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LECTURES

Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures Set For April 26-29

The Malibu Campus of Pepperdine University will be the site of the 51st Annual Bible Lectures, April 26-29. Visitors from approximately forty states and ten foreign countries are expected to be in attendance for the four-day event.

The theme for this year's program is "Crucified with Christ: The Gospel of Grace in Galatians." Rick Atchley, minister for the Richland Hills Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas, will deliver the keynote address on "The Gospel of Grace in Galatians" on

Tuesday evening, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in Firestone Fieldhouse. The other theme lecturers for the week include: Rob McRay, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, "The Tragedy of a Perverted Gospel" (Galatians 1:6-9); Ronnie White, Oklahoma City, "Crucified With Christ" (Galatians 2:20); James Walters, Hanover, New Hampshire, "For the Defense of the Gospel" (Galatians 3:6-14); Chris Smith,

Louisville, Kentucky, "Christ Has Set Us Free," (Galatians 4:21-5:1); John York, Nashville, Tennessee, "Life in the Spirit of Christ" (Galatians 5:16-26); and Leonard Allen, Abilene, Texas, "The Cruciform Life" (Galatians 6:14).

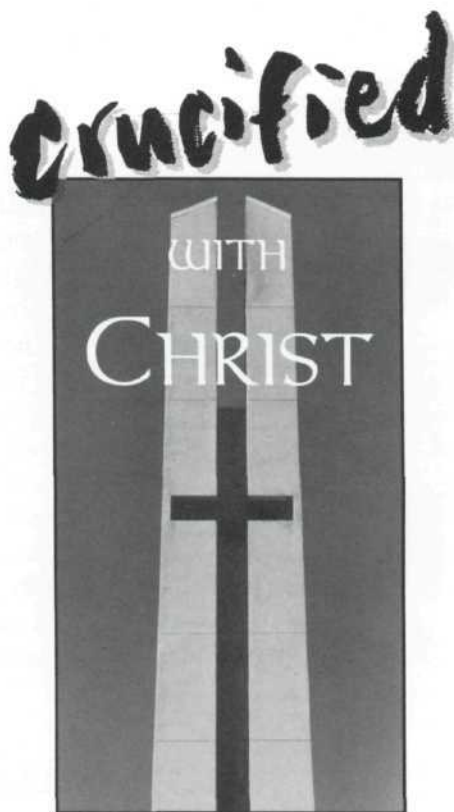
In addition to more than 200 classes in English, this year's program includes classes in Chinese, Korean, and Spanish. Among the featured three-day class teachers are: Paul Faulkner, Abilene, Texas, "Getting Ahead—And Taking Your Family With You;" Ken Young and the Hallal singers,

Midland, Texas, "Come Into His Presence With Singing!" Randy and Rhonda Lowry, Westlake Village, California, "Issues Facing the Church: A Dialogue With Those Who Have Confronted the Conflict;" Milton Jones and Northwest Drama and Worship Team, Seattle, Washington, "Putting in a Good Word for Jesus (Stories, Songs, and Drama on Natural Evangelism);" Rubel Shelly, Nashville, Tennessee, "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Churches;" Prentice Meador, Dallas, Texas, "Genesis—

The Great Story;" Mike Cope, Abilene, Texas, "Water is Thicker Than Blood;" Willard Tate, Abilene, Texas, "What I Would Like for My Children to Know;" Joy McMillon, Edmond, Oklahoma, "Temptations, Trials, and Trust;" Billy Curl, Los Angeles, California, "The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian;" Cynthia Rowland-McClure, Chino Hills, California,

"The Monsters Within (Understanding the Addicted Person)." Jeff Walling, Mission Viejo, California, "The Community Church . . . of Christ? (Hope for the Future, or Just Hiding the Past?)."

Other Activities during the week include drama groups, choral groups, child-care programs, and speakers for meal programs. The University will honor Tom and Dorothy Olbricht with an appreciation dinner on Friday evening. For more information on Bible Lectures Week, call (310) 456-4270.



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MANNA International provides relief in nine foreign countries and in the U. S. Top left: Ghanaian women and children fill their buckets with fresh water from a MANNA well; top right: Kevin McFarland, MANNA founder, looks on with native engineers as another well is drilled in Ghana; lower left: a MANNA summer volunteer befriends a Haitian child; lower right: Haitian children with U. S. teens in front of the Church of Christ orphanage in Haiti.

Doing What She Loves

by Emily Y. Lemley

Billie Silvey always knew that she wanted to write. She grew up writing, setting type, proofing, and researching for *The Happy Herald*, the daily newspaper her father owned and published in her hometown of Happy, Texas. Now she enjoys a writing career, including working as associate editor for *21st Century Christian Magazine*, publishing books on Christian themes, and writing fiction as a hobby.

Her husband, Frank, says that Billie is one of the few people he knows who has complete integrity in her life and work. Billie Silvey believes in the unity of life. Although she would readily talk about her struggles and shy away from admiration, Billie uses her faith everyday. She prays about everything: "I pray during my devotions that God will use me, and then I can relax and know that He is in charge. I pray about my writing all day long. If I'm doing something that I can't pray about, I don't think I should be doing it."

Silvey says that as she grew up she was fortunate to have Morgan Sturgess as her hometown preacher. "He was a farmer and he knew about God's love and grace," she said. "That foundation has protected me." She attended college at ACU and learned from Everett Ferguson and Carl Spain. When she moved to California with her husband to attend Pepperdine, she blossomed under the inspiration of people like Bill and Ruby Green, Michio and Lorraine Nagai, and Helen and Norvel Young. At both universities, she practiced her writing craft in their publicity and publications offices.

Silvey has spent many years as a member of the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, which is a racially diverse and dynamic congregation. She views improving race relations as an important part of her life's focus. She is co-founder, with Calvin Bowers, of the Ethnic Evangelism Seminars. Her deep relationships at Vermont Avenue have grown through years of teaching children,



Billie Silvey

putting out the bulletin, and teaching women's study groups. She says, "Relationships are the key to fellowship. If you aren't best friends in the body, then you are not 'mixed' no matter what colors or ages are sitting together."

Her dedication to the genuine is the core of her teaching. "My favorite class was my Wednesday night class," Billie said. "Kids from the neighborhood came on their own and brought their friends. I learned that I didn't have to be 'cool' to get their attention. They just needed me to listen and be real."

