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“Reaching Out to Our Culture”

Westside Church of Christ Hosts Sixth Annual
College-Age/Young Adult Seminar



Brent McCall

Students and young adults from the West Coast are invited to attend the Sixth Annual College-Age/Young Adult Seminar hosted by the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield on October 27-28.

This year's theme “Reaching Out to Our Culture,” will focus on a variety of lessons and class discussions ranging from faith issues, relationships with peers, evangelism, women in campus ministry, do's and don'ts of campus ministers, how to begin a campus ministry, and developing a vision for ministry. There is also a special track of lessons for elders, ministers, and church leaders.

Theme speaker Dr. Brent McCall, campus minister for the University of New Mexico (under the joint sponsorship of the Churches of Christ in the Albuquerque area), will present a series titled, “Reasons to Believe... in Absolute Truth...in A Personal Creator...in A Personal Savior.” Other classes will be conducted by Wayne Atkinson, Doug Baker, Rachel Bowers, Rob Coyle, Dr. John Jones, Jonathan Jones, Scott Lambert, Dr. Steve McLean, Andy Miller, Kristin Parrish, Wilson Parrish, Willie Sanchez, and Ron Smith. For information call (661) 831-4460.

Cascade College Schedules Annual Expositor's Seminar for January 2002

Cascade College will conduct the 2002 Expositor's Seminar January 28-30 following the theme “How Does a Sermon Grow? Preparing the Soil with Scripture, Gospel and Theology.”

Guest presenters will be David Fleer of the Rochester College Department of Religion, Rochester Hills, Michigan; Randy Harris of the Abilene Christian University College of Biblical Studies, Abilene, Texas; and Mark Love, also of ACU.

Dr. Love again serves as director of the Michael C. Armour Northwest Expositor's Seminar. The annual event seeks to encourage faithful proclamation from the Biblical text. Church leaders from several Northwest states and provinces attend annually for textual insights, sermon suggestions, resources and personal renewal.

For more information, contact Cindy Wilson in the president's office at (503) 257-1207 or email her at cwilson@cascade.edu.



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Clockwise, beginning on left: Pepperdine acapella singing group, *Won By One*, sang a song from Psalm 42; students held a candlelight devotional; and President Andrew Benton encouraged a large crowd at Firestone Fieldhouse.

Jesus is a Carpenter: September 11 and Beyond

by Ken Durham

On September 11, 2001, the clock radio woke me at 6:50 a.m. with the news of a world gone momentarily mad.

I headed into the Pepperdine campus as quickly as I could, and when I got there students had already begun arriving at Stauffer Chapel. Instinctively, it seemed, they came to this place of prayer, and soon the chapel was full. All morning they came. Some had to leave for classes, but more came. Mostly, we prayed. We also read from Scripture, primarily from the Psalms. Sometimes we paused awhile to talk about it. "Does anyone want to say anything?" I asked. "What's going to happen to us?" asked a student. "My father's in New York City," said a young woman softly. "We need to pray for our nation," said one. "We need to pray for the people who did this," said another.

Later that day we would meet in a larger place, Smothers Theatre, for more prayer and talk. And that evening we filled the floor of Firestone Fieldhouse and heard President Andy Benton speak of "twice born souls," who are tested by trial, regain their faith, and by God's grace keep going in a stormy and dangerous world. *Won By One*, Pepperdine's acapella singing group, sang a plaintive lament, "Deep Calls to Deep," taken from the words of Psalm 42.

Wednesday night's Care Group — the largest midweek devotional on campus — saw hundreds of students gather in Elkins Auditorium to sing songs of faith and praise and comfort. Campus minister Scott Lambert spoke words of comfort and counsel; he had the students break up into small groups to talk about the week's tumultuous emotions, and to express those emotions to God in prayer.

As the exhausting week wore on we would gather in prayer several more times as a university community. Friday at noon, in accordance with President Bush's

call to America to spend the noon hour praying, a crowd met in the outdoor Fouch Amphitheater; professors and administrators led specific prayers — for the victims, for their families, for the children of America, for all the rescuers and other people-helpers, for our nation's leaders, for the world community, for the future.

So if someone were to ask, how did your campus handle the days following September 11, I would tell you simply, we prayed. We leaned heavily upon our God. We poured out our fears and our anger, our confusion and our grief, our hope and our trust, our lament and our praise. We prayed. All over campus. And God drew us close, close to one another and close to himself.

But where do we go from here? As I continue to confront the horrific, indelible images in my mind of collapsing towers and a ravaged Pentagon, there is one thought that heartens me: Jesus was a carpenter.

There's so much rebuilding to be done. Already the rebuilders are at work. Even as work crews were beginning to sort through the smoking ashes and rubble, New York City was forming a reconstruction commission. They're saying there may be a new and possibly even taller World Trade Center. The Pentagon is up and running, and it will be restored. But there's so much more rebuilding to be done.

Think about it. Jesus was a carpenter. Like Joseph, his earthly father, who apprenticed his son to the trade. As a young carpenter, we may assume that many days Jesus would've worked up a good sweat, and suffered cuts on his arms,

and gotten hands full of splinters, and gone to bed exhausted from a hard day's work. He would have ...

