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Retiring At Pepperdine  
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## Two Irvine Professors Enrich Religion Offerings

Dewayne Winrow and Daniel Rodriguez will be teaching religion on the Malibu campus this fall after receiving appointments as Irvine Fellows from the Irvine Foundation, which seeks to increase minority faculty opportunities. Winrow is the senior minister at the Vaughn Street Church of Christ in San Fernando where he has ministered since 1975. He is in the



*Dewayne and Margaret Winrow*

Ph.D. program at USC, studying religion and social ethics. As a young man, Winrow attended Nashville Christian Institute, traveling and speaking with evangelist Marshall Keeble. Later, he preached for congregations in Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri. Winrow graduated from Southwestern Christian College and went on to major in Bible at Pepperdine where he received his B.A. degree in 1973. He continued in New Testament Studies at Pepperdine, completing the course work for the M.A. degree in 1977. In 1993, Winrow received an M.S. in Ministry from Pepperdine. Winrow's ministry has included developing several rehabilitation programs for recovering addicts, serving on numerous boards and committees, and

speaking extensively for seminars and gospel meetings in California. Winrow has developed a set of audio commentaries on the New Testament and a training series for Bible Study leaders. Dewayne and his wife, Margaret, have four children.

Daniel Rodriguez, the second Irvine Fellow for this fall, is a native of Southern California, growing up in Fresno, where he first heard the gospel. After two years at Fresno City college, he transferred to Pepperdine where he received his B.A. in Religion in 1978. He is married to the former Jeanette Martin, whom he met at Pepperdine. Daniel and Jeanette worked with the Davis Park Church of Christ in Modesto while Daniel finished his M.A. from Pepperdine. In 1985 Daniel and Jeanette, their four children, and a foster daughter joined a team formed to begin a congregation in Puebla, Mexico, one of the largest cities in the country. Over the last nine years, Daniel and his team-mates have helped establish one of the strongest and largest congregations in Mexico. During this time,

Daniel also completed two additional master's degrees at the University of the Americas, one in teaching English as a second language and one in teaching Spanish. Daniel and Jeanette are excited to return to Pepperdine, and they feel that God's providence has provided this opportunity for teaching and graduate study. He will work on his Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies and Missiology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena while teaching religion and Spanish courses at Seaver this fall.



*Daniel Rodriguez*

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A Generation of Church Leaders Retiring at Pepperdine: (l to r): Warren Kilday, Bill Stivers, George Hill, Morris Womack, James Smythe, Stewart Hudson. Photo by Ron Hall

## On Serving Both Church and College

by Jerry Rushford and Emily Y. Lemley

From the time George Pepperdine College was founded in the fall of 1937, it has been blessed with many administrators and faculty who also served area Churches of Christ as ministers and elders. This issue of *Pacific Church News* pays tribute to a generation of church leaders who are now moving into retirement.

Dr. William "Bill" Stivers was a student in Pepperdine's pioneer class in 1937, and in 1945 he came back to teach Spanish. Bill took a ten-year leave to serve as Chief Deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenny Hahn. Bill and his wife, Frances, attended the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ during those early years and then were charter members of the Malibu Church, where he has served devotedly as an elder for years. Bill retired from his foreign language teaching this spring. Beloved by so many, Bill is probably best known for his tireless efforts to help the poor in San Felipe, Tijuana, and all of Mexico. He has made countless trips to deliver clothing, food, and building materials to the needy there. Several years ago, Stivers started offering free courses in conversational Spanish classes at Pepperdine as a service to those who want to improve their communication with Spanish speakers. These courses have been an outreach to people in the Malibu community and have consequently involved several in the work in Mexico. Those who know Bill best say that his outstanding quality is humility. He and Frances will remain in an active role at the Malibu congregation.

Dr. James Smythe, who retires this summer as professor and chair of the Humanities, Teacher Education Division at Seaver College, came to Pepperdine in 1947 as a transfer student from David Lipscomb in Nashville, Tennessee. He remembers the intellectual challenge that he experienced at Pepperdine, "I saw what true scholarship was, and I wanted to go on for graduate education." As a student at

Pepperdine, Smythe began his ministerial role in the San Jacinto-Hemet area from 1943-1946. Then Smythe worked with the Inglewood congregation along with J. Eddie Weams. Smythe graduated from Pepperdine in 1949 and went on to the University of Chicago for a master's and then a Ph.D. in English literature. He and his wife, Betty, returned to Pepperdine in 1952, and they have been part of the Pepperdine family ever since. Dr. Smythe also began preaching for the congregation in 1952, then he continued his ministry in

*"May all those who  
follow them be  
imitators of their  
dedication and  
determination to serve  
the Church as well as  
the University."*

other Los Angeles area congregations: Hollywood 1955; Southwest 1955-1960; El Segundo 1960-1966; Hermosa Beach 1967-1976; then Inglewood 1976-1983. He has preached for the Westchester congregation since 1983, and retires from there this year as he leaves his academic career at Pepperdine. Dr. Smythe reflects, "Without Betty, I could never have done the church work or the university work. She has been an equally important member of the team, creating programs for the educational program of the church and doing most of the counseling." The Smythes have not yet decided where they will retire, but they look forward to a change of pace.