Silvey's teaching now includes more travel since she has written three books for 20th Century Christian Foundation: *God*

Has a Kingdom For You: The Majesty of Matthew; *God Has A Plan For You: The Riches of Ephesians*; and *God Has A Savior For You: The Confidence of Hebrews*. She is also the co-author with Helen Young of *Time Management for Christian Women*, published by Zondervan in 1990. These have been favorites with women's Bible classes and weekend retreats. Silvey has been asked to speak on these topics for lectureships, workshops, and women's seminars. She says that her favorite response by readers to her books is not "It changed my life," but rather, "Your book made me think."

Silvey has also been complimented professionally by Pepperdine with the Distinguished Christian Service Award in 1991 and by *The Christian Chronicle* as Outstanding Writer of the Year in 1992.

Billie Silvey is known by her co-workers for "getting out the work." Helen Young, who works with Billie on many writing projects, says, "Billie can tackle a project that should take a week and get it done in 10 hours. She is remarkably efficient." Silvey works with Prentice Meador to edit *21st Century Christian Magazine*, a monthly publication. She helps in planning issues, assigning, writing, and editing. She has also done free-lance editorial work.

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The Church That Wouldn't Die

by Bill Henegar

"We are only a generation away from apostasy," was the saying many of us remember hearing several years back. Another saying was, "Unless we teach our children the way of Christ, there will be no church in the new generation." But for most of us, the sayings were purely hypothetical — the church was quite orthodox, and our children were well taught.

In Victoria, the garden city of British Columbia, Canada, however, the sayings and the situation were not hypothetical at all...

The Church of Christ had its beginnings in the city sometime around 1910 when Percy and Elizabeth (Betty) Bailey moved to the Pacific province from Calgary. Originally from England, Percy Bailey was an inventor who devised and built various steam and air contraptions. Both the Baileys were spiritual people and were leaders in the new church.

Andrew Archibald also moved to Victoria in 1910, his previous home being Ice Lake, Manitoulin Island. A year later, Archibalds' daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Alec Jaffray, left Ice Lake and added their strength to the Victoria church. The Jaffray's son, William, remembers the church holding services at the old Tolmie School, across from the present school site. Three years later, James (Clair) and Ena MacMurchie and their family joined the group, and Percy Welles, Charles Bailey, and others followed.

Things went well for the fledgling congregation for 10 or 15 years. But for some reason, the church chose not to organize a Bible school or any instructional classes for their children. The next generation eventually drifted away, some to other churches and some to the world. Then, as some of the older people died or moved away, the Victoria Church of Christ dwindled to the James MacMurchies and the Percy Baileys — but the exciting sounds of the voices of the children could



Above left: Alec and Elizabeth Jaffray moved to Victoria in 1911. They and Elizabeth's parents, the Archibalds, and the Baileys were the nucleus of the Victoria church in its earliest days.

Above right: The church's ladies enjoyed a picnic at Macaulay Point in the mid-1920s with women from the MacMurchie, Bailey, Anderson, and other families in attendance.



not be heard. It would be about two decades before the church began to be energized again.

That new life came in the 1940s. The prime mover was Don Mann, who moved to the city in 1942 and eventually set up a successful excavating business. Mann met his wife-to-be, Eleanor, in Victoria, and when she went to Saskatchewan to work at Radville Bible School (later Western Christian College), he followed. He was baptized there in 1947 and returned to British Columbia as a devout Christian.

The next year, Norman Hoffman began preaching in Victoria. When he left four years later, there was a small group of Christians meeting, but the church continued for the next eight years without a full-time minister. Don Mann did some of the preaching for the congregation in the mid- and late-1950s. Don's brother, Bruce Mann, and Bruce's wife, Ruby, (who today is responsible for the popular weekly message on the church billboard,) moved to the city from Prince George in 1958. A viable nucleus was formed that would be determinate for the future.

When Jim and Carolyn Hawkins moved to the city and Jim began preaching for the church in 1960, there were under two dozen members. But the Hawkinses' work and teaching were productive and exactly what was needed to establish the congregation solidly.



Pioneers Percy and Elizabeth Bailey were still on hand in 1965 to turn the first shovel-full of earth at the groundbreaking for the current building on Shelbourne Street.

Four years later, the congregation bought a piece of property for the whopping sum of \$100. One reason for the low price may have been that the land had a small creek running across it, making it difficult to use. But that natural challenge didn't deter the growing group. They built a culvert to handle the water, then constructed their building over the culvert. In 1965, the *Victoria Daily Colonist* ran the headline, "New church straddles Bowker Creek." The building was finished in 1966, and the church moved from its downtown location on Fernwood Road to the new



Above left: Jim and Carolyn Hawkins added an important impetus to the church in the 1960s. Today they live and work in Vancouver, B.C.

Above right: The ministry team today includes (left) minister of the Word Kelly Carter with his wife, Robin, and their children, Adam, Meghan, and Ryan; and (right) youth minister Troy Hodgson with his wife, Deb.



Left: Leadership is provided by (l. to r.) elders Bruce Mann, Lorne Davies, Jerry Brewer, Tom Thomson, and Don Mann.

structure at 3460 Shelbourne Street, its present location. The Christians were justifiably proud of their new meeting house, not only because of its beauty and practicality, but because they furnished much of the labor themselves.

With the completion of the building, the church launched what became a key event in its history: the 1966 campaign for Christ. Carolyn Rich, only a little girl at the time, remembers it fondly as a time of great excitement and growth. In addition to members of the sponsoring 11th and Willis congregation in Abilene, Texas, 30 students from Freed-Hardeman College poured into Victoria to help in the three-week campaign.

After the successful campaign, Jim Hawkins decided to return to school and pursue his master's degree, and Joe Qualls filled the pulpit for an interim of a year and a half. Hawkins returned to give an

additional five years to the church. During the late '60s and early '70s, the church grew to about 85 members, and the leadership that Hawkins provided turned out to be pivotal to the success of the Victoria church. (See story on Jim and Carolyn Hawkins in *Pacific Church News*, Fall 1988.)

