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Zoe Conference Draws Hundreds to Fresno, California

by Whitney Wall

Praise and worship filled the College Church of Christ in Fresno, California January 24-26, as 400 worshippers, including over 30 from Pepperdine University, gathered for the annual West Coast Zoe Conference.

The theme, "Ancient Future" spoke of a wonderful God who is the same yesterday and today. Kym Clark, Pepperdine graduate and office minister for Campus Ministry learned that, "God is still relevant, and we are part of His story today."

Mike Cope, minister of the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, served as keynote lecturer, and the Zoe Group led songs of praise.

Jeff Berryman of the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington gave a solo dramatic performance entitled "The Jesus Monologue," in which he presented the gospel to students, similar to how Jesus taught his disciples.

Peter Wilson, graduate student in religion at Pepperdine University and guest singer with the Zoe Group said, "I was energized every time we had a worship session." He particularly enjoyed the dual participation of baby-boomers looking for

spiritual renewal, and younger participants, thirsty for vitality in worship.

Class sessions and material resources offered ideas for worship sessions and for building praise teams.

The Zoe Group also performed this year at the Abilene Christian University Bible Lectures (February 22 - 25) and will also participate in the Pepperdine University Bible Lectures (May 4 - 7).

The Zoe Group offers conferences in both Nashville, Tennessee and on the west coast. For more information on the Zoe Group, or to order one of their albums, you may visit www.zoegroup.faithsite.com.



The Zoe Group, based at the Woodmont Hills Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, holds two conferences per year: one in Nashville and one on the West Coast.

Young Adult Seminar Hosted at Pepperdine University

On Saturday, February 7, over 100 young people flocked to Malibu, where the University Church of Christ hosted its first annual, one-day seminar for young adults and college students. This crowd represented over thirteen congregations from as far away as Arizona.

According to Scott Lambert, campus minister, this was "the church's attempt to forge a larger identity in the West for this age group." He also noted that churches with ministries specifically for young adults are experiencing growth.

The theme, "Leading Like Jesus: A Christ-like Model for Young Adults," was presented by guest speakers Andy Wall, minister of the Conejo Valley Church of

Christ in Thousand Oaks and John Reed, minister of the Hilltop Community Church of Christ in El Segundo. Sessions visited everyday issues facing young Christians.

Worship leaders Jeremy Johnson, worship minister for the University Church of Christ, and Matt Bush, Pepperdine student and campus ministry intern, guided the group through times of praise and prayer.

The day ended at 6:00 p.m. with a dismissal to further fellowship, including the Pepperdine volleyball game.

Pepperdine plans to host this seminar again in Spring of 2005. For more information contact Campus Ministry at 310-506-4504 or visit the Campus Ministry website at www.wavesministry.org.

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COVER

Through the leadership of Dr. Stan Granberg at Cascade College, an effort is being made to develop a strategy for the planting of churches in the Great Northwest. Among the first locations of high priority is the planting of a church in greater Spokane, Washington. See the related article beginning on page 3.

CHURCH GROWTH

A Move Toward Multiplication Encourages Church Growth

by Stan Granberg

Flavil Yeakley Jr., in a recent article in *Church Growth Magazine*, reports that Churches of Christ in America over the past twenty years have grown just one percent. My own research among Churches of Christ in the Northwest reveals a similar story—from 1980 to 2000 we had a zero percent—that's 0%—growth rate! That's not to say we did not accomplish many good things. But it does say that we made little inroad into the un-churched populations around us. At the same time the populations of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington grew at a whopping 20 percent (much higher than the U.S. average of 30 percent).

Two questions are raised by these growth numbers. The first question is, "Can the Churches of Christ expect to see any significant advance in the next twenty years if we do not make any significant change in the way we approach our evangelistic efforts?" The second question is, "Can we afford forty years of zero growth and maintain any sense of vitality and relevance to the communities in which we exist?"

CPNW: A Strategic Response

There is a growing conviction that our answer to both of the above questions is NO! We believe that God is calling the Churches of Christ in the Northwest to do something different. We believe He is calling us to the planting of new churches which will in turn plant more new churches.

C. Peter Wagner, former professor of Church Growth at Fuller Theological Seminary, says that the most effective means of evangelism across the history of Christianity is planting new churches. This statement has been tested by churches which have focused on the strategic planting of new churches. The Independent Christian Churches, for example, have excelled in church planting over the past decade and they were the fastest growing mainstream church in America in the 1990s, second only to the Mormon Churches.

In response to our need for growth and church planting as a viable means to promote that growth, Church Planting Northwest (CPNW) is developing as a ministry to encourage and support a church multiplication movement among Churches of Christ based on recruiting, equipping and supporting churches and church planting teams to strategically plant reproducing Churches of Christ in the Northwest region of the United States and beyond.

As a support ministry, CPNW provides a system of assessment, training workshops and seminars, apprenticeship opportunities, and identifies target communities for church plantings. You can see some of our work at www.churchplantingNW.org.

