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Newest Family Encampment  
begins at Grand Canyon  
next summer

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## Family Encampments Continue To Grow

The first annual Grand Canyon Family Encampment will meet on the Coconino County Fair Grounds at Flagstaff, Arizona, July 8-11, 1990. There will be activities scheduled in Mather amphitheater on the west rim of the Grand Canyon.

The new family encampment, co-directed by Paul Methvin and Edwin White, will make a total of three such programs to serve Christian families in the West. The other two are the Yosemite Family Encampment, directed by Paul Methvin, and the Red River Family Encampment, directed by Jerry Lawlis.

The Yosemite Family Encampment celebrates its 50th anniversary in 1990. The Red River Family Encampment, just three years old, has experienced phenomenal growth. Although not yet as large as Yosemite, thousands gather under the tents at the foot of the ski-slopes at Red River for Christian fellowship and fun.

The purpose of family encampments is to provide Christian families an opportunity to combine their vacation time with Bible study and Christian fellowship. Mornings are filled with classes and theme speeches delivered by outstanding preachers, teachers and educators. Evening services and campfire programs provide further instruction, as well as entertainment. Most of the day is free for families to see the sights.

Those who attend the Grand Canyon Encampment will have an excellent opportunity

to discover the excitement of Northern Arizona. Near the encampment sight are the following places of interest: Pioneer Historical Museum; Coconino Center for the Arts; Museum of Northern Arizona; Fairfield Snow Bowl (ski-lift); Sunset Crater National Monument; Wupatki National Monument; Monument Valley; Oak Creek Canyon—Sedona; Tuzigoot National Monument; Jerome (an old ghost town); Montezuma Castle National Monument; Ft. Verde State Historical park; Meteor Crater; Petrified Forest/Painted Desert; Lowell Observatory; Riordan State Park, and others.

The Grand Canyon Family Encampment will be a sister to the encampments at Yosemite and Red River. All three share a common leadership and draw life and inspiration from each other.

In recent years the Yosemite Family Encampment has grown so large that there is not enough housing for all who want to attend. In 1989, the lack of available housing resulted in the denial of numerous Christian families who were eager to attend Yosemite. The Grand Canyon Family Encampment is designed to provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the Christian encampment experience.

For information regarding the Grand Canyon Family Encampment, contact: Grand Canyon Family Encampment, 2208 West Rovey Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85015. Tel. (602) 242-3025; 253-5578.



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## A Legacy of Loyalty

by Billie Silvey

In a highly mobile society where preachers move every two or three years and families relocate every four or five years, it is becoming extremely rare to find people who devote their lives to the people and place of their youth. Leroy and Ava McGrupe have given a lifetime to one church and one community—within a few miles from where they were reared. For 33 years, they have been builders of the Kingdom of God in Vallejo, California.

Leroy McGrupe, an outstanding athlete who grew up in Richmond, California, across the San Francisco Bay, was the first black commencement speaker at Richmond Union High School. That was in 1946, and in December of the next year he married his high school sweetheart, Ava Russell. They have two sons, Leroy III and Anthony, and five grandchildren.

The McGrupees were baptized into Christ in 1951 by the late F. F. Carson. Carson was one of the great pioneer preachers of Northern California, devoting 38 years to the Southside church in Richmond. Leroy began studying under Carson in preparation for the ministry. Five years later, he started work with the Church of Christ in Vallejo, a congregation of eight members who met in a rented room in the Labor Temple Building downtown. The little church had only \$105 in the bank.

Within three years, attendance had increased to between 50 and 75, and a bank account of \$10,000 allowed the purchase of 1 1/4 undeveloped acres in North Vallejo. A company building homes in the area asked to trade lots with the congregation—McGrupe was so cooperative they named the street for him.

A building was constructed on the land, and the house next door, which had been used as the construction company office, was purchased as the minister's residence. The McGrupees still reside at 100 McGrupe Avenue, where they have lived for over 30 years.

Vallejo is a bedroom community called the Hub, serving the Bay Area (San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, etc.) on the west and Sacramento and Stockton on the east. A transient town of 100,000 residents, it is known primarily as the home of the Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

The McGrupees' ministry there has centered primarily on door-knocking and home Bible classes and on helping the needy through donations of food and clothing. They participate in area congregational singings, and Leroy preaches on the radio every Sunday. A highlight of each year is the eight-hour trek

to Malibu in April for the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship. The McGrupees always arrange transportation for 20 or 30 members in order for them to enjoy the spiritual feast together.

The Vallejo church now numbers about 150. However, over the years, the McGrupees have baptized hundreds and trained many in personal evangelism. Because of the transient nature of the community, the fruits of their labor can be found all over the country.

Actually, their efforts have never been limited to strictly local ministry. "We traveled across the United States in the early years of our ministry," Leroy explains, "getting acquainted with members of the Church of Christ." He has preached in many cities in California, the Mid-West, and Texas, and in the early '70s he accompanied F. F. Carson to Haiti. The Vallejo congregation continues to contribute to mission work in Haiti and Nigeria.

Ava, who studied under the late Robert R. Price for a number of years, has taught junior high and high school girls for over 20 years. For the past four years, she has co-taught a ladies Bible class called the "Sister's Class" and has spoken on lectureship programs in the Bay Area and at Pepperdine.

When she began the Sister's Class, Ava's motto was, "Let's study the Bible, and then let's put it to work." The class began sending \$25 a month to Christian widows in Nigeria. When they learned of a group of orphans in the church, they sent contributions to them as well. Later, they added the regular support of a teacher at Nigerian Christian Institute.

When the school recently dedicated its new building in Uyo, the Sister's Class asked Ava to attend and planned a series of fund-raising events to send her. Two other women from the church, Mary Harper and Geneva Broussard, raised money on their own to accompany Ava.

Ava attended graduation and dedication ceremonies for the new building, spoke at the school, met with the teachers, reported on the work in Vallejo, and lectured in the village through an interpreter. "Meeting the Nigerians we support was the highlight of the trip," Ava said. "I had the chance to put my arms around them—that was worth the trip."

Highly respected by his preaching peers, Leroy McGrupe is now the senior minister among Churches of Christ in the Bay Area. In fact, only a tiny handful of preachers in all of California have labored with the same congregation for as many years as Leroy.

Last year, Leroy began a 15-minute sermon broadcast every Sunday morning on a new radio station near Stockton. The station has ties with Africa, and after his sermon has aired locally, it is sent to a college in Nigeria where it is broadcast every Friday night. The McGrupees get more responses from the program in Africa than from the local program.

This year when the Vallejo group makes its annual trek to Malibu, they will have the opportunity of hearing their own minister who will be teaching a class on the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship.

In October 1988, Ava retired after 24 years of work in a dress shop. Now she is able to devote her full time to her joint ministry with Leroy. Together, they are building a legacy of faith, courage, diligent effort . . . but most of all, a legacy of loyalty to the people and the land of their youth.



Leroy and Ava McGrupe, builders of God's Kingdom in the Bay Area for 33 years.



## Gene Stallings—The NFL's Tough, Caring Coach

by Edwin White

Gene Stallings got his opportunity to coach in the National Football League the old fashioned way—he earned it. Stallings grew up in Paris, Texas, a Bible Belt town where 72 churches serve 25,000 people—a town built on the foundation of hard work and trust, a place where a man keeps his word, if he's a man at all. Unlike Mayberry, Paris is a real place full of real-life Andy and Opie Taylors, Aunt Beas, and Barney Fifes. "Everybody knows everybody," says Stallings, and "everybody goes to the football games."

