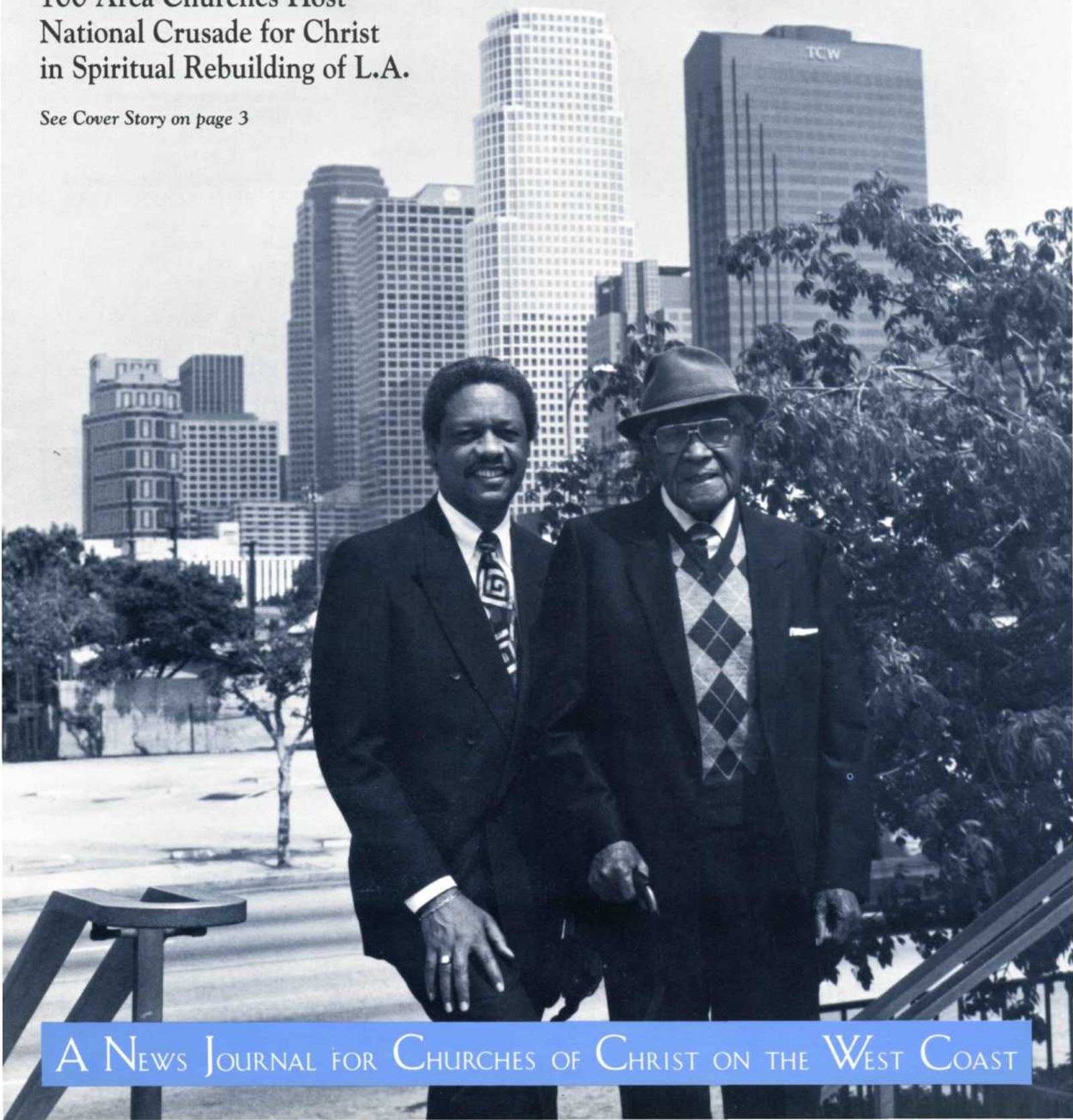


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## Lemley Named New Provost at Pepperdine University



Dr. Steven Lemley has been appointed provost of Pepperdine University and will assume the duties of chief academic officer on July 1. He has served as president of Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas, for almost 11 years. The Pepperdine alumnus succeeds Dr. William B. Adrian, who left the University to become a Fulbright Lecturer in Poland.

"Dr. Lemley's understanding of the issues that face higher education today and in the years to come made him outstanding among the many candidates for this position," President David Davenport said. "In addition to being a strong leader who can build consensus, he will help us enhance the University both academically and spiritually."

Lemley's 15 years at LCU were marked by gains in that institution's financial stability and academic quality. He guided it to university status, launched several new degree programs, including master's degrees in Biblical studies, and recently oversaw an \$8 million capital fund-raising campaign. He stabilized and increased enrollment by improving financial aid programs as well as recruitment and retention efforts. He will remain on LCU's Board of Trustees.

Lemley earned both his bachelor's (1966) and his master's (1970) from Pepperdine. After receiving his doctorate in communication from Ohio State University in 1973, he returned to Pepperdine, teaching in the Heidelberg, Germany program, and serving as associate dean of student life from 1972-76 and as student life dean from 1976-78. He was awarded an honorary doctorate

from Pepperdine's Graduate School of Education and Psychology in 1988.

For more than 20 years, he and his wife, Dr. Emily Lemley, have edited the Christian publication *Power for Today*. In addition, he has preached at Churches of Christ in California and throughout the nation.

He and his wife have three children, David, Amy, and Mark. David is a senior religion major at Seaver College, Amy is a sophomore at LCU and Mark will enter the 10th grade this fall.

## Sunny Hills Church Hosts "Golden State Bible Bowl"

On Saturday, March 20, the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California, hosted their third annual "Golden State Bible Bowl." This competition in Bible knowledge is part of a major emphasis of many congregations from Maine to California aimed at getting teenagers into indepth studies of God's Word.

The Sunny Hills' building was "standing room only" as 83 teams of Junior and Senior High Students (with four students to a team) crowded in, along with adult coaches, sponsors, and workers. All told, nearly 600 people helped and participated in the Bible Bowl, coming from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California churches.

The highlight of the day was the awards ceremony. The 1st place individual trophy winner for Senior High was Anthony Favors from the Northwest Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona. In addition to his 1st place trophy, Anthony was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from Pepperdine University, the first such scholarship ever presented at a West Coast Bible Bowl. Speaking for the University, Sherry Woodroof, Pepperdine's Director of Admissions, said, "We are pleased to be a part of this program in order to promote biblical scholarship."

The Junior High winner was Erin O'Hara, participating from Hughson Christian School in Hughson, California. Her score was 990 out of a possible 1000, the highest score of the day.

Taking first place in the Junior High Team Division were "The Flying Disciples" from

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R.N. Hogan (r), minister for the Figueroa Church of Christ, is Southern California Chairman of the Crusade for Christ, and Billy Curl, minister for the Crenshaw Church of Christ, is Associate Chairman. Cover photo by Ron Hall.

Plainview, Texas. The Senior High team winners were "Voices in the Desert" from Grants, New Mexico.

Buddy Mills, the youth minister for the Montgomery Boulevard Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, was given a special award in recognition of the support and encouragement he has given to California churches to help make "Bible Bowl" a reality on the West Coast.

The day ended with everyone going to Knott's Berry Farm in nearby Buena Park for a time of fellowship and fun!

## Crusade for Christ Coming to Los Angeles July 25-29

by Billie Silvey

"The biggest secret in the brotherhood" is how Ron White, minister of the Lincoln Park Church of Christ in Detroit, described the Crusade for Christ coming to Los Angeles July 25-29.

Dr. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, is speaker for the week-long event, which will be held at the Convention Center. Twelve thousand people are expected to attend.

Already, 800 rooms have been booked by people coming from out of town to help with personal evangelism, publicity, and transportation.

The Hilton Hotel will serve as crusade headquarters. Rallies will be held there during the day to motivate Christians to go out into the neighborhoods to pass out literature and set up Bible classes.

The crusade will kick off with a banquet Saturday, July 24, at the Westin Bonaventure. Only 2,400 can be seated for the event, so reservations are on a first come, first served basis. Judge Andrew Hairston, minister of the Simpson Street Church of Christ in Atlanta, will speak for the banquet.