Dr. Stewart Hudson has served as the chair of the Communication Division and now is professor in the division. "My connection and care for Pepperdine goes back to my growing up because my father preached for the Southwest congregation

in Los Angeles where George Pepperdine was an elder. My parents and the Pepperdine's were dear friends." Stewart's father, John Allen Hudson, also began the Old Paths book club in 1946 to provide Christian literature to people on the West Coast. As Stewart became involved in this work, the book club expanded to a book store which was the only source of church supplies on the West Coast for many years. Later the Hudsons began a publishing house. Stewart was involved in choosing many of the titles they published, working closely with the reprinting of many out-of-print restoration classics that people were hungry to read. The Old Paths Publishers put out several of Alexander Campbell's debates, the five volume *Quarterly* of Moses Lard, and the first 12 volumes of *The Millennial Harbinger*. Stewart and his wife, Martha, who met as students at Pepperdine, kept the business going until it sold in 1983. Hudson served as an elder of the Malibu Church on campus where he and Martha were charter members, and they are now active at the Culver Palms Church of Christ. As they retire, the Hudsons are going to oversee the Pepperdine program in Japan for the fall semester, and then they plan to travel extensively before coming back home to Pacific Palisades.

George M. Hill, who has been a part of the Pepperdine family for 33 years, preaches for the Redondo Beach Church of Christ where he has been one of the ministers for almost 20 years. George has preached all over the country and around the world in his travel for the University. Most recently, Hill served as an advancement officer at Pepperdine, but he has served the University as director of admissions, foreign student advisor, and special assistant to the president. His dedication to Christian education has won many friends for the University. "We are very grateful for George's many years of

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# LECTURES

## “Crucified with Christ”—more than a Rite of Spring

by Bill Henegar

The spring semester is over. Finals finished, bags packed, the last hugs after graduation given. The students head for home . . . and the Seaver College campus settles into an unusual, lonely emptiness.

But not for long.

It's Sunday, April 24, as Christians in Savannah, Georgia, open their church bulletins and read their minister's column. "Our family has been looking forward to this trip for some time," he writes. "We are always exited about the spiritual renewal which takes place as a result of the Pepperdine Lectures. I know I'm prejudiced but I'll say it anyway, this lectureship is the best. The program is very well balanced. The fellowship is heavenly. The worship is inspirational. The scenery? You have to see it to believe it. The most beautiful campus on earth on green foothills with a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean." Many others around the country are agreeing with these sentiments as they head for Malibu.



The traditional finale combines unity with a promise to return again next year.

Then Monday comes. The beginning of the 1994 Pepperdine Bible Lectures is still more than 24 hours away, but already the RVs are arriving. One after another they roar up the hill to the spaces in the dorm parking lot that will be home for the next five or six days. By noon on Tuesday, the vehicles have become a veritable flood—church vans, buses, station wagons, cars by the hundreds. The campus emptiness is suddenly and dramatically transformed. A

new excitement fairly buzzes, a powerful spiritual presence is nearly palpable. The 51st annual Bible Lectures have burst like a whirlwind upon Malibu once more.



Rick Atchley heralds "The Gospel of Grace" on opening night in Firestone Fieldhouse.

The prelude to the week of spiritual feasting is two kick-off feasts: the Associated Women for Pepperdine dinner, with speaker JoAnn Walker, for the women; and the Opening Night Men's Dinner, with Terry Johnson, for the men. An uplifting songfest follows, then the 4,000-plus audience settles in for the keynote address. Rich Atchley's soft Texas drawl fills Firestone Fieldhouse as he lays the groundwork for the week with his sweeping message, "The Gospel of Grace in Galatians."

The theme is an important one. "My week in Malibu was great!" a man from Minnesota will reflect as the Lectures conclude. "The Gospel of Grace was such an encouraging message." Yet, for others, it will be more than an encouraging theme. Lectures director Jerry Rushford will later receive letters sent from "sea to shining sea" indicating that the week was life-saving (or at least faith-rescuing) for a significant number. From Florida a preacher will write, "For the past several months I had been feeling burned-out in

my ministry, so I decided at almost the last minute to attend the Pepperdine lectures. I had never been there before . . . I am so thankful I came . . . I have returned to my family and my work with a sense of fullness that I have not had in some time." And from a California central-coast preacher: "Last week in Malibu was pivotal in restoring my relationship with God and renewing my heart for ministry. I needed it desperately."

Each day begins with a robust breakfast, with a side order of several breakfast programs. For the devout—and eager—there is also a Morning Praise time. By 8:30, the classes (more than 200 of them)



Lectures Week provides frequent opportunities for creating new relationships.

are off and running, featuring a dazzling variety of subjects, and continuing through the day until 4:30. At the 11:00 a.m. break, attendees stream down the endless steps to the fieldhouse for the morning theme lecture. Then they make a mad dash for some physical nourishment—many taking in one of the five luncheon programs. After the afternoon classes, hundreds rush to the 4:30 dinner programs. Then it is on to the songfest at 6:15 and the main evening lecture at 7:00.

It's easy to understand the many written responses, like the one from a minister in Indianapolis: "I am excited and built up, though physically exhausted!" But he continues, echoing the general feelings of many, ". . . and ready to get into ministry with renewed enthusiasm. I want to go and

study, teach, and preach Galatians again!"

