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THE RUSHFORD YEARS
1983-2012



CELEBRATING
30 YEARS OF
SPIRITUAL
FEASTS

PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES



“As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.”
—Psalm 125:2



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ESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is a significant moment in Pepperdine's history, and especially historic for the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, as Jerry Rushford completes his tenure as Bible Lectures director. On the average, a generation is about thirty years, which is exactly the number of years Jerry has lovingly crafted every detail of this magnificent program.

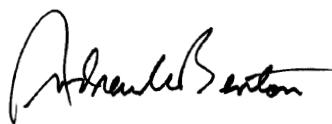
Referring to Dr. Rushford as "director" of this great forum is inadequate and woefully understates his role. Architect, composer and conductor, cheerleader, visionary, strategic planner, and other more suitable descriptions come to mind. An entire generation of preachers has been dramatically influenced by these gatherings. They arrived to listen and to speak as twenty-somethings; now they are fifty-somethings, and are mentoring the next wave of young preachers who will move the church to the middle of the 21st century, if the Lord wills it.

How does the University say thank you for Dr. Rushford's monumental contributions to the spiritual tone of this academic community and to the advancement of the kingdom of God? The answer is, Pepperdine can and does call on Jerry's many friends and admirers to join the University in the founding of the Jerry Rushford Center for Research on Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

You may know that Jerry's academic training and his personal passion is church history, especially the history of Churches of Christ in America. He is now prepared to transition full time into building a permanent collection of historical data and memorabilia for restoration churches, along with overseeing three scholarly lecture programs and other services under the umbrella of the Rushford Center.

Jerry has helped us orchestrate a smooth transition for the leadership of the Bible Lectures through Mike Cope, and Jerry's duties in the Office of Church Relations will be ably taken up by Rick Gibson. The Rushford legacy will live on in these important areas. This will allow Jerry to make future contributions to our common heritage in Churches of Christ. So today, we invite your active participation, not only in prayer for the success of Jerry Rushford, Mike Cope, and Rick Gibson, but also in your financial investment in the Rushford Center that is sure to bless future generations, while it honors our friend who has given us thirty memory-filled years of "family reunions" at the Bible Lectures.

We invite you to reflect on the past thirty years of Bible Lectures in the pages that follow, freely given to you by the University. And we hope you will be excited and encouraged by the plans presented here for the Rushford Center, a service for the study of Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell movement—for today and for generations yet to be born. We have much to be thankful for from the hand of our God.



Andrew K. Benton
President, Pepperdine University

A HISTORY OF THE PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

In 1987 as Pepperdine University turned 50, former president Howard A. White wrote of the Bible Lectures, "A serious way in which the college communicated with its church constituency was the Annual Bible Lectureship which began in 1943. Church members were invited to attend several days of classes and lectures on campus. Usually one individual was designated 'chief lecturer.' In 1949, 60 speakers were on the program, with E. W. McMillan filling the central place. Mr. Pepperdine often chaired some of the meetings. Chief lecturers in other years included A. R. Holton, M. Norvel Young, and Reuel Lemmons. For many years Marshall Keeble was prominently featured as the closing speaker." The lectures were organized by respected religion professor, W. B. West, Jr., and Dr. West directed the first nine Bible Lectures programs.

By the early 1960s, the lectureship had outgrown the Los Angeles campus auditorium. In addition to the largest gathering at the L.A. Sports Arena, there were years when the lectures were held at the L.A. Shrine Auditorium. Dr. White wrote of 1962, "Despite his depleted energies, Mr. Pepperdine put forth a supreme effort and attended the Bible Lectureship in the Sports Arena on March 22, 1962. Before an audience of about 10,000 people, a red and white ambulance drove onto the basketball court, and attendants wheeled out a stretcher on which Mr. Pepperdine rested. Pepperdine vice president William Teague handed him a microphone. With a slightly quavering but clear voice, he spoke of his joy at being with his brethren of the Church of Christ. The crowd gave him a standing ovation. He returned to his bed at home, where he died on Tuesday, July 31." Unfortunately, attendance at the lectureships began to dwindle in the late 1960s, but then with the opening of the Malibu campus, interest increased in the 1970s. However, as Jerry Rushford took the helm in the early 1980s, there was a new wave of excitement and energy in the Bible Lectures.

By the 50th anniversary year of 1987, President White could write: "A significant way in which the University relates to the Churches of Christ is in the annual Bible Lectureship held during the spring school holidays. Leading ministers and scholars in the church give lectures and teach classes to approximately 4,000 people each year. This program is under the supervision of Jerry Rushford, associate professor of church history in Seaver College, who is also director of church services."

Since that time, the Bible Lectures have continued to be enlarged and improved and diversified. Jerry Rushford, the director, is now a full professor and in demand as a teacher and preacher across the country. Indeed, he crisscrosses the nation promoting the Bible Lectures, asking for nothing more than the opportunity to serve the churches and individual Christians through the lectures. The latest Bible Lectures, the 69th, brings lecturers and attendees from 45 states in America and from 35 nations around the world, for nearly 300 classes, in addition to the seven theme lecturers and numerous luncheon and dinner speakers. According to many, the Pepperdine Bible Lectures have come of age under Jerry Rushford, as the largest and finest spiritual forum of its kind.





*J*ERRY RUSHFORD
BIBLE LECTURES DIRECTOR, 1983-2012

Jerry Bryant Rushford was born in Arkansas but moved with his parents to Detroit, Michigan, when he was only four. He attended public schools until his junior year in high school, when parents Jim and Wanda Rushford decided he might do better academically and spiritually at Great Lakes Christian High School and College, across the border in Beamsville, Ontario. Jerry finished high school there and also completed one year of college in Canada. It was a wonderful experience for him, and there at Great Lakes Christian he was challenged by his teachers to consider the Restoration Movement and history in general. He had grown up in church, listening to the proclamation of the Gospel, and now two themes emerged to stir his heart: history and the Christian faith.

For his sophomore year, Jerry transferred to Michigan Christian College (MCC), now Rochester College, near his home and completed his AA degree. Next, he enrolled at Oklahoma Christian University and completed his bachelor's degree, majoring in both Bible and history, two disciplines that would define his life through the years.

Rushford pursued graduate studies at Abilene Christian University, where he preached part-time in Texas churches. In 1968 he was accepted for personal tutorial studies under Dr. Elton Trueblood, one of the foremost Christian scholars and authors of his day, at Earlham School of Religion in Indiana. Jerry completed both the MA in religion and the master of divinity degrees at Abilene Christian. Then in 1968 he was appointed preaching minister for the Hazel Park Church of Christ in Michigan. He also taught Bible and church history part-time at his alma mater, Michigan Christian, and in 1970 he became the basketball coach, leading the MCC Warriors to two league championships.

It was at MCC that he met Lori Pfeiffer. But in summer 1972, Jerry was accepted into the PhD program in American church history at faraway University of California, Santa Barbara. Very quickly, the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara saw their opportunity and offered Jerry the position as pulpit minister. Just months after the move, Jerry and Lori were married in 1973.

After six wonderful years of ministry and with a completed PhD, Jerry Rushford accepted a position with the Seaver College Religion Division at Pepperdine. The University Church on the Malibu campus also asked him to be the minister, and he served in that capacity for three years. Finally in 1982, Jerry became both director of church relations and director of the Bible Lectures. Dr. Rushford now has the longest tenure in these two roles in Pepperdine's history. He also was successful in helping to organize, recruit for, and teach in the successful off-campus MS in ministry program that has benefited ministers in many American cities.

A look at the wall in his campus office reveals the respect and affection he has earned from many places: appreciation award plaques from various periodicals, and from the Canadian Churches of Christ Historical Society; Alumnus of the Year awards from Michigan Christian and Oklahoma Christian; appreciation plaques from Harding, Abilene Christian, Lipscomb, and Pepperdine universities; thanks for his participation on the hymnbook committees for Great Songs of the Church Revised and Hymns of Faith and Praise; and several other awards, including a treasured photograph with a personal message from his teacher, the celebrated Elton Trueblood.

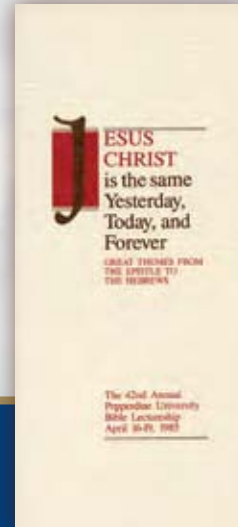
Jerry and Lori have two grown daughters, Hilary ('02) and Ashley ('06), both Pepperdine graduates, and a son-in-law, Clay Cogman ('06), Ashley's husband. After an amazing career preaching, teaching, writing, managing, and building great programs, Jerry now turns his attention and talents to the challenge of overseeing the important work of the Rushford Center.

THE **R**USHFORD YEARS TIMELINE
BIBLE LECTURES 1983-2012

1984 - EVENING WORSHIP



1984 - PAUL FAULKNER



1 - January

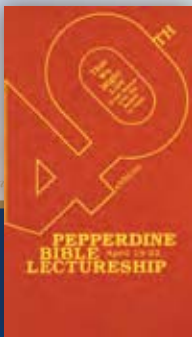
February

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1984
GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE: GREAT THEMES FROM
THE EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

1983
THAT WE MIGHT LIVE: GREAT THEMES FROM
THE EPISTLE TO TITUS



1985
JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY,
AND FOREVER: GREAT THEMES FROM HEBREWS



1983 - LYNN ANDERSON

4 - April 5 - May 6 - June 7 -

1985 - MATTIE JACKSON



1983 - J.P. AND GLORIA SANDERS, HOWARD WHITE



1985 - RUBEL SHELLY



1986 - ANNUAL WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

1988 - CYNTHIA ROWLAND-MCCLURE



1986 - KEN DURHAM



1988 - STEVE FLATT



July 8 - August 9 - September

November 12 - December

1986
GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY: GREAT THEMES FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

1988
THINE IS THE KINGDOM: GREAT THEMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

1987
TRIUMPH OF THE GOOD NEWS: THE BOOK OF ACTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



1987 - MIKE COPE



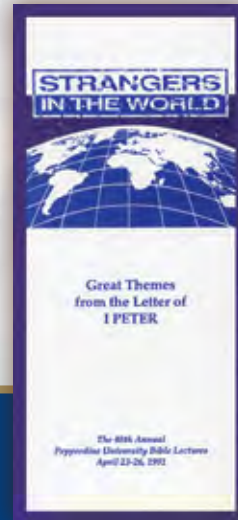
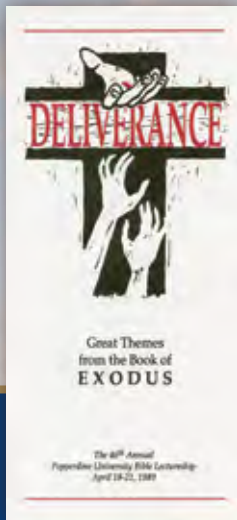
1987 - MAX LUCADO

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1990 - BILL LOVE



1990 - MARSHALL LEGGETT AS THOMAS CAMPBELL



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February

3 - March

4 - April

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1990

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST: GREAT THEMES
FROM THE BOOK OF II TIMOTHY

1989

DELIVERANCE: GREAT THEMES FROM
THE BOOK OF EXODUS

1991

STRANGERS IN THE WORLD: GREAT THEMES
FROM THE LETTER OF I PETER

1989 - JOANN WALKER



1991 - JOHN WILLIS



1989 - RHO PARKING LOT



1991 - JEANENE REESE



1992 - PAM AND ROYCE MONEY



1994 - GENE STALLINGS



1994 - BILLY CURL



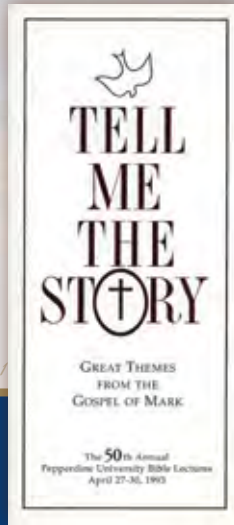
1992 - KEN YOUNG AND HALLAL



1994 - CHRIS SMITH



1994 - HELEN YOUNG



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1992

A GOD SO NEAR: GREAT THEMES FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

1994

CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: THE GOSPEL OF GRACE IN GALATIANS

1993

TELL ME THE STORY: GREAT THEMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK



