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Pepperdine University
Honors a Generation of
Christian College Presidents

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To Whom Honor is Due

The week of the 46th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectureship was punctuated with the presentation of several significant awards, but none was more historic than those presented at the Appreciation Dinner on Friday evening.

The University chose to honor four Christian educators who have each given a lifetime of service to one college. James O. Baird from Oklahoma Christian College, Willard Collins from David Lipscomb University, Clifton Ganus, Jr. from Harding University, and John Stevens from Abilene Christian University, were the four honorees of the evening. All four have served as presidents of their respective colleges, and all four are now serving as chancellors of those same colleges.

Among those selected to present tributes to the honorees were three other retired college presidents—J. P. Sanders from Columbia

Christian College, Howard A. White from Pepperdine University, and M. Norvel Young from Pepperdine University. Prior to the dinner, these seven former presidents were brought together for the historic photograph which graces our cover. Together, these seven men represent a generation of dynamic leadership in the field of Christian education, and between them they have given more than three hundred years of service to our Christian colleges.

Pepperdine honored two of its own on the opening night of lectureship. Dean of Admission Robert L. Fraley, an elder in the Malibu Church of Christ, and Foreign Student Adviser James H. Atkinson, a deacon in the Malibu Church were honored for their many years of service to the church and the University. Both men are retiring this summer. Professor of Religion James E. Priest, who retired from the University in December, was honored on Thursday evening

for his many years of service in the pulpit and in the classroom. Dr. Priest's career at Pepperdine spanned more than twenty-five years.

Distinguished Christian service awards were also presented during the week to two special couples. James and Joyce Trimmer were honored for their twenty-five years of dedicated ministry with the Central Church of Christ in Bakersfield, California. Claude and Sammie Guild, former missionaries to Australia, were honored for their long years of service to Columbia Christian College and the Churches of Christ in the Great Northwest.



Jim and Joyce Trimmer



Gene Priest and Frank Pack



Robert Fraley and James Atkinson



Claude and Sammie Guild

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San Diegan Delivers More Than the News

By Rick Griffin

As a high school quarterback in Dallas, Greg Hurst returned a kick-off to the wrong end zone. Today, the San Diego resident has "turned his life around," he remarks with a smile, and has become a leader and role model for young people among the local churches.

Hurst is a television anchorman for San Diego's CBS network affiliate, KFMB-TV, Channel 8. His face appears on freeway billboards, taxis, and buses. His voice is recognizable to the approximately half-million viewers who consistently watch the 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. newscasts.

At age 30, he has quickly become one of the most popular television anchors in the city's history. Since his arrival in 1987, the station's ratings have skyrocketed, and much of the credit has been sent in Hurst's direction.

Meanwhile, thousands of San Diego Christians know him better as a Harding University graduate, a dedicated family man, and a member of the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ where he reads Scripture each Sunday morning.

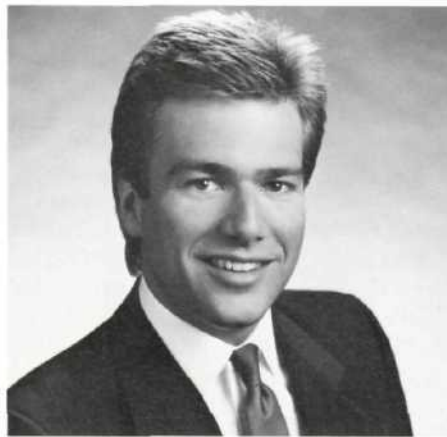
Despite the high-strung and fast-paced world of broadcast news, Hurst makes time to sing in weddings and deliver inspirational messages to young people. "Kids today are so easily influenced by heroes," says Hurst. "I tell teenagers to be careful when selecting role models and consider the examples of men and women whose stories are found in Scripture."

As a public figure, Hurst knows well how his lifestyle can influence perceptions about the Churches of Christ. "The responsibility of being a person with high standards and strong moral and ethical values is much more important to me than having a reputation as an excellent broadcast journalist," he says.

"I'm asked to report on all the terrible things that are happening in our world—murders and terrorism and tragedies," he reflects. "Sometimes I get tired of it. But, that's when I appreciate most the trust and peace and authority of God, which is found in the Scriptures."

Hurst realizes he has chosen an unstable profession. In the fickle world of television, the ratings can swiftly "make-or-break" a career. "I can't put my trust and confidence in the world," he says. "My job can sometimes be determined by the whims of a program or news director who is trying to interpret the ratings. I'd rather have the Lord in control of my career."

Hurst grew up in Dallas and attended the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas. His first work in television was in



Greg Hurst

commercials at age eight.

Greg and his wife, Andra, met while attending Harding University. They have one child, 14-month-old Alexandra.

After graduating in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in broadcasting and journalism, Greg spent five years as a TV reporter and anchor at KATV-TV in Little Rock, Arkansas, before moving to San Diego. While at KATV, Greg received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Broadcasting for a story about cancer.

"During our stay in Arkansas, there were many times I was offered high-paying and high-stress jobs in other TV markets," he says. "But

we enjoyed attending the Levy Church of Christ and we liked the Little Rock community. However, the job in San Diego meant new opportunities to serve the Lord."

Indeed, Hurst has been actively lending his real-world broadcast expertise by helping to implement improvements in the "Know Your Bible" Sunday morning television show, which is overseen by the elders of the El Cajon Boulevard church.

Another example of his personal ministry is the scripting and producing of an instructional videotape Bible lesson series for teenagers. Filmed with Kevin Withem, the pulpit minister of the El Cajon Boulevard congregation and the host of "Know Your Bible," the new video series, called "Christian Lifeline," is scheduled to debut this summer.

"We're not trying to replace a classroom teacher with the video series," says Hurst. "Rather, we are hoping to provide a teaching aid, which will help the teacher and also get the children interested in God's word. Many church families are losing their children to Satan because, in part, the Bible classes don't always relate to what is happening."

Hurst concludes, "I'm more than willing to use my broadcast experience for any effort that will promote the growth of God's Kingdom." In today's world of pride, greed, and super-hype, that's news!



Greg Hurst co-anchors the evening news for San Diego's CBS affiliate, channel 8.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

By Mary Speaks

Vice President for University Affairs **Andrew Benton** spoke at the Christian Children's Services banquet on June 10. On July 14 he will speak at the Teacher Appreciation banquet at the Pacific Beach Church of Christ.

Calvin Bowers, director of the equal opportunity office, was a guest lecturer May 14-19 at the Lincoln Avenue Church of Christ in Riverside for their seminar on congregational development through Bible study. He will teach a class for young people at the National Youth Conference on the University of Indiana campus July 31-August 6.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Manhattan Church of Christ in New York, New York, on April 30. He gave the keynote address for World Vision in Pasadena, California, on May 10, and on June 11 he preached for the Sunny Hills Church of Christ. He will speak at the Red River Encampment in New Mexico on June 27, and on July 23 he will speak at the Yosemite encampment.

Professor of Natural Science **Douglas Dean** delivered seven speeches at the Lake Tahoe Community Center in Lake Tahoe, California, May 3, 6, and 7 for a science and religion seminar.