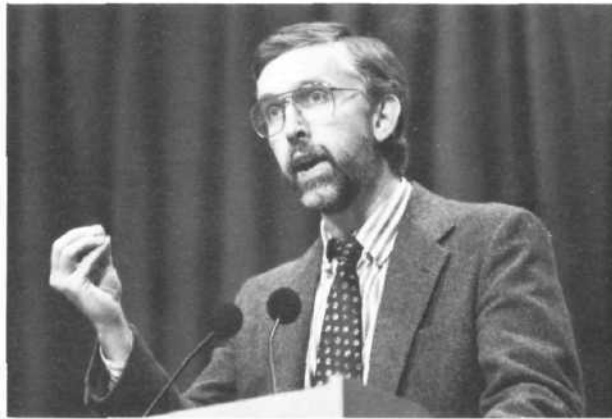
As the week wears on, attendees hear main lectures from Rob McRay, Ronnie White, James Walters, Chris Smith, and John York. Classes from "Getting Ahead—And Taking Your Family With You" to "Facing the Chill

Winds of Change" are presented by teachers such as Paul Faulkner, Mike Cope, Joy McMillon, Billy Curl, Willard Tate, Rubel Shelly, LaGard Smith, Jeff Walling, R.L. Roberts, June Breninger, Ken Durham, Lynn Anderson and Carey Garrett, and dozens of others. There seems to be something for everybody.

The richness of the week is revealed through letters that Rushford receives in the days that follow. From Florida: "I want to commend the University for allowing a forum where fresh insights into God's word may be shared openly." From California's San Joaquin Valley: "The greatest blessing of the lectureship at Pepperdine is that no one has tried to direct anyone's words or thoughts. The lectureship has been a forum for study and thinking aloud in a grace-filled way. Hence, the environment is redemptive in its impact." From Arizona: "The Spirit of the Lord is present, and we always leave Pepperdine refreshed and with a renewed sense of hopefulness for the future of the church."

A first-time attendee from Illinois responds, "... there was a sense of excellence and camaraderie that I felt among the people at Pepperdine that excelled normal lectureships." And a couple from Oregon express a result of the Lectures that is unplanned but certainly welcomed: "Spending several days together and talking about what we were learning was a great renewal and bonding experience in our marriage."

Everywhere around Pepperdine's Seaver



Leonard Allen moves his audience to reflection and tears with his confessional message on Friday night.

College campus there is a sense that a very special community the size of a small city has miraculously appeared. It is a community normally scattered, literally, around the world. But for 80 hours or so this community of faith materializes, its members embrace one another, learn together, praise God together, then scatter once more to the thousands of places they live the other 51 weeks of the year. The handshakes and hugs, laughs and tears, common meals and common love, conversations around the fountain or late at night in the AWP Coffee and Pie Cafe—everything is over too soon.

As people see the scope of the message, they also often catch sight of the enormity of the task of conducting the Lectures. A

university professor from Texas is correct as he expresses his thanks to Jerry Rushford and the Lectures staff, concluding, "It is no accident that events of this magnitude are successful year after year." A minister adds, "There is no substitute for adequate preparation. The Pepperdine Lectures reflect thorough preparation on [Rushford's and his team's] part and from the Pepperdine family."

Friday evening comes, and with it the final major event: Leonard Allen speaking on "The Cruciform Life." The message is a dramatic departure from the other lectures—unabashedly confessional, openly autobiographical, powerfully stirring. At its conclusion, thousands of Christians say their good-byes and prepare for the journey home to ponder the meaning of a cross-shaped life—what it truly means to be "crucified with Christ."

One Texas minister will later write, "... we returned home once again with our cups full and overflowing. When I think of the Pepperdine Lectures, I can't help but recall Barton Stone's assessment of the Cane Ridge revival: 'Happy days! Joyful seasons of refreshment from the presence of the Lord!'"

## Senior Preachers Recognized At the Pepperdine Lectures



Ten preachers of the gospel, each of whom has been preaching for more than half a century, were assembled for this group photo during the Pepperdine Bible Lectures. First Row (l to r): Alger Fitch, Harold Wright, Otis Gatewood, Clarence Dailey, Harry Robert Fox. Second Row: Jack Bills, R. L. Roberts, Maurice Hall, M. Norvel Young, J. P. Sanders.

## Giving Honor To Whom Honor Is Due: A Pepperdine Tradition Continues

by Emily Y. Lemley

Giving honor is good for the heart of the giver, and for the crowds at this year's Pepperdine Lectures (April 26-29) giving honor was a great joy. The University honored 14 outstanding Christian servants at Lectures Week with the Distinguished Christian Service Award. Three Christian publications gave three additional awards to people active in the life of the church.

Opening night began with the Men's dinner in Firestone Fieldhouse, where Duane Canby of Yorba Linda, California, was honored for his contribution as one of the founders of Columbia Christian College. Duane has served for more than 50 years as a preacher of the gospel and has taught for many years at The Southern California School of Evangelism.

R.L. Roberts, one of the premier historians for Churches of Christ, was honored at the Men's Dinner on Wednesday evening. The former reference librarian at Abilene Christian University has been a "devoted mentor of historians in the Stone-Campbell tradition."

Edwin and Pat White from the Eastside Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, were honored for 25 years of ministry at the Eastside congregation and for founding the dynamic Grand Canyon Christian Encampment, which offers a summer spiritual feast to hundreds of families.

Thamar and Marsha Williams were honored for their dedicated service to the church through their tireless work, spanning more than 25 years, at the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ. Thamar directs the Pepperdine Christian Education Certificate program, which enriches Christian teachers. It was noted that between them, Thamar and Marsha hold five degrees from Pepperdine University.

Pepperdine Board of Regents member, Bill Stevens, and his wife, Virda, of Atherton, California, were honored for their generous support of Christian



Edwin and Pat White



Bill and Virda Stevens



Thamar and Marsha Williams with daughters Ciani and Tamara

education and Christian missions. The Stevens have served for many years with MANNA International, focusing specifically on African missions.

June Breninger of Portland, Oregon, was awarded honor for her dedication to Christian education for over a quarter of a century, and her enthusiasm for mentoring hundreds of college students through her work at Columbia, and her counseling and teaching at the East County Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon.

