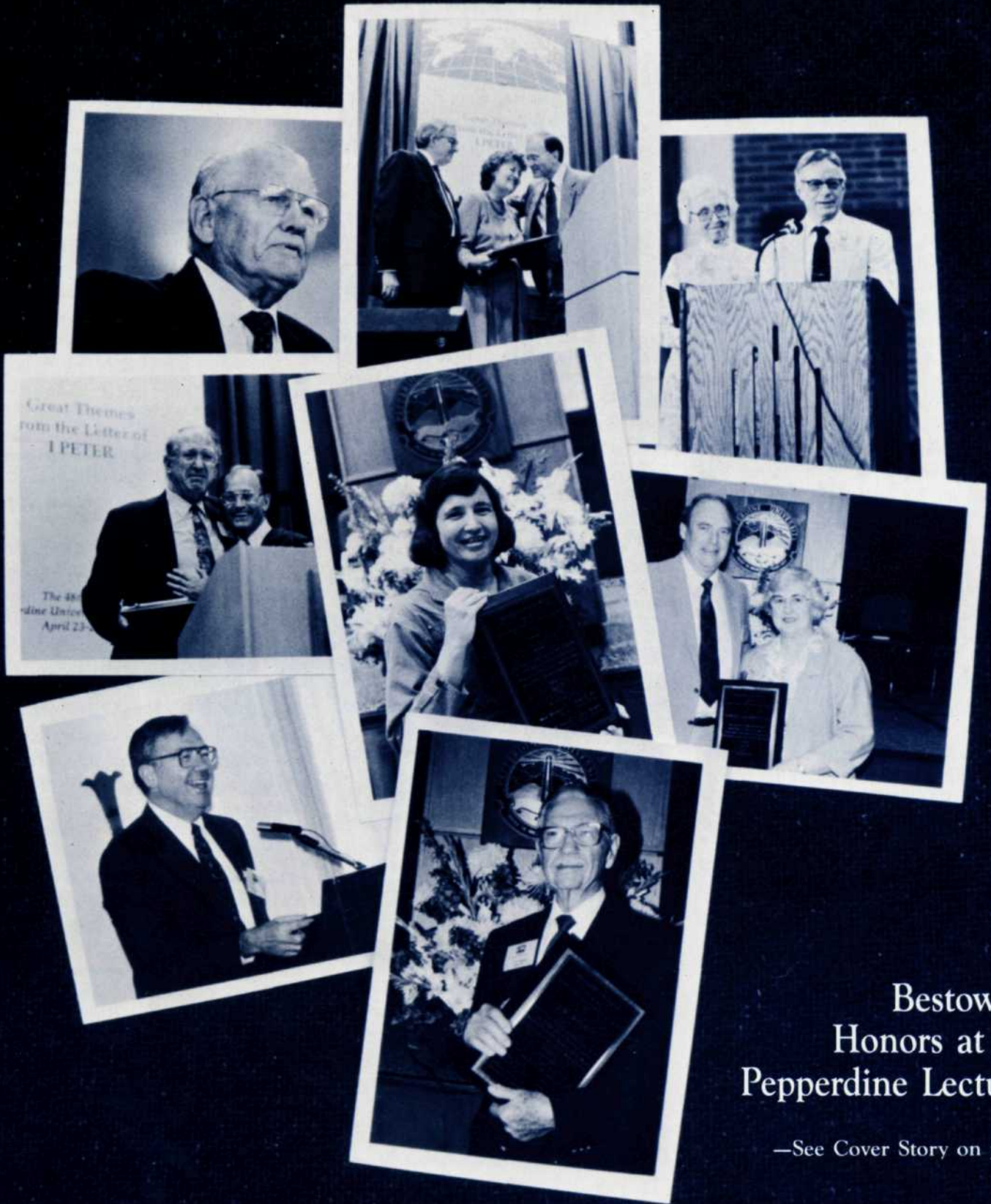


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Bestowing Honors at the Pepperdine Lectures

by Jerry Rushford

The week of the 48th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures (April 23-26) was characterized by large and enthusiastic crowds, delightful weather, excellent teachers and lecturers, thunderous singing, joyful reunions, and the presentation of several special awards.

The University took great delight in honoring ten individuals with Distinguished Christian Service Awards during the week. Those cited included ministers, missionaries, educators, editors, authors, and one career librarian. With the exception of J. D. Thomas and Jack and Annie May Lewis, whose selections had been announced earlier, all of the recipients were completely unaware of the honor until their names were called. The element of surprise was a unique component of the honoring ceremonies which unfolded nightly in Firestone Fieldhouse.

Eighty-two year old F. W. Mattox was honored for his long career in Christian education. Dr. Mattox was a professor at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, from 1942 to 1956, when he became the founding president of Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas. He served as president of LCU for eighteen years.

