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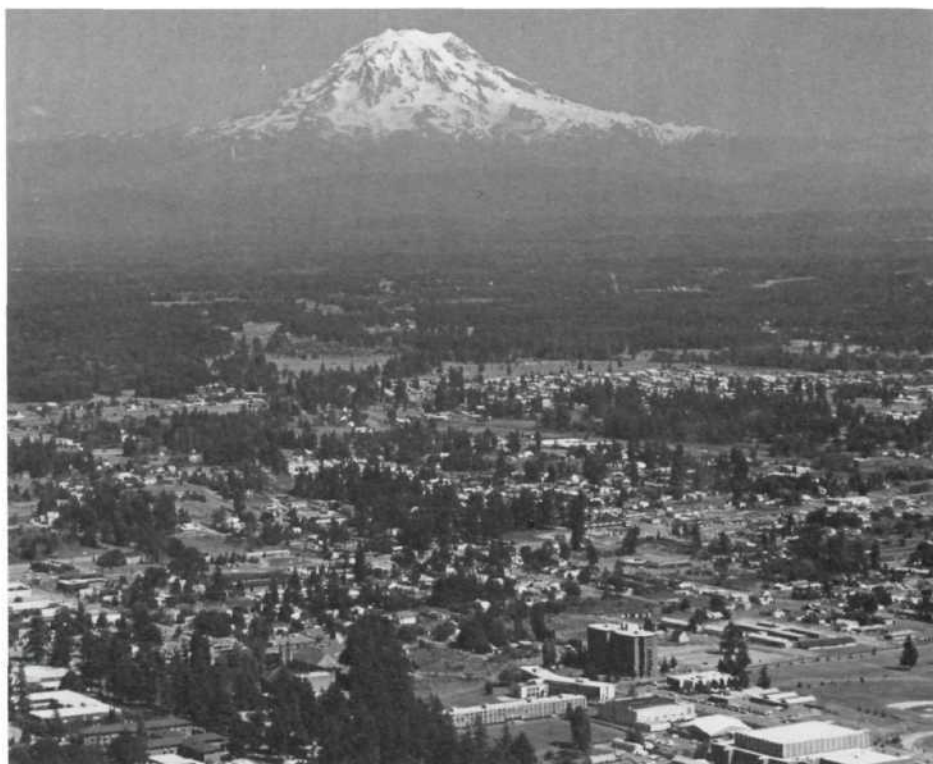
The Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma, Washington, is hosting the 10th Anniversary Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop, June 29 through July 2 of this year. The theme is "There's a Great Day Coming," and the list of speakers is outstanding: Lynn Anderson, Paul Faulkner, Milo Hadwin, Bill Humble, Jerry Jones, Milton Jones, Bernalyn McGaughey, Kayann McPeak, Howard Norton, Marvin Phillips,

Richard Rogers, Jerry Rushford, Rubel Shelly, Dale Smith, Jeff Walling, "Big" Don Williams, and many others.

Classes of special interest to women are offered, and an entire youth program, with the theme "It Takes The Master's Touch," has been organized with many of the speakers listed above. There are Bible classes, art classes, and films for children, kindergarten through sixth grades. Also, special events for singles are

planned, and several singing groups will perform.

The workshop will be held on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. The first session will begin on Wednesday evening, June 29, at 7 p.m. For registration and reservation or other information, write: Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop, 1601 South 110th Street, Tacoma, WA 98444; or call Rowena Hanson at (206) 848-5740.



A view of the city of Tacoma with Mount Rainier in the background.

Pepperdine University announces the MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN MINISTRY in Seattle, Washington

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 1990. Substantial scholarship aid is available for interested applicants in the Seattle area. Classes will meet every other weekend and will utilize the facilities of Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle and Puget Sound Christian College.

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Canadian Church Bridges Miles to Zambia

By Kelly Carter

The Shelbourne Street Church of Christ in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, is taking seriously these two passages:

*Sing to God, sing praise to his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds—
his name is the Lord—and rejoice
before him. A father to the fatherless,
a defender of widows, is God in his
holy dwelling. God sets the lonely
in families, he leads forth the
prisoners with singing.*

—Psalm 68:4-6

*Religion that God our Father accepts
as pure and faultless is this: to look
after orphans and widows in their
distress.*

—James 1:27

Wendy Charko, Canadian missionary and English teacher at Namwianga Christian School in Kalomo, Zambia, was converted at the Shelbourne Street church. Then, in 1985, Wendy, having gone through the Mission 1000 training program through the Highland Street Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, selected Zambia as the country in which she would work. The Shelbourne Street congregation gladly agreed to support Wendy, one of their own.

Since then God has richly blessed the church and Wendy's ministry. Because the Shelbourne Street church is supporting one of their own members on a foreign mission field (and a recent convert at that!), there is a special bond between the church and their missionary. Members are personally and emotionally involved in Wendy's work. They are willing to help bear her burden, and they have extended their compassion to the people of Zambia. For example, in fall 1987 the congregation of 155 was able to send (via a trip to Zambia by Steve Mann and Kelly Carter) over \$19,000 to be used for food relief and for a vehicle to aid in Wendy's ministry.

Already this year, wonderful blessings have come to Wendy and the church in Victoria. Following Steve and Kelly's trip to Africa, four Zambian babies, whose mothers all died either in or as a result of childbirth, have been adopted by Wendy and by members of the church in Victoria. Wendy, still in Kalomo, Zambia, now cares for a four-month old baby girl, appropriately named Hope, who would have been

buried with her mother had Wendy not been willing to take her in. Because Hope's father could not feed his new baby, the grandmother was going to follow traditional practice and place the new baby girl in the grave of her mother. Wendy's compassion quite literally saved Hope's life.

In Victoria, Steve and Joan Mann are now the adoptive parents of one-year-old Tanya, who was found lying in a Zambian maize field with umbilical cord still attached. Tanya's mother, partially incoherent, had wandered into Kalomo after giving birth. The townspeople, recognizing that she had delivered, searched the area until the baby was found. After a ten month stay on the Namwianga School campus, Tanya is with her new family in Victoria. Brad and Carol Wilkerson, already parents of four girls, now have adopted a Zambian son, James, five months. What a blessing James is to Brad, who always wanted a son! And Tom and Diane Mann now welcome their new arrival, Kaitlyn, six months. Kaitlyn fits perfectly into the family of seven!

