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Daring to Dream: Spanish-Speaking Churches of Christ in L. A. County

by Dan Knight

On Thanksgiving Day this year, the fifth annual meeting of Hispanic Churches of Christ in Southern California will begin (Seminario del Sur de California). It is a three day gathering involving churches in Los Angeles, Ventura and Orange Counties. This meeting is a symbol of the spirit of collaboration that exists among the Spanish-speaking church workers in Southern California. It serves as an example to all of us.

At present, there are 15 Spanish-speaking congregations in Los Angeles County. They range in size from 8 to 200. All of them meet in buildings where there is at least one other language group present. Spanish-speaking members in Los Angeles County Churches of Christ are representative of nearly all of the Latin countries in the western hemisphere. The preachers are from Mexico, Cuba, Central America, South America and the United States.

John Hinckley and his son Jonathan labor with the Sichel Street Church of Christ in Los Angeles (see cover photo) where the Hispanic work dates back to the early 1950s. In fact, this congregation descended from the work done by Pepperdine professor Bill Stivers at the Echandia Street Church from 1948-52. Stivers attended the Sichel Street Church as a teenager and, appropriately, the youth work among the Hispanics is a major focus for the Hinckleys.

Nearby in Alhambra, located in the north-central area of the county, is a work born through the efforts of Gilbert Torres in 1980 (now in San Jose, CA) and continued by Antonio Gonzalez of Spain. The Alhambra church is now blessed by preaching minister Gabriel Estrada. Manuel de la Certa leads the newly established Hispanic congregation of more than 40 members at York Boulevard, just west of Alhambra. East of Alhambra is the Temple City Church of Christ, where the thriving Spanish-speaking work is led by Manuel Gonzalez. Gonzalez, a native-born Californian, has preached there for a year and a half.

The largest Hispanic work in Los

Angeles County is almost due south of Temple City, on the other side of the San Bernardino Freeway. There are 200 members at the Montebello Church according to Fernando Lozano, who shares preaching chores with his son, Rubén. This congregation began in 1972 in Huntington Park and has met in various places over the last two decades, including Downey and Paramount. The Anglo members at Montebello meet for worship on Sundays in one of the classrooms (their number has diminished over the years) so that the Spanish-speaking group can use the main auditorium.

In the eastern-most section of the County, Toma's Allen has been working for several years with Churches of Christ in Pomona. Since 1990, Allen has preached in Spanish at the Inland Valley Church of Christ. Not as far to the east, Chilean-born Richards Tapia is the Spanish-speaking evangelist at the Baldwin Park Church of Christ. Tapia was converted in Argentina, married American missionary Denise Parsons, and subsequently attended the Sunset School of Preaching (thanks to the support of the Christians at Baldwin Park.) Since 1981, Tapia has labored diligently with the Baldwin Park congregation, and they now have 62 members.

There are four Hispanic works among churches that are predominantly African-American. Carlos Atherton is at the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ in Compton. Thamar Williams, the English-speaking minister there, is vocal and active about the need to reach the newer members of his community. Carlos began his work with Mona Boulevard in 1982. Now preaching at the Vermont Avenue Church (following a long tenure by evangelist Pedro Soto) is Armando Mejía of El Salvador. About a year ago, Ricardo Castillo began preaching in Spanish for the Vaughn Street Church of Christ in San Fernando. And on Martin Luther King Boulevard, at the Eastside church, Mario Rafael is the minister to Hispanics. Rafael, from El Salvador, has been at Eastside since 1980.

The Spanish-speaking work that is the
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Churches and Individuals Give Generous Response Following Riots

by Mary Speaks

It will always be too soon to forget the devastation of Los Angeles during the recent riots of April 29 to May 1. Efforts to assist victims in the stricken areas continue daily as does the grief which accompanies such a great state of need.

One who immediately responded was David Davenport, president of Pepperdine University. He contacted a number of Churches of Christ in the riot area to ask what Pepperdine and other Christians might do to help alleviate some of the needs. A University van was loaned to churches needing to transport supplies to the riot devastated areas, as well as to transport people to medical appointments and stores, and a portable generator was loaned to a church who had lost power during the siege. The University Church Services staff phoned more than 150 churches in the Los Angeles area informing them of specific needs and asking for food, clothing, and monetary gifts for churches in the ravaged areas.

The response of Churches of Christ across the United States, and especially in Southern California, has been and continues to be generous. Most of those who responded sent their contributions directly to churches in the affected areas. But some of the relief monies, food and clothing items were sent to Pepperdine which is acting as a collection point on the west side of Los Angeles. The University has received more than \$9,000 and more than 15 automobile loads of food and clothing.

Through the help of Pepperdine staff and students, food and clothing items, as well as numerous checks, were delivered to Churches of Christ in the communities hardest hit. Six Churches of Christ—Figueroa, Normandie, Mona Boulevard, Inglewood, Crenshaw, and Southside—are distributing items directly to the members of their community. Pepperdine students, faculty, staff and alumni frequently traveled to south-central Los Angeles to assist in distribution efforts.

Food and clothing have been made available to riot victims by the Figueroa Church of Christ almost every Saturday since May 9. According to Calvin Bowers,



Members of the Figueroa Church of Christ organized "give-aways" for riot victims. Pepperdine Senior Emily Wilson helped.

minister at Figueroa, more than 956 people have been given 1,740 bags of food at the Saturday "give-aways," in addition to the countless number of people assisted during the week. The Normandie and Inglewood Churches of Christ initially distributed food items on a daily basis and continue to distribute both food and clothing as often as supplies allow. The Mona Boulevard Church of Christ in Compton, also a consistent distributor of food and clothing, requires each family unit to fill out a short questionnaire upon receipt of items. Tamar Williams, minister of the Mona Boulevard church, states that the information is helpful in keeping in contact with the families in order to insure that their needs continue to be met and that no one family unit takes advantage of the offered help by requesting items more often than needed.