On Sunday morning, July 25, local churches are asked to dismiss their services to attend the opening assembly at the Convention Center at 10:00 a.m. The evening programs are at 7:30 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

R. N. Hogan, minister for the Figueroa Church of Christ, is Southern California Chairman for the crusade, with Billy Curl, minister of the Crenshaw Church, assisting.

A concentrated program of personal evangelism and an intensive media blitz is being planned. The meetings are also being broadcast on radio and television.

Local churches are donating buses and vans, and others are being leased, to bring contacts from various neighborhoods. Henry Oliver, an elder at the Figueroa Church, is in charge of transportation.

The crusades were begun in 1979 in Chicago by Daniel Harrison, who serves as national director. G.P. Holt addressed that gathering. One hundred seventy-nine were baptized in the week-long event, with 5,000 attending from around the country.

In that meeting, a reporter from a local paper who had come to write a negative review was among the first baptized.

The second crusade was held in Houston. One hundred fifty-five were baptized there, with 8,000 total attendance.

The third crusade was held in Orlando,



Representatives from many of the 100 Churches of Christ supporting the Crusade for Christ came together for a rally at the Painter Avenue Church of Christ in Whittier on April 4.

Florida.

San Francisco was the site of the fourth crusade, with thirty baptized in one night and 165 by the end of the week.

The fifth crusade, held in New Orleans, resulted in 89 baptisms. Six to seven thousand attended, and the crusade was broadcast on radio and TV.

In 1991, the crusade was held in Detroit, Michigan. This event was notable due to the fact that an equal number of blacks and whites participated. Local churches were filled to capacity and baptisms were still continuing in the weeks and months following the crusade.

The local Los Angeles crusade has a \$357,000 budget, with \$125,000 of this amount to be raised by area churches.

So far, \$75,000 has been contributed locally in a series of rallies designed to encourage, inform, and raise funds. The past rally was April 4 in Whittier. The Culver-Palms and Malibu Churches will host a joint rally on May 23 at Culver-Palms.

Local rallies are being coordinated by Tamar Williams, minister for the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ.

Support is also coming from the brotherhood at large. Christians in the Chicago area are raising \$35,000 for the effort here, with \$29,000 having already been paid. Houston churches are contributing \$35,000 and Atlanta, \$25,000.

Churches in Alabama, Kansas, Wisconsin, and Tennessee also are holding rallies to help finance the Los Angeles crusade, according to

John Dansby, minister for the Russell Road church in Shreveport and crusade financial director.

All Christians in the Los Angeles area are being asked to support the crusade with their commitment, physical presence, and financial support. Volunteer to help on committees, pray for the crusade, and invite your families, friends, and neighbors to attend.

People are needed to volunteer to work on the baptismal committee. L.S. Lewis, minister at La Puente, is in charge of that committee. Help is needed to greet people and hand out literature and visitors cards. Herman Thompson, an elder at the Normandie Church, is in charge of registration and hospitality.

Help is also needed in serving communion in the Sunday morning service. Workers will need to be able to practice in advance.

According to the *Monthly Notice*, published by Glenn Martin, minister for the Dearborn Church of Christ in Dearborn, Michigan, one of the sponsors of the last crusade, the main reason to participate in the crusades is to save souls. In addition, bonds of brotherhood are strengthened; cooperation among local churches is promoted; and opportunity is afforded for elders, preachers, teachers, and leaders from a wide area and diverse backgrounds to become acquainted. Ron White urged all to get on the band wagon. "You get joy in proportion to your participation in these crusades," he pointed out.

# PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Holly Brown

**Dan Anders**, minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, preached for the Church of Christ in Santa Paula, January 24, and for the Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas, February 24.

**Garry Bailey**, instructor of communication, preached for the Church of Christ in San Fernando, January 10.

**Fred Barnes**, director of counseling services, preached for the Church of Christ in Oxnard, January 10, and for the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 17.

Professor of Law **Hal Bigham** preached for Churches of Christ in Victorville, January 24, and at Westside in Bakersfield, January 31.

**Larry Bumgardner**, associate vice chancellor for foundations and research, preached for the Normandie Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 17, and for the Church of Christ in Fremont, January 24.

**Mike Casey**, associate professor of communication, preached for the Allied Gardens Church of Christ in San Diego, January 24.

**Brad Cheves**, director of advancement and alumni relations for the School of Law, preached for the Church of Christ in Oakhurst, January 10, and for the Church of Christ in Lancaster, January 24.

**Rick Cupp**, associate professor of law, preached for the Pacific Beach Church of Christ in San Diego, January 17. He will be training and leading a team of Pepperdine students for the "Let's Start Talking" summer program to Moscow, Russia.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ, January 10; the Culver Palms Church dedication of their new building, January 17; and the El Cajon Boulevard Church in San Diego, February 7.

**Rich Dawson**, director of international student services, preached for the Church of Christ in Yucaipa, January 24.

**Russ Dudley**, visiting professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Van Nuys, January 10, and for the Church of Christ in San Clemente, January 17.

**Gary Elliott**, acting assistant vice chancellor, preached for Churches of Christ in Upland, January 10; at Claremont in San Diego, January 17; at Magnolia Center in Riverside, January 24; and at Crenshaw in Los Angeles, January 31.

**Terry Giboney**, associate provost for special programs, preached for the Glendale Church of Christ, January 17; for the Costa Mesa Church of Christ, January 31; and for the Shafter Church of Christ, February 14. He and his wife **Susan**, visiting instructor in Humanities, conducted Pepperdine's campus ministry retreat in Santa Barbara, January 22-24, and a parenting seminar for the Shafter Church of Christ, February 12-14. They are teaching a weekly premarital class in Malibu from February 3-May 17 and a parenting class at Pepperdine's Bible Lectures, April 29. Susan will be the graduation speaker for Pacific Christian College in Fullerton, May 29.

Campus Minister **LaJuana Gill** participated in the Western Campus Ministry Seminar held March 26-28 in Fresno.

**Randy Gill**, associate professor of fine arts, spoke at the National Conference on Youth Ministries in Searcy, Arkansas, January 13-16; and at a Christian rally and concert in Corpus Christi, Texas, January 30.

**Gary Hanson**, general counsel, preached for the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, January 24.

**Bill Henegar**, assistant vice president for creative services, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ, January 3, February 14, and February 28. He taught Bible class and preached for the Church of Christ in Simi Valley, January 31. He is teaching the spring quarter Bible class at the Long Beach Church.

Professor of Psychology **Clarence Hibbs** preached for the Church of Christ in Palmdale, February 28.

**Ron Highfield**, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Tehachapi, January 10, and for the Church of Christ in Shafter, January 31.

**Richard Hughes**, acting department chair and professor of religion, preached for the Northside Church of Christ in Santa Ana, February 7. He taught a class and spoke at a breakfast program during the 75th annual Abilene Christian University Bible Lectureship, February 22. He was the featured speaker at the Ivy League Church of Christ Graduate Students' Colloquium in Princeton, New Jersey, March 20. He will be attending the board meeting of *Discipliana* at the Disciples of Christ Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee, May 1.

**Bernard James**, professor of law, preached for the Church of Christ in Whittier, January 31.

**Terry Kite**, associate professor of natural science, preached for Uptown Church of Christ in San Bernardino, January 10, and the Foster Road Church of Christ in Santa Maria, January 17.

**David Johnson**, associate professor of finance, preached for the Cypress Church of Christ in Buena Park, February 28.

Campus Minister **Scott Lambert** preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ, December 27, and for the Turnpike Church of Christ in Santa Barbara, January 17. He visited Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Romania, February 11-22, on a survey trip as a site preparer for the "Let's Start Talking" summer program.

**Hung Le**, associate director of campus life, preached for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, March 28.

Dean of Students **D'Esta Love** was the featured speaker at the women's retreat for the Culver Palms Church of Christ, March 5-6, and for the Glendale Church of Christ, March 26-28. She will be speaking at the mother/daughter banquet for the Modesto Church of Christ, May 8.

**Stuart Love**, professor of religion, preached for the Glendale Church of Christ, January-February, and continues to preach regularly for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre.

**Dennis Lowe**, associate professor of psychology, and his wife, **Emily Scott Lowe**, conducted a marriage enrichment seminar at the Westport Road Church of Christ in Louisville, Kentucky, February 12-14.

**David Lowry**, associate professor of communication, preached for the Lamesa Church of Christ in San Diego, January 10.

