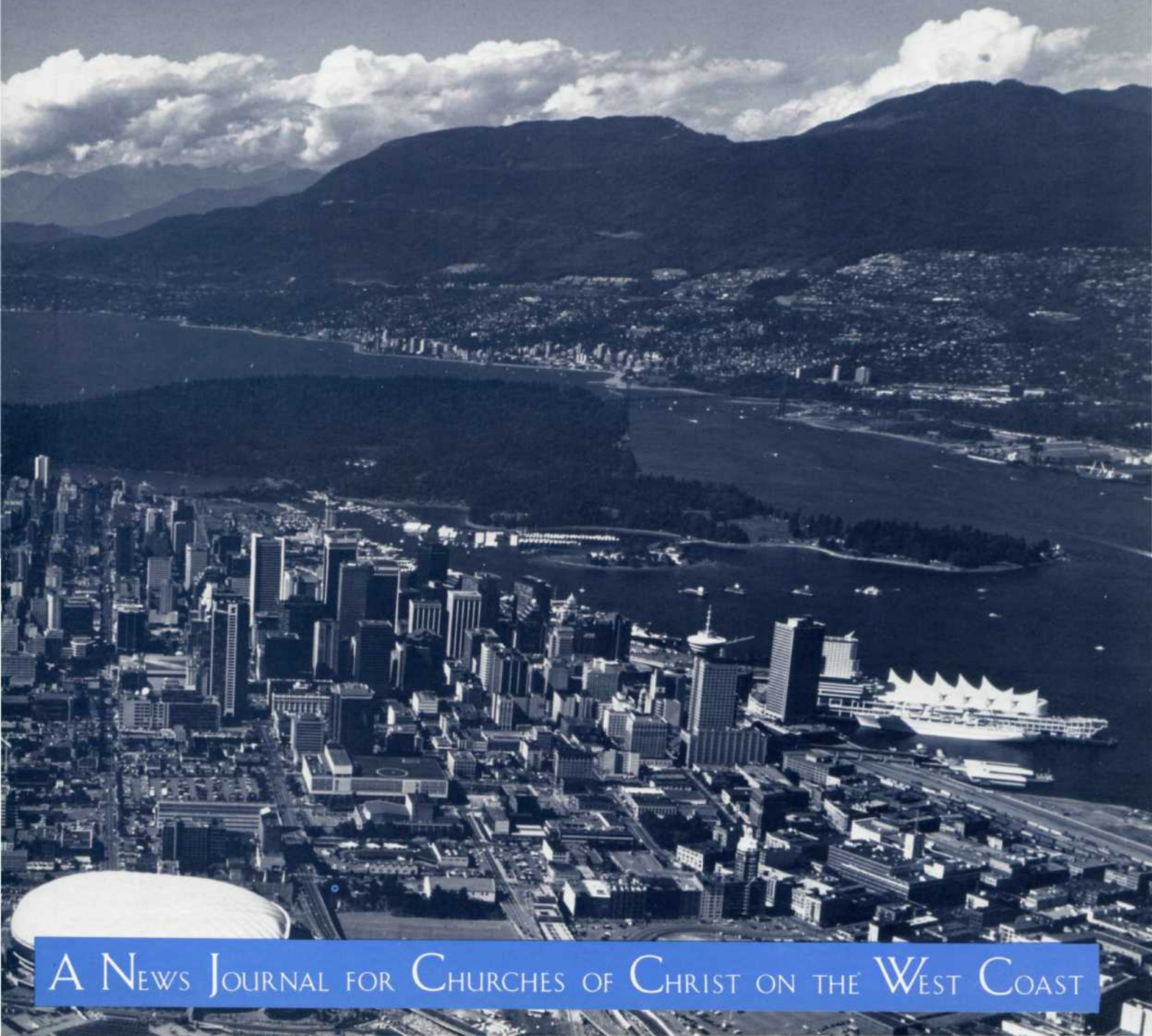


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Canadian Church Reaches Out to a Changing Neighborhood

by Kelly Carter

Like churches in other population centers on the West Coast, churches in Vancouver, British Columbia, face the challenges of evangelism and ministry in a rapidly changing multicultural, multiethnic, multilingual urban setting. While such an environment can present many logical and organizational nightmares for churches, the opportunities for ministry far outweigh the headaches.

Just ask Steve Hasbrouck. A native Californian and Pepperdine graduate, he's the evangelist for the Oakridge Church of Christ in Vancouver, a church that's meeting its "multi" challenges in exciting ways. Hasbrouck says, "Other churches have singles ministries or youth ministries or young adults ministries, but we don't have any of these. What we do have is a number of different language groups represented, all of which are prevalent in our geographical area. We minister to them." It's not surprising, then, to see Spanish, Chinese (Cantonese), Filipino, and English brethren meeting at Oakridge, with weekly Bible studies being held for Japanese-speaking seekers.

Oakridge's multilingual ministry is testimony to its ability to adapt and be flexible. For years, Oakridge has been a leading church among Churches of Christ in British Columbia and has had a largely

Anglo membership. Now it is leading B.C. churches into a multicultural focus, making changes as its neighborhood and membership are altered.

Unique to Oakridge's approach is the desire to avoid, as much as possible, having several different and separate ethnic churches use the same building. They strive to maintain their identity as a single congregation of God's people. For Oakridge, this works best with the Spanish-speaking members who, on Sunday mornings, attend a Spanish Bible class, a half-hour Spanish worship, and then stay for the English-speaking worship service. Other groups, such as the Chinese, meet on their own at separate times but have fewer in attendance in the English-speaking service. "This is really a result of their not knowing English as well as the Spanish do, rather than from a desire on anyone's part for them to be separate," says Hasbrouck. "They are still 'Oakridge,' and are, therefore, part of us."

Oakridge works hard to overcome the language barriers that could prevent the ethnic groups from maintaining the unity for which the church strives. One way this is done is through occasional bilingual sermons. Several times a year, Milton Diaz, who works half-time with Spanish-speaking

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Left to Right: Milton Diaz, Philip Mah, Steve Hasbrouck

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A Talent for Serving

by Wayne Ogle

When it comes to using one's talents for God's glory, Leo Bryant has a philosophy which comes from his reading of the parable of the talents: "Use 'em or lose 'em." And "use 'em," he has.

For the past 34 years, Leo has been involved with Sierra Children's Home. He decided early in his Christian walk that he would be an active and highly involved Christian. In fact, once he realized that there was a need for a Christian children's home, Leo began to request speaking engagements from Sacramento to Modesto to drum up support for the project. At an organizational meeting at the North Highlands Church of Christ in Sacramento, California, Leo was elected to the Sierra Children's Home board of directors and served as its first chairman.

Leo has received many talents from God. He has been a successful businessman, a father of three, and a dynamic church leader. He also is a gifted painter in a style known as Early American. This style is characterized by its disregard for perspective—a technique made popular by Grandma Moses. Leo uses this "primitive" technique to capture the innocent, uncomplicated pleasures of early American life.

Leo's works are often likened to the Americana works of Charles Walski, and it's no wonder. Some 18 years ago, while Leo was seeking his identity as a painter, he stopped for dinner at the Nut Tree Restaurant in Vacaville, California. His attention was caught by a small collection of Charles Walski's paintings on exhibition at the restaurant. Through the beauty of Walski's work, Leo was inspired to develop his own style of painting in the primitive vein.

Leo is now using his talent as a painter to benefit orphaned and disadvantaged children. If you were at the 49th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures, you may have seen Leo displaying his original painting "Happy Valley Pumpkin Farm," as well as framed samples of the prints. All of the proceeds from the sales of this limited edition print go directly to Sierra Children's Home. Leo plans, God willing, to dedicate one painting per year for the next ten years



Leo Bryant is a talented painter—but his talent extends beyond fine art to the art of service: he is a successful businessman, dynamic church leader, and devoted family man.

to Sierra Children's Home. If all goes as planned, the project will net the children's home nearly one million dollars over the ten year period.