The nature and abundance of gifts exceeded expectations of inner-city churches and many donations have been more than just ordinary non-perishable food and "hand-me-down" clothes. One woman in Santa Monica, California, donated a 7' x 5' x 3' pallet of freeze-dried food she and her husband had intended to use for an extended trip to Alaska that was cancelled—the monetary value of this donation was more than \$1,400! A Reseda,

California, high school for mentally retarded children donated a truckload of clothes and other miscellaneous items. A Los Angeles animal care agency donated more than 200 bags of dog food.

Monetary contributions have been received from all parts of the United States, by congregations small and large, and by both adults and children. Gregg Strawn of the Circle Church of Christ in Corvallis, Oregon, was excited to report that \$25 of their church's total gift was contributed by the children of their congregation. A local Southern California church with only 54 people present at Sunday services collected \$600 without prior notification that the contribution for the relief effort was to be taken that morning.

The Whittier Church of Christ, a church of approximately 200 members in the greater Los Angeles area, was able to donate more than \$7,000 to south-central Los Angeles Churches of Christ, which in turn bought food and other supplies for the communities surrounding the churches. One church that received a sizeable amount from Whittier was able to meet their operating budget which had suffered greatly because of many members losing their jobs when their places of business were burned during the riots.

Two small Churches of Christ in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, sent checks—one for \$392 from the Northtown congregation and one for \$1,000 from the Cornerstone congregation. A letter from the Cornerstone church read, "As a small congregation of God's people we wanted to do something in Christ's name to help the rebuilding and relief work in the city of Los Angeles." Such a concern has been echoed by numerous churches and individuals throughout the United States. Help and healing for south-central Los Angeles will continue as long as the church desires to live as Jesus lived. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

If you or your church family wish to assist the ongoing efforts, please contact one of the six mentioned congregations or the Church Services office at Pepperdine University.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Mary Speaks

Dan Anders, minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, preached in a Gospel meeting at the Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas, May 3-6. He will speak for the Grand Canyon Encampment in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 12-17.

Patty Atkisson, executive coordinator of Associated Women for Pepperdine, and **Kanet Thomas**, president of Associated Women for Pepperdine, represented Pepperdine University at the Women's All-Auxiliary Committee meeting at Abilene Christian University, June 5-6.

Fred Barnes, director of counseling services, preached each Sunday evening beginning June 7 and continuing through July 19 for the Crenshaw Church of Christ in Los Angeles.

Calvin Bowers, professor of communication, spoke at the Oakland Church of Christ in Southfield, Michigan, May 15-17 for their church growth and leadership seminar. He preached May 17-20 for the Linwood Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan, and taught at the Church of Christ in Inkster, Michigan, June 25-28. He spoke for the Southside Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington, July 11-16, and will speak at the East Denver Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado, July 24-26.

Associate Professor of Religion **Randy Chesnutt** preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ June 14.

Ronald Cox, graduate religion student, preached for the Westside Church of Christ in Los Angeles, May 24.

President **David Davenport** will keynote the 52nd Annual Yosemite Family Encampment, Sunday morning July 26.

Rich Dawson, director of international student services, spoke at the Turnpike Church of Christ in Santa Barbara, California, May 31 for their annual teacher appreciation awards luncheon.

John Free, adjunct professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Oakhurst, California, May 24. He taught at a seminar for Sonrise Christian Preparatory School in Ho, Ghana, Africa,

for native evangelists July 14-25.

Terry and Susan Giboney conducted a marriage and parenting seminar for the Church of Christ in Hollywood, California, July 18-19. Terry is assistant vice president for special programs and Susan begins this fall as visiting lecturer for the teacher education program.

Randy Gill, associate professor of music, spoke at Michigan Christian College in Rochester, Michigan, for their "Summer Jam" June 22-25. He spoke at three youth rallies this summer at the Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio, June 26; at Kings Island Amusement Park in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30; and at Six Flags Over Texas in Dallas, July 26. He spoke at an acapella Christian music seminar at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky, July 6-10.

Ron Highfield, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ June 7.

Professor of Religion **Richard Hughes** taught a class for the Emmanuel School of Religion in Johnson City, Tennessee, July 21-31.

Woody Hughes, associate dean of the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, will speak for the Church of Christ at Leisure World in Seal Beach, California, July 26 and August 30.

Campus Minister **Scott Lambert** will conduct a seminar on spiritual gifts for the Church of Christ in Hollywood, California, September 12-13.

Dean of Students **D'Esta Love** taught at a ladies seminar for the East Visalia Church of Christ in California, June 18.

Stuart Love, professor of religion, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, July 5 and continues to preach twice a month for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre, California. He will preach for the Church of Christ in Whittier, California, August 23.

Dennis and Emily Lowe will conduct a marriage workshop for the White Station Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, August 7-9.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, spoke at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, for their

church leaders seminar May 1-2, and led a workshop for elders and preachers at Abilene Christian University July 20-21. He will teach a class at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 26-31.

Religion Department Chair **Tom Olbricht** preached for the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, May 10 and the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, June 21. He was in Saskatchewan, Canada, June 4-8 and preached for the Church of Christ in Wawota; spoke for the Prairie Preachers Fellowship in Kenosha Lake; spoke at the Clearview Christian Camp annual men's retreat in Wawota; and lectured at Western Christian College in Carman, Manitoba. He read a paper at the International Conference of the Society of Biblical Literature at the University of Melbourne in Australia, July 13. He served as the director for a conference on the rhetorical analysis of Biblical documents at Pepperdine's campus in Heidelberg, Germany, July 21-24.

Vice Chancellor **Mike O'Neal** preached for the Church of Christ in Hermosa Beach, July 19 and will teach a class at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 26-31.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication, spoke recently to Boise State University students at their student center and also preached for the Eldorado Church of Christ in Boise, Idaho. He will teach a class at the National Campus Ministries Seminar in Raleigh, North Carolina, August 6.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, was the keynote lecturer at the 10th Annual Korean Mission Workshop held at Pepperdine June 16-19. He preached for the Church of Christ in Glendale, June 21 and for the Church of Christ in Palm Springs, July 12. He will preach for the Central Church of Christ in Stockton, September 6 and for the Southwest Church of Christ in Jonesboro, Arkansas, September 27. He will speak at the annual Harding University Bible Lectures September 28.