Perhaps the next major milestone for the church occurred toward the end of the decade of the '70s. Ed Bryant had followed Jim Hawkins as the minister in 1973. Then, in 1978, Ron Surry arrived to preach for the church—and also to plant a new dream in the hearts of the people. Though he stayed in Victoria for only two years, Surry was instrumental in developing the plan, raising support, and then founding Crossroads Christian School as a ministry of the Victoria church. Cecil Bailey followed Surry as the preacher and, with his wife, Lavine, added his influence

to the expansion of the school and the building up of the church.

Jess Bailey was the first principal of the school. And during his short tenure, several key people were brought to the church to help in the effort. Kirk and Vivian Roberts and Jerry and Colleen Brewer became integral parts of the Christian education ministry. In fact, it was Jerry Brewer who followed Jess Bailey as principal in 1981. Just a

year ago, after 11 years as principal, Jerry turned the reins over to his wife, Colleen, herself an able and experienced school administrator. Perhaps more than any others, the Brewers have been the one constant that has accounted for the ongoing success of the school.

Jeff Tonkin, who serves as a deacon for the church, is the present chairman of the board of trustees of the school and is a self-confessed "organizer and numbers-cruncher." He has been on the board several years and also serves as treasurer. "Seventy-five percent of the children in the school are not from church families," he says, "so the school is a real outreach ministry of the church." Tonkin explains that the school, which includes kindergarten through grade seven, has a capacity for 85 children and is already at a student body approaching 70. There are five teachers, three part-time teachers, a librarian, and a secretary, in addition to the principal.

Cecil Bailey's ministry turned out to be a very important one. During his tenure, elders were appointed for the first time. Don Mann, Bruce Mann, and Lorne Davies became the church's first shepherds in 1980. Later, Jerry Brewer and Tom Thomson were added to their number. And it is interesting to note that all five of these leaders became Christians in, or

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shortly before coming to, Victoria. None of the five had served under an eldership, and none had a model for biblical leadership other than that given in the New Testament.

With the departure of Cecil Bailey in 1983, the church seemed to enter a difficult, and at times even traumatic, period. By 1986, it was at its lowest ebb. But in the latter part of the year, Kelly Carter, with his wife, Robin, was secured as the new minister. The Carters proved to be a very stabilizing and unifying force for the Victoria church. Carolyn Rich says, "The church was broken in spirit, and Kelly and Robin's coming was the key to recovery. Their attitude was, 'We just want to serve the Lord.'" With the preaching and leadership of Carter, the church vaulted forward into its most dynamic growth period, moving from about 120 to nearly 200, remarkable numbers for Canadian churches.

Jeff Tonkin and his wife, Esther, add, "Kelly Carter and Troy Hodgson [the recently added youth minister] have been the strongest influences in the church's recent history. The leadership was wise in bringing them to Victoria."

Steve Mann, son of Don and Eleanor Mann, has served as a "behind the scenes" mover and shaker for the Victoria church

in the late '80s and early '90s. When the needs for food relief, a vehicle, and a water reservoir at Namwianga Christian School in Kalomo, Zambia, became apparent, Steve and Kelly Carter traveled to Africa to help in the effort. Steve contributed money for the reservoir project and even participated in the construction. Wendy Lauterbach, who had been converted at the Victoria church and then supported by the church in her work at Namwianga, was the one who notified the congregation of the urgent situation in Zambia.

Later, Wendy communicated the plight of several Zambian babies whose mothers had died as a result of childbirth in the area around Namwianga. Steve Mann was the spearhead in organizing an adoption effort in Victoria, and he and his wife, Joan, adopted the first Zambian child. Later, three other families in the congregation adopted Zambian children, including Kelly and Robin Carter, and two families from the community also adopted children through the church's efforts. (See story in *Pacific Church News*, Summer 1988).

As the Victoria church enters the mid-'90s and presses toward a new century, there is a feeling in the church much like the mixed emotions of a crowd just prior to the start of a crucial sporting event. There is a sense of pride in past accomplishments — the viable Christian school, the ministries in Zambia and Botswana, the adoption of African orphans, the support of Jeff Tonkin's parents who are planting a

church in Nelson, New Zealand, and more. There is a sense of gratitude for dynamic ministers, progressive elders, energetic deacons, and faithful members. And there is a sense of waiting — anticipation — as the church prepares to follow God into the future.

A long-range planning committee works with the leaders, endeavoring to look beyond tomorrow. Since the present church building is nearly filled to capacity, the future may see a new congregation being formed. Already, a "life group" program has spawned a successful fellowship group in nearby Colwood. It may be the embryo of a new church.

The beautiful city of Victoria, with an area population of 350,000, is not very receptive to the gospel. As in other cities today, it will take exceptional faith and tireless labor to turn its citizens from darkness to God's wonderful light. But the Shelbourne Street Church of Christ is composed of Christians like the Don Manns and Bruce Manns, with rock-hard faith; like the Lorne Davies, with shepherd's hearts; like the Jerry Brewers and the Tom Thomsons, with visionary minds; like the Kelly Carters, with deep love for people and servant's spirits; and like the Troy Hodgsons, with exuberance and zeal.

They all believe that God will give to Victoria a springtime more glorious than the beautiful and bountiful gardens that flourish there.

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Writing is both Billie's work and hobby. She has written a novel, a book on words, and a book on Lord Byron. For eleven years, she has met regularly with a group of writers who critique each other's work.

Billie Silvey is married to Frank, her "best friend and bosom companion." He is a computer analyst. They have two grown

children, Kathy, who is married to Michael Burnham, and Robert.

Silvey has recently started a new venture, "Community Connection," to help churches communicate with their own neighborhoods. She has written curriculum for a three-day workshop which begins on a Saturday with church members discovering what is significant about their congregation. "Why do you go here and not somewhere else?" Silvey asks. As they work through Silvey's material, she guides

them toward their own focus and helps them express it in their publicity. "When people discover the character and abilities in their congregation, they are better able to invite others to become a part of them," Silvey says. By end of the workshop, the participants have produced a brochure, bulletins, or other defining print material. Silvey wants this to be a means of reaching out to people who don't know "who we are or what the gospel is."

New Faces At Pepperdine

Three new faces on the Seaver campus this year are Craig Bowman, Henry Price, and Kent Rhodes. Each one is involved in a congregation in the Southern California area, and all three add a new dimension to the Pepperdine family.