- Fitted yokes on oxen so they didn't chafe and wound, and perhaps thought as he did, When weary, burdened men and women come follow me, they'll find that the yoke of my kingdom is easy, and my burden light.

- Gotten sawdust in his eyes as he cut planks for home repair, and perhaps thought as he did, Men need first to get the planks out of their own eyes before

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Pepperdine students gather in Firestone Fieldhouse on the evening of September 11 for a candlelight devotional to pray, sing, and comfort one another.



President Andrew Benton offers a message of comfort and hope during the prayer service in Firestone Fieldhouse.

PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

The Imprint of the Cross

by Bill Henegar

This year's Pepperdine Bible Lectures booklet welcomed people to Malibu, to "a few precious days in May, at the foot of the cross." By nearly every account, May 1 through 4 turned out to be very precious days, indeed. Great themes from the book of I Corinthians were wrapped into the main theme, "Shaped by the Cross." And from the keynote lecture by Jack Reese to the closing lecture by Jeff Walling, the week was both life-affirming and life-jolting—but above all, spiritually uplifting.

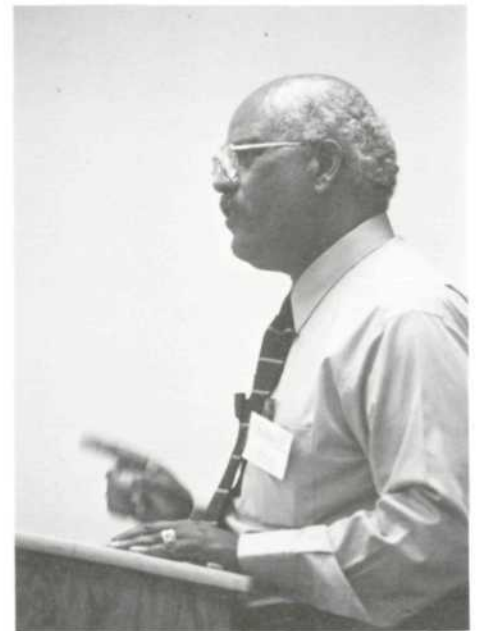
Nearly 5,000 Christians streamed to Southern California from 42 different states and ten foreign nations. Someone from England wrote, "I just wanted to express my sincere thanks . . . for the wonderful spiritual feast you organized for all of us." And from New York came, "My wife and I brought seven other church members with us and they all had a wonderful experience. All of them were 'first-timers' and they are planning a return trip next year."

In addition to Reese and Walling, other theme lecturers were Mark Frost, Don McLaughlin, Tim Kelley, Dan Bouchelle, and Brad Small. More than 170 teachers presented classes on subjects ranging from "The Suffering and the Glory: Reflections on II Corinthians" to "Digging Deeper: Developing a More Personal Relationship With God." The lectures were truly international in scope: teachers came from Albania, Australia, Canada, Estonia, Ethiopia, Ireland, and Northern Ireland.

A man from Massachusetts said, "I have attended several of the lectureships of the colleges and universities of our brotherhood over the years, and Pepperdine does the best of them all." A gentleman from Texas concluded, "It is not surprising that the Pepperdine lecture-



Tim Kelley delivers a dramatic keynote address on "The Lord's Table, The Lord's People."



Behailu Abebe from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, teaches a daily class on Christian missions.

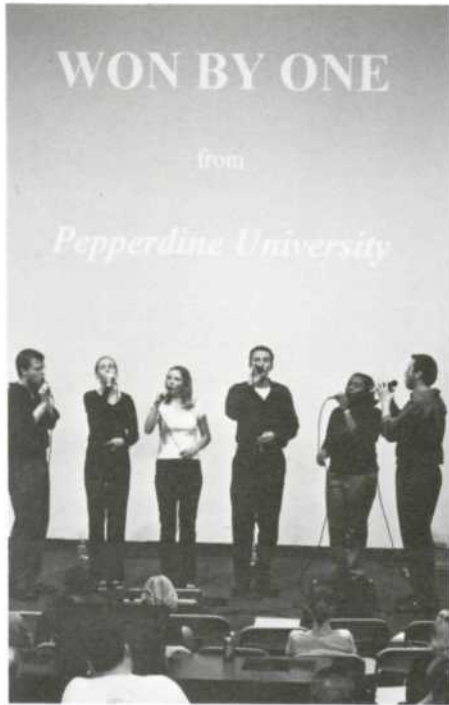


An efficient daily shuttle service running from early morning to late evening transports hundreds of lecture guests from Firestone Fieldhouse to classrooms all over the campus.

ship has become such an important part of the spiritual landscape for members of Churches of Christ throughout the world." A fellow Texan opined, "You have set the standard for everyone to meet." And all the way from Maine, a retired scholar wrote to Lectures Director Jerry Rushford, "The 2001 lectureship was

excellent. I'm always amazed at all the specific touches you give it. The Pepperdine lectureship is by far the premier lectureship among us."