LaGard Smith, professor of law, spoke to the Church of Christ in Oxford, England, on the "New Age" movement May 21 and spoke on the "Jubilee" program

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PROFILES



LARRY YURK

Larry Yurk recently assumed responsibilities as preaching minister for the Davis Park Church of Christ in Modesto, California. Prior to that, he served as the pulpit minister for the Grandview Church of Christ in Des Moines, Iowa, (1983-91) and the Casey Church of Christ in Selma, Alabama, (1980-83).

Yurk received a B.S. from Arizona State University (1976), an M.A. in religion from Alabama Christian School of Religion (1982), and has completed some work toward an M.Th.

He and his wife, Julie, have five children: Andrea, 15; Brad, 13; Jeremy, 12; Brandon, 12; and Amber, 10.



WALTER SURDACKI

Walter Surdacki became associate minister for the Church of Christ in Torrance, California, in June.

He attended Texas A & M University where he was converted to Christianity through the Aggies for Christ campus ministry. He attended the School of World Evangelism mission training program at the A & M Church of Christ and the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas, where he received a B.A. in Biblical Studies in 1989.

Surdacki graduated from Pepperdine in April 1992 with an M.S. in ministry. He is currently working on an M.Div. from

Pepperdine and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Christian Thought.

He is engaged to Amy Hibbs, of Camarillo, California, and they will marry in November of this year.



SUSAN GIBONEY

Susan Giboney will assume duties as president of Associated Women for Pepperdine August 1.

After receiving a B.A. from Pepperdine, she taught for the L.A. City School District before she and her husband, Terry, served as missionaries in Japan as a part of Ibaraki Christian College.

After returning from Japan, Susan taught adult education in Orange County, California, for ten years. She received an M.A. in child and family studies from California State University, Long Beach and began teaching at Pacific Christian College in 1983 where she served as a full-time professor and academic advisor. In August she begins as a teacher in Pepperdine's teacher education program.

Susan and Terry, as well as their three children, Carrie, Peggy and Paul, are alumni of Pepperdine.



ROBERT PEREZ

Robert Perez will begin work among Hispanics in East Los Angeles, this fall. Perez was baptized into Christ in 1982

while an undergraduate at Pepperdine University where he received a B.S. in sports medicine (1984) and an M.A. in religion (1988). He received an M.Div. in missions in May of 1992 from Harding Graduate School of Religion.

Perez served as a ministry intern for Churches of Christ in Montebello in East Los Angeles (1984) and Hollywood (1985). He worked with Spanish-speaking inmates at the Federal Correction Institute in Memphis (1989-91) and most recently served as youth minister for the Raleigh Church of Christ in Memphis (1990-92).

Perez, born and raised in Los Angeles, will focus his ministry efforts on second and third generation Hispanics in East Los Angeles. Over a four-year period (1993-96) he plans to build an inner-city church and daily outreach center.



RUSSELL DUDREY

Russell Dudrey has accepted a position as a visiting professor of religion at Pepperdine University and will begin teaching this fall.

Dudrey is finishing work on a Ph.D. in classical studies at the University of Minnesota. He has an M.A. degree in English literature from the University of Nevada, Reno, and an M.A. degree in Greek from the University of Minnesota. He also earned an M.Th. from the Harding Graduate School of Religion.

Dudrey was pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Reno, Nevada, (1978-81). He taught English at the University of Nevada, Reno, (1979-81); Bible at Columbia Christian College, (1981-84); and classics at the University of Minnesota (1985-92).

He and his wife, Felice, have three children: Paul, 12; Rachel, 9; and Michal Marie, 7.

TRIBUTE

A Week Filled with Honors at the Pepperdine Lectures

The week of the 49th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures (April 21-24) was characterized by large and enthusiastic crowds, delightful weather, excellent teachers and lecturers, thunderous singing, joyful reunions, and the presentation of several special awards. Altogether, the University took pleasure in honoring ten individuals with Distinguished Christian Service Awards during the four-day event.

Two career preachers, Clarence Dailey and Roy Osborne, were both honored in the year of their retirement from full-time preaching. Dailey was cited for his years of service at Druid Hills in Atlanta (1951-1958), Union Avenue in Memphis (1958-1983), and Brentwood Hills in Nashville (1983-1992), and Osborne for his years of service in the Bay Area in Northern California (1953-1970) and with the Sunset Ridge congregation in San Antonio (1970-1992).

Charles Runnels, chancellor of Pepperdine University, was honored at the Friends of Pepperdine Dinner for his 25 years of devoted service to the University. Runnels has served as an elder in the church for more than 20 years, first at Inglewood and now at Culver-Palms. Sylvia Rose Cobb, principal of Luckett Christian Academy in Taylor, Michigan, was honored for her numerous contributions to Christian hymnody from authoring nearly 200 hymns to producing a hymnal and several cassettes of Christian music.

Alonzo and Katherine Welch of Jackson, Mississippi, and J. Harold and Roxie Thomas of Conway, Arkansas, were honored for their lifetime of service to the church. Among their many contributions to the cause of Christ, the Welch's were especially commended for their 30 years of service to Sunnysbrook Children's Home, and the Thomases were lauded for their long years of sacrificial service with mission

churches in New England.

At the annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday evening, Pepperdine recognized the significant contributions of two scholars in the church, Abraham Malherbe and Everett Ferguson. Both men were honored for their work in the classroom, their scholarly publications, and their contributions to the *Restoration Quarterly*, a journal of Christian scholarship.