Craig Bowman Named a Visiting Professor of Religion

Craig Bowman feels right at home on the Pepperdine campus. He spent the years 1977 to 1980 right here as the Malibu Church's campus minister. He also received his master's degree in religious studies from Pepperdine in 1987 before going on to Princeton Theological Seminary to work on his Ph.D. Bowman says, "I had always loved teaching, and Dr. Ron Tyler encouraged me to 'go ahead,' so I went to Princeton to prepare." Bowman's field is Old Testament Theology. He is currently writing his dissertation, a methodological study of Old Testament sources.

As a visiting professor, at Seaver College, Craig is teaching the "History and Religion of Ancient Israel" course. He is glad to be in the classroom. He sees being with students as an "instant reward" and enjoys the challenge to communicate clearly to a diverse group. He adds, "That's what I like most, meeting that challenge every day." Students seem to be drawn to Bowman's open smile, and he admits that several come by his office, "just to talk." He says, "I believe in building a personal relationship and a trust with the students; that is an authentic way of sharing my faith."

Craig and his wife, Patti, were involved in the work of several congregations in the Princeton area before moving to Pepperdine. They now attend the Conejo Valley Church of Christ and live in Agoura with their three children: Daniel, 13; Julia, 11; and Mary, 8. Patti works with an educational enterprise which tutors disabled children. Both Patti and Craig say that this move to the West Coast was providential. "We've always loved Pepperdine, and everything just fell into place."



Craig Bowman



Henry Price



Kent Rhodes

Henry Price is 1993 Artist in Residence

Acclaimed operatic tenor Henry Price is an artist in residence on the Seaver College faculty for the 1993-1994 year. Price, a lifelong member of the Church of Christ, often leads singing at the Malibu congregation. "Martha and I are thankful to be part of the Malibu church," Price adds. Henry grew up in the Dallas area and led singing for several congregations while in college. After receiving his B.A. and M.A. in music at North Texas State in Denton, Price and his wife, Martha, moved to New York where he sang with the Goldovsky Opera Company.

In 1982, the Prices moved to Europe where Henry continued his successful career, often singing the lead role in the Heidelberg production of *The Student Prince*. When the Price family returned to Dallas in 1988, Henry sang in the New York world premiere of the opera *Rasputin*. While living in Dallas, Henry led singing for the Highland Oaks Church of Christ for three years.

As visiting professor, Henry Price teaches private lessons and is overseeing an "Opera Workshop," which will perform scenes from the musical theater on February 2-3. Price says, "I really, really enjoy working with students. It's as fulfilling as performing." Fine Arts Division Chairperson Gary Cobb comments, "It is good to have a teacher who's a professional, practicing musician."

Martha Price is working in the Pepperdine Personnel Services Office, using her experience as an executive

assistant to an opera company. Their son, Henry IV, is a freshman at Seaver College.

Kent Rhodes Coordinates Dispute Resolution Workshops

Dr. Kent Rhodes is a new member of the Institute for Dispute Resolution's team. The Institute is headed by Randy Lowry of Pepperdine University's School of Law. Rhodes develops and coordinates the Institute's recent efforts to provide mediation skills for churches. "I feel that this is a great time to be training leaders in peacemaking skills," Rhodes says. "Developed to train professionals in mediation, we are now offering a dispute resolution program focused on the specific needs of churches," Rhodes adds.

In December, the Institute held a seminar in the Dallas area. "We expected 40 people, and we had 80 participants," Rhodes said. People from many congregations came to take advantage of this unique training. Additional seminars will be held in Malibu, January 18-19 and February 15-16; and in Memphis, March 8-9 and April 12-13. "We are coordinating our efforts with local congregations and sister Christian colleges. Everyone benefits from well-trained mediators, no matter what the circumstances," Rhodes said.

Rhodes earned an Ed.D. in Institutional Management from Pepperdine's Graduate School of Education and Psychology. He received his M.A. in counseling and family relations from Texas Tech University and

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Somewhere Out There . . . Someone's Loving Me

by Emily Y. Lemley

*"Somewhere out there,
beneath the pale moonlight
Someone's thinking of me
and loving me tonight."
—music from An American Tail*

This could be the theme song of all the hungry children who were fed today by MANNA International. That "someone" who is loving them is thousands of teenagers in Church of Christ youth groups and hundreds of adult volunteers. Right now, MANNA is ministering in nine foreign countries: Croatia, Haiti, Ghana, Somalia, Nigeria, Kenya, Botswana, Ethiopia, and El Salvador. MANNA also provides relief in the United States when disasters occur. More than 500 Churches of Christ across the United States, 12 in Canada, one in Australia, and one in New Zealand have helped with MANNA projects. There are so many loving people helping in so many ways that it is hard to tell the big story of MANNA. But if we look at three faces who fight hopelessness through MANNA, we can see clearly who the "someone...somewhere...loving" looks like. Look at Sarah Tognazzini, Kevin McFarland, and Josiah Tilton, who pray and work to distribute food and offer hope to hungry people all over the world. You can get a glimpse of MANNA through their lives.



Sarah Tognazzini

In 1982, Sarah was in high school in Redwood City, California, when she saw the *Time* magazine pictures of the bloated bellies and empty eyes of starving children



MANNA workers in Haiti: First row l-r: Marian and Claude Dunn, Tammy and Brian Wallace, Dave Altizer; Second row: Larene Zoerner, Darla, Corrie, and Bill Moxon, Betty McFarland; Third row: Mark Thompson, Lisa de la Fuente, Brad Parrish, Kevin McFarland; Fourth row: Trellis Curtis, Kent Hamilton.

in Ethiopia. Her youth minister, Kevin McFarland, had already held a weekend of fasting and praying so that the teens could send some help to Ethiopia. Their next MANNA project to raise money for relief was called, "Don't Talk With Your Mouth Full." Sarah says, "I wanted to help, and I still want to help."

Eleven years later, Sarah is still helping. After two years of college, Sarah spent several months helping with relief in Haiti. She spent last summer in Croatia, and now she is working on the MANNA staff in Redwood City. "Last summer in Croatia," she remembers vividly, "I met a man who came to the church for food. He kept saying, 'I had a farm...I had goats and pigs...I had a son...'" His identity was gone; he felt hopeless. "Like hundreds of other Croatian refugees that I saw," Sarah said, "he had lost all that he had. He had nowhere to go; he needed food and shelter. He needed help until he could figure out a way to put some kind of life together."

