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**PEPPERDINE HONORS THOMAS H. OLBRICHT
AT THE CHRISTIAN SCHOLARS' CONFERENCE**

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Pepperdine hosts Christian Scholars' Conference with Theme of "Science, Theology, and the Academy"

By Jay Brewster

The scenic campus of Pepperdine University was the site of the 31st annual Christian Scholars' Conference. From June 16-18, the conference hosted over 500 attendees representing 90 academic institutions. Conference attendees engaged in scholarly dialogue centered upon "The Path of Discovery: Science, Theology, and the Academy." Andrew Benton offered a special welcome to conference attendees "whose presentations will encourage a bold discussion of the impact of scientific discovery on the often challenging and provocative topic of faith and science."

During this year's conference, the CSC advisory board announced changing the conference name to the Thomas H. Olbricht Christian Scholars' Conference. Professor Olbricht has played a prominent role in developing and strengthening this conference into a notable scholarly gathering. Chair of the CSC advisory board, David Fleeer, noted that Olbricht, "has long embodied the highest academic and collegial standards that this university, and the conference he founded, deem most essential." At a special CSC banquet held during the conference, Pepperdine President Andrew Benton conferred an honorary doctorate upon Professor Olbricht (see cover photo). Olbricht has retired from Pepperdine University and now holds the title Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Conference highlights for 2011 include keynote addresses by Dr. Francis Collins and Reverend Sir John Polkinghorne, two accomplished scientists who have written extensively on the subject of faith and science.

Francis Collins is a respected geneticist and biomedical researcher, having discovered the genetic mutation responsible for cystic fibrosis. He is the former director of the Human Genome Project, current director of the National Institutes of Health, and author of best selling book *The Language of God* (2006). In his plenary address (see photo insert), Collins discussed his personal story of conversion from atheism to Christianity, and how science has informed his faith.



Francis Collins speaking in Elkins Auditorium

John Polkinghorne delivered a powerful plenary address entitled "The Quest for Truth in Science and Theology." Polkinghorne is noted as being an accomplished mathematical physicist, who in 1979 resigned his faculty position at Cambridge University to pursue theological studies. He has authored over 20 books on the topic of faith and science, and is a well-respected theologian. The last line of Polkinghorne's address to conference attendees offers a wonderful summary of content in the 2011 conference; "Theology rightly takes its place as an essential element in the great human quest for truthful understanding attained through scrupulous assessment of experience, and so it is rightly represented in the spectrum of enquiry of a true university."

In June 2012, the conference will return to Lipscomb University in Nashville, the primary host for the conference for the past several years.

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Thomas H. Olbricht, Distinguished Professor Emeritus and former chair of the Religion Division for 10 years (1986-1996) at Pepperdine, was honored by the university with an honorary doctorate on June 17, 2011, during the annual Christian Scholars' Conference. Presenting the special award was President Andrew K. Benton and assisting with the hooding of the candidate was Olbricht's friend and colleague, John F. Wilson, the former dean of Seaver College at Pepperdine University.

TEEN CAMP

Oregon's Faith Quest Celebrates 25 Years at Camp Yamhill

By Bonnie Miller

In the fall of 1984, two youth ministers in the Portland metropolitan area began praying together for an opportunity to stretch and nurture the teens in their respective youth groups. They recognized that youth ministry in the Northwest was different than ministry in the Bible belt, the eastern seaboard or even California. Even the teens were different.



Aerial view of Camp Yamhill in Yamhill, Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest was a mission field and the teens here were eager to share their faith. They just needed a venue where they could have a heart-to-heart talk with their unchurched friends. Greg Woods, youth minister at the Metro Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon, and Drew Brown, youth minister at the Vancouver, Washington, Church of Christ, came up with an idea where those conversations could take place. After three years of praying and planning, Faith Quest was born in 1987.

Held over the Labor Day weekend

at Camp Yamhill, about 60 miles west of Portland, the event was billed as *not* for every teen. While those entering 7th grade through college were eligible, youth ministers were urged to only bring mature teens who would be able to handle a rigorous, intense weekend. That first year was an experiment. With

no pre-registration, Woods and Brown weren't even sure anyone would show up. But that Friday evening in September, 280 teenagers and chaperones drove through the wooded Coast Range mountains to the church camp, coming from British Columbia, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California. Nine would go home on Monday having been baptized into Christ.

Since that meager start Faith Quest has continued each Labor Day weekend and will celebrate its 25th anniversary this September. Attendance has averaged 450 with a high of more than 600. It became such a popular event that the campground was unable to handle the large numbers and limitations had to be enacted. Eligibility was raised to allow only those entering 8th through 12th grade. Many high school graduates now come as chaperones because they want to continue being part of the weekend. Pre-registration must be completed by Aug. 15 after which applicants are placed on a waiting list in case of a cancellation.

A few years into the program, a discount was offered to those who pre-registered before July 15 in order to plan for port-a-potties and army tents



A baptism in the Yamhill River during Faith Quest.

to be rented to accommodate the large number of attendees. The host teens from Metro and Vancouver consider it an honor to be the ones to sleep in the tents or the "pole barn" instead of a cabin. However, with recent construction at the camp it is no longer necessary to rent tents. Many teens will still have to sleep on a mattress on the floor of a cabin however.

Faith Quest is more than a youth rally. There is virtually no free time but instead the weekend is packed with keynote lectures, worship, and classes. Using a different theme each year, the camp has been turned into everything from a dinosaur infested jungle to a medieval festival. Some years the Olympic Games were used as the theme while others featured a western adventure or a fairy tale. However, the emphasis has always been about taking the Gospel of Christ to the lost.