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1993 - JOYFUL REUNIONS



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1996 - DAVID DAVENPORT



1996 - JEFF WALLING



1996
OUT OF THE WHIRLWIND: GREAT THEMES FROM THE BOOK OF JOB

1995
ETERNAL TRUTH FROM AN UPPER ROOM:
GREAT THEMES FROM JOHN 13-17

1997
THE IMITATION OF CHRIST: GREAT THEMES
FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

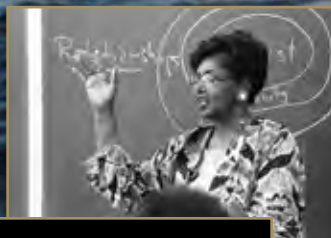
1995 - TERRY RUSH



1997 - JIM MCGUIGGAN



1995 - MAX LUCADO



1995 - PHYLLIS DAVIS

1997 - J.P. SANDERS, DON MILLER, NORVEL YOUNG



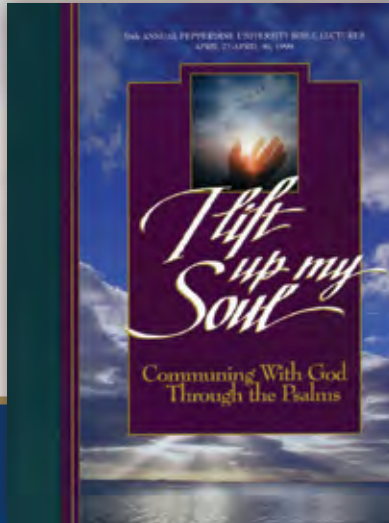
1998 - RICK ATCHLEY



2000 - BARBARA AND PRENTICE MEADOR



1998 - BETSY CHISUM AND PEGGY POWNALL



2000 - GAIL TETEN

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1998

ANOTHER KING, ANOTHER KINGDOM: GREAT THEMES FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

2000

THE GRAVITY OF GRACE: GREAT THEMES FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

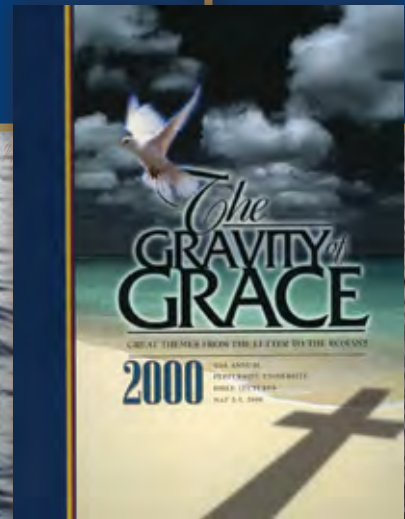
1999

I LIFT UP MY SOUL: COMMUNING WITH GOD THROUGH THE PSALMS

10 - October 11 -



1999 - MIKE COPE



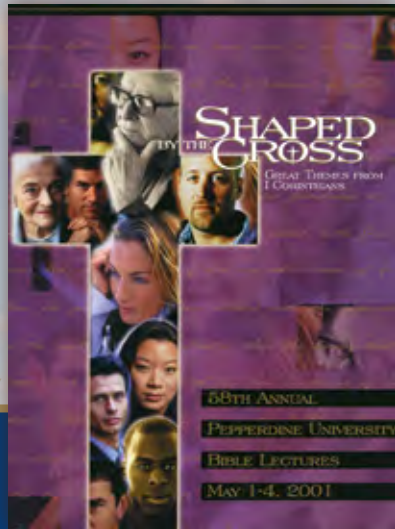
1999 - JANICE BROWN

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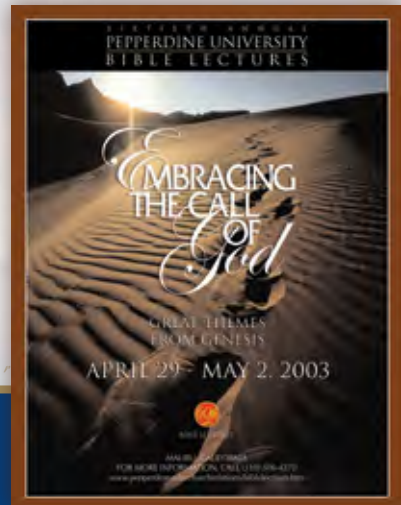
2002 - HAROLD SHANK



2002 - THREE GENERATIONS OF THE YOUNG FAMILY



2002
CHRIST AND NEW CREATION: GREAT
THEMES FROM 2 CORINTHIANS



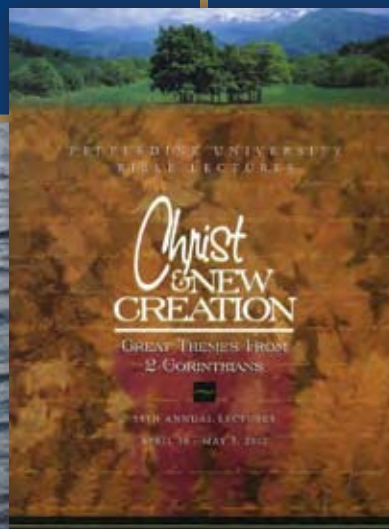
2003

EMBRACING THE CALL OF GOD: GREAT
THEMES FROM GENESIS

2001

SHAPED BY THE CROSS: GREAT THEMES
FROM 1 CORINTHIANS

2001 - CARL HOLLADAY



2003 - ZOE GROUP



2001 - DAN BOUCHELLE



2003 - RANDY LOWRY AND RICHARD MOUW



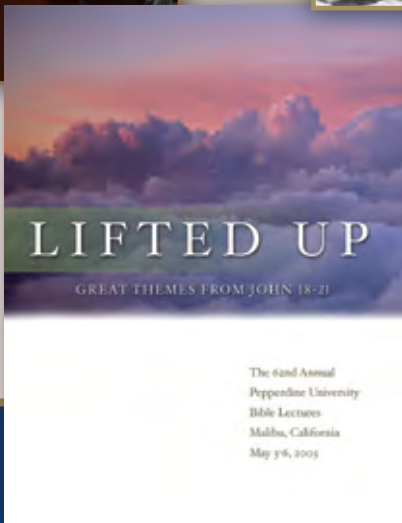
2004 - TOM OLBRICHT



2006 - KOREAN CHRISTIANS



2004 - DON MCLAUGHLIN



2006 - PHILIPPE DAUNER



2006 - REGAN SCHAFFER

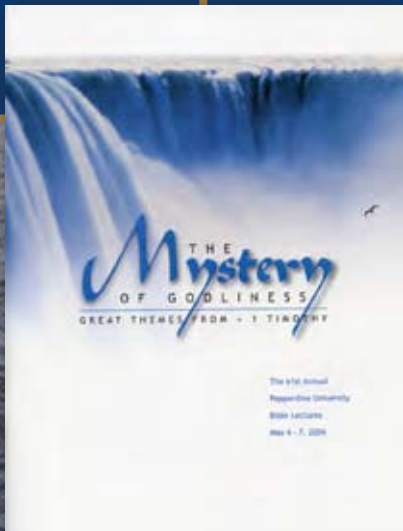
July 8 - August 9 - September

October November

2004
THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS: GREAT THEMES FROM I TIMOTHY

2006
LIFE TOGETHER: THE HEART OF LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP IN I JOHN

2005
LIFTED UP: GREAT THEMES FROM JOHN 18-21



2005 - DAVID FLEER



2005 - KEN STARR



2005 - CHI EKWENYE

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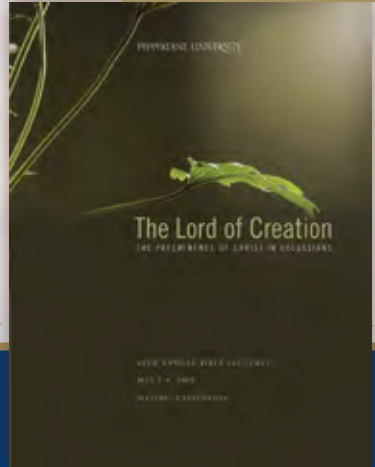
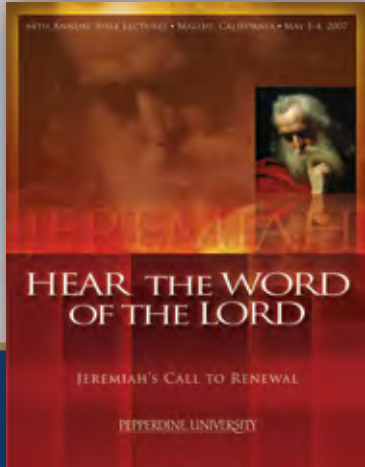
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2008 - THE BAZOONONAS



2008 - YORIKO AND MOTO NOMURA



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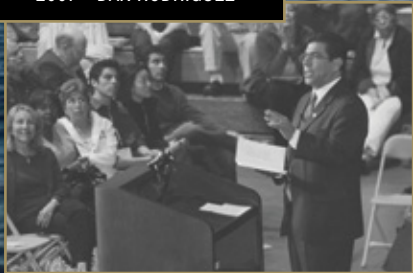
2008
THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM: LIVING THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

2007
HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD: JEREMIAH'S CALL TO RENEWAL

2009
THE LORD OF CREATION: THE PREMINENCE OF CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS



2007 - DAN RODRIGUEZ



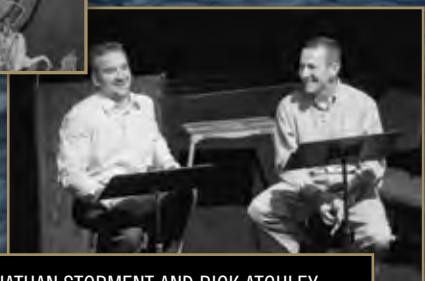
2009 - MIKE COPE



2009 - FRED GRAY



2007 - MONTE COX



2009 - JONATHAN STORMENT AND RICK ATCHLEY

2010 - JONATHAN STORMENT



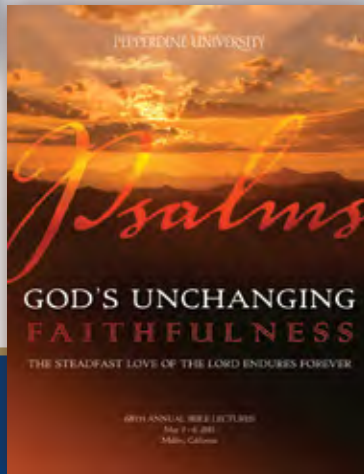
2011 - LINDA SMITH



2011 - GARY SELBY



2010 - RANDY HARRIS



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2010
THE HERO OF THE STORY: THE BOOK OF ACTS REVISITED

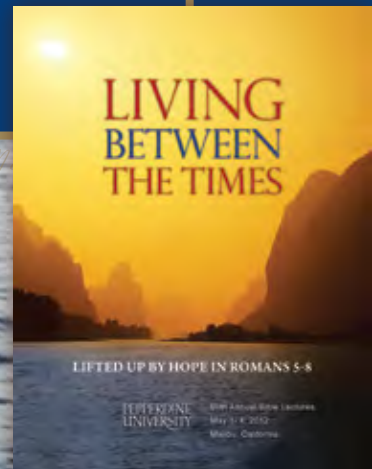
2012
LIVING BETWEEN THE TIMES: LIFTED UP BY HOPE IN ROMANS 5-8

2011

GOD'S UNCHANGING FAITHFULNESS: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER



2011 - CLASS IN STAUFFER CHAPEL



2011 - TOMÁS ALLEN



2011 - MAKING WAVES CHILDREN'S PROGRAM



Jerry Rushford is an incurable optimist with seemingly unlimited energy. He needs little sleep and loves to travel, read books, research church history, preach, teach, lead tours, tell hymn stories, organize events, talk to people and more. He seems to know everybody. He is director of church relations, professor of church history and editor of the Pacific Church News at Pepperdine University.