John Free, director of health and counseling, preached for the Church of Christ in Corvallis, Oregon, on May 21 and spoke at the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle, Washington, on June 4.

Associate Professor of Music **Randy Gill** spoke to youth groups in Ventura, California, and Athens, Texas, on June 10 and June 13 respectively. He will speak at the Harding Uplift at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas, on June 26-28. July 6-9 he will travel to the Madison Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, for "Jubilee," and July 10-15 he will speak to the Acappella Christian Music Seminar in Paris, Tennessee. In August he will speak at the Richland Hills Church of Christ for the summer youth series on the 10th and will travel to Raleigh, North Carolina, for an evangelism seminar on the 19th.

Richard Hughes, professor of religion, spoke at the Avalon Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, for their ethnic evangelism seminar on May 19. He will speak to the young married's class in Culver City, California, about the roots of the Churches of Christ July 9 and 16.

Campus Minister **Scott Lambert** spoke at youth rallies held at the Rosamond Church of Christ March 31-April 2 and in Bakersfield May 5-7 at the Westside Church of Christ. On May 28, he preached for the Church of Christ in Redline, Iowa. July 31-August 3 he will travel to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to speak at the National Campus Ministers Seminar.

D'Esta Love, director of the Career Development Center, was the featured speaker for a ladies day held at the Oxnard Church of Christ in California on May 20.

Stuart Love, professor of religion, taught, along with D'Esta, at the Church of Christ in Campbell, California, at a marriage retreat May 5-7.

Randy Lowry, director for the Institute for Dispute Resolution, spoke at a restoration forum at Lincoln College, Illinois, June 14-15. He will teach a class on resolving conflict in the local church at the Yosemite Bible Encampment July 24-28.

Tom Olbricht, chairman of the religion division, preached for the Church of Christ at Manchester, New Hampshire, on April 30. He participated in a conference on evangelism and society May 4-6 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and spoke five times at the ministers enrichment seminar May 15-18 at Columbia Christian College.

Distinguished Professor of Religion Emeritus **Frank Pack** taught a Sunday morning class and preached for the Sedona, Arizona, Church of Christ on the topic of the Holy Spirit May 11-16. He will teach at the Red River Family Encampment in New Mexico June 25-28.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication, preached and taught at the Central Church of Christ in Sacramento, California, for "Campus Ministry Sunday." He was the guest lecturer to the youth group of the Costa Mesa Church of Christ on June 4 and will speak to youth groups in Anaheim and in Mission Viejo, California, on June 25 and July 9 respectively. On August 1 he will teach at the National Campus Ministers Seminar in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, preached for the Harpeth Hills Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 11, and spoke at the David Lipscomb University Lectureship June 12-14. He will speak at the Yosemite Family Encampment in July, and preach for the Church of Christ in Palm Springs on August 13.

Professor of Communication **William Stivers** was a guest lecturer in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, for a seminar held at the Instituto Baxter June 12-16.

Chairman of the Fine Arts Division **Glenn Webb** preached for the Noryangjin Church of Christ in Seoul, Korea, on May 14.

"Big" **Don Williams**, associate director of church services, recently returned from Oklahoma where he taught a one week youth ministry course at Oklahoma Christian College. He spoke at singles' seminars and youth camps in Felton, California; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Lubbock and Houston, Texas, in June. In July and August he will speak to teens and youth ministers in Houston and Dallas, Texas; Oklahoma City and Cyril, Oklahoma; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Wichita, Kansas.

Helen Young spoke at the Annual Ladies Retreat on May 19 and 20 for the Church of Christ in Sierra Vista, Arizona. On May 22 she spoke at a luncheon for Associates of Lubbock Christian University.

Norvel and Helen Young met with missionaries Gordon and Jane Hogan in Singapore and with missionary Jack McGhee in Hong Kong in May.

PROFILES



KEN WILSON

Ken Wilson assumed the position of pulpit minister for the Davis Park Church of Christ in Modesto, California, in April. He served from February 1984 until March 1989 as pulpit minister for the Northside Church of Christ in Spokane, Washington. Before that time he served the Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma, Washington, as their pulpit and education minister from 1976 to 1984 and directed the Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop in Tacoma from 1981 through 1985.

Wilson received an A.A. degree in business administration from American River College in Sacramento. He attended the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas, and is presently completing a B.A. in counseling at Gonzaga University.

Columbia Christian College presented Ken with a Distinguished Christian Service Award in the fall of 1987.

He and his wife, Sandra, have three children, Anthony, 20, Troy, 18, and Tawnya, 16.



BARRY PACKER

Barry Packer is the new pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in La Mesa, California. Barry previously served the Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, as their minister of involvement from 1981 to 1988.

He received his B.A. (1978) from Abilene Christian University, his M.Th. (1981) from Harding Graduate School of Religion, and is presently working on a D.Min. at Fuller Theological Seminary.

In 1984 he was named Alumnus of the Year by the Dallas Christian Schools and he is currently serving on the Visiting Committee of the College of Biblical Studies for Abilene Christian University.

Barry and his wife, Diane, have two children, Collin, age 5 and Clark, age 3.



PENNEY NICHOLS

Penney Nichols began work in April as pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Van Nuys, California. He served as pulpit minister at the Lafayette Church of Christ in Ballwin, Missouri, from 1977-1989 and as pulpit minister for the Central Church of Christ in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from 1970-1977.

Nichols received his A.A. from Lubbock Christian College and his B.S. Ed. from Abilene Christian University. He has completed some graduate work toward a degree in New Testament from Abilene Christian University.

He served as group chairman for the St. Louis Evangelistic Workshop for two years and is a past member of the Advisory Board of York College.

Penney and his wife, Ann, have two daughters, Edette, age 17, and Deana, age 12.



PHIL EVANSON

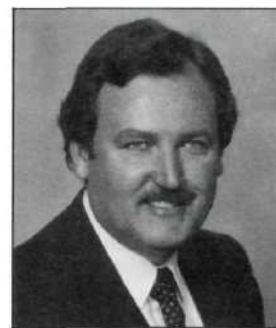
Phil Evanson will soon make his home in Salinas, California, and work as the pulpit minister for the Alvin Street Church of Christ. He has been with the Park Plaza Church of Christ in Tulsa, Oklahoma, since July 1978. Evanson

previously worked four years each with Churches of Christ at Palo Verde in Tucson, Arizona; Camp Hill, Pennsylvania; Midland, Texas; and Clinton, Tennessee. From 1971-1974 he worked with International Mission in New York City.

Evanson attended Freed-Hardeman College and the University of Tennessee. He served as moderator and producer of "Lifeguide" on a Christian satellite network from 1982-1987. In 1986 he received the Mass Communication Evangelism Award from Abilene Christian University.

His wife, Carolyn, graduated from David Lipscomb University, taught at Freed-Hardeman College, and is presently active in ladies workshops and counseling.

They have two children, Paul, age 28, and Lynn, age 30, who is married and has three children.