Steve and Joan's Tanya arrived in Canada on January 21, with the help of Kathy Kumalo, secretary at Namwianga Christian School. James and Kaitlyn, along with special traveling companions—Wendy, Hope, and two escorts—came together to Victoria on

April 8. On Sunday, April 10, the Shelbourne Street church held a special dedication and welcome for Hope and the three babies who were to remain in Victoria. Proud adoptive parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents were all present. The church in Victoria rejoiced.

The Shelbourne Street congregation recognized immediately the blessings that could come to both Zambian orphans and families in Victoria if babies could be adopted. Children in need were easily located, and the adoptions were arranged. In all this God has blessed his people. Four precious children, three now in Canada, are being nurtured in Christian families. Parents and siblings are blessed with the presence of their new little ones. The adopted children have received an opportunity for life and happiness in a country which far surpasses Zambia in economic opportunity. And the church in Victoria is filled with a warm sense of service and love as it ministers to those less fortunate. The brothers and sisters at Shelbourne Street are being blessed as they share in the lives of the three little pieces of Zambia which God has brought to Victoria, and the people of Zambia, especially Hope, are blessed as a piece of Victoria, in the person of Wendy Charko, remains in Zambia to serve.



The Shelbourne Street Church welcomes four Zambian babies. (l. to r.) Joan Mann with Tanya, Carol Wilkerson with James, Wendy Charko with Hope, Diane Mann with Kaitlyn.

Damon Williams: A Suitcase of Memories

By Billie Silvey



Damon Williams leading a Bible study in his home

Damon Williams has a suitcase full of memories—literally. It's full of awards and resolutions—from the cities of Compton and Los Angeles, from Los Angeles County, from Pepperdine University, from the Watts/Willowbrook Church of Christ, from the California State Assembly and Senate, the United States Congress, and others. How did this 94-year-old preacher from the South gain such recognition?

Born July 8, 1895, in Port Gibson, Mississippi, he was named De Epimaethus by an uncle who was professor of Greek at Alcorn A & M. His father started him studying the Bible at the age of six and sent him to Southern Christian Institute in Edwards, Mississippi, to train to be a missionary to Africa. At the age of 13, he was accepted at Alcorn A & M, where he eventually received his B.S. degree in 1915.

Upon graduation, he left for San Francisco to visit the World's Fair. Having studied shoemaking, carpentry, and concrete laying in addition to his academic classes, he was able to get a job in the "City by the Bay." He attended Armstrong Business College in Oakland and took courses in biblical studies and archaeology at the University of California, Berkeley.

When the Great Depression settled bleakly over the nation, he closed the business he had begun in Oakland and returned to the South

to find a wife. He married Katye K. Hopson the next year in 1931.

Damon and Katye were baptized into Christ in 1946. And that very year, Williams started preaching in Mobile, Alabama. In addition, he started a housing project there, and today many of the streets in the area are named for him and Katye and their children. "Katye was a great personal worker," he says, telling of the time she went to a door and a woman turned a dog loose on her. She calmly talked to the dog and was then able to teach the woman and baptize her.

In the 1950's, he started churches in Lenett, Alabama, and in Hattisburg, Laurel, Columbia, and Gulfport, Mississippi. He moved the family to Los Angeles in 1961, where, for two years, he did personal work for various churches.

All ten of his children attended college. Four have master's degrees and one, a doctorate. All but two attended Pepperdine University, and four—Mary, Maurice, John, and Thamar—are Pepperdine graduates. At one time, six of his children were in Christian schools.

Williams suffered a heart attack in 1954 and had another nine years later. Recuperating at his home in 1963, he sent his wife and son to bring people to his bedside so he could continue teaching. He baptized fifteen people in the first month and tried to get them acquainted with already-established congregations, but they kept coming to his house on Belview Avenue. The house began to overflow with visitors, and they soon had to buy and borrow chairs. He found a small church building on Holmes Avenue, which he leased for two years. When the property was condemned for the construction of Martin Luther King Hospital in 1964, he found another, larger building on Mona Boulevard.

Why would an elderly minister who had suffered a series of heart attacks want to work in a difficult area like Watts? "Those people had lost hope," he explains. "They

were stubborn and arrogant, and they hated preachers. They thought preachers had robbed them by taking their parents' money for church work." Using Bible students from Pepperdine to teach classes, Williams began an extensive program of evangelism, youth work, and benevolence. Young women were trained to cook and sew, and young men were taught trades and given on-the-job training. A literacy program taught young people to read and write.

After the Watts riots, hundreds of children streamed into the summer Bible classes. There were not enough experienced teachers to handle them all, so teachers came from the Vermont Avenue, Inglewood, Burbank, Glendale, and West Covina congregations to help. Pepperdine furnished teaching materials. Tents were set up outside the building to house some of the classes and others met on chairs set up on the lawn.

In 1982, the church began a program for people on drugs. "Since then, we have had many young people to change their lives from drugs to the Bible," he says. Are they bothered by gangs? According to Williams, one of the gangs once wrote on the sidewalk, "God is in this place."

Katye, his wife of 52 years, died in March of 1983. She had been at his side through all the years and all the fruitful labor. Their three daughters are active in the church today and their seven sons have all preached.

Two congregations have been established—one in the Watts area and the other in Compton. Many of those converted at Watts have scattered to strengthen churches throughout the Los Angeles area. "The majority of our work is with young people, and when they get old enough to go to work for the Lord, I ship them out," Williams says.

Because he is no longer able to teach from door-to-door, many come to Williams during the week for Bible teaching. And he still does marriage and family counseling. His daughter Mary says he has never had a real vacation. "My work is my vacation," Williams says. He has baptized about 16,000 in his entire preaching career—62 from his Bible classes in the past year alone.