Raymond Berry, Sr., father of NFL coach Raymond Berry and Stallings' high school coach, said, "Gene made the high school varsity football team as a sophomore, but to tell you the truth, he probably wouldn't have made the club except that we had a bad team that year. But once he got in there, there was no getting him out. By his senior year, he was a star. There were a lot of boys I coached with more talent, but few of the boys ever were the competitor that Gene Stallings was."

Stallings' competitive spirit earned him the opportunity to play college football under Bear Bryant at Texas A&M. Bryant's first team at A&M suffered an embarrassing opening game loss to Rice. The next day Bryant saw his players in the cafeteria, preparing to eat. The deep-voiced disciplinarian stopped the procession with a growl, "The only boys who get to eat are the ones who were tough in that game yesterday." The players were not about to decide for themselves who was tough enough to eat. As they stood there, wide-eyed and shocked, Coach Bryant settled the question with another growl. "You—that little skinny thing over there—you go'n ahead and eat," and Gene Stallings was the only player to get a steak.

After graduation, Stallings followed Bryant to Alabama and served on his first coaching staff there. Seven years later, Texas A&M hired Stallings as head coach before the 1965 season.

One of the major problems Stallings faced at Texas A&M, where he had a disappointing record of 27-45-1, was that he was a 29-year-old football coach, the youngest in the country, at a school with a strong military program during the Vietnam war. Trying to lure high school football players to such a college with war escalating into Cambodia and college students burning draft cards was very difficult.

Still, he managed to get the Aggies into a Cotton Bowl, a feat that A&M would not repeat until almost two decades later under

Jackie Sherrill. Stallings only bright moment in an unsatisfying seven-year career at A&M was that 20-16 win over Bryant's Alabama team in the 1968 Cotton Bowl.

In 1972, Stallings joined Tom Landry's staff where, as the defensive backfield coach for the Dallas Cowboys, he got "blood out of turnips." Cliff Harris, Michael Downs, and Everson Walls came to him as rookie free agents. Charlie Waters came as a converted quarterback. All four defensive backs achieved All-Pro status.

While in his eleventh year as a Dallas Cowboys assistant, Stallings was called by the University of Alabama concerning the possibility of his filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Bear Bryant. The selection committee in Birmingham had narrowed the possibilities down to two men: Gene Stallings and Ray Perkins, coach of the New York Giants. The committee summoned Stallings to Birmingham where they asked, "We're getting behind in recruiting, and if we offer you this job, will you accept it right now without Coach Landry's permission?" Gene said that he could not, explaining that the Cowboys were driving for a championship, and he didn't want to disrupt the team late in the season.

With the "right answers" Gene Stallings could have had the Alabama job. However, those who know Stallings are aware that he doesn't know how to give the "right answers" if they're not honest answers.

In June, 1983, just three weeks before the beginning of the Cowboys' training camp, Stallings received a call from Marvin Warner, owner of the Birmingham Stallions of the United States Football League. He wanted Stallings to be his head coach.

Warner decided to help Stallings make up his mind. He knew that Stallings had just bought a 600-acre ranch called "Hike Away," just north of the Paris city limits. It was an expensive purchase, and he hadn't yet made a dent in the mortgage. Warner knew that the ranch was Stallings' dream, so as an incentive he pulled a blank check from his briefcase and told Stallings to fill in the amount owed on the land. All Stallings had to do was move to Birmingham and take the job. His response was to shake Warner's hand and say he couldn't do it.

"Somewhere along the line, your word has to mean something," Stallings reflects. "A man has to keep his word. I felt like I needed to honor my Dallas contract. One day, my



After 14 seasons as an assistant coach for the Dallas Cowboys, Gene Stallings became the head coach for the St. Louis (now the Phoenix) Cardinals.

daughters would be asking me for advice—to teach them about right and wrong. I wouldn't want them to have to say, 'Daddy, you didn't live up to your word.'"

In 1985, at age 50, Stallings began his 14th season as a Cowboys assistant. He kept getting bypassed for NFL head coaching jobs when other Dallas assistants such as Mike Ditka, Dan Reeves, and John Mackovic got them.

When the Cardinals ended the disastrous '85 season with a 5-11 record, owner Bill Bidwill went looking for a new coach. Unknown to Stallings, Roger Staubach, Lee Roy Jordan, Waters, Harris, Bob Lilly, and other former Dallas greats wrote Bidwill on Stallings' behalf.

"Stallings had been helping out young people all of those years," Waters said. He went on to say that nobody had heard of a lot of "kids," future Pro Bowlers, until Stallings taught them how to play the game. "Now it was time for people like Mr. Bidwill to hear about Gene Stallings," added Waters.

The Cardinals hired Stallings on February 10, 1986. A deep-voiced disciplinarian in the mold of Bear Bryant, Stallings whipped his team into shape during his first training camp. The team came to believe enough in their new coach to undergo a collective heart transplant that peaked during the pre-season when a Cardinal team that played ugly, gutless football in 1985





Stallings has had two heroes in his coaching career: Alabama's Bear Bryant and the Cowboy's Tom Landry. On a much deeper level, the most significant mentor in his life has been Jesus Christ.

walked into Chicago and traded punches with the world-champion Bears in an emotional 14-7 win.

As the Bears and Cardinals battled in the third-quarter, CBS commentator John Madden said, "This is good for them. These Cardinals have needed a fire lit under them for a long time."

Stallings' coaching style is patterned after his greatest hero, Bear Bryant. Their friendship endured for many years and was based on mutual understanding and a great respect for each other. "Even after I left I probably talked to him an average of twice a month for over 20 years. Things would happen good, things would happen bad, and somehow he would find out about it, and there'd be a letter on my desk from Coach Bryant."

According to Bryant's biographer, Mickey Herskowitz, Bear Bryant always wanted Stallings to assume his legacy at Alabama.

When Bryant died, the first call his secretary made from the hospital was to Gene Stallings. Some time later, Stallings served as a technical adviser on a Hollywood production of Bryant's life starring Gary Busey. At one point during the filming, Busey wanted to meet Bryant's widow and asked Stallings to introduce him. When they met in Alabama, Stallings thought Busey was too sloppily dressed and made him change his clothes—as far as Stallings was concerned, you treated the Bear's widow with respect.

Another of Stallings' heroes is Tom Landry. "From Coach Bryant, I learned to deal with people. Players respected and feared him, but always played hard for him. From Coach Landry, I learned how to organize and prepare. He never let a detail slip. His practices were precise. I don't know if you'll find a man who has better Xs and Os than Tom Landry."

With all his accomplishments, Stallings is

proudest of his family. He considers them the greatest thing in his life. His daughters are Anna Lee, 31; Laurie 30; Jacklyn, 25; and Martha Kate, 19. There is one son, John Mark, 27. Stallings' wife, Ruth Ann, is a charming friendly woman who greets everyone with a kind word and a broad smile.

Perhaps the most "popular" member of the Stallings family is John Mark. "Johnny," as most people know him, was born with Down's syndrome, a genetic disorder. Doctors told the family that he probably would not live a long life. The family was encouraged to place him in a home for retarded children.

However, Johnny has spent all 27 years of his life with the family at home. "We made a decision when we brought him home that he would be a part of the family. We go to church, we bring him. We go to the country club, we bring him. We decided we weren't going to hide him," says Stallings.

Ruth Ann Stallings says that Johnny has "added to people's lives." The nation recently learned about Johnny when he and his father did a television commercial for the United Way. The commercial showed Johnny riding horses on the Stallings' ranch, making a bracelet for his father, and attending a workshop for the handicapped.