SILAS SHOTWELL

Beginning July 1, Silas Shotwell will be the pulpit minister at the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, California. Silas most recently worked with the church in Whittier, California, but has also worked with Churches of Christ in North Carolina, Northern California, Oklahoma, Washington, and Oregon.

He received his A.A. (1959) from Columbia Christian College, a B.A. (1962) from Abilene Christian University, and an M.A. (1980) from Pepperdine University. He is scheduled to complete the Doctor of Ministry from Abilene Christian University in May, 1990, and is presently a Ph.D. candidate at Oklahoma State University.

Silas is a staff writer for Image Magazine and has also written for the "Heartbeat" program. He has authored *New Life in Christ*, *Dynamics of Evangelism*, and *Going Deeper Into Christ*.

He and his wife, Edna Mae, have four children, Suzanne, 25, Nathan, 24, Jeff, 19, and Sarah, 13. Their first grandchild, Baylee Dru, was born May 24, 1989.

John Henry Clay: God's Faithful Preacher

By Don Williams

What kind of man makes a great preacher? If you were looking for a man who would baptize over 10,000 people in 52 years of ministry, who would you select? Would he be white, large of stature, robust, charismatic in nature, with a booming voice? If so, you would have missed John Henry Clay—and yet, through this humble man, God has brought one of the greatest harvests in the history of the church.

Clay did not start out to preach. Born June 24, 1920, in Lafayette, Louisiana, he became a professional entertainer at age eight. He was hired to travel with a show as tap dancer, singer, and comedian. Moving to Port Arthur, Texas, he continued to perform in night clubs and on the minstrel circuit.

At age 16, he and a friend were going from one church service to another, seeing which girls were present! They went to a tent meeting of the Tituson Avenue Church of Christ, where the great Marshall Keeble was preaching. After a few minutes, the friend said, "Let's go. There are no girls here." But John Henry said, "I like the sound of this preacher. I think I will stay." Before the end of the week he was baptized into Christ. (By the way, there was a girl there. Her name was Sadie Lee Fontenot. She was the adopted daughter of the local evangelist, Luke Miller. Three years later, she became Mrs. John Henry Clay.)

Luke Miller soon became the young man's mentor. He gave Clay a Bible, religious books, and sermon outlines to study. On Clay's seventeenth birthday, in 1937, less than three months after his conversion, he preached his first sermon. He was the youngest of nine preachers Miller was instructing at the time, and every Thursday night was set aside for preacher training. He would travel with Miller to lead singing and make talks.

In 1938 and '39, John Henry worked part time with the church in Hillerster, Texas, before moving to Hobbs, New Mexico, for his first full-time work. He became engaged to Sadie before leaving Texas, and after three months in Hobbs, he sent for her. They were married on the day she arrived. C.B. Millerton, preacher of the white church which was supporting him, performed the ceremony. Support? He received \$7 per week as salary.

Clay worked with three churches in Texas—Jacksonville, Natches, and Palestine—before moving to Decatur, Alabama. Alabama became the most fruitful state of all his labors. He attended a preacher training course in each of five consecutive years at the Nashville Christian Institute, where instructors from David Lipscomb

Don Williams presents Pepperdine's Distinguished Christian Service Award to John Henry Clay.



College would come to train black preachers.

He preached in Valdosta, Georgia, and Muskogee, Oklahoma, before returning to Lanette, Alabama, to work with a church he had earlier established. Through gospel meetings where he preached, there were 79 baptisms in Muskogee and 65 baptisms in Lanette.

Clay moved to Oakland, California in 1950 to work with the 29th Street Church. In one year, over 100 people were baptized, the building was outgrown, and new property was purchased.

In 1955, Pasadena, California, became the home of John Henry and Sadie Clay, as they began working with the Lincoln Avenue Church. Four years later, they established the North Pasadena congregation, and in 1967, they began the Altadena church. The first year of the Altadena church's existence brought 116 baptisms!

John Henry has helped to establish 36 congregations in 11 states. Three of these in Alabama—Enterprise, Brundidge, and Clanton—together had 524 baptisms in gospel meetings held by him.

He preached through days of extreme prejudice. In the South, they would often put a rope down the center of the tent to divide whites from blacks. In Lanette, Alabama, the crowd was

so great one night that a white person sat next to a black person. The next night, a letter written in red (with the appearance of blood) was found on the pulpit. In the letter, the Ku Klux Klan threatened Clay for mixing the races. Then, the next evening, they came with a cross, which they planned to burn along with the tent. They were dissuaded at the last moment by a church member.

In a meeting at Gunterville, Alabama, whites wanting to hear the gospel actually outnumbered the blacks. One evening when they came for service, the chalkboard had a message from the Klan: "We will not tolerate the mixing of races. Leave town." Police had to be at each service after Clay's life was threatened.

In many meetings, when white people would respond to the gospel it was necessary to call a white preacher to baptize the people. Often white members of the church would refer to John Henry as "boy" or "Clay," but not "brother." Interestingly, his preaching in a meeting for an all-white church in Summerville, Pennsylvania, in 1948 was revolutionary.

His extreme fear of snakes has never let him forget the mill pond in Hamilton Crossroads,

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The Message Rang Out ... Deliverance!

By Bill Henegar

The seaside community of Malibu seems an unlikely place for dynamic spiritual fervor to be fanned to life. But for the past several years, that is exactly what has been happening annually at the Pepperdine University Bible Lectureship. In many ways, it has become more than a lectureship in the ordinary sense. The thirst for truth, the free exchange and investigation of ideas that once characterized the Restoration Movement has come to life on a hill overlooking a town known for its celebrities and a lifestyle of materialism. The irony is a testimony to the power of God.

After the April 18-21 event, one speaker wrote, "We've had to battle some fear in gathering information from churches (for his presentation), and now we must battle some fear in uncovering the facts. I applaud the openness that permeates your lectureship." And from Kansas a woman wrote, "I heard several of the speakers commenting on how much they were enjoying soaking (the lectureship) in. And they liked the feeling that what they said did not have to be censored. They felt they could teach the Word as they understood it and the listener would respond as he wished." For her "the lectureship was wonderful. Such an inspiration!"

This year, at the 46th annual gathering, the clarion call went forth ... Deliverance! From Mike Cope's compelling keynote, "One Thing Worse Than Bondage," to Mike Armour's stirring conclusion, "The God Who 'Tents' With His People," the program was packed with instruction, encouragement, dialogue, and challenge. A minister from Missouri confided, "... from the opening lecture, it soon became clear that this would be one of the most important experiences of my life." A discouraged preacher from Texas wrote, "The lectures seemed to have been crafted just for my needs."

In addition to Cope and Armour, the theme lecturers this year were Jim Roberts, Michael Lewis, Chris Bullard, David Davenport, and Jack Reese. Smothers Theatre, scene of the largest major classes, again was overflowed by people wanting to hear Max Lucado, Oliver Howard, Rubel Shelly, and Lynn Anderson. As in 1988, there were 15 song leaders, 42 meal programs with speakers, and more than 140 classes, plus several late night classes, choral programs, and dramatic presentations.