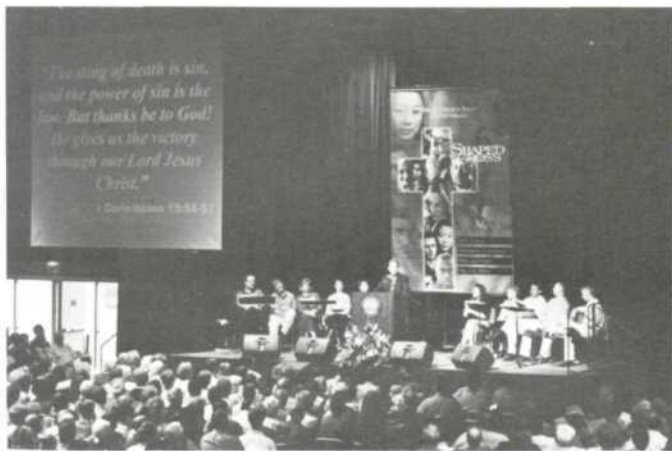
If the Pepperdine Bible Lectures are truly the "premier lectureship among us," it is not because Rushford sets out to be the best. It is because he strives for spiri-



Pepperdine's student singing group, *Won By One*, sings in concert in Elkins Auditorium.



Large and enthusiastic crowds pack Firestone Fieldhouse for an evening lecture, and thunderous and triumphant congregational singing echoes through the fieldhouse.



Jeff Walling from Charlotte, North Carolina, closes the week with a dynamic lecture on "Living in Hope" on Friday night.

tuality, balance, liberty, and opportunity for many voices to be heard. From Tennessee someone wrote, "Coming to Pepperdine refreshes my spirit every time. The openness of the environment and the freedom to discover and discuss spiritual ideas is so crucial to all of us. The full impact of what the Pepperdine lectureship does to the family of God is only

known by the Father."

Many attendees comment that they leave Malibu exhausted but overjoyed. From early morning devotions, special breakfasts, and classes, to theme lectures, late evening music and drama specials, and "coffee and pie" fellowship, the pace is somehow heavenly and frantic

at the same time. A couple from Arizona wrote, "We experienced the usual euphoria until exhaustion, and were angry our poor bodies had to do things like rest." More than 300 devoted Christians spent several months preparing their messages or lessons or music or drama—and the dividends were the blessings that other Christians took home with them. A

woman from California summed it up with, "It is impossible to measure my gratitude for all that these lectures have meant to me and how encouraging and spiritually energizing they are."

Inside the cover of the Lectures booklet were words from I Corinthians chapter 1. "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God . . . God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe." Across from that passage in President Andy Benton's message, he said, "It is our prayer that we will 'preach Christ crucified' this week, understanding that Christians must be transformed by the cross of Jesus—not once, but continually—moment by moment."

That prayer seems to have been answered in regard to the preaching of Christ crucified. Whether we allow God to transform us by the cross, "moment by moment," is now up to us.

TRIBUTE

Happy and Blessed to Serve

by Agnes Gibson

The 58th annual Bible Lectures hosted by Pepperdine University continued its tradition of bringing together Christians from all over the world for a week-long spiritual feast. Those in attendance enjoyed stimulating Bible lectures, thought-provoking discussions and classes, inspirational praise worship, gospel singing, and the uplifting presentation of several Distinguished Christian Service awards.

During the week Pepperdine University presented thirteen awards to Christians for their outstanding work in the kingdom of God. Other awards were also presented by Associated Women for Pepperdine, *Wineskins* magazine, Howard Publishing and *Twenty-first Century Christian* magazine.

On Wednesday evening, Pepperdine honored Calvin and Mozell Bowers for their 46 years of dedicated service to the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles. Another appreciation dinner took place on Friday evening and honored John and Evelyn Willis for their 40 years of devoted service to Christian education at Lipscomb University and Abilene Christian University.



Mozell and Calvin Bowers, Los Angeles, California



William Jones, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



John and Evelyn Willis, Abilene, Texas



Ron and Judy Warpole, Tallinn, Estonia



Ken and Marca Young, Midland, Texas



Joyce Hardin, Dripping Springs, Texas



Tony Coffey, Dublin, Ireland



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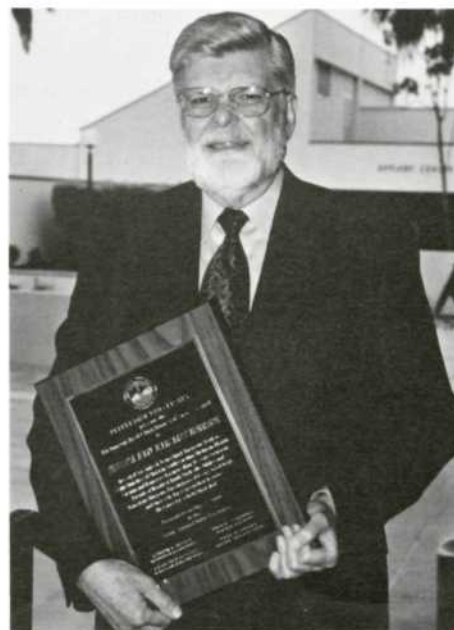
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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