**Randy Lowry**, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached for the Central Church of Christ in Bakersfield, January 10. He was the keynote speaker and workshop leader at a Christian Education Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, January 18-20. He conducted a conference on managing conflict in Churches of Christ at the Pepperdine School of Law, January 21-22 and February 18-19. He also conducted a workshop and preached for the Church of Christ in Woodland, February 20-21.

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# PROFILES



GREG ENGLAND

Greg England became pulpit minister of the Long Beach Church of Christ on April 1, 1993.

England, 40, a native of Florence, Alabama, had served as pulpit minister of the Rockledge, Florida, Church of Christ for the past eight years. Prior to that he was minister of the Kilburn Church of Christ in Florence for six years.

England received his B.A. in June of 1975 from David Lipscomb College, Nashville, with a major in psychology and emphasis in Bible and youth ministry. He earned his M.A. in July of 1976 at the University of North Alabama, Florence, majoring in counseling and guidance. He did graduate work in theology at Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee, 1983-84.

Greg and Janice have two children: Joshua, 11, and Jessica, 8.



ALLEN POPE

Allen Pope recently became the full-time pulpit minister for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, California. Prior to coming to Conejo, he served four years as the full-time pulpit minister for the Meadowbrook Church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas.

Before deciding to enter the ministry, Pope had worked for Color Tile, Inc. from 1978-1982, serving as the district manager in

Orange County, California. Pope received his B.A. in Bible from the International Bible College (1986), Florence, Alabama, while serving as the youth minister for the College Church of Christ. He was the youth and family minister for the 11th & Willis Church of Christ while completing his M.A. in Biblical and Related Studies (1987) and Master of Divinity degree (1989) from Abilene Christian University.

Pope grew up in the mission field of the Pacific Northwest as a minister's son. He has participated in several stateside and foreign evangelistic campaigns.

Allen and Monica have been married 19 years and have four sons: David, 18; Jeremiah 15; Joshua, 13; and Joseph, 11.



DON AND SANDRA HUMPHREY

Sandra Humphrey is the Editor of *Christian Woman* magazine and author of the popular ladies' class book, *What Do You Communicate?* She has also written numerous children's books and the widely used teenage class study, *Don't Kiss Toads!*

A native of Wichita, Kansas, and an alumna of Harding University, Sandra has just moved from Nashville, Tennessee, to Phoenix, Arizona.

Her husband, Don, is the author of six books, the most recent of which is the best-selling book on church growth, *Hearts on Fire*. Also the creator of teaching aids, including videos and tracts, he is a publisher, world traveler and well-known speaker with an exciting vision for the future of the church.

A graduate of Harding University and the University of Northern Colorado, Don has degrees in Bible and communications. He has served as the pulpit minister for congregations in Texas, Colorado, Michigan, Kansas, Tennessee, Massachusetts, and he recently became the new minister for the Sun Valley Church of Christ in Higley, Arizona.

Don and Sandra have six children from the

ages of 11 to 29: Shelley, a graduate of Harding University; Scott, a graduate of David Lipscomb University; Shawn, a graduate of Harding University; Staci, 15; Stephanie, 14; and Shannon, 11.



IRA JOLIVET

Ira Jolivet, a native of Houston, Texas, was recently selected as an instructor of religion at Pepperdine University, where he will begin teaching this fall.

While living in Austin, Texas, Jolivet received a B.A. in Biblical Studies from The Institute for Christian Studies (1983), a B.A. in Classical Civilization (1986) and a M.A. in Classical Greek (1987) from the University of Texas.

He was awarded a 1991-92 Black Doctoral Scholarship grant from the Fund for Theological Education in New York to complete his doctoral studies in religion at Baylor University.

He is currently the pulpit minister of the Wheless Lane Church of Christ in Austin and an adjunct faculty member at the Institute for Christian Studies, teaching elementary and intermediate New Testament Greek.



RON MORGAN

In October 1992, Ron Morgan began serving as part-time pulpit minister for the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa

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## Pacific Christian Academy: 75 Years of Unselfish Service

by Stephen Davis

In the fall of 1993, Pacific Christian Academy will be 75 years old, a remarkable longevity considering that the school is located in one of the more obscure towns of Northern California—Graton—with a population of only 500. This longevity is not so remarkable when considering the spirit in which P.C.A. was originally founded and the extraordinary dedication of Christians who have supported the school's motto of "unselfish service" throughout the years. In fact, if there is one theme that characterizes the contributions of P.C.A. to education and to society, it has been its encouragement of students to be good stewards with the gifts that God has provided and to follow Christ's example of an unselfish servant. This attitude of unselfish servanthood was very much a part of P.C.A.'s earliest beginnings and is perpetuated among members of the board, teachers, parents, students, and friends of the school to this day.

Pacific Christian Academy had its beginning in 1918 with 16 students, one full-time teacher (Mrs. Ottis Scott) and four part-time volunteers at the E-Street Church of Christ in Santa Rosa. According to Scott "we closed the year with 32 pupils and ten dollars for my year's teaching."

In the second year, the school moved to its present campus in Graton, California. K.M. Barbour, Dell Davis (my grandfather), and Frank Davis each put up \$500 to purchase the 4-acre property with its 3-room school building. The enrollment grew to 52 students. The next summer, the historic Marshall School building (built in the 1860's) was purchased and moved to the P.C.A. campus, inserted underneath and attached to the original school building to make a two story structure, thus providing additional classrooms and a large auditorium.

By the fourth year (1921-22), the school and church had grown so large that the Graton church building was also moved to the P.C.A. campus, adding two classrooms to the school. In exchange, the Graton Church of Christ met in P.C.A.'s auditorium until a new church building could be constructed.

The first high school graduation class of P.C.A. was in 1923. O.W. Gardner was principal and my father, Ivan Davis, and



In the second year of operation, P.C.A. moved into this 3-room school building in Graton.



The first high school graduating class in May, 1923. Back row (l to r) Harold Davis, Elden Stine, Francis Parham, Ivan Davis, and Athol Crowson. Front row (l to r) Theda Bailey Davis, Ethel Wiggins Dyke, O. W. Gardner (Principal), Dorothy Davis, and Mildred Barbour Davis.

several other relatives were members of the first graduating class.

These early years at P.C.A. are probably best summarized in the words of Ottis Scott. Her impressions are especially significant because she was one of the primary forces that brought the school into existence and she taught at P.C.A. during the school's first eight years. In September 1926, Ottis left Graton with her husband, George, and daughter, Helen Pearl, for a life of mission work in Africa. The following quotation is taken from

her 1955 description of the school's beginnings.

I feel that since our work was free, or nearly so (I did get \$20 per month the last year), we got much of the same kind of free work from the whole church, who shared with us and with each other. They would bring potatoes, under and over-sized eggs, vegetables, fruit, nuts, fowl, and—well, just all needed things. I never have seen such cooperation, such loyalty, such unselfishness, or more consecration to the



In this view of a corner of the P.C.A. campus, the multipurpose building is on the right and the meetinghouse of the Graton Church of Christ (established in 1909) is in the center of the photo.

Lord than with our big Graton church family. The school, I think, had seven teachers once, counting Kenneth Ross in music, and the highest enrollment—around one hundred fifty. The church grew from thirty to three hundred. Now it seems that the P.C.A. Post with its compilers are our great grandchildren. Keep up the legacy that you have inherited in this dear old school, and may it go on blessing both young and old.

One of the more challenging periods in P.C.A.'s history was the Great Depression of the 1930's. The school could not provide much of a salary for its teachers nor could it supply some of the educational materials for its students, but the school remained open because of the generosity, sacrifice, and dedication of many people. Two such people were Herman and Elsie Wilson, recent graduates at the time from Harding College in Arkansas. They were looking for a teaching position in 1933 when they learned of the request for a young couple to come work with P.C.A. They were interested in the position because they had met a number of fine young people who had come to Harding from P.C.A. But understandably, they were concerned about the ability of P.C.A. to provide a salary, as seen in the following quotation by Herman and Elsie Wilson in 1988.

Bro. Hayes had said that the school could not promise much in the way of salary, but would guarantee that we'd not go hungry! The good people at Graton did not fail to

show their love and appreciation. We headed west in our '29 Ford Roadster across the sweltering desert with all of our earthly possessions and three year old son Allan. We arrived in Graton July 1, 1933, and were immediately given a warm welcome and a shower of produce, canned fruits, jellies and other good things from the thrifty housewives. We have lived in many places since those two years at P.C.A., but never have we been more warmly welcomed or shown more love and generosity than in those early days at P.C.A. Although our son Allan, who was only three years old when we moved to Graton, was not in the school, he loved all the teachers and children there and felt that he was one of them. He played school at home and pretended the children there were in his class! After all these years we still think of Graton and P.C.A. as one of the best places we have ever known. We were really proud to serve there for a time!