In addition to the various Pepperdine awards, *21st Century Christian Magazine* presented their annual Christian Journalism Award to Lynn Anderson, the pulpit minister for the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. Anderson has published three books in the past two years, including *If I Really Believe, Why Do I Have These Doubts?* which served as the basis for a major class in Smothers Theatre during lecture week.



Clarence Dailey



Roy Osborne



Charles & Amy Jo Runnels



Sylvia Rose Cobb



Alonzo & Katherine Welch



J. Harold & Roxie Thomas



A. Malherbe & E. Ferguson



Lynn Anderson

God Came Near . . .

by Bill Henegar

"I haven't felt that close to God in a long time." The written words of a preacher from Tennessee seem to summarize the feelings of many as they reflect on the 49th annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures of April 21-24, 1992.

The Lectures began on Tuesday evening with a large opening night crowd packed into Firestone Fieldhouse in Malibu. Keynote lecturer Lynn Anderson captivated everyone with his personal and spiritual message taken from the Lectures central theme, "A God So Near." That Deuteronomy theme, which one preacher from Ohio called "the best I have ever attended," was then woven throughout the other main lectures presented over the next three days by Chris Smith, Paul Watson, Rick Marrs, Chris Bullard and Gary Selby. Steve Flatt brought the week to a dramatic conclusion with his compelling final lecture inviting listeners to "Now Choose Life."

Once again, there was a very special atmosphere at the Lectures. "Thank you for a lovely week! I came away with hope!" wrote a woman from Salinas, California. Then she added, "I am not aware of any other opportunity for members of our movement to come together in such a climate of freedom where learning and growth and recommitment to the more central issues of our spiritual life can take place." A woman from a Christian college in Texas agreed, describing the lectures as "promoting honest dialogue for the church."

A church bulletin article from Texas picked up the refrain: "Pepperdine is famous for the refreshing freedom of its annual Bible Lectures. Last week, Malibu again recaptured the spirit of Campbell, Stone, McGarvey and others who eagerly and openly explored all religious issues without rancor." And a local Los Angeles preacher joined the chorus as he wrote, "Change is in the air, and I think that once again the Pepperdine Lectures are at the cutting edge."

Featured classes included such outstanding speakers as Rubel Shelly, Sylvia Rose Cobb, Prentice Meador, Richard Hughes, Oliver Howard, David Davenport, Birgie Houston, Royce and



Smothers Theatre was the setting for enthusiastic overflow audiences for daily classes taught by Rubel Shelly (above), Oliver Howard, Mike Cope and Lynn Anderson.

Pam Money, Rick Atchley, Jeff Walling, Tom Olbricht, Mike Cope, LaGard Smith, Leonard Allen, John Allen Chalk, Dale Manor, Steve Lemley and many others. The subjects of late evening programs ranged from contemporary worship to conflict resolution and featured Jerry Jones, Randy Lowry, Gregg Hood, Ken Young and Milton Jones. In all, there were 182 unrepeatable classes, in addition to breakfast, luncheon, and dinner programs and other special events.

Lectures director Jerry Rushford was praised for devising and directing an extraordinary line-up of events. A La Habra, California, woman wrote, "I can never thank you enough, nor can I compliment you enough for your expertise in coordinating this spectacular 'happening.' The talents you assemble in one place for four days are absolutely amazing!" She called the Lectures "the richest banquet of my life!"

A preacher from Alabama defined why, in his opinion, the Pepperdine Bible Lectures are so different. He wrote, "Some folks in this part of the country do not understand why I want to go to Pepperdine's Lectures. But it is simple. I do not benefit by going and hearing an enthusiastic restatement of things I have heard all my life, which is what I usually find at college lectures. I do benefit by hearing things that are challenging and provocative." A minister from Virginia commented on the immediate benefits of such a lecture series for the church: "My

preaching is always energized to a new level when I return from the week there."

Challenge, freedom, talented teachers, investigation, spiritual growth, "new wine being poured into new wineskins," as one Northern California elder put it . . . there are many ingredients that combine to make the Pepperdine Lectures exciting and unique. But for many, this year's Lectures were very special and personal in that they helped them experience "A God So Near." And that, it would seem is well worth the investment of four days of one's life.



Tim Kelley leads the closing-night audience in "Blest Be the Tie"



Ken Young and Hallal! lead a contemporary worship experience



Richard Hughes makes church history come alive



Karen Hood lectures in Firestone Fieldhouse



Steve Flatt exhorts his listeners to "Choose Life"



Joyful praise to "A God So Near" resounds through Firestone Fieldhouse



John Allen Chalk teaching on the Holy Spirit

49TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Kenneth Greene talks about knowing Christ



LaGard Smith examines difficult issues confronting the Church



Carley Dodd explores the world of teens



Royce & Pam Money help families in crisis



Robert Jones redefines leadership



A time for catching up on the latest books



Relaxed moments for dialogue and reflection between classes

MEMORIES

When the Church was Young in Northern California (Part II)

by Jerry Rushford

The Church of Christ in Woodland, California, had its genesis in the fall of 1854 when Joshua Lawson preached a sermon before "a huge crowd" on the Shellhammer Ranch. According to one source, "He continued to preach in groves and from place to place until a school house was built by the little community, and in this they held their services."

That same fall, Lawson received word that a preacher in the Church of Christ, John N. Pendegast of Kentucky, had recently arrived in the California mining country. He wrote to Pendegast urging him to come to Woodland and hold a protracted meeting.

When Joshua Lawson and J. N. Pendegast met in Woodland in the late fall of 1854 it was the beginning of an eight-year partnership that would make a lasting impression on the growth and direction of the church in California. Together they sent for that veteran organizer of churches, Thomas Thompson, who assisted them in organizing a congregation of "about 27" charter members.

Pendegast was so encouraged by the prospects in Woodland that he moved his family there in the following spring. Upon settling in Woodland, Pendegast taught in the area's first public school. In addition to preaching regularly for the Church of Christ, he was frequently called upon for weddings, baptisms and funerals. In 1856, Pendegast was a public school trustee in Woodland, and in the general election of 1857 he was elected to the office of County Clerk for Yolo County.

