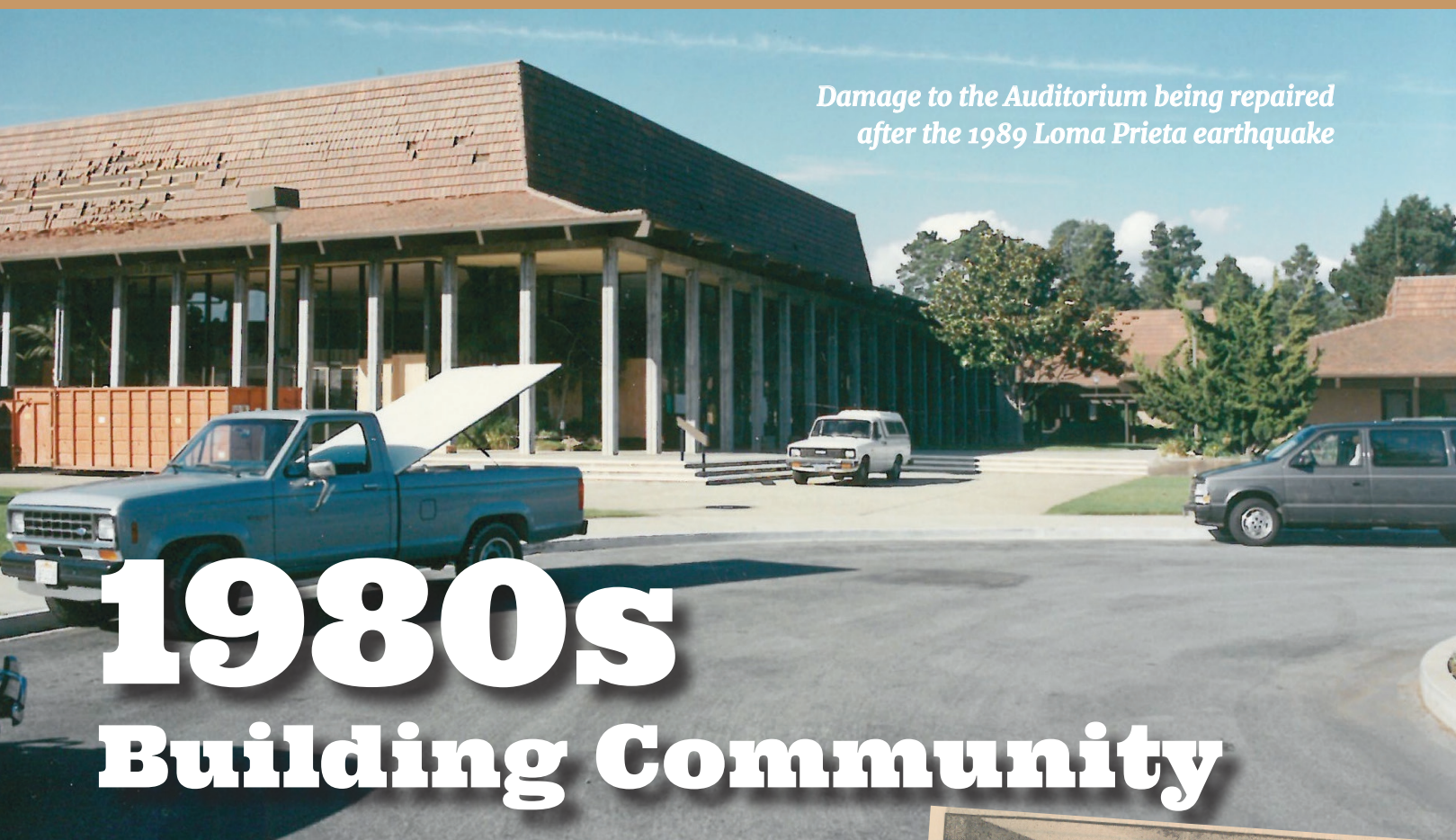
*"I learned early that people didn't care too much about my politics or the books I read — they wanted spiritual food and love," says Dr. Roy Kraft, pastor of Twin Lakes Baptist Church for 35 years, "I like people and I like to minister to people — and I don't care about the hour of the day. I like to be with people when they need me."*