Damon Williams may have a suitcase full of memories, but his focus is still on the future—and on the children who will be the future of the Watts/Willowbrook Church of Christ.

Good News for the World from a Wheelchair

By Edwin White

Were it not for a tragic accident which left her paralyzed, Rosalie Yurk might never have become one of World Bible School's most inspiring teachers.

Rosalie's impaired physical condition began in 1972 when she was involved in a traffic accident which resulted in a prolonged period of head and back problems. In 1975, excruciating headaches and lower back problems made it necessary for Yurk to become a patient at a Phoenix pain clinic where doctors decided, among other things, that the pain should be treated with injections in the neck. During one of the injections, an artery to the brain was pierced. Six weeks later, when Rosalie came out of the resulting coma, she was totally paralyzed and unable to speak.

It was two years before she could attend church services again. It was then that an elder's wife, Ruth Burnett, challenged Rosalie to become involved with World Bible School. "I accepted the challenge," says Rosalie, "only because I did not have the courage to say no." She then took a list of ten prospective students and began her career as a World Bible School teacher. At first, the new teacher had to be strapped in her wheelchair to prevent her from slumping over the typewriter. "I was also very slow," says Rosalie, "taking two to three weeks to write one letter". Gradually, however, the determined teacher became more efficient. "I'm not your typical quadriplegic anymore," she says. "I can dress and feed myself and do



Rosalie Yurk seated before the computer she plans to use in her WBS work

World Bible School."

Always willing to face a new challenge, the busy World Bible School teacher recently acquired a computer. She confesses, "I don't even know how to turn the thing on, but I'll learn, just as I learned how to use a typewriter." Rosalie feels the task of becoming computer literate is worth the trouble. "I have become convinced," she says, "that a computer will make it possible for me to correspond with five times

as many students as I do now." Though a hard worker, she acknowledges, "I will always be slower than other people, but I can handle one hundred students easier now than I did the three I started with, and once I learn to use the computer, I will be much more efficient."

A mother of three, Rosalie credits her family, especially her husband, Vic, for her success. "Vic is very supportive," she says. When asked about her goals, she replied, "World Bible School is my life. Because I have kept myself so busy, I don't have time to feel sorry for myself and have no time for worry. I feel that my accident was a blessing. I do more for the Lord now without all my physical gifts than I ever did with them."

When asked what message she would like to leave with those who may read her story, Rosalie replied, "I would like to say that everyone can evangelize. When I had all my gifts, I often said, 'we are missing the boat'. But it was I who was missing the boat. Each individual must decide to do something. Others are willing to listen. My students are desperately poor and make me feel so humble that they take the money for postage to learn more about God."

Rosalie Yurk is a member of the Stapely and Dana Church of Christ in Mesa, Arizona, and is one of those rare individuals who defy the odds, overcome difficulties, and work in the Kingdom regardless of circumstances.



Rosalie Yurk going through her WBS correspondence drawer

Go East, Young Man!

By Bill Henegar



Andre and Mary Resner at Princeton

God works through our hopes and toils, our triumphs and tragedies, to bring about his great and remarkable will...

Andre Resner grew up on the west coast—a "California kid" to the core! Although Carlsbad was his home, he attended the Church of Christ in nearby Oceanside, where he was baptized in 1967 by the minister, Eugene Winters. During two years of community college, Andre was the youth minister for the Oceanside church.

Then, in 1978, he transferred to Pepperdine University to complete a bachelor's degree in religion. It was about that time that he met his wife-to-be, Mary, who was a UCLA student—but not for long. Andre brought her to the Lord, and while he was at it, he brought her to Pepperdine, as well.

The two were active in the Malibu church and Andre served as associate campus minister. A few months after graduation, Andre accepted a full-time position with the Santa Monica church as associate minister, and in 1983 he moved to the Conejo Valley church in that same role. During those years, he continued his education at Pepperdine, eventually earning

an M.S. in ministry.

Andre and Mary made a crucial decision in 1985, said their goodbyes, and set out for New Jersey, a continent away from their home in the Golden State, in order for Andre to attend Princeton Theological Seminary.

At Princeton, Andre continued his scholarship in Greek and Hebrew, preparing himself to preach and teach, with a special emphasis on Old Testament. He excelled at the prestigious institution, working as assistant to the Editorial Committee for the new RSV Bible and as computer coordinator for the Dead Sea Scrolls Project, as well as serving as a Greek and Hebrew Teaching Fellow. Craig Bowman, a fellow Princeton graduate student and also a Pepperdine alumnus, describes Andre as "the most gifted student of his class." The rest of the class agreed—they elected him class president.

But in the midst of this most challenging chapter in their lives, tragedy struck like lightning. Tripp, their 15-month old son, died suddenly of a rare childhood disease—and their world came crashing down around them. Through months of agony, however,

they gradually learned to comfort others with the comfort they experienced from a loving God. And their direction in life seemed to shift, as Andre sensed a call to ministry in a way he had not before.

One of Andre's professors at Princeton was J.J.M. Roberts, who is also an elder for the Liberty Street Church of Christ in Trenton. Andre worked as an assistant minister for the church under Professor Roberts, who says, "Andre is a brilliant preacher and an excellent classroom teacher. He is better prepared to teach the Bible than 99 percent of the preachers I know. Despite, or actually because of, his profound knowledge, Andre is able to communicate effectively to audiences with very diverse backgrounds."

For the past several months, Andre has been serving as interim minister for the Westwood Church of Christ in Woodbury, New Jersey, across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. Two hours from New York and only 20 minutes from Philadelphia, the Westwood church is the result of an exciting project that began in 1981 when 11 people moved to Woodbury from St. Louis where they had trained with Stanley Shipp, Ben Williams, and Ryan Howard. The "pioneers" found jobs, adjusted to New Jersey, and began ministering to the community. Through aggressive outreach, the group has now grown to 65 in attendance. In the last six months alone, God has added 17 to their number—an increase of 34 percent. And now they believe that God has sent Andre and Mary to become the catalyst for future growth.