Church Planting News

Currently CPNW is helping three new planting efforts in the Northwest. The cover



Stan Granberg, CPNW director, and Barry Dictson, church planter, share big dreams of God's potential for growing churches through His faithful workers.

of this issue features a photo of Spokane, Washington, where a six-couple team, led by Bob and Annette Gorsline, is already on the ground and working to plant a church west of the city. Kevin and Brenda Woods from the Vancouver, Washington Church of Christ are leading a three-family team toward a 2004 church plant to take place in Clark County.

Barry and Mary Dictson moved to Portland to lead a church planting in Hillsboro/Aloha, planning to start in the fall of 2004. These three works join the one-year-old Living Streams church planting in Portland and Harding University's vocational church planting team, the Seattle Metro Church. You can link to these church plantings through our CPNW website.

Church planting is a hot topic today, but like many hot topics, it is sometimes difficult to separate fact from fiction. March 19-20

CPNW will be presenting the second Northwest Church Planting Workshop hosted on the campus of Cascade College in Portland, Oregon. This workshop will help you find some clarity in the church planting discussion.

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This Alpha evangelism group provides a basic introduction to Christianity in a small group setting with a meal followed by a video taped lesson and discussion.



At a seminar on church leadership in Cologne, Germany, Granberg inspires others to reach out.

PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

The Call, The Presence

by Bill Henegar

"After three years of lectures on New Testament themes, the 60th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures return to the Old Testament, to the Book of Genesis ... but not simply to a dim, dusty recital of origins." Thus Pepperdine President Andrew Benton began his introduction of last year's Lectures, "Embracing the Call of God," April 29 through May 2, 2003. "The lecture titles reveal sweeping subjects that address our spiritual lives here and now," he continued, "and it seems certain that our week together will have profound effects on many believers for years to come."

Looking back now after many months, President Benton's statement appears to be prophetic. In thanking the University for the Bible Lectures, a Rhode Island minister called the event a "foretaste of glory." He wrote, "On the first night, Ken Young led us all in 'It Is Well With My Soul,' and my wife and I could not hold back the tears. I can't remember when such a steady stream of joy, awe, and yearning came pouring out of us."

And a minister from Wisconsin said, "I enjoyed the speeches on Genesis so much that I'm planning a [preaching] series on Genesis in 2004. We are making the Pepperdine Lectures a part of our lives."

In trying to sum up the Bible Lectures, many attendees describe their week as "spiritually uplifting" and "encouraging," as did the couple from Tirana, Albania. As the thank-you letters arrived in the months following the Lectures, many writers were aware that they had begun to refer to the event as "the best ever" in each succeeding year. So this year, more than a few referred to their experience as "awesome" or "wonderful," then added ... "as usual." Indeed, the detailed planning and strategic considerations of Director Jerry Rushford and his team are so consistent and excellent that regular attendees have come to expect it. This certainly explains the rise of the Pepperdine Bible Lectures to its place as the preeminent event of its kind among Churches of Christ.

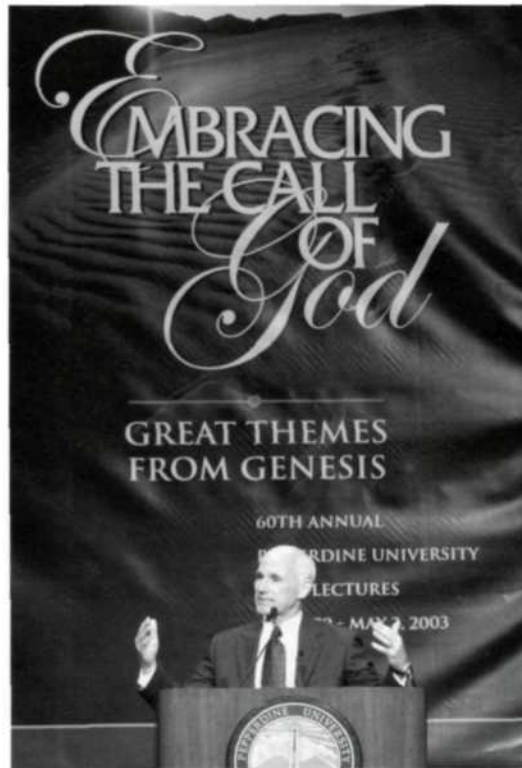
The keynote lecture on opening night "set the table" for the week. Pepperdine

Associate Dean and Religion Professor Rick Marrs spoke on "Embracing the Call of God," outlining the call the Book of Genesis makes on our lives. The compelling questions and challenges that this "book of beginnings" presents to contemporary man surprised many in the large crowd. A counselor from Pennsylvania confided, "I went away with new conviction to embrace the call of God--