Pastor Paul Barton and the "Chosen Generation" in 1974 (including "future" worship pastor Dan Baker)



At right, the children's choir and story time during the Christmas service



Caption from the original 1981 news article:

AND THERE WAS LIGHT — a new youth musical about Jesus Christ, will be presented Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Twin Lakes Baptist Church and soloists, from left, will be Coleen Moore, Gary Ifland, Andrea Hammett and Mark Ifland, all of the church. Paul Barton will direct the 70-voice high school youth choir at the event, and other soloists will be Ron and Karen Hughes. "...And There Was Light" is said to be melodic, stirring, inspirational and challenging. Public is invited.



- New gym and fireside building assists booming youth and college ministry
- New preschool building spurs growth of Children's Enrichment Center
- With every facility built on the Aptos campus, the church also funds a ministry facility in an under-resourced country
- Mid-County Christian School (later TLCS) begins

"Where God guides, God provides."

— Pastor Roy Kraft

## An Invitation

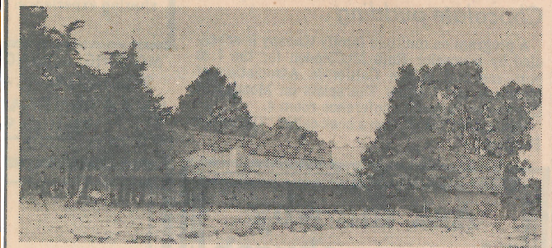
The official Board, Staff and Membership of

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take great pleasure in inviting our community to see our new **Activities Building**

here at

2701 Cabrillo College Drive, Aptos



## Open House

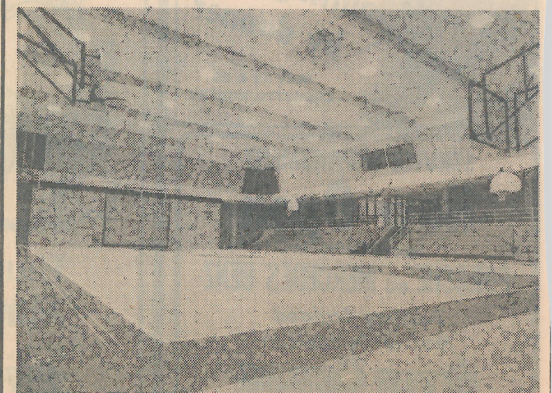
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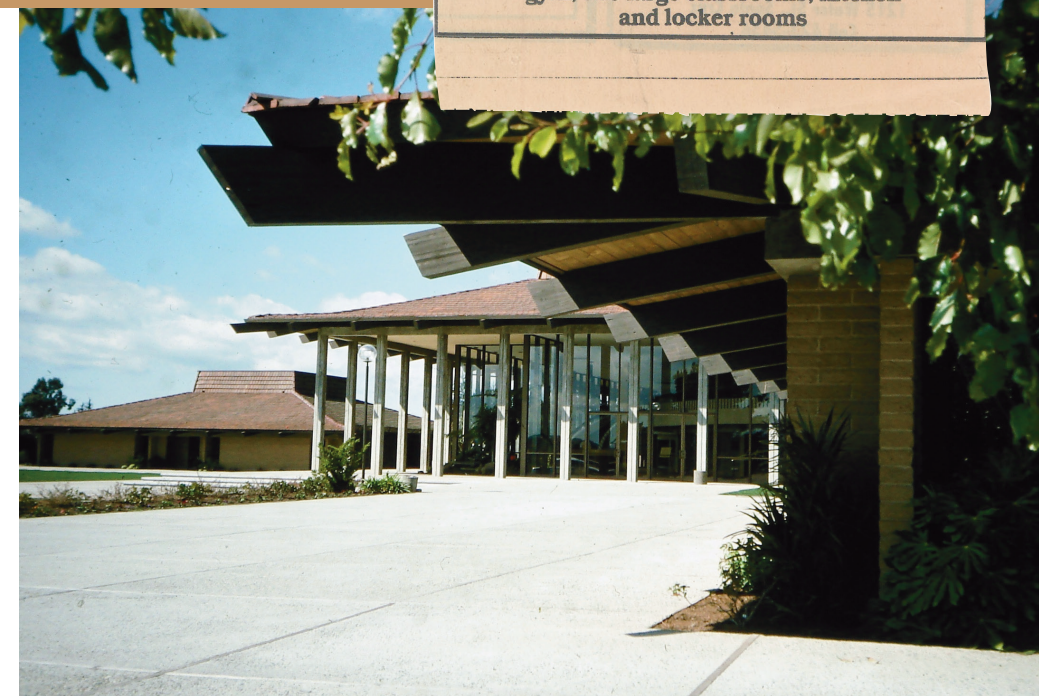
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16,758 square foot building housing full size gym, two large classrooms, kitchen and locker rooms