A Pepperdine administrator commented, "I heard several whom I believe to be fairly frugal with their praise say that this was the best Bible lecture series they had ever attended." Letters that poured into the Church Services Office have tended to confirm that observation. From Texas came the following note: "As always, you put



David Davenport challenged the lectureship audience to "sing the song of freedom."

together a lectureship experience that is without equal." From central California came, "The Pepperdine Bible Lectureship last week was the best ever." From Kentucky, "It was without doubt the finest lectureship I've ever attended."

For one preacher from New Mexico, the 1989 lectures were his first time on the Malibu campus. He wrote, "My wife and I count this visit as one of the highlights of our ministry together over the past 16 years ... I have been blessed to be a part of a number of lectureships through the years, but I must say that none were as impressive as Pepperdine's lectureship."

A woman from Alabama especially liked the emphasis given to honoring various people. Indeed, there were many cheers and many tears during the four days in April, as several outstanding and spiritual

Christians were honored. (See cover story on page 2) One of those honorees, the president emeritus of a Christian university, wrote "The memories of the entire trip will go with me the rest of my life."

An unusual confession came from a minister in Missouri. He said, "I buy more tapes at the Pepperdine lectures than at any other event I attend. In fact, I bought \$108.00 worth of tapes this year!"

As the church looks to the 1990s, it would appear that the Pepperdine Lectureship has become the barometer, the forum, the watchman on the wall for the Churches of Christ. A minister from southern California wrote, "Pepperdine does the church a great service by providing what may be a unique opportunity for (constructive criticism) to be said. It is the Church of Christ brotherhood at its best! Thank you for providing a platform for honest evaluation of the church."

Perhaps a minister from Canada was not far from the truth when he said, "In the past, our

brotherhood has always been shaped by our journals and by the men who edited them. But right now, the place of those journals has been taken by the Pepperdine Lectureship." That, of course, is not an accomplishment as much as it is a grave responsibility and challenge.



Chris Bullard spoke on "The God of Deliverance."

Scenes from Pepperdine'



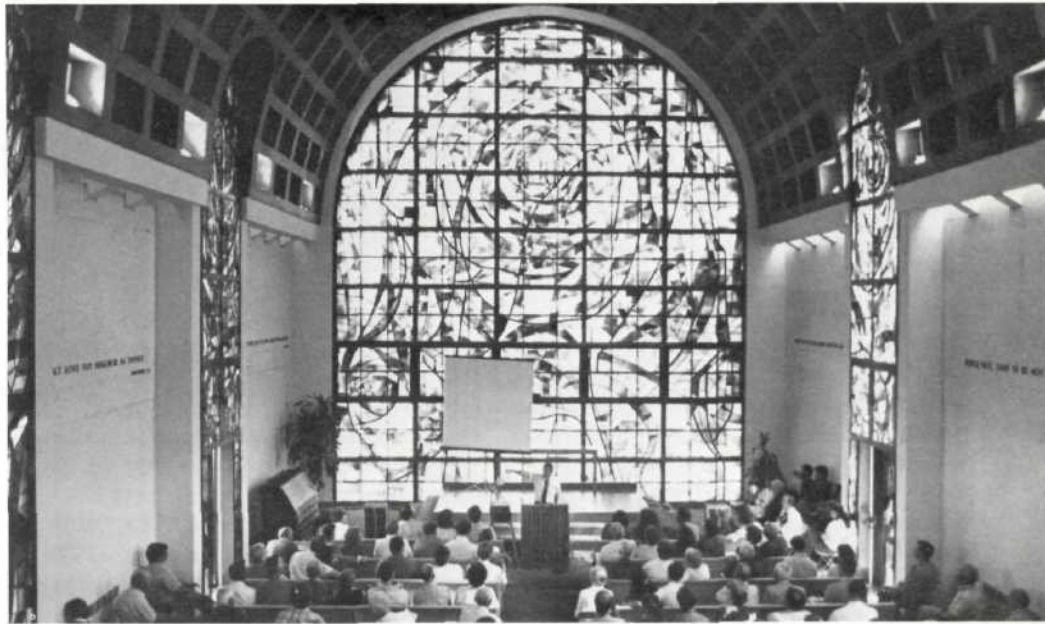
Lynn Anderson in Smothers Theatre



Steve Flatt speaking at the annual men's dinner in Alumni Park



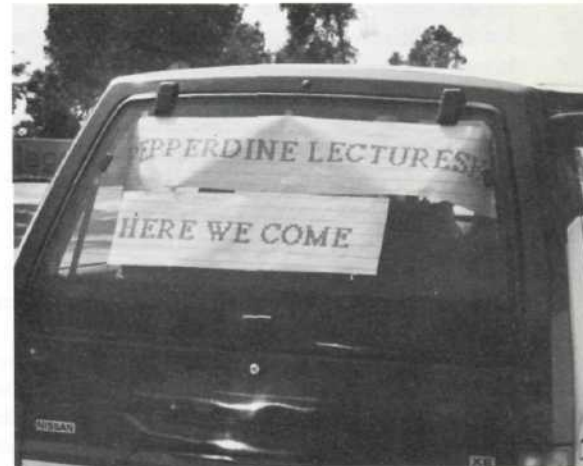
JoAnn Walker on spiritual gifts



Northern Ireland's Jim McGuigan teaching on Romans in Stauffer Chapel



Home away from home, camper city in Rho parking lot



All roads lead to Malibu in April

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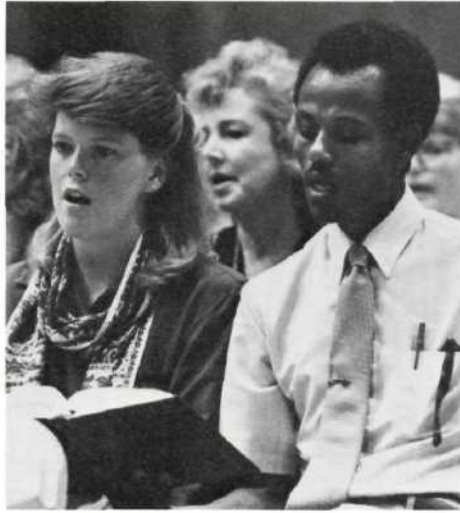


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Keynote lecturer Mike Cope in Firestone Fieldhouse



A time for praise



Tom Bost in Tyler Campus Center



A pleasant evening around the pool for the annual women's dinner



Sandra Woodroof Milholland in Elkins Auditorium



Ron and Lyn Rose co-teaching a daily class in Stauffer Chapel

A New Decade Dawns for Korean Churches

By Billie Silvey

An exciting meeting will soon take place on the campus of Pepperdine University. This summer, Korean Christians and former missionaries to Korea from across the nation will gather for a unity conference. Hosted by the Glendale Church of Christ, the meeting will focus on ways of coordinating efforts between the churches and on training future church workers.

Back in the mid-1970s and early 1980s, large numbers of Koreans began moving to the United States and especially to the Los Angeles area. Today the city is second only to Seoul as a Korean population center, with perhaps 400,000 people of Korean descent.