John York received his award immediately after his son preached the Friday morning keynote address. York Sr. was honored for being a servant to the church as he has preached and taught for more than 40 years in the Great Northwest. He recently retired after 29 years with the church in Roseburg, Oregon. York was commended for



Duane Canby

encouraging young preachers as they begin their ministry.

Frank and Carrol Huang were honored for their work with Unity Village Church of Christ in Taipei, Taiwan, for the past 30 years. Their leadership has multiplied the



June Breninger



Frank and Carrol Huang



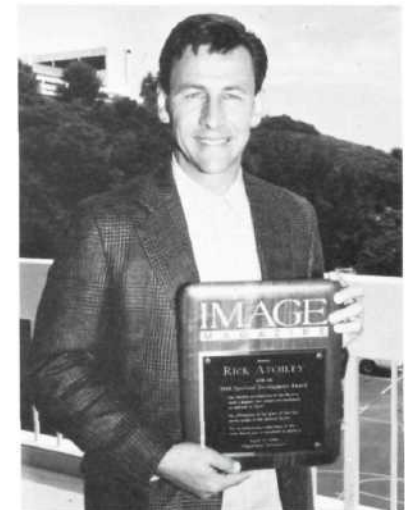
John and Jean Sudbury



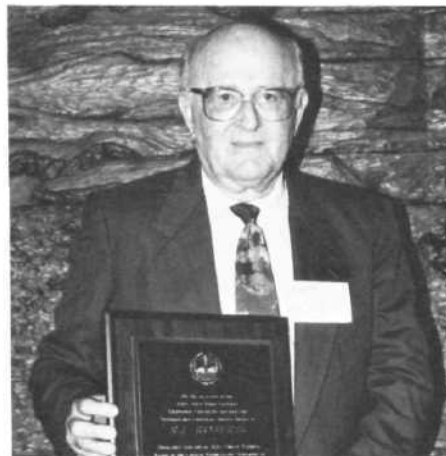
John York



Tom and Dorothy Olbricht



Rick Atchley



R. L. Roberts



Jerry Rushford with editors of Wineskins Magazine

influence of Churches of Christ in the Republic of China. Both have had military careers; Frank is now the Vice-Chief of the General Staff and Minister of Defense for Taiwan. Carrol teaches a weekly Bible class for military officers' wives, and Frank preaches frequently at the Unity Village congregation.

At the Friday evening Appreciation Dinner, Pepperdine honored Tom and Dorothy Olbricht for their generosity to Christian education, Christian missions, and Christian journalism. Their hospitality and dedication to the Word have inspired many young scholars and blessed thousands of lives.

Three Church of Christ publications also gave awards during Lecture Week. *Image Magazine* honored Rick Atchley, who preaches for the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Atchley was honored for "helping bring renewal to the Churches of Christ." *Twenty-first Century Christian* gave their annual award to John and Jean Sudbury for their work with Eastern European Missions and for smuggling more than 6 million Bibles into the former Soviet Union. *Wineskins* honored Jerry Rushford for his efforts in directing the Pepperdine Lectures, which have "inspired and challenged a whole generation to be filled with the new wine of the gospel."

# SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Chris Smith proclaims our freedom in Christ.



Mike Cope teaches a daily class in Smothers Theatre on "The Church as a Community of Faith."



John McRay reexamines Paul's theology.



A musical drama of "Jesus, My Son."



John Willis describes our gracious God.



For many, the annual trek to Malibu is a family affair.



Terry Johnson shares a dream for the Northwest.



# 51ST ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Ronnie White preaches on "Crucified with Christ."



Billy Curl affirms the power of the Holy Spirit.



Helen Young commends the Christian life.



Gene Stallings, coach of Alabama's National football champions, calls for Christian role models.



After class — a time for spiritual reflection.



Singers from Preston Road Church in Dallas lead Songfest on Thursday evening in Firestone Fieldhouse.

## An Orchard for the King

by Bill Henegar

Many residents think of it as a sort of paradise—watered by the snows of the Cascade Mountains and the torrents of the Columbia River winding majestically through the green valley. Eventually, the Columbia rolls west through the Gorge to the Pacific Ocean, forming a border with Oregon. But at this location, the river flows south, bisecting the state of Washington into a wet and a dry region: the spiny Cascades capture most of the moisture for their Alpine vegetation, while the massive Columbia Basin east of the river must content itself with being a semiarid plain of wheat, sugar beet, and other kinds of farms.

Sculpted by the mighty river, the Wenatchee Valley combines some of the best features of the wet and dry regions of the state. In the 1870s, it became a trading post for ranchers, farmers, and others. Later, as settlers arrived from the Midwest via southern Washington, they envisioned the valley as a virtual fruit basket. Confirming their dreams, the valley has been awash with apple, pear, and cherry orchards since the early days of this century, accounting for most of Washington State's apple production, which comprises about a third of all American apples. Today the area also boasts some light industry.

This, then, is the Shangri-La in which the Linville and the Clement families lived at the turn of the century.

It was a Sunday morning in early spring when Lemuel F. Clipp, recently of Indiana, rode out of the little town, then numbering only a few hundred residents. His destination was A. J. Linville's home nestled in the rural area south and east of town. Out through the orchards and farms he traveled, to the corner of Crawford and Methow roads. The Clipp, the Linvilles, and the Clements gathered for worship. And though there may have been home meetings before this one, it is March 27, 1904, that is remembered as the beginning



The first meeting house, occupied in January 1906, was on Crawford Street and was later converted to a fruit packing shed.



The second church building, constructed in 1910, was used for the 1915 Bible Reading.



