Pepperdine Bible Lectures: The Rushford Years, 1983-2012

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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
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
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.
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 Rushford Years Timeline

1983 - J.P. and Gloria Sanders, Howard White

1983 - Lynn Anderson

1984 - Evening Worship

1984 - Paul Faulkner

1984 - God's Eternal Purpose: Great Themes from The Epistle to the Ephesians

1985 - Mattie Jackson

1985 - Rubel Shelly

1985 - Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever: Great Themes from Hebrews

1983 - That We Might Live: Great Themes from The Epistle to Titus
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1989
DELIVERANCE: GREAT THEMES FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS

1989 - JOANN WALKER

1989 - RHO PARKING LOT

1990
REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST: GREAT THEMES FROM THE BOOK OF II TIMOTHY

1990 - BILL LOVE

1991
STRANGERS IN THE WORLD: GREAT THEMES FROM THE LETTER OF I PETER

1991 - JOHN WILLIS

1991 - JEANENE REESE

1990 - MARSHALL LEGGETT AS THOMAS CAMPBELL

1989 - JoAnn Walker

1991 - John Willis
Celebrating 30 years of Spiritual Feasts

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

1992
Pam and Royce Money

1992
Ken Young and Hallal

1994
Gene Stallings

1994
Billy Curl

1994
Chris Smith

1994
Helen Young

1992
Pam and Royce Money

1993
Joyful Reunions

1993
Tell Me the Story: Great Themes from the Gospel of Mark

1994
Crucified with Christ: The Gospel of Grace in Galatians
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Bible Lectures
1983-2012 Timeline

1983 - January
1984 - February
1985 - March
1986 - April
1987 - May
1988 - June
1989 - July
1990 - August
1991 - September
1992 - October
1993 - November
1994 - December

1995 - Terry Rush
1995 - Eternity Truth from an Upper Room: Great Themes from John 13-17

1996 - Jeff Walling
1996 - Out of the Whirlwind: Great Themes from the Book of Job

1997 - Jim McGuiggan
1997 - The Imitation of Christ: Great Themes from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians

1996 - David Davenport

1995 - Phyllis Davis
1995 - Max Lucado

1997 - J.P. Sanders, Don Miller, Norvel Young
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Bible Lectures 1983-2012 Timeline

2001 - Shaped by the Cross: Great Themes from 1 Corinthians

2002 - Harold Shank

2002 - Three Generations of the Young Family

2002 - Christ and New Creation: Great Themes from 2 Corinthians

2003 - Dan Bouchelle

2003 - Randy Lowry and Richard Mouw

2003 - Embracing the Call of God: Great Themes from Genesis

2003 - Zoe Group

2001 - Carl Holladay

2001 - March

2001 - April

2001 - May

2001 - June

2001 - July

2001 - August

2001 - September

2001 - October

2001 - November

2001 - December
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2007 - Dan Rodriguez
Hear the Word of the Lord: Jeremiah’s Call to Renewal

2008 - Yoriko and Moto Nomura
The Upside Down Kingdom: Living the Sermon on the Mount

2008 - The Bazdononas

2009 - Fred Gray
The Lord of Creation: The Preeminence of Christ in Colossians

2009 - Jonathan Storment and Rick Atchley

2009 - Mike Cope

2007 - Monte Cox
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.

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.’
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.
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
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 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,
Thanks for the memories, Jerry...


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

CHRISTIANS ON THE OREGON TRAIL

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
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

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 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
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

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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

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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
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 Ann Tippens

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

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

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.

THANK YOU
for 30 years of foundation, formation and friendship.

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

MAX LUCADO

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

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

We 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
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 LEIA PORTER
**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

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**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

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**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

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 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

Thank you Jerry, for blessing the church with your vision and passion. And thank you for blessing us with your friendship.