In January of 1978, the first Korean outreach among Churches of Christ in Los Angeles was launched when five Korean Christians began meeting at the 12th and Hoover church, with Steve Ham as their minister.

The next month, Paul Chung started a work at the Northside church in Santa Ana, and a year later, Tai Hi Choi began the Korean church in Santa Monica. Since that time, Korean congregations have become identified with other Churches of Christ in California: Vista church in San Diego, the Culver Palms church in Los Angeles, and the Temple City and Glendale churches. In addition, the Living Water Church of Christ meets in the facilities of a Christian Church in the San Fernando Valley today.

Across the nation, there are Korean Churches of Christ meeting in New York City; Washington, D.C.; and Memphis, Tennessee, and a new congregation is being formed in Seattle, Washington.

The combined membership of the eight

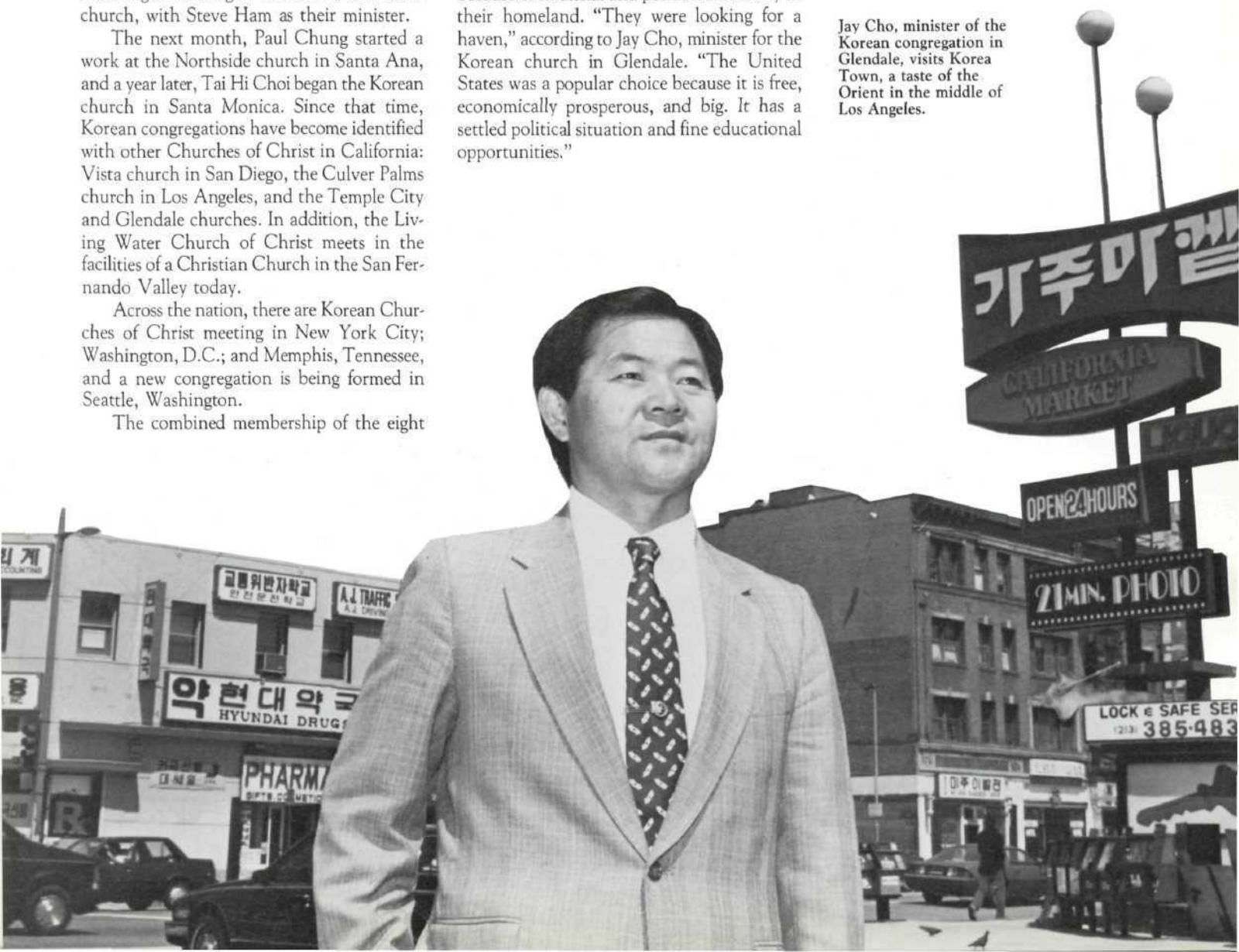
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Los Angeles area churches was more than 660 in the fall of 1988. All of the congregations have ministers, two have elders, five have deacons, and six have women counselors. A total of 330 individuals have been baptized in the past ten years, and over 500 people visit the congregations annually.

Koreans first began coming to America because of financial and political insecurity in their homeland. "They were looking for a haven," according to Jay Cho, minister of the Korean church in Glendale. "The United States was a popular choice because it is free, economically prosperous, and big. It has a settled political situation and fine educational opportunities."

However, the Korean economy now is second only to Japan among Asian nations. "There are not many hungry people there today," Cho says.

Jay Cho, minister of the Korean congregation in Glendale, visits Korea Town, a taste of the Orient in the middle of Los Angeles.



Still, America offers a wide range of opportunities for immigrants, who continue to migrate to this country as well as to Canada and Australia.

South Korea is a densely populated country—smaller in area than Tennessee, but with a population of 40 million. Competition for higher education and good jobs is fierce. So, Koreans, who are not afraid of hard work and are extremely protective of family honor, come to America seeking education and success.

Language is their primary problem in America. The Chinese civilization from which their language and culture developed, is, in many ways, almost the opposite of Western culture in both concepts and viewpoints. Koreans have trouble understanding the social structure of the United States, and their lack of understanding often makes it difficult for them to get good jobs.

Culture shock is prevalent for a people steeped in a tradition of Confucianism, large families, respect for elders, and ancestor worship. Koreans find that Americans are more practical and open in their dealings than are their own countrymen, who often mask their feelings as a sign of courtesy.