Andre says, "Numbers are not always a sure guide that things are going well, but the Westwood church evidences a deep ongoing spiritual growth among its members. I have grown to love them and feel that our unity of heart and mind will be conducive to a very productive relationship as we work together the works of God in the Woodbury area."

Someday they may return to the golden coast of California. But for now, Andre and Mary are committed to that dense sprawl of people on the northeastern coast of our country. The field is white—harvest is near.

If you or your congregation would like to have a part in this pioneering work, contact Andre Resner or the Steering Committee, Westwood Church of Christ, 57 West Centre Street, Woodbury, NJ 08096.

"Thine Is The Kingdom"—A Week to Remember

By Bill Henegar

"Another great lectureship! Not even the rain could dampen our spirits." That note from Houston, Texas, was an excellent 11-word summary of the 45th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectureship. There was, indeed, an onslaught of problems—rainstorms, road closures due to gas leaks, rock slides, heavy traffic, in addition to the usual problems associated with a gathering so huge. But even the driving rainstorm couldn't keep more than 4,000 people from being on hand to hear Landon Saunders set the tone for the whole lectureship with his electrifying message, "A Joyful Kingdom Whose Time Has Come!"

Many people attended for the first time—like the man from Minneapolis, who wrote, "What a fantastic Lectureship!... It was my first trip to Pepperdine and I'm sure it will not be my last." And from the Nashville area, a couple wrote, "For years we've heard that there's no lectureship like Pepperdine's—and now we know what they were talking about. We have never had a more refreshing and wonderful experience."

But others were oldtimers. A minister from Dayton, Ohio, wrote, "You've done it again! This year's lectures continued in the great tradition of excellence which you've established during the past six years. This year was my third lectureship, and I continue to be amazed at the quality of the presentations, the fervency of spirit, and the physical beauty of the Pepperdine campus."

The program continued to grow this year, with seven theme lecturers, seven choral groups, 15 songleaders, 42 meal programs with speakers, and a record 144 classes, plus a variety of late night specials. In addition to Landon Saunders, the theme lecturers were Randy Fenter, Steve Platt, Gregg Hood, Larry James, Dan Anders, and Max Lucado. The largest, major classes, taught by Max Lucado, Oliver Howard, Rubel Shelly, and Lynn and Joy McMillon, overflowed Smothers Theatre. In fact, virtually every class was filled, some to more than capacity.

It was also a week of honors. On opening night, President David Davenport awarded a plaque to the Associated Women for Pepperdine for 30 years of outstanding support and service to the University. On hand to receive the award were three of the seven founders of AWP: Helen Pepperdine, Helen Young, and Elizabeth Randolph. Others receiving awards were Paul Methvin and W.B. West for distinguished Christian service, Bill Humble for the 20th

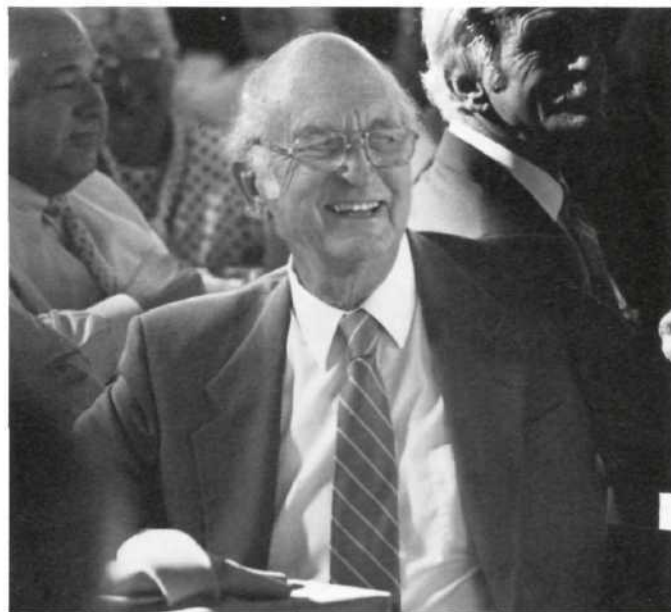
Century Christian Educator of the Year, and J.P. Sanders for distinguished lifetime achievement.

But the lectureship was much more than a frenetic schedule of lectures, classes, dinners, and awards. A minister from Eugene, Oregon, said, "The blessings I received will stay with me for many years to come." And from Louisville, Kentucky, came, "Thank you for dealing with difficult subjects which help us to be on the cutting edge of society." One of

the theme lecturers, a first-time attendee, was overwhelmed: "I can honestly say the week on your campus was one of the best in my life. The spirit among the people present and the teaching shared was truly remarkable."

One man from California warmed the heart of Jerry Rushford, lectureship director, in a special way when he said, "There are surely good days ahead for the Church." That is really the "bottom line." That is what all the heroic effort is about.

On Friday evening, Dr. J.P. Sanders received the distinguished lifetime achievement award.

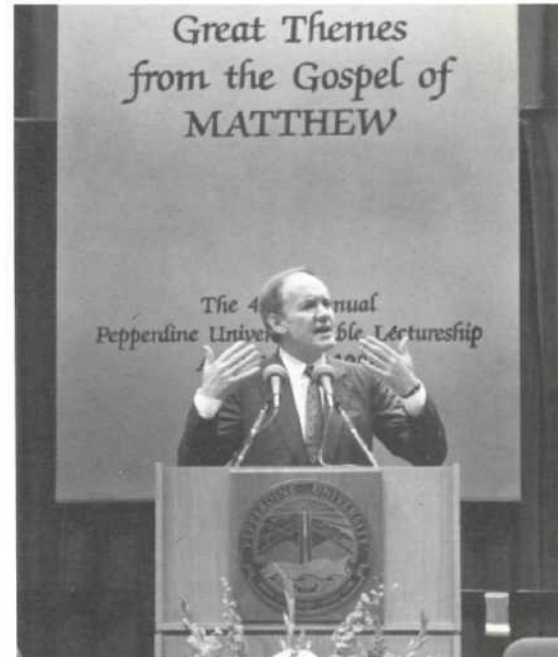


President Davenport honors AWP and three of the seven founders, (l. to r.) Elizabeth Randolph, Helen Young, and Helen Pepperdine.