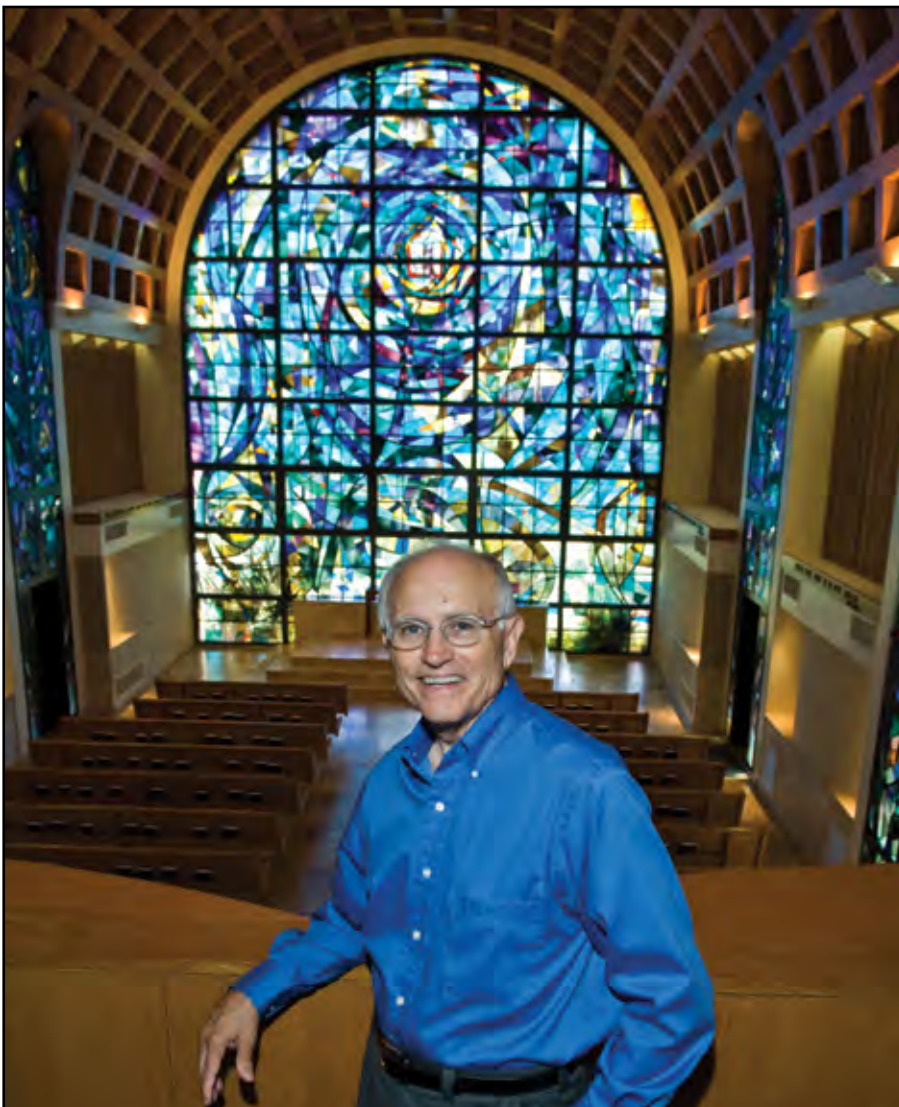
Rushford is perhaps best known as the director of the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, which he has led for 27 years. Each year the lectures bring more than 4,000 people from about 40 states and many nations to the Malibu, Calif., campus. Rushford emphasizes diversity of thought, drawing together Christians from around the globe. He loves the church and is a builder and unifier.

Rushford brings churches and people together wherever he travels. He speaks in numerous churches across a wide spectrum of the country. The Bible Lectures create a forum for many church leaders and promote positive discussion and interaction among all.

"Jerry is a remarkable force for good among Churches of Christ," Pepperdine President Andy Benton said. "He loves, even cherishes, our history, and he wants to be a positive influence for our future together. I admire his skill as he fashions an annual lecture program that emphasizes the good news in our brotherhood and sends people home with hope, encouragement and energy."

Rushford received his education from Great Lakes Christian College, Rochester College, Oklahoma Christian University and Abilene Christian University (M.A. and M.Div.). He earned a Ph.D. in American church history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has written four books, including "Christians on the Oregon Trail."

He and his wife, Lori, are members of the Conejo Valley Church of Christ. Their two daughters, Hilary and Ashley, are graduates of Pepperdine.



RON HALL

Jerry Rushford stands in Stauffer Chapel at Pepperdine University.

A conversation with - Jerry Rushford

AUTHOR, SCHOLAR *directs Pepperdine lectures in May for 27th time.*

LYNN MCMILLON | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

How do you maintain your level of energy?

I have the greatest job in the world. I am privileged to work and teach at Pepperdine University and to be the director of the Bible Lectures. It doesn't get any better than that.

My work with students and church leaders is very rewarding. I never get bored.

You are a man of many interests. Tell us a few of your favorites.

College football, used book stores and Shakespeare.

I enjoy many sports, but college football

occupies a special place in my affections. To be part of the colorful pageantry of a crowded stadium on a crisp autumn day, with footballs in the air and bands playing and the crowd roaring, is to experience a slice of Americana. It renews my zest for life.

When I travel around the country, I invariably check out the used book stores in every town. Buying books online is not much fun. I want the thrill of the chase, the sheer delight in finding a jewel in the midst of the dusty stacks. In December, I was in London on the 400th anniversary of Milton's birth, and in a small bookshop off Charing Cross Road I found a copy of A. L. Rowse's "Milton the Puritan." I had looked for it for years. The joy of that discovery is forever etched in my memory.

I am proficient in only one language, and the person who elevated that language to its greatest heights was Shakespeare. A large part of my library is devoted to Shakespeare. If I were starting my career over again it would be a toss-up on whether I would pursue a degree in church history or Shakespeare and literature.

The Pepperdine Bible Lectures are unique. What is your philosophy for planning them and why have they been so successful?

From the beginning I tried to create a program that was inclusive of every segment of the church. I wanted American and foreigner, young and old, black and white, conservative and progressive, scholar and blue collar worker, young family and senior citizen to feel a sense of ownership of the Pepperdine Bible Lectures.

Second, I wanted to punctuate each program with sustained periods of vocal praise that would bind us together in Christ.

Third, I longed to create moments of transcendence where we honored faithful servants from around the globe.

And, finally, I wanted to close each day with hugs and laughter in a pie and coffee fellowship that would be a foretaste of heaven. These components have been

present for 27 years, and they have helped us attract a loyal network of friends who continue to make the annual pilgrimage to Malibu.

You will direct your 27th program in May. How many more will you do?

President Benton has encouraged me to complete 30 years. So, if the Lord wills and my health remains good, I will craft the programs through 2012.

I never set out to do 30, but I will admit that for a historian the number 30 is close to sacred. It represents a generation.

When the closing prayer ends on Friday evening, May 4, 2012, I will know that I was uniquely privileged to set the table for an annual feast for one entire generation. That's a humbling thought. I'm very grateful that God led me to Pepperdine.

You frequently talk about the history of hymns. When did your love for hymnody begin?

One advantage of growing up in a cappella Churches of Christ is that everyone is encouraged to sing. The words from hundreds of hymns becomes part of our DNA. But I never thought about the stories behind the hymns until my senior year at Oklahoma Christian when I read the November 1964 issue of 20th Century Christian entitled "Hymns of Faith." For more than 40 years, since reading that issue, I have closed every sermon with the history of a hymn. I have now led 14 "Literary and Hymn Pilgrimages" to the British Isles, and I have another group going with me in May.

You have taught the history of the Restoration Movement for nearly 40 years. When did you develop this passion?

During my high school days at Great Lakes Christian College in Canada we studied the history of the Restoration Movement, and for me it was life-changing. I had never studied my spiritual roots before.

In my graduate years at ACU, I was enriched by studying with outstanding church historians like Everett Ferguson, Bill Humble, J. W. Roberts and Thomas Olbricht, but the person who had the greatest impact on me was a librarian named R.L. Roberts. His encyclopedic mind and contagious passion for Restoration history kindled a fire within me that has never died out.

Beginning on Aug. 1 of this year I will become director of the new Churches of Christ Heritage Center at Pepperdine.

To create an archive of Restoration literature and related materials is the realization of a dream for me.

When I relinquish the Bible Lectures, I will continue working in the Heritage Center.

You visit a lot of churches each year. From that experience what do you see as a great need for Churches of Christ in the U.S. today?

When you read "letters from the churches" in 19th century Restoration periodicals, you quickly realize that their dominant word was "cause."

Every letter was a progress report on "our glorious cause," and yet no one ever took time to define the "cause." They all knew what it was. It was nothing less than the restoration of the cross-centered lifestyle and counter-cultural teachings of the primitive church.

This Restoration vision became a "cause" that energized many Christians. It was the engine that drove the Restoration Movement forward as it advanced westward across the continent. But that language was lost a long time ago.

We need to rediscover our Restoration heritage with its emphasis on the cross-centered lifestyle and counter-cultural teachings of the earliest Christians. It could become "our glorious cause" again.

'We need to rediscover our Restoration heritage with its emphasis on the cross-centered lifestyle and counter-cultural teachings of the earliest Christians.'

The Jerry Rushford Center

FOR RESEARCH ON CHURCHES OF CHRIST AND
THE STONE-CAMPBELL RESTORATION MOVEMENT

Pepperdine University, in the model of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, announces the establishment of the Jerry Rushford Center for Research on Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement. The Rushford Center is an umbrella for several scholarly programs, services, and resources.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HERITAGE CENTER. This center was established by Jerry Rushford in 2009 and is housed in the beautiful Payson Library on the Seaver College campus in Malibu. It collects and catalogues various periodicals, publications, papers, photographs, and memorabilia regarding Churches of Christ, especially congregational histories, photos, and records from churches in Western America and Canada, and throughout the Pacific Rim.

RESTORATION HISTORY ARCHIVES. A collection of books, records, and documents available for those doing research on the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

WILLIAM M. GREEN DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR LECTURE PROGRAM annually brings to the Pepperdine University campus a scholar from Churches of Christ as a resource for students, faculty, ministers, and the general public.

FRANK PACK DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR LECTURE PROGRAM annually invites to the Pepperdine community a scholar from the broader evangelical world as a resource to faculty, students, ministers, and the general public.

SYMPOSIUM FOR CHURCH HISTORIANS IN THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT annually calls together scholars specializing in church history to deliver, listen to, and comment on scholarly papers intended to advance the knowledge and understanding of the Christian heritage, and especially the heritage of the Stone-Campbell Movement.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE STONE-CAMPBELL MOVEMENT is maintained and made available to all those interested in studying the American Restoration Movement.

IN ADDITION to these programs and services, the Rushford Center plans to publish articles and lectures in Restoration history; periodically produce a Restoration History newsletter; maintain biographical folders on church leaders and Pepperdine alumni related to the Restoration Movement; and maintain therushfordcenter.com website, connecting historians and students to multiple sites regarding Restoration Movement resources and communications.



Historical moment: seven past presidents of senior Christian colleges in 1989 at the Bible Lectures.

Dear Jerry,

I'm thankful to have shared this incredible 30-year journey with you! Our lives have been enriched by the friendships we've made along the way. I know that God will continue to work through all that you do. We can look forward to the next exciting chapter in our lives! I love you.