# 1990s Passing the Torch

After 47 successful years, Roy Kraft retires as senior pastor, and 32-year old René Schlaepfer is asked to take the reins. Music pastor Paul Barton retires after 50 years as Dan Baker begins his music ministry. Every building on campus is refurbished or remodeled, and the church name is shortened to Twin Lakes Church.

## Pastor's retirement follows 47 dedicated years

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and to "love people and meet their needs. I wanted people to enjoy rather than endure their Christian faith."

How, then, did the church get so big? Church member Chris Jefferson said, "People are hungry to hear the message. It's basic truth, not fluff."

Others credit Kraft's vision and leadership, his personal qualities and managerial skills and the church's youth program.

The Rev. Marvin Webster is pastor of University Baptist Church which, like Twin Lakes, is part of the Conservative Baptist Association of America. "You build the congregation," said Webster, "then the congregation builds the buildings. It's a vision they have."

Webster said that building a big church is not as easy as it sounds. "If everybody could do it, they would."

When he began, Kraft set himself a demanding schedule, working 12-hour days. "I made it a policy when I first started to have my car outside my study before any of the layment went to work."

Pastoral counseling was also held important. "It brings you right down to where people are hurting, to where they need help."

He preached two sermons every Sunday for the first 20 years, then three a Sunday for the past 27 years, never repeating a sermon. He led three Bible study groups a week. He broadcast the "Morning Chimes" radio show on KSCO every day for 35 years. Kraft's handling of other staff members echo the later in



Dan Coyro/Sentinel

Roy Kraft built the Twin Lakes complex.

250 children kindergarten through fifth grade, and its daycare program, the church also runs Camp Hammer in Boulder Creek. There's a large sports program, musical programs and many social activities. Chris Jefferson said people with young families find the youth program a "good way to get their



Congregation first build its 'Little Brown Church' on Seventh Avenue.

Born in Kansas in 1914, Kraft moved in 1923 with his family to a farm near Wasco which Ralph Kraft said had "sagebrush on three sides." Milking cows before and after school, he said, "We worked like slaves."

When Roy graduated from Bible college and began

### HIS FAMILY

The Krafts had four children and 13 grandchildren. David, the oldest, was pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Lorenzo Valley before his death in 1973 of cancer. Daniel, 35, owns Kraft's Body Shop, which was started in the Kraft family driveway, with Daniel's cars "disemboweled all over the yard," according to his mother. James, 44, is a minister on the staff of Twin Lakes for the last 20 years. Ruth Korch, 39, is married to a minister and lives in San Mateo.

### RETIREMENT PLANS

Although Kraft said he wants to "quit while he's ahead," his wife Jeannette said, "If he had his way, he would like to drop dead behind the pulpit on a Sunday morning."

After December, his son, the Rev. Jim Kraft, will be executive pastor while the church's search committee looks for a new senior pastor.

The retiring pastor may do some senior citizen retreats with his brother Ralph and he may travel to Kansas to renew family ties.

He'll continue his life-long hobby of reading. His favorites are biographies, true adventures and Louis L'Amour westerns.

But there's another interest he'll pursue after he steps down from the pulpit. With his brother Ralph, Kraft shares a long-time interest in trains.

Ralph recalls their first train ride in 1923, coming to California, when he and Roy were nine years old. "It was terribly exciting," he said. "First the prairies and then the tunnels. Roy and I counted the tunnels."

