

NOTES- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NEWHALL

- 1880s Rev. F.D. Seward(Synodical Missionary) preaches at Southern Hotel in Newhall, Newhall Refinery, Pico Oil Fields.
- 1889 Newhall citizens ask Rev. Seward about a church in August and September,"Did not seem best at that time."
- 1891 May 31. Rev. F.D. Seward organises a church known as First Presbyterian Church of Newhall. Members are:
Alex I. Fraser; Mrs. Maggie Fraser; Samuel C. and Callie Grier ; Mrs. Flo B. Arnott; Alex and Annie Hume;Henry and Ellen Miller; Mrs. Barbara B. Lane; Miss Lillie M. Miller; Mrs. R.D. Shyrook; Mrs. Mary I. Mendenhall; P.V. Kinnear; Mrs. Ella Drew; Mrs.Ward. Ruling Elders were Alexander Hume and P.V. Kinnear
- June 7. Rev. Seward baptised Stella,Almer Pearl,Jessie Ethel and Flora Belle, children of Mrs. and Mrs. Grier,at Newhall Elementry.
- July 4. George H.Newhall, Sect. of Newhall Land and Farming,donates 100 by 150 feet plot facing Newhall Ave. in townsite of Newhall to the church.
- August 1. C.S. Hogan of Pacoima begins construction of church.
- September 15. Church completed. Cost \$1225.
- October 11. Church dedicated, debt free. Ed Pardee donates organ.
- 1893 January 1. Rev. H.P. Wilber arrives. He goes to Europe in 1894, returns in 1895 and retires July of 1897.
- 1897 The 97 Home Missionarys in Minnesota gave more to the church than an equal number in California-in fact 3 times as much.
- 1904 June 5. Thomas E. Frew becomes a member.
- 1908 Henry Clay Needham and H. Clay Wiley elected Elders. A. Hume Associate Member and Clerk of the Sessions. Embark on an anti-saloon campaign.
- 1909 J.R. ^{wiley} Whitney, Pastor
- 1910 Manse built at cost of \$572.58
- 1913 Rev. ^{wiley} Whitney retires.
- 1914 July 5. Rev. Wolcott H. Evans appointed Pastor.Congregation had been rapped for poor record keeping. Catholic Church built. Dr. Evans became "The Little Shepard Of The Hills". he came from Calvary Presbyterian Church of Wilmington.
1916. Manse enlarged. 3 Elders, 5 trustees,23 members ,50 in Church School.
Blanch Shaifer passed away. Frank Shaffer married her sister.
- 1917 32 members. Frank Hovey replaced Mr. Wiley as Elder.
- 1921 Communion services held in Saugus.Alex Hume died March 28. All Newhall businesses close in his honor. Hume never ordained for some reason. Don Frew accepted on Sept.17. 41 members.

- 1922 October. Loan of \$18,000 approved to move old church and erect a second chapel
- 1923 May 1. Original church moved back 100 feet. Construction (June 1) of second chapel begins. 42 members.
- 1925 June 14. Second church dedicated at 11 A.M.
Mollar Theatre Pipe Organ purchased for \$3,500. It was manufactured March 1915 by M.P. Mollar, sold to Strand movie house in Maridian Miss., September 23, 1915.
- 1926 Rev. Evans paid \$1,500 per year (when he could get it). Asked Sessions for \$100 to repair his Ford.
84 members. 110 in church school
Two lots sold from Atwood Tract for \$700 to pay off organ. Terms-\$20. down. \$20 per month at 6% interest.
Roof of new church leaks. Parishinors bring umbrellas inside.
Mrs. Mackie appointed organist.
- 1928 March 12. St. Francis Dam disaster.
Dr. Evans attends general assembly of church in Tulsa, Okla.
- 1930 July 1. Dr. Evans retires to two acre orchard near Vista, Ca. Dr. Mackie replaces him.
- 1933 79 members, however 250 pledge \$1200 to operate the church. Ministry taken to CCC Camp in Bear Canyon.
- 1934 Rev. T.F. Barrie replaces Dr. Mackie. He asks for a garage next to the Manse and complains that he only got 1/3rd of his promised salary. It was supposed to be \$1200 per year.
- 1935 Congregation asks for the removal of Rev. Barrie. He resigns on November 1.
Herbert Hays becomes interum Pastor.
- 1937 Rev. Hays becomes permanite Pastor at salary of \$1200 per year. Preaches at Saugus and at Castaic.
- 1940 Dr. Hays stricken with paralysis and taken to Presbyterian Hosp.
- 1941 January 15. Dr Hays submits resignation due to ill health.
- 1944 June. After several interum ministers, Rev. Christianson arrives from Davenport, Wash., where he served for 11 years.
- 1951 Rev. Christianson retires to Spokane, Wash., where he still lives at age 87. He is replaced by Dr. Weston, arriving from English-town, New Jersey. Salary is set at \$1,800 per year. Sunday evening and Wednesday services are tried, but not sucessful.

- 1958 Rev. Weston is replaced by Dr. Joseph Robertson
Salary is \$2,200 per year.
- 1967 Fellowship Hall and Nursery School started.
Rev. Robertson retires to El Centro, Ca.
- 1968 November 1. Rev. Robert Bingham becomes pastor.
Attended Westminster College, graduate of Xenia
Seminary, Pittsburg, Pa. Served 12 years at
Riverside, then 2½ years at Salinas.
- 1971 February 9. Earthquake damages Church structure.
Cheaper to build a new one than restore the old.
- 1976 Construction of third church begins. Architect Robert
R. Inslee; Contractor James A. Hill. March 7, ground-
breaking ceremonies.
- 1977 February 6. third church dedicated. Stained glass windows
by Jos Maess. Tile designed by Karl Weibach. Erwin Newman
did copper work and head of Christ.
- 1986 May 25. Church celebrates 95th anniversary with special
services. 423 active members.