Coach Stallings knows there are many handicapped children who are not as fortunate as Johnny, and their plight has become his cause. Special Olympics is one of Stallings' passions. He also writes letters to parents of handicapped children, talks to them by phone, and shares ways for them to cope with their problems. In addition, to traveling across the country raising money for a home for retarded children, Stallings visits children's hospitals, prisons, and speaks to civic groups all without fee.

Ron Bryant, minister of the Camelback Church of Christ in Phoenix, where the Stallings family are members, says of the family, "They are an inspiration to our congregation. I know of no family more genuinely concerned about people in need. Unaware of their fame, they are gentle, friendly, humble people." With the coming of the Cardinals, a new era began for professional sports in Phoenix—and also for the church in Arizona. For, not only has an inspiring coach come to town, an inspiring family has arrived that will encourage and bless Christians throughout the region, in addition to creating love and goodwill in the community . . . a caring coach, a caring family.



## Long Obedience, New Dreams

by Bill Henegar

Many have struggled with the question, "What is a 'New Testament church?'" A short answer might be "a church like the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington."

Indeed, the Northwest Church is an exciting example of what some of the earliest churches, such as the one in Antioch, may have been like. Descriptive terms that come to mind at the mention of Northwest are "people-oriented and Biblically based," "evangelistic and internationally minded," and, above all, "visionary."

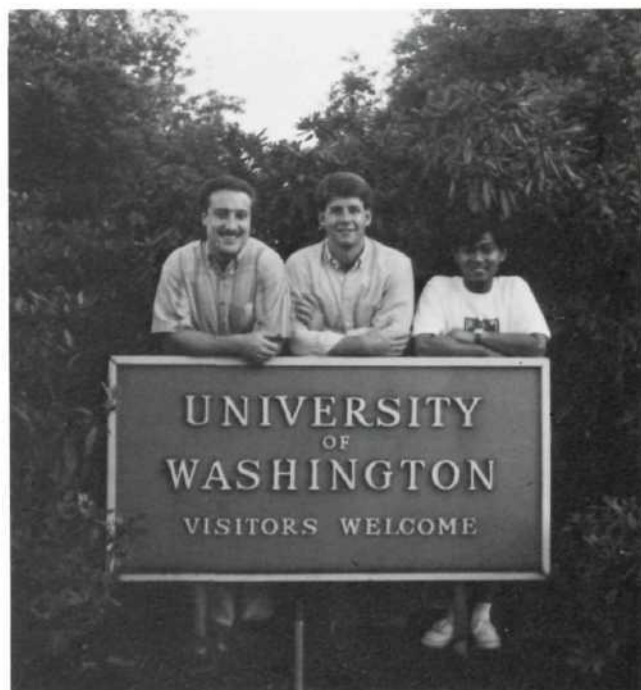
The energetic evangelist (a term they prefer to "minister of the Word"—and which somehow seems eminently appropriate) is Milton Jones. Along with an outreach team of young adults, he came to Seattle from Lubbock, Texas, to begin a campus ministry in 1978, a pivotal year for the congregation. In June of 1979, he was chosen to preach full time for the church.

The past 10 years have witnessed dramatic change and growth for the Northwest Church, and, in the opinion of many, the congregation deserves the description, "great." But greatness is the result of more than a mere 10 years—the blink of an eye in history. Greatness is the result of "long obedience in the same direction," in the words of Eugene Peterson.

The century had barely rolled over in 1902 when the venerable evangelist S. O. Pool, publisher of *The Biblical Educator*, came to Seattle. He met an extended family of Canadians who had recently relocated from the San Juan Islands in Puget Sound. The Walter family—George, Andrew, Mac, Navalet, Almira (Boyce), and Mary (Harris)—and the Pool family became the nucleus of what would one day become the Northwest Church of Christ. After Pool moved to Wenatchee, Washington, to preach full time in 1907, the little fellowship of believers continued to meet. Traveling evangelists and local members filled the pulpit for the next 20 years.

In the early days, O. H. Pound, a district manager for George Pepperdine's Western Auto Supply Company, became a great leader in the church. He brought many Christian employees to Seattle who would become influential for years to come. George Pepperdine himself visited regularly in the city and became very involved

The University of Washington is only one of the sites for campus ministry by the Northwest Church. Paul Henderson (left) is an intern in the campus ministry, as is Jer Villanueva (right). Lyle Jarvis (center) is a member of the mission team that will go to Hungary in 1990.



Rick Gleason (standing in front) was converted through the campus ministry. Now an elder, Gleason and his wife, Carolyn (right), organized a thriving ministry to the handicapped.

in the growth of the congregation.

In 1927, the church finally purchased its own building, and George Weston became the first full-time, supported preacher. However, Weston ministered for only a short time, and once again the congregation looked to part-time preachers.

The Northwest Church of Christ was officially incorporated in April of 1930. Six years later, Herman Wilson became the second full-time preacher. After devoting half a decade to

the church, he moved to Los Angeles to become an English professor at Pepperdine College. Beginning in the early 1940s, a series of preachers followed on into the '70s: J. E. Wainwright, H. R. Thornhill, J. C. Bunn, Malcolm Bowen, C. E. Fritts, Lyle Dalzell, J. Ed Uland, G. Henry Towell, and Arnold Burkett.

From the earliest days, the Northwest Church supported evangelistic and benevolent works throughout the state and around the world—a heritage that has blossomed into an astonishing international vision during the '80s. Over the years, Northwest has also been a "parent congregation," spawning new churches and strengthening struggling ones in the region.

These congregational traits were undoubtedly inculcated by leaders like Horace Hudson, son of English missionaries to Thailand, and a member at Northwest for more than 60 years, and later elders like Bob Davis, Sr., and E. Dale Douglass, Sr.—and so many others. There is also a history of scholarly and faithful Bible study that can be traced to S. O. Pool, Herman Wilson, J. C. Bunn, and Henry Towell—"giants in the land."

In 1974, one fourth of the congregation were past retirement age, and another 10 percent were close to that age. It was a dangerous trend





The Northwest Church ministry team (from left): John Greenlee, youth evangelist; Bill Lawrence, small group evangelist; John Rowley, campus evangelist; Dean Petty, "missionary in residence" preparing for Hungary in 1990; Sue Gaub, secretary; and Milton Jones, evangelist.

correctly identified and addressed by the elders. It was primarily Bob Davis and a ladies' prayer group who saw the potential vitality that a campus ministry and a new evangelistic thrust might bring to the Northwest Church.

Milton Jones, Bill Lawrence, and the Lubbock campus ministry team had nearly decided to move to Delaware after much research and prayer. However, Bob Davis and the Northwest Church were able to convince them that Seattle was a better choice. So in 1978, the 10-member team turned 180 degrees from east to west, and a new phase in the history of the Northwest Church began.

Within a year, Jones had been asked to fill the pulpit vacated by Jack McCall. Then, two years later, the Central congregation in Seattle merged into the Northwest Church, and the expanded group began meeting at their present location at 15555 15th Avenue NE.

In 1981, an important year for the congregation, a new wing was added to the building—but more importantly, Milton Jones' dream of an internship program got underway. Called the Northwest School of Discipleship, the program has developed campus ministers and church workers who have scattered across the nation strengthening congregations of God's people. Also in 1981, the congregation began meeting in small groups on Wednesday evening, replacing the one large meeting. These "Life Groups," as they are called, now number 40. They meet in locations throughout a two-county area and have been effective in both edification and evangelism.