Jeannette Kraft said that on train trips they have taken through the years, "the real highlight was

## Taking the pulpit to people

By DONNA KIMURA  
Sentinel staff writer

APTOS — He's a 32-year-old pastor from South Lake Tahoe who dared to hold church services in a casino.

He uses popular music, newspaper articles and slides to teach the gospel.

Forget the pulpit. He prefers a hand-held microphone.

"My style is more of a college professor than a pastor, but the message is really orthodox and conservative," said Rene Charles Schlaepfer, who is moving to Santa Cruz County to lead one of the area's largest congregations.

He will be the first new senior pastor in 50 years at Twin Lakes Baptist Church in Aptos. His first sermon will be Nov. 7.

"He's going to make the church a little more contemporary," said church leader Glen Island. "We feel it is a new beginning in some ways."



**Rene Schlaepfer**  
An unorthodox pastor

In Tahoe, he conducted three services each week — two contemporary services with modern music and one that was more traditional with hymns.

Several musicians from the local lounges perform at the church.

"What's important is the message," he said. "I don't want to keep people away because of the music."

An avid music fan, Schlaepfer's CD collection includes everything from Christian music to Peruvian marimba bands.

July 11, 1993

To The Members of Twin Lakes Baptist Church,

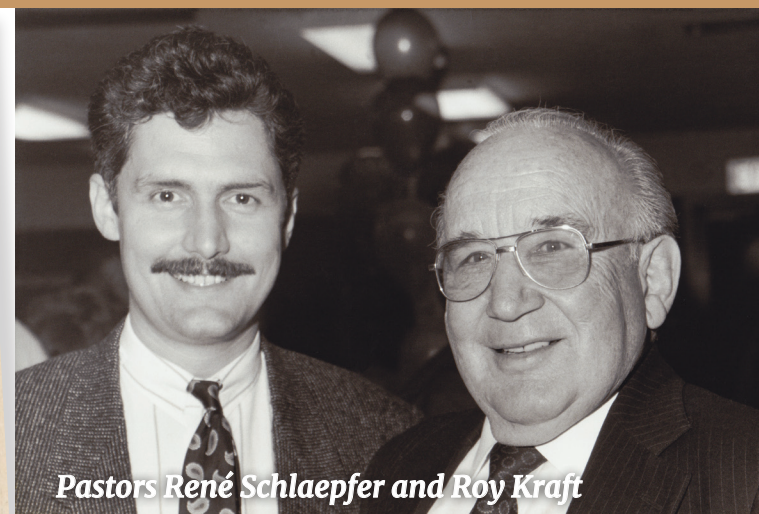
We are pleased to convey to you this packet of information regarding our search for a senior pastor and our recommendation of a candidate for your consideration. We trust you will be both enlightened and encouraged by this material.

Our candidate is Rene Charles Schlaepfer. He is presently serving as pastor of pulpit ministries at Sierra Community Church in South Lake Tahoe. Rene has received the unanimous endorsement of both the Pastoral Search Committee and the Twin Lakes Board of Directors. Rene and his wife Laurie will be with us from August 8 through August 11 and will share with us in both services on Sunday, August 8, and in an evening service on Wednesday, August 11.

Rene and Pastor Dan together are planning the worship services. Rene will preach in both services on Sunday and will share his testimony and philosophy of ministry on Wednesday evening. As time permits Wednesday evening, Rene will respond to questions submitted in writing to the church office prior to that Wednesday. Rene and Laurie wish to meet with as many of the Twin Lakes family as possible during their time with us. A schedule of smaller group meetings and social gatherings will be made available soon.