Leo's dedication to doing the Lord's work has resulted in his serving as a deacon at North Highlands and as an elder at Sonoma Avenue Church of Christ in Santa Rosa. He has also served on the board of directors for Pacific Christian Academy and for Sierra Children's Home. Four years ago, Leo decided to organize a group from the Sonoma Avenue congregation to attend the Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures. As a result of his enthusiasm and organizational skills, between 30 and 45 Sonoma Avenue members have been attending the lectures each year, and the number is growing.

While serving as an elder at Sonoma Avenue, Leo and three other church leaders visited Madison, Tennessee, to observe the work of the church there. The church had grown to a membership of more than 4,000 and was highly involved in community works. The men brought back many ideas from this trip and started the all-volunteer Meal Mobile program almost immediately. Nearly 75,000 hot meals have been cooked and delivered by the Meal Mobile program to the disabled, the elderly, victims of AIDS, and to others who are unable to prepare their own meals. Leo served as the coordinator of the program for 18 years and has driven for the program since its inception 21 years ago.

Leo considers personal evangelism to be his most important work and always

finds time to visit prospective members, as well as elderly and sick members. He describes evangelism as the spiritual lifeblood of the Christian and says, "The Christian should be less hesitant to share the 'Good News,' even as Paul was unashamed, because the 'Good News' is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." He has developed a course on personal evangelism and is involved in many evangelistic outreach efforts at the Sonoma Avenue Church.

When asked what legacy he wishes to leave behind, Leo doesn't mention his paintings or any of the works he's helped to start. Instead he speaks of his family and his 46-year marriage to his beautiful wife, Lenette. He likes to refer to "marriage that didn't just stick together but worked, through thick and thin." He says, "I've often been amazed at my own immaturity, but at those times Lenette has been mature enough for the both of us." Leo thanks the Lord and then Lenette for all of his accomplishments in life and in art.



PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Holly Brown

Dan Anders, minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, preached for the Church of Christ in South Lake Tahoe, California, on September 6, and for the Church of Christ in Yucaipa, California, on October 25.

Director of Counseling Services **Fred Barnes**, preached for the Vinton Avenue Church of Christ in Pomona, California, October 4. He also preached for the Inglewood Church of Christ, October 11. On October 25, he spoke on "What Will You Do With the Ability that God has Given to You" to the Emor Scholars' retreat at St. Mary's Seminary.

Professor of Law **Harold Bigham**, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ on October 18.

Randy Chesnutt, associate professor of religion, preached for the Exeter Church of Christ and the East Visalia Church of Christ in October.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Malibu Church of Christ, September 20. He and Richard Hughes are co-teaching the college student Sunday morning class this fall on "Great Issues of the Day: Some Christian Perspectives." He received the Religious Heritage of America 1992 National Award as an outstanding educator on October 5, in Knoxville, Tennessee. On November 15, he will preach for the Manhattan Church of Christ in New York, and on November 29 he will preach for the Overland Park Church of Christ in Kansas..

Terry Giboney, assistant vice president for special programs, preached for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton, California, October 11. He and his wife, **Susan**, will conduct a marriage and family seminar for the Shafter Church of Christ, January 15-17, 1993. Susan is a visiting lecturer this fall for the teacher education program at Seaver College.

Randy Gill, associate professor of music, spoke at "Super Sunday," an event for area Churches of Christ in Wichita, Kansas, October 8.

Bill Henegar, assistant vice president for creative services, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ on September 20

and October 25. He will preach for them again on November 22.

Ron Highfield, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ on September 6.

Acting Department Chair and Professor of Religion **Richard Hughes**, was the principal lecturer at the W.B. West Annual Lectures held at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, September 15. He represented Pepperdine University at a conference on "Pacifism in Non-Peace Church Traditions" at Goshen College in Goshen, Indiana, September 24-26. He preached for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ on the evenings of October 4 and 11. He will be the principal speaker at the Faculty Pre-Session Conference focusing on "Churches of Christ in the Twentieth Century" January 10, 1993 at Abilene Christian University.

Terry Kite, associate professor of science, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ, October 11. He was the featured speaker at a youth rally in Lake Havasu City, Arizona, November 6-8.

Dean of Students **D'Esta Love** was the featured speaker at the Trinity Baptist Church women's retreat in Arrowhead Springs, California, October 16-18.

Stuart Love, professor of religion, continues to preach one Sunday a month for the Sierra Madre Church of Christ and two Sundays a month for the Glendale Church of Christ.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, will be one of the featured conference speakers at the National Christian Education Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, January 17-20.

Rick Marrs, associate professor of religion, spoke at the Columbia Christian College Lectureship in Portland Oregon, October 22. He will speak at a Bible Study seminar for the Alameda Church of Christ in Norman, Oklahoma, November 13-15.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication, spoke September 25-27 at Yellowstone Bible Camp, in Yellowstone, Montana, for a campus ministry retreat sponsored by Montana State University

Campus Ministry of the Bozeman Church of Christ with students in attendance from Eastern Montana University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho, and Montana State University. On November 1-2 he preached and taught the auditorium class for the Newark Church of Christ in Newark, New Jersey, plus conducted a seminar on campus ministry for the church leaders and college students at the University of Delaware concerning a new campus ministry program.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, will preach for California Churches of Christ in Long Beach, November 8 and 15, San Luis Obispo, December 13, Yorba Linda, January 3, and Anderson, January 17. He will speak at the *Restoration Quarterly* breakfast during the AAR/SBL annual meeting in San Francisco on November 24, and will speak at convocation for Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington, December 7. He will preach for the Southwest Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, on January 10.

LaGard Smith, professor of law, taught a class at the Columbia Christian College Bible Lectureship in Portland, Oregon, October 21-22.

Associate Professor of Religion, **Tim Willis**, preached for the Long Beach Church of Christ, October 4. He also preached for the Exeter Church of Christ, October 25.

Dean of Seaver College **John Wilson**, preached for the Culver Palms Church of Christ, September 27. He spoke to the Biblical Archaeology Society of Los Angeles in Arcadia, October 2, and will speak to the Southern California Chapter of the Archaeological Institute of America, November 13, on "Discoveries at Caesarea-Philipi." He will speak on church leadership at the area preacher's meeting in Yucaipa, February 9, 1993.

Chancellor Emeritus **Norvel Young**, preached for the Modesto Church of Christ, September 27. He will speak at the 25th anniversary celebration for the Palm Springs Church of Christ, November 22.

Helen Young was the lecturer at the annual banquet for the Modesto Church of Christ, September 26.

On the Shaping of Arrows

by Stan and Jessica Johnson

As our first daughter approached kindergarten age, we could not imagine placing our "arrow" (as children are so beautifully described in Psalm 127) into someone else's hand to be shaped and aimed. That was our job! We weren't finished yet; five years had simply not been long enough!

We began studying such passages as Deuteronomy 4:9-10, 6:1-7; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:1-4; and Malachi 4:6. We prayed for God's guidance and began the great adventure of home schooling our daughter. That was seven years ago, and we now have four "arrows in our quiver": Jocelyn, 12; Breanna, 9; Gregory, 5; and Jeffery, 3. We still find the adventure as exciting and rewarding as ever.

Our days begin with breakfast and Bible reading. Lately we've been enjoying the *Dramatized New Testament* on cassette. After we pray, Dad leaves for work. Instead of hopping on a bus, the children grab their books and head for the dining table, the kitchen counter, or the living room floor. With soft music playing on the stereo, we begin with math and spend the rest of the morning on different subjects. We break every hour or so to do a household chore, chase a little brother, or play the piano.

Home schooling allows the girls time to read lots of great literature, which is why we've never needed a reading textbook. They always score high in reading on their annual achievement tests. As a 4th grader, Breanna reads at a 10th grade level and has an 11th grade vocabulary. It is a delight to know that we are the ones who taught her to read. Our children have learned to respect their parents as teachers, we never have to hear them say "That's not the way the story goes, you don't know, you're not my teacher."