The campus ministry, under the leadership of Bill Lawrence, has reached out with weekly devotionals and Bible studies to the University

of Washington, Seattle University, Shoreline Community College, North and Central Seattle Community Colleges, and is now being expanded to two more area colleges.

Milton Jones, in a very quiet, unassuming, yet inspiring way, has been the spearhead for much of the recent growth. At his side, Bill Lawrence seems to have tapped into the very heart of the Northwest Church. And always at

the core of the congregation is the vision of evangelizing the community and the world. In fact, in the first half of this decade, there were never fewer than 90 baptisms per year.

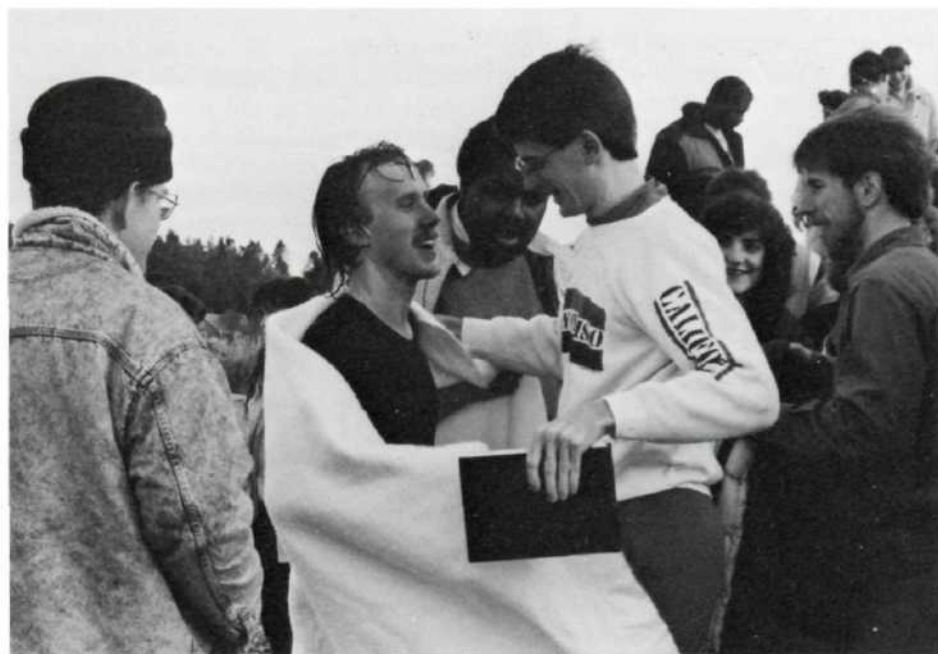
In 1987, Marv Law, an internship graduate and former campus minister, led a mission team to Hawaii and established the Ohana Church of Christ in Honolulu. Building on the tradition of outreach to such places as Honduras, South Korea, Nigeria, and Kenya, the Northwest Church sent more than a dozen workers to Bangkok, Thailand, this past summer to help evangelize the huge university in that capital

city. Now, Dean and Darla Petty have moved to Seattle to prepare a missionary team that will establish an outreach into the Eastern Block in Budapest, Hungary, beginning in 1990. And in the tradition of the past relief efforts in Poland and Ethiopia, the congregation has taken positive steps to help the homeless of the Seattle area.

To help avoid stagnation, the elders have called for new ideas for ministries, commitments, and changes. Not long after he was baptized, Rick Gleason started a ministry to the handicapped that has grown and thrived. And more recently, a development called "Genesis" was initiated to give group support to recent college graduates, both unmarried and married without children, who are launching out on their careers and their life journeys. And so, new dreams are being born.

What is a "New Testament church?" It is a church that is taking the Good News to its community, its region, its world. It is a church that is building love and concern among its members. It is a church that is thankful for a rich heritage but looks ever forward. It is a church where the assemblies are filled with a rainbow of Christians and a battalion of handicapped saints, all praising the God who has made them one.

It is the Northwest Church of Christ in a city called Seattle.



The greetings are warm for a new brother baptized into Christ in the chilly waters of Puget Sound.



## I Remember Dr. Green

by Jerry Rushford

Dr. William McAllen Green enjoyed two teaching careers that spanned nearly six decades. He was professor of classics at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1927 to 1962, and he was professor of ancient Christian literature at Pepperdine University from 1962 to 1974. Upon his retirement from Pepperdine, he moved to Santa Barbara where he served as an elder at the Turnpike Road Church of Christ for almost five years.

When Dr. Green moved to Santa Barbara, I was working on a doctorate in church history at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and preaching for the Turnpike Road Church. For the next four years he was my mentor in one of the most exciting chapters of my life. Even after I graduated and began teaching at Pepperdine in April 1978, we remained in close contact. When he died on October 21, 1979, his family asked me to conduct the funeral.

It was at the time of the funeral that I first suggested the possibility of beginning a lecture program at Pepperdine to honor the memory of William Green. It was agreed that the program would be held annually on a date close to the anniversary of Bill's death. Now that the first decade of these lecture programs has been completed, it is perhaps appropriate to publish a brief memoir of Bill Green for the readers of the *Pacific Church News*.

William Alfred Green and Maude Irene Powell, Bill's parents, were married in 1896. Their wedding ceremony was performed by B. F. Coulter, the preacher for the Broadway Church of Christ in Los Angeles where they were members. Their only child, William McAllen Green, was born on June 26, 1897, in Westminster, California, near Santa Ana.

Tragically, Bill never had many memories of his parents—his mother died when he was only five, and then his father died five years later. However, Bill was raised in a Christian home—following the death of his father, Bill was sent to live with his maternal grandparents, the Powells, in the Northern California community of Lakeport. His knowledge of the Bible was greatly enhanced by attendance at a three-month "Bible Reading" conducted by evangelist Ernest C. Love at the Forestville church in the winter of 1907-08. Although he was just ten years old, Bill won the award for committing the most scripture to memory. He was baptized into Christ about that same time by Chris Condra. Condra was a carpenter-preacher who was preaching for the Broadway

William and Ruby Green were married on April 20, 1928, in Berkeley, California. This photograph was taken two years before their golden wedding anniversary while they were living in Santa Barbara.

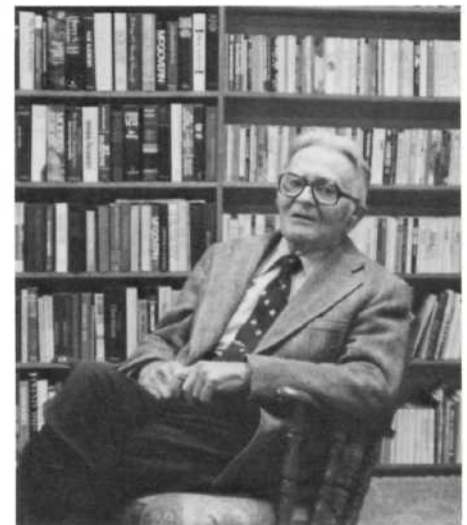


and Walnut Church of Christ in Santa Ana at the time. At a later Bible Reading conducted by evangelist G. W. Riggs at the Broadway and Walnut Church in Santa Ana in 1914-15, Bill was again awarded the prize for Bible memorization.

During his undergraduate years at the University of California in Berkeley, Bill was an active member of the Ingleside Church of Christ in San Francisco where he was frequently called upon to preach. After his graduation with the class of 1919, Bill served as principal of a high school in American Samoa (1919-1920), as a principal of Savannah School in El Monte, California (1920-21), and as a teacher at Alhambra High School near Los Angeles (1921-26). During the Alhambra years he preached regularly for the Church of Christ in Alhambra and met George Pepperdine for the first time.