The next year, Pendegast was named associate editor of *The Western Evangelist*, a monthly periodical that was the only journal to serve the needs of the Churches of Christ and Christian Churches in California at that time. By 1863, Pendegast had become editor of the paper and changed its name to *The Christian Teacher*.

The Churches of Christ and Christian Churches of California gathered statistics for the first time in 1860. At that time, there were 27 congregations with a combined membership of 1,223. The three largest congregations were located at Woodland, Santa Rosa and Vacaville. Led by Joshua

Lawson and J. N. Pendegast, the Woodland church was now "the most influential church in California."

In the spring of 1860, the question of starting a Christian college in Woodland was considered and approved. An attractive three-story building was constructed on ten acres of land, and the name Hesperian College was agreed upon. The name was inspired from the Latin word "hesperia," which meant "the western land."

Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the sixteenth President of the United States, Hesperian College enrolled its first students. The Board of Trustees was eager to commence instruction on that historic occasion, although the building was not yet completed. Professor Oscar L. Matthews, a graduate of Alexander Campbell's Bethany College, was the board's choice to be the founding president of the college.

It was not surprising to see an open



Hesperian College, Woodland, California

According to one record, J. N. Pendegast was "one of the chief men in founding Hesperian College." Pendegast was part of the three-member building committee, and he was one of the original stockholders. Although Joshua Lawson was the first chairman of the board, he served less than two years before he died on December 21, 1862. Pendegast assumed the reins of leadership upon the death of Lawson and served as chairman for more than 16 years.

On March 4, 1861, the same day

Bible in the center of the official college seal. The college was founded by people who were committed to restoring the authority of the Bible in every sphere of life, and from the first day of instruction the Bible was the central text in the college curriculum. Prospective students read the following words in the college catalog:

"Believing that knowledge is power, and that all power misdirected is dangerous, the Faculty give their constant attention to the moral training of the pupils. The exercises of each day

are introduced by reading the Sacred Scriptures, singing, and prayers, together with remarks and questions upon chronology, evidences of Christianity, and the sublime morality of the Bible.

"We offer no apology for introducing the Bible into our school. We believe it to be the great fountain of moral purity and of both civil and religious liberty. It teaches that which no human science ever taught, or can teach, and that, too, which is of infinite value to the human race. It reveals God to man, and man to himself."

Hesperian College came to be known as "The Bethany of California" for its similarity to Alexander Campbell's college. It flourished as a co-educational institution for nearly forty years before closing its doors in 1897. The college catalogs of 1867-1869 reveal an average attendance of more than two hundred students annually, which was a commendable achievement for a Christian college located in a small town.

Pendegast served as professor of sacred literature in the college for a number of years, and he even filled in as the interim president of the college in 1872-73. During his year as president, the Bible Department was established as a three-year course of study. This department was designed to provide a general and practical knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and to prepare students for the Christian ministry. Hesperian College was successful in training a significant number of ministers for churches affiliated with the Restoration Movement.

Another story from 1872 illustrates the influence of Pendegast on the growth of the church in California. Charles Vincent, an elder in the Church of Christ in San Francisco, made a fortune in mining stocks in the early 1870s. He determined to invest a tenth of it in securing preachers for the churches in San Francisco and Oakland. Pendegast was called into counsel, and a strategy was agreed upon. As a result, in 1872 Pendegast was sent back to the Midwest—the heartland of the Restoration Movement—to select two preachers to take up the work in the Bay Area. He chose Thomas P. Haley and James C. Keith. Haley was a veteran church builder who had spent most of his life in Missouri, and Keith was a recent graduate of Kentucky

University who had studied under J. W. McGarvey and Robert Milligan at the College of the Bible. In due time, both men came west. Haley took up the work in San Francisco, and Keith began preaching for the church in Oakland.

Another young man who showed great promise in the ministry was William Wirt Pendegast, the son of J. N. Pendegast. However, in the 1860s, the full-time California ministry did not seem to him a promising field. He chose a political career instead. Following graduation with a law degree, he was elected to the State Senate from Napa in 1867 at the age of 25. His aspirations for a career in the United States Senate were cut short by his untimely death on March, 1, 1876, at the age of 34.

For many years, J. N. Pendegast and his family lived in a home on College Street between Pendegast and Oak. But in 1878, he had a new Victorian home built a little



The Pendegast residence

further east on College Street. This Italianate style home with Doric motif on the front columns still stands today. In fact it is one of the homes on the historic walking tour of Woodland. Ironically, the owners of this historic home, Kevin and Charla Hart and their two children, are members of the Church of Christ in Woodland and share a common spiritual heritage with the original owner of the house. J. N. Pendegast died in the home on April 22, 1879, at the age of 67. Jane survived her husband by 31 years. When she died in 1910, she was laid to rest next to her husband in the Woodland cemetery. Several of their children are buried around them.

When John and Jane Pendegast arrived

in California in the fall of 1854, there were no Christian schools, no church newspapers, and less than 10 organized congregations of the Church of Christ in the state. But when John was nearing his death 25 years later, he could look with a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment on a movement in California that had grown to include more than 90 congregations, five Christian colleges, and several fine Christian periodicals. More importantly, the quarter-century that Pendegast served in California was a time of peace and harmony among the churches. The tragic division that tore asunder the Restoration Movement in the 1890s would have both surprised and grieved him.

A generation of Christians has grown up in California who never heard of John and Jane Pendegast. In their time, they were affectionately known as "Uncle Pende" and "Aunt Pende" by everyone in the church in Northern California. Although now sadly forgotten, it was pioneer men and women like them who first laid the foundation in California upon which we now build.

Pepperdine University announces the Master of Science Degree in Ministry in Sacramento, California

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 September of this year and conclude in the spring of 1994. Substantial scholarship aid is available for interested applicants in the Sacramento area. Classes will meet every other weekend and utilize the facilities of the Church of Christ in Rancho Cordova.