Always,

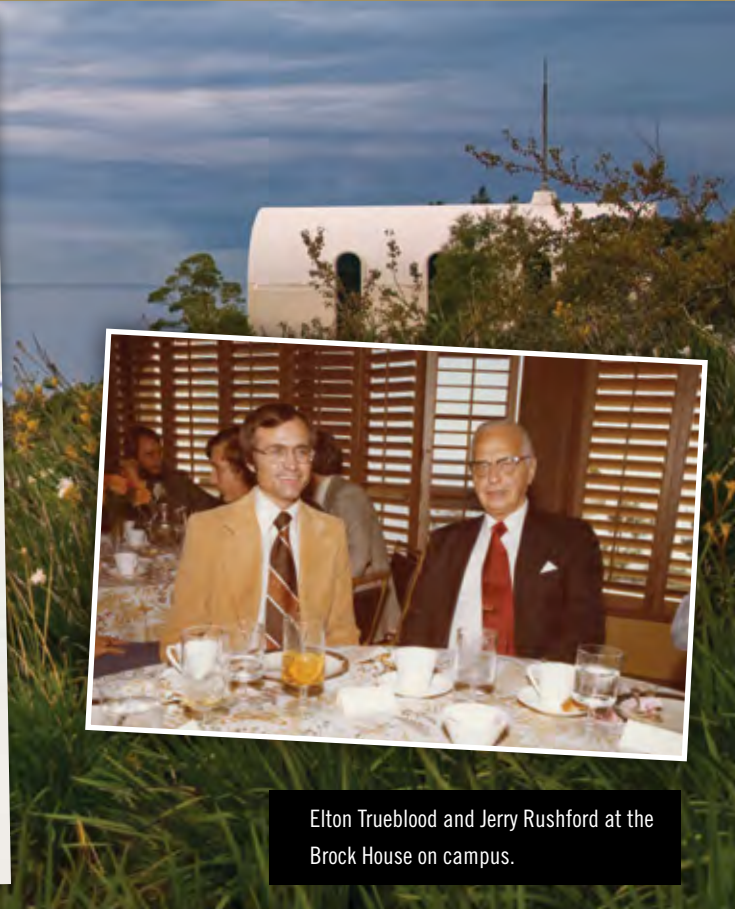
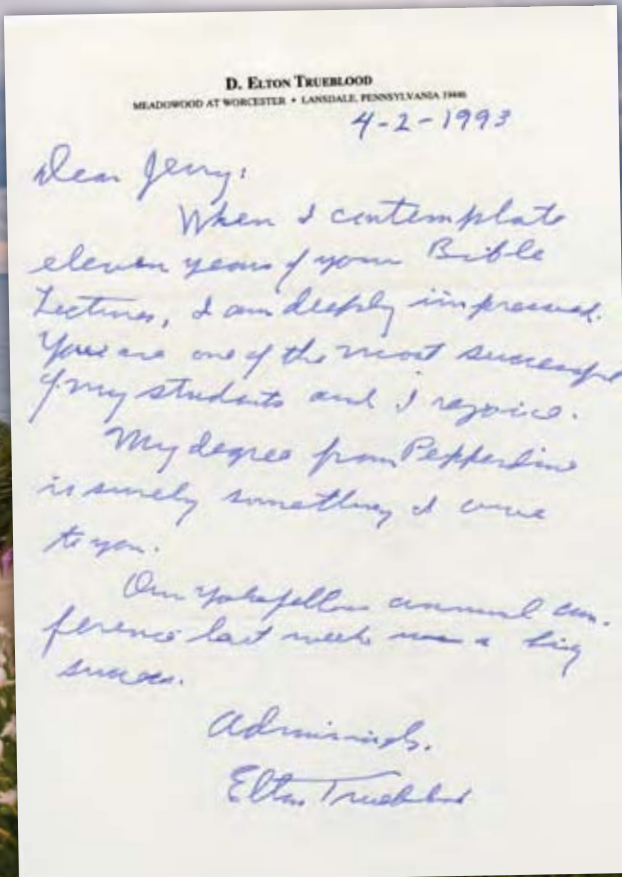
Lori

Daddy,

We're grateful to have been raised knowing the example of Christian friends and the importance of community. We treasure these Bible Lectures, and the front row seats we've had our entire lives. We are so proud of what you've accomplished, and can't wait to see what God has in store for you next. We love you so much.

Love,

Hilary and Ashley



Elton Trueblood and Jerry Rushford at the Brock House on campus.

Thank you, Jerry, for using your genius to bind us together as a fellowship. Your work has given us hope for the future and a vision of what God can do through a people willing to follow. May He give you and Lori many years of joy and kingdom service.

*Helen M. Young
Sara and Sam Jackson
Emily and Steven Lemley*



The authors present Helen Young with the first copy of *Forever Young*.



First AWP brunch in the garden of the president's home, June 5, 1958.

The Associated Women for Pepperdine is honored to call you friend. Your support, encouragement, and relationship building among Churches of Christ have been invaluable. During the past 30 years, over 2,400 Church of Christ students have received the AWP scholarship to help meet their educational goals while deepening their faith.

With sincere admiration and appreciation,



Through the years, we produced the *Crest of a Golden Wave* 50th pictorial, *Forever Young* biography of Norvel and Helen, many issues of *Pacific Church News*, and countless other projects. I'll never forget 1995 when we videotaped our way through Britain, recording locations and stories of the writing of great hymns (*English Hymns That Shaped Our Faith*). It was an honor to share this 34-year journey—sometimes up, sometimes down, but never dull. Congratulations on the Rushford Center, and for lifting a whole religious movement's vision to "higher ground."

Your friend, Bill Henegar



Thanks for the memories, Jerry...

I. to r. Bill Henegar, Jerry Rushford, LaGard Smith, and Jeff Walling, in front of LaGard's home in Buckland, England.



CHRISTIANS ON THE OREGON TRAIL

Jerry

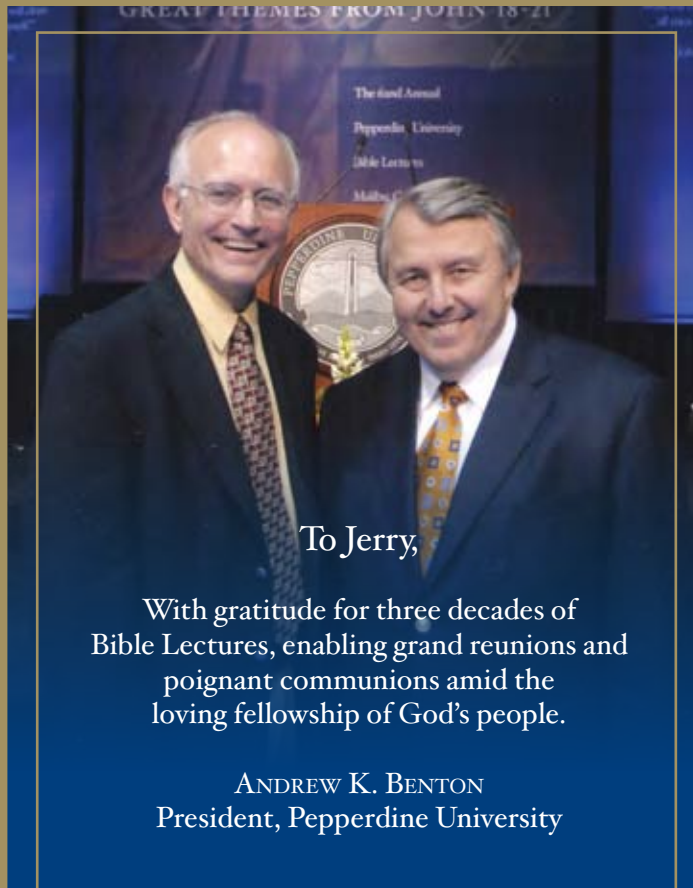
Everyone marvels at how the Bible Lectures lift their spirits. Few people realize how God works through you as you prayerfully select each participant, carefully craft every class title, and agonize over every detail. Never losing sight of the big picture, you have enabled 30 years of lectures to touch the lives of thousands. I have been privileged to be part of that process, and especially privileged to be your friend, beginning with my research for *Christians on the Oregon Trail*.

May God bless your future endeavors.

BONNIE MILLER



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To Jerry,

With gratitude for three decades of Bible Lectures, enabling grand reunions and poignant communions amid the loving fellowship of God's people.

ANDREW K. BENTON
President, Pepperdine University

Dear Brother Jerry,

Congratulations to the heavens for the powerful success you have made of the lectures. I wrote my Ph.D. dissertation at USC on Bible Lectures and can affirm that you are a dynamic combination of brilliance, eloquence, savvy, toughness, imagination, personal kindness, and indefatigable dedication in your service to God. I'm glad our paths crossed when we were young and that we have stayed together on the same trail ever since.

I love you and I always will.

In Christ,
Bill

WILLIAM S. BANOWSKY
Pepperdine University president, 1971-1978



Dear Jerry:

You have brought the Pepperdine Bible Lectures to great heights over three decades of devoted leadership. Thank you for impacting the lives of thousands who have annually gathered on these acres for four days of fellowship and spiritual feasts. You have fed us well.

CHANCELLOR EMERITUS

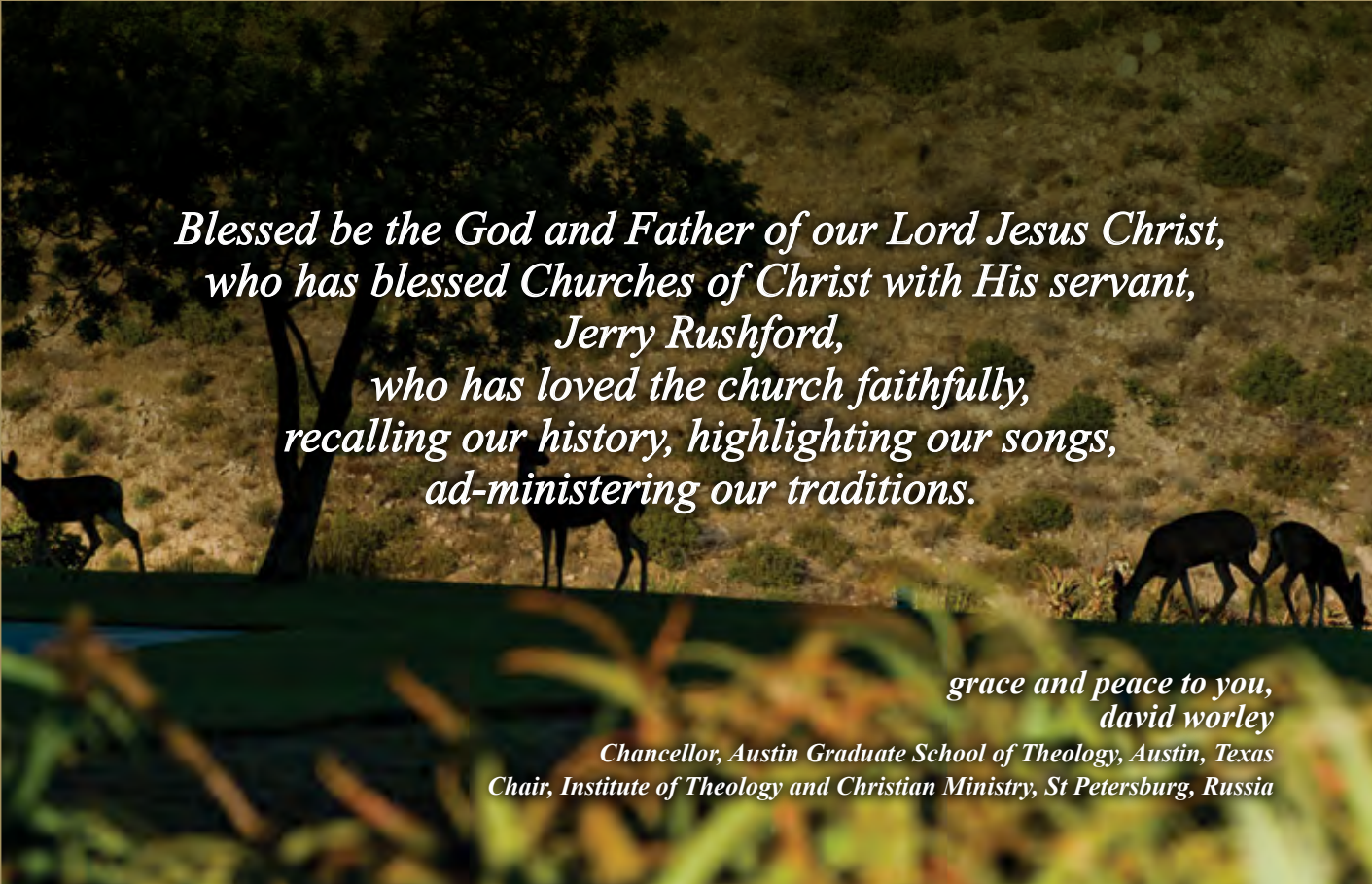
Charles and Amy Jo Runnels



Dear Jerry:

Has it really been 30 years? In our modern world, so few take up something important, stay with it, and make a lasting impact as you surely have with the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. Congratulations! And thank you!