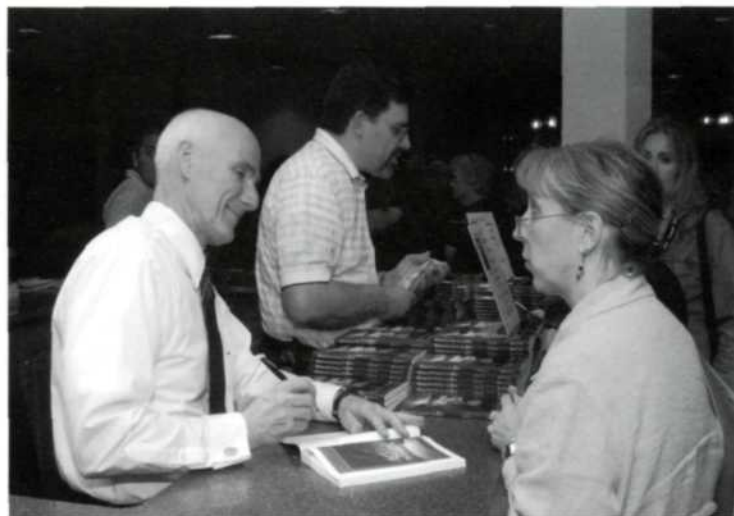
to be more faithful to His calling."

Rick Marrs was followed on Wednesday morning by Paul Watson from North Carolina, with the subject, "Standing on the Promises." In the evening, John O. York of Tennessee spoke on "The Lord Will Provide." Thursday morning, the young Scot, Billy Wilson, proclaimed "The Lord is in This Place." Ross Thomson of Georgia spoke on "Grappling With God" on Thursday evening. Then on Friday morning, Pepperdine graduate (1997) Tim Spivey, now of Dallas, spoke on "Loving God Unconditionally."

The Friday evening crowd was amazingly large. Thousands of attendees now regularly stay for the climactic and memorable concluding lecture service. Mike Cope of Abilene, Texas, was the speaker, electrifying his listeners with his address, "God in the Rearview Mirror." The final hymns were sung, and the final prayer was worded by sagely Tom Olbricht--and the evening became an emotional "good-bye until we meet again." A couple from Washington said of the entire week, "It makes us think that this is what God had in mind when he had Israel assemble in Jerusalem once a year for the Passover. We're sure it was a grand event, and we think of the Pepperdine Lectures as our time of spiritual renewal."



Opening night keynote speaker Rick Marrs carried us back to the call of Abraham.



Rick Marrs signed copies of his book, which was written especially for the 2003 Bible Lectures theme, "Embracing the Call of God."

What components combine to make the Pepperdine Lectures so distinctive? Someone from New York mentioned content: "I would like to commend you for your diversity in presenters and presentations. Most of all, I liked the openness." A man from Ohio pointed to the spirit: "I found your lectures to have the best spirit among anything I have attended in our brotherhood for some time." A preacher in California referred to the Lectures as a catalyst for discussion of sensitive issues and fellowship: "In an age when it seems we are becoming more independent and isolated, I am thankful for this great forum." A perceptive person from Texas noted an important part of Jerry Rushford's planning: "Most clearly, to me anyway, the one thing you do 'way better' than anyone I know is honoring people who deserve to be honored. Thank you for this excellence, as well." Finally, a minister from Iowa offered a pointed example, then concluded: "It is obvious that simple virtues like kindness and service have been emphasized at Pepperdine. This, on top of the great spiritual atmosphere made for an incredibly rich experience."

If the University offers something of significant value to attendees each year, the situation is reciprocal. Each year at the Bible Lectures, a financial offering is unabashedly collected and applied to Pepperdine scholarship funds for college-bound students from Churches of Christ. A record amount of \$62,959 was given by attendees at the 60th Annual Bible Lectures . . . for which future Pepperdine students will be most grateful.

As the Lectures come to a close each year, there is always a note of sadness. But the pain of parting is softened to some degree by the prospect of hearing favorite classes, even the ones that were missed, through the medium of audiocassette tapes. A doctor emailed Jerry Rushford to say, "I am back in Honduras . . . I was blessed by my time at Pepperdine and the opportunity to hear many great Bible lectures." Then she said, "Like the year before, I came home with lots of cassettes to keep the enrichment flowing." So, when the Lectures are over, they are not over quite yet.

It would take a book to describe all the enlightening classes, inspiring singing, drama, and worship opportunities, wonderful meal programs, and the life-changing theme lectures that fill this and every Bible Lectures program. Perhaps a great saint from Riverside, California, said it best when he wrote, "I have been attending the Pepperdine Lectures for 54 years . . . thanks for moving us closer to the Cross and into a greater realization of Presence in our faith."



Every morning and evening brought enthusiastic crowds for Bible Lectures (above).

Final night was a spiritual time of worship and emotional good-byes (right).



Joslyn Plaza was always filled with food and fellowship (above).

The traditional final prayer was led by Dr. Tom Olbricht (left).



Servant Leaders Honored

by Whitney Wall

The 2003 Pepperdine University Bible Lectures undoubtedly marked a time of celebration. Thousands joined in Malibu to rejoice not only in God's teachings, but also in His manifestation of those teachings through His servants. This cherished tradition of honoring the humble heroes among us continued in 2003, as several were recognized with Distinguished Christian Service Awards.