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by Rick Rowland

Fred Espin, recent University of California, Davis, graduate, won the *Campus Journal* sponsored logo contest with his original design to help our movement celebrate 100 years of campus ministry in 1993. Espin has been very active in the Davis Church of Christ Campus Advance for Christ. (Persons desiring a clear copy of the logo to use on their campus ministry letterheads or envelopes through 1993 should contact Rick Rowland at Pepperdine.)

The University of California, Santa Barbara, Campus Advance for Christ hosted ten students from Abilene Christian University during the 1992 spring break to do evangelistic work at UCSB, as well as to work with the homeless at Transition House on the beach, plus other activities. UCSB campus minister, **Ron Smith**, also reports that seven students from three universities participated in an eight week long summer internship in campus ministry. The seven interns from Oklahoma State University, ACU and Pepperdine were scheduled to be involved in daily Bible studies, evangelistic outreach, and community service projects at Los Priedos Boys Camp and Mona Boulevard Church of Christ in south-central Los Angeles. They will also attend the National Campus Ministries Seminar in August at North Carolina State University.

Two recent graduates of UC Davis, **Peggy Stubblefield** and **Laura Hanson**, have been sent by the Davis church to do campus work in Florence, Italy, for two years according to **Kevin Bolton**, campus minister. Besides campus evangelism work, the two will be a part of the Avanti Italia Mission effort.

Scott Lambert, campus minister and his wife, Kim, along with 13 Pepperdine students, left for Moscow on May 7, 1992, to encourage the Church of Christ in that city and to teach English to the Russian people using the gospel of Luke. Four Pepperdine graduates have taken a six month temporary residence to work with the Moscow Church of Christ which was founded in 1991 and is under the oversight

of the Malibu Church of Christ. The four graduates are **Amy Wilson**, **Lee Kendall**, **Darren Nicholson**, and **Debbie Leonard**.

Through the leadership of preaching minister **David Hill**, the Central Church in Sacramento is completing their second year of work with Campus Advance at California State University, Sacramento. Two students were baptized into Christ this past year.

David Altizer, formerly of the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, is the new campus minister at San Luis Obispo, California, where he follows **Amy Gordon** in serving the students at Cal Poly and Cuesta College. Altizer received an M.S. in ministry from Pepperdine and is a graduate of the Northwest Evangelism Internship program that included evangelistic work at the University of Washington with campus minister **Mike Dollar**. Altizer recently married **Alice Rice** from Seattle.

Hal Blackburn, campus minister at New Mexico State University, a part of the ministry of the University Church in Las Cruces, informs us there were nine students baptized into Christ this past year and that the fall and spring retreats had 95 present.

At the January 1992 West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar at Santa Barbara, it was decided to change the name of the event to Western Campus Ministry Seminar starting in 1993 at Fresno, where the College Church serves as host. The 1994 WCMS will be held at the University of Arizona with Tucson's Mountain Avenue church serving as sponsor . . . **Andy Miller**, campus minister for the Bakersfield Westside church, led a group of six students to Varna, Bulgaria, this summer . . . **Doug Baker**, campus minister for the College Church of Christ, lead a group of six Fresno students to Switzerland for evangelistic work this summer.

The Boise State University campus ministry students have made a decision to "adopt" **Rex and Marion Earnhart**, new missionaries to Heidelberg, Germany,

and to send them monthly financial support. The Boise State University students also were participants last spring in the first ever Rocky Mountain Campus Ministry retreat in Jackson, Wyoming, that also included students from the University of Wyoming and Montana State University.

The University of Texas at the Arlington Student Center recently sponsored **Dr. Douglas Dean**, Pepperdine biology professor, who spoke on campus on "Evolution Versus Creation." The campus student newspaper, *The Shorthorn*, gave the well-received lecture outstanding coverage.

The University of Arizona campus ministries recently sponsored **Dr. Mike Moore**, minister for the Tatum Boulevard Church of Christ in Phoenix, in a two day seminar on "Ethics for Christian Decision Makers," and later sponsored **Ted Stewart**, archaeology professor from Sunset School of Preaching, who spoke to students twice on topics covering Noah's Ark and the parting of the Red Sea.

Randy Schilling, campus minister at the University of Alberta's Campus Advance, reports he has been accepted as a chaplain at the university. He says this has given him added credibility and has already opened new doors.

Chris Waldrum and **Dwayne Simmons** have begun their second year of campus ministry programs at U.C.L.A. The club now has official status at U.C.L.A. where Dwayne is a member of the faculty. The Culver-Palms congregation sponsors the work which conducts weekly Bible studies for both undergraduate and graduate students.

The United States Department of Education estimates that the number of college students in America will climb from 14.1 million in 1991 to 16 million in 2002 . . . *The Chronicle of Higher Education* reports students are more poorly prepared for college than 25 years ago. The proportion of students who said one of their "life goals" was "being well off financially" increased to 75.6 in 1987 from 39.1 percent in 1970.



More than 100 Korean Christians assembled on the Pepperdine University Campus in Malibu June 16-19 for the 10th Annual Korean Mission Workshop. "Our Identity as a Church of Christ," was the theme for the four-day event. Most of the lectures were held in Stauffer Chapel and speakers included Tom Olbricht, Jerry Rushford, Don Williams, Don Kinder and Robert Clay. Participants traveled from as far as Korea to attend the event. Seven states and Canada were also represented.

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furthest to the west in Los Angeles County is led by Andre's Gonzalez in Hawthorne. Gonzalez is a minister of Cuban descent who initiated his work at Hawthorne in late 1981. In the northwest quadrant of the county, at the Church of Christ on Sherman Way in Van Nuys, Fernando Quintanilla continues the evangelistic efforts of the late George Rodriquez. Quintanilla took on this responsibility in 1990, and they now average about 50 in attendance on Sunday morning.