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Greg Woods speaking in the amphitheater.

PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

Four Days in the Psalms: The Impact of the Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures

By Jerry Rushford

"We hope you will feel at home at Pepperdine" wrote President Andy Benton as he welcomed guests to the 68th annual Bible Lectures, "and we trust you will enjoy the wonder of God's earth that He so beautifully displays on the mountains above the sea in Malibu. He has given us this lovely campus to use to His glory. And we encourage you to come before our reigning Lord – in joyful assembly with many of His children – to seek a new depth of understanding of Him and a more profound expression of praise to the One who made us, who loves us and who wants us to know Him intimately."

He concluded this welcome by saying: "May these special days prepare you to thrive and to serve more

fully in the power of praise, because of God's steadfast love." Judging from the letters and emails that were sent to Pepperdine following the Bible Lectures, this year's program was one of the most meaningful in the history of this annual event. "As always, the Pepperdine lectureship experience is unmatched in terms of both information and inspiration" affirmed a church leader from a southern state. "This year's theme of the Psalms gave a dimension of reflection and an opportunity for self-analysis that we don't always get."

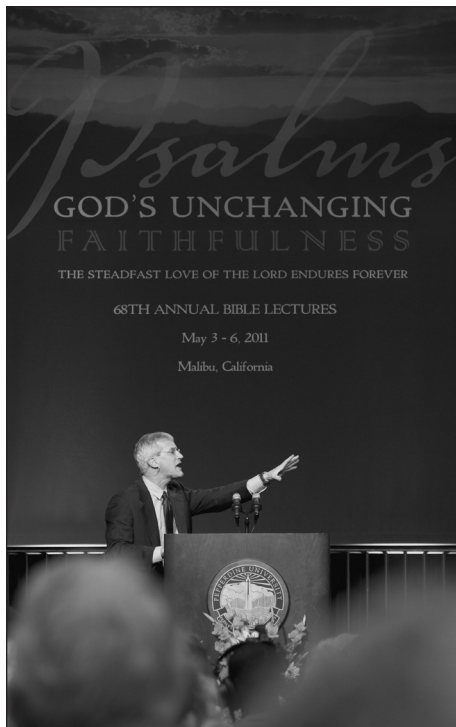
"Words will not do justice for the joy, happiness, and spiritual growth we have experienced from attending this year's lecture series," enthused a preacher from eastern Canada. "Every year is the same . . . awesome, uplifting, encouraging, challenging, Jesus centered, and Spirit led. You give us each and every year, fresh vision, and optimism to help us on our faith walk. Thank you for helping me in my walk with God." A regular attendee from Alaska agreed and wrote: "I have come to realize that Pepperdine means more to me than I will ever be able to express. The consistent high quality classes and overall agenda have

provided the exact focus and renewal I have needed year by year."

A visitor from Texas exclaimed "You have developed a truly Global Lectureship." A missionary talked about his experiences at a dinner on opening night and said: "I had short conversations with national evangelists from Senegal and The Gambia, with church leaders from Greece, and with Christians from Rwanda and New Zealand . . . this is why we and thousands of church leaders come to Pepperdine."

A preacher from California wrote: "Thank you for putting such emphasis on the activity of the church worldwide, and for bringing church leaders to us from around the world. Thank you for helping us see and have fellowship with the breadth of our fellowship." "The Africans greatly enjoyed the fellowship and in a sense the invitation to join the global church" observed a longtime missionary to Africa. "This was true of not only the Africans, but the other internationals we were able to meet."

A preacher from New England was grateful for "much singing that broke the crust of my hard heart, and for the first time in my walk with God, I got



Don McLaughlin preaches on closing night.



The Hallal singers lead the crowd in joyful singing on the closing night in Firestone Fieldhouse.

lost in worship to God." A guest from Florida was "amazed at how many young guys were speaking out there." He wrote: "It really gives me a sense of hope to see God using people young and old to advance His kingdom." A church leader from Nebraska added: "But what meant the most to me was seeing people I haven't seen in a while. It helped me to realize the greatness of God's kingdom." A preacher from Arizona affirmed: "I do not think there was a single moment at Pepperdine that was not a blessing."

A preacher from Alabama declared: "I just wanted to let you know I thought this year's lecturership was fantastic. I brought one of my shepherds with me this year and he was blessed tremendously as well." A church leader from Texas reported: "One of the extra blessings this year was bringing a friend and brother in Christ who is a member of the church I preach for. This person has been going through some difficult times and the Bible Lectures proved to be an encouragement and an experience of God's grace to him."

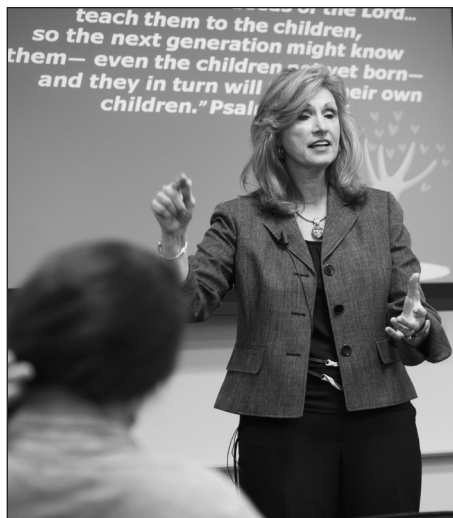
"It would be hard to imagine a better 4-day experience than what was provided in Malibu" wrote a guest from North Carolina. "Great keynote messages, more classes than one can possibly attend, plentiful, economical food and housing, inspiring acapella music, and the most beautiful campus." "I left Malibu Saturday with a heart full of hope and gratitude," reflected a church leader from Tennessee. "I've never been more proud and honored to be a part of the Churches of Christ."