Geoffrey and Doreen Ellis have served faithfully in the Canadian mission field since 1954. They gave thirty years to Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, where Doreen was a member of the faculty and Dr. Ellis served as president for twenty years. Dr. Ellis has been an associate editor of the *Gospel Herald* and a staff writer for *IMAGE Magazine* for many years.

Professor J. D. Thomas taught on the Bible faculty of Abilene Christian University for more than forty years. He was director of the ACU Bible Lectureship from 1952 to 1970, and he was chairman of the Bible department from 1970 to 1979. Dr. Thomas has authored several books and numerous pamphlets in the field of Biblical studies.

Pepperdine honored one of its own alumni when Billie Silvey was chosen on Thursday evening. Billie has been the associate editor of the monthly *21st Century Christian* for many years, and she has served as a contributing reporter for *Pacific Church News* since its beginning in 1983. By authoring nine books on various Biblical

themes, Billie Silvey has touched thousands of lives.

Harvey and Sue Porter were also honored on Thursday evening. The Porters began the Montgomery Boulevard Church of Christ in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with 30 members in 1956, and 35 years later they are still serving the same church. Today, the Montgomery Boulevard church has more than 1,100 members and is vitally involved in African missions. From 1965 to the present, this church has assisted in planting 52 congregations (averaging two a year) in Swaziland.

At the annual Appreciation Dinner on Friday evening, Pepperdine recognized the significant contributions of Jack and Annie May Lewis. Dr. Lewis was a professor of Bible at Harding University from 1954 until his recent retirement. From its beginning in 1957, he taught at the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee. Dr. Lewis has authored several scholarly volumes in the field of Biblical studies. Annie May was the librarian at Harding and later became the librarian at the Harding Graduate School of Religion.

On Friday evening, Pepperdine honored its own "Big" Don Williams, who was cited for his many years of service to the church and for the completion of his first twenty years at Pepperdine. Don has been the director of all twenty of the annual Thanksgiving Youth Festivals which Pepperdine has hosted since 1971. Don travels more than 100,000 miles every year, speaking for youth rallies, seminars, camps, church services, and other spiritual occasions.

In addition to the various Pepperdine awards, *21st Century Christian Magazine* presented their annual Christian Journalism Award to Dr. James Thompson, the president of the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas. Dr. Thompson is the author of *The Church in Exile: God's Counter Culture in a Non-Christian World*. This commentary on I Peter was published in the fall of 1990 and provided direction for the planning of this year's Pepperdine lecture program on I Peter.

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Clockwise from the top left, those receiving honors during the Pepperdine lectures were:

J. D. Thomas, Harvey and Sue Porter, Jack and Annie May Lewis, Geoffrey and Doreen Ellis, F. W. Mattox, James Thompson, Don Williams, and Billie Silvey (center).

MINISTRIES

Pepperdine Program Helps Strengthen Los Angeles Churches

by Billie Silvey

Having worked with the Mona Boulevard Church of Christ since it began with five members in 1968 until the present, with 400, Thamar Williams knew the members needed a procedure to stabilize and encourage growth in the church. They needed well-trained Bible teachers. That's when they turned to Pepperdine University for assistance.

Since 1987, the Mona Boulevard church has grown even faster. Their total conversions were more than 100 in 1990. Thus far in 1991, they have baptized 35 into Christ. "As fast as we convert them, we need additional teachers to continue that growth process," Williams says.

In September of 1988, he approached Pepperdine to reinstitute a special off-campus Christian Education Certificate program that had operated several years ago. Again functioning as the director, Thamar works closely with Jerry Rushford and the office of Church Services which oversees the program. The six-course program, balancing Biblical studies, evangelism, and teaching methodology, consists of 36 hours of instruction for each course. All instructors are approved by Pepperdine, having at least a master's degree and being qualified to teach at the college level. Dr. Herman Hughes, Dr. Pearl Clay, Dr. Ed Ellis, Stanley Mitchell, and Marsha Williams are current teachers. Among those who have taught previously in the program are Don Williams, Jack Burch, David and Nugget Skates, and John McKeel.

The current program began in 1989 with one education center — the Mona Boulevard church building. At the start of the second semester of the program another center was added — the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ in Pasadena. And during this current semester the program has expanded to yet a third center — the Normandie Church of Christ in Los Angeles. Plans are to eventually offer classes at Churches of Christ throughout the Los Angeles area.

A minimum of twenty students is required to establish a center, and classes generally are limited to twenty students. Preachers, youth ministers, and Bible

students from 14 local churches are currently represented in the program. Williams says, "More than 70 per cent of the first group are now nearing completion." They are scheduled to graduate on August 3 at a special graduation ceremony to be held on Pepperdine's Malibu campus.

Courses follow the semester schedule of the University and are held in the fall, spring, and summer. Classes meet once a week for three hours over a three month period, and new students may enter the program at any point. Admission requirements include two letters of recommendation from church leaders and a one-time application fee of \$25. Tuition for each course is \$100, with minimal charges for books and materials.