Not far from Van Nuys is the Spanish-speaking congregation of the Burbank Church of Christ which is under the able leadership of Wintilo Garcia. Garcia has helped begin Hispanic works throughout Los Angeles County for about three decades. Around 1983, he started his labors at Burbank and was one of the first to publish a weekly bulletin in Spanish.

The late Howard A. White, fifth president of Pepperdine, and an elder at the Malibu Church of Christ, had a dream concerning evangelizing the Hispanic Americans in Los Angeles County. Beginning with prayer (and he solicited the prayer support of other godly people) in 1983, he set in motion an effort which resulted in a thriving, Spanish-speaking congregation at the Central Church of Christ in downtown Los Angeles. This was an Anglo church of 30 members meeting in a building that could comfortably seat 500 people. In the 1940s the Central

Church was packed nearly every Sunday. But by 1983, the neighborhood had changed drastically, and the area was predominantly Spanish-speaking. So the Malibu Church (another elder there at the time was Bill Stivers), raised support for a Spanish-speaking missionary to begin work downtown among the Hispanics. God blessed this work, and today Bernardino Dimas of San Felipe, Mexico, is preaching at Central for a congregation of 80 members. While other churches assist with his support (Malibu, Redlands and Culver-Palms of Los Angeles), Dimas has begun receiving support from the Spanish-speaking congregation as well.

Dr. Howard White's approach is a model for how Hispanic ministries may come into being in the greater Los Angeles area. Other Churches on the West Coast can follow the pattern set by his leadership. There are four basic steps: find an area where demographic changes have caused a church to lose many members. Pray for that church. Work with the leaders there to begin an outreach to the predominant population. Make a long-term commitment to the new work (15 years, for example) and follow through responsibly.

One thousand Hispanics enter Southern California every day. Many, because it is a transition time in their lives, are receptive to the Good News of Christ. What an exciting and wonderful challenge God has placed before us! We must dare to dream.

Christian Leadership Conference at Pepperdine

The second annual Christian Leadership Conference was hosted recently by the Pepperdine University Admission office on the Malibu campus. High school sophomores and juniors known for their qualities of leadership attended this program, which is an effort to promote strong leadership within high school students among Churches of Christ from throughout the United States.

Nominated by local church leaders, 70 students representing eleven states attended the weekend event. Featured speakers were Dr. Thomas Bost, chairman of the Board of Regents, and Dr. William Banowsky, member of the Board of Regents and former Pepperdine president.

Conference founder and director Paul Long said, "I believe there is a great need for leadership from young Christian men and women. The idea is to dedicate a weekend to thinking about, studying about and acting upon leadership." The unanimous feedback from students indicates that Pepperdine has indeed provided a forum for such leadership development. A number of the participants expressed that, as a result of the Christian Leadership Conference, they now actively seek to lead whereas prior to the weekend they did not place a concerted effort on developing the skills of leadership.

The third annual Christian Leadership Conference is planned for May, 1993. If you wish to nominate a student who will be a junior in high school next year, please contact Lawrence Murray, admission counselor, at (310) 456-4392.

The 22nd Annual Thanksgiving Youth Festival!

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Joel Solliday, a graduate of Abilene Christian University and Pepperdine University, is currently preaching for the Church of Christ in Moorpark, California. In addition, he is an accomplished artist and it has been his assignment in recent years to paint the theme backdrop for the annual Bible Lectures. The assignments have required more time and effort and the work has become more detailed in the past few years. The most recent Bible Lecture theme backdrop was the finest Lecture crowds have ever seen. Each year's canvas is saved and painted over the following year. Solliday was approached a number of times during the recent Lectures by admirers of his work offering to pay for a new canvas next year if he would save this year's work.

Palomar Mountain Retreat

The 15th annual ladies retreat hosted by the Clairemont Church of Christ will be held September 17-19, 1992. The three-day event will take place at Palomar Mountain and will feature speakers Sandy Sibley of Campbell, California, and Katie Turner of Bakersfield, California. The theme is "Sweet are the Promises." For more information contact: Jane Harris (day) (619) 273-5140 or Judy Davis (eve.) (619) 277-0930.

San Diego Lectureship October 1-4, 1992

Theme:
"Christ in You the Hope of Glory"
Colossians 1:27

Featured speaker:
Jimmy Jividen of Abilene, Texas

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in Nashville, Tennessee, July 14. He will speak at a youth rally at the Church of Christ in Katy, Texas, August 17 and at the annual lectureship at International Bible College in Florence, Alabama, September 24-26.

Professor of Communication **William Stivers** taught at the Instituto Baxter in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, during June and spoke for the Spanish annual Bible series at the Church of Christ in Montebello, California, July 4.

Kanet Thomas, assistant to the president, spoke in Palm Springs to District 34 of the Associated Women for Pepperdine, May 30. She will be the "kick-off" speaker for the women's program at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 27.

Glenn Webb, director of Asian studies, preached for both the English and Japanese congregations of the Westside Church of Christ in Los Angeles, May 31 and will do the same on August 30.

Don Williams, associate director of church services, preached for the Church of Christ in Hollywood, May 3. He spoke during the month of June at a fund-raiser for Sonrise Christian School in Covina, California; "Encounter" at Lubbock Christian University; at the 10th Annual



Dr. Nyal Royse was honored by Christian Children's Services of California as the Humanitarian of the Year. The Fourth Annual Humanitarian Award dinner was held April 4 at the Church of Christ in Norwalk, California. Dr. Royse was honored for his many years of service in Christian education, ministry, publications, and community service and for the way he has encouraged others to serve with joy.

Korean Mission Workshop held at Pepperdine; a youth rally at Opryland in Nashville; for Sunday assemblies at Berry's Chapel Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee; and at the Red River Bible Encampment in New Mexico. He preached for the Northwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, July 26 and will speak at a "Leaders for Christ" seminar at Oklahoma Christian University July 27-31. He will speak at a youth rally in Seiling, Oklahoma, August 8 and 9; at "Faithquest" in Portland, Oregon, September 4-7; and in Nashville, September 17-19 at the National Youth Minister's Seminar.