MICE & DIANE COBE


THE SMITHS AND RUSHFORDS IN INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND, IN 1990.
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KEYNOTE LECTURERS AND THE YEARS THEY SPOKE
1983-2012

Chris Bullard (1989, 1992)
Steve Flatt (1988, 1992)
Mark Frost (1996, 2001)
Kregg Hood (1988, 1995)
Larry James (1988, 1993)
Randy Mayeux (1985, 1990)
Jim Roberts (1986, 1989)
Dan Rodriguez (2002, 2007)
Josh Ross (2009, 2012)
Tim Spivey (2003, 2006)
Jonathan Storment (2010, 2012)
Ronnie White (1985, 1994)
Jim Woodroof (1985, 1987)

Greg Anderson (2005)
Mike Armour (1989)
Fred Boada Asare (2010)
Joe Barnett (1983)
Gary Beauchamp (1983)
Buddy Bell (2008)
Dan Bouchelle (2001)
Kelly Carter (2000)
John Allen Chalk (1995)
Gayle Crowe (1984)
Igor Egirev (2008)
Paul Faulkner (1984)
Randy Fenter (1988)
Josh Graves (2011)
Andrew Hairston (1984)
G. P. Holt (1995)
David Jackson (1985)
Ira Jolivet (1997)
Mladen Jovanovic (2010)
Tim Kelley (2001)
Walt Leaver (1990)
Michael Lewes (1989)
Jason Locke (2011)
Art McNees (1986)
Rob McKay (1994)
Aaron Metcalf (2012)
Clyde Muse (1983)
Ronnie Norman (1996)
Howard Norton (1991)
Yukilazu Ohtaa (2007)
Tom Olbricht (1993)
Frank Pack (1986)
Doug Parsons (1986)
Glen Pemberton (2007)
Rodney Plunket (1999)
Neale Pryor (1986)
Andre Resner (1990)
Brian Simmonns (2009)
Brad Small (2001)
Dean Smith (1991)
Curt Sparks (2009)
Jerry Taylor (2008)
Samuel Twumasi-Ankrah (2011)
Andy Wall (2002)
James Walters (1994)
Phil Ware (1987)
Edwin White (1984)
Mitch Wilburn (2011)
Kevin Withem (2004)
David Young (2005)

1983 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
APPRECIATION DINNERS AT THE PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

1983 - E. W. McMillan
1984 - Reuel Lemmons
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 - Everett & Ileeene 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

INDIVIDUALS HONORED

E. W. McMillan (1983)
Reuel Lemmons (1984)
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)

COUPLES HONORED

Carl & Smitty Brecheen (1990)
Paul & Gladys Faulkner (1990)
Jack & Annie Mae Lewis (1991)
Carl & Frankie Mitchell (1993)
Tom & Dorothy Olbricht (1994)
Dan & Judy Anders (1997)
Lynn & Carolyn Anderson (1998)
Rusty & Martha Bolton (1999)
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Bill & Laurette Henegar (2000)
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Mike & Nancy O’Neal (2010)
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)
Carl & Geraldine Baccus (2000)
Avalamb Baird (2006)
David Baird (2008)
John Banister (1990)
Richard & Ida Bazooona (2008)
Carisse Berryhill (2011)
Joe & Ruth Betts (2005)
Jim Biggers (1998)
Stephan & Reha Bilak (1993)
Allen Black (2009)
Garth & Doris Black (1996)
Douglas & Margaret Boateng (2011)
Garry Bortz (2010)
Bryan & Jacqueline Bost (1999)
Clinton & Delma Brazel (1999)
June Brenninger (1994)
Wendell & Betty Broom (2002)
Dale & Rita Brown (2012)
Ray & Elizabeth Bynum (1998)
Duane Canby (1994)
Sherman & Elma Cannon (1995)
Roman & Lina Carriaga (1999)
Demere Cherent (2001)
Chris Chetsanga (2009)
Richard & Cyndi*Chowning (2007)
Doris Clark (2003)
Sylvia Rose Cobb (1992)
Tony & Leslie Coffey (2001)
Charles & Darlene Coulston (2011)
Billy Carl (1997)
Luis “Chito” & Tess Cussi (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 & Lena Fenn (2002)
Alger Fitch (1999)
Doug Foster (2012)

IN THE YEARS 1983 THROUGH 2012, PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY HONORED 17 INDIVIDUALS AND 33 COUPLES WITH APPRECIATION DINNERS DURING THE ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES PROGRAM.
PEPPERCORN UNIVERSITY IS GRATEFUL TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE GIFTS IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSHFORD CENTER.