Since one-to-one tutoring is so much more efficient and takes less time than classroom instruction, "school" is usually over by noon. This gives the children the afternoon to feed the animals, gather eggs, ride horses, practice piano and sew (they belong to a 4H sewing club).

Because our girls are home, they are able to enjoy their little brothers, play with



them, and watch them grow up. Mom and the girls share knowing looks, smiles, and sometimes laughter at the funny things the boys say and do. Many of the things the boys know were taught to them by their big sisters. We have time to have long talks about serious subjects when the time is just right. Mom is on-the-spot throughout the day to teach the children how to get along with each other; when a conflict arises we go through the steps given in God's word to resolve it.

We enjoy the freedom our flexible school schedule gives us. We can visit Grandma for a week in October or take a week in April to attend the Annual Bible Lectures at Pepperdine University. With Dad's long and often unpredictable hours, it is nice to know he can compensate by spending a little time with his kids during the school day.

One daughter recently accompanied Dad to a Bible study he was having with a lady who was seeking Jesus. The following "school day" morning all four children were present to witness her immersion into

Christ. The flexible schedule of home schooling permits our children time for things that matter most in life.

Although there are some in our congregation who don't agree with our schooling choice, we focus our fellowship on our unity in Jesus Christ, and not on our educational strategy (Eph. 4:3; I Cor. 12:25). Our elders respect our conviction to home-school and are as supportive of us as they are of parents who choose other schooling options.

Christian parents in increasing numbers are taking the responsibility for the upbringing and education of their children. God gave the leadership of the church for the "equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12). Since one of the most vital ministries in this humanist age is the raising of godly children (Mal. 2:15), the church must not only support, but equip parents for this critical mission. A godly family is one of God's greatest tools to win others to Himself.

This year, with 10 families in our church home-schooling, we meet at the building one morning a week for group activities. Various members of our congregation have volunteered their expertise in science, chorus, and art. One of our members leads the Christian Home School Support Group in our community, serving over 130 families. This group meets once a month in our building. Over the years, our family has participated with this larger group in numerous activities and many exciting field trips.

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Reaching the Forgotten People

by David Skates

More than 60 American Indians, missionaries, and interested Christians gathered October 2 and 3 for the ninth annual American Indian Missions Seminar in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As new mission points and large strides in spiritual growth were reported, many participants said that it was the most inspirational meeting yet.

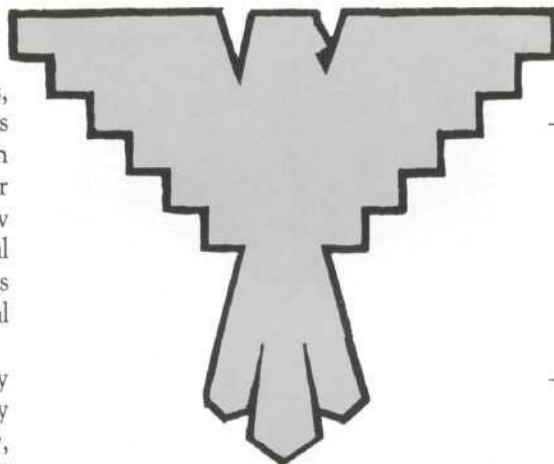
The setting was the Montgomery Boulevard Church of Christ, and Harvey Porter, the pulpit minister at Montgomery, welcomed those in attendance who came from as far away as Wisconsin, California, and Arkansas.

These Indian missions seminars began in 1984 as a dream of Omar and Millie Bixler, longtime missionaries on the Navajo Reservation. Working in conjunction with the University Church of Christ in Albuquerque (their sponsoring congregation) and the Sunny Hills Church in Fullerton, California (one of their supporting churches), the seminars began with the goal of creating an awareness of and interest in this mission field upon our doorstep.

The early meetings were held at the Sunny Hills congregation. In 1988, it was decided to move to a location that was more accessible to the Navajos and churches in the Southwest. After seminars in Phoenix and Fort Defiance, Albuquerque was selected in 1990 and the meetings have been held there ever since.

One of the highlights of this year's meeting was hearing Jim Crawford. His work among the Potawatami and Chippewa tribes was one of the new mission "discoveries" unveiled at this year's seminar. A full-blooded Potawatami, Crawford carries the double role of being a tribal chairman and the evangelist for the Cranden, Wisconsin, Church of Christ.

In his two addresses, Crawford revealed a unique perspective on Indian missions, as his dual jobs give him the opportunity to help his people in many ways: physically, emotionally, and spiritually. One aspect of his work was, however, far too common in Indian missions: a few years back, after a visit from his original supporting



congregation, the Crandon work was declared "too small" and financial support was withdrawn.

This lack of interest in Native Americans is one of the sad facts of modern missions. And it is one fact these annual seminars are seeking to change.

Reports of spiritual growth and new missionaries in the field is always an exciting part of these meetings. David Skates, program chairman and pulpit minister at the Sunny Hills Church of Christ, was able to point to a number of bright spots in mission work among the Navajo people. As the largest Indian tribe, both in number and in reservation size, the Navajos have been the main focus of mission work by churches of Christ in the last three decades.

New spiritual strides reported in the Navajo work included the following:

- It was learned that Edison Gruber, the first full-time Navajo preacher among our brethren, has begun working with the church at Crown Point, New Mexico. Just the previous week they had recorded an all-time record attendance of 38.
- One of the dreams of sponsoring churches is to see their "daughter" churches become mission-minded. All were thrilled to learn that the Fort Defiance Church, under the leadership of veteran missionaries Jim and Alice Williams, had accepted responsibility for the Navajo work at Montezuma Creek, Utah, until a permanent worker can settle there in July, 1993. In addition, the Fort Defiance congregation will be sending one of Jim William's sons to

the mission field of New Guinea!

- Another dream of sponsoring churches is to see their mission points become self-supporting. Edison Gruber reported that the Many Farms, Arizona, congregation has achieved that goal under the leadership of Ben Begay, its Navajo minister, and Jack Finley, missionary from nearby Kinlichee.
- All were encouraged to learn that two new missionary families have entered the Navajo work. Mike and Carolyn Steiner have joined the Williamses at Fort Defiance, Arizona, and Jim and Betty Williams have been added to the team at Waterflow ("Hogback"), New Mexico.

In addition to new information, participants also were inspired and equipped for ministry as the seminar considered two themes vital to the success on Indian missions: vision and leadership training.

To give focus to those two subjects, two teachers from Abilene Christian University delivered theme lectures. Dr. Carroll Osburn, ACU Professor of New Testament and Greek and a translation consultant for the Wycliffe Bible Translators, spoke concerning "Missions Into the Twentieth Century: Biblical Emphases and Theological Reflections." His call to train new converts in the tools of Bible study, then allow God's Word to set the agenda for their culture, was especially well received by the Indian brethren. Too often in the past, they have seen missionaries treat the "white man's" culture and issues as if they were Biblical mandates.

Dr. Ed Matthews, chairman of the missions department at Abilene, spoke to the issue of leadership development. Calling his model, "leadership by extension," he emphasized the need for a practical, people-oriented style rather than an academically-oriented curriculum. The goal on the mission field, he insisted, must be to help the people learn to "do" and not merely to "learn."

Other speakers included Jack Finley, a ten-year veteran of Navajo missions from Kinlichee, Arizona; Omar Bixler of Searcy, Arkansas; and Edison Gruber from Crown

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Knowing Where You're Going

by Billie Silvey

Many people today "don't know where life is going or where they're going with their lives," said Tom Olbricht, chairman of the religion division at Pepperdine's Seaver College, as he addressed the 13 graduates of the 1992 Bible Teacher's Certificate Program.

The certificate program, offered under the auspices of Pepperdine University and directed by Tamar Williams of the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ, is designed to equip workers in the local church to change lives and offer direction. It is especially beneficial to communities impacted by the recent riots.

"People's lives are not going to change until they're changed by the word of God—until a biblical code of ethics is instilled in our young people," Williams said.