My personal memories of P.C.A. postdate the Great Depression and World War II. I was born in 1944 and attended P.C.A. from 1950 through 1962. During this period, two new school buildings were added, a large multipurpose building with gymnasium and classrooms were constructed, and the athletic fields were expanded. What was most significant to me, however, was not the addition of new buildings, but the manner in which they came into being—via the hard labor of many local Christians who

volunteered their money, time, and energy. I recall the many hours that my father, uncles, brother-in-laws, and others put into the design and construction of the new school buildings. The long hours of toil would often extend into the night when light bulbs were hung from extension cords to facilitate the continuation of work.

I also recall the quilting ladies, the cake sales, the rummage sales, the queen contests, the literary programs, the box-dinner auctions, pie auctions, plant sales, and the numerous other fund-raising activities. I remember spending days pasting massive amounts of Blue Chip Stamps in booklets that were donated to the school for the purchase of our first school bus. This rather unusual fund-raising idea was proposed, promoted, and successfully carried out by a P.C.A. alumnus, then a college student at Pepperdine College, named Charles Lanier (currently the principal of P.C.A.). However, my most vivid recollection of that period was the heroic efforts of gifted teachers who obviously loved their students and their Lord and became living models of unselfish servants to all—Ethel Lanier, Noble Rogers, Charles Polley, Agnes Polley, Richard Osborne, John Bessier, Patty Stine, Verna Stine, Everet Nicholas, Lester Brittell, Glenn Moreland, Nell Grady and Aquilla Fox.

P.C.A.'s 75 years have contributed much to the ideals of a value-centered education with an emphasis on Christ's example of unselfish service. All of its graduates have been better prepared to serve society with integrity. Many of its graduates have been inspired to become missionaries, preachers, teachers, and church leaders. Some continued their education at other Christian schools such as Columbia Christian College, Pepperdine University, Abilene Christian University, and Harding University. Like Herman Wilson before me, I chose to serve as a Christian educator at the college level and feel privileged to currently be a professor of biology at Pepperdine University.

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*(Editor's Note: Dr. Stephen Davis has been a professor of biology at Seaver College since 1974, and is a recent recipient of the Luckman Distinguished Teaching Award. We asked him to write this personal memoir of his alma mater. Pacific Christian Academy will celebrate its 75th anniversary with homecoming festivities in Graton on July 31st.)*

## In Search of Spiritual Excellence

by Bill Henegar

This is the era of suburban churches—upscale groups of Christians from sprawling bedroom communities meeting far from the troubled inner cities. That's one reason why the Culver-Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles stands out in such bold relief. Though it is technically not in the inner city, neither is it a suburban church. Properly, it is a metropolitan church—only five miles or so from the L.A. civic center—and in the midst of a densely populated and diverse community.

Despite the fact that many urban churches are dwindling, earlier this year the Culver-Palms Church dedicated and occupied a beautiful new facility that includes an auditorium and fellowship hall—as it celebrates its 50th anniversary . . . contradicting the popular impression that everyone is fleeing Los Angeles. The advancement called attention to the fact that there are a number of vital churches in the city, and Culver-Palms Church is one of those setting the pace.

In July 1943, the eyes of the world were on the Allied armies as they stormed ashore in Sicily during World War II. None of the news media took notice that 34 Christians began meeting in a small store-front building on Venice Boulevard near Hughes Avenue in Culver City. But that was the beginning of the Culver-Palms Church.

Many of the charter members were from the Venice Church of Christ. William Irving preached on that first Sunday morning, and his son, Bud Irving, preached during the months that followed in '43. Later Hugh Tiner and Tom Harris also helped out in the pulpit.

After seven years, the congregation had outgrown the store-front accommodations, and a new location was found: the Culver City Women's Club building on Watseka Avenue. W. B. West, Jr., a Bible professor at Pepperdine College at the time, was preaching for the church in June 1950 when the move came, and the associate minister was Lloyd E. Ellis. Later in the month, two elders were chosen, C. A. Ingalls and Fred Fisher, and West ordained them.

Just a year later, the church was finally in a position to purchase a permanent building. The opportunity came for them to buy a grand



The church met in the Women's Club for several years in the 1940s. Some of those early members are still active at Culver-Palms.

old Victorian structure with shingled sides near the corner of Venice Boulevard and Delmas Terrace. Previously owned by the Presbyterian Church, it was occupied by the Culver-Palms congregation on August 26, 1951, as W. B. West preached his farewell sermon. He had been chosen to head the Bible department at Harding College, and 300 people were in attendance to bid him farewell. Over the next 12 years, preachers for the church included Bob Melean, M. C. Cuthbertson, Ira Sandusky, and Bob Harp.

Also in 1951, H. B. "Tommy" Thompson and his family added their strength to the Culver-Palms Church. Thompson later would become an elder. Because of his wisdom, he—along with Frank Pack—has been called the "soul" of the congregation. In describing the philosophy of the congregation, Thompson once said, "We have consistency, teaching the Word using the top preachers and Bible class teachers; we have brotherly love, a cooperative, benevolent, and friendly attitude; and we have complete dependence on God, giving both ourselves and our money to him."

The Culver-Palms Church had climbed to near 200 in attendance by the mid-1950s. Then there were problems—and the loss of perhaps 60 members in the late '50s. The early '60s saw a slight upturn.

Frank and Della Pack arrived in January 1963, and for most of the years that followed, Frank served as the pulpit minister. But though Frank was a Biblical scholar and a wonderful preacher, he could not stem the tide. Attendance drifted downward again,



(Above) Elder Tommy Thompson, at left, talks with Korean Lim in front of the building that served Culver-Palms for 40 years. (Right) The soaring entrance to the new Culver-Palms complex provides a dramatic welcome to members and visitors.



Frank and Della Pack

reaching a low of about 90 people in 1972. But in that year, the church added Curtis Stamps and David Skates to the church staff and began evangelizing the West Los Angeles area. Nearly every year since then has seen an increase in membership.

It was also in 1972 that Dutton Williamson became an elder at Culver-Palms and worked diligently in that position for nine years. He and his family have been members at Culver-Palms since 1951 and have been represented in four generations of members.

In 1980, Tom Bost became an elder, adding a new dynamism to the leadership and becoming a key driving force. The church began mailings into the community, resulting in about a dozen baptisms. Bost also became very involved in the singles ministry. Nearly half the members at Culver-Palms are single or single again. The early '80s saw the addition of more than 50 members transferring to the congregation from other area churches. Among these members were key people who would join the leadership as elders—Charles Runnels and Warren Dillard.





Minister Chang Ho  
Sunny Hills Church of Christ



Minister Dan Knight chats with Woody Hughes  
during fellowship period.



Five of the six Culver-Palms elders: (l. to r.) Clint  
Woody Hughes, Tom Bost, Charles Runnels, and  
Dillard.

In the early 1980s, Dennis and Emily Scott Lowe began a special Bible class for young married couples, a ministry that became very important to the growth of the church. In addition, campus ministers were brought on staff to evangelize local colleges and universities.

There was a slight dip in attendance in 1985 as the church experienced a transition in staff. David Skates became the minister for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ, and replacing him was Dan Knight, who devoted himself primarily to evangelism and assisting Dr. Pack with the preaching. Dan and his wife, Vickie, served as missionaries in Ecuador for 11 years before joining the Culver-Palms staff, and their interest in and active support of local Hispanic work in Los Angeles continue to this day.

By the time the Knights arrived, the congregation had grown to about 280 members. Once Dan and Vickie were settled into their work, the church began to grow again, and today, attendance has climbed to about 375. Working with Dan is Doug Cole, who came to the congregation in 1988. His principal duties are with the youth.

By 1990, Dan Knight had taken over essentially all of the preaching responsibilities. And two years later, after nearly 30 years of service to Culver-Palms, Frank and Della Pack retired to Sunset Haven.

"I think the congregation definitely reflects the dignity of the Frank Pack years," says Knight. "I would also characterize Culver-Palms as a church with a commitment to excellence. We try to do everything well. We are tolerant, yet independent—not easily

intimidated by others. I believe Culver has broadened the perspective of many people over the years," he concludes.