By the fall of 1926, Bill was back at Berkeley working on a master's degree in classics. He received the M.A. in the class of 1927 and was invited to join the faculty as an instructor in Latin. In addition to teaching, he continued his studies at Berkeley and was awarded the Ph.D. in 1930 for his research on Augustine's *City of God*.

When Bill returned to Berkeley in the fall of 1926, he no longer had to travel to San Francisco to worship with his brethren. T. B. Larimore was preaching for a small congregation in Berkeley that was meeting in the YMCA building, and property had been acquired at the corner of Prince and Fulton for a church building. Construction began the next year, and the new building was dedicated on



I took this picture of Dr. Green in my study during our last visit before his death.

January 1, 1928. The future of the Berkeley church was bright, a future that would soon be intertwined with Bill Green and his new bride.

Bill first met Ruby Lanier in 1927 when he accepted a preaching appointment one Sunday in Santa Rosa. She was a graduate of Santa Rosa Christian Academy and a member of the Church of Christ at First and E Streets. Bill and Ruby were married in Berkeley by T. B. Larimore on April 20, 1928. Theirs was the first wedding performed in the new church building at Prince and Fulton. By 1930, they had purchased the home at 1118 Colusa where they resided for more than 30 years. This home,



affectionately known as the "Green Hotel," was always a haven for Christian students, ministers, and missionaries-on-leave. In fact, Dr. Herman Wilson called this home "a kind of adjunct to the university." Through the years, the Greens were blessed with three children and nine grandchildren.

On April 20, 1941, his thirteenth wedding anniversary, Dr. Green was appointed an elder in the Berkeley church and served in that capacity for more than 20 years. Later, when he joined the faculty at Pepperdine, he served as an elder for nearly 12 years at the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ adjacent to the Pepperdine campus in Los Angeles. In the midst of his busy academic career, Dr. Green always found time to fulfill the duties of an elder in the church. In all, he served three different churches over a period of more than 35 years.

One of Dr. Green's major contributions to the church was his support of Christian education. When Pepperdine launched its M.A. program in religion in 1944, Dr. Green assisted the young college by agreeing to teach on its summer school faculty. He remained on the faculty of the University of California until his retirement at the age of 65 in 1962, then he began a second career at Pepperdine. On various occasions, he was a visiting professor at Harding University in Arkansas, Abilene Christian University in Texas, and the Florence Bible School in Italy. He also served for one year as the dean of Ibaraki Christian College in Japan.

Following Dr. Green's death, I sent a letter to many of his friends and former colleagues asking them to record some of their memories on the humility and the servant nature that was at the center of Dr. Green's character. "He actually seemed to be unaware of the impressive achievements of his own life, so far as scholarship is concerned," noted Pepperdine's former president, Howard White.

When Billie Silvey published an article on Dr. Green in the *20th Century Christian* in 1987, she included this statement: "I've talked with several other people recently, and the image is consistent. Bill Green was a 'Jesus style' person—a person of humility, concern for others, and service." Jimmie Lovell expressed it this way: "In all my life I never heard one word against this great man."

As for me, I think it is a good practice to set one's faith in the light of one's debt. When I remember Dr. Green, it is my indebtedness to his Christlike character that comes to mind first. It was John Cairns who said of his teacher, Sir William Hamilton, "I do not know what life, or lives, may lie before me. But this I know, that to the end of the last of them, I shall bear your mark upon me." I can say that of Dr. William McAllen Green. I shall never forget him.

## The William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program at Pepperdine University

Pepperdine University firmly believes that one of the finest services it can offer students is to bring distinguished Christian scholars to the campus. The University was, therefore, pleased to announce the initiation of the William M. Green Lectures in the 1980-81 school year, a program which brings an outstanding scholar from the Church of Christ to the Malibu campus each year.

Modeled after such excellent lecture programs as the W. B. West Lectures at the Harding Graduate School, the Wilson-Morris Lectures at Lubbock Christian University, and the Staley Lectures at Abilene Christian University, the William M. Green Lectures provide a forum for the advancement of Christian scholarship.

Dr. William M. Green was well known as an authority on Augustine and was selected to edit and translate Augustine's *City of God* for the Loeb Classical Library. He also edited a number of Augustine's

treatises for the Vienna Corpus of the Latin Fathers. Out of his immense background in Greek and Latin literature, he published a wealth of articles in various scholarly publications.

One of Dr. Green's finest contributions to Christian scholarship was his involvement with the *Restoration Quarterly*. He was one of the founding editors of this journal in 1957, and through the years it carried many of his articles and reviews on ancient church history.

It is most appropriate that this lecture program perpetuate the memory of William M. Green, who was a true Christian scholar. His impressive academic achievements were always tempered by his own personal humility. As E. W. McMillan has said: "For about forty years I knew Dr. William Green as a family man, a teacher, a preacher, and a scholar. No one made larger tracks than he made. And yet, the most overpowering heritage he left to others was his humility."

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## The William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures

### The First Decade

Dr. J. P. Sanders, October 21, 1980  
"The Challenge of Christian Ethics"

Dr. Frank Pack, October 27, 1981  
"One Hundred Years Since Westcott and Hort, 1881-1981"

Dr. Carl Mitchell, October 21, 1982  
"The Place of Self in Biblical and Psychological Perspective"

Dr. W. B. West, Jr., October 25, 1983  
"The Need for Christian Scholarship"

Dr. John F. Wilson, October 23, 1984  
"Digging Up Capernaum—Jesus' Own City"

Dr. Howard A. White, November 12, 1985  
"The Spiritual Heritage of Pepperdine University"

Dr. M. Norvel Young, October 28, 1986  
"The Living Word for the Five Billion"

Dr. Thomas Olbricht, October 27, 1987  
"Reflections on the Intellectual Heritage of Pepperdine in the Light of Allan Bloom's *The Closing of the American Mind*"

Dr. James E. Priest, October 25, 1988  
"Resurrection: Faith or Fact?"

Dr. Jerry Rushford, November 6, 1989  
"A Road Beaten Hard: The Enduring Legacy of Dr. William McAllen Green, 1897-1979"



# PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Mary Speaks

**Dan Anders**, pulpit minister for the Malibu Church of Christ, spoke for the Southwest Central Church of Christ in Houston, Texas, on November 19th for their homecoming.

**Andy Benton**, vice president for university affairs, will preach for the Church of Christ in Santa Paula, California, on January 14.

Professor of Communication **Calvin Bowers** conducted a teacher training conference September 22-24 for the Florida Street Church of Christ in Richmond, California. He preached for the 15th and Michigan Church of Christ in Santa Monica, California, on September 17, and for the Baker Street Church in Bakersfield, California, on October 22. On October 29 he preached for the Minda Street Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas.

**Randy Chesnutt**, associate professor of religion, preached at the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington, on September 24.

President **David Davenport** attended the annual meeting of Christian college presidents at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee, on November 13 and 14.

**John Free**, director of the health and counseling center, spoke at a family enrichment seminar on November 12, hosted by the Church of Christ in West Pittsburg, California.

Associate Professor of Fine Arts **Randy Gill** spoke at the Youth Ministers' Workshop in Lubbock, Texas, on October 19. In February he will be the featured speaker at the "Winter Fest" youth rally the 16th through the 18th in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

**Richard Hughes**, professor of religion, preached at the Church of Christ in Sierra Madre, California, on October 1 and October 29. He preached for the Church of Christ in Newhall, California, on October 15. On November 5 he preached for the Church of Christ in Whittier, California.

