

Reflected In Splendid Church Buildings

The vestry consists of the Rev. F. Murray Clayton as vicar; Dr. George P. Shidler, warden; P. M. Watson, treasurer, and John Snow, clerk.

First Christian Church

A TENT meeting with Evangelist C. C. Root in charge, in 1922, resulted in the formation of the First Christian church. A lot was soon purchased and in 1924 the church edifice at El Dorado and Arlington avenues was erected and dedicated.

Growth of the church has necessitated construction of an annex, in 1927, and another building in 1934.

Included in the church organizations are a church school, a ladies' council, a missionary society, a missionary circle, a men's brotherhood, and several Christian Endeavor societies.

Ministers since 1922 have been the Rev. W. T. Adams, the Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter, and the Rev. George G. Elder, who has been in charge since 1928.

First Methodist Church

THE FIRST Methodist Episcopal church was organized in October, 1922, by the Rev. Gordon A. Riegler. Services were held in American Legion hall until the new building was completed at El Prado and Manuel avenue in the spring of 1923.

The Rev. Carl J. Allen is the present pastor, with Kenneth Fasnacht as church treasurer and John King, financial secretary. R. F. Hogue is choir director and superintendent of

the Sunday school, while Mrs. L. C. Burger is president of the Woman's Aid society.

First Lutheran Church

PRECEDED by its Ladies Aid and Missionary society, and by its Sunday school, the first Lutheran church was organized, April 27, 1926, by the Rev. William Lange, then pastor of the First Lutheran church at Inglewood and now at Compton.

Services were conducted in a store on Carson street, then, successively, in the Torrance theater and in American Legion hall until the present site at Acacia and Sonoma avenues was secured and a combination parish house and chapel built on the rear of the lot until such time as a church could be erected.

Following the Rev. Lange, the Rev. G. H. Schuster was pastor from 1927 to 1931 when the present pastor, the Rev. Frank D. Mechling, took charge.

Organizations in the church include the Luther league, a Saturday morning Bible school and a daily vacation Bible school, in addition to those which preceded the church foundation.

Four Square Church

THE FOUR SQUARE church was founded in 1924 by Dr. Gale, a Bible teacher at Angelus temple. Although a lot has been purchased, no church has been built as yet but it is hoped to have one in the near future.

The congregation meets in a

store at Torrance boulevard and Cota avenue, under the Rev. R. M. Thomas, who has been in charge of the local group since March. Mrs. A. Marek is secretary of the church.

Christian Science

FIRST Church of Christ, Scientist, is the church organization resulting from the growth of the Christian Science society of Torrance, which was organized February 29, 1924.

September 20 of the same year the society received its authorization as a branch of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

For several months when first formed, the organization held services in the chapel of Stone & Myers, then located on Cabrillo avenue. Later it moved to the Woman's Club, where it remained several years. In November, 1933, it moved to its present location, 1208 El Prado.

The branch was chartered, May 22, 1929.

Three New Churches

DURING recent months branches of three churches have been established in Torrance. Church of the Nazarene occupies quarters at 1207 El Prado; the Assembly of God, of which W. H. Copeland is pastor, meets at 1639 Carson street; and the Mission of Hope (Full Gospel), is located on the second floor at Torrance boulevard and Portola avenue, with the Rev. Charles B. Dobbins as its minister. Another Full Gospel mission holds services in its own edifice in beautiful Quandt park, Walteria.

Completing the list of Torrance churches, a stake of the Latter Day Saints holds services in the Woman's Club building. Its services were formerly held in American Legion hall.



• Church of the Nazarene.



• First Lutheran Church.



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• Four Square Church.



• Church of the Nativity.



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