Gloria Alessi - Lancaster, CA
Karen and Barry Alexander - Austin, TX
Barbara and William Anderson - Aurora, CO
Phyllis Appleby - Franklin, TN
Sally and Charles Archer - Post Falls, ID
Patty Atkinson ('95) - Agoura Hills, CA
Jane and W. David Baird - Malibu, CA
Gay and Bill (MA '94) Banowsky - Dallas, TX
Tali Barbarick ('01) - Abilene, TX
Sharon ('94, MDR '01) and Alan ('94, MPP '99) Beard - Thousand Oaks, CA
Robert Belvile - Morgantown, NC
Norma and Homer Benson - Rocklin, CA
Debbi and Andy Benton - Malibu, CA
Ann and Don Berryhill - Jackson, MS
Ed Biggers - Tucson, AZ
Mary Jo and Robert Biggers - Indio, CA
Sharon and David Biggers - Lantana, TX
Whitney Wall ('02, MA '05) and Brennan ('04) Bortz - Blacksburg, VA
Sheila and Tom Bost - Santa Monica, CA
Alice and Vernon Boyd - Southfield, MI
Don Brandt - Nampa, ID
Gail Brisco - Gardena, CA
Billie Brister - Phoenix, AZ
Mary ('86) and Geoff Britton - New Hope, Uganda
Holly and Alan (ID '95) Brown - Midland, TX
Lois and Ken Brown - Redwood City, CA
Jan and Jim Browning - Albuquerque, NM
Karen and Howard Bryant - Royal Oak, MI
Rubia Byrd - Tallahassee, FL
Patsy and James Clark - Arnold, CA
Stephanie and Steve Codara - Garland, TX
Ashley ('06) and Clay ('06) Cogman - Newport Beach, CA
Susie and Don Cogman - Scottsdale, AZ
Mary Conners - Los Olivos, CA
Anne and Ken Cope - Neosho, MO
Diane and Mike Cope - Abilene, TX
Lauren Costantino ('97) - Malibu, CA
Barbara and Paul Covey - Stockton, CA
Winifred Cross ('46, MA '76) - La Mesa, CA
Kym ('03, MBA '08) and Matt ('04, MPP '08, JD '08) Dildine - Fresno, CA
Allyson and Edward Dunagan - Coppell, TX
Doreen and Geoffrey Ellis - Waterloo, ON, Canada
Marjorie Evans - Stockton, CA
Barbara and H.L. Farrell - Georgetown, TX
Gladys and Paul Faulkner - Driftwood, TX
Laura Fehlbaum ('10) - Calabasas, CA
Cheryl and Anthony Fischetto - Shillington, PA
Harry R. Fox, Jr. (44, MA '49) - Orem, UT
Robert L. “Bob” Fraley - Bay City, TX
Anne and Loyd Frasher - Malibu, CA
Linda and John ('63, MA '68) Free - Meridian, ID
Mary and Bill ('51, MA '58) Free - Caldwell, ID
Bobbie C. Fry ('42) - Memphis, TN
Connie and Terry Gardner - Indianapolis, IN
Sue and David Gaylor - Antioch, TN
Susan Giboney ('62) - Malibu, CA
Agnes and Rick (MBA '09) Gibson - Malibu, CA
Randy Gill - Lawrenceville, GA
Bill Goad - Edmond, OK
Carol and Fred Gray - Tuskegee, AL
Phyllis and Ken (MBA '83) Green - Oakhurst, CA
Darlene ('62) and Orval Gruwell - Peoria, AZ
Karen and Todd Hall - Newberg, OR
Marie Hall (in memoriam)
Maurice Hall - Whittier, CA
Carleen and Lynn Hamm - Hillsboro, OR
Terry and Steve Hanger - Roswell, GA
Alice Harper - Lancaster, CA