The week opened in full swing on Tuesday evening. Associated Women for Pepperdine recognized Jon Reed and Pepperdine honored Joy McMillon. Tex Williams, former missionary to South Africa, was recognized by the University on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of World Bible School, where Tex has served for many years. At the Men's Dinner on opening night, Chuck Whittle was honored for his acts of service, notably his work with Churches of Christ in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Wednesday brought moments of gratitude for many others. *Wineskins Magazine* recognized Randy Lowry for his work with church leaders. Pepperdine presented awards to Mac and Marty Lynn for their work with churches across the nation, as well as to Doris Clark for her service with Predisan in Catacamas, Honduras. Dale Pauls was honored by Howard Publishing at the luncheon in Heritage Hall. At an appreciation dinner in Rockwell Dining Center, friends and family gathered to honor the inspiration and service found in the lives of Steven and Emily Lemley. Steven and Emily have served as Editors for *Power for Today* publication for more than 30 years.

Thursday morning's assembly in Firestone Fieldhouse witnessed the honoring of Mike and Carol Myers of Littleton, Colorado, whose ministry, particularly with youth, has transformed lives and exemplified Christ. *21st Century Christian* named Grace Farrar author of the year, and President Andy Benton presented Michael Bucchi, admiral in the U.S. Navy and elder for El Cajon



Grace Farrar, Lebanon, Tennessee



Tex Williams, Austin, Texas



Chuck Whittle, St. Petersburg, Russia



Joy McMillon, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Paul Watson, Durham, North Carolina



Rubel Shelly, Nashville; Mike Cope, Abilene; Randy Lowry, Westlake Village, California; and Larry Bridgesmith, Nashville, Tennessee

Boulevard Church of Christ, with an honorary Doctorate at the Friends of Pepperdine Dinner.

On Friday morning, the University awarded Jack and Lacreata Scott as workers among God's people, especially in California

and Connecticut. Paul Watson, Pulpit Minister at Cole Mill Road Church of Christ in Durham, North Carolina for 20 years, received recognition for his ministry and biblical studies during the annual Restoration Quarterly luncheon.



Jack and Lacreata Scott, Altadena, California



Dale Pauls, Stamford, Connecticut



President Andy Benton, Pepperdine University and Michael Bucchi, San Diego, California



Tom and Sandy Milholland, Abilene, Texas



Tony and Barbara Ash, Abilene, Texas



Doris Clark, Catacamas, Honduras



Mac and Marty Lynn, Brentwood, Tennessee



Steve and Emily Lemley, Westlake Village, California



Jon Reed, El Segundo, California

Also during the lunch hour, The Center for the Family at Pepperdine University honored Tom and Sandy Milholland for their efforts to strengthen Christian families. An appreciation dinner in the Rockwell Dining Center that evening gathered loved ones of Tony and Barbara Ash to pay tribute to the

couple's devotion to the cause of Christ in Texas and in California.

As always, the Bible Lectures highlighted the lives of those committed to strengthening the work of our Lord in all the world. Join us the week of May 4-7 2004 as we continue this beloved tradition.

SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Members of the Zoe Group praise God in Smothers Theatre.



Jim McGuigan portrays Christ as the Dragonslayer.



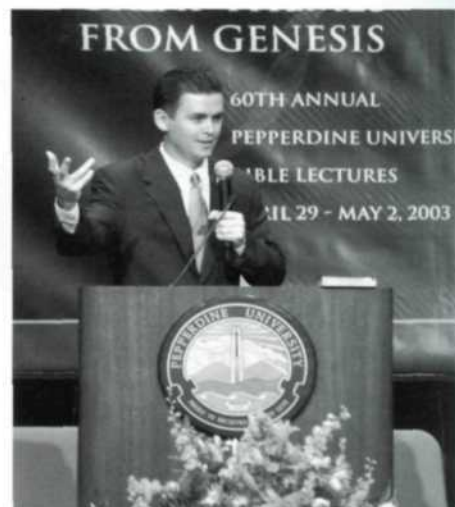
Children play near Joslyn Plaza Fountain, a favorite place during the week of lectures.



Randy Lowry and Richard Mouw talk about the Churches of Christ.

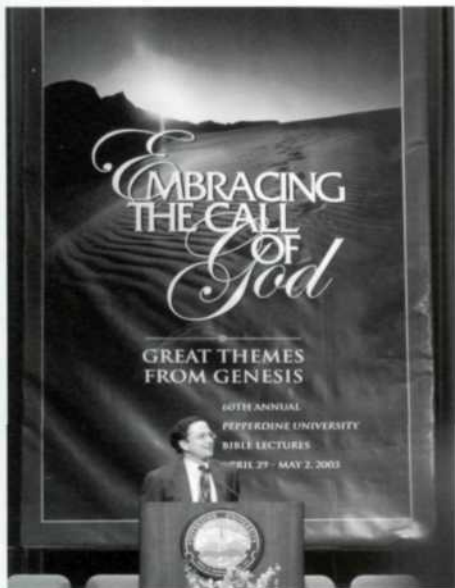


Covenant Chorale, from Overland Park Kansas, celebrates hymns ancient & modern.



Tim Spivey preaches in Firestone Fieldhouse on Friday morning.

60TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Mike Cope inspires the Friday night crowd in Firestone Fieldhouse.



Helen Young takes her audience on a walk down memory lane, remembering life with Norvel.