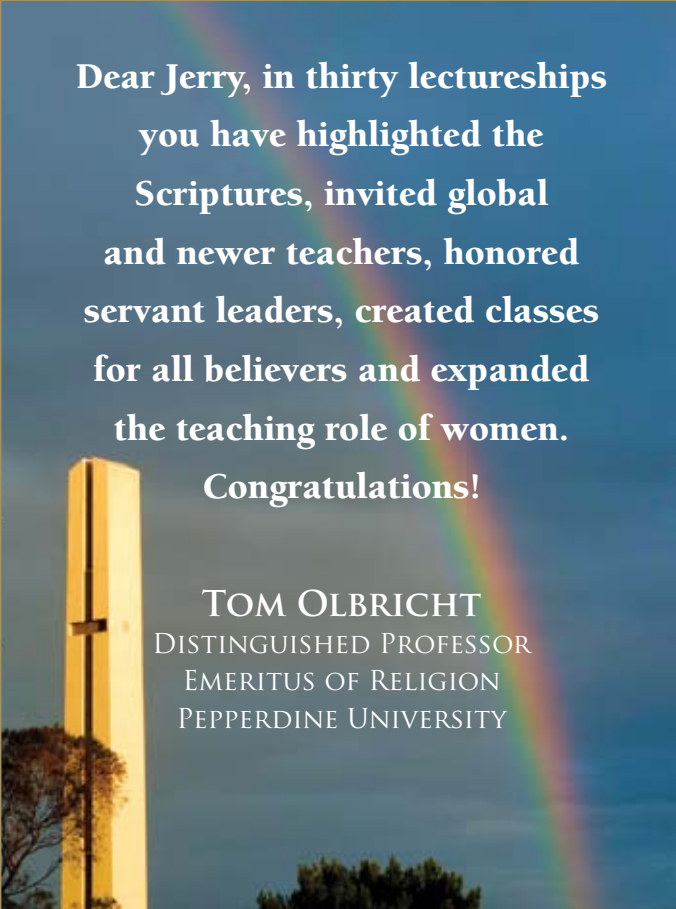
DAVID DAVENPORT
Pepperdine University president, 1985-2000



*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed Churches of Christ with His servant,
Jerry Rushford,
who has loved the church faithfully,
recalling our history, highlighting our songs,
ad-ministering our traditions.*

*grace and peace to you,
david worley*

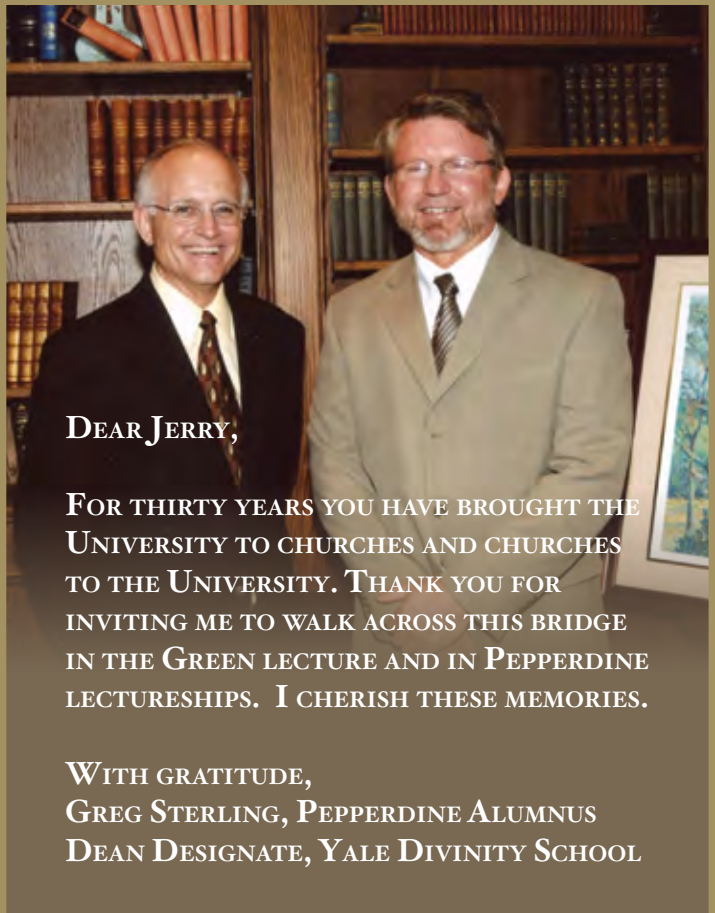
*Chancellor, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Austin, Texas
Chair, Institute of Theology and Christian Ministry, St Petersburg, Russia*



Dear Jerry, in thirty lectureships
you have highlighted the
Scriptures, invited global
and newer teachers, honored
servant leaders, created classes
for all believers and expanded
the teaching role of women.

Congratulations!

TOM OLBRICHT
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
EMERITUS OF RELIGION
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY



DEAR JERRY,

FOR THIRTY YEARS YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE
UNIVERSITY TO CHURCHES AND CHURCHES
TO THE UNIVERSITY. THANK YOU FOR
INVITING ME TO WALK ACROSS THIS BRIDGE
IN THE GREEN LECTURE AND IN PEPPERDINE
LECTURESHIPS. I CHERISH THESE MEMORIES.

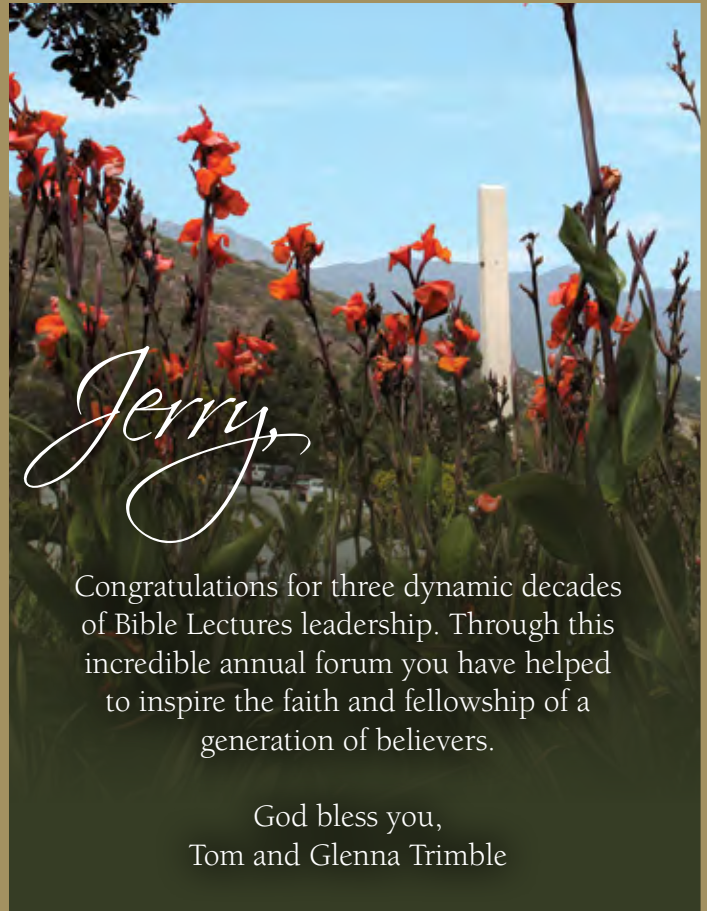
WITH GRATITUDE,
GREG STERLING, PEPPERDINE ALUMNUS
DEAN DESIGNATE, YALE DIVINITY SCHOOL



To Jerry,

FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE,
FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP,
AND FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF BUILDING UP THE CHURCH
AND ENCOURAGING THE SAINTS,
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST THANKS.

Darryl and Anne Tippens



Jerry,

Congratulations for three dynamic decades
of Bible Lectures leadership. Through this
incredible annual forum you have helped
to inspire the faith and fellowship of a
generation of believers.

God bless you,
Tom and Glenna Trimble



HEARTS, MINDS, AND SOULS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR METICULOUS
AND THOUGHTFUL SERVICE TO THE
LORD'S KINGDOM!

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOU...

**Susan Giboney and family
Carrie and Andy Wall
Peggy and Greg Grande
Paul and Paula Giboney**



THANK YOU TO

Jerry Rushford

FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE HERE,
AND TO ALL WHO KEEP THE
CHRISTIAN TORCH OF FAITH
BURNING BRIGHTLY AT THIS
VERY SPECIAL UNIVERSITY.

Mike and Cheryl Warder

Dear Jerry,

No one loves the Bible more than the Churches of Christ; no event is more central to developing that love of the Bible than the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. I am profoundly grateful to you for the Bible Lectures and for the opportunity to teach those Bible-loving folks.

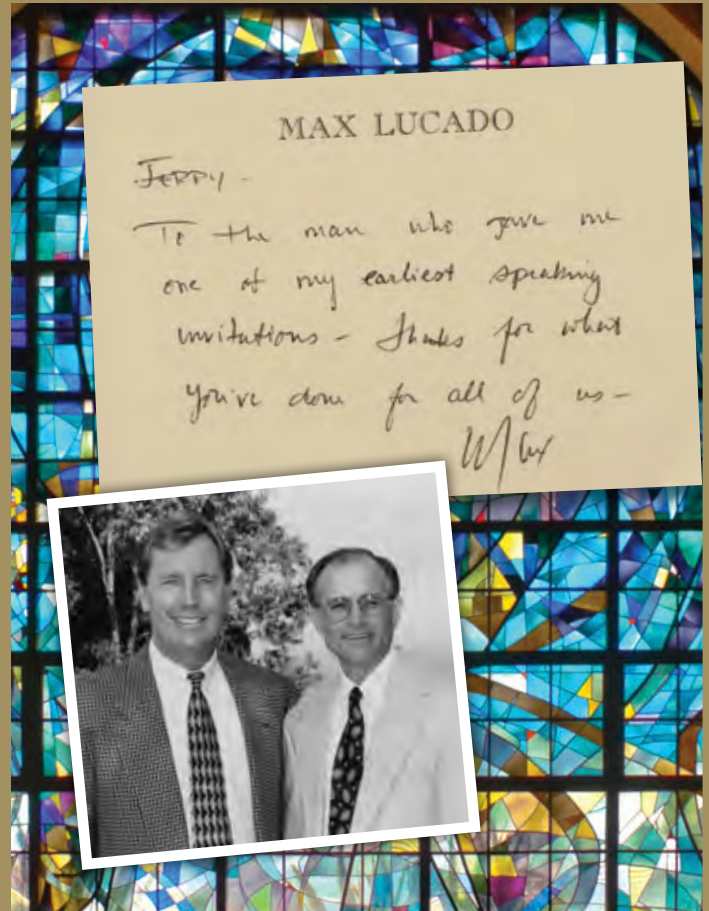
Your brother in Christ, Scot



Scot McKnight

KARL A. OLSSON PROFESSOR IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Teaching at the 2010 Bible Lectures.



MAX LUCADO

Jerry -

To the man who gave me
one of my earliest speaking
invitations - Thanks for what
you've done for all of us -

Max



THANK YOU

for 30 years of
foundation,
formation
and friendship.

With love,
Randy & Rhonda Lowry
and your friends
at Lipscomb University

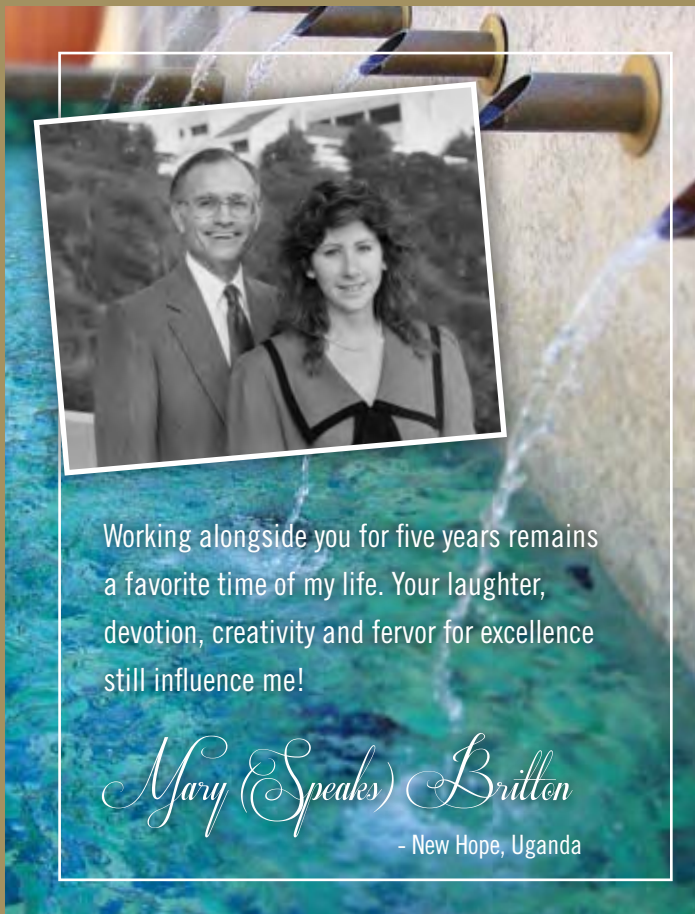


Dear Jerry:

Carol and I join your many friends in expressing appreciation for your devotion to the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. Thank you for inviting me to speak, for telephone calls from around the world, and for remembering my birthday. May God continue to smile upon you as you establish the "Jerry Rushford Center for Research on Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement."

May God bless you.

FRED D. AND CAROL GRAY
TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA



Working alongside you for five years remains a favorite time of my life. Your laughter, devotion, creativity and fervor for excellence still influence me!