"Jesus was called 'a teacher come from God'," Williams explains. "I believe we must get back to a ministry of the Word in order to build strong churches based



Dr. Herman Hughes teaches students in the Christian Education certificate program at the Normandie Church of Christ of Los Angeles.

on the Bible." He calls the church's partnership with Pepperdine "a happy marriage," emphasizing that "the University is a gold mine of resources the church can use."

Williams holds both a bachelor's and a master's in religion from Pepperdine and has preached 21 years for the Mona congregation which began in his father's home. His wife, Marsha, also received both a bachelor's and a master's from Pepperdine. They have two children, Tamara, 13, and Ciani, 10. Marsha Williams teaches sixth grade for L.A. Unified School District.

Located in Los Angeles, in an area bordered by Compton, Lynwood, and Long Beach, the Mona Boulevard church approaches such social ills as gang violence and teen pregnancy with teaching and training, combined with evangelistic outreach.

Williams says, "Lives changed by the Word of God touch other lives more significantly and more effectively than can any social program."

The certificate program is dedicated to training Christians in Los Angeles County communities to be more effective Bible teachers, better Christian leaders, and examples of Christ to those around them. If you would like additional information on the Christian Education Certificate program and how it can assist you in your ministry, call Thamar Williams at (213) 763-4616.



The Mona Boulevard sign prominently advertises to the community the Christian Education Certificate Program.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Mary Speaks

Dan Anders, minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, spoke for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, California, for their "survivors" support group June 2. He spoke for a graduation banquet for the Church of Christ in Torrance, California, June 8. He will speak three times on the Yosemite Family Encampment program, July 21-26 and at a gospel meeting for the South Main Church of Christ in Roswell, New Mexico, in September.

Fred Barnes, director of the health and counseling center, conducted a workshop for married couples for the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles, May 3-5.

Vice President for University Affairs **Andrew Benton** preached for the Church of Christ in Pacific Grove, California, May 5 and spoke to the Church of Christ in Whittier, California, May 19.

Calvin Bowers, professor of communication, preached for the Dellcrest Church of Christ in San Antonio, Texas, June 2. He preached for a meeting of the Tonto Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, June 23-28 and conducted a teacher training seminar for the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ in Riverside, California, June 15. He is a national director and speaker for the National Youth Conference to be held at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, August 5-11, and he is chairman of the campaign committee for the annual Los Angeles Campaign for Christ to be held August 4-30 in Carson, California.

Associate Professor of Communication **Mike Casey** presented a paper at a seminar held by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, "The Churches of Christ in the Post-Modern Age," in Nashville, Tennessee, July 17-18. He presented a paper at the Christian Scholar's Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, held July 18-20 at David Lipscomb University.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Church of Christ in

Oxford, England, in late April. He preached for the Culver-Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, June 16. He will preach for the 50th anniversary Sunday at the Church of Christ in Torrance, California, October 6.

Clarence Hibbs, professor of social science, will speak for the Vacation Bible School program of the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, California, July 30.

Herman Hughes, associate dean of education for the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, taught for the Christian Education Certificate Program held at the Normandie Church of Christ in Los Angeles in May, June, and July.

Campus Minister **Scott Lambert** spoke at campus ministry retreats for the University of California, Davis, April 5-7 and Iowa State University April 19-21. He and his wife, Kim, led a summer mission team from the Malibu Church of Christ to Moscow, May 25-July 3. He will teach a class at the National Campus Ministries Seminar July 29-August 1 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

D'Esta Love, dean of student affairs, will be the featured speaker for a women's retreat at camp Daybreak for the Church of Christ in Walnut Creek, California, September 27 and 28.

Professor of Religion **Stuart Love** read a paper in Madrid, Spain, at the 1st International Conference on the use of Social Sciences in New Testament Studies, May 6-8. He preached for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre, California, June 2 and 16.

Stuart and D'Esta spoke for a marriage seminar at the Southwest Church of Christ in Tigard, Oregon, May 16-18.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, gave the keynote lecture at the Church Leadership Seminar at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, May 3-4.

Associate Professor of Religion **Rick Marrs** spoke at the Ministers Sermon Seminar held at the Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas, May 20-23. He preached for the Church of Christ in Whittier, California, May 5 and presented a paper at the Christian Scholars

Conference.

Tom Olbricht, chairperson of the religion division, preached for the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre, California, May 19 and taught for the Church of Christ in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, June 2. He responded to papers presented at a seminar for the Disciples Historical Society in Nashville, Tennessee, July 17-18. He will speak at the Lake Geneva Encampment in Wisconsin, August 12-16.

Vice President for Finance **Mike O'Neal** spoke at an installation luncheon for the Associated Women for Pepperdine on May 11 in Tucson, Arizona.