Sarah just opened a letter from a Croatian woman who became a Christian after she studied with the MANNA workers who had given her supplies. The woman wrote Sarah, "It's not easy, not easy at all sometimes, (what am I talking!) always! We need warmth and fellowship...

I feel deep inside of me; the joy of Christ...joy has got me." Sarah reflects, "Even in my comfortable life in the States, sad things happen. A tragedy comes and I am leveled emotionally. None of us are so far removed from the feelings of these displaced people—helplessness, confusion, sorrow, need for God." She says that she has learned by watching so many refugees that "our tragedies feel the same and our joys feel the same." That common bond makes it easier to reach out to help fellow human beings.

In Haiti, Sarah worked with another MANNA worker who grew up in the Redwood City youth group, Darla Dunn Moxon. Darla and her husband, Bill, are full-time MANNA workers in this country where 75 percent of the population is in absolute poverty. Bill drills wells to give Haitians clean water, while Brian and Tammy Wallace run a farm and fishery as a training model to Haitians and as a means of providing food for the poorest poor.

These couples represent MANNA's efforts toward long-term development. Darla, who teaches her own kids there, has started a project called MANNA KIDS. In Haiti, children have to pay tuition even for public schooling, and they are required to buy their own books and their own

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MANNA Teens load isolette for Croatian hospital



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Kevin McFarland tells MANNA's story at Pepperdine Lectures

uniforms. Many families scrimp so that just one of their children can attend school. Darla finds sponsors in the States who will give money for one child's books and uniforms. Her parents, Claude and Marian Dunn, organize her work at the home office in Redwood City.

Sarah's work in Haiti included teaching school, helping in an orphanage sponsored by the church in Ada, Oklahoma, and working in a hospital nursing abandoned children. She remembers, "When I walked into the hospital, the little children were lying listlessly on mats on the concrete floor. I cleaned them up and held them, talked to them, played with them. They just came to life."

In the United States, there are many volunteer groups to help the homeless. But in countries that MANNA goes to, there is almost no one to help others. "Our lives are the gospel to them," says Sarah. She answers the unspoken question, "How can you bear to see these overwhelming

Top: "A cup of cold water in My name . . ." Bottom left: Teen does community service during "Servin' Safari '93;" Bottom right: MANNA intern teaching songs to Haitian orphans.

needs?" by saying: "It's not that I think I can change the world, but I can change my world . . . the world I interact with. Even if I can't help everyone, my help—even one meal or one hug—makes a tremendous difference in the lives of people who have nothing." She concludes, "It's impossible to be self-centered and do this work. It's been a blessing and a healing and a hope for me."

Kevin McFarland

Sarah's youth minister in 1982 was Kevin McFarland. He has been the president of MANNA for the last ten years. He goes around the globe meeting with government officials and relief workers to connect the help MANNA can give to the places with greatest needs. "MANNA's goal is to provide relief where there are already missionaries from the

Churches of Christ who are working in the area," McFarland says. "They know the culture; they can advise us on the best ways to help, and they can support any new converts after the crisis is over."

Kevin remembers the day MANNA was born. "My wife, Betty, and I had been praying for our youth group—all 12 of them." He remembers them as sophisticated and disillusioned. "They saw the problems in the world, but they didn't think God was powerful enough to do anything about them," he says. Some had decided to "live fast and die young." Inside,

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they felt hopeless. After a weekend fast to raise money for Ethiopia, two of the youth group girls, both juniors, came into his office. They said, "These weekend fasts aren't enough. If Ethiopia and El Salvador break God's heart, then we should be doing more to help." Kevin gave them the usual excuses: we don't have the people-power; we don't have the money; we don't have the relief expertise. Kevin expected them to agree and leave the office, but they didn't. Instead, they asked, "You do believe in the power of God, don't you, Kevin? Then why do we have to have everything just right?" Their demanding faith changed Kevin's direction. The next day he withdrew from graduate work at Stanford University and began to work seriously on relief for Ethiopia and El Salvador. As Kevin traveled and learned the ropes, he was able to meet with government and tribal leaders to facilitate distributing food using missionaries already on the field. Later, MANNA added long-term development work such as drilling wells and planting crops so that the church members could learn to meet their own needs and share with others.

The more involved the youth group became, the more bold they became in sharing Jesus with their friends at school. That's when Kevin realized the power of helping. It was the secret to fighting the helplessness his teenagers felt about life. Now, all 12 of those kids are grown. They are still very active for Christ, and half of them have spent time on the mission field. Thousands of teenagers are following in their footsteps in youth groups all over the United States.

With this growth, administrative

work is daunting. Ken McFarland, Kevin's brother, has moved to Redwood City to be the president. Kevin will continue his work on the board but assumes a new role as minister for the Redwood City congregation.

Every year, MANNA prepares a "project" for youth groups. In 1992, groups took a weekend to live as if they were refugees. MANNA provided Bible study helps, "refugee menus," and plans for enlisting sponsors to give relief based on the teens walking so many miles or fasting for a day. The most recent project was "Servin' Safari," in which youth groups collected canned food for their local distribution outlets and asked for sponsors to commit money based on the amount of food they collected. The money went to MANNA for relief in Croatia, Ghana, and other countries. MANNA also leads summer programs to Haiti to help their projects there. When they give "the cup of cold water," Jesus said they are giving it to Him, and they are also being like Him in ministering to those who need. Kevin said, "Their lives are changed forever by giving a little hope to the helpless."



Josiah Tilton

In 1987, Josiah went to Ghana on a campaign for Christ. "We traveled to a remote village, Wenchidi," he said. "We looked at the pond that these people drank from. We tested the water and it was filled with Guinea worms that invade and cripple the body." Many of

the villagers were unable to get out of bed; others walked with a limp. "Several winced as they walked out to meet us," Josiah reported. The government had told one of the Christians there that there was nothing they could do to help. They had no money to dig wells. Josiah was moved by their plight. "The thing that touched me most deeply was the hopelessness in their eyes." Their expressions said to him, "It has always been like this, and it always will be." From the government's point of view, the hopelessness was appropriate. But not from God's point of view.