"My favorite part of Pepperdine every year isn't on the schedule," wrote a church leader from Texas. "It's the meals. One of the ways that the authors of Scripture talk about the New Heavens and the New Earth is a table. It's people gathered around a meal, laughing, sharing memories and life together. That's the best part of this week for me. The teaching times are great, they inspire and motivate me. But there is something about those meals that feed my soul."

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The Reseda Gospel Choir performs in Smothers Theatre on opening night.



Joneal Kirby talks about women's ministries.



Chris Smith preaches on opening night.



Children from the "Making Waves" childcare program sing on closing night in Firestone.

TRIBUTE

Honoring God's Servants

By Joella Michael

Christians from over 30 nations participated in the Pepperdine Bible Lectures in 2011. From this great cloud of witnesses attending the event, it was a privilege to honor a few of them for their distinguished Christian service.

Wilson and Kristen Parrish from the Sherwood Community Church of Christ in Oregon were honored at the Associated Women for Pepperdine dinner on Tuesday evening with AWP's 2011 Christian Service Award.

On Wednesday morning, **Carisse Berryhill** of Abilene, Texas was honored for her dedicated work as a respected librarian and historian of the Stone-Campbell Movement. **Oleksandr (Sasha) and Viktoriya (Vika) Prokopchuk** of Donetsk, Ukraine, were honored in Firestone Fieldhouse for their ministries, which have led to the establishing of about 300 Churches of Christ in Ukraine.

During lunch on Wednesday, the *Christian Chronicle* recognized **Dan and Katherine Cooper** of Pitman, New Jersey, for over 35 years of faithful ministry with churches in southern New Jersey.

An appreciation dinner was held on Wednesday evening for **Gail and Caroline Hopkins** of Vienna, West Virginia, in honor of their devotion to the Church and as beloved friends of Christian education.

Douglas and Margaret Boateng of Accra, Ghana, were honored in the Fieldhouse on Wednesday evening for their work with Churches of Christ in Ghana, Togo, Senegal, The Gambia, and Equatorial Guinea.

21st Century Christian and *Power for Today*, at their Thursday luncheon, honored **Darryl Tippens**, provost of Pepperdine University for his authoring of significant Christian books and his tireless dedication to the cause of Christian education.



Mary & Billy Curl
Los Angeles, California



Caroline & Gail Hopkins
Vienna, West Virginia



Viktoriya (Vika) & Oleksandr (Sasha) Prokopchuk and their children (l to r) Vanya and Masha.
Donetsk, Ukraine

On Friday morning in the Fieldhouse, **Charles and Darlene Coulston** of Nairobi, Kenya, were honored for their years of service with the Made in the Streets ministry in Kenya.

Victor Knowles from Joplin, Missouri, was honored in Firestone on Friday for his work as a church historian and for editing *One Body* magazine for more than 25 years.

Terry Gardner of Indianapolis, Indiana, was recognized at the *Restoration Quarterly* luncheon for his work as a church historian and for compiling and preserving historical materials

related to the Churches of Christ.

The Church Leaders Council luncheon provided the perfect setting to honor **Tim and Roxanne Kelley** of Chico, California, for their service as ministers with Churches of Christ in Morro Bay, Camarillo, and Chico for nearly 40 years.

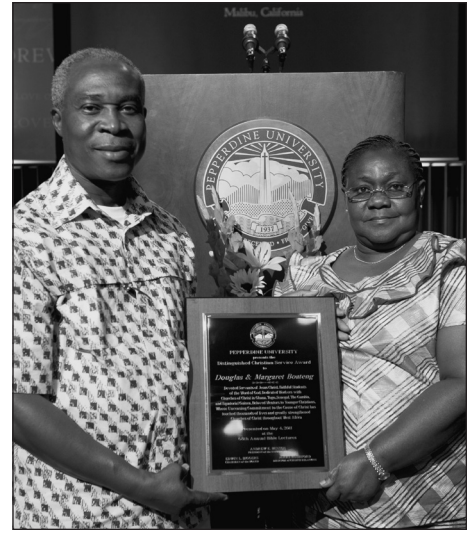
Thursday evening's dinner was a special time to recognize **Billy and Mary Curl** of Los Angeles, California, for their faithful service with Crenshaw Church of Christ for 40 years, and for their unceasing commitment to the cause of Christ.



Carisse Berryhill
Abilene, Texas



Charles & Darlene Coulston
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa



Douglas & Margaret Boateng
Accra, Ghana, Africa



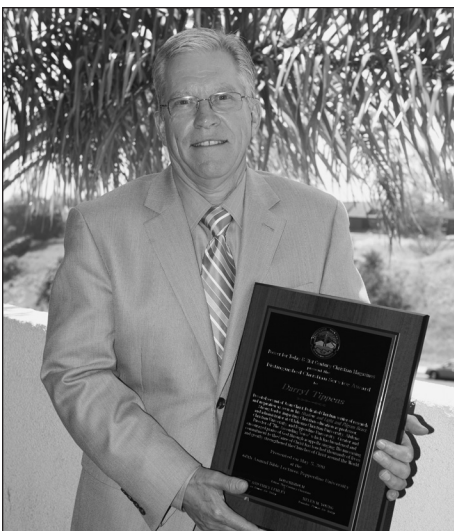
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Tim & Roxanne Kelley
Chico, California



Darryl Tippens
Malibu, California



Terry Gardner
Indianapolis, Indiana



Victor Knowles
Joplin, Missouri

SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Billy and Mary Curl enjoy seeing friends at their Appreciation Dinner.