Associate professor of communication **Rick Rowland** preached for the Church of Christ in Hollywood, California, June 2. He will teach at the National Campus Ministries Seminar.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, preached for the Church of Christ in Van Nuys, California, June 2. He was the opening night speaker at the 41st annual Blue Ridge Encampment in Black Mountain, North Carolina, June 17, and he preached for the Church of Christ in Palm Springs, California, June 23. He spoke on the Nashville Jubilee program July 4-6, and preached for the Church of Christ in Hendersonville, Tennessee, July 7. He will speak at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 21-26.

Professor of Communication **Bill Stivers**, will speak for the Iglesia de Cristo (Spanish-speaking Church of Christ) in Montebello, California, September 2.

Don Williams, associate director of church services, spoke for Encounter at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas, June 12; the summer youth series in Amarillo, Texas, June 13; the summer youth series at Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas, June 18; for "Uplift" at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, June 23; and for summer youth camp in Fresno, California, June 24-29. Don spoke for summer youth series at Bethany, Oklahoma, July 2; for the teens and singles at "Jubilee" in Nashville, Tennessee, July 4-6; for the Grand Canyon Family Encampment in Flagstaff, Arizona, July 8-10; and for the summer youth series

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LECTURES

A Gathering of Strangers

by Bill Henegar

After prayers, introductions, and lilted, lofty anthems, the crowd fell silent as Harold Shank rose to speak. It was April 23, opening night of the annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures. Anticipation was in the air, but few were ready for the impact the lectures and lessons would have on the more than 4,000 attendees.



Keynote Harold Shank

Shank spoke of traveling outside a city, trudging down a dirt path to a clearing and seeing a shack-like structure where he had been invited to speak. It was Bethany Church—"the church in the forest," as he called it. The 80 or so Christians who met there were outcasts, aliens in their own families and in their own nation. It turned out that Bethany Church was in the U.S.S.R.

The opening night speaker went on to set the stage for the entire program by challenging the audience and the church at-large with "a call to be priests to the world, a call to be strangers who make other strangers welcome . . . to be strangers who follow a Stranger." Shank closed by quoting a Russian poet who was imprisoned early in this century: "It is a terrible thing to fall into chains, to die in captivity . . . but worse, far worse to sleep—to sleep—to sleep—in liberty."

It was the beginning of an exceptionally spiritual, enjoyable, tiring, rewarding, inspiring, challenging, touching, and intense three and a half days. There were 156 unrepeated classes—the most ever—in addition to the theme lectures by Howard Norton, Rick Atchley, Milton Jones, Jack

Reese, Dean Smith, Rubel Shelly, and Harold Shank. Late into the evening, people enjoyed the lessons of Steve Flatt, the drama of Phil Nash and Marshall Leggett, and the singing of several choral groups. Then for the "die-hards," there was pie and coffee in the cafeteria until nearly midnight.

From the break of dawn, with a variety of breakfast meetings, to midday, with special luncheons, to the evening, with wonderful dinners that honored and entertained, the days were filled to overflowing. A gracious senior woman from Memphis reflected, "After many years of attending lectureships, I can honestly say that I've never enjoyed one so much as this one."

The lectures seemed to be particularly encouraging to preachers. A minister from New Mexico wrote, "Working 'in the trenches' with a local church, your focus can become blurred by the pressures of the daily grind, the narrow focus of some, and constant battles that are fought for the souls of people. The lectureship brought back a spirit of life that I had allowed to diminish. I heard 'grace, grace, grace . . . people, people, people . . . Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.' Those themes reminded me of my mission, reaffirmed the fact that my heart and ministry are headed in the right direction, and reminded me that I'm not walking alone."

From Michigan, another preacher wrote, "the lectureship is the high point of my

year. It refreshes me, enthuses me, gives me useful ideas, puts me in contact with stimulating people, and renews within me a sense of the importance of my ministry. The Pepperdine lectureship has come to . . . represent (and encourage) all that's good and hopeful in the Churches of Christ today."

A former California preacher confessed, "Since moving . . . the Pepperdine Lectures have become essential for my personal equilibrium." But it was not only ministers who went away uplifted. A Dallas couple remarked, "There simply is nothing like this anywhere else in the country." And the associate dean at a Christian university in another state described the four days in April by saying, "That had to be one of the best experiences of my life."

It is becoming a common theme—every year attendees go away saying, "This was the best lecture series ever." And that was again true of this 48th annual gathering. The venerable J. P. Sanders, veteran of scores of lectureships, echoed the feelings of many letter-writers when he wrote, ". . . this last lectureship was perhaps the best we have ever had."

And so, they have scattered back across the United States and around the world whence they came—several thousands of them . . . strangers, exiles, aliens in an often hostile environment. They gathered for a few beautiful moments to encourage one another. But now they are scattered again. For there is work to be done.



A crowd of more than 4,000 gathered on opening night.

SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S 4



A variety of displays in picturesque Joslyn Plaza



Jeff Walling calls the church to action



A time for families



Max Lucado talks about Jesus



John Willis exhorts on prayer

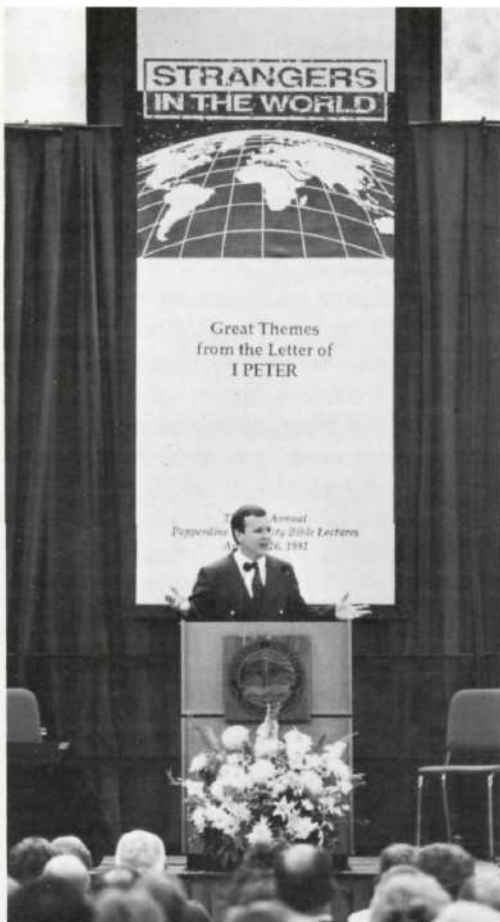


A festive evening banquet in the cafeteria



A class on worship in Stauffer Chapel

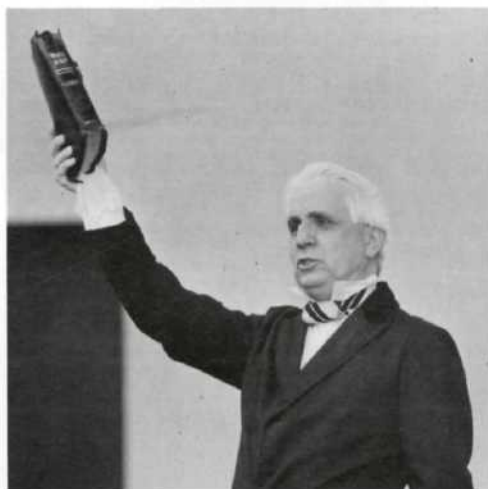
8TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Milton Jones preaches on "In His Steps"



Phil Nash and Dave Trice portray Peter and Silas



Marshall Leggett as Alexander Campbell



Katie Turner in Firestone Fieldhouse



Jeanene Reese teaches on spiritual warfare



Oliver Howard confronts the theme of human suffering

PROFILES



HOWARD JONES

Howard Jones began work on May 1 as campus minister at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho.

Howard received a B.A. in religion from Pepperdine University (1990). Upon graduation he was named Outstanding Senior Male Graduate and Outstanding Religion Student. Howard received the Batsell Barrett Baxter Christian Service Award as an undergraduate, and he served as a campus ministry intern for two years. He is currently pursuing an M.A. in religion from Pepperdine.

Howard is on the writing staff for *Western Campus News*, a journal for campus ministries in the western United States.

He married Evelyn Earnhart of Oswego, New York, on July 6.



BILL SUCH

Bill Such began serving January 27 as pulpit minister for the College Church of Christ in Fresno, California.

Bill was academic principal of the Otago Bible Chair at Otago University in New Zealand, (1975-1981). In addition, he taught at the South Pacific School of Biblical Studies in Tauranga, New Zealand.

Bill received a B.A. in history from Otago University, New Zealand, (1974); an M.A. in New Testament from Knox College, Dunedin, New Zealand, (1978); a Th.M. from Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California,

(1986); and is a candidate for the Ph.D. in New Testament studies from St. Mary's College, University of Saint Andrews, Scotland.

After moving to the United States in 1982, Bill served as pulpit minister (1982-1986) for the Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, California.

He and his wife, Susan, have a son, Grayson, 3, and are expecting a second child in December.



MARK BIXLER

Mark Bixler began June 15 as pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Santa Clarita, California.

Mark served as outreach minister for the Church of Christ in Missoula, Montana, (1983-1987) and pulpit minister for the Kibler Avenue Church of Christ in Enumclaw, Washington, (1987-1991).

Mark received a B.A. in Bible from Harding University, Searcy, Arkansas, (1977) and an M.A. in religion from Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee, (1989). He and his wife, Brenda served as full-time missionaries in Germany from March 1978 to July 1979.

Mark and Brenda have two children, Mindy age 13 and Jeremy age 10.



ANDREW WALL

Andrew Wall began June 30 as pulpit

minister for the Church of Christ in Costa Mesa, California.