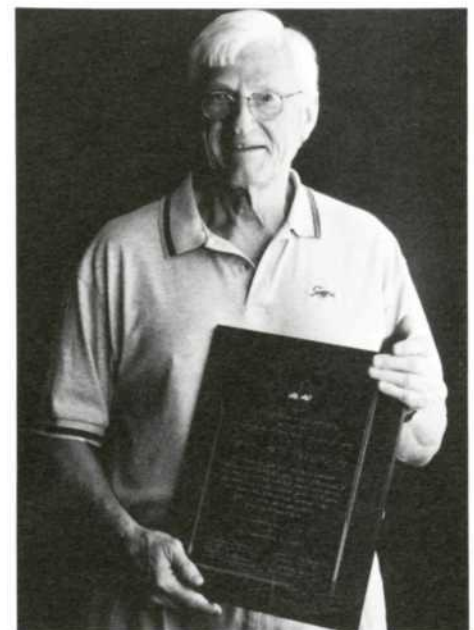
Tari and Joe Rokus, Arcadia, California



Darryl Tippens, Malibu, California



Phillip Morrison, Nashville, Tennessee



David Edwin Harrell, Jr., Auburn, Alabama

SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Daily expositor Dr. Carl Holladay from Atlanta lectures on I Corinthians.



Covenant Chorale from Overland Park, Kansas, performs in concert.



A time for Christian fellowship in the HAWC.



Robert Guy leads singing in Firestone Fieldhouse.



Old friends meet again at Malibu.

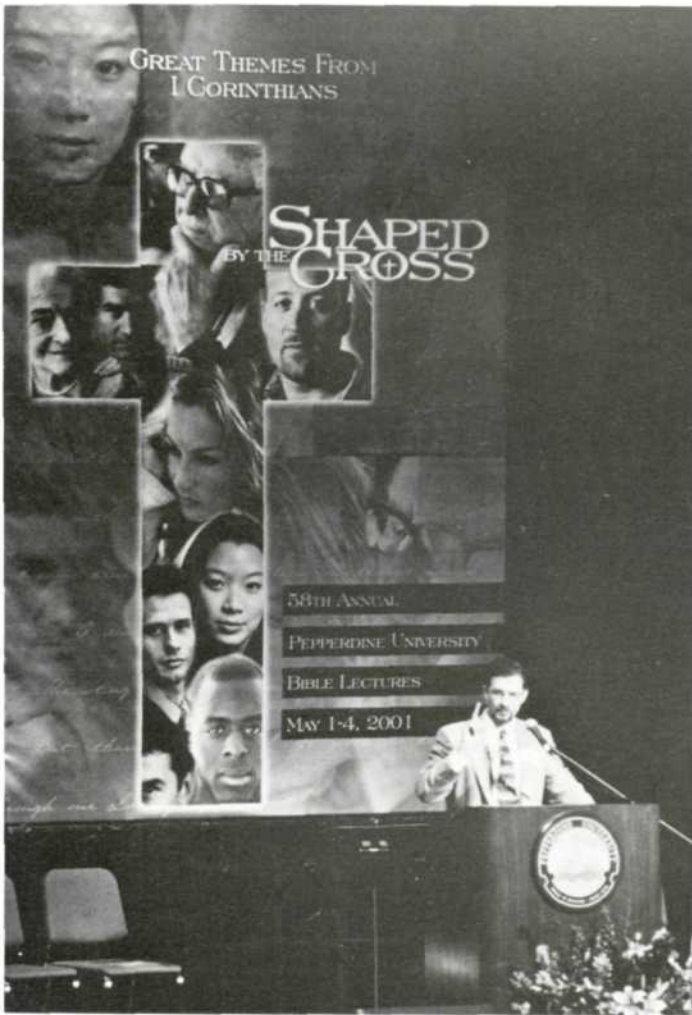


Rick Atchley's morning class on baptism draws overflow crowds to Smothers Theatre.



Joe Barnett addresses a luncheon gathering.

58TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Joyful reunions are common during lecture week.



Oklahoma's *Persnickety Players* perform in Lindhurst Theatre.



Tony Coffey from Dublin, Ireland, teaches in Raitt.



A lunchtime stroll on a sun-splashed day.



Classes meet hourly in majestic Stauffer Chapel.

Latin American Bible Institute Reborn and Thriving in Tijuana

by Ted Parks

At first sight, it's a family affair. A single family has not only put its heart into the project, but thousands in cold cash.

But this is no remodeling job or once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation. And if you look closely, you'll see not just a California family, but a spiritual one that transcends ethnic, linguistic, and national borders. Jack Wolford and his sister Cherie Leni, along with their close friends and extended family, have a holy, consuming passion: the Latin American Bible Institute in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Called the Instituto Bíblico Latinoamericano (IBLA) in Spanish, the ministry-training school is operated by the Latin American Christian Institute (LACI), a non-profit incorporated in 1998. Wolford and Leni sit on the LACI board, along with close friend Mark Banks and Regina Wolford. The Wolfords, Leni, and Banks are members of Woodland Hills Church of Christ near Los Angeles.