Campus Minister **Scott Lambert** will speak at the West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar, January 13, in Fresno, California.

Dean of Admission **Paul Long** was the featured speaker on September 1 for the San Diego Summer Youth Series.

**D'Esta Love**, dean of students for Seaver College, spoke at the Yamhill Ladies' Retreat in Oregon, September 14-16, and the Clairemont Ladies' Retreat at Palomar Mountain near San Diego, California, September 21-23.

Associate Professor of Religion **Stuart Love** preached for the Whitney Avenue Church of Christ in Hamden, Connecticut, on September 23 and October 21. He preached for the Church of Christ in Stors, Connecticut, on November 11, and will preach again for the Church of Christ in Hamden on December 2. **Stuart** and **D'Esta** conducted a marriage seminar on October 20-21 in Hamden, Connecticut.

**Rick Marrs**, associate professor of religion, preached for the Whittier Church of Christ in California, in September and for the Church of Christ in Corona, California, October 29 and November 12.

Seaver College industrial psychology student **Petrina Mosely** was the featured women's speaker on Saturday, October 14, for the 3rd Annual Lodi Youth Rally in Lodi, California.

**Tom Olbricht**, chairman of the religion division, spoke on hermeneutics on October 14 at the "Preachers' and Church Workers' Forum" at Freed-Hardeman College in Henderson, Tennessee. He spoke on Homecoming Sunday for the Tatum Boulevard Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, on November 5.

**Jerry Rushford**, associate professor of religion, preached recently at Long Beach, Stockton, Culver Palms, and Shafter in California, and at Phoenix, Arizona, and Lake Orion, Michigan. He spoke at the Michigan Christian College lectureship on October 1, preached to 4,000 at the Lubbock Civic Center on October 22, and will give the keynote address at the Oklahoma Christian College lectureship on January 28.

Professor of Law **LaGard Smith** spoke at the West Houston Church of Christ on October 6-8. His subjects were the New Age movement and the role of women in the church. Smith was a featured speaker at the 21st Annual Youth Ministers' Seminar in Lubbock, Texas, October 16-19. He spoke at the Stapley and Dana Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, November 18-19. December 1-3 he will speak for the Hill Street Church of Christ in Albany, Oregon.

**William Stivers**, professor of communication, spoke at a special meeting of the Spanish congregation in Simi Valley on October 7. He spoke at the Pan American Lectures on November 2 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Central America.

**Kanet Thomas**, assistant to the president and adjunct humanities professor, was the featured speaker at the Walnut Creek Church of Christ women's retreat held at Daybreak Camp in Felton, California. The retreat, held September 29-October 1, was attended by more than 90 women.

Associate Director of Church Services **Don Williams** spoke in Washington, D.C. on September 1-4 at the National Singles' Seminar. He preached on September 10th at the Church of Christ in Van Nuys, California. He spoke at a college retreat in Santa Barbara, California on September 22-23, traveled to Lubbock, Texas, to speak at the Youth Ministers' Seminar on October 17-18, preached for the Church of Christ in Redondo Beach, California, on October 22, and spoke at a youth retreat for the Broadway Church in Lubbock, Texas, November 3-5. He preached for the Culver Palms Church in Los Angeles on November 19.

Professor of Communication **Morris Womack** preached for the Clay City Church of Christ in Indiana on August 13-18. He continues to preach regularly for the Church of Christ in Valencia, California.

**Helen Young** spoke four times at an annual ladies' retreat in Portland, Oregon, on September 14, 15, 16. On October 1st she taught the ladies class at the Church of Christ in Palm Springs, California, and on October 7th she spoke at the meeting of the United Christian Women of the Church of Christ which was held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza in Los Angeles, California. She spoke at the ladies day held at the Church of Christ in Hesperia, California, on November 4.

Chancellor Emeritus **Norvel Young** taught the men's class at the Palm Springs Church of Christ on October 1. **Norvel** and **Helen** taught a series of classes together, and Norvel gave a chapel keynote lecture, at the annual Columbia Christian College Lectureship held October 17-20 in Portland, Oregon. On November 4 Norvel spoke at the annual banquet for Prison Fellowship in Dallas, Texas. He preached for the Smithlawn Church of Christ in Lubbock, Texas, on November 5, and spoke at the 30th anniversary honors banquet for the Smithlawn Maternity Home on November 6.



# PROFILES



**EDWARD PENNINGTON**

Edward Pennington began June 15 as the pulpit minister of the Church of Christ in Auburn, California. He served as the minister for the Church of Christ in Palo Alto, California, 1987-89, was campus minister and director of the Church of Christ Student Foundation at the University of Houston, 1978-87, and interned as campus minister at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas, 1977-78.

He received a B.A. (1969) from Harding University, an M.A. (1971) and an M.Th. (1973) from Harding Graduate School of Religion, and completed the course requirements for a Ph.D. in New Testament studies (1977) at Baylor University.

He and his wife, Brenda, were foster parents and members of the Foster Care Advisory Board for the Christian Child Help Foundation in Houston, Texas.

They have two children, Christina, 14, and Stephen, 12.



**RANDY ARMSTRONG**

Randy Armstrong began August 1 as the new pulpit minister for the Central Church of Christ in Stockton, California. This is his second pulpit position and follows his recent work with the Elpyco Church of Christ in Wichita, Kansas (1986-89). Prior to that time he worked as youth minister for churches of Christ in Overland Park, Kansas, and 4th Avenue in Franklin, Tennessee, from 1982-86 and 1979-82 respectively. In 1974-1975 he traveled with the summer mission program "Project Italy."

Randy received a B.A. (1980) in Bible and speech from David Lipscomb University. In Bible, he graduated with the highest grade point average of his graduating class and received the B. C. Goodpasture Bible Award. He currently has 10 hours completed toward a master's in communication at Wichita State University.

He and his wife, Debbie, have two children, Matthew, 8, and Drew, 5.



**RALPH BECK**

The Long Beach Church of Christ in California recently announced Ralph Beck as their new pulpit minister. For the past eight years Beck has served the congregation as involvement minister.

Prior to his ministry in Long Beach, Beck worked in various capacities at Pepperdine University. He was director of campus life (1978-81); assistant dean of student life (1976-78); director of summer programs (1975-76); and student housing services coordinator (1974-75).

Beck graduated from Pepperdine with a B.A. in music education in 1974. He received his elementary and secondary level teaching credentials and an M.A.T. in music education from Pepperdine in 1975. In 1987 he also completed his M.A. in religion at Pepperdine.

He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Aaron, 9, and Ashley, 5.



**JIM TRIMMER**

Jim Trimmer began work in mid-August as pulpit minister for the Northside Church of

Christ in Spokane, Washington.

Jim preached for the Central Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California, for 25 years (1964-89). From 1961-64 he served as instructor and director for the Zamboanga Bible College in the Philippines. He also worked with the churches in Redding, California, (1958-61) and Woodson, Texas, (1956-58). He was the chairman of the board (1980-81) and development officer (1988-89) for Sunrise Christian School in Bakersfield.

Trimmer received his B.A. from Abilene Christian University and his M.S. from Pepperdine University.

In April 1989 Pepperdine awarded him and his wife, Joyce, the Distinguished Christian Service Award for their long service in Bakersfield.

They have three children, Rebecca Gasvoda of Bothell, Washington, and Jennifer and Brian who are students at Columbia Christian College.



**MICHAEL MOORE**

Michael Moore became minister for the Tatum Boulevard Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, in September. For the past two years he was an instructor at the Preston Road Center for Christian Education in Dallas. He was minister for the Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania (1978-87), associate minister for the McKellar Avenue Church in Memphis, Tennessee (1977-78), and associate chaplain at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania (1979-81).