Drama groups perform each evening in Lindhurst Theatre.



Pepperdine alumni enjoy a happy reunion in Hahn Fireside Room.



Ken Young & the Hallal Singers lead thunderous congregational singing.



Friendships are renewed, and Christians are honored, during meal times in the Rockwell Dining Center.



The Lemley children, Dave, Amy & Mark, honor their parents, Steven and Emily, at their appreciation dinner.

Mag Center Church: Envisioning the Second Century

by Bill Hengar

With the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, land speculators, developers, and settlers streamed into Southern California. Among them came Judge John Wesley North who, along with a group of 25 investors from the east, wanted to build a decent, God-fearing colony, free of slavery and rampant alcohol consumption, for furthering education and culture. In 1870 they carved out an area from Jurupa Rancho, one of the huge, cattle-grazing ranches, dating to the old Spanish land grants of early California. They called their new community Riverside.

Almost immediately, orange trees were brought in and planted, and the citrus industry thrived. By 1882 there were more than a half million citrus trees in California, nearly half of which were in Riverside. Before the turn of the century, the town was the wealthiest, per capita, in the state. Riverside boasted the first golf course and the first polo field in Southern California. Frank Miller, developer of the world-famous Mission Inn where presidents, royalty, and movie stars have stayed, the Sunkist Cooperative, the Santa Fe Railroad, and others marketed Riverside as a Spanish Mediterranean Mecca. Today the city has a population of 255,000 and is the county seat for Riverside County. A campus of the University of California makes its home in Riverside, as do a few smaller colleges and universities.

The first Restoration Movement church in Riverside, First Christian Church, was formed in 1885. However, there is evidence that a non-denominational church was established in the city as far back as 1872, not long after Judge North arrived. Just after the turn of the century, some families from First Christian Church left and began worshipping in the home of a member. This was around the time, and probably was the result of, the division between the Disciples of Christ and Churches of Christ.

As with many Churches of Christ in

Southern California, the organized Riverside church can trace its great surge of activity and excitement to the work of G. W. Riggs, evangelist from Nashville, Tennessee. Riggs and his legendary tent and Gospel meetings were responsible for coalescing and energizing struggling Christians all across the Southland. After meetings in Downey, Long Beach, and Los Angeles, he brought his tent to Riverside in 1904.

According to pioneer member J. T. Noel, "A small band of Christians, three or four families in number, gathered in the Riverside home of L. D. Perkins to worship God after the New Testament order." Riggs visited the little group, and they made plans to have an evangelistic effort in Riverside. The tent was set up on Main Street. J. E. Cain came from Kansas and preached for two weeks. Then Riggs preached another week in a hall on Park Avenue. Another account, recorded by California church leader and publisher James L. Lovell, suggested that Riggs himself held the first evangelistic meeting in 1903, but that was probably a meeting in Pomona. The result of the meetings was that several other members from First Christian Church identified with the group, and they organized a congregation. The first elders of the church were J. E. Campbell, J. T. Van Hoy, J. T. Noel, and G. W. Crowell.



In the 1940s, a group of the church's women met for fellowship and benevolent crafts (above).

The building at 9th and Lime served the church well from 1936 to 1952 (right).

The congregation bought a lot at the corner of 11th and Lime Streets in 1905, only one year after being formed, and a small building was constructed. It was dedicated by L. R. Jackson. That building served the Riverside church for more than 30 years. In 1935, Hubert Derrick came to preach and apparently encouraged growth in the congregation. A year later, in 1936, a larger, existing building was purchased two blocks from the first one at 9th and Lime and the church moved. Derrick did not stay long with the group, however. George Pepperdine was opening his new college in Los Angeles in 1937, and Hubert Derrick was selected to teach on the faculty and serve as tennis coach.

Albert Lovelady followed Derrick and preached for the church in the 1940s. The war years seem to have been a time of great activity. In 1945 the 9th and Lime church planted a congregation in the community of Sunnymead, in nearby Moreno Valley. The idea may have been to serve the military families of March Field, a base used for training in World War I that became a key West Coast training and bombardment facility for the Army Air Corps from 1928 to 1943. The base was later renamed March Air Force Base, and is now March Air Reserve Base.





When it opened in 1960, the Magnolia Center building was both modern and bold.

Not long after the war, in 1948, the 9th and Lime church planted another congregation several miles away to serve the Arlington area of Riverside. The Arlington Church of Christ exists today and is located on Castleman Avenue, near Van Buren and Magnolia. Another congregation was organized in 1949 in the Mira Loma area of Riverside and may also trace its beginnings back to the 9th and Lime church. During the 1940s, yet another Church of Christ, composed of African-American Christians, was organized in the Casa Blanca neighborhood of Riverside.

After a decade of excitement, the 1950s arrived with a bang. Because of an earthquake in 1952, the 9th and Lime building that served the church well for 16 years was weakened and had to be condemned. The highway department purchased the property to make way for a new freeway that was being built through the city. So the congregation found property about two miles south of the old location in an area of growth potential. This was the thriving Magnolia Center area of Riverside. By 1960, the move to the new building, with its sweeping roofline and modernistic architecture, was complete. The congregation had a new building and a new name: Magnolia Center Church of Christ or, as it became known, "Mag Center."