Motoyuki Nomura describes his ministries in Korea and Japan.



Taking a break between classes.



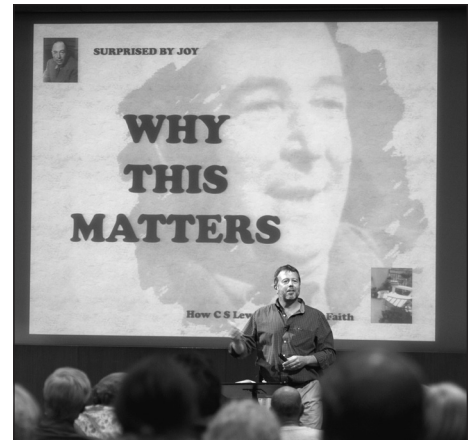
Pepperdine students playing with children.



A family enjoys eating their lunch outdoors.



Browsing for books in the display area.



Gary Selby recalls the impact of C. S. Lewis.

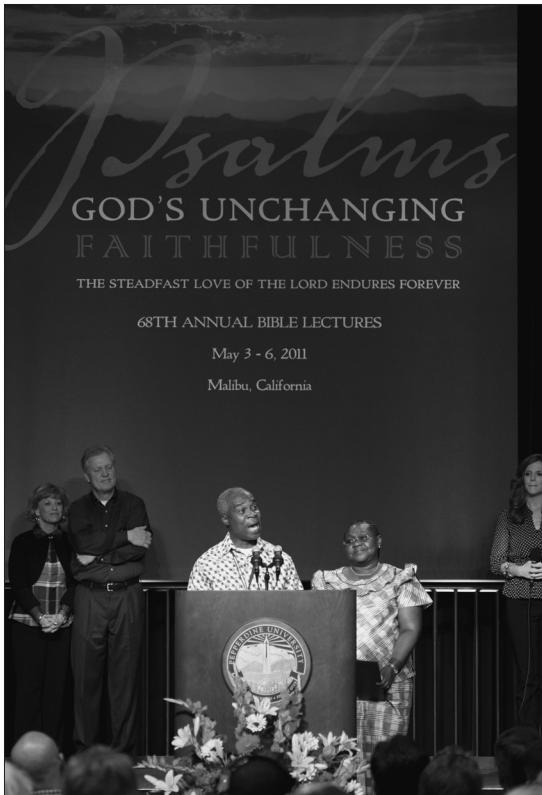


During the four-day event, large crowds assembled for the main sessions in Firestone Fieldhouse.



A daily class meets in Stauffer Chapel.

68TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



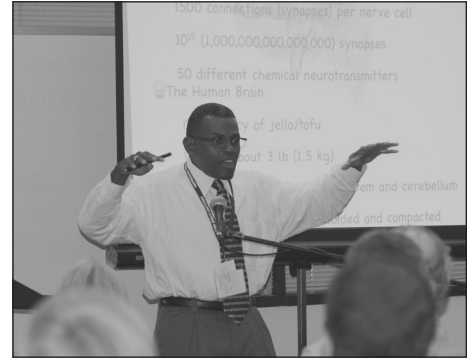
The Boatengs from Africa accepting their award.



Linda Smith teaches about "Close Encounters of the Divine Kind."



Trying to choose the next class.



Dwayne Simmons on science and faith.



Dr. Amanda Madrid discusses medical missions.



Tomás Allen translates into Spanish.



The Town Square saw sunny days all week.



Josh Graves preaches from Psalm 100.



Mike Cope talks about his daughter and his new book, *Megan's Secrets*.