He received his B.A. and M.A. from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, an M.Div. from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Drew University.

His scholarly articles have appeared in such publications as the *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, *Evangelical Quarterly*, *Journal of Biblical Literature*, *Missiology*, *Restoration Quarterly*, and *Hebrew Studies*. He has two forthcoming books: *The Balaam Traditions: Their Character and Development* and *Biblical Families in Conflict*.

He and his wife, Caron, have two sons, Joshua, 10, and Joseph, 8.



## Pepperdine Begins Master of Divinity Program

by Tom Olbricht

The Religion Division at Pepperdine University is pleased to announce its first class in the Master of Divinity Program.

The Master of Divinity is the standard three year professional degree in religion which is often prerequisite for ministry, as well as entry into Ph.D or Doctor of Ministry programs.

This first class consists of eleven candidates all of which have had considerable experience in various ministries in Churches of Christ. All anticipate future careers as ministers, missionaries, military chaplains, or teachers.

John Castleberry of Long Beach, California, holds the B.A. and M.S. in Ministry degrees from Pepperdine. He has spent a year in Italy as well as several summers in Italy and Germany. He hopes to preach or serve as a missionary in Europe.

Stephen Findley of Austin, Texas, holds the B.A. degree from Abilene Christian University. He has been active in churches working with outreach groups, as well as youth and singles ministries, and spent four years in social work services in Austin. He hopes to serve as a minister. He may also work on a J.D. at the Pepperdine School of Law.

Steven Guy ministers in Lancaster, California. He holds the B.A. from Oklahoma Christian College, and the M.S. in Ministry from Pepperdine University. He has also served as a minister in Yucaipa, and Buena Park, California. Steven plans to continue his career in the ministry.

John McKeel received the B.A. from Columbia Christian College, an M.A. from Pepperdine University, and did graduate work at Abilene Christian University. He now preaches in Glendale, California. He was a youth minister in Riverside, California, and Tyler, Texas, and later preached in Portland, Oregon, where he also taught at Columbia Christian College. He plans to continue his career as a minister.

David McMahon received the B.A. from the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and the M.A.R. from the Harding Graduate School of Religion. He has served as a campus minister for the Malibu Church of Christ. He hopes to enter the military chaplaincy.

Stanley Mitchell received the B.A. and M.A. from Abilene Christian University. He has spent much of his life in Zimbabwe, the last nine years as a missionary. He plans to return to Zimbabwe as a missionary and teacher of African preachers.

Wilfred Moore who attends the Culver



Master of Divinity students (left to right) Stephen Findley, John McKeel, David McMahon, Stanley Mitchell, Larry Owen, Tim Turner, and Wilfred Moore.

Palms Church of Christ received the B.S. degree from the University of Arkansas and the M.S. from West Coast University. He has also studied at the University of California, Los Angeles. He has taught children's classes and adult Bible classes. He plans to serve as a minister.

Larry Owen received the B.A. from Harding University and has completed considerable graduate work at the Wheaton Graduate School of Religion. He now serves as a minister in Palm Springs, California. He has preached in Chicago, Illinois; Clinton, Iowa; and St. Louis, Missouri. He plans to continue as a minister and perhaps pursue a Ph.D.

David Pitts received the B.A. from Pepperdine and will complete the M.S. in Ministry in December. He serves as a youth minister in Thousand Oaks, California. He plans to continue ministering in various capacities in the churches.

Ronald Sherman has studied at Imperial Valley college, Oklahoma Christian College, and holds the B.S. from the College of San Mateo. He received the M.A. and the M.S. in Ministry from Pepperdine University. He has served as a minister in California in Rosamond, Quartz Hill, and Brawley, and in Burlington, Colorado, and Klamath Falls, Oregon. He also has taught religion courses in the community college in his area. He hopes to continue ministry in the churches as well as pursuing the Ph.D. in order to teach.

Tim Turner has studied at Bakersfield Junior College, San Diego State, and the

Southern California School of Evangelism. He received the B.A. from the University of California, Bakersfield. He has served as a minister in Frazier Park, California, and hopes to re-enter the ministry.

The age of these candidates ranges from 23 to 48. The average age of the candidates is 35. All of the candidates are married except two and most of those married have children.

### 21st Annual West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar January 12-14, 1990

"The Care Package"  
(Handling Fragile Relationships  
in Campus Ministry)  
based on Romans 12:19-21

The seminar will be held at the College Church of Christ, 1284 East Bullard. Keynote lectures will be given by Mike Cope of Searcy, Arkansas, and Jay Utley of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Class teachers include Rick Rowland, Malibu, California; Kevin Withem, San Diego, California; and Scott Lambert, Malibu, California. For more information: contact Doug Baker at (209) 439-6530



## Long Beach Church of Christ Hosts "Fill Your Bucket Day"

by Bud Worsham



Jana Smith (left), and Beverly Scott (right).

Forty-three congregations sent representatives to the "Fill Your Bucket Day" teachers workshop here on Oct. 21, and everyone went away with a full load.

"It was outstanding," was the general comment by the 260 in attendance. They came from as far away as Blythe, with Sunny Hills of Fullerton and La Mesa of the San Diego area bringing the most, 21 and 20, respectively.

Jana Smith of New Braunfels, Texas, and Beverly Scott of Duncan, Oklahoma, wowed them in the pre-school through sixth grade session, while Lois Whitaker of Bakersfield gave the cradle roll/under 3 years group enough tips to last a lifetime.

Smith and Scott, creators of the "Imaginality" series, provided the teachers with effective ways to motivate students and create a learning atmosphere in the classroom. Whitaker, creator of the "See and Know" Cradle Roll curriculum, likewise gave expertise on reaching the younger children.

It was the second year that the Long Beach Church of Christ, 3707 Atlantic Ave., has hosted such a teachers workshop.

Boyd Lowe, education director, and Martha Montgomery and Sharyn Showalter, who have given the church a first-class resource department, were instrumental in making the event a huge success.

## Churches Assist Earthquake Victims

In the San Francisco Bay area the Campbell and Redwood City Churches of Christ are coordinating the efforts to relieve the hardships caused by the earthquake on October 17, 1989. The earthquake destroyed many homes and left others in need of extensive repairs.

The response of Christians across the nation has been immediate and generous. A total of over \$145,000 has been given to assist the efforts which are directed primarily towards the hard hit communities of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and Hollister, and those in the surrounding areas who would not otherwise receive help.

As of this writing, 1,400 families have been assisted and in only one day 593 were helped in Watsonville. Heaters, rain gear, and food have been dispersed in Hollister, and Daybreak camp in Felton, near Santa Cruz, has been readied for use as needs arise.

In addition to assisting individuals, a needs assessment survey is being conducted to better determine the amount and type of help needed. This information will be most helpful in meeting the needs of individuals over the next several months, long after the media attention and government funds are gone.

The greatest physical need is money. This money is used to get people back into their homes or into new homes and to purchase supplies for immediate physical needs such as nonperishable meats and food, paper products, diapers, and toiletries. Most of all, constant prayers are needed.

If you wish to contribute to the efforts, money should be sent to: Campbell Church of Christ, 1075 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell, California 95008; or Manna International, Redwood City Church of Christ, P.O. Box 3507, Redwood City, California 94064.

## Southland Christians Give Shower of Love

The Inglewood Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, responded admirably to a recent plea for help. The plea, made by Janice Hahn Baucum, a member of the Long Beach Church of Christ, was to give a baby shower to a needy, yet unwed, non-Christian couple. The couple, "Big" Mike White and Tira Brown, had become acquainted with Baucum through the Wings Foundation, an organization dedicated to giving juvenile offenders a second chance through Jesus Christ.