In 1966, the church began a successful outreach program called "Fishing for Men."

And in 1968, Sherman Cannon became the minister, giving the church a great boost. He stayed for five years. For ten years, from 1973 until 1983, longtime member Joe Wilmeth directed the bus ministry. At one time there were six buses bringing as many as 100 children to Bible study and worship. Joe's wife, Berni, remembers, "We had a whole row of kids that sat with us. I think they felt close to me because I told them I loved them."

In the mid-1970s, Ernest Gammond visited the church and started World Bible



During a Sunday morning worship service, Andrew Power leads singing, while Leslye Mostert signs for the hearing impaired.

School there. Joe Wilmeth was the first to take on the directorship of the program at Riverside. The WBS has continued at Mag Center from 1975 until the present, and there are now 35 teachers involved with students around the world.

Peak attendance may have been in the 1980s, with records over 400. Bruce Black

was the minister from 1981 until 1987. That was followed by a drop in numbers. But the present minister, Peter Mostert, believes the church is now on the move. "I'm happy to see that we're moving up again," he says. "We're anticipating growth and looking to hire a full-time minister to work with young professionals, young adults, and teens."

Stephen Biffle also works with the church full time. He concentrates on outreach and education, and is the coordinator for the 100th anniversary celebration, which will soon take place. Mostert preaches, teaches, and counsels. The church now has two elders, Dave Johns and Harold Maberry, and Mostert says of them, "They are among the greatest I've worked with. I can't say enough good about them." The church's work is also facilitated by five deacons.

The Mag Center Church has as one of its central goals to create a worship experience that is meaningful and significant. Scott Maberry, Andrew Power, and Bill Stanford are the rotating worship leaders who plan and lead the assemblies of the church. The worship experience has helped to attract people that represent diverse populations, ethnically, economically, and generationally. Mostert says, "The Inland Empire Riverside and San Bernardino county areas] is one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation. There's a huge area in Riverside, near us,

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The staff includes (l. to r.) outreach and education minister Steve Biffle, secretary Rene Phares, and pulpit minister Peter Mostert.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Whitney Wall

David Baird, dean of Seaver College, preached for the Mission Viejo Church of Christ on January 18.

Clifford Barbarick, admissions counselor and graduate student in Religion, started preaching once a month for the Bellflower Church of Christ in June 2003. He also preached for the Ridgcrest Church of Christ on January 25.

Bradley Barker, junior Religion major, preached for the Coastline Church of Christ in Harbor City on January 25.

Otis Baskin, professor at the Graziadio School of Business and Management, preached for the Kinneloa Canyon Church of Christ in Pasadena on January 18.

Hal Bigham, an elder for the University Church of Christ and professor at the School of Law, preached for the Church of Christ in Taft, December 18, the Inland Valley Church of Christ, January 18 and the Oceanside Church of Christ, January 25.

Thomas Bost, professor at the School of Law, and his wife **Sheila Bost**, Board of Regents member, led a seminar on parenting entitled "Survival Skills for Healthy Families" on September 27 at the Sonoma Avenue Church of Christ in Santa Rosa, and on September 28, they taught a class entitled "Facing the Storms of Life: Lessons Learned from Those Who Have Been There."

Mike Casey, professor of Communication, preached for the Los Altos Church of Christ in Long Beach, January 18.

Bob Chandler, professor and chair of Communication, preached for the Frazier Park Church of Christ on January 4 and the Barstow Church of Christ on January 18.

Randy Chesnutt, professor of Religion, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ, January 25.

Brad Cheves, vice president of Advancement and Public Affairs, preached for the Visalia Community Church of Christ on January 18.

David Davenport, distinguished professor of Public Policy and Law, released his book, *Shepherd Leadership*, which he co-authored with Blaine McCormick, professor at Baylor University.

Rich Dawson, director of International

Student Services and Enrollment Management, preached for the Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo on January 11.

Carl Flynn, visiting lecturer of Religion, preached for the Redlands Church of Christ on January 25 and preached for the Palm Springs Church of Christ on February 22.

Susan Giboney, lecturer in Humanities/Teacher Education, was interviewed on KWVS radio on prayer in June 2003, spoke for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ Teachers Appreciation Dinner in August 2003, and taught a parenting class during September 2003 for the University Church of Christ in Malibu. Also, in September 2003, she spoke at a women's retreat for Los Altos Church of Christ in Long Beach and then a Women's Saturday Seminar for the Hemet Church of Christ in November 2003. On February 29, she spoke for the women at the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles.

Gary Hanson, vice president and general counsel, preached for the Church of Christ in Lancaster on January 18.

Chris Heard, assistant professor of Religion, preached for the Fillmore Church of Christ, January 25.

Bill Henegar, associate vice president of Public Affairs, preached for the Torrance Church of Christ on February 1.

Clarence Hibbs, professor of Psychology, preached for the Ojai Church of Christ, January 25.