Constructed in 1930 and later expanded, the Okanogan Avenue building served the church for 58 years.

of the Wenatchee Church of Christ.

L. F. Clipp was a powerful evangelist, as were those who followed him, and Wenatchee became something of a home base from which many churches were eventually planted in the Northwest. In fact, one might think of the church that quickly grew from the original six members as the Antioch of the Northwest.

The Christians continued to meet in homes for almost two years. During the summer of the second year, they met down Crawford Street from the Linvilles' place, at the corner of Okanogan Avenue, out in the open under two large willow trees. In the fall, E. D. Hardman gave the group a parcel of land not far from that spot, and a few months later, in January 1906, a little frame building was completed. Clipp preached the first sermon in the modest structure.

As 1909 dawned, the church appointed leaders for the first time: Linville and J. W.

Eckenrode were the first elders, and Hardman, Ed Cadman, and Curt Clement were the deacons. Clement had been the first person baptized in the Wenatchee church, having been immersed by Clipp four years earlier in the Columbia River.

By 1910, the city of Wenatchee had grown to more than four thousand residents—yet the church more than kept pace with the population explosion. Amazingly, it had taken the congregation only four years to outgrow the Crawford Street building. In the spring of 1910, a site was purchased in town on Okanogan Avenue at Kittitas Street. A frame Victorian-style building was quickly constructed, and on October 2 of that year, the first worship service was held in the attractive structure. For the second time in less than five years, L. F. Clipp inaugurated a new home for the Wenatchee Church of Christ with his morning sermon.

When spring came, J. N. Brown



The first Bible Reading, in 1908-09, was held in the Crawford Street building. L. F. Clipp is in the back, just to the left of the center column.

it was sold in order to help construct a larger minister's home adjacent to the church building on a lot donated by T. L. and G. R. Landreth. When ministers eventually opted to arrange for their own housing in the '70s, the next-door house was transformed into a needed classrooms annex.

Many preachers have served as faithful builders of the kingdom in Wenatchee. Those with the longest tenure in the first half of the church's history were L. F. Clipp, S. O. Pool, John M. Bruce, J. C. Bunn, and G. Henry Towell. Virgil W. Jackson was one of the most influential ministers, serving on two different occasions for a total of 10 years—squarely in the middle of the church's 90 years.

As growth continued, 1954 saw an addition that nearly doubled the area of the stately building on Okanogan Avenue. Although the church was originally incorporated as the First Church of Christ of Wenatchee, it became better known over the years as the Okanogan Avenue Church of Christ.

The decades of the '60s and '70s witnessed the typical church ebbs and flows, with cultural and personality pressures exerting sometimes positive and sometimes negative influences on the Wenatchee church. Ministers who served the longest in the second half of the church's history included Seth E. Rehkop, Silas Shotwell, and James Sherman. The longest term of any preacher was Robert Lenderman, who preached for the church from 1978 to 1990. It was during his 12 years that one of the most exciting developments of more recent times occurred.

The 1980s brought new energy to the congregation, and people began to seriously consider a new facility, one that would be larger, have more potential for growth, and be in a newer and nicer area of

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(Above) Betty King, whose family gave the initial gift of land for the new building, turns the first shovel at the ground breaking.

(Left) The King's Orchard building of today is a beautiful and practical structure that reflects a proud heritage.

was added to the elders, while L. M. Johnson and Theo Otto were selected to strengthen the deacons. In less than two years, Charles Hardman joined the ranks of the elders, followed by Theo Otto in 1916.

During those halcyon years, several "Bible Readings" were held in the "Apple Capital of the World," as the city's Chamber of Commerce calls it. The first such event ran from December 1908 to February 1909—ten weeks of Bible reading and commentary! The Readings were held in the winter when the work of farmers and orchardists was at its lowest ebb. S. O. Pool, legendary Bible expositor, conducted that first Reading. It was also he who held the church's first "protracted meeting" in 1907 and served as minister for the congregation for nearly a decade. In addition, Pool edited the scholarly *Biblical Educator* journal from Wenatchee for several years, beginning in 1909. W. P. Reedy, another prominent biblical scholar, also held Bible Readings in Wenatchee

during the early days.

The "Roaring 20s," remembered for their decadence and excesses in America, were days of dynamic spiritual and numerical growth for the Wenatchee church. Even while the decade came to a disastrous close with the "Crash of '29," the church was laying plans for a larger and nicer building—despite the gathering black clouds of the Great Depression. The congregation moved to the American Legion Hall while construction was under way on the same site. With the supervision of a committee headed by Theo Otto, a sturdy brick structure was ready for occupancy by November 1930. And once again, L. F. Clipp was appropriately brought back to preach the first sermon in the new building.

When a faithful member of the church, Harrison Furney, died in 1936, he willed the congregation a house near the church building. For the next ten years, it was used as the minister's home. Then in 1946,

# PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Holly Brown

**Calvin Bowers**, professor of communication and equal opportunity officer, spoke at a gospel meeting for the Cotton Street Church of Christ in Longview, Texas, May 22-27. He will be teaching Christian counselors at the National Youth Conference at Michigan State University August 1-5.

**Randy Chesnutt**, associate professor of religion, preached for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ on May 1. He will be conducting a biblical sites tour with students to Greece, Israel, and museums in Europe with antiquities related to the Bible during July and August.

President **David Davenport** preached for the East Visalia Church of Christ at the dedication of their new church building on June 12. He will be a keynote speaker at the National Campus Ministry Seminar at Pepperdine on August 2.