After working with the Traverse City congregation in Michigan to get three wells dug, Josiah connected with Kevin McFarland and MANNA. They coordinated with Traverse City and White's Ferry Road in West Monroe, Louisiana, to send Josiah and his family to oversee drilling wells in this region of Ghana where missionaries had been working. Now, five years later, more than 100 bore holes have been drilled and more than 60 villages helped to have clean water. At least 50,000 people have hope for a healthier life. Josiah said, "We have also given them the 'water of life.' As a direct result of the drilling, about two dozen new congregations have been established and more than 100 people have been baptized into Christ." In fact, they even have progressed to the stage of having "preacher stories." Mark Thompson, a contact person in Ghana, preached one Sunday for the Ghanaian church. After his sermon, a Ghanaian got up to lead the closing hymn. They speak a Ghanaian form of English, and the man mixed one word for another to announce, "Now if everyone will wake up, we will sing."

The big story of MANNA is that God still cares about a cup of cold water.

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Welcoming Strangers: Sunny Hills Reaches Out

by Emily Y. Lemley



For three nights in April and three nights in October of 1993, the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California, produced a unique outreach. All of the members invited their friends and neighbors to come see sketches from the world famous play *Les Misérables*. Over 55 members of the 250-member congregation worked on the sets, costumes, lighting, and sound for this dynamic production. They also did all of the acting and singing. Sunny Hills minister David Skates says, "So many of our neighbors would never set foot in our building, but coming to see a famous play for free is not a threat to them. We filled the auditorium every night." Skates concluded, "I call this 'presence evangelism' because we are letting people know that we are here in their city. In our culture, this is a necessary step." Sunny Hills has added over 300 new names to their mailing list through this outreach, and they invite these visitors to other special services and church events. Stan Paden, the leading actor in the play, closes the production with a powerful reminder of the gospel, "You can hear the message of freedom from law through Christ's sacrifice every Sunday in this pulpit. Only God's love can truly change lives."

The original story of *Les Misérables*, by Victor Hugo, focuses on a Frenchman who steals bread for a hungry child and is imprisoned for life at hard labor. When he is given a chance for freedom, he cannot get away from the label "thief." Though

successful in business, he only finds true freedom when he takes a risk to help the less fortunate. "This is a story of redemption. It shows the powerlessness of law and the miracle of grace. It is a way to point people in a secular world to the gospel," says Sunny Hills deacon Ken Hollon, who plays one of the main characters.

This creative outreach was the dream of Sunny Hills member Jim Lents, who has long been fascinated with the grand message of love and grace in *Les Misérables*. Lents did considerable editing of the play, "A lot of things in the Broadway play were unnecessary or unsuitable for our use. I wanted the redemptive story intact, so I chose eight sketches from the original play.



Our play lasted one hour and fifty minutes, rather than the original time of almost four hours." Moving from Tennessee to Fullerton six years ago, the Lents family came for Jim to work with the Southern California Clean Air Commission. An engineer, Jim enjoys working with music and drama as a hobby. "I took over a year to condense and adapt the play, to arrange and record the music and to think through the significant scenes which would most move an audience," he said. This production lived up to his expectation of professional quality and outreach opportunities. He and many other members spent \$5,000 on sound equipment and lighting. Anne Berryhill, a school teacher and Sunny Hills member, was part

of the cast. She said, "Many from the community who came were overwhelmed at the professional quality. They thought we had surely hired people to participate." Berryhill added, "When we started practicing, we realized that Jim did not want this to look 'homemade.' He wanted it to impress our guests and glorify the Lord. His professional attitude was contagious."

Marvin Crowson, former missionary and now an elder at Sunny Hills (and an actor in the play) says, "This play has taken creative people who had not felt like participants in the fellowship, and it has knit them together as a vital part of our outreach. As we worked together, we shared our own needs for each other as well as for those outside that we wanted to bring in." Several husband and wife teams are in the production, and even whole families. "The teens and the children who are in the play may have received the greatest benefit...the fellowship of doing this together is a life-changing experience," said Crowson.

A taste of fellowship is also provided for the guests after the performance. All are invited for dessert and coffee in the fellowship hall. The guests can meet the performers (still in costume) and other members of the congregation. Ken Hollon reports, "We are looking for another play to work on for next year. This has been a successful outreach and a fellowship opportunity for Sunny Hills. We all feel thankful to Jim for his commitment to Christ and to this congregation."



The Spirit Of This Place

by Terry Giboney

It is admittedly very hard for me to be unbiased about Pepperdine University or Christian education. Both have been profoundly life changing and determining for me and my family. I graduated from the old Los Angeles campus in 1961, followed by my wife in 1962. Our three children, Carrie, Peggy, and Paul, followed in 1988, 1990, and 1992 respectively. Although a Pepperdine degree was not a requirement to date my daughters, neither was it simply a coincidence that my two sons-in-law are also Pepperdine graduates.

Of course, none of this may seem very remarkable to anyone but me. But, to me, it is like a miracle, for my decision to attend Pepperdine was more serendipitous than planned. It is scary when I sometime play the "what if" game. What if I had not come? I really cannot imagine. Pepperdine changed my life in ways so comprehensive, it would be difficult to define or describe my life without its inclusion.

I grew up in a large family—the fourth of eight children. We were a close and mostly happy family, but my father never finished high school and a college education was a very low priority. A Christian college education was an even more remote consideration. Through the influence of a little red headed girl named Susan (who today is my wife) I transferred from a State school to Pepperdine as a junior in 1959 and began what has turned out to be a 34 year love affair with this great place.

For most of those years, my relationship with Pepperdine was as student and volunteer—alumni officer, parent, and member of the Board of Regents. In 1990, I left my career in public education and became a full-time "Pepperdiner" as I headed up the Office of Special Programs. On September 1, 1993, I assumed the position of senior advancement officer to help raise scholarship funds for members of the Church of Christ through Pepperdine's Church Leaders Council.



First row l-r: Carrie Giboney Wall with daughter Jenna Rebecca, Terry and Susan Giboney, Peggy Giboney Grande with son Taylor John; Second row: Andy Wall, Paula Pflughoft (Paul's fiancée), Paul Giboney, Greg Grande.