Richard Hughes, professor of Religion, spoke for Church of Christ preachers and elders from the New England area in Burlington, Massachusetts, October 10-11, 2003. February 23-24, 2004, he participated in a presentation along with Tom Olbricht and Bob Randolph on "Mission: The Story of a Journal that Changed the Face of Churches of Christ" at the Abilene Christian University Bible Lectures.

Doug Hurley, director of Student Activities and Student Affairs, preached for the Church of Christ in Costa Mesa on January 11 and Hilltop Community Church of Christ in El Segundo on January 25.

Ira Jolivet, associate professor of Religion, preached for the Exeter Church of Christ on January 25.

John Jones, assistant professor of

Communication, preached for the Church of Christ in Hanford, California on January 11.

Steve Lemley, associate professor of Communication, preached for the Whittier Church of Christ on January 11 and for the Temple City Church of Christ on January 18.

D'Esta Love, university chaplain, was a speaker at Elder Link in Portland, Oregon, sponsored by Abilene Christian University.

Stuart Love, professor of Religion, spoke at a Restoration Summit hosted by Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee October 12-15.

Randy Lowry, director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and professor at the School of Law, held Leader Connect Workshops in Visalia on January 8, in Livermore on January 9 and in Rancho Cordova on January 10. He preached for the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 18. He will lead a seminar entitled "Leading the Church through Difficult Moments" in Westlake Village, California on March 2-3 and April 6-7.

Pepperdine Hosts First Annual YouthWAVE, Malibu

July 11-17, 2004

This camp is designed to prepare high-school students to respond to Jesus' call to share Him with their peers.

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Rick Marrs, associate dean of Seaver College, preached for the Montgomery Boulevard Church of Christ in Albuquerque, New Mexico on February 8. He will also teach a three-day class at the Abilene Christian Bible Lectures, and he will preach and conduct a seminar for Fairview Road Church of Christ in Columbia, Missouri. In March, he will preach for the Culver Palms Church of Christ.

Michael Murrie, professor of Telecommunications, preached for the Buellton Church of Christ, January 25.

Tim Perrin, professor of Law, preached January 25 for the Glendale Church of Christ.

Paul Pinckley, director for student recruitment at GSBM, preached for the Church of Christ in Porterville on January 11.

Jeff Pippin, vice president for Finance and Administration, preached for the La Habra Church of Christ on January 18.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of Communication, preached for the Murrieta Church of Christ on January 4 and for the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara on January 25. He will coordinate a meeting of campus ministers and young adult ministry leaders in the Inland Empire, Orange County and San Diego Counties on Saturday,

May 15 at the Murrieta Church of Christ.

Jerry Rushford, director of Church Relations and professor of Religion, spoke for Pepperdine Bible Lectures promotional events in Bakersfield, Visalia, Livermore, Rancho Cordova, Murrieta, San Diego, Tucson, Phoenix, Denver, San Luis Obispo and Seattle in January. He preached for Churches of Christ in San Diego, January 4 and Littleton, Colorado, January 18. He spoke to European missionaries at Camp Gemunden near Frankfurt, Germany on February 24-29. He will speak at centennial celebrations for Magnolia Center Church of Christ in Riverside, March 21, and for the Church of Christ in Wenatchee, Washington on March 28.

James Smythe, archivist for Payson Library, preached for the Redondo Beach Church of Christ on January 25.

Larry Sullivan, assistant director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached for the Hesperia Church of Christ on January 11, the Oakhill Drive Church of Christ in Escondido on January 18 and the Long Beach Church of Christ on January 25.

Darryl Tippens, provost and professor of English, preached for the Culver Palms Church of Christ on January 18 and for the

Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, January 25.

Ron Tyler, professor of Religion, preached for the Santa Paula Church of Christ on January 25.

Tim Willis, professor of religion, preached for the Chula Vista Church of Christ on January 11, and for the Sierra Madre Church of Christ on January 25. He also taught a class at the Abilene Christian University Bible Lectures.

Keith Whitney, chair and associate professor of business law, preached for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California on January 25.



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New Minister in San Diego

In January 2004, Canyon View Church of Christ welcomed the arrival of Dr. Joey Gafford as pulpit minister. He comes to San Diego with over 28 years of preaching experience, a master's degree in Biblical Studies from Southern Christian University and a doctorate of ministry from Harding Graduate School. With over 500 members, Canyon View is one of the largest Churches of Christ in San Diego. Please visit www.canyonview.org.

A Servant Honored

On January 18, 2004, Vance Carruth was honored at the Bellflower Church of Christ for his 60 years of Christian service in California. Carruth and his wife, Jerry, have been married for 60 years and live in Bellflower, California. The ceremony included a potluck lunch and a guest performance by the *Living Water* drama group from Pepperdine University.

Wenatchee Centennial

The Church of Christ in Wenatchee, Washington had its beginning on March 27, 1904 when a small group met for worship in the home of A. J. Linville. The congregation met in that location for nearly two years before constructing their first meetinghouse.

The church has invited all former members back for a celebration of their centennial on Sunday, March 28, 2004. Dr. Jerry Rushford, professor of church history at Pepperdine University, will be the guest teacher and preacher on that occasion.