Ligon's Portraiture of Gospel Preachers

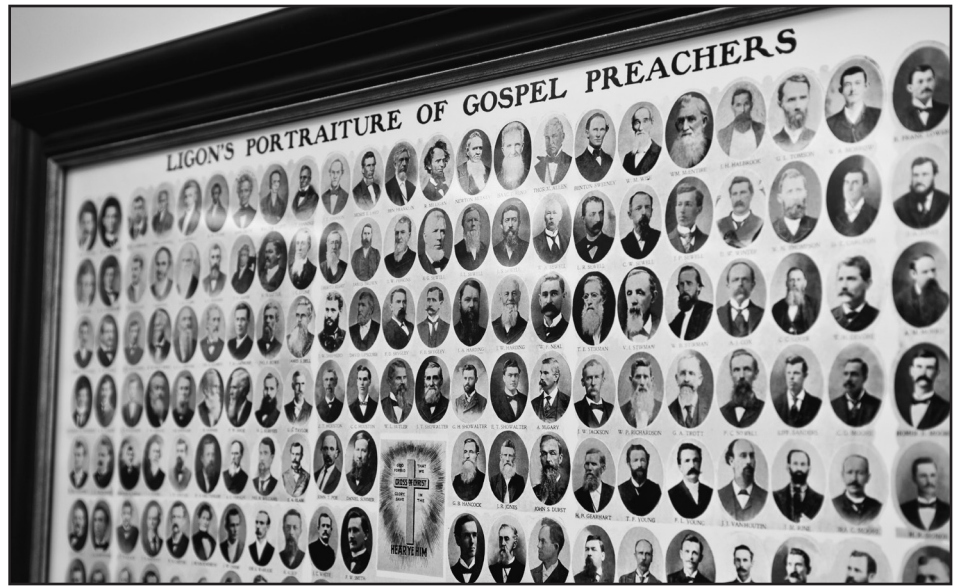
By Terry Gardner

The love of history usually begins with a mystery. In 1976 when I first gazed upon a copy of Ligon's Portraiture there were many mysteries. Who were the 260 men featured? Who was Ligon? Why go to so much trouble to create, market, and sell the Portraiture? How much did the Portraiture sell for? These mysteries fueled a passion in me to find answers. Over time I learned much about Ligon and his men but here is an intriguing question that remains . . . who was W. M. King and what happened to him? Above King's portrait are the words, "A Martyr for Christ." The story that follows is a small part of the story of Ligon and his Portraiture of Gospel Preachers. What mystery does it hold for you?

The First Edition (1899)

"We have received from Bro. D. S. Ligon," the 1899 *Christian Leader* announced, "one of his charts, size 24 by 30 inches, containing the portraits of 196 gospel preachers. It is a beautiful work of art, each portrait having the name of the preacher printed beneath it. Next to seeing a preacher or writer who has labored faithfully in the cause of Christ, we like to have a good portrait of him. The early reformers are also given, and others who have crossed over, but most of the likenesses are of those among the living. The price of the chart is \$2, and can be obtained by addressing D. S. Ligon, Krum, Texas." The Portraiture was printed by the Chicago Photo-Engraving Company.

David Sylvester Ligon (1866-1956) was an itinerant preacher who "never served as a local evangelist." He traveled the country preaching, debating, writing, and producing unusual items including a 20-by-21 inch chromograph titled the "Two Ways Of Life" and a professionally printed Bible



A copy of Ligon's Portraiture, measuring two feet by three feet, is now displayed in the new Churches of Christ Heritage Center in Payson Library. See also the Portraiture on the back cover.

chart titled "The Divine Library." He sold these items, as well as post cards, poems and pictures with Bible themes for a modest profit. By 1907 Ligon was selling copies of his Portraiture for a discount at 75 cents each.

Upon receiving a copy of Ligon's work, Alfred Ellmore mused in the *Gospel Advocate*, "When I gaze upon Brother Ligon's portraiture of gospel preachers I am struck with the amount, and the diversified talents, which those one hundred and ninety-six men possess; and the question forces itself upon me: How many of these talents lie buried in the earth? What a power if each one would rise up and use all the talents he has!"

The Second Edition (1901)

In spite of unsold copies of his 1899 Portraiture, Ligon upgraded his work in 1901 by adding photographs of sixty-four additional preachers for a total of 260. Ligon added two new columns of photos to each side and one row to the bottom of his 1899 production.

In 1901 Texas editor, Thomas R. Burnett wrote, "We have received from Bro. D. S. Ligon a copy of his map of preachers' pictures. He has added sixty-four new portraits, which makes

two hundred and sixty pictures on the map. It is an entertaining study, to any person who can read character from faces, to sit down and spend an hour looking over this group of preachers. In a nice frame, it makes an elegant ornament for the parlor. The price is \$2."

The Third Edition (1966)

In 1966, Cecil Willis, editor of *Truth Magazine*, brought forth a new edition of Ligon's that was 15-by-21 inches. This edition was a smaller reprint of the 1901 edition. The July 1966 issue of *Truth Magazine* offered to send readers a free copy of this "rare reprint" of Ligon's Portraiture in exchange for two new subscriptions.

The Fourth Edition (2000)

In 2000, I borrowed an original of the 1901 edition. A full size reproduction was made on high quality paper correcting some spelling errors. Only fifty copies (at \$50 each) of this edition were produced. A copy of this edition hangs near the entrance to Pepperdine University's Churches of Christ Heritage Center. Ligon's work and name continue to live on asking us if our talents lie buried in the earth or are they shining like a city set upon a hill?

HERITAGE CENTER

A Call for Historic Photographs

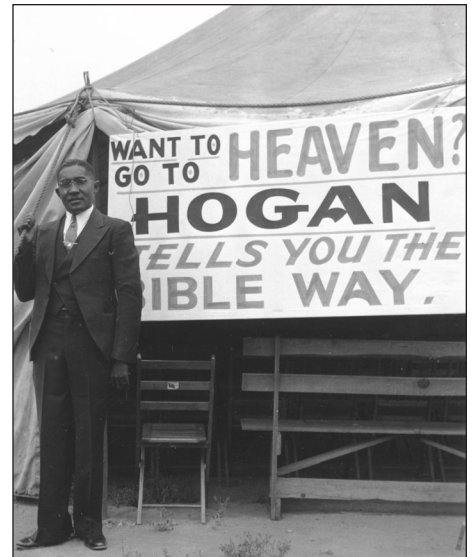
The Churches of Christ Heritage Center at Pepperdine University was dedicated on Tuesday evening, May 4, 2010. The Heritage Center is located on the second floor of Payson Library, and it is designed to be a repository of archival materials related to the Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

In the first 15 months of operation, the Heritage Center has received voluntary donations of a wide variety of books, documents, church records, hymnals, congregational histories, Christian periodicals, biographical

studies, diaries, photographs, personal papers, and artifacts.

