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I was a scoutmaster in Pasadena, California in the 1960s, and when I came here in 1984, I visited Troop 11. It was a large troop, and most of the boys were in families that were members of this church.

I talked with Art Dominy, who was once senior pastor of this church, and learned that he was a boy scout in Troop 11 in 1930 when they built a cabin for Bob Asher who owned land on Palomar Mountain.

Much later, I talked with Ray Neal and learned some of the history of Troop 11 and of its relations with Bob Asher during the time from 1930 to 1950. The Troop continued doing things for Asher, and in 1950, Ray Neal took Bob Asher to the county records office and watched him deed his land to the City Missions Society – an outreach of this church.

The result was that a large group of church members spent the summer of 1951 constructing buildings on this land on Palomar Mountain. That was the beginning of the Palomar Baptist Camp, which does business under the title of the Palomar Christian Conference Center.

The Conference Center is a very successful outreach and missions program that serves about 160 churches each year and many thousands of people. Many conversions occur in camp there.

I like to think that Troop 11 played a role in the creation of that outreach program.