Mary (Speaks) Britten
- New Hope, Uganda



CONGRATULATIONS & THANKS

To Jerry Rushford

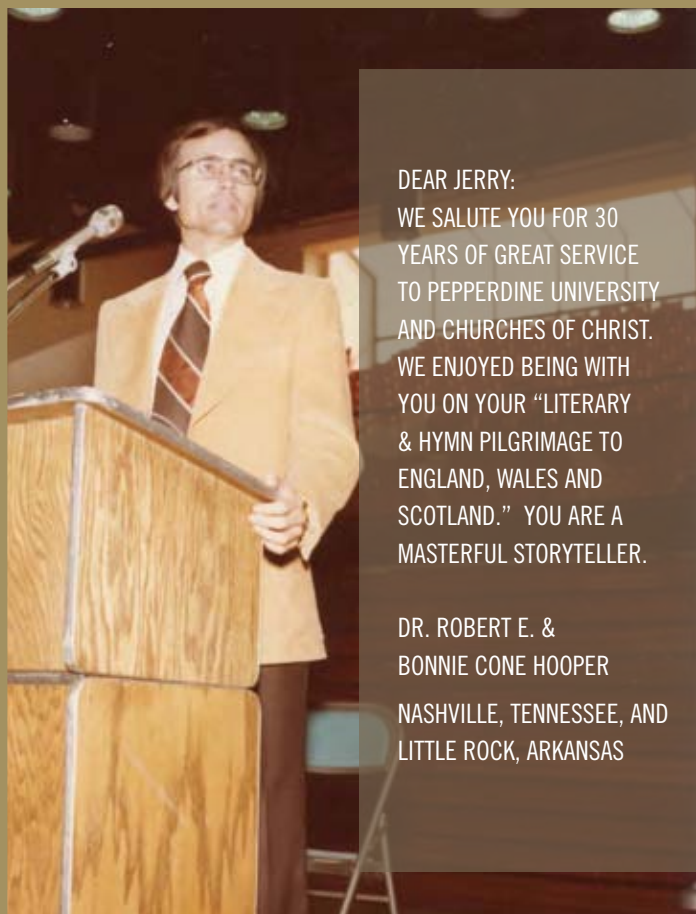
FROM RUTH HENEGAR
IN MEMORIAM

A GRATEFUL FELLOW PILGRIM IN THE 1990
EUROPEAN JOURNEY LED BY JERRY AND LORI
FROM BILL, RICHARD, CARLEEN, RON AND BRAD
AND THEIR FAMILIES



JERRY HAS AN UNMATCHED ABILITY TO EMBELLISH STORIES WITH SCHOLARSHIP AND WIT TO ILLUMINATE THE TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY AS CAPTURED IN THE HYMNS.

SIERRA MADRE
CHURCH OF CHRIST



DEAR JERRY:
WE SALUTE YOU FOR 30
YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE
TO PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
AND CHURCHES OF CHRIST.
WE ENJOYED BEING WITH
YOU ON YOUR "LITERARY
& HYMN PILGRIMAGE TO
ENGLAND, WALES AND
SCOTLAND." YOU ARE A
MASTERFUL STORYTELLER.

DR. ROBERT E. &
BONNIE CONE HOOPER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

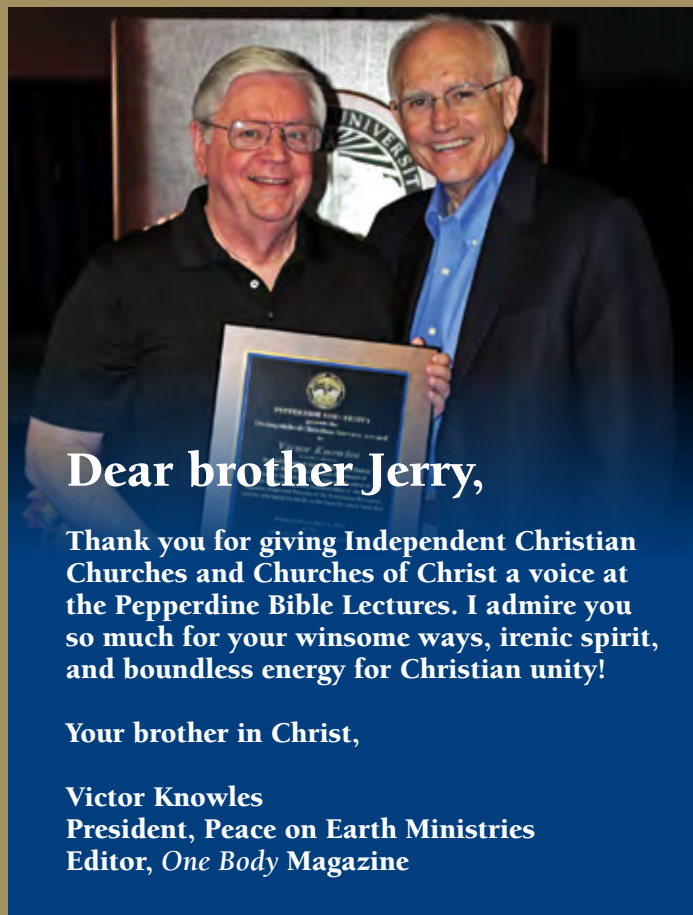


*W*e honor your role in sustaining the ties between
Pepperdine and the Churches of Christ. In loyalty to its
heritage, Pepperdine finds its soul and purpose.

John & Claudette Wilson

The scriptures teach us to "Honor those to whom honor is due." Jerry, you are truly deserving of this honor. The Pepperdine Bible Lectures mean so much to countless presenters—more than 5,000 over the past 30 years whose ministries have been affirmed by your invitation to teach. And by honoring many worthy award recipients—often not well known but always deserving—you made their recognition even more special. Clearly, you love the Lord and strive to promote Christian unity for the kingdom, based upon the Bible. Thank you for your enduring commitment as a peacemaker and a nurturer of the brotherhood.

Lynn A. McMillon, Editor and CEO
The Christian Chronicle
Dean Emeritus, Oklahoma Christian University



Dear brother Jerry,

Thank you for giving Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ a voice at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. I admire you so much for your winsome ways, irenic spirit, and boundless energy for Christian unity!

Your brother in Christ,

Victor Knowles
President, Peace on Earth Ministries
Editor, *One Body Magazine*

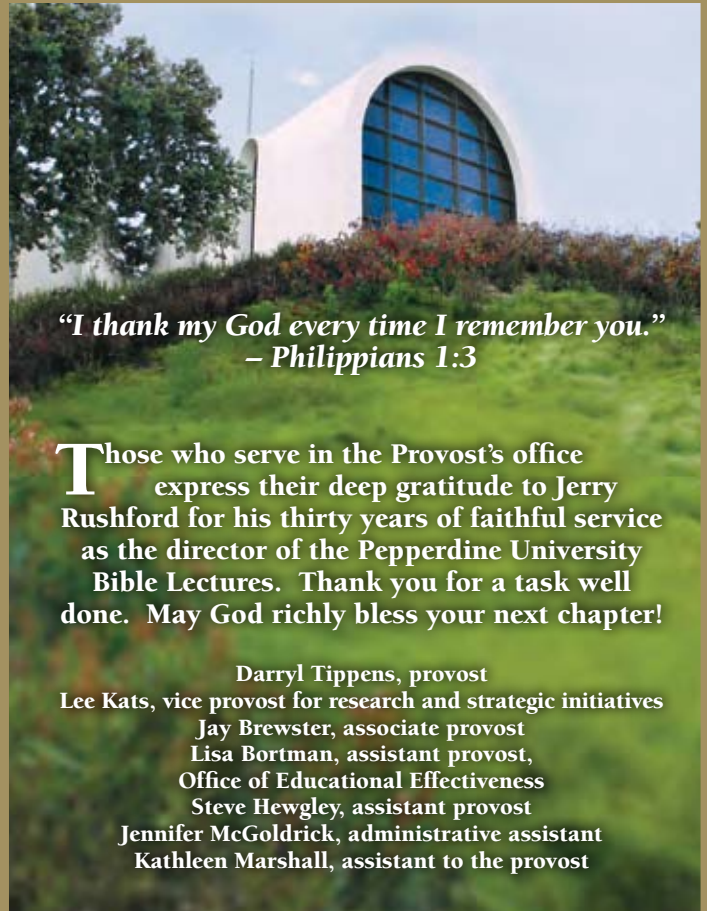
SO MIGHTILY GREW THE WORD
OF GOD AND PREVAILED.
ACTS 6:7; 19:20

**Jerry,
Devoted bearer of the Good News
Fervent filler of countless pews
Leader of Bible Lectures divine
Friend and colleague at Pepperdine!**

May God bless the Rushford Center.

Faithful fans,

*Ratti Tomantas &
Claudia Arnold Preston*



*“I thank my God every time I remember you.”
– Philippians 1:3*

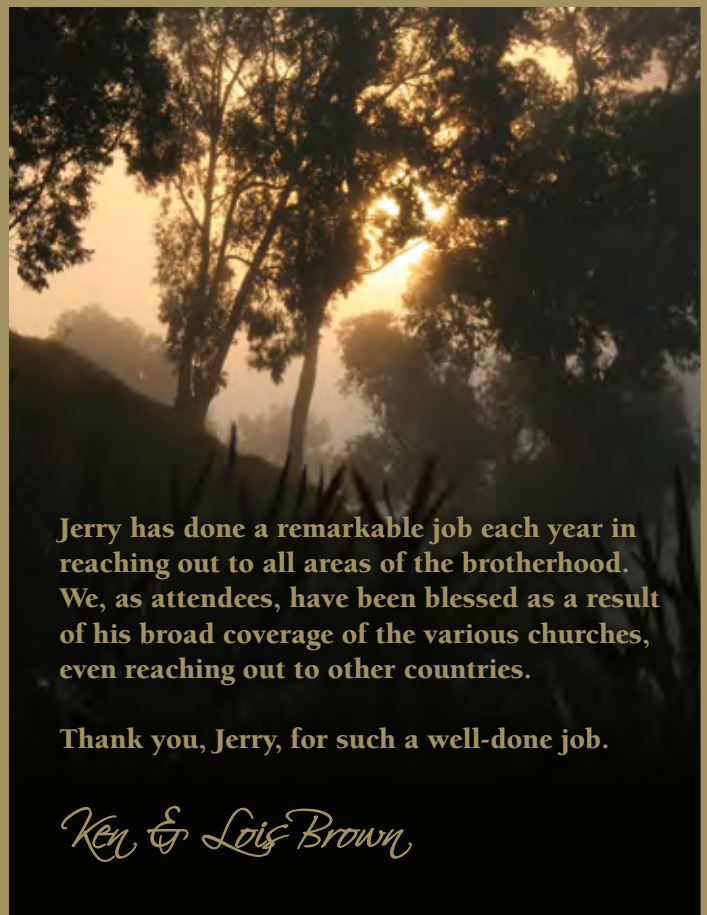
Those who serve in the Provost’s office express their deep gratitude to Jerry Rushford for his thirty years of faithful service as the director of the Pepperdine University Bible Lectures. Thank you for a task well done. May God richly bless your next chapter!

Darryl Tippens, provost
Lee Kats, vice provost for research and strategic initiatives
Jay Brewster, associate provost
Lisa Bortman, assistant provost,
Office of Educational Effectiveness
Steve Hewgley, assistant provost
Jennifer McGoldrick, administrative assistant
Kathleen Marshall, assistant to the provost

Holy, sovereign God! We beg your blessings continue, as Jerry’s work and love for you moves in new directions.

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior!

Bobbie Craig Fry



Jerry has done a remarkable job each year in reaching out to all areas of the brotherhood. We, as attendees, have been blessed as a result of his broad coverage of the various churches, even reaching out to other countries.

Thank you, Jerry, for such a well-done job.

Ken & Lois Brown



THANKS, JERRY,
FOR ALL THE
GOOD
MEMORIES.
THE TRAVELING
MEMORIES ARE
“THE BEST.”

JIM AND LELA PORTER

To Jerry, our tireless boss, who experienced many changes over 30 years—Church Services to Church Relations, trailer to Thornton Administrative Center, *Kerygma* to *Pacific Church News*, Bible Lectureship to Bible Lectures. May this newest change—director of Church Relations to director of the Rushford Center—be as exciting and rewarding as those that came before. We who worked with you those 30 years offer heartfelt appreciation for your dedication—and for allowing us to be part of this wonderful Christian journey.