**Susan Giboney**, visiting instructor in humanities, spoke at a mother-daughter luncheon for the Culver Palms Church of Christ on May 21. She was the featured speaker at the women's retreat for the Church of Christ in Vancouver, B. C., Canada. She was a presenter and Pepperdine representative at the annual meeting of Associates for Christian Education at Lubbock Christian University June 3-4. She and her husband, **Terry Giboney**, senior advancement officer, were speakers at the "Building Stronger Families Through the Local Church" Conference at Pepperdine June 16-17. They will also speak at the National Campus Ministry Seminar August 2-3. Susan will be speaking at a women's day for the Yucaipa Church of Christ September 10.

Campus Minister **LaJuana Gill** was the featured speaker at the annual ladies retreat for the Mission Viejo Church of Christ May 13-14. She is a director and speaker for the National Campus Ministries Seminar at Pepperdine August 1-4.

**Woody Hughes**, associate professor of education at GSEP, preached for the

Church of Christ in Temple City May 29. He will be presenting a paper at the Christian Scholars Conference at Pepperdine July 20-22.

**Clarence Hibbs**, professor of psychology, spoke on "Understanding and Relating to Aging Church Members," at the "Building Stronger Families Through the Local Church" Conference at Pepperdine June 16-17. He will also be a speaker and facilitator for the Christian Scholars Conference at Pepperdine July 20-22.

**Richard Hughes**, professor of religion, taught a Sunday evening class from January through May for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ on the history of Churches of Christ.

**Emily Y. Lemley**, associate director of Church Services, spoke for the first annual women's retreat at the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara May 6-7. She spoke at the annual meeting of Associates for Christian Education at Lubbock Christian University June 3-4. She taught a women's class at the Grand Canyon Family Encampment July 10-13, and will speak at the 17th annual Palomar Women's Retreat at the Mt. Palomar Christian Conference Center September 15-17.

Provost **Steven Lemley** preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ May 22. He spoke on "Generational Characteristics Within Congregations" and gave a keynote address at the Grand Canyon Family Encampment July 10-13.

Dean of Students **D'Esta Love** was the featured speaker for the Livermore Church of Christ women's retreat in Oakhurst May 20-22. She and her husband, **Stuart Love**, professor of religion, were seminar leaders at the "Building Stronger Families Through the Local Church" Conference at Pepperdine June 16-18. Stuart will be a presenter at an expositors' workshop on "Preaching from the Gospel of John" at the Westside Church of Christ in Portland, Oregon, August 25-26.

**Dennis Lowe**, holder of the M. Norvel

& Helen Young Chair in Family Life and associate professor of psychology, and his wife, **Emily Scott-Lowe**, coordinator of student counseling services, conducted a seminar on "Making Marriages Work" at the Church of Christ in Overland Park, Kansas May 13-15. They conducted a seminar on "Effective Parenting" at the Central Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo May 21 and an "Improving Your Marriage" seminar at the Sonoma Avenue Church of Christ in Santa Rosa June 10-11. Dennis preached for the Santa Rosa Church of Christ June 12. He and Emily conducted a class on "Improving Communication and Conflict Resolution in Marriage" at the "Building Stronger Families Through the Local Church Conference" at Pepperdine University June 17.

**Randy Lowry**, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, conducted a conference on "Managing Conflict and Change in the Churches of Christ" at the North Atlanta Church of Christ in Georgia during the months of May and June.

**Rick Marrs**, associate professor of religion, will be speaking at the Abilene Christian University Lectures on Preaching September 15.

Religion Division Chairperson **Tom Olbricht** preached for the Malibu Church of Christ May 15. He preached for the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara May 22 and May 29. He will teach a class at the Great Commission School in Nairobi, Kenya August 1-8 and will lecture at Day Star University in Nairobi, Kenya, August 8-10. He will preach for the Church of Christ in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 14 and present a paper at the "Conference on Rhetorical Analysis of Scriptures," held at the University of Pretoria in South Africa, August 16.

**Jerry Rushford**, associate professor of religion, spoke at the dedication of the new church building at the Santa Clarita Church of Christ on June 12. He was a

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by Rick Rowland

The 1994 National Campus Ministries Seminar at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, August 1-4, will feature a special six-hour track for anyone interested in planting new campus ministries by a team approach. The unique six-hour track of classes on campus ministry planting will be taught by Barry Hendrick, Milton Jones, Scott Lambert, Lajuana Gill, and Rick Rowland. Planting teams are already now in place for the fall of 1994 for New Orleans and St. Louis and the fall of 1995 at the University of Southern California. Barry Hendrick will head the Louisiana team; Stanley Shipp leads the Missouri team; and Rick Rowland will co-lead the USC group.

On a speaking tour of several campuses, 63 students signed up to be considered as potential members of a Campus Ministry Planting Team. For further information contact the Pepperdine Campus Ministry

office at (310) 456-4504. If you wish to receive the "Visions/Campus Ministry Planting Newsletter," call Rick Rowland at (310) 456-4164 or write him c/o Communication Division, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90263.

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theme lecturer and class teacher at the annual Red River Family Encampment in New Mexico June 25-29, and he will be one of the featured speakers at the National Campus Ministry Seminar at Pepperdine August 1-4.

William Stivers, professor of foreign languages, was a speaker and master of ceremonies at the 30th anniversary for the San Felipe Church of Christ in Baja California, Mexico. He was a seminar

speaker for the Spanish congregation at the Figueroa Church of Christ June 25.

John Wilson dean of Seaver College, led a group of 26 Pepperdine students on a six-week archaeological dig to Baniyas (ancient Caesarea Philippi). Wilson was the United States coordinator-director of the dig, which included students from four other universities, including ACU. Wilson reports that they discovered what they think is a part of the city of Caesarea Philippi built by the Herod Agrippa mentioned in Acts 12.