The first classes were held at the Mona Boulevard Church, then a second center was opened at Lincoln Avenue in Pasadena. Centers are also located at Vaughn Street in the San Fernando Valley and at Normandie in Los Angeles. The coordinators hope eventually to offer classes at churches throughout the Los Angeles area.

This year's graduates came from six area churches—Normandie, Mona, Altadena, Culver Palms, Pioneer in Norwalk, and Duarte. They join 12 graduates from the 1991 program and 25 who graduated in 1976, when the program was first begun on Pepperdine's Los Angeles campus by De Epimaetheus "Damon" Williams and M. Norvel Young.

The six-course program balances biblical studies, evangelism, and teaching methods and consists of 36 hours of instruction in Christian education. All instructors are approved by Pepperdine, have at least a master's degree, and are qualified to teach at the college level.

Participants must be members in good standing of a local church and must furnish two letters of recommendation from church leaders. There's a one-time application fee of \$25, a \$100 tuition fee for each course and minimal charges for books and materials. Scholarships are available.



Graduates from the Class of 1992

Students range from Bible class teachers who have taught many years to some who are just beginning. They range in age from early 20s to 65, with the majority being middle-aged. "It's a good mixture," Williams says.

Graduate Cherry Ziegler, whose husband John was also among the graduates, praised the classes taught by David and Nugget Skates and the team of instructors in Teaching Methods II.

She appreciated the fact that "the program is affordable, and the instructors came out to our church building. That was very convenient."

A social worker with Orange County Social Services, Ziegler is a personal worker and has already begun to incorporate the principles she's learned to teaching group studies in the home and encouraging participation in her classes for teens.

Another graduate, Frank Devereaux, is a minister and dean of students of a local high school. He appreciated the hands-on teaching in one of the classes and the input of the other students. "There was a tremendous amount of knowledge you could pick up."

"The faculty was excellent," he said. "They did their job. They were Christian, sincere, and honest in their approach," he said. Devereaux plans to use his skills teaching adults at the Pioneer church in Norwalk and at L.A. Bible College and also teaching teens at Mona Boulevard and at Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles.

These graduates know where they're going with their lives, and now they're

better prepared to help others "to know ultimately where they're headed," as Olbricht challenged the graduates.

Eighteen Graduate From Spanish Bible Course

The Spanish congregation at the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ is advertising a Spanish language Bible correspondence course in *La Opinion*, the largest Spanish language newspaper in Los Angeles.

Response has been excellent, and on Sunday, September 13, the first class graduated. A record 157 people attended Spanish services at Vermont that Sunday. After two baptisms, the eighteen students who had completed the course were awarded diplomas and Bibles in a special ceremony. Individual photos were taken, which will be mailed to the graduates. Lunch followed in the fellowship hall.

According to Vermont member Roberto Acosta, the program is inexpensive but work-intensive, with volunteers from the congregation grading the course.

The program was begun by Vermont's Spanish-speaking minister, Armando Mejia. When Mejia recently moved to Dallas, Texas, Ricardo Aguirre assumed oversight of the project.

Vermont members are now working in conjunction with the Eastside church and their minister, Mario Rafael. The next graduation ceremony, to be held at Eastside, will be a combined effort.

CONGREGATION

Ninety Years in Long Beach: A Changing American Church

by Bill Henegar

Only three or four Churches of Christ in California can trace a continuous history longer than that of the Long Beach Church. This year, the church celebrates 90 years of unbroken service to the Lord and the community, and they have been exciting years indeed.

In 1902, M. Scott Rucker and his wife, Maude, moved to Long Beach from Pomona. They immediately joined forces with the Elmore family—J. B. and Lenah and their daughter, Vreda—to form a little band of charter members. The others were Thomas and Mary Bunford and a Brother Treadway—eight souls in all. They met from home to home and in various rented halls for several years. J. B. Elmore was regarded as the leader in the beginning and was in charge of the singing in their regular worship assemblies.

The year after they began meeting, evangelist Gideon W. Riggs of Nashville was brought to California by Michael Sanders. Though he wasn't a preacher, Sanders is said to have done more for the church in southern California in the early 20th century than any other person. After holding a tent meeting in Los Angeles and, in effect, launching the Sichel Street Church, Riggs brought the tent to Long Beach and held a protracted gospel meeting to give the church an evangelistic boost. But other than that, and an occasional visiting evangelist, the church had little preaching for the first five years.

By 1908, the group had grown sufficiently and was ready to be "set in order," as they called it, with the appointment of elders and deacons. They were meeting at 416 Pine Avenue at the time. The next year, the church moved to 420 Pacific Avenue and was officially incorporated.

Finally in 1913, ten years after the eight original disciples began meeting, the church constructed its first building. Through funds bequeathed to the church by charter member Mary J. Bunford at her death, a structure was erected on the northwest corner of 9th and Olive Streets. The building, which was debt-free because of Sister Bunford, was



Left: The building on 9th and Lime was used from 1924 to 1952.

Right: L. F. Clipp was the first full-time preacher for the Long Beach Church, arriving in 1912.

dedicated November 2, with evangelist L. F. Clipp doing the preaching. Clipp, who had arrived from Wenatchee, Washington, the year before, became the first full-time preacher in the history of the Long Beach Church. He stayed for two years.

At about this time, the annual "Bible Readings," which were popular throughout the West Coast, began in Long Beach. Bible Readings were 12- to 14-week, systematic studies of the entire Bible, with five hours of teaching every weekday. Five of the Bible Readings at Long Beach were taught by A. M. Morris, an outstanding writer and teacher who was editor of *People's Bible Advocate* and author of several gospel books. Two other Bible Readings were led by William P. Reedy, who was the publisher of *People's Bible Advocate* for many years.

Morris was the minister intermittently between 1919 and 1939. And things went well for perhaps 7 or 8 years. But trouble arose somewhere around 1922 when a group in the church became convinced that the elders were being heavy-handed in their leadership. The disagreement was so severe that a group under the leadership of evangelist Ernest Beam decided to go its own way, meeting in rented halls until a permanent building could be found. This group would eventually become the 12th and Alamitos Church and, later, the Central Church, with Beam preaching for it for some 20 years.



Charter member M. S. Rucker poured the first shovel of cement for the Uptown building in 1951.

During the difficulty, the church called upon S. W. Settle in 1923 to come and help the congregation deal with the dispute. In that year, the church also bought property two blocks from its ten-year-old 9th and Olive building. Although he didn't succeed in stopping the division, Settle did stay on to preach for the next four years. A larger building was constructed on the new property at the northeast corner of 9th and Lime Streets and was dedicated on September 24, 1924. It was in that building that the congregation experienced great growth and activity, eventually reaching a membership of more than 200 and supporting several evangelists to plant new churches in California.



The Bible Readings were popular throughout the West Coast in the early 1900s. Pictured above is a meeting conducted by A. M. Morris at 9th and Lime.



Longtime preacher and teacher A. M. Morris and his wife gave 20 years to the church.



The Uptown building, dedicated in 1952, continues to be the home of the Long Beach Church of Christ.



The first preacher in the 9th and Lime building was S. W. Settle.

Meanwhile, the church led by Beam moved into a permanent building at the corner of 12th and Alamitos in 1933. Members from this church helped establish churches in Compton, San Pedro, North Long Beach, and East Long Beach. By 1942 there were about 300 members. In May 1948, the church became known as the Central Church of Christ when it was moved to a building at 501 Atlantic.

At the end of World War II in 1945, the 9th and Lime Church laid plans for a new, larger building. They purchased property at the corner of Carson and Orange, but when it became evident that its desirability as a church location had passed, they sold it at a substantial profit. New property at 37th and Atlantic was purchased a few years later, and plans were drawn for a beautiful, Colonial-style

structure. Construction began in 1951, and Scott Rucker, the only surviving charter member, poured the first shovel of cement for the building on January 23. A year later, on January 6, 1952—the 50th anniversary of the Church of Christ in Long Beach—the building was dedicated with 1,250 people present. It was called the Uptown Church of Christ.