The Heritage Center is dedicated to the acquisition and preservation of these materials, and to the promotion of research related to the Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

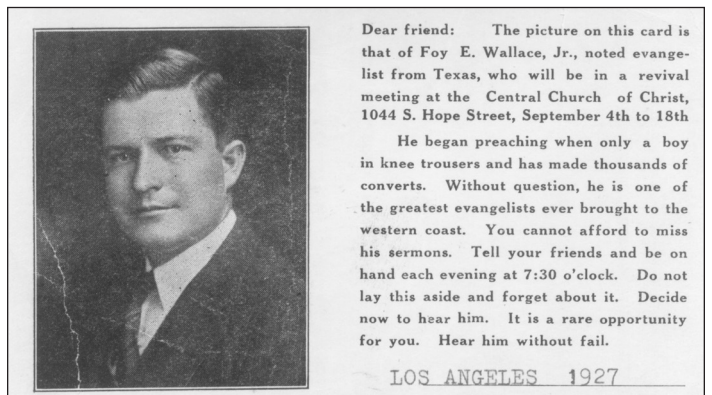
The Heritage Center is interested in receiving historic photographs. In this issue of PCN, we are publishing five examples of historic photographs to encourage our readers to do an inventory of old photographs in their possession. If you have historic photographs that you would be willing to donate to the Heritage Center, please call (310) 383-0620 or send an email to jerry.rushford@pepperdine.edu



Richard Nathaniel Hogan preparing to preach in a gospel tent meeting in the 1930's.



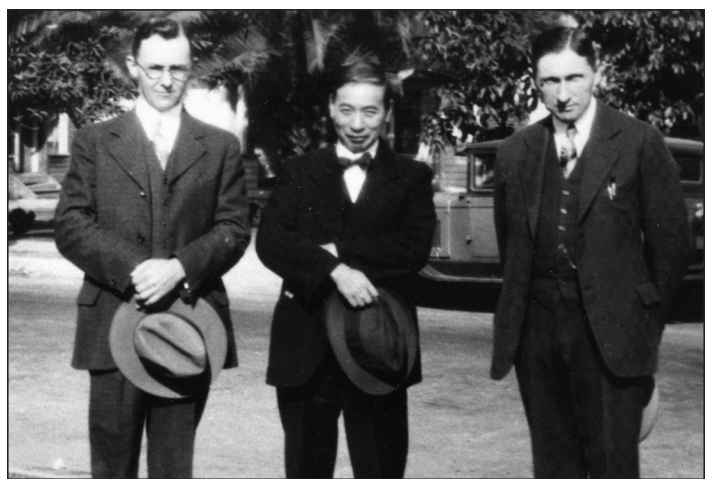
Santa Rosa Christian Academy in Santa Rosa, California, in the school year of 1926-1927. The principal, O.W. Gardner, is in the lower middle.



The Central Church of Christ in Los Angeles used this photo postcard to advertise their revival meeting with Foy E. Wallace, Jr. in 1927.



The Church of Christ in the Ventura County town of Casitas Springs, near Ojai, assembled for this photo on a Sunday morning in 1955.



Donald Miller (l) and George Pepperdine (r) with Hirotsuke Ishiguro, the preacher for the Japanese Church of Christ in Los Angeles around 1930.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

By Joella Michael

David Baird, dean emeritus of Seaver College, participated in the Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine University in June.

Andy Benton, Pepperdine president, preached for Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield on January 23.

Christopher Chesnutt, graduate student in the Religion Division, preached in the spring semester for the Pasadena Church of Christ, the Los Altos Church of Christ in Long Beach on January 9, the Indio Church of Christ on January 30, and the Chula Vista Church of Christ on February 20. Beginning in September, he will serve as the interim preaching minister through May 2012 for the Pasadena Church of Christ.

Randy Chesnutt, professor of Religion, preached for Ventura Church of Christ on February 6.

Ronald Cox, associate professor of Religion, is preaching weekly through the summer for the Culver Palms Church of Christ. He also preached monthly for the Sierra Madre congregation in winter and spring and is scheduled to do so again in the fall.

Dyron Daugherty, assistant professor of Religion, preached regularly at the Pasadena Church of Christ during 2011. In April he spoke at a conference at Baylor dealing with the history of the King James Version of the Bible. In May he taught a course on "History of Missions" at Abilene Christian University. In July Dyron was the featured speaker for the "Spiritual Emphasis Week" at Union Biblical Seminary in Pune, Maharashtra, India. While in India he also provided lectures for a preacher training school in Kozhikode, Kerala.

Richard Dawson, director of International Student Services, preached for the Simi Church of Christ on February 6.

Kindalee Pfremer DeLong, assistant professor of Religion, spoke at the Manhattan Church of Christ Women's Retreat, January 14-16 and at

the Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine University in June.

Farrell Gean, associate professor of Accounting, preached for Santa Barbara Church of Christ on January 30 and for Fillmore Church of Christ on February 13.

Susan Giboney, retired professor of Education, presented at the Women's Symposium at the Figueroa Church of Christ in January. She began teaching a series for the Women's Prison in Encinal Canyon in February, and taught at the University Church of Christ women's retreat in March. In May, Susan taught classes for the Pepperdine Bible Lectures and for the Family of Faith Conference directed by Pepperdine's Boone Center for the Family.

Ron Highfield, professor of Religion, preached for Magnolia Center Church of Christ at Riverside on January 30.

Bernard James, professor in the School of Law, preached for Camarillo Church of Christ on February 27.

John Jones, associate professor of Communication, preached for the Sierra Madre Church of Christ June 5, August 7, and September 4, and for North County Church of Christ on February 27.