Jolene ('60) and Dillard Harwell - La Mesa, CA
Cheryl Jane Hedrick - Albuquerque, NM
Patty and Bill Henegar - Westlake Village, CA
Sharon and Richard Henegar - La Mesa, CA
Laureen and Ron Henegar - Temecula, CA
Susan and Brad ('78) Henegar - Temecula, CA
Liz and Keith (JD '97) Hinkle - Westlake Village, CA
Bonnie and Robert Hooper - Nashville, TN - Little Rock, AR
Janice and Allen Houtz - Kenai, AK
Ileen and Everett Huffard - Memphis, TN
Carolyn and Lanny Hunter - Malibu, CA
Sara ('74) and Sam ('75) Jackson - Westlake Village, CA
Shelley Jacobs - Regina, SK, Canada
Kim and Johnny Johnson - Nashville, AR
The Johnston Family - Denver, CO - State College, PA - St. Louis, MO
Alison Jolliff ('84) - Simi Valley, CA
June Kames ('51) - Oceanside, CA
Patricia Kenney - Malibu, CA
Vickie ('93) and Dan ('85, MS '08, MDIV '11) Knight - Olathe, KS
Evelyn and Victor Knowles - Joplin, MO
Joan Koonz - Allyn, WA
Taylor Kruse ('10) - Calabasas, CA
Kim ('88, MS '91) and Scott ('85, MS '90) Lambert - El Segundo, CA
Margaret R. Lambert - Newton, KS
Lea and Jerry Lawlis - Amarillo, TX
Emily (’67, MA ’74) and Steve (’66, MA ’70) Lemley - Westlake Village, CA
Marina Long - Abilene, TX
Jane E. Lord (MA ’74) - Remington, IN
Rhonda (’75) and Randy (’74, MA ’77) Lowry - Nashville, TN
Max Lucado - San Antonio, TX
Iona Mayville - Oak Park, CA
Dena and Ted McAllister - Moorpark, CA
Anita McFarland - Pike Road, AL
Betty S. McKeen - Okanogan, WA
Birt and Jack McKinzie - Chowchilla, CA
Scott McNichols - Chicago, IL
Barbara and Jim McCormick - Springfield, IL
Joy and Lynn McMillion - Oklahoma City, OK
Carol and Larry McNutt - Thousand Oaks, CA
Sara Meadows (’64) - Sao Paulo, Brazil
Gladys and Ken Merritt - Ancarpenter, WA
Joella and Jacob Michael - Agoura Hills, CA
Lee and Don Michalak - Medford, OR
Bonnie Miller (’69, MS ’01) - Vancouver, WA
Patricia and Richard Miller - Yuma, AZ
Barbara Mills - Woodland, CA
Pat Miners - Las Vegas, NV
Mission Resource Network - Bedford, TX
Frankie and Carl (’49, MA ’63) Mitchell - Searcy, AR
Marnie and Tom Mitze - Malibu, CA
JoAnn Mock - Biggers, AR
Carol Morehead (’86) - Austin, TX
Elizabeth and Jim Morgan - Tallahassee, FL
Suzanne and Robert Morris - South Orange, NJ
Tara (’94, MS ’00) and Jeff (’95, MA ’97) Morrow - Westlake Village, CA
Shiro Obata - Gunma, Japan
Dorothy and Tom Olbricht - South Berwick, ME
Nancy (’02) and Mike O’Neal - Oklahoma City, OK
Peace on Earth Ministries - Joplin, MO
Lou Phillips - Edmond, OK
Jerry Pollard - Stockton, CA
Lela and Jim Porter - Abilene, TX
Patricia and Les Porter - Mercer Island, WA
Edna (MDR ’98) and Carlton (MBA ’01) Powell - Oak Park, CA