Within seven years, the Uptown Church had reached a membership of about 400, and through the '60s it grew to more than 450. In the late 1970s, however, its fortunes began to wane, and the attendance figures took a downturn.

Meanwhile, at the Central Church some 32 blocks south on the same Atlantic Avenue, attendance had dipped earlier—to only a little more than 100 for Sunday worship by 1976. At that time, in an

effort to reverse the trend, the elders selected energetic, 25-year-old Randy Mayeux to be the pulpit minister. Attendance during the next four years climbed steadily: 134, 154, 182, 204. As 1981 began, the church had climbed to 250, and the building was bursting at the seams.

At the same time, the Uptown Church had been caught in a serious decline, dropping to perhaps 125 by early 1981, despite all that Stuart Love and Hugh Tiner, the ministers, could do. Both the Uptown and the Central churches began considering the possibility of a merger at virtually the same time, and after several weeks of discussion and planning, leaders of the two congregations set a day in April as Merger Day. After ministering at Uptown for 11 years, Tiner died on January 7 before he could see the fruits of his participation in the merger discussions.

On April 12, 1981, the Long Beach Church of Christ restored its oneness, healing a division that had lasted for about 60 years. Mayeux became the preaching minister for the unified church. And in a new burst of energy, attendance soon had topped 500.

When Mayeux resigned in 1987 to move to Texas, Jay Utley was chosen to become the pulpit minister. Utley preached for two years and was followed, in turn, by Ralph Beck, who had joined the church staff about eight years earlier as seniors minister and ministries coordinator. Beck had stayed on during Utley's ministry, then was selected to fill the pulpit. Earlier this year, Beck moved to Denver to preach for a Church of Christ in the area, and the Long Beach Church is now in the process of seeking a new preacher.

The present ministers are Dino Maisano, who arrived in September 1989 to work with youth and families; Cliff Deister, who joined the staff in December 1990 as seniors minister; and Will Fox, who came to Long Beach in August 1991 as worship/assimilation minister. Other full- and part-time staff members are Frank Flores, Margaret Gray, Sue Gamboa, Stacey Joliff, Charles Keek, Martha Montgomery, and Robin Draper. The names of faithful elders, deacons, Bible

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Palm Springs Church Observes 25th Anniversary

by Larry Owen

On Sunday, November 22, 1992, the Palm Springs Church of Christ will celebrate 25 years at the present location on Avenida Caballeros. The 10:00 a.m. program will include presentations by M. Norvel Young, Chancellor Emeritus of Pepperdine University, and by J. P. Sanders, former dean at Pepperdine and former president of Columbia Christian College. Dr. Young, who was the keynote speaker at the church dedication services in 1967, will speak about the intervening years and what God has done. Dr. Sanders, a former elder of the church, will deliver a challenging morning sermon. There will be an attended nursery for infants and a special film and activity program for young children.

Former members, including elders and preachers, will be recognized and five charter members who are still in the congregation will be honored in a special way. A brief history of the church will be available in printed form for everyone in attendance.

A catered meal will be served at noon to provide an opportunity for members and guests to have an extended time to visit. A singing group, composed of current members of the congregation, will perform during this time as well.

A Brief History of the Church

J. J. Hogan led the first meeting of the Palm Springs church on April 22, 1956, in the home of James Brister. Twelve people were listed as members that year. The little group met in homes until October 7, 1956, when the City Council chambers on McCallum Way became available. They met there nearly 10 years. Five of those early members are still in the church today: Opal Barnett, Ollie Greathouse, Alice Jones, Grace Riley, and Gulia Sanders.

When permission to use the Council chambers was revoked in 1965, the church met at various locations for the next 15 months, including a cottage next to the Stadium, the Pavilion on Baristo Road, and one meeting in 1966 was held in the Jewish synagogue.

On June 1, 1959, the congregation, with the help of John Allen Hudson,



purchased a lot on Avenida Caballeros in anticipation of building a permanent facility. The cost of the lot was paid in full by 1961, and in the next six years the church paid assessments and taxes, established a building fund, secured loans, and prepared a bond issue. Dr. F. D. Stout, former elder and a leader in the present Palm Desert Church, was instrumental in accomplishing these goals. The group set a general target date of 1967 for constructing and occupying the new facility.

Ground was broken February 16, 1967, and construction began. The building plan included the present auditorium and four classrooms. A kitchen and adjacent covered patio provided the fellowship area. The new building was dedicated on November 26, 1967. M. Norvel Young, then president of Pepperdine University, was the keynote speaker.

The present classroom wing was added to the kitchen area in 1972, and a parsonage (now Life Center, with offices, library, and classrooms) was built in 1975.

Membership grew from that original 12 to 40 (1967), to 66 (1975), later to 76 (1981) and then 168 (1988). Due to steady growth and the breadth of the population areas in the Coachella Valley, plans were made to establish an additional congregation. In October, 1990, a core group of approximately 41 adults and children (29 members) from the Palm Springs congregation planted the Palm Desert Church. That group presently has near 100 in Sunday morning attendance.

These ministers have preached for the Palm Springs Church:

J. J. Hogan (56)
John Allen Hudson (57-62)
James A. Scott (59-61)
George E. Beal (63)
Visiting ministers (64-66)
Seth Rehkop (67)
Lyndell Cheeves (67-73)
Bill Jolly (74-75)
Charles Partain (75-76)
Travis Sweet (76-77)
David Allen (77-78)
Hugh Counts (78-80)
Larry Owen (81-)

Crusade Planned for L. A.

A West Coast Crusade for Christ is planned for July 25-29, 1993, at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Dr. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, will preach during the crusade. R. N. Hogan is coordinator for the event, assisted by Billy Curl.

Some \$350,000 is expected to be raised in a series of rallies around the country to fund the crusade. Tamar Williams coordinated the local rally, which was held at the Figueroa Church of Christ the first Sunday in July. Over \$60,000 was raised at that rally.

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the crusade, which has been billed as the largest event ever held by Churches of Christ on the West Coast.

MEMORIES

Remembering Dad: an Old-West Pioneer Preacher

by Glover Shipp

My father, C. H. (Harvey) Shipp, was one of the last of the Old-West cowboys. He was born in 1903 near Lewiston, Idaho. As a youth he wandered the plateaus of eastern Washington and Oregon, ranching and rounding up cattle. He pounded leather on horseback, suffering through storms, stampedes and starvation. One night he left his wet boots too near the campfire and awoke the next morning to find them half-burnt, the tops curling loose from the soles.

This same man was later a miner, lumberman, house builder, electrician, story-teller, preacher, teacher, and missionary. During the Depression years of the 1930s, he served wherever he could find employment. I remember him being away for weeks at a time in gold mining. One of my earliest recollections is of him being the engineer for the world's shortest railroad, the Peavine and Western, a quicksilver line which ran ore from the mine to a smelter a mile or two away. What a slice of life he experienced in his 80 years! He rode buckboards in his childhood, but before he breathed his last, he had traveled by jetliner and witnessed moon-walks.

Dad studied the Bible to some extent on his own and for a period of time at the Eugene Bible College in Eugene, Oregon. He went in search of a church that corresponded to the descriptions of it he read in the Book. His search finally led him to a small Church of Christ in London, Oregon, and he left other paths to follow its teaching with his whole heart.

For more than 50 years he preached, always emphasizing Christian education and missions. As a young man, he had set his heart on missionary service in the Congo but was frustrated in his desire, partially because he could not raise support and partially because his education was sketchy.

This lack of education he met head-on, as he did with most things in life. After several years of planting churches in Oregon cities such as Albany, Eugene, and Roseburg, he moved his wife, Nola, and his three children to Los Angeles so that he



C. H. (HARVEY) SHIPP

could attend college at newly-opened George Pepperdine College. He helped construct buildings on campus, laid sidewalks, worked as a night watchman, and delivered mail, along with preaching for small Southern California congregations such as Wasco and Hawthorne.