Terence Kite, associate professor of Physics, preached for Churches of Christ in San Luis Obispo on January 9, Taft on January 16, San Clemente on January 23, and Lompoc on January 30. He preached for the LaHabra Church of Christ on February 6 and Santa Paula Church of Christ on February 13. He also preached for the South County Church in San Clemente and for the Van Nuys Church of Christ in May.

David Lemley, Pepperdine University Chaplain, will be teaching classes on worship renewal at the ACU Summit in September.

Steven Lemley, associate professor of Communication, preached on January 16 for the Inland Valley Church of Christ in Ontario and preached

for the Glendale Church of Christ on February 6.

Rich Little, adjunct professor of Religion and minister of University Church of Christ, was a keynote speaker at SpiritFest Youth Conference in Duluth, Minnesota, February 4-6, at the Whippany Church of Christ Outreach Workshop in New Jersey, May 13-15, and at Bammel Church of Christ Teen Summer Series in Houston, Texas on August 8. He traveled with the Let's Start Talking Ministries for a mission trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand, May 30-June 7. Rich also participated in the Pepperdine Bible Lectures in May and the Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine University in June.

D'Esta Love, chaplain emeritus, conducted a marriage seminar with her husband, Stuart, for the Manhattan Church of Christ in New York, February 12-13. She also preached for the Manhattan Church on February 13.

Stuart Love, professor of Religion, conducted a marriage seminar with his wife, D'Esta, for the Manhattan Church of Christ in New York, February 12-13. He also participated in the Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine, June 16-18.

Rick Marrs, dean of Seaver College, preached for Redlands Church of Christ on January 9. Rick will be a theme speaker at the ACU Summit in September.

Michael Murrie, professor of Telecommunications, preached for Tulare Church of Christ on January 9.

Daniel Rodriguez, associate professor of Religion, preached and conducted a preaching seminar for three congregations in Beijing, China on April 17. Dan preached for Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara on May 15 and for Hollywood Church of Christ on June 19. On July 3 he preached for the Iglesia de Cristo en Hidden Valley, Houston, Texas, and on July 24/31 he preached for the Iglesia de Cristo en Puebla, Mexico. He will be a theme speaker at the ACU

Summit in September, and he will be a theme speaker at the Global Missions Conference in the Dallas-Fort Worth area in October.

Jerry Rushford, professor of Religion and director of Church Relations, preached for Churches of Christ in Odessa, Missouri, and Overland Park, Kansas, April 3, Boise, Idaho, April 17, and Kirkby, England, May 22, and he will preach for Churches of Christ in Lincoln, Nebraska, September 11, and Oxford, Mississippi, September 25. He led a "History of Hymns" tour to England and Scotland in May, and in June he taught classes at the Red River Family Encampment in New Mexico and at Summer Celebration in Nashville. He will speak to the Board of Trustees of Lipscomb University at their spiritual retreat in Florence, Alabama, August 5-6, and he will teach classes for the ACU Summit September 19-20.

Gary Selby, director of the Center for Faith and Learning and professor of Communication, preached for Hilltop Church of Christ in El Segundo on January 9 and for Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks on January 30.

Darryl Tippens, university provost and professor of English, preached for Culver Palms Church of Christ on January 16 and hosted the Christian Scholars' Conference at Pepperdine University in June.

Keith Whitney, associate professor of Business Law, preached for the Camarillo Church of Christ on January 9 and for Oak Hill Church of Christ in Escondido on February 27.

Tim Willis, chair of Religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Yorba Linda on January 30 and for the Ventura Church of Christ on May 15. He taught a class on "Reading Psalms as Prophecy" in May at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. In June, Tim participated in the Christian Scholars' Conference, and he will be teaching classes on Isaiah at the ACU Summit.

John Wilson, retired professor of Religion, preached for Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton on January 9, Victorville Church of Christ on January 30, and for Lancaster Church of Christ on February 27.



On the Road Again . . .

(l-r) Matthew Baker, Kate Pauley, Lauren Burnham, Elaina Williamson, Jamie Howard, Rmani Crawford.

Won by One Summer Tour 2011

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| Sunday PM | June 5 | Canyon Church of Christ | Anthem | AZ |
| Monday | June 6 | Northwest Church of Christ | Glendale | AZ |
| Tuesday | June 7 | Northern Arizona Church of Christ | Flagstaff | AZ |
| Wednesday | June 8 | Montgomery Church of Christ | Albuquerque | NM |
| Thursday | June 9 | Netherwood Park Church of Christ | Albuquerque | NM |
| Friday | June 10 | Sunset Church of Christ | Carlsbad | NM |
| Tuesday | June 14 | Austin Avenue Church of Christ | Brownwood | TX |
| Wednesday | June 15 | High Pointe Church of Christ | McKinney | TX |
| Thursday | June 16 | Camp Texoma | Dallas | TX |
| Friday | June 17 | Camp Texoma | Dallas | TX |
| Sunday AM | June 19 | Riverside Church of Christ | Coppell | TX |
| Sunday PM | June 19 | Preston Crest Church of Christ | Dallas | TX |
| Monday | June 20 | Young Life | Dallas | TX |
| Wednesday | June 22 | Northwest Church of Christ | San Antonio | TX |
| Thursday | June 23 | Camp Bandina | Bandera | TX |
| Sunday AM | June 26 | Sugar Grove Church of Christ | Stafford | TX |
| Sunday PM | June 26 | Memorial Church of Christ | Houston | TX |
| Monday | June 27 | Arms of Hope | Medina | TX |
| Wednesday | June 29 | Westover Hills Church of Christ | Austin | TX |
| Thursday | June 30 | Crestview Church of Christ | Waco | TX |
| Friday | July 1 | Glenwood Church of Christ | Tyler | TX |
| Sunday PM | July 3 | Crossbridge Church of Christ | Birmingham | AL |
| Wednesday | July 6 | West End Church of Christ | Atlanta | GA |
| Thursday | July 7 | Rose of Sharon Camp | Burlison | TN |
| Sunday PM | July 10 | McKnight Road Church of Christ | St. Louis | MO |
| Tuesday | July 12 | North Peoria Church of Christ | Tulsa | OK |
| Wednesday | July 13 | Oakcrest Church of Christ | Oklahoma City | OK |
| Friday | July 15 | Singing Youth of Denver | Castle Rock | CO |
| Sunday AM | July 17 | Littleton Church of Christ | Littleton | CO |
| Sunday PM | July 17 | Littleton Church of Christ | Littleton | CO |
| Monday | July 18 | Grand Junction Church of Christ | Grand Junction | CO |
| Weds-Sat | July 20-23 | Sierra Bible Camp | Canyondam | CA |
| Sunday AM | July 24 | Anderson Church of Christ | Anderson | CA |
| Sunday PM | July 24 | Walnut Creek Church of Christ | Walnut Creek | CA |
| Sunday PM | July 31 | Conejo Valley Church of Christ | Thousand Oaks | CA |