Andy received an M. div. from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, (1991). While at Abilene, he received a certificate of outstanding academic achievement, graduating 4.0. He received both a B.S. in math/computer science (1985) and an M.S. in ministry (1989) from Pepperdine University.

Andy served as youth minister for the Church of Christ in Ventura, California, (1986-1989). While at Pepperdine, he helped to organize a missions interest club and served as its president as well as serving as a missionary apprentice in Newcastle, Australia, during the summer of 1985.

He is married to the former Carrie Giboney.



PAUL ROBERTS

Paul Roberts will begin August 1 as pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Walnut Creek, California.

Paul served as pulpit minister for the Westwood Church of Christ in McMinnville, Tennessee, since 1983. He was a Bible instructor and Chapel director for Columbia Military Academy and youth minister for the Graymere Church of Christ in Columbia, Tennessee, (1978-1983).

Paul received a B.A. from David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, (1978). He co-founded the Youth Workers' Enrichment conference which is now in its 11th year and has reached an annual national attendance of more than 500.

Paul and his wife, Ann, have two children, Rachel and Doug, and a third child is due as of this writing.

Another Successful GNEW!

The 13th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop was held in Tacoma, Washington, on the Pacific Lutheran Campus, July 3-6. About 3,000 were in attendance for the workshop sponsored by the Lakeview Church of Christ and directed by Dale Smith.

The theme, "Our God Is Able!" was addressed in seven keynote sessions given by Marvin Phillips, Larry West, Wayne Kilpatrick, Doug Parsons, Jeff Walling, Gregg Hood, and Lynn Anderson. Also offered were special classes for women; the TLC (Teens Living for Christ) program; an all day children's program; co-op day care; singing concerts; a singles' workshop and banquet; "Imaginality" teachers' workshop, and exhibits.

For information about next year's exciting GNEW program, contact Rowena Hanson at (216) 848-2632 or Dale Smith at (206) 537-5181.

Second Annual Preacher Training Camp

The 2nd annual preacher training camp will be held in Big Bear, California, at Camp Tanda August 11-16. The Southern California School of Evangelism is sponsoring the camp for young men 8th grade and older. Elders, preachers, and youth ministers are encouraged to recommend the camp to young men in their congregations who would benefit from the week of intensive study.

Students will be studying the parable as a literary form. Each student will be placed in a group of four other students with an experienced preacher to serve as mentor. Students will work individually and collectively on a specific parable.

Campers will be taught public speaking skills which they will develop in their mentoring groups. On the final night of camp a representative from each group will present a lesson from the parable which they have studied.

The cost is \$100 per camper. More information is available from camp director Ron Sherman. He may be contacted at the Southern California School of Evangelism, 7201 Walnut Avenue, Buena Park, CA 90620, (714) 523-8362.

William Stivers Honored with Humanitarian Award

Pepperdine University Professor of Languages William Stivers has been named Humanitarian of the Year by Christian Children's Services of California. The award was bestowed at a special dinner held June 29 on Pepperdine University's Malibu Campus.

As inscribed on the invitation to the award dinner, Stivers was honored "for his many acts of kindness to children in Mexico and the United States, for his inspiration to others to become involved, and for his service to the church and the community." "He does so much for so many that probably not even his family is aware of all he's done to serve others," said John Free, member of the Board of Directors for Christian Children's Services.

Indeed, the contributions Stivers has made of his time, resources, knowledge, and love are innumerable. He has taught Spanish lessons for the Malibu community for many years. Although there is no fee for the lessons, Stivers gives his students an opportunity to contribute money to children and families in Mexico he has met and knows are in need. His trips to Mexico to deliver needed items, money, and love are uncountable. In addition, he has handed out numerous loads of clothes to the people on the streets of central Los Angeles. These are just a few of the incalculable acts of service William Stivers quietly performs. It is not surprising, that as an elder for the Malibu Church of Christ, he is overseer

for the benevolence program of the congregation.

This is the third year Christian Children's Services of California has presented the Humanitarian of the Year award. Kenneth Hahn, supervisor of the 2nd district of Los Angeles County and Pepperdine alumnus, was honored in 1989, and Earl Farmer, founder of the City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico, was honored in 1990.

Grand Canyon Family Encampment

The 2nd annual Grand Canyon Family Encampment was held July 7-10 at the Coconino County Fairgrounds in Flagstaff, Arizona. Among the 15 featured speakers addressing the theme, "Meet Yourself in the Bible," were Mike Armour of Dallas, Texas; Don Williams of Inglewood, California; and Chris Bullard of Overland Park, Kansas.

In addition to the main class program were youth programs, children's classes, women's classes, songfests, and a nightly campfire devotional.

More than 700 were in attendance for this annual event.

The 1992 encampment dates are July 5-8. For more information, contact Edwin White at (602) 242-3025.