With its mission to "promote the study of the Bible as the divinely inspired Word of

God among people representative of the various cultures and nationalities of the Americas," IBLA currently enrolls about 20 men. Most of the students are single, and about half come from Mexico's large Indian population.

IBLA began as the Tijuana Bible School, which traces its roots back to 1968. The original school was started by

the father of the current IBLA director, Arturo Ríos, and was operated by an entity called the Latin American Christian Foundation. Ríos himself was born on the property that now houses the school.

LACI board member Leni remembered hearing about the Tijuana work long before she got involved personally. "My mom and my grand mom used to send money to the Tijuana Bible School," Leni said.

Leni and Wolford came into direct contact with the school when current-director Ríos came to the States to work in the early 1990s and Wolford hired him to paint. By the time Leni and Wolford began to take an interest in the institute, the school had fallen on hard times, they said. Utility bills had gone unpaid, showers didn't work, even floor tiles were missing, they explained.

The lamentable physical condition of the school worked together with a spiritual concern tugging at the hearts of Leni and Wolford to push them into action.

Having experienced what seemed excessively hard-line preaching in a Hispanic congregation they knew, Leni and Wolford felt called to offer an alternative. They wanted to create an institution that would root sound biblical teaching deeply in God's grace. "There can be a school that is full of love," they said.

With that principle in the background, current IBLA students complete

a three-year curriculum that combines textual and theological study with courses designed to open a broader perspective on the world. While students take courses like "Old Testament History" and "The Life of Christ," they also study foreign language, in this case, English. Other courses include world history and the history of Mexico.



IBLA students in front of the school in Tijuana.

Wolford is anxious for IBLA graduates to break the cycle that locks many Mexican and Central American congregations into financial dependence on the United States. "We're starting to teach all our students a trade. We've got to get these guys supporting themselves," said Wolford, who has seen well-intentioned American sponsorship go bad across the border. "You didn't do the church of Christ any good by making its preacher the richest man in town," Wolford explained.

The Wolford family has provided the lion's share of the school's funding to this point. With a monthly budget on the books of between \$5,000 and \$6,000, Wolford and Leni said they usually end up digging even deeper into their own pockets to keep the school going. The budgeted expenses include only feeding and housing students and paying instructors. Additional outlays, like repairs and recruiting trips, have to come from elsewhere.

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Regina Wolford, Jack Wolford, and Cherie Leni during an evening in Wolford's Woodland Hills home, Sept. 1, 2001.

MILESTONES

Eastside Church of Christ in Antioch Celebrates Sixty Years



Above: A banner informs guests that the Eastside Church of Christ began in 1941 and has served the community for 60 years.

Left: Marie Spainhower, the only remaining charter member of the Eastside Church of Christ, enjoys the festivities with her son.

The Eastside Church of Christ began when a group of Christians who had been driving to Richmond, Martinez, Stockton, and Knightsen, decided to establish a church in Antioch, California. Everett Evans, the preacher from Martinez, helped organize the effort. There were 26 charter members.

The congregation erected a building at 16th and A streets in September 1947 and moved to their present location on East Tregallas in February 1974. Four years later the fellowship hall and minister's home were completed.

The preacher for the congregation, David Kenser, is in his 15th year and the youth and family minister, Tim Blair, is completing five years with the church.

Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield Opens New Family Life Center

The Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield has just opened a new 30,000 square foot addition to its existing church facility.

Known as the "Family Life Center," the new building is the result of prayer, an unyielding dream and vision of the members and elders, and a generous financial commitment from the congregation. So far, the Westside church has raised about half of the \$3 million needed to complete this project.

The new wing was added to the existing 28,000 square foot church facility that is still in full use. The Family Life Center includes five new children's classrooms, 10 adult classrooms, a prayer room/elders' conference room, a multi-functional women's center, a commercial kitchen, a communion preparation room/utility room (with washer and dryer) and a large fellowship hall. There is also a recreation room in the new building that includes a gymnasium with volleyball and basketball courts, a private shower, lounge, pingpong tables and a game area. The multipurpose room is equipped with state of the art audio and video systems and has a cushioned, washable, rubber-

ized floor surface suitable for sports and fellowship activities.

In 1998 when the project was started, the elders went to the congregation and together developed a "needs list" which included this type of facility. Over 100 members worked together on numerous committees to pull the project together.

There are approximately 700 attending each Sunday and the congregation is led by eight elders including: Bill Barksdale, Norm Jensen, Ed Pafford, Rick Pitts, Rick Rowland, Lindel Smith, Don Taylor and Jeff Williams. The four staff members are Andy



Westside's Family Life Center opened in September 2001.



More than 700 remained for lunch after the building dedication.

Miller, Bobby Bligh, Tom Edmiaston, and Willie Sanchez.