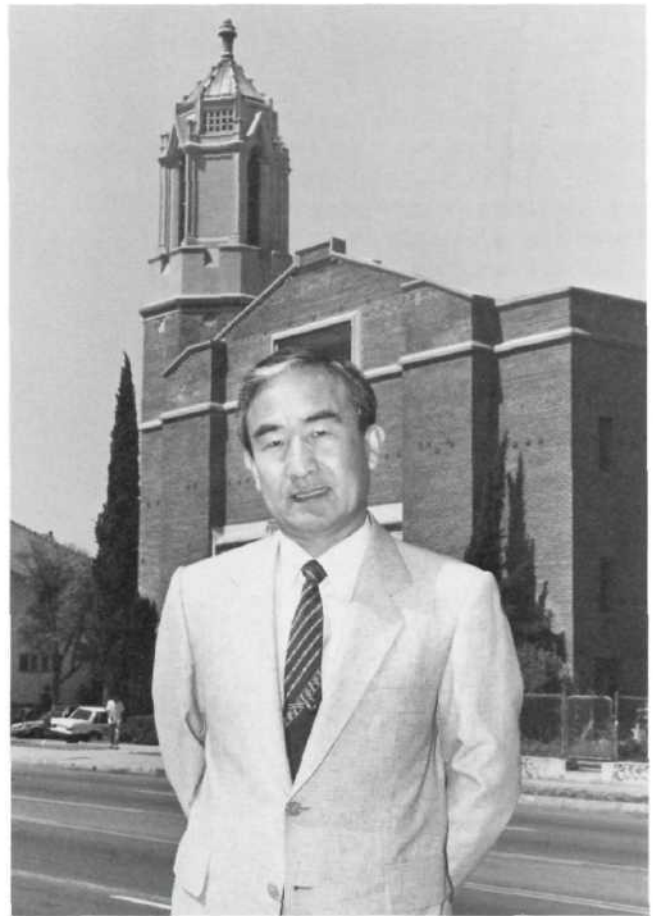
Koreans survive in America because of their patience—their ability to “stick it out.” “They have guts,” Cho explains, “and they are willing to go through a lot.” As a group, Koreans have a strong religious orientation and a respect for Western culture. As a result, many are very receptive to Christianity. The Presbyterian Church was the first to send missionaries to Korea, and today there are more Koreans of that denomination than any other. It has been observed that Churches of Christ seem to be less attractive to some Koreans because the churches lack entertainment and charismatic leaders.

The Korean population of Los Angeles centers in an area known as “Korea Town.” It is where most immigrants go initially. A large number of Korean-owned businesses are located in the area, even though the owners have moved to the suburbs.

Cho believes the Churches of Christ can best serve Koreans by offering sound Bible training for young people. Most parents work long hours, and their children are quickly forgetting their native language. Those who speak perfect English have fewer problems, but those who speak neither English nor Korean fluently and who are neither totally assimilated into American culture nor close to their parents, are a generation at risk. It is imperative that Korean young people also be attracted to the ministry, to prepare a new generation for Christian service.

The children respond well to after-school pro-

Myung Chul Ham is minister for the Korean congregation at the Central Church of Christ, the historic Los Angeles church where the Korean work in California began.



grams of tutoring, Bible classes, and church activities. Korean language classes help them to retain their culture. However, a lack of facilities and staff have kept such programs from achieving their full potential.

Adults respond to instruction in English as a Second Language (ESL), but only if teachers and materials are well prepared and highly professional.

Most Korean churches have limited association with the English-speaking group whose building they share. As might be expected, the major barrier to cooperation is a lack of communication. A notable exception, however, is the Glendale church, where the Korean work was initiated by American Christians who hired a Korean minister. The two groups have joint fellowship meetings, and their children meet together for Bible study.

English-speaking Christians who are interested in meeting the needs of Koreans in their area can help by teaching Bible classes, baby-sitting, teaching language classes, visiting, and communicating love. “We must break the “superiority-inferiority

barrier,” Cho explains. “Mutual respect is essential.”

One of the major problems for the Korean churches is the lack of leadership. It seems evident that Korean leaders of the future will have to be bilingual. While the children may understand basic concepts in their native language, sermons and advanced Bible studies will have to be in English. Elders must be developed through extensive Bible study and leadership training. According to Cho, “Our leaders must work hard and pray diligently. They must study the Bible and attend seminars and lectureships if our churches are to grow.”

Jay Cho believes Korean churches must become self-supporting as soon as possible, participating in mission and benevolence programs and sharing the expenses of the buildings where they meet. He sees church growth, both in numbers and in spirit, as the real answer to the problems of Korean churches in the Los Angeles area.

The conference this summer will be a major step toward a newly-energized work among Koreans all across America.

11th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop Set for July 5-8

The 11th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop (GNEW) will be held on the Pacific Lutheran campus in Tacoma, Washington, July 5-8. The workshop, entitled "Hallelujah! What A Savior!" will focus on getting to know Jesus better. Max Lucado will give the keynote address on Wednesday and other main speakers include: Marvin Phillips, Ben Mereness, Jeff Walling, Ronnie White, Jerry Jones, Prentice Meador, Claudette Jones, and Sandra Humphrey.

Other exciting events will take place in addition to the excellent class offerings. "The Elevators" and "The Acappella Vocal Band" will perform, an "Imaginality" workshop for those interested in teaching children will be presented, special programs for K-6 grades are planned, and the "TLC" (Teens Living for Christ) program for grades 9-12 will take place again this year.

For registration and other information, write: GNEW, 1601 South 110th Street, Tacoma, WA 98444; or call Rowena Hanson at (206) 848-4740.



Max Lucado, from San Antonio, Texas, will give the keynote address at the Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop.

God's Faithful Preacher

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Alabama, where he waded out to baptize people while watching snakes swimming in the pond.

People in Clay's audience never missed his message that "the blood of Jesus washes sins away." When he led one woman out to baptize her, the water caused the red dye from her dark dress to encircle them, and the observers on the shore began to cry out, "The blood of Jesus!"

Very few have encouraged more young men to preach than he. Billy Washington, one of the best known preachers of today, was reared partially in Clay's home and taught to preach there. The popular evangelist Humphrey Foutz is another of the many "sons in the faith" which Clay has.

Today, the white church in Gunterville, Alabama, supports John Henry in holding six months of gospel meetings among the blacks each year.

John Henry and Sadie have been blessed with a daughter, Pearl, and son, John Henry, Jr, and with three grandchildren. Last year, after a long illness, Sadie passed away on February 10.

The Southside Church in Los Angeles had a special day in his honor during June, 1987, in which they remembered his 50 years of preaching. On one Sunday in 1988, northern Alabama had "Clay Day" in the morning and southern Alabama had a similar event that night. It was at the evening event in Enterprise, Alabama, that two black congregations joined with the white church for their first worship service together in history, as they honored John Henry. In January of this year, the church in Compton, California, hosted a day of honor for Clay where proclamations were read from city, county, and state governments and where Pepperdine University presented him with the Distinguished Christian Service Award.

When asked to give advice to young preachers, Clay admonishes them 1) to live clean Christian lives (without reproach), 2) to study God's Word, 3) to be flexible, 4) to humble themselves, and 5) to work with people without forcing issues. He says that trouble often begins with young preachers wanting their own way.

Think of it... 36 congregations established! Many men encouraged and taught to preach! Over 10,000 people—black and white—baptized into Christ! What kind of man makes a great preacher? God took a humble servant... and made a giant.

On June 24, 1989, John Henry Clay will celebrate 52 years of preaching. Only God knows what is yet to be done by His man and our brother.