The Painter Avenue Church of Christ in Whittier, California, recently dedicated their \$1 million family life center. The building is 16,000 square feet and will house a gymnasium, fellowship hall, kitchen, and classrooms. Special honorees for the February 24, 1991, dedication were Byrtle Burrow, Mabel Lyon Bennett, Bernice Forman, and Inez Cosby. All four women were charter members of the Whittier church when it began in 1938.

Malibu Church Sends Summer Mission Teams

Again this summer numerous Pepperdine students and alumni are traveling throughout the world to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Mission teams have been preparing for many months for their outreach in 6 cities in 5 countries. They have studied together, prayed together, and worked diligently to raise the necessary funds to fulfill their commitment to missions in Gosford and Sydney, New South Wales, Australia; Moscow, USSR; Nigeria, West Africa; Mons, Belgium; and Lisbon, Portugal.

The team for Gosford left the United States June 21 and will work in Gosford until August 4. The team is composed of Angela Baird, Amy Bost, Glynis Cairns, Leslie Parks, and Walter Surdacki. This is Walter's second summer in Gosford.

The team for Moscow consists of Brad Cupp, Jason Hawes, Gail Hopkins, Wilson Parrish, Roger Smith, Ben Wall, and alumni Jeff Cooper, Scott and Kim Lambert, and Eric and Jennifer Wolford. The team was in Moscow May 25-July 4. This is not the first Pepperdine summer mission trip for Jeff, Scott, Kim, Eric, and Jennifer who served in Belgium in the summer of 1990. The Lamberts' work in Moscow is a result of their continuing commitment to give each summer of the 90's to mission work. Jeff Cooper, Ben Wall, and Jason Hawes will remain in Moscow an additional six months to continue the work this team began together.

The Sydney team consists of Mona James, Kristen Jensen, Craig Means, Ryan Nearing, and Jeanna Stolle. They began their work June 21 and will continue through August 4. This is Kristen's third summer in New South Wales having previously served two consecutive summers in Gosford.

Two Pepperdine students served the Nigerian Christian Hospital in Nigeria by performing a variety of tasks from stocking shelves to assisting with minor surgeries. Paul Giboney, a biology student, worked from May 2-June 22, and Jason Kite, a chemistry student, worked from May 23-June 22.

For a second consecutive summer a team worked in Mons, Belgium. This year's team consisted of Becky Carter, Tara Dawson, Andy Hughes, Keith Rhoades, and Bryan

and Julie King. They arrived on May 13 and served in Mons until June 25.

Six students began work in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 17 and will continue until August 3. The team consists of Jason Albaugh, Debbie Leonard, Jody Richardson, and Bryan and Julie King.

For more information on Pepperdine's future summer mission programs contact the Malibu Church of Christ at (213) 456-4504.

L.A. Campaign for Christ Set for August



Jack Evans

For more than 15 years, the annual Campaign for Christ has been hosted by Churches of Christ in the Los Angeles area. This year's campaign will involve more than 25 Churches of Christ in the planning and preparation of the month-long event. Meetings will be held August 4-30, Sundays through Fridays at the Carson Community Center.

"One of the many objectives of this year's campaign is to maximize the relationship between this Los Angeles campaign and the national campaign 'One Nation Under God,'" explained Los Angeles campaign director Dr. Calvin Bowers. Information on both efforts will be given to each household in the communities neighboring the campaign meeting site.

Dr. James Maxwell, vice president for Southwestern Christian College, will be the featured speaker for the first two weeks of the city-wide meeting. The second two weeks will feature Dr. Jack Evans, president of Southwestern Christian College.

For more information contact Calvin Bowers or the Figueroa Church of Christ at (213) 456-4208 or (213) 758-9210.

Annual Women's Retreat at Palomar Mountain

The Clairemont Church of Christ in San Diego, California, will hold their annual women's retreat September 19-21 at the Palomar Mountain Christian Conference Center. Featured speakers are Jo Ann Walker and Kayann McPeak. The theme for this year's event is "A Child of God." For more information contact the Clairemont Church of Christ at (619) 273-5140 or Joan Book at (619) 278-1956.

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in Mesa, Arizona, July 25.

Assistant Professor of Religion **Tim Willis** taught for the Church of Christ in Woodland Hills, California, April 7-May 12. He also presented a paper at the Christian Scholars Conference.

Professor of Communication **Morris Womack** will preach for the Church of Christ in Clay City, Indiana, during their gospel meeting August 11-16.

Helen Young was the keynote speaker at the National Convention of Women's Auxiliaries for Christian Colleges and Universities held at David Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, June 7. She spoke at the women's auxiliary conference at York College in York, Nebraska, June 10, and on the York College lectureship June 10 and 11. Helen spoke on the Impact lecture program at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock, Texas, July 15, and will speak at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 21-26. She will speak for the women's retreat of the Eldorado Church of Christ in Boise, Idaho, September 12-14 and for the Harding University Lecture program in Searcy, Arkansas, September 30.