Knight describes the congregation as composed of "real people," almost exactly mirroring the ethnic composition of the community. The one exception is the church representation of the Hispanic community, which is a little low. But to remedy that, the church has taken on the support of Bob Perez to evangelize the Spanish-speaking people in the area.

In January of this year, the church added two new elders. Clint Byrd and Woody Hughes will offer even more strength to the outstanding group of leaders at Culver.

Knight and the congregation have adopted a model of ministry that can be visualized as four quadrants, two on the top primarily for Christians and two on the bottom directed toward non-Christians. Beginning at the top left is the "conceptual" or Bible teaching function. People who are taught flow into the upper right "organic" or fellowship function where they are encouraged by relationship. That, in turn, flows into the bottom right quadrant of "diaconal" or service function, where people are encouraged to minister to people in the community. Finally, that flows into the lower left "numerical" or evangelism function. The community is evangelized and the new Christians are moved into the upper left "conceptual" quadrant, and the circle begins again.

The approach is typical of the forward looking attitude of the Culver-Palms Church of Christ. In 50 years, the congregation has grown from 34 to 375—actually, since 1985 there have been 130 baptisms and 345 people have placed membership—hundreds of people who have been a part of the fellowship and then have moved on, strengthened and refreshed. From a rented store-front to the newest physical plant in the metro area, the church reaches out to all ages, all stations of life, and all kinds of people. It's what the first century may have been like.

"Culver-Palms." An unusual name . . . sounds like a tropical resort or something. Well, maybe that isn't so far from the truth. Because the truth is, it has been a beautiful, spiritual oasis for life-weary Christians and seekers for a half century.

## B.F. Coulter and the Church of Christ in Los Angeles

by Jerry Rushford

Benjamin Franklin Coulter was born on August 9, 1832, in Trenton, Kentucky, in the southwestern part of the state by the Tennessee state line. His parents, Robert and Frances Coulter, were devout members of the Church of Christ. For improved educational advantages, the family moved to nearby Elkton, where B. F. was a student at the Green River Academy. When he was 20 years old, Coulter moved across the state line to Clarksville, Tennessee, where he found employment as a clerk in a dry goods store for three years.

At the age of 21, while living in Clarksville, Coulter was baptized into Christ and became an active member of the Church of Christ in Clarksville. He also purchased a share of the hardware firm of Harper & Long and led in the development of a larger store under the name of Coulter & Harper. On May 6, 1856, he was married to Isabella Moore, and their family grew to include four sons and a daughter.

While in Clarksville, he taught Sunday School for several years and then served as superintendent of the Sunday School program for ten years. Near the end of his Clarksville years, he began to accept preaching appointments in the country churches adjacent to Clarksville.

Coulter made his first journey to Los Angeles in 1872, with an eye to developing a branch of the Coulter & Harper hardware store in the growing community of 6,000 inhabitants. Although there was no congregation of the Church of Christ in Los Angeles, the potential for developing a business was exceptional, and plans were set in motion for a migration of the Coulter family to Southern California.

The Church of Christ in Los Angeles had its genesis in the summer of 1874, when Mr. and Mrs. W. J. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Linton canvassed the city to determine whether there were other members of the Church of Christ besides themselves who would be interested in starting a church. As a result of their efforts, 14 people began meeting together for worship in the Court House in October, 1874. By February, 1875, with the help of a visiting gospel preacher named George R. Hand, the fledgling band of Christians was ready to officially establish

themselves as a church. B. F. Coulter and his wife were visiting Los Angeles at the time, and plans were progressing on schedule for them to make a permanent move to the West Coast.

In a report to the editor of *The Bible Expositor*, a monthly journal published in



B. F. Coulter

Santa Rosa for Churches of Christ in California, George R. Hand wrote:

As an item of information, you may say that on Lord's day, February 28th, 1875, I met with the brethren in Los Angeles City at 11:00 A. M., and preached a discourse on "The Sincere Milk of the Word," I Pet. 2:2, and aided in constituting and setting in order a church to be known as the Church of Christ in Los Angeles City, California. Brethren and sisters to the number of twenty-nine (thirteen brethren and sixteen sisters) were then enrolled as members, and the mutual bond of fellowship was given, covenanting together to accept the Bible as their only authoritative guide, and to take the New Testament as their manual of faith and practice. Brethren W. J. A. Smith, B. F. Coulter, G. W. Linton and T. O. Morgan were appointed as Deacons to manage the affairs of the church for the present. The appointment of elders was deferred till another time. The little family then partook of the loaf and the wine together, in memory of the Savior's dying love.

Having no meeting-house, the church will meet for worship regularly at 11 o'clock on Lord's day in the Court House.

In addition to these 29 adult members, the congregation also had a Sunday School with more than 30 children enrolled. The future looked bright for the church.

However, Coulter and his wife were only temporary residents of Los Angeles, and she was in failing health. They soon returned to Tennessee, where she died on Christmas Day, 1875. But Coulter was still determined to make a new beginning in Southern California. Along with some of his children and their families, the 45-year-old Coulter returned to Los Angeles for good in September, 1877. This would be his home for the last 34 years of his life.

After a short association with the Coulter & Harper hardware store, he established the Coulter Dry Goods Company in 1878. The success of this company was remarkable. He kept customers coming, and they kept him moving to ever larger quarters. The company changed location five times in 28 years, finally ending up in its own building on Broadway between 2nd and 3rd Streets in 1906. In the early 1880s he established the Coulter Woolen Mills store and then incorporated this store into the Coulter Dry Goods Company in 1892.

Other Coulter ventures included the development of the Arrowhead Hot Springs Hotel Company and the Coulter Realty Company. But his greatest energy was reserved for the organizing and nurturing of churches. As soon as possible, he shifted the management of his various business enterprises to his sons, so that he might be free to give his time to the cause of Christ.

The Church of Christ met in the Court House for seven years before they had sufficient resources to build a meetinghouse in 1882. This frame building was located on Temple Street near the northeast corner of Temple and Broadway. Coulter not only donated this lot to the church, but he was instrumental in raising much of the money required to erect the church building. When Coulter purchased the lot for \$700 in 1880, the congregation numbered "about 65." When the church moved into its new home in 1882, the membership had grown to 106, with

an additional 65 children enrolled in the Sunday School.

When Thomas D. Garvin, who was married to Coulter's sister, arrived from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1883, the cause flourished. Garvin was an outstanding gospel preacher, a former college president, and a talented organizer of new churches. The Coulter-Garvin partnership resulted in the planting and nurturing of several congregations, including Orange, Anaheim, Artesia, Pasadena, and Santa Barbara.

In response to Christians living in the Hollywood-Beverly Hills area in 1888, Coulter preached in a two-week protracted meeting at the historic Coldwater Schoolhouse located at the mouth of Coldwater Canyon where the Beverly Hills Hotel now stands. There were several baptisms, and a congregation of 23 charter members was incorporated as "The Church of Christ at Hollywood." For a brief time, Coulter left the work at the Temple Street Church of Christ in other hands, while he served as an elder in the Hollywood Church to insure its stability. By 1891, this congregation had 41 members.

It was in 1894 that Coulter and other leaders at Temple Street announced plans to sell their small frame meetinghouse and construct a larger facility across the street on Broadway. Coulter invited a noted evangelist, T.B. Larimore, to come to Los Angeles and conduct a tent meeting while the new building was under construction. Larimore's meeting began on January 3, 1895, and concluded on April 17. For three and a half months, Larimore preached twice a day and three times on Sunday. The 15 sermons a week resulted in a harvest of souls, as 122 people were baptized into Christ.

The Broadway Church of Christ was dedicated on December 22, 1895. By the turn of the century, this congregation had become the largest Church of Christ on the Pacific Coast with a membership of more than 800. When construction on the Broadway Church was completed, Coulter founded six evangelistic missions in Los Angeles and one in Santa Monica and supported them generously throughout his lifetime. Three years before his death, he gave the Broadway Church \$150,000 in real estate in order to increase its evangelistic outreach.