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**Preachers Luncheon
Pepperdine University
September 12, 2011**



**Speaker: Josh Graves
Otter Creek Church of Christ
Brentwood, Tennessee**

**32nd Annual
William M. Green
Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program
October 3, 2011**

**"Through a Glass Dimly"
(Christian Knowing in a Pluralistic World)**

**Monte Cox
Dean of the College of Bible and Religion
Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas**



**Coming This Fall
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**Speaker: Terry Christopher
Medford, Oregon
Oregon Convention Center
Portland, Oregon
Sunday, October 23, 2011**

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RENEW
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February 10-12, 2012

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Looking Ahead...

**69th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures
Malibu, California**

Living Between the Times

(Lifted Up by Hope in Romans 5-8)

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

May 1 - 4, 2012

Oregon's Faith Quest

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Last year a "two-for-one" program was begun. This scholarship program enables anyone coming to Faith Quest to bring an unchurched friend for free.



Even though an attempt was made to keep accurate records, some years the numbers were not recorded. But it is known that more than 260 have been baptized into Christ at Faith Quest and others have made that decision upon returning home. The weekend continues to be under the oversight of the elders from the Metro and Vancouver churches. Greg Woods is still the youth minister at Metro and continues to direct Faith Quest. When his brother Kevin Woods replaced Drew Brown as the youth minister at Vancouver in 1991, Kevin and Greg became the co-directors of the event. Since then Johnathon Thomas, youth minister for the Kings Orchard Church of Christ in Wenatchee, Washington., has been added as a co-director. Kevin Woods became a church planter in 2004 but continues as a Faith Quest co-director. Vancouver's current youth minister, Tim Sibley, has been one of the co-directors for the last 6 years.

This year Faith Quest will use the Oregon Trail as a backdrop for the weekend event with the theme "Along the Trail." Teens will be challenged to reflect upon their spiritual journey as they listen to keynote lectures from Troy Wagner of San Diego, California, and Scott Christensen of Puyallup, Washington. Registration information is available at www.faithquest.org.



Canyon Church of Christ will soon have a new home. Located in Tramonto, North Phoenix, the new facility will offer convenient access to I-17. This congregation of 175 members recently purchased the four buildings above. The renovation is scheduled to be finished by the end of 2011. The worship center will seat 374 people and the classroom block will have seven classrooms.

Bible Lectures

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Many parents expressed their appreciation for the "Making Waves" children's program. "One of the neat things about Pepperdine's program is the emphasis they place on quality content not only for mom and dad, but also for the little ones" observed a campus minister. "It brings a smile to my face to hear my kids talk about how much fun they're having in their classes." A woman from the state of Maryland recalled several great moments in the week and then concluded: "The high point for me however, and the moment that is sticking most in my mind, was the children's chorus on the last night . . . it was such a beautiful sight."

Every year the 144 Pepperdine student workers are commended for their enthusiastic and helpful service to out-of-town guests. "I felt like your student workers were some of the best that you have had" wrote a grateful guest from Florida. "We were treated with helpful hands almost everywhere we turned." A church leader from the state of Washington added: "The organization and improvisation of and by the students continues to amaze me. They really do represent Pepperdine very well."

One visitor wrote: "This week is a bit of what Heaven is going to be like. It's a taste of the best parts of our fellowship, and the best part of church. It's a celebration of all that is good in the world." Another visitor offered this observation: "I would sum the lectures up in three words: Encouraging, Convicting, and Refreshing."



The children have their moment on the stage in Firestone.

A guest from the Atlantic Coast wrote: "God's peace to you and thank you, once again, for blessing all of us from around the world." A young preacher from Florida blogged to his friends: "If you haven't been to Pepperdine, I would encourage you to make the trip next year!"

The 69th annual Bible Lectures at Pepperdine University are scheduled for May 1-4, 2012. The theme for next year's program is: "Living Between the Times" (Lifted Up by Hope in Romans 5-8). Information on the 2012 program will be updated often at www.pepperdine.edu/biblelectures.

LIGON'S PORTRAITURE OF GOSPEL PREACHERS

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A copy of Ligon's Portraiture, measuring two feet by three feet, is now displayed in the new Churches of Christ Heritage Center in Payson Library.