Scenes from Pepperdine's



Bright, sunny days after the rainstorm



Opening night with Landon Saunders



Leonard Allen on church history



A time for families



A time for prayer



Oliver Howard packs Smothers Theatre



Larry James lectures on Thursday night

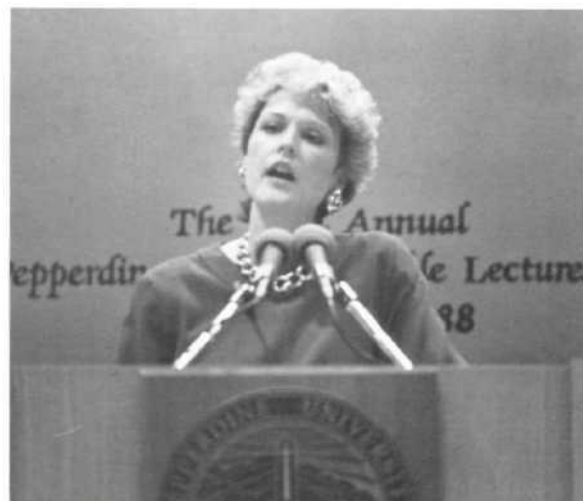
45th Annual Lectureship



Wednesday night lecturer Steve Flatt



Browsing among the displays



Cynthia Rowland-McClure at women's dinner



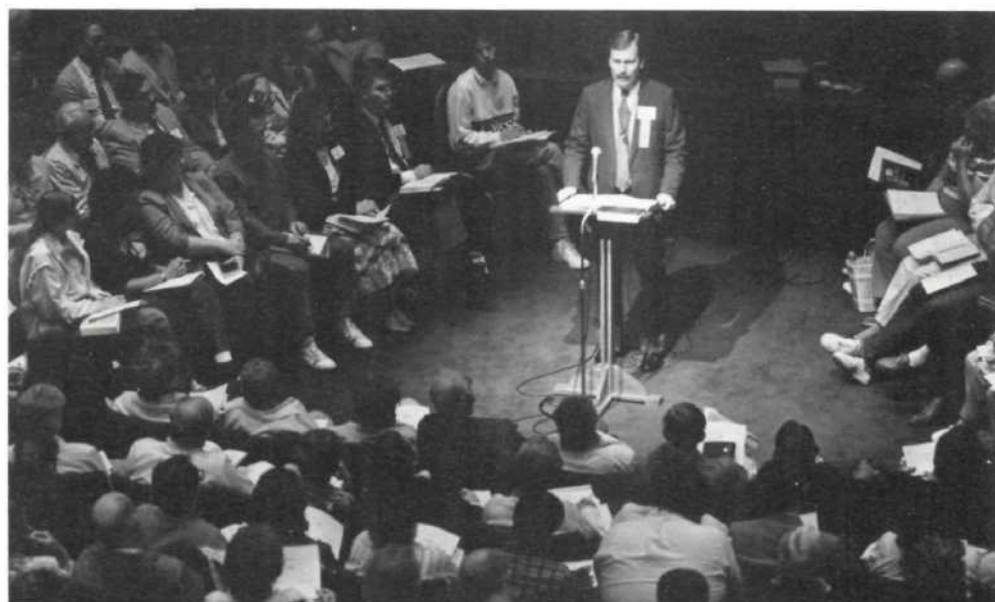
Mike Armour in Stauffer Chapel



Lynn Mitchell on worship



Marriage seminar by Carl Brecheen



Standing room only for Max Lucado

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

By Paula Marrs

Vice President for University Affairs **Michael F. Adams** spoke for six consecutive Sunday mornings at the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks on the subject of "Discipleship" this spring.

Dan Anders, minister of the Malibu Church of Christ, was a theme lecturer for the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April. He will serve as a theme lecturer and teach three classes at the Yosemite Family Encampment in July.

Calvin Bowers, director of the equal opportunity office, spoke at a Gospel meeting at the Del Amo Church of Christ in Long Beach on May 8-13. He gave three lectures and a keynote address at the Ohio State Lectureship in Cleveland on May 27-29, and he will hold a married couples seminar on July 29-30, in Austin, Texas.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Madison Church of Christ in Madison, Tennessee on Sunday morning, May 1. Over 9,000 were present for the attendance drive service. He preached at the Ashwood congregation in Nashville on that Sunday evening. He also spoke at the preachers' luncheon in Nashville on May 2. On June 5, he will preach at the Central congregation in San Jose on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

Professor of Biology **Doug Dean** spoke at a youth rally May 27-29, at the Anderson Church of Christ near Redding on the topic of "Science and Religion".

D'Esta Love, director of the Career Development Center, was the featured speaker for a women's fellowship day at the Central congregation in Stockton and a mother-daughter banquet at the Davis Park church in Modesto on May 8. She will speak to campers from the Campbell church on June 3-5.

Stuart Love, associate professor of religion, will be the featured speaker for a family retreat at the Church of Christ in Victoria, British Columbia, on July 30-31.

Randy Lowry, director of the Institute for Dispute Resolution, taught a 3-day class at the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April.

Associate Professor of Religion **Rick Marrs** taught a class at the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April. He preached for the church in El Segundo on May 15, and he was a presenter at the Ministers Sermon Seminar in Austin, Texas on May 23-26.

Tom Olbricht, chairman of the religion division, taught a class at the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April. He also presented a lecture on April 19, in Claremont, California, as a part of the Alexander Campbell Bicentennial Lectures.

Vice President for Finance **Mike O'Neal** will speak and serve as a counselor on Christian Estate Planning at the Yosemite Family Encampment July 25-29.

Frank Pack, distinguished professor of religion emeritus, taught a 3-day class at the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April. He also presided at two sessions of the Alexander Campbell Bicentennial Lectures in Claremont, California, on April 18.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, spoke at the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield on May 1. He will serve as a keynote lecturer for the Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop in Tacoma on June 29, and he will preach for the Northwest congregation in Seattle on July 3.