Dad was always the pioneer. When he was in towns without churches, he became concerned for them. In California he planted, or helped develop, congregations in Del Paso Heights, Redding, Yuba City, Roseville, Davis, Vacaville, Folsom, and Grass Valley. Realizing that funds would probably never materialize to underwrite his church-planting efforts, he supported his family as an employee of an electrical contracting company and spent his weekends with infant groups of Christians in scattered locations.

I remember vividly the scene: Sunday after Sunday—sweeping up the cigarette butts and beer bottles in rented halls, setting out chairs, and preparing the Lord's Supper for the five or ten people who gathered for worship. Then there was the late-night drive back home, fighting storms, fixing flat tires, and even running out of gas in our old rattletrap car. Late one Sunday night in a downpour, the car broke down, and he had to leave his pocket watch as collateral at a service station in

order to have the car repaired.

Later on, Dad's preaching took him and Mother up and down central California in full-time service. He preached an extended radio series and was a minister for churches in Sacramento, Madera, Fresno, Oakland, Salinas, and San Jose. Then he and Mother were called to Hawaii, where they remained for three years with the church in Honolulu.

Back in California, they were serving the Lamont church when they heard that we were planning to do mission work in Brazil. Nothing would do except that they go with us, even though they were already in their sixties. They went to Brazil and remained for nearly five years. Dad never did conquer the language, but counseled the younger missionaries, taught bilingual Brazilians in English, and served in many other capacities. One of his most lasting accomplishments in Brazil was to help build a Bible camp, still very much in use. Day after day he would ride a bus to the mountain camp site, pour concrete, set brick, and build rafters in the hot tropical sun, returning to the city at dark.

They returned to the States in 1972, and Dad preached in Lucerne, California, until a heart attack incapacitated him. He finally went home to the Lord, dying in his sleep early on Easter morning in 1983. I can almost picture him now, pondering the possibility of starting a congregation in some remote corner of Heaven.

Dad departed, as all fathers must eventually do. But he left his mark on many others in Oregon, California, Hawaii, and Brazil. His was an evangelistic, mission-minded heart, one that was absolutely sold on the Lord's kingdom.

I have far more formal education than Dad, but he was a wise and spiritual man who rose above his rough-hewn background. He taught me valuable lessons about the importance of education, evangelism, and the worldwide mission of the church. He taught me how to begin and nourish congregations. He taught me respect for the Word.

Just before I left home for college, he

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WESTERN CAMPUS NEWS

by Rick Rowland

The College Church of Christ in Fresno will sponsor the 24th Western Campus Ministry Seminar March 26-28. Campus minister, **Doug Baker**, is directing the seminar that was formerly called the West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar. (The 1994 seminar will be held at the University of Arizona with the Tucson Mountain Avenue Church of Christ serving as hosts.) Please contact Doug Baker at (209) 439-6530 for details.

Doyle Rennels is leading a fund raising effort by the Church of Christ in Ashland, Oregon to begin the School for Biblical Studies that will serve the Southern Oregon State College in Ashland.

University of California at Davis Campus Advance for Christ is off to a strong fall quarter according to **Debbie Hudson**, Activities Coordinator. The 1992-93 school year calendar includes activities from a fall retreat at Shenendoah West, to Campus Advance meetings focusing on the theme of "Unity."

Randy Schilling, campus minister at the University of Alberta's Campus Advance for Christ, has completed the needed paper work that will give him all rights of Canadian citizenship except for voting and running for office. Schilling and his wife Holly formerly served the students at UC Davis.

Western USA campus ministries were well represented at the recent National Campus Ministries Seminar at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Those represented included 31 western campus ministers, and church and student leaders from New Mexico State, University of Arizona, Boise State, University of Washington, Seattle University, Pepperdine University, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis and Montana State University.

Cal State University Bakersfield campus minister, **Andy Miller**, reports on a most successful summer campaign in Varna, Bulgaria as he led a team of six Westside congregation students along with his wife **Roslyn**. In March of 1992 there was no church in Varna but with the arrival of the **Pieter Korsten** family last

spring and the help of the Bakersfield team last summer an average of two baptisms a week are now taking place at press time. In addition, Bible classes were recently started in the newly found meeting place for worship services.

The church now has an office with a computer and a full-time secretary, and a weekly ladies Bible class and a youth group have been organized. Miller calls Bulgaria "One of the most receptive areas in the world today for the gospel of Christ."

Dr. Mike Tess, Montana State University science professor, reports that a fall retreat was sponsored by the campus ministry at MSU and the Bozeman Church of Christ. The theme for the gathering of students from Idaho State, Eastern Montana University, University of Idaho, University of Montana and MSU was "Rags to Riches: Or Worldliness to Spirituality" Pepperdine's **Rick Rowland** was the theme speaker for the three-day retreat at the Yellowstone camp grounds.

The campus minister serving Cal Poly and Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, **David Altizer**, has a new bride from Seattle who is the former **Alice Rice** from the Northwest Seattle Church of Christ. The Campus Ministry Council of the SLO church just started a new campus ministry alumni newsletter entitled "Keeping in Touch" with a 1992 fall edition which has

outstanding format, design and news. If you would like to get a copy contact Altizer at (805) 543-8653 or at the Central Church of Christ.

Pepperdine now has nine interns to support full-time campus ministers **Scott Lambert** and **La Juana Gill**. The interns are: **Carl Flynn**, **Ron Cox**, **Wilson Parrish**, **Scott Schriber**, **Jay Scroggins**, **Debbie Leonard**, **Becky Carter**, **Alissa Hall** and **David Lemley**. Flynn, Schriber and Carter were converts through the Pepperdine campus program while Cox was baptised through the Cal Poly SLO college ministry. Four of the interns are in Pepperdine's MS program in the Religion Division with an emphasis in campus ministry.

Forty Pepperdine students and staff attended the World Mission Workshop October 22-25 at Oklahoma Christian University of Sciences and Art...210 Pepperdine students attended the annual Fall Retreat sponsored by the Malibu Church of Christ on September 25-26. Dr. Tim Woodroof, minister for the Westside Church of Christ in Beaverton, Oregon, was the featured speaker. **Please send campus ministry news to: Rick Rowland, Pepperdine University, Communication Division, Malibu, CA 90263; or call (310) 456-4164.**



Twenty-five college students worked for 11 weeks in ministry internships in the great Northwest this summer. Interns served in: Medford, Newberg, Monmouth, and Baker Oregon; Kennewick, Richland, Goldendale, and Grandview, Washington; and Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Fifteen of the interns were from Harding University, 5 from Freed-Hardeman University, and 5 were from various other schools. These young men and women served in a variety of ministries including preaching, teaching, personal work, youth ministry, and camp counseling. Since 1975, about 500 young adults have assisted Churches of Christ in the Northwest through Campaigns Northwest. College students interested in internships next summer should contact Mark McLean, Campaigns Northwest Director, at (206) 692-4900.

Wineskins Magazine

by Phillip Morrison



Wineskins magazine, a new journal to encourage church renewal, was introduced at the 49th annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures last April. Wineskins is co-edited by Mike Cope and Rubel Shelly, and Phillip Morrison is managing editor.

This new magazine was enthusiastically received by lectureship visitors, and has enjoyed a remarkable growth in its first five months. Already there are subscribers in 48 of our 50 states, all Canadian provinces but one, and 15 other foreign countries.

In announcing plans to begin Wineskins, the three editors observed that "change is occurring, will continue to occur, and must occur. Its inexorable march cannot be stopped; it can to some extent be shaped and directed. Far too often the church has resisted change, only to have change—including undesirable change—occur anyway. How much better it would be to recognize the inevitability of change, anticipate and identify particular changes, and attempt to direct them in productive, biblical channels."

Expanding on that idea, the purpose statement in the first issue described Wineskins as "a magazine devoted to reform and renewal in the church." The editors further explained that the "goal is to foster renewal in the church by sharpening its attention on Jesus as Lord."