In spite of all these accomplishments, Coulter was referred to by theological progressives in the church as an "old fogey." Because he did not favor bringing musical instruments into the public worship of the church, a large portion of the Temple Street



**Broadway Church of Christ**

Church of Christ left in 1884 and started the First Christian Church at Hope and Eleventh Streets. It was said of Coulter that he favored "the strict, old-time Disciple orthodoxy." One account written in 1925 said: "Brother Coulter was the religious product of his generation, and to the end of his life he held to the conservative doctrines of the Disciples of the South of fifty years ago."

A typical story of Coulter's influence is told by Emma Lyttle. She was almost eight years old when her family migrated from Iowa to Los Angeles in February 1887 and located on a ranch near the present-day site of Los Angeles International Airport. One day B.F. Coulter knocked at their farmhouse door and invited them to attend the services of the Temple Street Church of Christ and they were delighted to know there was a church near them. As a result of Coulter's teaching and influence, Emma was baptized into Christ in 1892 and soon after became an assistant in the Sunday School program. In 1898, Coulter introduced Emma to a young man named Edgar Miller who had just arrived in Los Angeles and had placed membership with the

Broadway Church of Christ. Coulter performed their wedding ceremony on April 25, 1900.

After Emma had given birth to the first three of her four children, she decided one day to ask for Coulter's spiritual blessing on her growing family. Remembering this event years later, Emma wrote:

One day I took Ada, Everett and Donald to Brother Coulter's private office in the Coulter Dry Goods Store . . . I told Brother Coulter how I had passed his good teaching on to my children and that I wanted them to remember him. Also that I would like to have him place his hand on the head of each one. There was nothing said but I know that he prayed a blessing on each one and any other children that might bless our home, for though we did not have Haven then, yet he has been as abundantly blessed with the Spirit of Christ. While we were there, Brother T.B. Larimore came in to see Brother Coulter.

It is not clear from Emma's narrative whether Larimore was asked to share in the blessing of the children, but it is clear that she was convinced that the prayers of a righteous man like Coulter were very influential in the spiritual development of her children.

B.F. Coulter died on October 6, 1911, and his funeral was conducted at the Broadway Church of Christ. As Emma remembers it:

There was such a large number of people at the funeral service in the Broadway Church where he had served so long and faithfully that it was necessary to have policemen to keep the crowd moving along past the casket. I knew two of the leading men of that congregation who stood at the ends of the casket and they quietly held up the procession until I had time to lift our children so they could see him. I had told them so much about him and his teaching and influence that I wanted them to see and remember him. I am happy to see that each of the four children have been benefitted by the teaching, influence and example of that fine servant of God.

One of the children that Emma lifted up at the casket of B.F. Coulter was 5 year-old Donald. Just over a quarter century later, George Pepperdine would select him to serve

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by Rick Rowland

New Mexico State campus minister **Hal Blackburn** reports that on February 26-28, the South West Campus Ministry Retreat of New Mexico State University was attended by 130 students from the following universities: New Mexico State, Texas Tech, Arizona, Arizona State, New Mexico, Eastern New Mexico, and Western New Mexico. The speaker during the retreat was **Rex Boyles**, director of Adventures in Missions at the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas. The retreat was held at Cloudcroft, New Mexico.

Many college students and church leaders attended, the 24th Annual Western Campus Ministry Seminar at the College Church of Christ in Fresno, March 26-28. **Tom Burch, Willard Tate, and Bill Such** were keynote speakers who spoke on the theme "Definition: Making Faith Distinct and Clear" from II Tim. 2:7. Special "Focus Classes" were taught by **Russ Dudrey, Rex Hamilton, Rick Rowland, Mike Dollar, and Tom Burch.** "Topical Classes" were taught by **Jalene Mueller, Andy Miller, Andy Wall, Don Crawford, Ron Smith, Kevin Bolton, Kevin Stewart, David Altizer, and LaJuana Gill.**

Ten Christians have committed three years of their lives to starting a new campus ministry program at Western Washington University at Bellingham in the fall of 1993, with their "Exodus" approach. **Damon Gray**, Bellingham's Sterling Drive Church of Christ preacher and former Kansas campus minister, has been one of the key persons encouraging and praying for this new mission effort along with **Milton Jones** from the Northwest Church in Seattle, Washington. The ten Christians from the "Exodus" movement and their current residence locations are: **Cade and Sandi Christensen**, Seattle, Washington; **Cord and Angelika Christensen**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Fusi Meleah**, Honolulu, Hawaii; **Patty Pezzi**, Seattle, Washington; **Diana**

**Trask**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Christy Castner**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Sheryl Dischner**, St. Louis, Missouri; and **Scott Mersch**, Pasadena, California. Cade and Sandi Christensen will direct the new college program. The Christensens have been members at the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle since 1991. From 1987-1991 they were involved with college mission work in Honolulu, Hawaii. Cade is currently working at the University of Washington as part of the Northwest Ministry Internship while completing his MS in ministry from Pepperdine University.

Northwest Church of Christ campus minister **Mike Dollar** leads his University of Washington students in feeding the homeless at the downtown Peniel Mission each month in Seattle. A group of students from Abilene Christian University did evangelistic work at UW during the spring break...University of Alberta campus minister **Randy Schillings** writes that "a new and exciting" offering has just been made available on campus this semester with the Ladies Bible Talk class taught by his wife, **Holly**, and **Karen Woodruff**... "We are reaching out to Boise State University as a church and it is making a difference," says campus minister **Howard Jones**. Special projects like cleaning dorm rooms and leaving cookies supplied by the El Dorado Church members have helped to make contacts that have led to six baptisms since Jones went to Idaho in 1991. Jones did a survey of 12 campus ministries in the Northwest. If you would like a copy of the survey call Jones at (208) 342-2182...**Stephen Eckstein** writes that about 100 students attended the recent reunion for alumni from the Eastern New Mexico University Bible Chair in Portales.

The Redwood City Church of Christ supports **Jennifer** and **Rex Hamilton** in an

evangelistic outreach on the Stanford University campus...The Hollywood Church of Christ has submitted application forms to sponsor a campus ministry at the University of Southern California. Students from Pepperdine's Methods and Theology of Campus Ministry class taught by Hollywood elder **Rick Rowland**, are serving as interns at USC. Students who are members of the Church of Christ from Hollywood, Culver Palms, Figueroa, and Fontana have been meeting with the Hollywood leaders to initiate the program. **Bill Lambert** from Culver Palms has agreed to serve as the faculty advisor. (If you know members of the Church of Christ at USC who are students or faculty/staff, please contact Rowland at (310) 456-4164.

Churches of Christ will celebrate 100 years of campus ministries in the United States at the National Campus Seminar at Louisiana State University, August 2-5. The first campus ministry in the form of a Bible chair was begun at the University of Michigan in 1893. Special classes at LSU on our history will be taught by **John Wilson, Stephen Eckstein, Ken Reid, Bob Daudson, and Rick Rowland.** A special "Cajun Cookin," banquet will be held August 3 to honor pioneers in college ministries. Keynote NCMs speakers will be **Ron Gholston, Don McLaughlin, Richard Rogers** and **Stanley Shipp.** (For more information contact LSU campus minister **Steve Curtis** at the South Baton Rouge Church of Christ, (504) 927-6954.

The 2nd Annual Rocky Mountain Campus Ministry Retreat was held this spring in Jackson, Wyoming.

The Pepperdine Bible Lectures will feature a special "Campus Ministries" interest luncheon at noon on Thursday, April 29, in the Hahn Fireside Room in Tyler Campus Center. Featured speakers will be **Milton Jones** and **Howard Jones.**

## Pepperdine University announces the Master of Science Degree in Ministry in Portland, Oregon

This off-campus program is presented as a service to the church and is intended to better prepare persons for ministry within the local congregation. It is a two-year, 36-unit, non-thesis program that will begin in late August of this year and conclude in the spring of 1994. Substantial scholarship aid is available for interested applicants in the Portland area. Classes will meet every other weekend and utilize the facilities of the Metro Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon.

For an application or more information write or call:  
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## Missions of the Malibu Church

by Kim Lambert

Over the past few years, the Malibu Church of Christ has put a great amount of energy and effort into its student mission programs. There has always been an interest in promoting student missions among the church's college students, but in the most recent years, a more concentrated effort has been made to provide college students and alumni a variety of missions and ministry options. Today's college student has a heart to serve. Malibu has a heart to provide. Together, great things have been and will be done to further God's Kingdom.