Today, the congregation has about 275 members and is known as the King's Orchard Church of Christ. Dale Linge, a graduate of Pepperdine University, has served as the pulpit minister since 1994. For more information, you may contact the church staff at kococ@nwi.net.

Relief for San Diego Fire Victims

In San Diego County, the wildfires of October 2003 razed more than 383,000 acres, killed 16, and burned 2,409 homes. An enthusiastic response followed from Churches of Christ in the area eager to assist. Fortunately, only 11 members among the congregations lost their homes. Many

churches held special contributions for these families, and the Churches of Christ Relief Effort based in Nashville provided 120,000 pounds of supplies, including "family packs" and "infant packs." Also, on January 17, 2004, over 150 members joined to clean up homesites, and repeated the clean-up effort February 28, 2004. These generosity were publicized through local television and publications. If you are interested in contributing to this effort, please send checks payable to Chula Vista Church of Christ at 470 L St. Chula Vista, CA 91915.

Pepperdine Remembers Board of Trustees Member

The morning of February 23 marked the passing of Don Miller, one of the five original members of the Board of Trustees and successor to George Pepperdine as chairman. He continued to serve in this group through its transition to the Board of Regents as a Life Regent until his death. Miller retired as vice president of First Interstate Bank and served for many years as a director of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. Condolences or flowers for the family can be sent in c/o Optimal Hospice Care, 430 West Caldwell Avenue, Ste. C, Visalia, CA 93277.

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that's being completely redeveloped and renovated. We're in the middle of many educational facilities, stores, and restaurants." Peter Mostert's wife, Leslye, is an important part of the ministry to the deaf. Leslye noticed a guest trying to communicate with someone at church. She approached him and helped him become involved in the worship through signing. Together, they have developed a group of 20 to 25 worshippers who participate through signing. Darrell Sorrels, who is fully employed in the community, volunteers to preach on Sunday for the service to the deaf. Since the beginning of the ministry, Leslye has taught sign language to seven women who now interpret for the hearing impaired.

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working in four tribal areas of South Africa. One of their two children was born in Africa. Perhaps because of the Mosterts' emphasis on missions, the church has increased its missions support from three areas of work to nine. The congregation also supports Peter as he goes back to Africa, often taking interested people with him, for visiting evangelism and encouragement. Inspired by the congregation's outreach over the years, one of Mag Center's own, recently widowed Lois Robinson, decided to move to Durban, South Africa, to do mission work with WBS not long ago.

On Sunday, March 21, 2004, Magnolia Center Church of Christ will host a day of celebration for its 100th anniversary, featuring Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Jerry Rushford of Pepperdine University.

Newly Appointed Federal Judge Speaks at Son's Graduation from Pepperdine University

by Whitney Wall

While always a monumental event, for Jacob Browning, graduation from Seaver College at Pepperdine University on December 13, 2003, proved particularly special. His father, Jim Browning, gave the commencement message.

Judge Browning was raised in Hobbs, New Mexico, where his parents faithfully attended the Church of Christ. Browning was an all-star football player and received three varsity letters during his undergraduate work at Yale University. He then obtained a law degree from the University of Virginia, graduating at the top of his class. Following his education, Browning served as law clerk to the late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, and then as deputy attorney general under former New Mexico Attorney General Hal Stratton. He later opened his private practice, Browning & Pfeifer Law Firm, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In 2003, President George W. Bush nominated Jim Browning to fill one of two federal court vacancies in New Mexico. The judgeship, created under the Department of Justice Authorization Act, is to last 10 years but may eventually become a permanent position.

Ranking above his academic and career achievements are Browning and his family's contributions to their community and to their church.

Browning and his wife, Jan, have been married for 25 years. Jan is currently enrolled in a Masters Program in Religion at Pepperdine University's extension campus in Albuquerque, and their three children have all attended Christian universities.

Brad Cheves, vice president of Advancement and Public Affairs at Pepperdine University, knows the Browning family from his home church, Montgomery Boulevard Church of Christ, where Browning is a member, a former elder, a Bible class teacher, and a small group leader.

"For all the success he has had," says Cheves, "Browning and his family have proved to be dedicated, active members of the local church."

In addition, Browning volunteers for a legal-aid group that provides services to the poor and homeless, and he serves as director of the Christian Scholarship Foundation.

In appreciation of both Browning's scholarly achievement and Christian service, Pepperdine University awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree on the day of his son's graduation. Judge Browning addressed the graduating class, including his son, Jacob, who graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Religion. Judge Browning stressed the importance of relationships and service to others over the accumulation of material possessions or career achievements. He warned graduates not to "let the things we create obscure the world our creator has made." He concluded with a reflection on the lesson in Genesis 12 that we have been blessed to bless others.

In the words of Vice President Cheves, Browning "provided a wonderful example to the graduates and has been a living example for his own children. The things he inspired the graduates to are things that he is modeling on a daily basis."

Browning hugs his son Jacob at Seaver College graduation in December of 2003.



Browning delivers the commencement address to graduates and guests at the Seaver College graduation ceremony in December of 2003.



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