Baucum met White almost three years ago at Camp David Gonzalez, a maximum security camp in Malibu, California, for juvenile offenders. When White was released from the camp, he returned to his former life style of involvement with gangs and drugs. He has, however, kept in contact with Wings president Lee Stanley and in recent months has turned from his involvement in gangs and drugs and has expressed that he is determined to make this turn a permanent one. Although both he and Tira have secure jobs, it would have been impossible for them to provide all the necessary items to adequately care for the soon expected child. Upon learning of the need, Baucum immediately contacted the Inglewood Church. Elders Lawrence Washington and Carver Henderson agreed to bring the need to the attention of the congregation and with less than two weeks to prepare, the Inglewood Christians responded by organizing a shower for the couple held on Saturday, October 14. The couple and

their family members were unmistakably moved at the generosity and love shown to them by the over 40 people who attended. From elder Lawrence Washington to church secretary Andreka Gaines, to faithful member Angel Davis, the church warmed Mike and Tira's hearts with their visible expression of love.

Also in attendance were members of the Long Beach Church of Christ, as well as Lee Stanley and his wife, Linda. Among his many statements of thanks, Stanley included, "This is the best sermon these kids will ever hear."

Mike and Tira were married by Stanley on October 28 and Mike has become a Christian.

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
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**Pepperdine University**  
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**April 24-27, 1990**

*Plan now to attend!*

(Please note: This is one week later than usual)

This year's Lectureship includes 7 featured lectures, 147 classes, 42 mealtime addresses, 6 dramatic presentations, and 4 choral groups.



## Don Kinder Accepts New Position at Columbia



Don Kinder

Don Kinder has joined the Columbia Christian College Bible faculty as assistant professor of Bible. He primarily will be teaching New Testament courses.

Kinder holds the B.A. in Greek and the M.A. in New Testament from Abilene Christian University and the Ph.D. in church history from the University of Iowa. He most recently worked with the Church of Christ in Montebello, California. Between 1977 and 1984 he also worked with several congregations in Iowa serving as pulpit minister, campus minister, and youth minister. He has a special interest in Korea where he participated in campaigns and worked with Bible correspondence students, as well as working with Korean-American Christians.

Don is married to the former Vicki Hood, and has one son, Brandon, age 6.

## Columbia Christian College Lectureship, October 17-20

"The Centrality of the Cross" was the theme for the Columbia Christian College Lectureship, held October 17-20. According to Dan Rhodes, lectureship director, the theme was chosen because of the pressing need to bring the message of the cross to bear on contemporary issues. "The church has always been tempted to accentuate peripheral matters," Rhodes said. "The message of the cross and the method of approaching issues and decisions on the basis of the cross are paramount to the church's survival."

The featured lecturers for the week included: Rubel Shelly, Nashville, Tennessee; Mike Cope, Searcy, Arkansas; Bill Love, Houston, Texas; and Ken Durham, Springfield, Missouri.

## Pepperdine Students Travel to World Mission Workshop in Arkansas

Forty-eight "Christian soldiers" from the Pepperdine University Missions Interest Club "marched onward" to Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, to attend the 30th Annual World Mission Workshop. The workshop, held October 19-22, centered on the theme, "Give Me This Mountain" (Joshua 14:12).

As is the case with all mission preparation, the need for raising funds was imperative. The 48 students met this challenge with great energy and success. In their first fund-raising event, they donned overalls and straw hats and sold over \$800 worth of cornbread at the Annual Malibu Chili Cook-off. The missions club also raised support by selling candy, washing cars, and performing odd jobs for faculty, staff, and students.

This diverse group of Pepperdine students, ranging from accounting majors to religion majors, freshmen to graduate students, brimmed with excitement as they attended lectures, classes, and information sessions preparing them to march into the mission field "under the banner of God."

At the World Mission Workshop, the students not only gained valuable knowledge

concerning all aspects of mission work, but they were also given a chance to observe the various components involved in hosting such a workshop. What they learned will be useful to them in planning the 31st Annual World Mission Workshop to be held at Pepperdine next fall.

It has been said that one generation may soon be equal to only four years. The 1990 workshop will be held October 18-21, and will address issues pertinent to dealing with the great amount of change in today's fast-paced society. The theme will be, "The Changeless Christ In A Changing World." The 1990 workshop will be unique in that it will combine two workshops: the West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar, usually held in January, will be held in conjunction with the World Mission Workshop. An emphasis will be placed on foreign and domestic missions, as well as campus ministry and urban evangelism. For more information, contact the Pepperdine Campus Ministry Office at (213) 456-4504.

**Editor's Note:** The above article was submitted by Angela Clements, a senior sociology major from Fallbrook, California, who attended the workshop.

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# BOOK REVIEWS

## **Time Management for Christian Women**

by Billie Silvey, Lawndale, CA,  
and Helen Young, Malibu, CA.  
Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI

Christian writer Billie Silvey and women's speaker Helen Young combine talents to produce a unique book that addresses the spiritual dimensions of time management and the many roles of women today: the single woman, single mother, mother and career woman, widow, and senior woman.

Women struggling with the demands of family, church, career, and civic and personal responsibilities ask, "How do I get it all done?" Due out in spring 1990 the 13-chapter book is designed to help women balance the calls on their time in Christ-honoring ways.

## **Crystal Lies**

by F. LaGard Smith, Malibu, CA.  
Servant Publications, Ann Arbor, MI

Pepperdine law professor and author LaGard Smith presents a penetrating look into the eclectic New Age world of psychic channeling, UFOs, reincarnation, extraterrestrials, crystals, and more. Smith warns, "Not since the Renaissance has there been such potential for sweeping changes in a society's religious and cultural outlook." Both Christians and curious seekers need to be aware of the seriousness and ultimate tragedy of the growing movement.

## **Baptism: The Believer's Wedding Ceremony**

by F. LaGard Smith, Malibu, CA.  
Standard Publishing, Cincinnati, OH

LaGard Smith, author of *The Narrated Bible* and *Out On a Broken Limb*, paints a picture of baptism as the believer's wedding ceremony with Christ. Avoiding traditional notions of mere dutiful obedience or water regeneration, Smith elevates baptism as a personal proclamation of love and loyalty.

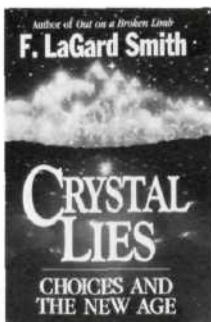
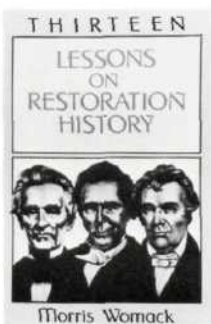
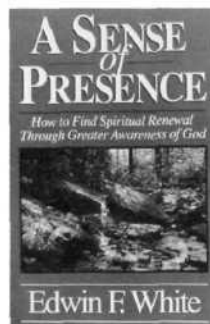
Through his writings, conversion takes on new meaning and vitality, and his words call us to reestablish a vibrant church in our day.

## **Joy Comes in the Morning**

by Twanette Pullen, Lancaster, CA.  
Rejoice Publications, Lancaster, CA

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A Key to Practical Christian Living



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by Morris Womack, Agoura Hills, CA.  
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by Rusty Bolton, Visalia, CA.  
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by Ron Highfield, Agoura Hills, CA.  
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