The role of this Council is to strengthen Pepperdine's relationship with the Churches of Christ and raise scholarship funds so that more families in the church can send their children to Pepperdine. Specifically, our goal is to find 300 members or couples from the Church of Christ to give at least \$500 per year. This would generate \$150,000 each year to help members of the church who otherwise would not be able to attend Pepperdine.

The opportunity to serve in this position seems like one of those proverbial matches made in heaven, as two of my highest life priorities are services to the church and Christian education. To be able to work on a daily basis in both of these important areas is a double blessing.

Christian education is expensive, and few can bear the burden alone. However,

when schools and churches work together, scholarships can often help parents afford an education for their children more consistent with their spiritual values. It is impossible to put a price tag on the value of the scores of young people who often come to this place drifting and searching and leave after a few years with the indelible mark of the spirit of this place and Jesus Christ.

Watch for more information about our new "Couples for Christian Education" program as the Associated Women for Pepperdine and the Church Leaders Council work more closely together to meet the great scholarship needs of our church families. I would welcome your ideas and support and can be reached at (310) 456-4617.

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his B.A. from Lubbock Christian University. He has counseling experience in both a church and a professional treatment center setting. He develops curricula and conducts workshops throughout the United States for support

group facilitators. He has long been a favorite youth group leader and speaker. Dr. Rhodes is a charter member of the Southern California Mediation Association and an Advisory Board member for the National Association for Christian Recovery and the Mental Health Professional Network.

Thanksgiving Youthfest Draws Teens

Wilson Parrish, director of the annual Thanksgiving Youthfest, reported that 600 teens and their sponsors spent November 26 and 27 on the Pepperdine campus. The key speakers were Mark Turner, Andy Wall, Ron Crawford, and Dan Anders. Worship was led by Ben Wall and a group of Pepperdine students. The traditional Superstar Olympics were directed by Rick Krug. Fifty Pepperdine students volunteered their time for the weekend to set up, clean up, organize events, and supervise dormitories. After evening worship, the Pepperdine student



drama team, "The Living Water," offered thought-provoking skits on spiritual themes. "I think we succeeded in carrying on the tradition that Big Don Williams started 23 years ago," Parrish said. "He

didn't want this to be a focus for controversy or a catalyst for change. He wanted this to be a great place for teenagers to spend a weekend focusing on Jesus Christ and learning more about His word. We had such great teens and wonderful support from parents and youth ministers," Parrish concluded. Co-directors of the Youthfest were Heidi O'Donnell, a graduate student, and undergraduate Jill Johnson.

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Because of the faith of 12 teens and Kevin and Betty, thousands of young people and whole congregations have been able to offer the cup of cold water to thirsty people they will never meet. Kevin McFarland talks about this work as something God is doing. "We are just the hands and feet," he says. He knows that

hunger and disease, like the poor that Jesus talked about, will always be with us. "But we are called to be faithful to Christ's reign in our lives. We know we cannot solve the problem, he admits. "Pride works to make us feel guilty for not doing more and to make us feel that our efforts should be bigger," Kevin states, "but we are just doing the small things that Jesus asks us to do—giving bread, planting a seed, digging a well. He has promised to take care of the rest. That's enough for me."

1994 Christian Leadership Conference Scheduled

Paul Long, Seaver College Dean of Admissions, announces the 4th Annual Christian Leadership Conference to be held on June 10-12 on the Pepperdine Campus. This conference hosts 100 high school juniors from the Churches of Christ to study leadership and to practice their own leadership skills. Long says that the intense focus on "Biblical leadership energizes students and causes them to seek new ways to develop their own spiritual leadership skills." If you know of a high school junior who would like to participate, please contact Craig Means, Office of Admission, (310) 456-4392.

The Church of Christ Foundation: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Changing demographics, deteriorating neighborhoods, plant closures, aging populations, and a host of other variables are dramatically affecting the communities throughout America. Churches have often been forced to rethink their message, methods and ministries. Attitudes and comfort zones have been stretched. Some congregations have not survived.

One of the primary issues facing a congregation experiencing irreversible decline is what to do with the church building or other assets. Since a church is often the tangible expression of hundreds or thousands of individuals' efforts over a span of many years, there is a natural desire to translate the sad demise of a congregation into something positive. The Church of Christ Foundation does just that.

When the Azusa Church of Christ disbanded several years ago, the congregation sold its property and established a

foundation, administered by a board of dedicated members of the Church to support deserving Christian works. The Foundation operates as a California Nonprofit Religious Corporation and contributions to it are tax deductible.

Individuals or congregations which have property or other assets are invited to give them to this Foundation which will use the income from these assets to help a variety of organizations connected with the Church of Christ. We believe the Foundation is an idea whose time has come. For further information, please contact:

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Church of Christ Foundation
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Malibu, CA 90263
(310) 456-4458

Tanda Men's Retreat Planned for February 7-9

The annual Camp Tanda Men's Retreat will be February 7-9, 1994. The theme for this year's retreat is "We Are Brethren: One Church, Many Cultures." Bill Lawrence reports that a diverse group planned this retreat as a platform from which to address the challenge of being one in Christ. David Skates will be the kick-off speaker on Monday evening with the topic "Ethnic Diversity and Christianity." Thamar Williams plans to chair a session on "Ethnic Diversity in Worship Music." Ron Sherman will give an exegetical study of Acts 15, and Billy Curl will moderate a discussion session. Vince Hawkins will speak on "Cultural Diversity" from the perspective of Galatians 1 and 2, and J.J. Turner will close the session on Wednesday morning with "All One in Christ." For more information, contact Bill Lawrence at (714) 828-4800.



The Church of Christ in Fremont, California, recently dedicated their new 300-seat facility, which they built themselves. With an attendance of 200, the congregation now has room to grow.

Northern California Preacher's Retreat

The Annual Northern California Preacher's Retreat was held October 25-27 at Shenandoah West Retreat Center in Mt. Aukum, California. Twenty-five men attended to hear Dr. David Worley of the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas, speak on "Recovering the Psalms for Worship." This retreat was

established to provide fellowship, spiritual nurture and relaxation for men in ministry. Bruce Logue, preacher for the Lodi congregation, was chairman of the 1993 retreat. Terry Baker, Dick Blythe, Matt Crain, Rod Davis, Bruce Henderson, Dan McQuiddy, Robert Oliver, Alan Poteet, and Mel Weldon made presentations on the theme of preaching. Dr. Matt Crain of Elk Grove will be the 1994 chairman.

