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Born February 12, 1907, Edgar grew up in the Methodist Church in Steelton, Pennsylvania. He served as president of the youth groups. While continuing actively in the church he worked in the office of the Steel Mill. Feeling the strong call to the ministry he left his job (during the depression) to enter Boston University School of Religious Education and Boston University School of



Theology. Edgar served two years in the Pennsylvania Conference. Then at the urging of George Warmer, Jr., applied for entrance to the Southern California Conference. Bishop Baker invited him to serve in Calexico. Leaving Helen and their only child at that time behind, he motored to Calexico to find a church without a house for the minister and family. Surmounting that obstacle he served for three years bringing his skills and devotion to play in developing a vital church as well as teaching classes in Bible and English to the church in Mexicali. His social awareness was sharpened in that community of Hispanic Americans.

Edgar showed forth his many talents as he continued his ministry. At Sunnyside he brought a hard-pressed indebted church to a debt free status. In Pasadena, Lincoln Avenue, he worked for integration long before Martin Luther King. In El Monte, Edgar worked through the development of a new church, while in Burbank, Magnolia Park, his keen spirit held a congregation together. In 1953 Edgar worked on deepening the Christian Fellowship of Trinity Church in San Diego. Edgar served the Conference through the High School Summer Institute Programs.

In 1955 Edgar's health broke. He took disability leave until he was able to serve at Goodwill Industries. In 1958, The First United Methodist Church of Chula Vista invited him to become a part time associate. He served admirably in his capacity as Membership & Evangelism Coordinator. During his 18 years at Chula Vista First United Methodist Church, 1,913 new members came into the church. His influence was felt by young and old alike.

Edgar's kind of service is spoken of by St. Paul, "For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God's people, but also produces an outpouring of grateful thanks to God. And because of the proof which this service of yours brings, many will give glory to God for your loyalty to the gospel of Christ, which you profess, and for your generosity in sharing with them and all others. And so they will pray for you with great affection for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown you." II Cor. 9:12-14.

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The following minister and widow also passed away during the past year:

George F. Benefiel — May 21, 1976
Mabel R. Burden — April 23, 1976