A business meeting of the church will be held after the Sunday evening service on August 15. At that time the membership will vote on the following recommendation from the board of directors:

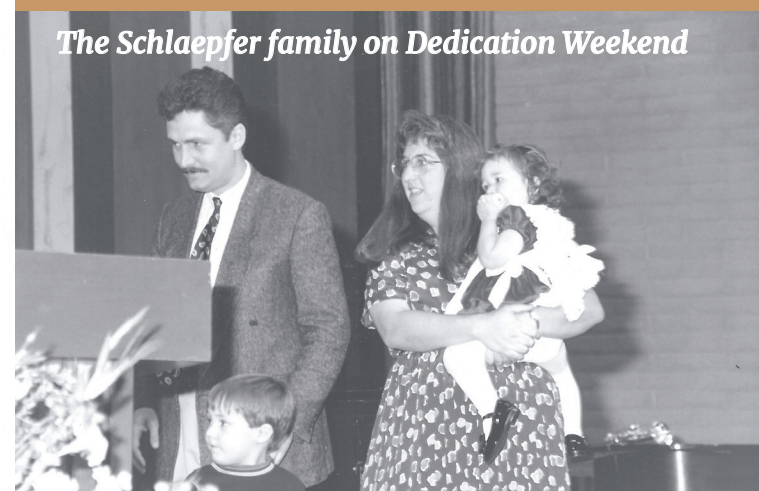
"It is recommended that Twin Lakes Baptist Church extend a call to Rene Charles Schlaepfer to fill the position of Senior Pastor."



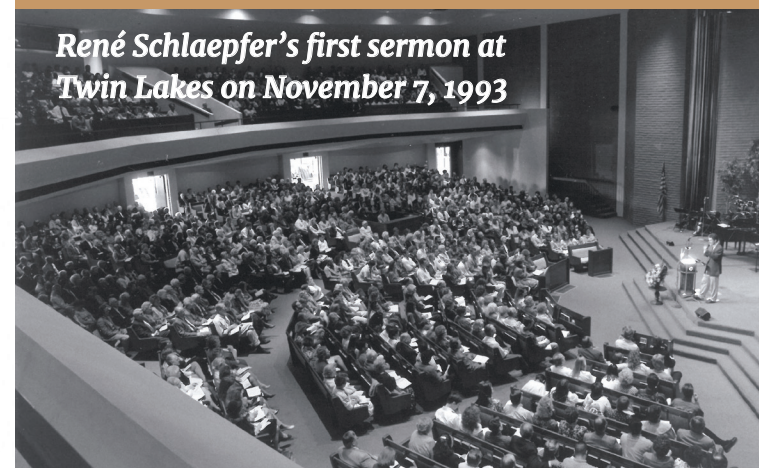
*Pastors René Schlaepfer and Roy Kraft*



*Praying over René and Laurie Schlaepfer*



*René Schlaepfer's first sermon at Twin Lakes on November 7, 1993*



Bringing all three services together during the 2008  
"All Together" service at the Cabrillo College Stadium

# 2000s

## Serving the Community

Christmas Concerts at Twin Lakes Church brought up to  
13,000 people from the community every year

"We Christians need to be loving, constructive examples in our communities. Thank you for consistently fostering this... 'TLC' is no mere acronym!"

Remodeled auditorium

2000: Auditorium reopens after year-long remodel

2007: First major TLC fall food drive. Over next 15 years, over 13 million meals will be raised for Second Harvest Food Bank

2008: Massive "All Together" service at Cabrillo College kicks off first-ever church book series. Over the next 15 years, 15 TLC books including *Chasing David* and *Grace Immersion* will reach readers and church groups around the globe



# 2010-2023

## The Vision Continues



*The grand opening in 2021 of the new college center and community coffeehouse, "Loft Coffee"*

*Placing the beam on the children's ministry building in April 2015, completed in 2016*



*Twin Lakes Church's annual garage sale on May 4 helped raise a grand total of \$74,000 for the Second Harvest Food Bank and its network of more than 200 agencies and programs.*



*Venue service in Monschke Hall*



*Congregation pledges funds to build "2020 Vision" building campaign*

**2011:** Twin Lakes Christian School enrollment doubles; expands from K-6 to include middle school

**2013:** Congregation pledges funds to build 2020 Vision phase 1: Three-story children's education center, plus classrooms and clinic at Little Flock Children's Home in India

**2018:** Church pledges funds for Phase 2: New coffee house and college ministry center, and new church facilities near Naples, Italy