Claudia Arnold Preston - Newbury Park, CA
Karen and Roger Pritchett - Little Rock, AR
Provost’s Office - Pepperdine University
Jan and Robert (MA ’65) Randolph - Rockport, MA
Gerene and Donald Raney - Georgetown, TX
Red River Family Encampment, Inc. - Amarillo, TX
Mary Alice and Tom Reed - Chino, CA
Joy (’83) and David (’85) Rhoades - Thousand Oaks, CA
Mildred T. Rochelle (42, MS ’77) - Bend, OR
Jeanette Rodriguez (’77) - Malibu, CA
Tari (’76) and Joe (’76) Rokus - Arcadia, CA
Amy Jo (’00) and Charles Runnels - Pacific Palisades, CA
Hilary Rushford (’02) - Brooklyn, NY
Lori Rushford - Oak Park, CA
Mark Rushford - Santa Fe, NM
Marilyn and Leon Sanderson - Collierville, TN
Claudia Sangster (’76) - Malibu, CA
Pamela (’77) and John Sebourn - Manhattan Beach, CA
Sierra Madre Church of Christ - Sierra Madre, CA
Patricia Sime (’51) - Mars Hill, NC
Carol (’72) and Nick (’73) Smith - Stockton, CA
Cynthia (’72) and Dan (’74) Smith - Coto De Caza, CA
Linda and Fred Smith - Los Angeles, CA
Shon Smith - Aurora, IL
Sonia Sorrell and John Elliott - Lake Arrowhead, CA
Linda and Carl Stem - Overland Park, KS
Deidra and Greg (MA ’80 Sterling - Granger, IN
Bill Stevens - Atherton, CA
Terry and Randy Stewart - Prosper, TX
Sandy (’76) and Chris (’76, MBA ’81, EDD ’03) Stivers - Agoura, CA
Clinton L. Storm (’64) - Atwater, CA
Pam and Gregg (MS ’90) Straw - Corvallis, OR
Joy Swift - Palo Alto, CA
Barbara Taylor - Memphis, TN
Sheryl Jolee Thayer - Oakdale, NY
Kaneth Thomas - Westlake Village, CA
Anne and Darryl Tippens - Malibu, CA
Glenna and Tom Trimble - Scottsdale, AZ
Joyce Trimmer - Liberty Township, OH
Lynn and Charles Tucker - Newport News, VA
Paulette and James Walker - Oak Park, CA
Cathryn and Jeff Walling - Charlotte, NC
Vesta Warden - Palm Springs, CA
Cheryl and Mike Warder - Malibu, CA
Jerry A. Washam (’50) - Kirkland, WA
Benjamin P. White (MA ’67) - Macon, GA
Hattie Wiggins - Oxnard, CA
Gail (MA ’05) and Jim (MBA ’82) Willumb - Malibu, CA
Barbara and Rich Wilkes - Irvine, CA
Don R. Williams - Cyril, OK
Wylene and Bennie Williams - Salado, TX
Tami and Jack (MDV ’99) Williamson - Thousand Oaks, CA
Gary R. Willis - Midland, TX
Claudette and John Wilson - Malibu, CA
Morris Womack (in memoriam)
Betty and Larry (MS ’03) Woodard - Meridian, ID
Louine and Jim Woodroof - Searcy, AR
Bridge (’99) and Tadd (’00) Wooton - Simi Valley, CA
Melinda and David Worley - Austin, TX
Patti Yomantas - Thousand Oaks, CA
Helen Young (’39) - Malibu, CA
From the Desk of Mike Cope

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
Director of Ministry Outreach
Pepperdine University
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.”