Two Churches Celebrate 50th Anniversaries

Buena Park celebrated its 50th anniversary on November 14, 1993, with the theme: "Together Again in Worship, Fellowship and Remembering—Looking Forward to Being in Eternity Together." With many "old-timers" returning, the newly refurbished Buena Park auditorium held 231 for this homecoming. Jerry Rushford spoke at the morning services. The overflow crowd enjoyed an afternoon service led by former ministers and song leaders.

The Hermosa Beach Church of Christ asked Jerry E. Jones, whom they help support in England, to speak for their 50th anniversary Sunday on November 7, 1993. Dale Gifford, Hermosa's minister, reported that they more than doubled their attendance for the anniversary service. The Homecoming included many memories of former preachers Morris Womack, James Smythe, and Douglas Dean.

Urgent Need for Funds to Rebuild After L.A. Earthquake

Devastation in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas is much worse than television reports indicate. Thousands of homes are uninhabitable. Thankfully, help is pouring into the Van Nuys Church of Christ, which has agreed to be the on-site coordinator of relief work. MANNA International is coordinating the collection of funds, then wiring those funds directly to Van Nuys. If you would like to aid Christians in the disaster area, make your check payable to the Redwood City Church of Christ, marking it "for L.A. Quake Relief," and mailing it to: Redwood City Church of Christ, P.O. Box 3507, Redwood City, CA 94064.

"Project Remembrance" Set for Normandy Beach

Jerry Edward Jones, sponsored by the Whittier and Hermosa Churches, is in his fourteenth year of mission work in Great Britain. He is working on Project Remembrance, sponsored by the Nottingham Church of Christ in England, to honor all World War II veterans on the 50th anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 1994, with services on Normandy Beach.

Project Remembrance wants to urge all Christians who were involved in the D-Day effort to come and bring their families to this historic service. "This is a great opportunity for the Church of Christ to gather before an interested public to point to the true way of peace through Jesus Christ," says Jones. For more information contact: Jerry E. Jones, 50 W. Saint Helens St., Abingdon, OX14 5BP, England. To phone direct from the US: 011-44-235-526-898.

Summer Encampments for 1994

Red River Encampment is set for June 25-29. The theme for the 1994 Red River Encampment—June 25-29—will be "Restoring the American Character: Studies in the Ten Commandments." Held in Red River, New Mexico, this annual event features speakers such as: Rick Atchley, Jim McGuigan, Jerry Rushford, Ron Bankes, Dan Rouse, Olden Cook, Ben Mereness, Edwin White, and Paul Faulkner. For more information on and reservations for this family event, contact Jerry E. Lawlis at 1635 S. Pueblo Blvd., Pueblo, Colorado, or call (714) 564-3873.

Grand Canyon Encampment date is July 10-13, 1994. "Pure Religion in a Profane World: Pictures of the Christian Life from the Book of James" will be the theme for the annual Grand Canyon Encampment held on the Coconino

County Fairgrounds in Flagstaff, Arizona. The date is July 10-13, 1994. Fifteen speakers are scheduled, including Bill Humble, John McKeel, Jerry Lawlis, and Willard Tate. For more information on this inspirational encampment, call Pat White at (602) 956-3430 or (602) 242-3025.

Christian Scholars Conference to be Held at Pepperdine

Dr. Tom Olbricht, chair of the Religion Division at Pepperdine, has announced the fourteenth annual Christian Scholars Conference to be held at Pepperdine University, Malibu, on July 20-22, 1994. The theme for the conference will be "Through the Eyes of Faith." Papers will be read and speakers will be announced. For more information contact the Religion Division: (310) 456-4352.

Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop June 29-July 2

The Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop draws 2500-3000 people who take their vacation in the Northwest and participate in this spiritual uplift held on the Pacific Lutheran University campus in Tacoma, Washington. This is GNEW's sixteenth year. The dates are June 29- July 2, 1994. The program includes such speakers and teachers as Jerry Jones, Jeff Walling, Richard Rogers, Marvin Phillips, and Rick Atchley. There are also simultaneous programs for both teens and elementary children. Twenty-one classes each day and two keynote speeches offer a spiritual feast. Other participants will be Truman Scott, Joe Beam, Jule and Judy Miller, Cynthia Rowland-McClure, and the Hallal Singers with Ken Young. For more information ask Rowena Hanson at (206) 848-2632.

Dispute Resolution Offers Seminar for Church Leaders

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine's School of Law, reports that the future dates for seminars on "Managing Conflict and Change Within Churches of Christ" are: Malibu, California, February 15-16 and March 22-23; Memphis, Tennessee, March 8-9 and April 12-13.

The seminar held in Dallas over November 2-3 and December 7-8 trained 80 church leaders in dispute resolution.

Each weekend contains two intensive 16-hour sessions which are Biblically based.

The program covers the mediation skills of communication and encouragement. It also addresses the Christian mediator's dilemma between neutrality and Biblical truth.

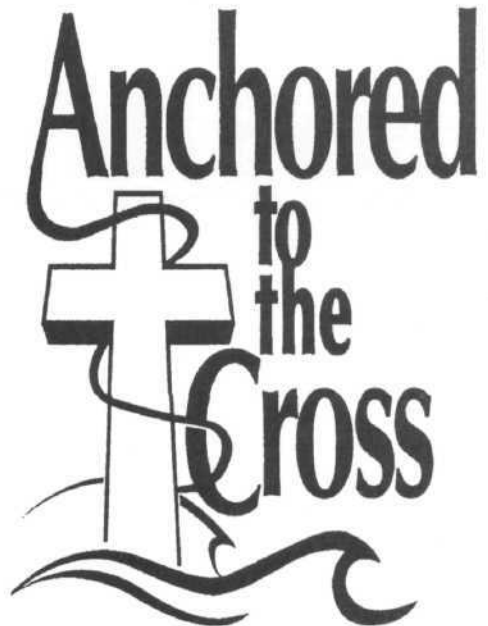
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