



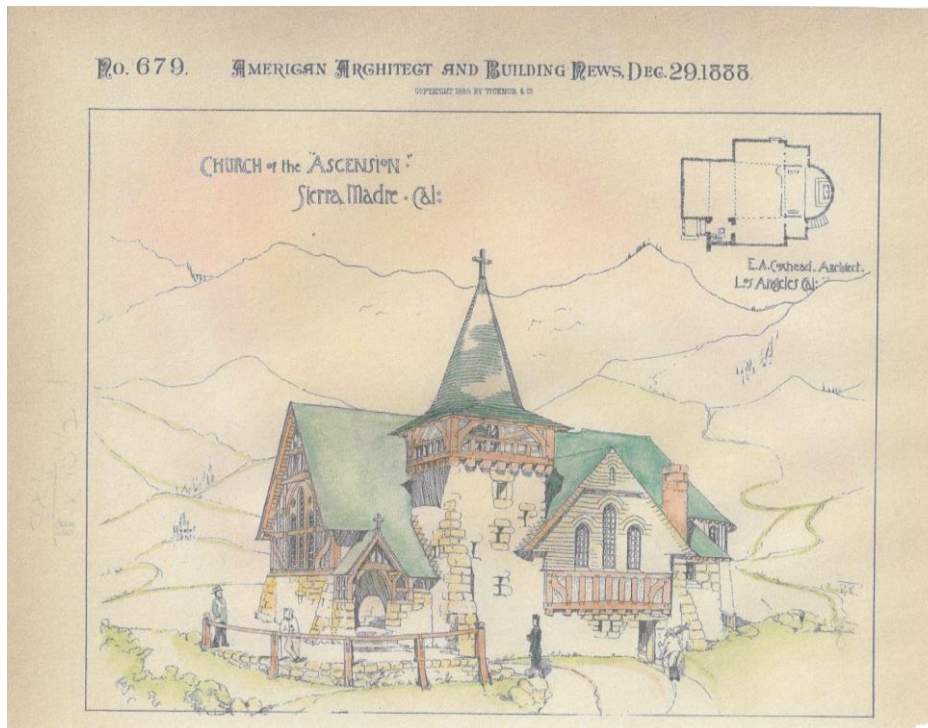
**240 N. Baldwin
The Episcopal Church of
the Ascension
1888**

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Photo: Maggie Ellis

Our congregation was established in 1885. The original wood-frame church building on this site was constructed in 1885 but the building blew down in a windstorm in October of 1887.

Our current building was begun in April of 1888 and was completed in November 1888. The architect was Ernest Coxhead. Coxhead, an Englishman, before coming to California, had been a naval architect. Some of his other buildings include the Church of the Angels, Pasadena and the Church of the Messiah, Santa Ana.



Drawing by E.A. Coxhead, Architect
Courtesy the Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Construction was done by members of the congregation and local artisans. The materials used included local, hand-cut granite and Douglas fir. The original cost was \$5,000

Listings: City of Sierra Madre Historical Register, Designated a National Historical Building in 1977

Additions:

1. Parish Hall added in 1920 - architect/Carleton Winslow
2. West Extension of the Church – 1950
School Buildings were added in 1950 and 1959
3. Interior remodeling - 1967

Restoration following the June 28 1991 Sierra Madre Earthquake: June 1991 - June 1992

Architect: Raymond Girvigian of Pasadena

Engineers: Kariotis and Associates of South Pasadena

Contractors: Win-Ballance and First Line Construction

Cost: @ \$300,000

Methods: High pressure grout injection, core drilling, structural plaster restoration.

Financing: Parish contributions, grants, Small Business Administration Disaster loans