In addition to the editors already named, feature editors include Leonard Allen, Lynn Anderson, Larry James, Thom

Lemmons, Joy McMillon, and Jeff Nelson.

Wineskins is organized as a not-for-profit Tennessee corporation and is produced in Nashville. The address is P.O. Box 129004, Nashville, Tennessee 37212. The toll-free telephone number is 1-800-382-5004. Subscriptions are \$14.95 per year in the U.S. and Canada, \$20 per year in other countries. Back issues are available at \$1.50 each, and bundles of 10 or more to the same address are 50 cents each. Wineskins is funded by subscription and advertising sales and by the gifts of interested supporters.

2,000 Attend L. A. Campaign

Fifty-two persons were baptized into Christ and several others were restored to the church as a result of the annual Campaign for Christ held at the Carson Community Center August 9-28. The highest one-night attendance during the three-week campaign exceeded 2,000 people.

Shelton Gibbs III, a minister from the Dallas, Texas area was campaign speaker August 9-19, followed by Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas, who preached August 20-28.

This annual evangelistic outreach effort featured door-to-door canvassing during the day in the neighborhoods surrounding several Los Angeles area Churches of Christ.

Michio and Lorraine Nagai Honored At Vermont Avenue

Two hundred friends, including former and current members of the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ, gathered Sunday, September 27, to honor Michio and Lorraine Nagai at the close of their twenty years of service to the Vermont Avenue Church.

Following a bilingual service preached by Bill Stivers, a former Vermont elder, the Nagais were presented a scrapbook of letters from well-wishers. Don Owens, a former elder, and Pedro Soto, a former elder and minister for the Spanish congregation, gave brief reminiscences. A potluck dinner followed in the fellowship hall.

Michio grew up in Los Angeles and attended the Japanese church. During the war, he was in an internment camp in Colorado, later leaving to attend Abilene Christian College.

He returned to Los Angeles in 1947 to enroll at Pepperdine, graduating in 1949. Upon graduation, he began teaching Greek, Hebrew, and Bible courses at Pepperdine. He also preached for the Westside Church of Christ in Los Angeles and for the Gardena Valley Church of Christ.

Lorraine, who grew up in Santa Rosa, was a staff member in the Pepperdine Library for many years.



Michio and Lorraine Nagai

Ninety Years in Long Beach

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school teachers, song leaders, and ordinary servants through the years are too numerous to even begin to mention.

On its 90th anniversary, the Long Beach Church of Christ is a dynamic and diverse body of Christian with all ages, economic and educational levels, and ethnic groups represented in its membership. It is reaching out to the community with the gospel, with counseling and comfort, and with relief efforts, including food and clothing. And it is touching the world through a fully-supported mission team, Scott and Shirley Raab, in Belgium.

The Long Beach Church today is what the city of Long Beach itself has become: a microcosm of the diversity of America. The church is a "rainbow" of Christians who are sharing their lives with one another because they share a common Lord and a common love. One church (again) after 90 years!

Remembering Dad

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took me on a fishing trip in California's High Sierras and said, "Son, you will face many temptations you have never even dreamed of, but read your Bible and pray. Above all, be faithful to the path we have walked before you."

There is a song in which a father exhorts a young man about to marry that he must be true to his wife because "we come from a long line of love." In the same spirit, I come from a long line of faithful Christian pioneering. This is part of my legacy, left so indelibly by my Dad, an Old West Pioneer Preacher.

Reaching the Forgotten People

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Point, New Mexico.

The challenge of Native American missions remains. Of over 400 tribes recognized by the United States government, only a few have even been touched by the Churches of Christ. Hopefully, these seminars will inspire others to reach out to these forgotten people who are around us and among us.

A Canadian Church

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members, and Philip Mah, who works full time with the Chinese members, will preach to the church's multilingual audience. Each preaches in his native language with an English interpreter. Even Hasbrouck, who spent 25 years in Japan as a missionary before coming to Canada, occasionally gets into the bilingual act and presents a sermon in Japanese with an English interpreter.

Such multiculturalism contributes its own special touch to all kinds of church activities. "Recently there was a Sunday on which we had a special 'missionary sending' assembly," Hasbrouck says. "We were sending our love and our prayers with Allen and Betty Jacobs (long time missionaries from Canada). Prayers were offered to God in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and English, all on behalf of the missionaries we were helping to send to India!"

Although Vancouver has a Spanish-speaking population of about 60,000 (many of whom are, like Milton Diaz, political refugees from strife ridden areas such as El Salvador), it may be that the greatest potential for Oakridge's multilingual ministry lies with the Chinese. With the return of Hong Kong to mainland China looming on the horizon, thousands of Chinese are pouring into Canada. And a high percentage of these end up in Vancouver, close to the Oakridge church building. On a recent visit to Vancouver, I took an evening stroll through the neighborhood around Oakridge. I noticed many residential lots on which well-to-do Hong Kong natives were either building from scratch or remodelling existing homes. The number of homes built in the distinctive style of the transplanted Chinese indicates that Philip Mah has abundant opportunities for ministry around the Oakridge building.

When Mah is not ministering in the Oakridge neighborhood, he can potentially reach hundreds of others who live in the Chinese portion of the downtown area, a rapidly expanding community where he chooses to live in order to increase his ministry opportunities.

Will Oakridge be able to maintain its unity and remain one congregation with several language groups represented? Or will

time and growth necessitate that separate congregations emerge from the one? "I, of course, don't know," Steve Hasbrouck says. "For now, it's working. Perhaps one day a Chinese majority will mean that English will be supplanted as the major language in our body. Since those who speak English don't speak Chinese, we may find the English portion of the church wanting to make room for our brothers; perhaps the Chinese brethren will take the traditional congregational Sunday morning assembly time, and we'll meet with them, and then meet on our own in the afternoon."

Such a flexible and gracious attitude bodes well for the Oakridge church... and for the Lord's Kingdom in British Columbia. Perhaps, too, the Oakridge model of human creativity guided by the Holy Spirit can serve as an example for other churches faced with the challenges of "multi" ministry.

On the Shaping of Arrows

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Thousands of parents are returning to home schooling. The practice of educating in the home is nothing new. It is the most ancient and time honored method of educating children. A 1990 nationwide study of home education estimated there are 630,418 children living in home schooling families throughout the country. This study also revealed that on standardized achievement tests the home school students performed at or above the 80th percentile. The national average in conventional schools is at the 50th percentile.

As Christian parents, we are aware of the heritage that we have been privileged to receive and the impact that we can have on the generations coming after us. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13). To Jesus Christ be all glory, honor, and praise!

ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES

Pepperdine Bible Lectures Celebrate Golden Anniversary

by Jerry Rushford

Pepperdine University will celebrate the golden anniversary of its annual Bible Lectures in April, 1993. This significant forum had its beginning in January, 1943, and was modeled after similar programs at Abilene Christian University, David Lipscomb University, and Harding University.

Throughout the 1940s the Pepperdine Lectures grew in popularity, but the early 1950s saw a decline in attendance, and in 1957 no program was scheduled. With the arrival of M. Norvel Young and J. P. Sanders in the fall of 1957, the Pepperdine Lectures took on new life. By 1961, the keynote lecture program was moved to the Shrine Auditorium to accommodate the large numbers who wanted to attend. By the next year, the University was making use of the Los Angeles Sports Arena for the largest evening lecture.

Beginning in 1958, the University added a special program of summer lectures, and this pattern of two lecture programs a year continued for 10 years. However, by the late 1960s, the programs were again declining in attendance. The program of special summer lectures concluded in 1967.