The Pioneer Evangelist in Adams County

by Jerry Rushford

William Randolph Cunningham was born near Paris, Bourbon County, Kentucky, in the very heart-land of the Restoration Movement on April 14, 1834. The historic Cane Ridge Meeting-house was located just a few miles from his home. The merger of the Barton Stone and Alexander Campbell back-to-the-Bible movements in 1832 had resulted in a vigorous and united movement to restore New Testament



W. R. Cunningham 1834-1919

Christianity that was sweeping through Kentucky and adjacent states. This Restoration Movement was enjoying stunning evangelistic success in Bourbon and surrounding counties in the three decades prior to the Civil War.

The famed evangelist from Kentucky, John T. Johnson, immersed W. R. Cunningham into Christ on December 19, 1855, during an evangelistic meeting in Bourbon County. Cunningham was 21 years old. In the autumn of 1858, when he was 24 years old, he enrolled in Alexander Campbell's Bethany College in what is now West Virginia. However, he did not enroll in Bethany to train for the ministry of preaching. "I had no idea of being a preacher," he recalled later. It would be more than a decade before he preached his first sermon.

When the Civil War began, Cunningham joined the Confederate Army in his home state of Kentucky. He fought under General John Hunt Morgan and was wounded in the battle of Buffington Island in July 1863. During a period of convalescence he read Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and changed his mind about the

nobility of the Confederate cause. In April 1864 he took the oath of allegiance to the Union and was restored to citizenship.

Following the Civil War years and his marriage to Rebecca James in 1865, Cunningham moved his young family to Cass County, Missouri, south of Kansas City. His faithfulness to the cause of Christ continued during these years, and it was in Cass County that he began preaching the gospel of Christ in May 1870, less than a month after his 36th birthday. It was the beginning of a belated evangelistic ministry that would span nearly half a century.

In his own unpublished autobiography, written many years later in the third person, Cunningham modestly noted:

In 1870, in May, beginning the first Lord's Day, he began his labors as a preacher of the Churches of Christ. In his work as a preacher he has been successful in the evangelistic field having immersed a great many people wherever he has labored.

After a 19-year ministry in Missouri, W. R. Cunningham moved his family to Washington Territory in April 1889. The Territory achieved Statehood a few months after they arrived. The

Cunninghams were drawn to sparsely populated Adams County where they discovered several families from the Church of Christ. "I believe we have more persons who were members of the Church of Christ before coming here than belong to any of the sectarian denominations," observed one church member from Iowa. "There are little settlements of them in all parts of the county."

The Cunningham family arrived in Ritzville on April 22, 1889. They established a home in Ritzville, which they always kept, but they would eventually settle on a farm 33 miles west of Ritzville, near Scott's Station on the Northern Pacific Railroad. W. R. Cunningham began preaching immediately upon his arrival in Adams County and when he immersed Jacob and Belle King into Christ in May 1889, he was fairly certain they were the first persons immersed in the county. In October 1889 Cunningham estimated that there were "probably 300" members of the Church of Christ living in Adams County.

For the first five and a half years of his residency in Washington, Cunningham was involved in building up his property in town and his farm in the country and he only preached on Sundays. A former classmate from Bethany College visited him in April 1893 and wrote: "I spent a very pleasant evening with Bro. W. R. Cunningham and his estimable family. We had not seen each other since 1860. He owns a large ranch on both sides of the great Northern Pacific R.R., and his house is located within 100 yards of the railroad."



Cunningham, Washington, in the early 1900s. The town was named for W. R. Cunningham.

In May 1894 Cunningham preached for 12 members of the Church of Christ who were meeting in Delight Schoolhouse in south central Adams County. He preached for them on a monthly basis that summer and baptized several converts and organized a congregation of 24 members in October 1894. At that point, his wife encouraged her 60-year-old husband to devote all of his energy to evangelism. "In the autumn of 1894," he wrote later, "by the request and earnest solicitation of my wife, I gave a mortgage of my entire time to the Lord without any promise of remuneration from a human being." It was the beginning of five exciting years of evangelism that carried him through Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. For the next five years the church papers were filled with his evangelistic reports.

Cunningham returned to Delight Schoolhouse in November 1894 to launch his new work as an evangelist. "November 25 was the beginning of one of the most successful meetings I ever held," he recalled later, "though the number that obeyed was not as great as many that I have held. The meeting continued until December 21, and the result was thirty two immersions." Cunningham

left them with a congregation of 58 members, served by three elders and three deacons. "Considering the number of inhabitants residing there it is the most successful meeting I ever held, for there were but six persons left in disobedience."

Following Cunningham's meeting in Lind, Washington, in December 1895 one church leader reported: "Bro. W. R. Cunningham is a fearless, logical speaker, and is doing more good for the cause of Christ than any man in this State of whom I have any knowledge." Such praise of Cunningham was common. After his meeting in Spokane in May 1897, a woman named Julia Merriman sent a report to the *Christian Leader*. "He has given us some fine sermons along the old paths," she enthused. "He is an honest, sincere, courageous man. His eyes are set squarely in his head, and wide enough open to assure one of his frank, fearless purpose — that there is no cunning dissimulation in his make up. Where the Bible speaks, he tries to speak, and in a clear, logical, convincing manner."