**2020:** The Covid-19 pandemic begins, yet ministry never stops. In fact, it grows in remarkable ways. The food drive raises enough for over 2 million meals. 33 new positions are filled during the pandemic, from teachers to tutors to daycare workers. Online ministry explodes, with 187 different countries watching TLC videos. People's Pantry serves over 6,000 people. Over \$700,000 is given to mission partners. Our IT team helps install livestreaming and internet hardware for other churches in the county. TLC helps purchase land for new church in Zambia



*Launch of "TLC en Español" in 2022, led by pastor Julian Pizarro*



*The church campus is opened to hundreds of fire evacuees in 2020*



*In March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic prompts a move first to livestream and then outdoor services.*

# Into the Future



Pastors Paul Barton, Dan Baker, and Trent Smith on Trent's first day as TLC's worship pastor

As we look toward the future, we hope to complete the original master plan for the Aptos campus with a much-needed Community Outreach Center in place of the current modular buildings. This would provide a permanent home for many of our most fruitful ministries, including

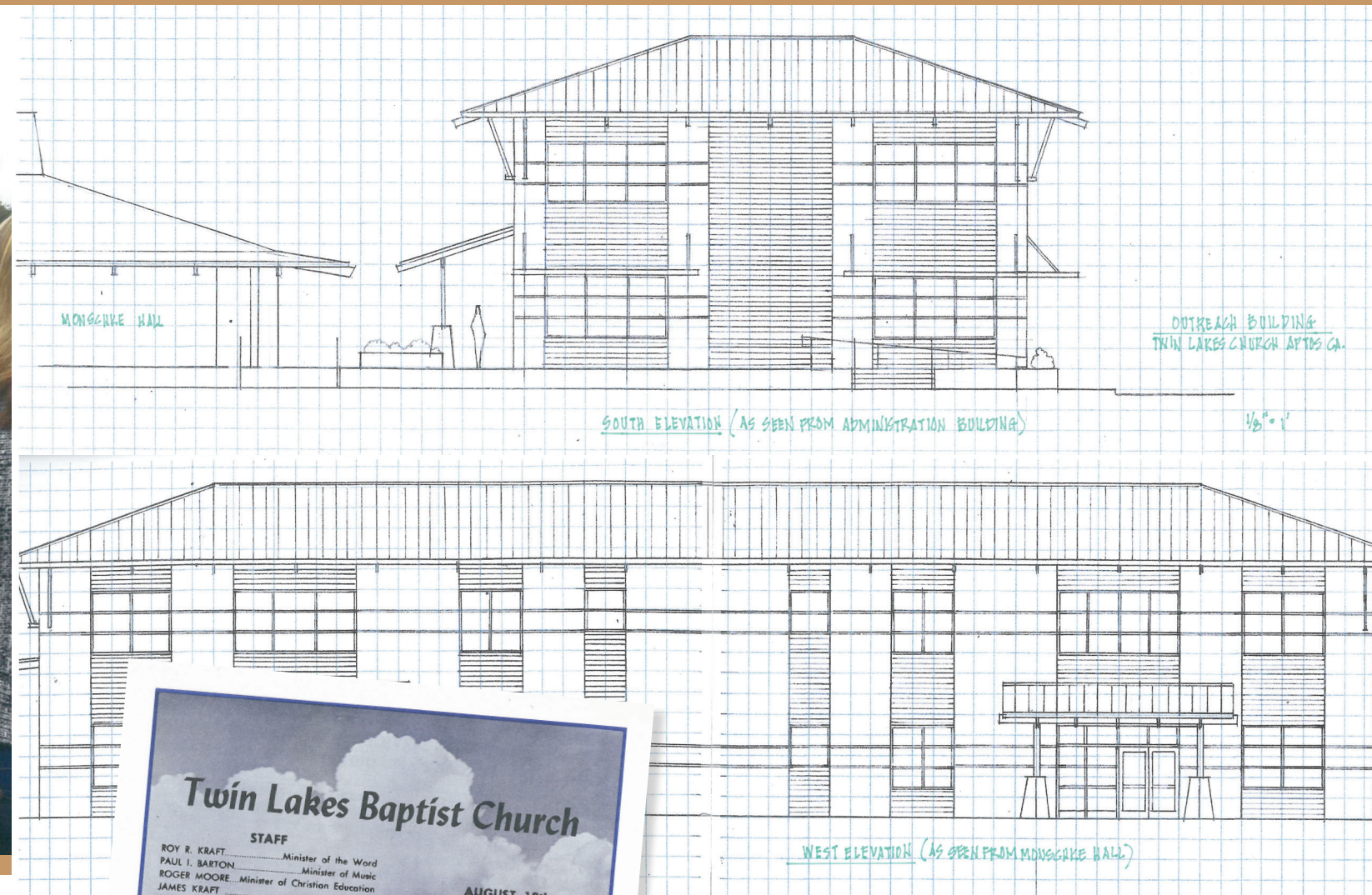
our People's Pantry food distribution, grief support groups, recovery groups, plus many Bible classes. Our goal is to raise pledges in early 2024 and open the building in late 2026.