Steve Sale, professor of history, preached several times this spring for the Church of Christ in Heidelberg, West Germany, and will continue to preach there occasionally during the summer.

Professor of Law **LaGard Smith** taught a 5-night series of lessons at the Preston Road congregation in Dallas in April. He also was a speaker for the Pepperdine Bible

Lectureship. In July he will serve as a keynote speaker at the Yosemite Family Encampment.

William Stivers, director of foreign languages, spoke at a lectureship in San Felipe, Baja California, Mexico, May 3. He was the principal speaker for the lectures at Instituto Baxter in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, May 23-31, and on June 18, he will speak at the graduation of Instituto Biblico de Tijuana in Tijuana.

Dwayne D. VanRheenen, associate dean, Seaver College, preached for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks on six Sundays during April and May. He also served as coordinator for the Alexander Campbell Bicentennial Lectures held April 18-19, in Claremont, California.

President Emeritus **Howard A. White** presided at the opening session of the Alexander Campbell Bicentennial Lectures held in Claremont, California, on April 18-19.

"Big" **Don Williams**, associate director of Church Services, spoke at a retreat for the church in Pullman, Washington, and a youth rally in Long Beach in April. In May, he spoke at a youth ministers' seminar in Littleton, Colorado; a singles' seminar in Culver City, California; and a youth night at the Malibu church. During June he will speak in New Orleans, Lubbock, Houston, Oklahoma City, Stockton, and Tacoma. In July he will speak in Tusculum, Tennessee; Tempe, Arizona; and Dallas.

Helen Young spoke at the annual fund-raising dinner for Orange County Christian School on April 9. She also taught a class at the Pepperdine Bible Lectureship in April. During May she spoke at a mother-daughter lectureship in San Diego and a women's lectureship in West Covina. In May she also taught a class on women's roles at the Conejo Valley church in Thousand Oaks and a seminar on "Pepperdine's Spiritual Heritage" in Malibu. In June she will speak to members of the Sunny Hills church at the Encino retreat grounds.

PROFILES



WALT FENNEL

Walt Fennel, minister for the Palm Avenue Church of Christ in Fresno, California, since 1971, has accepted the position of pulpit minister for the Rancho Cordova Church of Christ, near Sacramento.

Walt and his wife, Llona, are both graduates of Pepperdine University. Their older son, Scott, graduated from the Pepperdine School of Law in May of this year. Their younger son, Troy will begin his senior year at Pepperdine in the fall.

Leaving the Palm Avenue congregation after nearly seventeen years was a major decision for the Fennels. They believe that God has called them to respond to this challenging opportunity to serve Christ in the growing area of Rancho Cordova. They will be joining the ministry team of Dennis Smith (involvement), Dan Jocoy (youth), and Kevin Fuchs (outreach). The Rancho Cordova church is made up of 500 members and has recently completed the construction of two new buildings.

During Walt's ministry in Fresno, the Palm Avenue church experienced significant growth and stability. The Rancho Cordova congregation is looking forward to a long and fruitful partnership with the Fennels.



ROBERT HAILEY

The new minister for the Norkenzie Church of Christ in Eugene, Oregon, is Robert Hailey. He comes from the Sealy Church of Christ in Sealy, Texas, where he has served

since 1984.

Hailey holds a B.A. from Abilene Christian University and a M.Ed. from the University of Houston, where his major was counseling. He has held seminars and gospel meetings, and taught in camps in Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas.

He and his wife, Betty Anne, are the parents of two sons: Jeremy, age 8 and Benjamin, age 2.



DAVID HILL

David Hill is the new minister for the Central Church of Christ in Sacramento. He comes from the River Oaks congregation in Ft. Worth where he has served as minister since 1983. Prior to that he served as minister to the Kearny Church of Christ in Kearny, Arizona.

Hill served as camp director, counselor, teacher, and song leader for the Southern Arizona Bible Camp. He organized and directed the first North Texas Evangelism Workshop, and has held evangelism workshops, men's leadership classes, teachers' workshops, and special classes for parents.

Hill was a student at the University of Arizona where he studied accounting and voice. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children.



RICHARD HUGHES

Pepperdine University has announced the addition of Richard Hughes as a professor

in the religion division. Hughes, who taught at Pepperdine in 1971-76, comes from Abilene Christian University, where he served as professor in the history department. Prior to that, he taught in the department of religious studies at Southwest Missouri State University.

A graduate of Harding University (B.A.) and Abilene Christian University (M.A.), Hughes holds a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. His special area of expertise is church history. Hughes is the author of several books including his recent *The Worldly Church: A Call for Biblical Renewal*, jointly authored with Leonard Allen and Michael Weed.

Hughes is a native of Lubbock, Texas, and is married to the former Janice Ann Wright. They are the parents of one son, Christopher Andrew.



DAN WHITAKER

Dan Whitaker is the new education minister for the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield. Since 1979 he has served as minister of education for Turnpike Church of Christ in Grand Prairie, Texas. Prior to that he served in that capacity for several other congregations in Texas.

Whitaker is a graduate of Abilene Christian University. He is married to the former Lois Bixler, and they are the parents of one daughter, Debbie.

A member of the board of directors of the Association of Leaders in Christian Ministry, Whitaker frequently serves as a speaker for teacher training workshops. He and Lois have taught at Camp Blue Haven in Las Vegas, New Mexico, for sixteen summers. They are co-authors of a study series for Christian youth camps entitled "Getting to Know God". In 1977 they received the "Excellence in Education" award presented by Sweet Publishing Company for "outstanding contributions to Christian education through professional leadership and curriculum development."

Awakening '88 Builds Bridges

By Mary Speaks



Youth minister Kevin Bryan

"Kids today need to know how to build relationships," says Kevin Bryan, youth minister at the Long Beach Church of Christ and major organizer of "Awakening '88". The youth rally, held at the Long Beach church April 29 through May 1, was entitled "Bridges" and focused on relationships.