The first weeks of 1898 found Cunningham in Spokane County where he established congregations of the Church of Christ in Cheney and Plaza.

"It rejoices me greatly to think that only one month and ten days of 1898 have passed and I have had the privilege of setting in order two apostolic congregations in this State" he reported in the *Christian Leader*. From there he went to Whitman County where he preached in meetings at Pleasant Valley, Garfield, and Colfax with additions at each place.

At the close of 1898 he was still going strong. "Apostolic Christianity is gaining ground in this State," he informed the *Christian Leader*. "More apostolic preachers are needed in the State, Oregon and Idaho, but it will require

men who can endure hardships, as did the pioneers of the Restoration."

When he left the evangelistic field in the fall of 1899, Cunningham became a successful real estate agent in Adams County. He was especially adept at selling land to members of the Church of Christ who were migrating to Washington. By 1901, he had platted a town near Scott's Station and named it for himself. He also established a church in the little community and preached for it on Sundays. The town of Cunningham, Washington, reached its peak in 1913 with a population of more than 300.

Throughout the 1890s and early 1900s, the Restoration Movement in Washington was suffering through a gradual division between "progressives" (who became the Disciples of Christ) and "conservatives" (who became the Churches of Christ). Like many other pioneer preachers, Cunningham's loyalties were severely tested. For years he maintained contact with church leaders and congregations on both sides, but after his 75th birthday in 1909 he found himself more at home with the Churches of Christ. Beginning in 1909, he often took the train into Spokane and preached for the Church of Christ that met at 518 Nora Avenue across from North Central High School.

In the last years of his life, Cunningham listed his name in the *Preachers in Churches of Christ* booklets that were issued annually by *Firm Foundation*, *Gospel Advocate*, and *Christian Leader*. When his wife died in 1911 he buried her on a wooded hill in Greenwood Memorial Terrace on the western edge of Spokane. When the old evangelist died on April 11, 1919, three days before his 85th birthday, his children buried him beside his wife on the lovely hillside. He has been forgotten for nearly a century, but W. R. Cunningham was one of those faithful pioneers in the Great Northwest who laid a foundation on which we now build.



W. R. Cunningham in later years. When he died he was buried next to his wife in Spokane, Washington.



Cunningham, Washington, as it looks today.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Agnes Gibson

Bob Chandler, professor of Communication, will preach for the La Habra Church of Christ on November 18. In December he will preach for the Griffin Road Church of Christ in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Ken Durham, minister of the Malibu Church of Christ, taught a class on Nehemiah on September 28 at an Ohio Men's Retreat. October 5 he spoke during the "Celebration Chapel Services." On December 7 he will participate in the Collegium Musicum holiday program.

Susan Giboney, lecturer in the Humanities/Teacher Education Division, spoke for a Women's Retreat for the Malibu Church of Christ October 12-14 and for a Women's Day at the Ventura Church of Christ on October 27. During September she spoke at a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program on "Keeping Your Marriage Alive While You Have Preschoolers."

Scott Lambert, campus minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, spoke October 4-6 for the Let's Start Talking Harvest Call at the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. He also taught at the World Missions Workshop hosted by Freed Hardeman University October 18-21, and on October 27-28 he is teaching a class at the Westside Church of Christ's College-Age/Young Adult Seminar. In November, he and his wife, Kim, will host a "Let's Start Talking" west coast training weekend.

Dennis Lowe, director of the Center for the Family and professor of Psychology, and **Emily Scott-Lowe**, therapist in the Student Counseling Center, will present "When Christians Encounter the Storms of Life," for Central Coast Lectures in San Luis Obispo. In October they will present a family seminar for the Arlington Church of Christ in Riverside. In September they presented a marriage seminar for the Central Church of Christ in San Jose.

Rick Marrs, professor and chair of the Religion Division, spoke on September 28-30 for the East County Church of Christ in Portland. October 5-7 he spoke for a College Ministry Retreat for Boise State University and Oregon State University. He is scheduled to keynote the York College lectures on October 11. On October 14 he will speak for a teacher's workshop for the Camarillo Church of Christ and on October 22-23 he will preach for Lubbock Christian University's Preacher's Seminar.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of Communication, presented a seminar on college ministries at the 45th Annual National Campus Ministries seminar at the University of Alabama.

Daniel Rodriguez, assistant professor of Religion and Hispanic Studies, was the keynote speaker for "Faith Quest" in Yamhill, Oregon, for 500 high school students, August 31-September 2. In November he will be the keynote speaker at the Urban Ministry Conference in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jerry Rushford, director of Church Relations and professor of Religion, preached for Churches of Christ in El Segundo, Sierra Madre and Boise, Idaho in September and in Portland, Oregon,

Ukiah, and Rancho Cordova in October. He will preach for the Lakewood Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado, November 4, Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield November 11, and Strathmore Blvd. Church of Christ in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, December 2. He taught for the Spiritual Growth Workshop in Fresno September 27-28, delivered the keynote address for Restoration Forum XIX in Portland, Oregon, October 14, and will speak at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, December 1.