Chancellor Emeritus **Norvel Young** preached for the Military Base Chapel Church of Christ in Seoul, Korea, May 5 and for the Dae Jung Church of Christ in Seoul, Korea, May 12. He spoke for Oklahoma Christian University's Board of Trustees Retreat held in Eufala, Oklahoma, May 24. He was the keynote speaker at the York College lectureship held June 9-10 in York, Nebraska, and spoke for the Impact lecture program at Lubbock Christian University.

Gary Elliott Joins Pepperdine's Development Team

Dr. Gary D. Elliott, president of Columbia Christian College in Portland, Oregon, will join Pepperdine University as a senior development officer August 1.

In his new position at Pepperdine, Elliott will work closely with various University constituencies and be involved in institutional advancement.

"We are delighted to have Dr. Elliott join the University," said Pepperdine Chancellor Charles B. Runnels. "His experience leading an academic institution that also is affiliated with the Churches of Christ — combined with a strong teaching background — will make him a valuable member of the Pepperdine community."

Elliott, who has headed the 300-student undergraduate college since 1986, previously served at Columbia Christian as executive vice president, academic dean and English professor. Prior to joining Columbia Christian, he taught English at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, from 1967-1982. He also served as chairman of Harding's English department.

"Dr. Elliott will be an outstanding addition to the University," said Andrew K. Benton, vice president for university affairs. "He will play a key role in our efforts as Pepperdine strives to gain greater recognition as a Christian university."



Gary Elliott

Elliott received his doctorate from Kansas State University in 1973, his master's degree from North Texas State in 1968 and his bachelor's degree from Harding in 1962. Harding's Bible Department named him Alumnus of the Year in 1986, and he was awarded the school's Distinguished Teacher Award in 1980.

Listed in *Directory of American Scholars* as well as *Outstanding Educators*, Elliott has been a member of several professional organizations, including the Modern Language Association, the Conference on Christianity and Literature, and the College English Association.

Elliott, and his wife, Cheryl, currently reside in Gladstone, Oregon. They have two children, Douglas and Heather.

Columbia Christian College Lectureship Announced

"His Story/My Story" is the theme for this year's Columbia Christian College lectureship to be held on the Columbia Christian campus in Portland, Oregon. The event will take place October 15-17 and will feature speakers Jack Reese of Abilene, Texas; Jerry Rushford of Agoura, California; Bill Love of Houston, Texas; and David Bearden of Wenatchee, Washington. For more information contact Don Kinder in the Bible department at (503) 255-7060.

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The 51st Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

July 21-26, 1991

Theme: "Some Things That Really Matter"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>City and State</u>
21	10:45 a.m.	"Some Things That Really Matter"	Tex Williams	Austin, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"Identifying Things That Don't Matter" "Putting the Kingdom First"	Philip Slate Chris Bullard	Memphis, TN Overland Park, KS
22	9:30 a.m.	"Soul Winning" "Knowing Who The Enemy Is"	Larry West Melvin Weldon	West Monroe, LA San Leandro, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Loving My Brother" "Preaching the Work"	Jack Carter Jerry Jones	Castle Rock, CO Bridgeton, MO
23	9:30 a.m.	"Meditation" "Prayer"	Norman Gipson Ancil Jenkins	Lubbock, TX Miami, FL
	6:00 p.m.	"Knowledge of God's Word" "The Significance of the Church"	Gerald Paden Denny Petrillo	Lubbock, TX Denver, CO
24	9:30 a.m.	"God's Plan for Redemption" "Knowing God"	Don Humphrey Jerry Rushford	Nashville, TN Agoura Hills, CA
	6:00 p.m.	"Self Control" "How We Rear Our Children"	Ken Wilson Cecil May, Jr.	Modesto, CA Kosciusko, MS
25	9:30 a.m.	"Christian Integrity (Truthfulness)" "Trust in God"	Mack Lyon Truman Scott	Edmond, OK Lubbock, TX
	6:00 p.m.	"A Generous, Giving Heart" "Biblical Unity"	Paul Rogers Avon Malone	Centerville, TN Oklahoma City, OK
26	9:30 a.m.	"Compassion" "A Christian Attitude"	Dan Anders Doug Foster	Malibu, CA Nashville, TN
	6:00 p.m.	"Marriage, God's Way" "You"	Albert Hill Rusty Bolton	Muscle Shoals, AL Visalia, CA

Philip Slate, Dean of The Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, will teach a daily class at 8 a.m. in the church bowl on "How the Bible Instructs Us."

Paul Methvin, Orangevale, CA, will direct the encampment for the 21st consecutive year. For information and accommodations, write or call Florence Johnston, 2950 Routier Road, #19, Sacramento, CA 95827, (916) 361-7149. The 1992 Yosemite Family Encampment will be held July 26-31, 1992.

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