Speakers included Rex Boyles, who addressed relating to the world; Andre Resner, who helped the teens understand their relationship to God; "Big" Don Williams, who emphasized the importance of relating to the church; and Jay Utley, who stressed that the cross of Christ, which connects man to God, is the most important bridge. "Awakening" is known not only for its excellent speakers, but also for its lineup of out-of-the-ordinary entertainment. Brute Wolf, a member at the Long Beach church, performed juggling and a comedy act. Saturday, teens were treated to a multimedia presentation entitled, "Bridges", which required nine slide projectors, a movie projector, and three screens. Also on Saturday, the Long Beach Youth Chorus, "Triumph", performed, as well as



Some of the teens who attended the rally

the Long Beach Drama Troupe.

Over 600 were in attendance for "Awakening '88". The largest group came from Ventura and the groups who traveled farthest came from Chester and Chico.

This was the fourth year for "Awakening". Kelly Carter originated the event in 1985 while he was serving as youth minister for the Long Beach church. The annual event has gained momentum every year and was up 140 from last year.

Bryan feels that the most important part of each "Awakening" is the spiritual awakening experienced by teens who come from churches where there is not a youth minister working with them or where the group of teens is very small. "Teens need to see themselves as the bridge to reach out to their friends... they need to know that they can have an effective outreach everywhere, even in the church... they ARE the church," says Bryan.

A Dream Come True

The Moorpark Church of Christ is a dream come true for a number of people dedicated to spreading the news of Christ in the city of Moorpark. The city, located in Southern California's Ventura County, is approximately an hour and a half north of Los Angeles.

In the 1960's, Ken Ary gathered a group together in Moorpark and purchased a parcel of land. But a short time later plans for a church were abandoned because there didn't seem to be enough interest in the small town, then with a population of only 4,000. There were already Churches of Christ in neighboring cities, so the land was eventually sold.

However, the 1980's have brought major growth to Moorpark. The city has grown to 20,000. And after many years of discussing the idea of a church in the city, last year Howard Ewing and Jerry Botts, with the help of the Fillmore congregation, decided the time was right. The Fillmore elders and members asked Ewing to coordinate the project, and on April 5, 1987, the first service was held.

In the beginning there was a core group of 6 families, totaling 17 people. After two other locations, the church now meets in a new elementary school called Mountain Meadows School. There are 2,500 new homes being built nearby, and there seems to be great potential for church growth.

Today, the Moorpark church has 16 families,

consisting of 54 people, and Howard Ewing continues to do the preaching. At the anniversary service on April 10, 1988, Jerry Rushford delivered the message, as 84 people attended. With an emphasis on spreading the good news of Christ to the growing community, the future of the new Moorpark church seems bright indeed.

World Evangelism Forum

The Church of Christ in Bellevue, Washington, climaxed its Fourth Annual World Evangelism Forum in April by contributing about \$25,000 to its world evangelism program. That program includes the support of a family in the People's Republic of China and the sending of over twenty teens to Mexico each summer. During the forum the church was challenged by Berkeley Hackett, Jack McGhee, and Glover Shipp, who have worked on three continents. The previous week, after hearing Otis Gatewood, the church pledged over \$140,000 over a five-year period toward the purchase of facilities for European Christian College in Vienna, Austria.

Ministers Enrichment Seminar

By Kelly Deatherage

"Preaching Christ Crucified: Competent to Minister" was the theme of the Eighth Annual Ministers Enrichment Seminar held on the campus of Columbia Christian College May 16-19.

John Paul Blankenship, professor at Lubbock Christian University and specialist in youth ministry, discussed ethics, discipleship, and the communication of the central message of the New Testament to our young people.

Bill Love, minister for the Bering Drive Church of Christ in Houston, examined "Christ crucified" as the central message of the New Testament.

Other speakers included John O. York, who examined Christ as a model for leadership; Dave Bland, who discussed the use of supplemental resource material in sermon preparation; and Gordon Teel, who presented ideas concerning viable ministry in a graying church.

In addition to daily study sessions, optional evening activities include opportunities for sightseeing and fellowship. This annual event is presented as a service to the churches of the Northwest by Columbia Christian College.

A Christian Endeavor

By Ken Chaffin



Jim Bobo and his employees make service a high priority.

Situated on the main street of Lemon Grove, near San Diego, is the leading supplier of Christian books, material, and curricula to Churches of Christ in California and neighboring states. Known to most of us as "Bobo's," the operation changed its name to the West Coast Bible Bookstore in 1986 while going through an expansion phase. It is located at 7917 Broadway in Lemon Grove, California, and is owned by Jim and Carmen Bobo.

West Coast Bible Bookstore has a long history. It was operated for several years by Doug Whitehead as Whitehead's Book Service. Doug was a member at the Clairemont congregation and worked out of his garage. For the next nine years, Ross Turner, an elder at the Bostonia church, ran this business out of his basement as Turner's Book Service. In 1978, Jim Bobo took over and soon moved the store to its present location and put it on a solid financial footing. These last ten years have seen phenomenal growth in this business, which Jim and Carmen view as their personal ministry.

Jim Bobo was baptized in 1975 by Terry McCormick, minister of the Lemon Grove church at the time. Ten weeks later, Jim and Carmen were married. They bought the bookstore some three years later. Carmen is famous in her own right in San Diego, appearing numerous times on stage throughout the county as an accomplished actress. Jim has thrown himself into the work of the bookstore and it has paid off, in both reputation and service.

West Coast Bible Bookstore carries a complete line of Bible school curricula and supplies from all the major brotherhood publishers. Jim

has one of the largest selections of Bibles anywhere in California, keeping approximately three thousand copies in stock at almost any time. The bookstore also prides itself in keeping an inventory of nearly every book that has been written by members of the Churches of Christ. In addition, a customer can also find all the popular, quality religious reading materials that you come to expect in any Christian book store, from authors such as Swindoll and Dobson. The bookstore is also the largest supplier of communion cups on the West Coast.