On the cover of one of the first church bulletins from Pastor Kraft's era in the 1940s was a saying that stayed on the bulletin for decades:

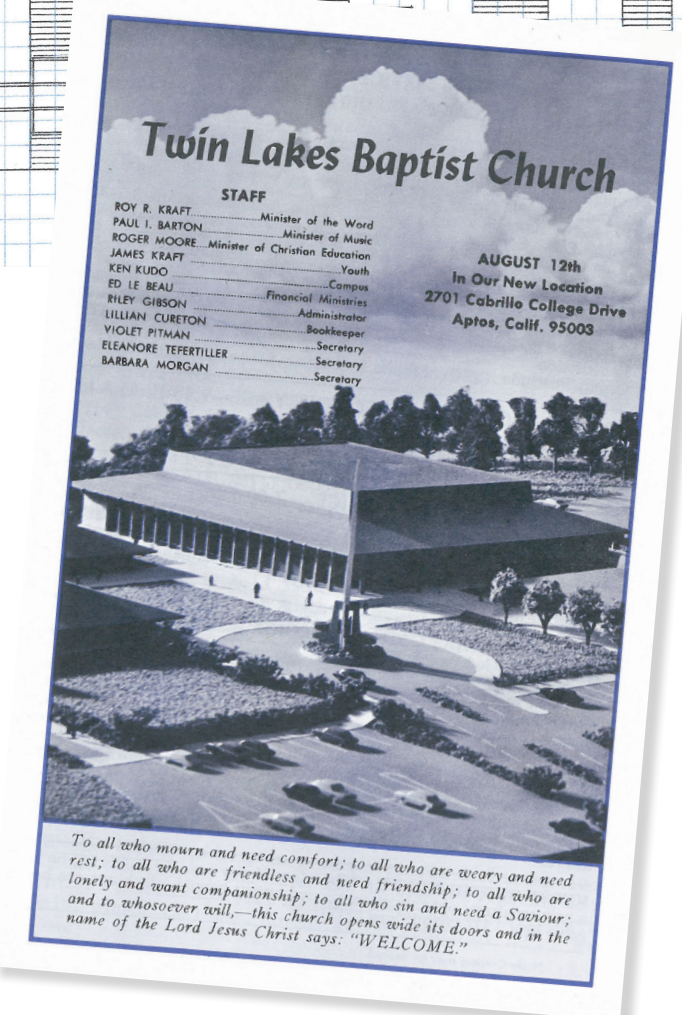
*To all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are weary and need rest; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are lonely and want companionship; to all who sin and need a Saviour; and to whosoever will,—this church opens wide its doors and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ says: "WELCOME."*

Those words are still true today. And I pray they will be true for as long as TLC exists.

— René Schlaepfer



Blueprints for the planned Community Outreach Center



Twin Lakes Baptist Church bulletin from 1973



*Since Twin Lakes Church moved to its Aptos campus in 1973, over 3,000 people have been baptized. Over 200 people have gone into full-time ministry as pastors and missionaries. Over 50,000 children have heard the gospel at church, school, or camp. Over 13 million meals have been provided through our food drives. With each building on the TLC campus, a facility was also built on the mission field in an under-resourced country, including churches, orphanages, schools, and clinics. As we look toward the future, we hope to complete the original master plan with a Community Outreach Center, providing a permanent home for many of our most fruitful ministries, including People's Pantry and recovery groups.*

*To God be the glory!*



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