In 1991 the Malibu Church began the dream of planting a church in the former Soviet Union. The city of Moscow, with its 14 million residents, was chosen as the site for this church planting effort. Ten members of the Malibu Church, including students and alumni, and four students from Oklahoma Christian University joined together to form a "Let's Start Talking" team to begin the church in June 1991. The decision was made by the Malibu elders to leave three of the team's participants, alumni Ben Wall, Jeff Cooper, and Jason Hawes, in Moscow to start building the church after the departure of the larger team. These three lived there six months and began laying the long-term foundation of this new church planting.

Other teams from Malibu have followed. Throughout 1992 seven people have lived and worked with the church in Moscow. Lee Kendall, Amy Wilson, Jill Foley, Darin Nicholson, Debbie Leonard, Brad Cupp, and Tom Nicholas spent various portions of the year teaching, mentoring, and baptizing Russians into this new body.

Today, the church continues to grow. Three Malibu members continue to live in Moscow. Darin Nicholson, Brad Cupp, and Jody Harrison are spending their time teaching non-Christians and mentoring leaders from within the church. Approximately 50-70 members and many interested seekers meet on Sundays and throughout the week in various settings. God continues to bless the Moscow Church with growth after less than two years of existence.

The Malibu Church plans to continue to love this sister church by sending workers to help it grow and mature. At this time the elders are consulting with several long-term



Members of the Malibu Church in Moscow.

missionary families who are interested in moving to Moscow next year.

In addition to the efforts put forth in Moscow, the majority of student mission projects supported by the Malibu Church are through the Let's Start Talking projects. Let's Start Talking, a ministry overseen by the Dayspring Church of Christ in Edmond, Oklahoma, has been involved in mission projects for the past 12 years and provides students with the opportunity to teach conversational English using the Book of Luke as the text. This will be the Malibu Church's seventh year of participation. Students are trained 16-18 weeks on holding one-on-one lessons with people from various countries. Each team consists of 4-6 students and the project itself lasts for six weeks. However, because LST will only go to places where there is a strong, existing work, the projects really go on for more than six weeks. The Lord uses the LST method to help college students share their faith to the unchurched in a non-threatening, tangible way. LST helps strengthen and encourage the local church. It provides substantial training prior to going on the mission field. And, it provides a ministry to the local people.

This year, the Malibu Church of Christ will be sending three LST teams. A team will be returning to Mons, Belgium, for the fourth year to work with long time missionaries, Ed and Anne Ritchie. The team is led by Alissa Hall, an alumna of LST. The other team members are Pepperdine junior Cari Myers;

junior Mark Pafford; and senior Debbie Story. Other than Alissa, this will be the team's first experience in missions.

Another team will be returning to the Moscow church for the third year. The team will be led by Garry Bailey, Communication teacher at Pepperdine; Rick Cupp, law professor at Pepperdine; and Janet McBee, staff member at Pepperdine. The team consists of the following students: Gina Baldwin, Juli Haase, Timothy Jang, Heather Russell, Brian Trimmer, Philip Woodward, and Yetta Young.

The third team will be going to Mito, Japan. LST has been anxious to work in Japan and is very excited about the opportunity to work with the church in Mito. The team will consist of Pepperdine senior Jason Johnson and graduate student Loree Long. They will be joined by Joe and Glenda Watson of Oklahoma Christian. This team will serve as a pilot group in the hope that the successes of this summer will allow LST to work further in Japan.

Let's Start Talking is a big part of the Malibu Church student missions program, but that's not all Malibu does! For several years now, the Malibu Church has supported a work in San Felipe, Mexico. In 1992, the first Christian camp was built and camp sessions were held for the children in Baja California. Grant and Valda Newton head this work for the Malibu Church. Students are trained to go as counselors for the camp and work with the children, mostly high school aged. This is a wonderful outreach and service to the churches in northern Baja.

In addition, Malibu has been able to provide several of its student members with opportunities to participate in medical missions. In the past, students have gone to Nigeria to work with the Nigerian Christian Hospital. This year, Stephanie Frahme, a junior pre-med major, will work on a Navajo Indian Reservation doing medical assistance work. Malibu really believes in serving God's people both internationally and domestically.

Malibu and missions. God has blessed the efforts of this congregation through its students. The Malibu Church believes that its college students are its greatest resources. God gives them the desire, Malibu provides the encouragement and opportunities. Together they work to broaden the boundaries of God's Kingdom.

## Pepperdine People on the Move

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Associate Professor of Religion **Rick Marrs** taught the adult Bible classes for the Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, January-March.

**Jerry McBee**, director of career development, preached for the Church of Christ in Ridgecrest, January 10.

Religion Division Chairperson **Tom Olbricht** spoke at the Restoration Symposium for Churches of Christ and Christian Churches in Princeton, New Jersey, February 12. He also spoke at the men's retreat for the Church of Christ in Carrollton, Texas, February 19-20. He taught a class at the Abilene Christian University Lectureship, February 22, and taught a spring short course on understanding the Bible at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, April 5-8.

Vice Chancellor **Mike O'Neal** preached for the Church of Christ in Indio, January 24, and was the featured speaker for the AWP Valentine Dinner at the Temple City Church of Christ, February 6. He preached for the Church of Christ in Hugo, Oklahoma, February 14. He was the resource person for the San Diego Christian Foundation Planned Giving strategy meeting, February 27, and the featured speaker at the 13th National Conference for Christian School Leaders in San Antonio, Texas, March 5.

**Wilson Parrish**, admissions coordinator for international student services, preached for the Church of Christ in Palm Springs, January 10. He will teach at a youth rally for the Mission Viejo Church of Christ, June 4-6.

**Tim Perrin**, visiting associate professor of law, preached for the Simi Valley Church of Christ, January 10.

**William Phillips**, dean of international programs, preached for the Church of Christ in Hermosa Beach, January 31.

**Paul Randolph**, professor of humanities, preached for the Church of Christ in Frazier Park, January 10, and for the Church of Christ in Oakview, January 24.

**Rick Rowland**, associate professor of communication, preached for the Church of

Christ in Mission Viejo, January 31. He is the master of ceremonies and coordinating speaker for the campus ministry luncheon at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, April 29.

**Jerry Rushford**, associate professor of religion, spoke to church leaders in dinner meetings in Phoenix, Grover Beach, Salinas, San Leandro, Rancho Cordova, San Diego, and Ventura, in January and February. He preached for the Tatum Boulevard Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, February 28; for the Church of Christ in Hanford, California, March 7; and for the Oakland Church of Christ in Southfield, Michigan, March 14. He was one of the keynote lecturers at the 20th annual Detroit Metro Bible Lectureship in Rochester, Michigan, March 15-19.

**LaGard Smith**, professor of law, taught classes at the Oklahoma Christian University Bible Lectureship, January 24-27, and the Abilene Christian University Bible Lectureship, February 21-24.

**Bill Stivers**, professor of foreign language, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ, January 10, and for the Church of Christ in Westchester, January 24. He aided rain victims in Tijuana, Mexico, as a Mercy Mission volunteer, January 15. He participated in honoring Raymundo Dimas at the Fillmore Church of Christ, February 27 and preached for the Oak Ridge North Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, for Missions Sunday, March 7.

**Bob Thomas**, executive director of campus operations, preached for the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ in Los Angeles, January 24.

Assistant to the President **Kanet Thomas** will be the featured speaker at the Oxnard Church of Christ ladies retreat, June 5. She will be speaking on the "one-another" passages.

**Martha Thomas**, visiting lecturer in humanities, was the featured speaker for Edwards Women of the Chapel at Edwards Air Force Base, March 15-16, and for women's day at the Church of Christ in Tulare, April 24-25.

Dean of Faculty and Professor of Communication **Dwayne VanRheenen**, preached for the Exeter Church of Christ, January 10, and the East Visalia Church of Christ, January 24. He taught in the off-

campus graduate religion program in Fresno, January-February, and will teach at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, April 29.

**Keith Whitney**, associate professor of business, preached for the Church of Christ in Palm Desert, January 10. He continues to preach regularly for the Church of Christ in Simi Valley.

**Tim Willis**, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Churches of Christ in Santa Clarita, January 10, and La Habra, January 24. He taught a Bible class on "The Poor in the Old Testament," for the Malibu Church of Christ, February 7 and 14.

Dean of Seaver College **John Wilson**, preached for the Church of Christ in Ojai, January 10, and for the Central Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo, January 24. He spoke at the area preachers' meeting in Yucaipa, February 9. He will take a group of students to excavate ancient Caesarea Philippi in Israel, May 14-June 17.