Larry Sullivan, assistant director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, spoke for the Abilene Christian University Christian Dispute Resolution Conference on "Dispute Resolution in the Church," in Dallas on September 20-21. He will teach and preach on November 11 for the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Salem, Indiana.

Chuck Van Eaton, professor of Public Policy, preached in Dallas during the summer at "Celebration 2001."

Helen Young, assistant director of Church Relations, traveled to Albania during the summer and joined twenty other teachers from the United States to teach the Bible to Albanian students.



Pepperdine's *Won By One* vocal group welcomes two new members this year. Pictured above are: bottom row, l to r: Jeremy Johnson, Shannon Sykora, Kelli Isaac. Top row, l to r: Liza Lindsey, Kris Strobeck, Peter Wilson

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An example of the added financial sacrifice is the leadership's annual trek through Mexico and Central America in search of students, paid for by the LACI board, not the institute itself. Last summer Leni, accompanied by director Ríos and video cameraman and Woodland Hills church member Joe Vargas, drove about 7,000 miles from California all the way to Guatemala in search of new faces for IBLA.

The account of the trip in the LACI newsletter underscores the harsh realities into which the school's graduates hope to bring Good News. In one remote corner of the Mexican state of San Luis Potosí, the group met a man bedridden from snakebite and unable to work his farm. They were received into homes with dirt floors and no refrigeration and hiked hanging bridges built by villagers.

While the LACI is a labor of love of the WOLFORD family, the institute has enlisted the support of the Woodland Hills congregation and of the Poncha Springs Church of Christ in Poncha Springs, Colorado. Walter Burch, a Woodland Hills elder, commended the institute's leaders.

In a letter to introduce WOLFORD and fellow board member Mark Banks, Burch praised the LACI leadership who had "worked, prayed, and given of their own means to revive the Tijuana Bible School." And the WOLFORD family and LACI board have plans bigger even than Tijuana and Central America. They hope LACI can be the parent organization for schools in other places in the Hispanic world and even among Native Americans.

Despite her deep convictions about LACI, board member Leni admits that Christians never really know where God will lead them. "I thought when I became a Christian, God was going to send me to Beverly Hills," she said. "It looks like heaven had something a little further south in mind."

Carpenter, *con't from page 3*

they get involved in the critical examination of the specks in other men's eyes.

- Worked around local Galilean construction sites, and perhaps thought as he did, When I build a church — my church — all the powers of Hades will never be able to overcome it!

There is so much rebuilding to be done. In the weeks, months, years ahead, we will need a rebuilders among us, one who has the power to do even more than reinvigorate Wall Street and bolster national security and resurrect lower Manhattan.

We need a rebuilders who can ease our national and individual burdens of grief and fear and bewilderment, who can fit us with yokes of resolve and usefulness that will enable us to overcome evil with good.

We need a rebuilders who can clear our eyes of the planks of hate and vengeance and ethnic stereotyping.

We need a rebuilders who can shape and empower the kind of churches that will be safe, life-rebuilding, sinner-loving, grace-extending, neighbor-helping, Bible-teaching, God-fearing families. (Neither the evil schemes of desperate men nor all the powers of Hades can overcome a people like that.)

Against the backdrop of the madness of September 11, the story of Jesus stands out in greater contrast than ever before. Here is the story of a man on a death mission. But his was a mission fueled not by hate, but by the deepest of loves. He took no innocent lives, but gave up his own innocent life for us all. And the only thing he destroyed that day at Calvary was death's ultimate power to separate us from our God.

There is so much rebuilding to be done. We need a rebuilders. And Jesus, it just so happens, is a carpenter.

(Ken Durham, preaching minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, reflects on how Pepperdine students dealt with the events of September 11.)

Pepperdine's William M. Green Lectures Feature Tim Woodroof

For the past 22 years, the William M. Green lecture program has brought an outstanding scholar from Churches of Christ to Pepperdine.



This year's lecture program, scheduled for October 23-24, featured Dr. Tim Woodroof, pulpit minister for the Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Woodroof lectured on "Following Jesus: Explorations in the Interior Life."

Among Dr. Woodroof's published works are: *Walk This Way: An Interactive Guide to Following Jesus* and *A Church That Flies: A New Call to Restoration in Churches of Christ*.

Fall Workshops Hosted By Cascade College

This fall Cascade College offered two workshops designed to equip leaders in churches throughout the region: a youth workers forum was held October 24-26 and ElderLink, a workshop for elders, was held October 26-28.

Dr. Dudley Chancey, of Oklahoma Christian University's Bible faculty, led the forum for paid and volunteer youth staff members. A steering committee of Portland-area youth ministers helped Cascade's administration identify themes for the forum.

"We were excited to bring Elderlink to the Northwest," said Dr. Dennis Lynn, Cascade's president. Elderlink is a ministry of Abilene Christian University with the mission to equip, encourage, and link those who lead and serve as elders in Churches of Christ. Dr. Mark Love, who directs Cascade's Expositor's Seminar, coordinated Elderlink at Cascade.

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