Big Don Williams	Tara Morrow	Anita McFarland
Kanet Thomas	Randy Gill	Tali Barbarick
Patty Atkisson	Holly Brown	Whitney Wall
Alison Jolliff	Lauren Cosentino	Kym Dildine
Mary Speaks	Emily Y. Lemley	Tami Williamson
Carol Morehead	Bridget Wooton	Joella Michael
	Alan Beard	



(Above) Four of the Rokus family in London on the 2011 Rushford Hymns Tour: (l-r) Tari, Jennifer, Joe, and Kristen. (Bottom) Jerry Rushford and Kristen Rokus—a student worker in Church Relations for three years—on the Hymns Tour, holding the cross carved by the writer of “Onward, Christian Soldiers.”

Jerry,

The Rushford Center is such a fitting honor for you, your family, and the church. Few have traveled more or proclaimed the cause of Christ more than you. Your boundless love for Christ and His church is recognized in the naming of this Center. May God bless you, Lori, Hilary and Ashley.

Joe and Tari Rokus

Jamie, Katie, Kristen,

Stephen and Jennifer

THE LORD
HAS USED YOU
IN A MIGHTY WAY
AS A BLESSING
TO PEPPERDINE
UNIVERSITY AND
THE CHURCHES
OF CHRIST.

THANK YOU FOR
THESE 30 YEARS!

ED BIGGERS



Left: Ed contributes a rare piece of historical material to the Churches of Christ Heritage Center. Right: Ed and Joan Biggers leaving Hursley Parish Church during Jerry Rushford's "Hymn Pilgrimage" to England in May 1998.

GOD'S RUSHFORD RECIPE:

1 part commitment to the Church

1 part love of history

1 part passion for excellence

Mix together with a Godly family

Fold in decades of devotion, study and hard work.

Just before serving add one slice of Lectureship pie.

Thanks, Jerry, for letting us all enjoy the sweet results!

Jeff & Cathryn Walling

Senior Minister, Providence Road Church of Christ
Charlotte, North Carolina

JERRY RUSHFORD

DIRECTOR, AUTHOR, PROFESSOR,
MENTOR, BROTHER, AND FRIEND.
THANK YOU FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO
PEPPERDINE AND THE CHURCH.
MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU!

RICK AND AGNES GIBSON



To Jerry...

OUR ADMIRATION AND GRATITUDE FOR
YEARS OF SERVICE TO OTHERS
AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUING
THAT SERVICE THROUGH
THE RUSHFORD CENTER.

DON AND SUSIE COGMAN
CLAY AND ASHLEY COGMAN



The Smiths and Rushfords in Interlaken,
Switzerland, in 1990.

*We cannot describe how blessed
we are with thirty-nine years
of friendship that began on a Sunday
morning in Santa Barbara.*

Nick and Carol Smith



THANK YOU JERRY,

FOR BLESSING THE CHURCH WITH YOUR VISION AND PASSION.
AND THANK YOU FOR BLESSING US WITH YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

Mike & Diane Cope

Howard & Norvel,

Thank you for calling me to the ministry of
Church Relations and Bible Lectures. I will be
eternally grateful for your confidence in me.
I remember you often.

Jerry



Jerry with two of his heroes, Howard White (1913-1991) and Norvel Young
(1915-1998) at Heritage Hall in 1986.



BIBLE LECTURES DATA

KEYNOTE LECTURERS

1983

Gary Beauchamp
Tony Ash
Rubel Shelly
Lynn Anderson
Joe Barnett
Clyde Muse
Landon Saunders

1984

Harold Hazelip
Andrew Hairston
Ken Durham
Gayle Crowe
Rick Atchley
Edwin White
Paul Faulkner

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David Davenport
David Jackson
Lynn Anderson
Jim Woodroof
Randy Mayeux
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Frank Pack

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Mike Cope
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Tim Spivey
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Philippe Dauner
Shon Smith
Rich Little
Don McLaughlin

2007

Glenn Pemberton
John O. York
Harold Shank
Yukikazu Obata
Dan Rodriguez
Monte Cox
David Fleer

2008

Don McLaughlin
Rubel Shelly
Randy Harris
Igor Egirev
Gary Selby
Buddy Bell
Jerry Taylor

2009

Monte Cox
Rick Atchley
Rich Little
Brian Simmons
Curt Sparks
Josh Ross
Mike Cope

2010

Shon Smith
Mark Love
Jonathan Storment
Fred Boadu Asare
Randy Harris
Mladen Jovanovic
David Fleer

2011

Chris Smith
Mitch Wilburn
Chris Seidman
Jason Locke
Josh Graves
Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah
Don McLaughlin

2012

Jonathan Storment
Aaron Metcalf
Josh Ross
Philippe Dauner
Monte Cox
Randy Harris
Jerry Rushford

**KEYNOTE LECTURERS AND THE YEARS THEY SPOKE
1983-2012**

Mike Cope (1987, 1989, 1993, 1996, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2009)

Rick Atchley (1984, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2004, 2009)

Randy Harris (1999, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012)
Rubel Shelly (1983, 1985, 1991, 1995, 2004, 2008)
Chris Smith (1992, 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2011)

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David Fleer (1990, 2000, 2005, 2007, 2010)
Don McLaughlin (2001, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2011)
Harold Shank (1991, 1993, 1997, 2002, 2007)
Jeff Walling (1993, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2005)

Jack Reese (1989, 1991, 1998, 2001)
John O. York (1994, 1997, 2003, 2007)

Tony Ash (1983, 1986, 1997)
Monte Cox (2007, 2009, 2012)
David Davenport (1985, 1989, 2000)
Ken Durham (1984, 1986, 2005)
Harold Hazelip (1984, 1990, 1995)
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Bill Love (1987, 1990, 1996)
Mark Love (1999, 2004, 2010)
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Rick Marrs (1992, 1999, 2003)
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Kregg Hood (1988, 1995)
Larry James (1988, 1993)
Rich Little (2006, 2009)
Randy Mayeux (1985, 1990)
Jim Roberts (1986, 1989)
Dan Rodriguez (2002, 2007)
Josh Ross (2009, 2012)
Jerry Rushford (1987, 2012)
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Jonathan Storment (2010, 2012)
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Jimmy Allen (1990)
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Dean Smith (1991)
Curt Sparks (2009)
Jerry Taylor (2008)
Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah (2011)
Andy Wall (2002)
James Walters (1994)
Phil Ware (1987)
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Mitch Wilburn (2011)
Kevin Withem (2004)
David Young (2005)

ANNUAL THEMES DURING 1983-2012

1983 That We Might Live: Great Themes From the Epistle to Titus
1984 God's Eternal Purpose: Great Themes From the Epistle to the Ephesians
1985 Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever (Great Themes From Hebrews)
1986 God of Grace and God of Glory: Great Themes From the Book of Isaiah
1987 Triumph of the Good News: The Book of Acts for the 21st Century

1988 Thine is the Kingdom: Great Themes From the Gospel of Matthew
1989 Deliverance: Great Themes From the Book of Exodus
1990 Remember Jesus Christ: Great Themes From the Book of II Timothy
1991 Strangers in the World: Great Themes From the Letter of I Peter
1992 A God so Near: Great Themes From the Book of Deuteronomy
1993 Tell Me The Story: Great Themes From the Gospel of Mark
1994 Crucified With Christ: The Gospel of Grace in Galatians
1995 Eternal Truth From An Upper Room: Great Themes From John 13-17
1996 Out of the Whirlwind: Great Themes From the Book of Job
1997 The Imitation of Christ: Great Themes From Paul's Letter to the Philippians
1998 Another King, Another Kingdom: Great Themes From the Gospel of Luke
1999 I Lift Up My Soul: Communing With God Through the Psalms
2000 The Gravity of Grace: Great Themes From the Letter to the Romans
2001 Shaped By The Cross: Great Themes From I Corinthians
2002 Christ and New Creation: Great Themes From 2 Corinthians
2003 Embracing the Call of God: Great Themes From Genesis
2004 The Mystery of Godliness: Great Themes From I Timothy
2005 Lifted Up: Great Themes From John 18-21
2006 Life Together: The Heart of Love & Fellowship in I John
2007 Hear the Word of the Lord: Jeremiah's Call to Renewal
2008 The Upside-Down Kingdom: Living the Sermon on the Mount
2009 The Lord of Creation: The Preeminence of Christ in Colossians
2010 The Hero of the Story: The Book of Acts Revisited
2011 God's Unchanging Faithfulness: The Steadfast Love of the Lord Endures Forever
2012 Living Between the Times: Lifted Up by Hope in Romans 5-8

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- 1985 - Howard A. White
- 1986 - Frank Pack
- 1987 - M. Norvel Young
- 1988 - J. P. Sanders
- 1989 - James O. Baird, Willard Collins, Clifton Ganus, Jr., John Stevens
- 1990 - Carl & Smitty Brecheen, Paul & Gladys Faulkner
- 1991 - Jack & Annie Mae Lewis
- 1992 - Everett Ferguson, Abraham Malherbe
- 1993 - Carl & Frankie Mitchell
- 1994 - Tom & Dorothy Olbricht
- 1995 - G. P. & Olivia Holt
- 1996 - Harold Hazelip
- 1997 - Dan & Judy Anders
- 1998 - Lynn & Carolyn Anderson, Alton Howard
- 1999 - Helen Young, Rusty & Martha Bolton
- 2000 - Prentice & Barbara Meador, Bill & Laurette Henegar
- 2001 - Calvin & Mozell Bowers, John & Evelyn Willis
- 2002 - Royce & Pam Money, John & Claudette Wilson
- 2003 - Steven & Emily Lemley, Tony & Barbara Ash
- 2004 - Stuart & D'Esta Love, James & Carolyn Thompson
- 2005 - Neil Lightfoot, Bob & Jan Randolph
- 2006 - Howard & Jane Norton, Maurice & Marie Hall
- 2007 - Charles & Judy Siburt, Lynn & Joy McMillon
- 2008 - Jack & Jeanene Reese, Tom & Sheila Bost
- 2009 - Evertt & Ileene Huffard, Fred Gray
- 2010 - Randy & Rhonda Lowry, Mike & Nancy O'Neal
- 2011 - Gail & Carol Hopkins, Billy & Mary Curl
- 2012 - Harold & Sally Shank, Mike & Diane Cope

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- E. W. McMillan (1983)
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- Howard A. White (1985)
- Frank Pack (1986)
- M. Norvel Young (1987)
- J. P. Sanders (1988)
- James O. Baird (1989)
- Willard Collins (1989)
- Clifton Ganus, Jr. (1989)
- John Stevens (1989)
- Everett Ferguson (1992)
- Abraham Malherbe (1992)
- Harold Hazelip (1996)
- Alton Howard (1998)
- Helen Young (1999)
- Neil Lightfoot (2005)
- Fred Gray (2009)

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- Carl & Smitty Brecheen (1990)
- Paul & Gladys Faulkner (1990)
- Jack & Annie Mae Lewis (1991)
- Carl & Frankie Mitchell (1993)
- Tom & Dorothy Olbricht (1994)
- G. P. & Olivia Holt (1995)
- Dan & Judy Anders (1997)
- Lynn & Carolyn Anderson (1998)
- Rusty & Martha Bolton (1999)
- Prentice & Barbara Meador (2000)
- Bill & Laurette Henegar (2000)
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- John & Claudette Wilson (2002)
- Steven & Emily Lemley (2003)
- Tony & Barbara Ash (2003)
- Stuart & D'Esta Love (2004)
- James & Carolyn Thompson (2004)
- Bob & Jan Randolph (2005)
- Howard & Jane Norton (2006)
- Maurice & Marie Hall (2006)
- Charles & Judy Siburt (2007)
- Lynn & Joy McMillon (2007)
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- Tom & Sheila Bost (2008)
- Evertt & Ileene Huffard (2009)
- Randy & Rhonda Lowry (2010)
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- Gail & Carol Hopkins (2011)
- Billy & Mary Curl (2011)
- Harold & Sally Shank (2012)
- Mike & Diane Cope (2012)

IN ADDITION TO THE 50 AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE APPRECIATION DINNERS, THERE WERE 235 DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED FROM 1983 TO 2012.