Washington Churches Help in Jamaican Relief

In the aftermath of Hurricane Gilbert, Churches of Christ in the United States sent more than a million dollars in food and supplies to Jamaica. Recently from the state of Washington, six members of the Church of Christ in Bellevue, four from South Whidbey Island, and one from Woodinville joined one Christian from Oregon and eight Christians from Texas A&M to rebuild a destroyed church building in Morant Bay, Jamaica. In about a 16-day period they, along with the Jamaicans, rebuilt the building sufficiently for the church to resume worshipping there. Tools were left and Jamaicans trained so they could finish the work. The relief efforts of Churches of Christ in Jamaica following the hurricane resulted in a tripling of attendance in the more than 50 congregations on the island.

Staying in Touch

by Jerry Rushford

J. M. Butler, dynamic preacher for the Uptown church in San Francisco for the past 43 years, died on April 30. He was 74. ... **Mark and Ellen Abshier** and their 2-year-old daughter left San Diego on June 15 to serve as missionaries in Brazil. Mark has been an associate minister at the La Mesa church for the last 4 years ... According to **Larry West** at Vacaville and **Don Golden** at Pomona, 102 inmates have been baptized into Christ during the first five months of 1989 as a result of their respective prison ministries ... **Kent Rhodes**, former minister to youth at the Broadway church in Lubbock, Texas, is the new campus minister at Cal State Long Beach ... **Ray Walker** from Nashville, Tennessee, will present a gospel meeting in song for the Norkenzie Road church in Eugene, Oregon, August 26-30 ... **Jimmy Jividen** from Abilene, Texas, will be the featured speaker at the "Family Grand Encampment" at Camp Tanda July 2-8 ... Sunset Haven has begun a campaign to raise more than 3 million dollars to build a full care nursing home next to their residential center in Upland. It will be home to 70 senior Christians. **Frank Pack** is honorary chairman of the campaign ... The church in Ashland, Oregon, launched the Ashland School of Biblical Studies on March 30 ... **Jim and Joyce Trimmer** were honored in Bakersfield on June 3 for 25 years of dedicated service to the Central church ... The church in Federal Way, Washington, recently hosted "The First Annual Northwest Acapella Christian Music Festival." Nine musical groups from Oregon and Washington were featured ... The merger between the El Cajon Boulevard and North City congregations in San Diego became effective May 7. The new congregation has 600 members and the ministers are **Kevin Withem, Dick Henegar, Ross Thomson, and Bud Watson** ... Preachers for the Los Angeles Campaign for Christ in August are **David Jones** from Nashville, Tennessee, and **Nokomis Yeldell** from Memphis, Tennessee ... **Dan Jocoy**, former youth minister for the church in Rancho Cordova, California, is now preaching for the church in Tri City, Oregon ... **Dave Schulze** has moved from the Alvin Drive church in Salinas to preach for the church in Ventura, California ... Christians from 9 congregations along California's central coast are raising money to build a retirement home on property donated by the Foster Road church in Santa Maria. They plan to build a facility with 48 rooms ... **Tom Vermillion** from the Golf Course Road church in Midland, Texas, was the keynote speaker at the Pacific Northwest Singles Seminar hosted by the Metro

congregation in Gresham, Oregon, June 2-4 ... The church in Pacific Beach, California, has planted a new congregation in the Poway area called the Carmel Mountain church. **Chuck Conniry**, former associate minister at Pacific Beach, is preaching for the new church ... **Paul and Linette Thomas** directed a Christian Writer's Workshop at the Costa Mesa church in May ... **Ron and Lisa Crawford** from Mission Viejo, California, are now serving as youth ministers for the church in Victoria, British Columbia ... The church in Vista, California, is celebrating a "Homecoming Sunday" on July 30 ... **Flavil Yeakley, Jr.**, from Abilene, Texas, conducted a seminar on "The Discipling Movement" at the Ball Road church in Anaheim June 10-11 ... **Don Williams** and **Ron Hull** were the featured speakers for the singles seminar at Daybreak Camp over Memorial Day weekend ... The congregation in Woodland Hills, California, dedicated their new church building on June 11 ... The congregations in Watsonville, California, and Buellton, California, have recently moved into their new buildings ... **Melvin Weldon** celebrated his 20th anniversary with the church in San Leandro, California ... **Jerry Meadors** has moved from Anchorage, Alaska, to preach for the church in Hayward, California ... **Dean Bixler** has moved from San Fernando to preach for the church in Pacific Grove, and **Lonnie Branam** has moved from Van Nuys to preach for the church in San Fernando ... **John Clayton** from South Bend, Indiana, will lecture on Christian evidences at Yellowstone Bible Encampment (35 miles north of Yellowstone Park) in Montana

July 22-28 ... We are proud of the growing number of Christian authors on the West Coast. **Twanette Pullen** of Lancaster, California, has written a book called *Joy Comes in The Morning*, and **Edwin White** from Phoenix, Arizona, has authored *A Sense of Presence*. Both books will be published this summer ... Construction has begun on Canyon Villas, the 100-unit, \$8 million retirement apartment community for active seniors that is being developed by the San Diego Christian Foundation ... **Truman and Ferne Scott** conducted a leadership seminar for the church in Rancho Cordova, California, May 19-21 ... **Mel and Emily Pownall** from the Conejo Valley church in Thousand Oaks, California, have just returned from a six-week mission tour with churches they established in Italy. The Pownalls were missionaries in Italy for 20 years ... The 3rd annual family encampment in Red River, New Mexico, is scheduled for June 25-28. **Tex Williams** will deliver the keynote address ... **Jerry Jones** of St. Louis, Missouri, will conduct a week-end seminar for the Culver-Palms church in Los Angeles August 5-6 ... **Michael Hinton** from Pepperdine University is the summer youth minister for the El Cajon Boulevard church in San Diego ... **E. W. McMillan**, former Bible professor at Columbia Christian College, will celebrate his 100th birthday on September 27. "Brother Mac" was one of the opening night speakers at the ACU lectureship in February ... The Bible lectureship at Columbia Christian College is scheduled for October 17-20, and the theme is "The Centrality of the Cross." Featured speakers include **Rubel Shelly, Bill Love, Ken Durham, and Mike Cope**.



The 994-member Northwest Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, recently moved into their new building which has 36 classrooms and a 1500-seat auditorium. The church is served by 6 elders and 3 ministers.

Highfield Joins Pepperdine Religion Faculty



Ron Highfield

Beginning in the fall of this year, Dr. Ronald B.C. Highfield will join the Pepperdine religion faculty as assistant professor of religion. Highfield attended Freed-Hardeman College and Harding University for his undergraduate degrees in math and Bible. He went on to the Harding Graduate School of Religion where he received the Master of Theology degree, concentrating on both New Testament and Old Testament, as well as Preaching. After Harding, he attended Rice University for his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees, where his emphasis was systematic theology and philosophy of religion.

Dr. Tom Olbricht, chairman of the religion division, said, "Ron Highfield has been well educated at Harding Graduate School and Rice. He has rich experiences within the Churches of Christ and comes highly praised as a creative teacher. We are pleased to have him join our faculty."

Highfield served churches in West Virginia and Arkansas before moving to the Bering Drive Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. His first position at Bering Drive was youth minister, then later he became associate minister. For the past two years, he has been the campus minister for the Church of Christ Student Foundation at the University of Houston.