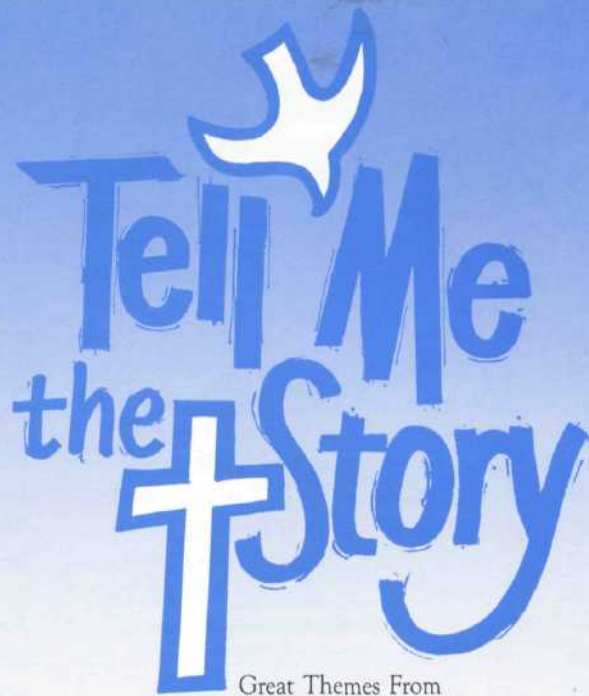
When Pepperdine University moved to its new campus in Malibu for the 1972-73 school year, the annual Bible Lectures again were reinvigorated. For the past 20 years, the lectures have grown in attendance every year. The 50th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures are scheduled for April 27-30, 1993, and are expected to draw more than 4,000 in attendance.

This year's program will feature 200 classes and 7 featured lectures, in addition to numerous meal program speakers, choral groups, and childcare activities. The four-day event takes place during the break between graduation and the beginning of summer school and utilizes the entire campus. Last year, guests from 41 states and six foreign countries journeyed to Malibu to attend the Bible Lectures. During the week more than 14,500 individual cassette tapes of lectures were sold, and orders continued for several months.

| Year | Annual Themes | Directors | Keynote Lecturers |
|------|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1943 | The Church in the 20th Century | W. B. West, Jr. | C. R. Nichol |
| 1944 | The Adequacy of the New Testament Church | W. B. West, Jr. | L. S. White |
| 1945 | The Church in These Times | W. B. West, Jr. | Hugh Tiner |
| 1946 | Urgent Problems Facing the Postwar Church | W. B. West, Jr. | P. D. Wilmett |
| 1947 | The Educational Program of the Local Church | W. B. West, Jr. | Jose P. Sewell |
| 1948 | The Christian Home | W. B. West, Jr. | Harvey Scott |
| 1949 | The Church and Sound Doctrine | W. B. West, Jr. | J. E. Wainwright |
| 1950 | The Church Today | W. B. West, Jr. | A. R. Holton |
| 1951 | The Work of the Church | W. B. West, Jr. | M. Norvel Young |
| 1952 | Changeless Values in a Changing World | Joseph W. White | Reuel Lemmons |
| 1953 | Be Ye Doers of the Word and not Hearers Only | Joseph W. White | Barton Coffman |
| 1954 | Teaching Them to Observe All Things | Joseph W. White | S. H. Hall |
| 1955 | Fellowship in Good Works | Joseph W. White | Marshall Keeble |
| 1956 | Honor to Whom Honor is Due | Joseph W. White | E. W. McMillan |
| 1957 | (No Lecture Program) | (No Lecture Program) | (No Lecture Program) |
| 1958 | God Challenges You | Joseph W. White | John Banister |
| 1959 | Stewardship | Rex Johnston | J. Harold Thomas |
| 1960 | Developing the Christ-Centered Life | Rex Johnston | A. R. Holton |
| 1961 | Sharing Christ With All the World | Rex Johnston | Don H. Morris |
| 1962 | The Strategy for Spiritual Freedom | Rex Johnston | Ira North |
| 1963 | Christ Our Contemporary | William Banowsky | Basel Barrett Baxter |
| 1964 | Declaring God's Good News | Jack Scott | Frank Pack |
| 1965 | New Testament Christianity: The Message for Modern Man | Jack Scott | George Bailey |
| 1966 | Victorious Living Today | Don Gardner | Carl Spain |
| 1967 | Focus on Faith in Action | Don Gardner | William Banowsky |
| 1968 | Accent on Concern: These Things Concern the Christian | Don Gardner | Jack Evans |
| 1969 | A Search for Understanding | Don Gardner | Ira North |
| 1970 | And Now Abide Hope | Don Gardner | Juan Morrey |
| 1971 | For Such a Time as This | Syd Wyatt | R. N. Hogan |
| 1972 | God's Work in Our Day | Silas Shovel | Humphrey Foutz |
| 1973 | Inside/Outside: Evangelism Through Renewal | Tony Ash | Stuart Love |
| 1974 | Simply Yes or No: Christian Integrity | Tony Ash | Prentice Meador |
| 1975 | From Death to Life: The New Man | Tony Ash | Carl Mitchell |
| 1976 | Abounding in the Work of the Lord: A Study in Philippians | Carl Mitchell | William Banowsky |
| 1977 | Heritage and Destiny: A Study of the Restoration Movement | Carl Mitchell | Reuel Lemmons |
| 1978 | The Faith Once for all Delivered to the Saints | William Banowsky | Ira North |
| 1979 | It's Great to be a Christian | Carl Mitchell | Marvin Phillips |
| 1980 | For Such a Time as This | Carl Mitchell | R. N. Hogan |
| 1981 | The Magnificence of Christ: Great Themes from Colossians | Mike Armour | Landon Saunders |
| 1982 | Light, Life and Love: The Ministry of Jesus in John | Mike Armour | Juan Morrey |
| 1983 | That We Might Live: Great Themes from the Epistle to Titus | Jerry Rushford | Gary Beauchamp |
| 1984 | God's Eternal Purpose: Great Themes from the Epistle to the Ephesians | Jerry Rushford | Harold Hazelp |
| 1985 | Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever: Great Themes from the Epistle to the Hebrews | Jerry Rushford | David Davenport |
| 1986 | God of Grace and God of Glory: Great Themes from the Book of Isaiah | Jerry Rushford | Doug Parsons |
| 1987 | Triumph of the Good News: The Book of Acts for the Twenty-first Century | Jerry Rushford | Jerry Rushford |
| 1988 | Thine is the Kingdom: Great Themes from the Gospel of Matthew | Jerry Rushford | Landon Saunders |
| 1989 | Deliverance: Great Themes from the Book of Exodus | Jerry Rushford | Mike Cope |
| 1990 | Remember Jesus Christ: Great Themes from the Book of II Timothy | Jerry Rushford | Randy Mayeux |
| 1991 | Strangers in the World: Great Themes from the Letter of I Peter | Jerry Rushford | Harold Shank |
| 1992 | A God So Near: Great Themes from the Book of Deuteronomy | Jerry Rushford | Lynn Anderson |
| 1993 | Tell Me the Story: Great Themes from the Gospel of Mark | Jerry Rushford | Max Lucado |

Summer Bible Lectures

| Year | Annual Themes | Directors | Keynote Lecturers |
|------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1958 | The Christian Family | Joseph W. White | Howard White |
| 1959 | The Church at Work | Thomas Campbell | J. P. Sanders |
| 1960 | Restoring New Testament Values | Thomas Campbell | Glenn Wallace |
| 1961 | Meeting Our Challenges | Gary Moore | Sherman Cannon |
| 1962 | Project Leadership | William Banowsky | Gordon Teel |
| 1963 | Christ For Our Contemporaries | Jack Scott | E. W. McMillan |
| 1964 | The Christian Home | Jack Scott | Joe Barnett |
| 1965 | Confronting Moral Issues | Jack Scott | Willard Collins |
| 1966 | Developing the Fruits of the Spirit | Don Gardner | Ela Huffard |
| 1967 | The City—An Open Door for the Church | Don Gardner | Harold Paden |



Great Themes From
The Gospel of Mark

Pepperdine University 50th Anniversary Bible Lectures

April 27-30, 1993

From Tuesday evening and Max Lucado's dramatic retelling of the "story" of Jesus . . . to Friday evening and Mike Cope's powerful conclusion on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus . . . the 50th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures will be a spiritual feast! Make your plans now to attend. We believe you will treasure this golden anniversary event for many years to come.

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