- Behailu Abebe (2001)
- Lindy Adams (2001)
- Dick & Maudine Ady (1998)
- Moses & Jessie Akpanudo (2009)
- Karen Alexander (2010)
- Fred & Faustina Asare (2006)
- James H. Atkinson (1989)
- Carl & Geraldine Baccus (2000)
- Avanelle Baird (2006)
- David Baird (2008)
- John Banister (1990)
- Richard & Ida Bazoonona (2008)
- Carisse Berryhill (2011)
- Joe & Ruth Betts (2005)
- Ed & Joan Biggers (1995)
- Jim Biggers (1998)
- Stephan & Reba Bilak (1993)
- Allen Black (2009)
- Garth & Doris Black (1996)
- Douglas & Margaret Boateng (2011)
- Garry Bortz (2010)
- Bryan & Jacqueline Bost (1999)
- Denny & Philis Boultinghouse (2004)
- Clinton & Delma Brazle (1999)
- June Breninger (1994)
- Wendell & Betty Broom (2002)
- Dale & Rita Brown (2012)
- Jack & Betty Burch (1995)
- Ray & Elizabeth Bynum (1998)
- Duane Canby (1994)
- Sherman* & Elma Cannon (1995)
- Roman & Lina Cariaga (1999)
- Demere Cherenet (2001)
- Chris Chetsanga (2009)
- Richard & Cyndi*Chowning (2007)
- Doris Clark (2003)
- John Henry Clay (1989)
- Sylvia Rose Cobb (1992)
- Tony & Leslie Coffey (2001)
- Charles & Darlene Coulston (2011)
- Billy Curl (1997)
- Luis "Chito" & Tess Cusi (2012)
- Clarence Dailey (1992)
- Max Dauner (2009)
- Chris DeWelt (2008)
- Roger & Martha Dickson (2002)
- Wilber Dillman (1987)
- David & Eloise Drake (1999)
- Sammy & Janet Dzamesi (1993)
- Chi Ekwenye (2005)
- Geoffrey & Doreen Ellis (1991)
- Lloyd Ellis (1983)
- Everett Evans (1985)
- Ian Fair (1997)
- Earl & Sue Farmer (1985)
- Henry & Grace Farrar (1995)
- Walt & Llona Fennel (2002)
- Alger Fitch (1999)
- Doug Foster (2012)

Harry Robert Fox, Jr. (2000)
 Robert L. Fraley (1989)
 Loyd & Anne Frashier (2009)
 W. L. & Marilyn Fletcher (1997)
 Terry Gardner (2011)
 Leroy Garrett (1993)
 Otis & Irene Gatewood (1998)
 David & Sue Gaylor (2005)
 Bobb Gowen (1999)
 Fred Gray (1995)
 Claude & Sammie Guild (1989)
 Homer Hailey (1987)
 Maurice & Marie Hall (1998)
 Alvin & Lois Hamilton (1997)
 Paul Harper (1984)
 David Edwin Harrell, Jr. (2001)
 Jim & Carolyn Hawkins (2004)
 Monroe & Julia Hawley (1999)
 Don Haymes (2010)
 Bruce & Wanetta Henderson (2004)
 Ira & June Hill (2002)
 R. N. Hogan (1987)
 Carl Holladay (2002)
 Robert Hooper (2008)
 Howard Horton (1998)
 Hal & Grace Hougey (1998)
 Frank & Carrol Huang (1994)
 Robert Hull (2009)
 Bob & Jane Jackson (2005)
 Khalil Jahshan (2002)
 Ferrell Jenkins (1998)
 Josephine Johnson (1998)
 Robert L. Johnson (2002)
 Ken L. Jones (1999)
 Wesley & Beverly Jones (1996)
 William Jones (2001)
 Mladen Jovanovic (2009)
 Raymond Kelcy (1986)
 Tim & Roxanne Kelley (2011)
 Don Kern (1996)
 Walter & Anna King (1993)
 Roy & Norma Knott (1997)
 Victor Knowles (2011)
 Keith & Sharon Lancaster (2010)
 Ethel Lanier (1998)
 Jerry Lawlis (2000)
 Jimmie* & Vivian Lovell (1990)
 Mac & Marty Lynn (2003)
 Amanda Madrid (2004)
 F. W. Mattox (1991)
 Francis Mbuvi (2009)
 Imogene McAnulty (2008)
 Burl & Jan McCoy (2004)
 Jim & Ethel McGuiggan (1996)
 Jim Bill McInteer (1991)
 Taylor & Lois McKenzie (2000)
 Joy McMillon (2003)
 Lynn McMillon (1999)
 Allan McNicol (2005)
 John McRay (2006)
 Dan & Brenda McVey (2002)
 Alexander & Eleni Melirrytos (2002)
 Don Meredith (2006)
 Maurice Meredith (1984)
 Paul Methvin (1988)

Washington & Alice Mhlanga (2004)
 Mike & Carol Myers (2003)
 Bonnie Miller (2004)
 Don Miller (1984)
 Carl & Frankie Mitchell (1987)
 Lynn Mitchell (2004)
 Juan Antonio Monroy (2012)
 George Moore (2010)
 Forest & Beth Moyer (1998)
 Yoshiya Noguchi (2009)
 Moto & Yoriko Nomura (2008)
 Shiro & Rumiko Obata (2006)
 Oji Okorie & Ngozi Oji (2012)
 Dennis Okoth (2002)
 Marti O'Rear (2009)
 Roy Osborne (1992)
 Eno & LaVera Otoyoy (2005)
 Biodun Owolabi (2010)
 Cline Paden (1993)
 Ammiel Perez (2012)
 Arthur Perkins (1983)
 Eugene & Evelyn Perry (2006)
 Tommie Phillips, Jr. (1984)
 Paul Pollard (2009)
 Glyde Poplin (1998)
 Harvey & Sue Porter (1991)
 Jim & Lela Porter (2007)
 Emily Pownall (1998)
 Mel & Emily Pownall (1985)
 Gene Priest (1989)
 Sasha & Vika Prokopchuk (2011)
 Elmer & Geneva Prout (1997)
 Marlin & Jeanne Ray (2002)
 Jeanene Reese (1997)
 R. L. Roberts (1994)
 Tom Robinson (2012)
 Jay Don & Mary Lee Rogers (2007)
 Noble Rogers (1994)
 Joe & Tari Rokus (2001)
 Rick Rowland (2005)
 Nyal Royse (1993)
 Charles B. Runnels (1992)
 Terry Rush (2008)
 Bob & Judy Russell (2006)
 Artan Samara (2001)
 J. P. and Gloria Sanders (1983)
 Jack & Lacreata Scott (2003)
 Latayne Scott (1990)
 Sam & Nancy Shewmaker (2000)
 Glover Shipp (1996)
 Stanley & Marie Shipp (1996)
 Billie Silvey (1991)
 Bethel Smith (1996)
 Clarence Smith (1982)
 Matthew Smith (1994)
 James E. Smythe (1998)
 Elsa Springer (2008)
 Ken Starr (2010)
 Bill & Virda Stevens (1994)
 Bess Stinson (1983)
 Bill Stivers (1986)
 Don & Mary Stobaugh (2000)
 Clinton & Rue Storm (1997)
 Stan & Carole Stout (2010)
 John Franklin Tamakloe (1999)

Gordon Teel (1995)
 J. D. Thomas (1991)
 J. Harold & Roxie Thomas (1992)
 James Thompson (2000)
 James & Marva Thompson (2006)
 Tommy & Vesta Thompson (1993)
 Tom & Glenna Trimble (2004)
 Jim & Joyce Trimmer (1989)
 Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah (2010)
 Bob & Gina Waldron (2010)
 Ellen Walker (2005)
 Robert & JoAnn Walker (2002)
 Phil & Lois Wall (1997)
 Jeff & Cathryn Walling (1997)
 Ron & Judy Warpole (2001)
 Will Ed Warren (2000)
 Bud & Charlene Watson (1996)
 Paul Watson (2003)
 Alonzo & Katherine Welch (1992)
 Mel Weldon (1995)
 Alice West (2002)
 Earl West (1995)
 W. B. West, Jr. (1988)
 Robert Wetzel (2007)
 Edwin & Pat White (1994)
 Eugene & Irene White (1993)
 Chuck Whittle (2003)
 "Big Don" Williams (1991)
 Tex & Mary Jane Williams (2003)
 Thamar & Marsha Williams (1994)
 Steve Wolfgang (2008)
 Morris & Ada Womack (1998)
 Jim Woodroof (2012)
 Greg Woods (2009)
 Mark & Sherrylee Woodward (2000)
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 Ross Yeager (1994)
 John York (1994)
 Ken & Marca Young (1997)
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At this auspicious moment in time, I feel both apprehensive and emboldened—apprehensive as I think about following the wonderful work of the past 30 years of Bible Lectures; emboldened as I consider the God who inspired and empowered Jerry Rushford and who will continue to work through me (and many others!).

I look forward to taking this baton of responsibility from Jerry and running with it. I know from experience how important these lectures are to men and women all over the world. Each year since 1986, these lectures have breathed life into me as I soaked up the teaching, the fellowship, and the beauty! With gratitude to Jerry and all who have assisted him, and with the faces of many others who make the annual pilgrimage to Malibu for refreshment in mind, I anticipate both the joy and hard work ahead as God continues to bless people through this event.

I'm told that Norvel Young would often say, "The future is as bright as the promises of God." As we move forward, we will claim the promises of God and seek even greater vision.

I am so proud to be working with Pepperdine University. For years I have marveled at George Pepperdine's insight in devoting his fortune to the founding of an institution built on Christian principles, with the motto, "Freely ye received, freely give." What kind of world would this be if everyone took to heart those five simple words from Jesus?

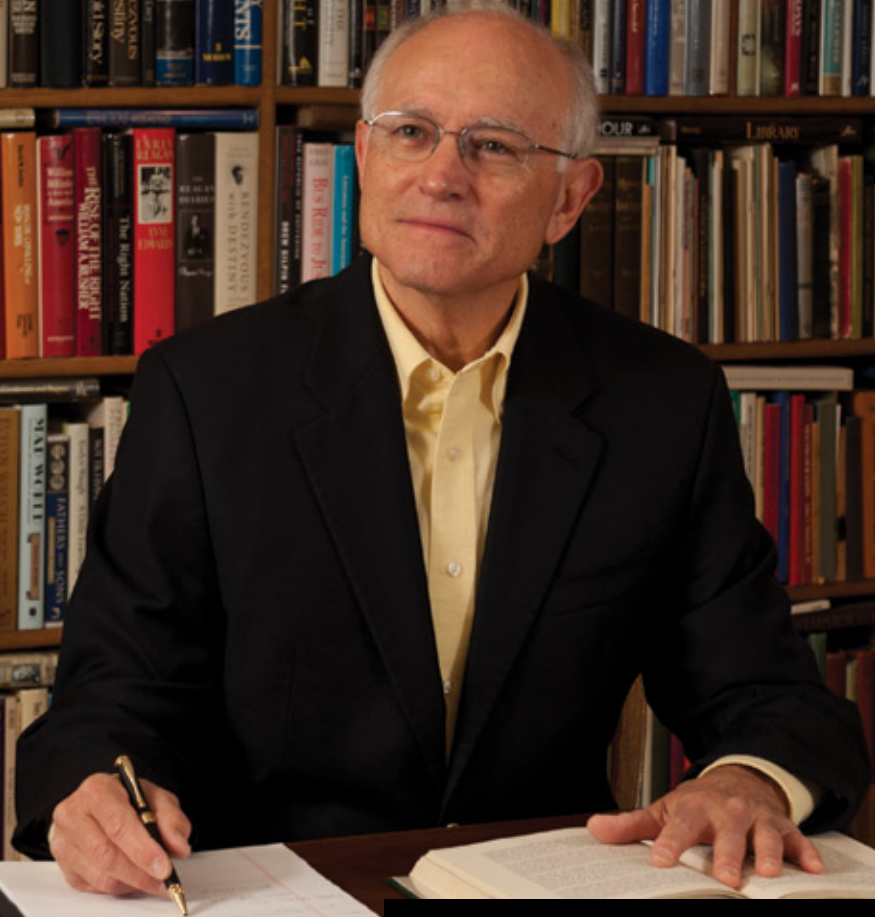
A very sincere thank you to Pepperdine for bestowing on me the honor of following in the footsteps of my good friend, Jerry Rushford. I seek your prayers and I count on the ministry of God's Spirit as I begin this task. I am well aware that it is the work of God that I take up this day, and with God's strength and guidance, "the future is indeed bright . . ."

Michael W. Cope

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Director of Ministry Outreach
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“WHEN THE CLOSING PRAYER ENDS ON
FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 4, 2012,
I WILL KNOW THAT I WAS UNIQUELY PRIVILEGED
TO SET THE TABLE FOR AN ANNUAL FEAST
FOR ONE ENTIRE GENERATION.
THAT’S A HUMBLING THOUGHT.
I’M VERY GRATEFUL THAT GOD LED ME
TO PEPPERDINE.”



—from “A Conversation with Jerry Rushford,” article
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