Of the Restoration Movement, Highfield says, "I am proud of my heritage. It has a lot to offer the theological world generally—the restoration principle, community lifestyle, and a commitment to rationality ... I want always to be involved in teaching and preaching in the local church."

Highfield and his wife, Martha, have two boys, Nathanael, age 8, and Matthew, age 5.

Pepperdine University announces the MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MINISTRY in Phoenix, Arizona

This off-campus program is presented as a service to the church and is intended to better prepare persons for ministry within the local congregation. It is a two-year, 36-unit, non-thesis program that will begin in September of this year and conclude in 1991. Substantial scholarship aid is available for interested applicants in the Phoenix area. Classes will meet every other weekend and will utilize the facilities of the Northwest Church of Christ in Phoenix. Among the faculty for this program are Dr. Thomas Olbricht, Dr. Jerry Rushford, Dr. Rick Marrs, Dr. Randy Chesnutt, Dr. John Free, Dr. Richard Hughes, Dr. Ron Tyler, Dr. Stuart Love, and Dr. Ron Highfield.

**For application or more information write or call:
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(213) 456-4352.**

Pepperdine University to Offer New Degree

Pepperdine University will offer a new degree in religion, the master of divinity, beginning the fall semester of 1989.

The M.Div. fulfills the prerequisite for the ministry in many religious groups, as well as for entry into Ph.D. or doctor of ministry programs.

The three-year program is directed toward providing insight into the religious disciplines of Biblical studies, church history, ministry, and theology as preparation for work in a variety of ministries and research specializations.

Required coursework includes a year and a half of Hebrew and Greek; two courses in both Old and New Testament; four in ministry studies, missions, and counseling courses; three courses (each) in church history and Christian thought; and three elective courses. Fieldwork

is also required for those inexperienced in ministry.

Three days of written comprehensives and an oral exam are required to complete the degree. Coursework taken to meet the requirements for other graduate degrees in religion can be applied as long as they satisfy specific M.Div. requirements. In addition, work completed at other theological schools will be transferable as long as the last 24 units are completed at Pepperdine.

According to current estimates, the first M.Div. class will consist of ten students. At the end of three years the University is projecting a class of 30 students. All full-time Religion Division professors will teach in the program, as well as adjunct professors who are considered experts in their respective fields.

Christian Scholars Conference at Pepperdine in July

The ninth annual Christian Scholars Conference will be held July 19-21 on Pepperdine's Malibu campus. The theme of this year's 3-day conference is "Leadership." It is expected to draw Christian college professors and preachers from across the nation, in addition to other interested persons.

On Wednesday, the keynote luncheon address, "Leadership for a New Century: Perspective of an Old Testament Scholar," will be delivered by J. J. M. Roberts of Princeton Theological Seminary.

Other speakers include: Ian Fair, Everett Ferguson, Mel Hailey, Tom Winter, Gary McCaleb, John Tyson, Dale Tacker, Richard Cox, Scott Perkins, and Robert McKelvain from Abilene Christian University, Winston Harless and Clyde Lewis from

Freed-Hardeman College will make presentations. From Oklahoma Christian College, Jeanine Varner and Howard Norton will speak. Michael Moss, Steve Prewitt, and Randy Harris of David Lipscomb University will be presenters. Wyatt Jones of Harding University, Michael Westerfield of York College, and Charles Stephenson of Lubbock Christian University will also speak.

Christian professors from a number of other schools will present papers: Bruce Hopkins of UCLA, David Walker of Middle Tennessee State, Richard Phillips of Milligan, Kathy Pulley of Southwest Missouri State, Robert Jones of Duke University Medical Center, and Thomas Langford of Texas Tech.

In addition, 16 Pepperdine University professors and a number of preachers from across the country will make presentations. Major topics include: "The Church at Worship," "Leadership in the University," "Christian Leadership in Our Discipline," "Hermeneutics," and "Christian Leadership in the University and in the Church." Overall, there will be more than 60 different scholarly presentations. For more information, you may contact:

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Pepperdine Summer Religion Classes Overlooking the Blue Pacific

The Pepperdine University Religion Division announces four summer courses especially designed for those studying for ministry or who are currently involved in ministry. Each of the following courses will meet for two weeks, six hours per day, and are worth four credit hours.

Milton Jones
"Revitalizing Churches"
May 30-June 9

Richard T. Hughes
"Religion in America"
June 19-30

J. J. M. Roberts
"Isaiah"
July 10-21

James W. Thompson
"Hebrews"
July 24-August 4

Courses may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit. Scholarship funds for Christians involved in ministry reduce the tuition from \$1,520 to only \$400 per course. Housing is available on campus at very reasonable rates. For additional information, call or write:

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The 49th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

July 23-28, 1989

Theme: "God's Great Preachers and Their Messages"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>City and State</u>
23	10:30 a.m.	"God's Great Preachers"	Harold Hazelip	Nashville, Tennessee
	6:00 p.m.	"John the Baptist" "Philip"	David Davenport Landon Saunders	Malibu, California Dallas, Texas
24	9:30 a.m.	"Hosea" "Onesiphorus"	Leonard Gray Jerry Rushford	Ovilla, Texas Agoura Hills, California
	6:00 p.m.	"Joshua" "Stephen"	Jerry Cantrell Johnny Ramsey	Cocoa, Florida Mesquite, Texas
25	9:30 a.m.	"John Mark" "Jeremiah"	Calvin Warpula Mike Scott	Stillwater, Oklahoma Paradise, California
	6:00 p.m.	"Titus" "Jonah"	Terry Bell Don Humphrey	Abilene, Texas Nashville, Tennessee
26	9:30 a.m.	"Caleb" "Andrew"	Norman Gipson Edwin White	Lubbock, Texas Phoenix, Arizona
	6:00 p.m.	"Timothy" "Paul"	Jeff Walling Furman Kearley	Mission Viejo, California Monahans, Texas
27	9:30 a.m.	"Solomon" "Barnabas"	Jim Bill McInteer Otis Gatewood	Nashville, Tennessee Rochester, Michigan
	6:00 p.m.	"Nathan" "Apollos"	Eddie Cloer Jerry Lawlis	Searcy, Arkansas Pueblo, Colorado
28	9:30 a.m.	"John the Apostle" "Malachi"	Paul Faulkner Kevin Withem	Abilene, Texas San Diego, California
	6:00 p.m.	"Noah" "Jesus"	Doug Parsons Willard Tate	Midland, Texas Abilene, Texas

Randy Lowry of Malibu, California will teach the daily church leaders class at 8:00 a.m. entitled, "When the Saints Come Storming In." This study is based on the premise that peace in churches is not the absence of conflict. All preachers, leaders, and teachers on the west coast are strongly encouraged to attend.

Paul L. Methvin of Orangevale, California will direct the encampment for the 19th consecutive year. For more information and accommodation reservations, write or call Mrs. Florence Johnston, Encampment Secretary, 2950 Routier Road, #19, Sacramento, California 95827 or call (916) 361-7149. The 1990 Yosemite Family Encampment will be held July 22-27.

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