Professor of Communication **Morris Womack** preached for the Church of Christ in Norwalk, January 31. He is teaching the adult Bible class at the Simi Valley Church of Christ from January-June.

**Jere Yates**, department chair and professor of business, preached for the Arlington Church of Christ in Riverside, January 24.

**Helen Young** spoke at a women's seminar for the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, February 20; taught a women's class for the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, February 28; and spoke at a ladies' day for Baldwin Park Church of Christ, March 20. She will be the featured speaker for the Associated Women for Pepperdine Dinner at the Pepperdine University Bible Lectures, April 27.

Chancellor Emeritus **M. Norvel Young** preached for the Churches of Christ in Glendale, January 10; in Redlands, January 31; at Broadway in Lubbock, Texas, February 21; and at Prestoncrest in Dallas, Texas, February 28. He spoke for the Prime Time Breakfast at the Abilene Christian University Bible Lectureship, February 22. He will be the featured speaker for the Opening Night Men's Dinner Banquet at the Pepperdine Bible Lectures, April 27.

## Grand Canyon Family Encampment in Flagstaff, Arizona

The Church as Community: Great Messages from the One Another Passages of the New Testament," is the theme for the 1993 Grand Canyon Family Encampment July 11-14

Twenty-five speakers and teachers will staff the 1993 encampment. They include: Mike Cope, Prentice Meador, David Davenport, Don Williams, Bill Humble, Willard Tate, Jerry Lawlis, Dale Smith, Rusty Bolton, Don Humphrey, Terry Burgess, Dale Manor, Richard Jones, Mike Scott, and Ron Wheeler.

Location for the annual encampment is the Coconino County Fairgrounds near Flagstaff, Arizona. Morning and evening services are under a big tent. Classes for adults, children, teens, and special classes for women meet in

various rooms of the fairground facilities.

For those who have recreational vehicles, trailers, or tents, the encampment has two large campgrounds within walking distance of all encampment activities. Those who want to reserve a space may call Pat White at (602) 956-3430. Cost per day for camp space is \$5. The campgrounds are nice, and everyone enjoys fellowship around the nightly campfires.

For those who may need or prefer motel or hotel accommodations, Flagstaff offers thousands of rooms. Upon request, the encampment will send a map of the area and an accommodations guide that lists prices and locations of all area motels, hotels and restaurants.

## The Yosemite Family Encampment Set For July 24-30

The theme for the 53rd annual Yosemite Family Encampment held in beautiful Yosemite National Park is "The Servant." Keynote speakers for the event include: Tex Williams, Dan Jocoy, Bruce Logue, Dan Anders, Jim Holland, Gary Evans, Norman Gipson, Ron Rhodes, Mike O'Neal, Lyndell Cheeves, Melvin Weldon, Tom Milholland, Joe Johnson, Phil Stroud, Mike Tackett, Stanley Lockhart, Jerry Rushford, and Rusty Bolton.

This year, the encampment will end at 12 noon, Friday. Yosemite National Park provides family fun, river rafting, hiking, backpacking, sightseeing tours, and horseback riding.

For more information, contact Florence Johnston, (916) 361-7149.

## Profiles

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Barbara, California, while pursuing his Ph.D. in Colonial Latin American History at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

A native of College Station, Texas, Morgan attended Abilene Christian University where he earned a B.A. in New Testament Studies and a M.A. in History, while serving as a youth minister from 1981-82. He and his wife, Janine, were missionaries and church planters in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 1984 to 1990, with the support of the A&M Church of Christ.

Ron and Janine have two daughters, Daneila Denise and Lara Michelle, born in Rio in 1985, 1987. The girls are currently being homeschooled by their parents.

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Skip at least one meal that day and contribute to Manna the money saved. All contributions given will be used for development and relief in third world countries. For more information contact: Manna International, P.O. Box 3507, Redwood City, CA 94064, (415) 365-3663.

## Memories

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on the original five-member Board of Trustees of Pepperdine College. When George Pepperdine stepped down as Chairman of the Board of Trustees after 20 years (1937-1957), Donald Miller was his hand-picked successor, and he chaired the board for the next 20 years (1957-1977). All four of Emma's children

were faithful members of the Church of Christ, and to the end of her life she was persuaded that Coulter's blessing was a crucial moment in the spiritual shaping of her children's lives.

B.F. Coulter was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery in the Boyle Heights section of Los Angeles. Chiseled prominently on his monument are the words: "I Have Kept The Faith." Rarely have words on a cemetery monument been so accurate.

### 7th Annual Red River Family Encampment

Red River, New Mexico

June 26-30, 1993

(More than 3,000 will be in attendance)

Theme: "Walk With Me"

(Studies in the Gospel of Mark)

For more information contact: Jerry Lawlis (719) 564-1764.

### 15th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop

Tacoma, Washington

(on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University)

July 7 - 10

Theme: "That the World May Believe"

Keynote Speakers: Mike Cope, Randy Fenter, Rick Atchley, Marvin Phillips

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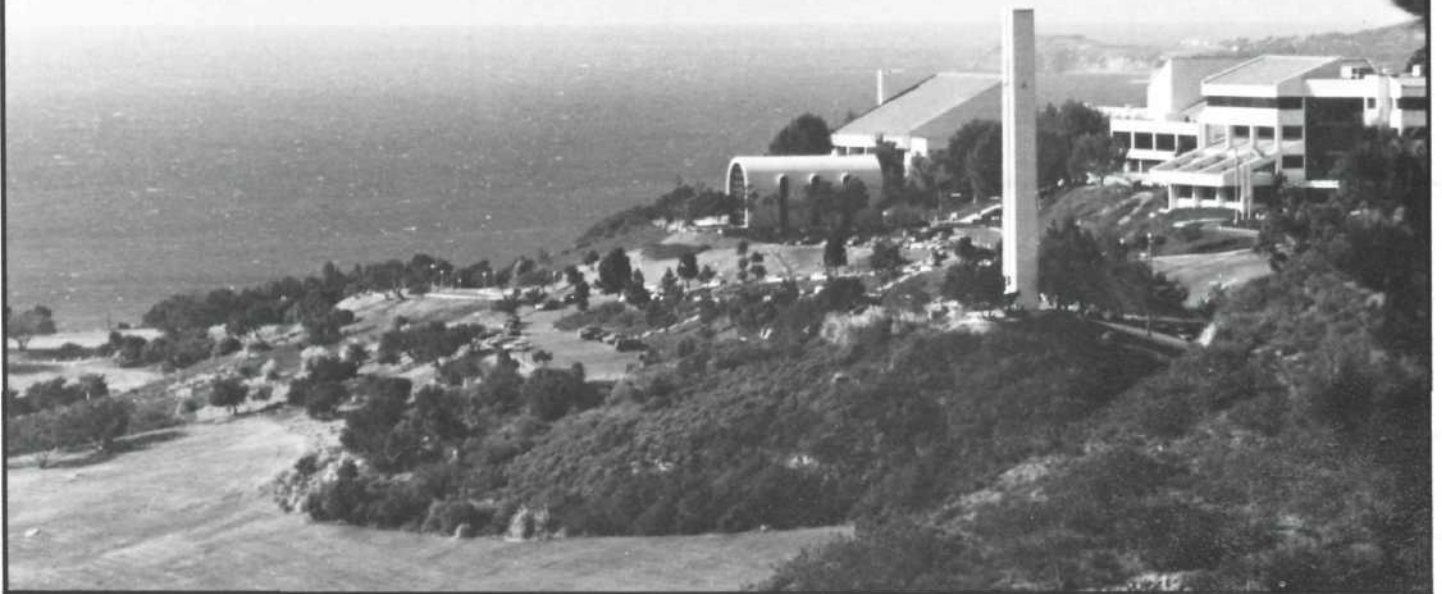
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Dr. Lynn Mitchell  
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June 14-25

Dr. Bill Love  
"Theology of Preaching"  
July 6-16

Dr. Timothy Willis  
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July 19-30

These courses may be taken to fulfill requirements for the M.S. in Ministry, the M.A. in Religion or the Master of Divinity, for requirements at other institutions, or for continuing education. They may be taken for undergraduate or graduate credit. Scholarships and housing accommodations are available. For more information call or write: Dr. Richard Hughes, Acting Chair, Religion Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California 90263, (310) 456-4352.



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