

54. GREAT VALLEY CENTER  
(CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH)  
201 Needham



**Landmark Preservation Commission Resolution:** February 25, 2002  
**Designated by City Council:** May 14, 2002

**Description:** This Classical Revival two-story building with Romanesque attributes is faced with glazed brick. The facade is divided into three vertical bays. The outer bays each contain a prominent round headed, multi-paned window. Two horizontal tri-part panels further divide these windows with a decorative plaster rosette in the center of each section. The center bay projects slightly and contains a pair of tall flat pilasters on either side of the main entrance. A band of decorative relief joins the ornate capitals of these pilasters. The projecting center bay is also topped with a row of these tiles. The side elevation contains a stained glass casement window with a transom at the front of the building and a raised first floor entrance near the rear. In between is a group of three rounded headed windows divided by bi-part panels. At ground level is a row of basement windows and a center basement entrance.

**Historical Significance:** The building was constructed in 1920 for the Centenary Methodist Church and was occupied by that congregation until 1960 when the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints purchased the building for their worship services. In 1984 the building was sold and became the Modesto Christian Center. Currently the Great Valley Center is housed in this wonderful classic structure.