Tim Willis, assistant professor of religion, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ May 31.

Chancellor Emeritus **Norvel Young** spoke at the 12th annual Lipscomb Davis Lectures at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, May 1 and preached for the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, California, May 24. He spoke at the installation of AWP's national board officers on June 13.

Helen Young was the featured speaker for a women's day in Oxnard, California, May 30 and will teach a class in Oakhurst, California, at Yosemite Bible Camp, September 11-13.



Pepperdine Community Loses A Beloved Professor

The Pepperdine University community is mourning the passing of Dr. Douglas Dean. A professor of biology at Pepperdine for 30 years, Dean suffered a brain hemorrhage the morning of June 24 and died that evening.

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 27, at the Woodland Hills Church of Christ with Ralph Beck officiating. In addition, a memorial service was held in Stauffer Chapel at the University's Malibu campus on Tuesday, June 30. Long-time colleagues of Dean, Drs. Paul Randolph and Norman Hughes spoke at the memorial.

Dean distinguished himself as an outstanding scholar, thinker and commentator on the subject of science and the Bible. He lectured, debated and wrote extensively on the subject, addressed many church and school groups and appeared numerous times on television and radio programs. He was in the process of completing a book on the creation-evolution controversy, *The Origin of Life*. In addition, Dean was a member of a special state-appointed committee assigned to write "Moral Guidelines for the Public Schools of California."

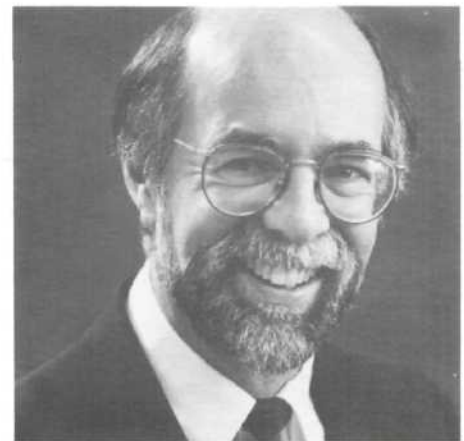
He received his B.S. (1950), M.S. (1955), and Ph.D. (1959) from the University of Alabama. He also completed some graduate work in religion in the early 1950s at Abilene Christian University.

He was a professor of biology at Abilene Christian University for nine years and served as chairman of the biology department for the last three of those years.

During his tenure as chairman of the biology department at Abilene, Dean proposed and introduced the program for the master's degree in biology. He was professor of biology at Pepperdine University from 1962 to the time of his death, during which he led the development of the biology program for Seaver college on the Malibu campus and chaired the committee which proposed and introduced the sports medicine program.

While a student and young professor he preached for churches of Christ in Alabama and Texas. After moving to California, he served as minister for the Hermosa Beach Church of Christ from 1962 to 1966 and as minister for the York Boulevard Church of Christ in Los Angeles from 1966 to 1979. He continued to preach frequently for Churches of Christ after he no longer served as full-time pulpit minister. Dean became a member of the Woodland Hills Church of Christ in 1979 and served as an elder of this congregation for the past eight years.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lucia J. Carpenter, M.D., and by their three children: Deborah (Beyer), M.D., Kenneth, and Stephanie—all three children are graduates of Pepperdine University.



Dr. Richard Hughes, professor of religion at Pepperdine University, will be the featured lecturer at the 13th Annual William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program at Pepperdine. The lecture will be given on Monday evening, November 9, 1992, at 7:30 in Smothers Theatre.

Columbia Lectures

"Genesis: A Family Legacy" is the theme for the Columbia Christian College Lectures set for October 21-24, 1992. Speakers include Mike Cope, Rick Marrs, Bill Such, Mike Armour, Rubel Shelly, Lynn Anderson, Tony Ash and LaGard Smith.

An extra day has been added to the program this year—Saturday has been set aside for events planned for families.

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The 52nd Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

July 26-31, 1992

Theme: "God's Happy People"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>City and State</u>
26	10:45 a.m.	"God's Happy People"	David Davenport	Malibu, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Hunger for Righteousness" "Believers"	Tex Williams Gary Evans	Austin, TX Lubbock, TX
27	9:30 a.m.	"Peacemakers" "Comforted"	Larry Roberts Melvin Weldon	York, NE San Leandro, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Pure in Heart" "Seek Him Wholeheartedly"	Stanley Lockhart Harvey Stow	San Angelo, TX Anaheim, CA
28	9:30 a.m.	"Humble" "Die in the Lord"	Jerry Lawlis Darrel Davis	Pueblo, CO San Diego, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Read, Hear and Do What is Written" "In God's House"	Larry West Dan Jocoy	West Monroe, LA Tri-City, OR
29	9:30 a.m.	"Do What is Right" "Called Unto the Marriage Feast"	John Clayton Lewis Robinson	South Bend, IN Carmichael, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Merciful" "Suffer for Righteousness Sake"	Jimmy Jividen Jack Exum	Abilene, TX Royston, GA
30	9:30 a.m.	"Forgiven" "Know the Joyful Sound"	Randy Lowry Norman Gipson	Malibu, CA Lubbock, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"Abundantly Blessed by the Lord" "Patiently Wait on the Lord"	Rusty Bolton Terry Baker	Visalia, CA Rancho Cordova, CA
31	9:30 a.m.	"Inherit the Kingdom" "Find Strength in Him"	Les Earwood Edwin White	Carlsbad, NM Phoenix, AZ

Class teachers will include Bruce Logue of Lodi, CA; Walt Fennel of Gold River, CA; and Don Kern of Sacramento, CA. There will also be ladies, singles, and college classes. For information and accommodations, write or call Florence Johnston, 2950 Routier Road, #19, Sacramento, CA 95827, (916) 361-7149. The 1993 Yosemite Family Encampment will be held July 25-30.

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