Helen Young was the speaker at the annual dinner for Michigan Christian College May 7. She spoke at the Founder's District Conference of Toastmasters International held at the Anaheim Plaza Hotel May 21. She also spoke at the annual meeting of Associates for Christian Education at Lubbock Christian University June 3-4. She will be a keynote speaker for the Northern California Ladies Lectureship in San Francisco July 22-24.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Tim Woodroof**

*Anchored to the Cross*



**Dan Anders**

*The currents of Corinth*



**David Davenport**

*The Currents of America*



**Don Crawford**

*Celebration of the Cross*



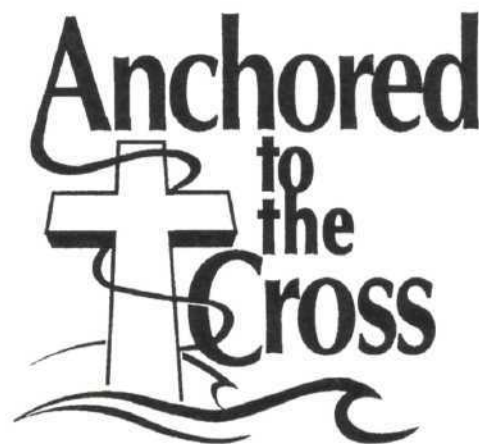
**Mark Davis**

*The Cross Creating Counter-currents*



**Jerry Rushford**

*A Cross-centered People*



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August 1-4, 1994

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## An Orchard for the King

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town. Like many other generous members before them, the Betty King family was motivated to donate much of the property for a new building in March 1984. Financing and other plans moved slowly, however, and ground breaking had to wait for another two years. When it finally happened, the ever-faithful and bubbly Betty King (whose last name would be cryptically used in the church's new name) was on hand to turn the first shovelful of dirt.

Because much of the work was donated by members, construction took nearly two years. The congregation's first service in the beautiful dark-rust brick facility was on March 13, 1988. But they waited two weeks to have the dedication service. Sunday March 27 was carefully chosen as the dedication date, because that was the exact day of the first sermon preached by L. F. Clipp at the Linvilles' home—84 years earlier.

Obviously, the church could no longer be referred to as the Okanogan Avenue Church of Christ. The name was changed when the move came, and the new identity was explained in the exciting March 1988 two-page announcement that appeared in the local newspaper: "The name 'King's Orchard Church of Christ' designates three

things to us," the Christians wrote. "We are reminded of the family who donated the land which was once an orchard. The name also reflects the agricultural heart of our community. Most importantly, it signifies our hope to become 'a church in the Apple Capital producing fruit of a different kind.' We hope to be a spiritual orchard worthy of our King!"

Interestingly, the address of the new building is 1610 (you might have guessed it) Orchard Avenue! The Wenatchee Church may have one of the most appropriate names and addresses of any church in America.

The city of Wenatchee, Washington, with a present population of about 25,000 and a total service area of more than 50,000, celebrated its centennial in 1992. The venerable Church of Christ in Wenatchee goes back nearly as far—it celebrated 90 years of continuous service to the Lord this year. In fact, the leaders discovered that, once again, March 27 fell on a Sunday—so they chose that founding date for the special anniversary celebration and worship service. Each of the present elders, Milton Galbraith, Robert Lawson, and Robert Davis, led the congregation in prayer. The minister, David Bearden, delivered the lesson for the day. And among other activities that followed, the church's retired elders, Henry Otto, Cecil Helm, Vance Earhart, and Carlos "Corky"

Carr, were honored for their years of service.

Recently, Bearden accepted an invitation to become the minister with the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California. And former longtime preacher Robert Lenderman is one of several speakers who are filling the gap until a new minister can be found.

Back in March, the message for the anniversary worship was appropriately entitled "Continuing the Mission," and the song of commitment was "I Am Resolved." Old brother L. F. Clipp wasn't on hand to do the honors, but the prayers, the lesson, the communion, the special dedication song written by member Janet Adams—everything was a fitting tribute to the church's pioneering forebears. It was also a firm promise to continue the rich heritage of the great Wenatchee church.

The history of this church is such a colorful and varied garden that a dozen more articles would be necessary to adequately tell the stories of people like Farris Johnson, Dora Crow, Homer McKee, Lucille Hilscher, Tom Landreth, Leman Johnson and the hundreds of other faithful individuals and families who have cultivated, planted, and watered through the years.

Today it is called the King's Orchard Church of Christ. By whatever name, may it bloom forever.

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## On Serving Both Church and College

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service to Pepperdine . . . George has truly committed his life to Christian education and the ministry. We commend his dedication to these important causes and wish him the best in his new endeavors," said Dr. Lawrence D. Hornbaker, executive vice chancellor. Hill came to Pepperdine from Oklahoma Christian. "I was excited about the possibilities of strengthening the West Coast church ties

to Pepperdine. That work was very gratifying," he says. An alumnus of Texas A&M and Abilene Christian University, George served as a minister for Churches of Christ in New York and Wichita Falls, Texas, before his move to Pepperdine.

He plans to continue his involvement with the Redondo Beach congregation and spend more time traveling.

Dr. Warren Kilday came to teach in the Natural Science Division from Washington State University in 1964. It didn't exist then—he taught in the Pepperdine College chemistry department

until Malibu Campus was ready in 1972. Warren and his wife, Helen, and their family attended the Westchester Church of Christ where he was the Bible School Director. When they moved to Calabasas in 1972, they became members of the Woodland Hills Church of Christ where Warren was an elder for a brief period but has concentrated most of his efforts in directing the Bible School. "I just love kids—that's my calling," says Kilday. Reminiscing about his years at

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## Stockton and Palm Desert Welcome New Preachers

John Wright is the new preacher for the Central Church of Christ in Stockton. Arriving March 31, John left a tenure of 14 years as the pulpit minister at the Burke Road Church of Christ in Pasadena, Texas, a suburb of Houston. John is a native of Barrackville, West Virginia. He received his education at Harding University



John Wright

and Harding Graduate School of Religion. Wright is married to the former Trisha Clanton and they have four children: Julie Traynham, who is married and a senior at ACU; Katherine, 19, a

sophomore at Harding; Cheryl, 14, a freshman in high school; and Alex, 4. A member of the congregation said this about John's coming: "He brings a stability, unity, and an enthusiasm to our congregation that we are so thankful for."

Cliff Crumpler began preaching for the Palm Desert congregation in May. Crumpler moves from Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife, Mary Kay, and two children: David, 12, and Katie Beth, 10. Cliff worked with the Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Jackson, Mississippi, for four years and has spent the last several years at the Richland



Cliff Crumpler family

Hills congregation in Fort Worth, first as youth minister and then as minister of praise and worship. The Crumplers have led several mission trips, some with as many as 300 young people, to Jamaica and Mexico. Crumpler received his B.A. from Lubbock Christian University. The Palm Desert congregation is three years old. It began with three families and

has grown to over 100 members. They meet in the YMCA facility in Palm Desert and are receiving additional support from the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. Crumpler says, "I am excited about this work because the congregation is focused on evangelizing the unchurched."

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Pepperdine, Kilday recalled one early graduation where he was moved by a graduating senior's tears as she received her diploma. "That moment made me realize how significant this work was in the lives of so many people whom we may not meet again. I've enjoyed my teaching at Pepperdine." One of Kilday's colleagues comments, "Warren is a man 'in whom there is no guile.' He is a wonderful person to work around." Helen retires also from the Seaver Dean's office. Their plans are uncertain, but their Christian impact at Pepperdine will not be forgotten.

Dr. Morris Womack came to Pepperdine to teach communication in 1967. Coming from Michigan Christian College, Morris had already preached full time in the Detroit and Indianapolis area. He continued his preaching ministry with the Camarillo church from 1967 to 1972.

He then preached for the Hermosa Beach church for a year and continued at the Simi Valley congregation from 1978 to 1986. He preached for Valencia from 1986 to 1991. Morris now is active teaching at the Simi Valley congregation where he and his wife Ada are members. Womack is retiring from full-time teaching, but is continuing part-time. "I love the students," he comments. He is spending time writing a book called *Learning to Live from the Parables*, which will be published by College Press in the spring. Womack has emphasized writing in his career. Along with writing scholarly work in his discipline, Womack has written a 13-lesson book on Church History and on Restoration, as well as his biographical volume on J.P. Sanders, beloved dean of Pepperdine: *J. P. Sanders: Champion of Christian Education*.

In addition to these six who are retiring from Pepperdine this year, there are several others in this generation who gave so many years while they were

teaching at the university to preaching and shepherding churches. Some of these include: Dr. Douglas Dean, who is now deceased, Dr. Loyd Frashier, Dr. Jennings Davis, Dr. Warren Jones, Dr. Eugene White, Dr. Gene Priest, Dr. J. P. Sanders, and Dr. Frank Pack. *Pacific Church News* would like to pay tribute to these Christian servants. May all those who follow them be imitators of their dedication and determination to serve the Church as well as the University.

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# The 54th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

July 24-29, 1994

Theme: "A Practical Faith that Really Works"

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker	City and State
24	10:30 a.m.	"The Need for a Faith that Works"	Paul Faulkner	Abilene, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"Faith That Works in a World of Problems"	Harold Hazelip	Nashville, TN
		"Faith That Works Toward the Word of God"	Mike Tackett	Sacramento, CA
25	9:30 a.m.	"A Faith That Breaks Down Barriers"	Mel Weldon	San Leandro, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"A Faith That is not 'Just Talk' "	Tex Williams	Austin, TX
		"A Faith That Tames the Tongue"	Paul Methvin	Sacramento, CA
26	9:30 a.m.	"Faith and Wisdom"	Norman Gipson	Lubbock, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"Faith That Cures Conflict"	Jack Exum	Lake City, FL
		"A Faith That Works by Including God"	Dan Jocoy	Tri-City, OR
27	9:30 a.m.	"A Faith for the Rich and the Poor"	Don Williams	Abilene, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"A Faith That Produces Patience"	Warren Wilcox	Denver, CO
		"A Faith That Works in Business"	J. J. Turner	Garden Grove, CA
28	9:30 a.m.	"A Faith That Works in Sickness"	Jack Cummings	Abilene, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"A Faith That Copes with Sin"	Mike Scott	Paradise, CA
		"A Faith That Prays"	Gary Evans	Lubbock, TX
29	9:30 a.m.	"A Faith Concerned for All"	Larry West	West Monroe, LA

Class teachers will include: Ed Kalisz, Warren Wilcox, Vern Cowan, Joel Solliday, Marcus McDowell, Paul Long, Clarene Keesling, Lucia Dean, JoAnn Walker. There are classes for women, singles, college classes, and children's classes from pre-school up. For information and accommodations, write or call Florence Johnston, 2950 Routier Road #19, Sacramento, CA 95827, (916) 361-7149

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