The store has been very successful over the last ten years, with incredible growth for a business its size. It is clear that the reason for such growth is the servant attitude of the

operation and its employees. Bobo states that he has always tried to follow the New Testament teaching of treating the other person (customer) as he himself would want to be treated. If a problem arises, the bookstore will work with the customer to solve it to their mutual satisfaction. This attitude of "business as ministry" is perhaps most apparent in their shipping process. If you call in an order on a given day, it will be shipped to you that same day. Employees tell of incredible energy expended in order to fulfill this promise. Another indication of their attitude is the feeling you get when you call on the phone—the feeling that someone really wants to help you, that they really do care about you and your needs. These attitudes, incorporated throughout the store's operation, are the reason why so many consider this business to be truly Christian.

On June 11, 1988, the West Coast Bible Bookstore will be hosting its ten year anniversary celebration. Sharing in this day will be three noted Christian authors—Max Lucado, Marie Chapian, and June Master Bacher. The authors will be available to autograph their books. Also at the store that day will be the host of the popular "Kids' Praise" audio and video tapes, Psalty. A local Christian radio station, KPRZ, will be broadcasting "live" from the store and thousands of dollars worth of Bibles, books and gifts will be given away. Jim Bobo would like to invite all his friends to this special day. It has been a wonderful ten years both for West Coast Bible Bookstore and for the brethren it serves on the West Coast.



Jim Bobo is proud of the eight-foot-tall castle he built as a play area for shoppers' children. He patterned it after the castle in C. S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*.

48th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

By Florence Johnston

Christians cherish the family vacation because it serves as an invaluable tool for keeping family ties strong. But have you thought about adding a spiritual dimension? Thousands of Christians do this yearly as they take their families to the great Yosemite Family Encampment in California. A program started in 1939 with only a handful of people now involves thousands of families from across our nation. This year's encampment will be held July 25-29. For the eighteenth consecutive year, Paul Methvin, of Orangevale, California, will direct the program.

People say about the encampment, "My parents brought me to this encampment while I was growing up—now I am bringing my family"; "For twelve years I tried to teach my husband about Christianity—last year during encampment week he decided to become a Christian"; "My son is a different person since he was baptized during last year's encampment". Many similar comments could be related; families do grow spiritually because of the program!

Each YFE activity, planned around God and family, presents positive, upbeat programs to encourage and challenge each person to a greater devotion to God and a happier lifestyle. Envision hundreds of children tucked

Upper and lower Yosemite Falls are a powerful reminder of the "water of life" the campers come to drink every July.

away in the rugged terrain learning about God's creation through devotionals, puppet programs, and crafts. Below the majestic Half Dome sit hundreds of junior and senior high students, learning to build and maintain better relationships with parents, peers, and God. Nearby is a special class for singles, many of whose lives have been devastated by divorce or the loss of a loved one, each wanting to learn how to become a better servant while coping with sometimes stressful situations. At the foot of a giant mountain is a ladies' class being taught by Christian women from various backgrounds, sharing ideas on becoming better wives and mothers. At the same time, another dozen classes are in session, aimed at sharing ideas to help church leaders, husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers better fulfill the roles God has given them.

Four keynote speakers each day, many nationally recognized, share a variety of biblical topics to challenge participants in their devotion to God. All programs are



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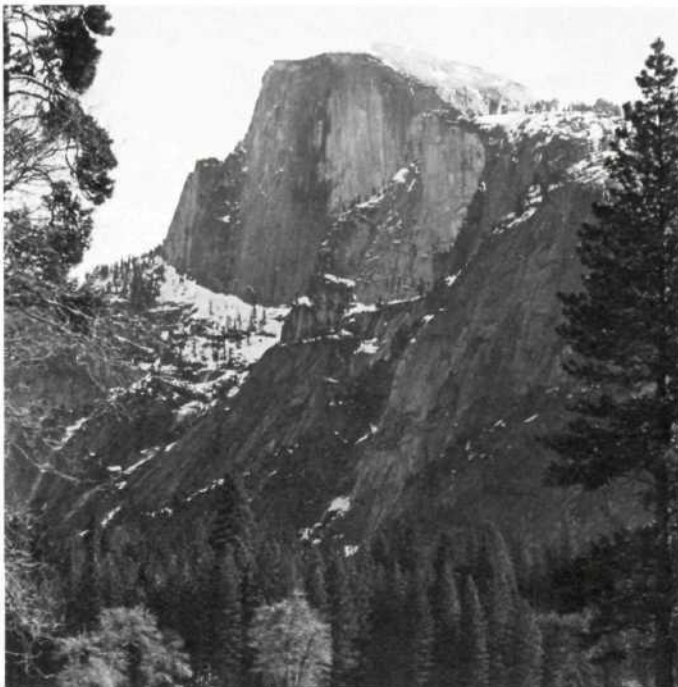
taped for future use by individuals and congregations.

Afternoons are free for family fun and reunions. However, some people choose to attend update sessions presented by the various Christian colleges/universities, preachers' schools, and other worthy brotherhood programs.

Each evening provides two fun-filled campfire programs where adults and young people relax after a full day of activities. These programs consist of quartets, singing groups, local talent shows, and devotionals.

In addition to the planned program, the national park offers many family activities such as sightseeing tours, rafting in the Merced River, hiking, backpacking, bike and horseback riding, and other fun activities.

Housing accommodations are difficult due to demand, but campground facilities, tent cabins, cabins with/without bath, and lodge rooms may be rented. For housing or other information, write Florence Johnston, 2950 Routier Road #19, Sacramento, CA 95827-1922 or call (916) 361-7149.



High above the valley floor, majestic Half Dome reigns over the activities of the Yosemite Family Encampment.

James Hedstrom

STUDY RELIGION THIS SUMMER AT PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, MALIBU

The religion division of Pepperdine University announces four courses especially designed for those studying for ministry or who are currently involved in ministry. Each of the following courses will meet Monday through Friday, six hours a day for two weeks and is for four credit hours.

Abraham J. Malherbe
"Paul as Minister"
May 31 - June 10

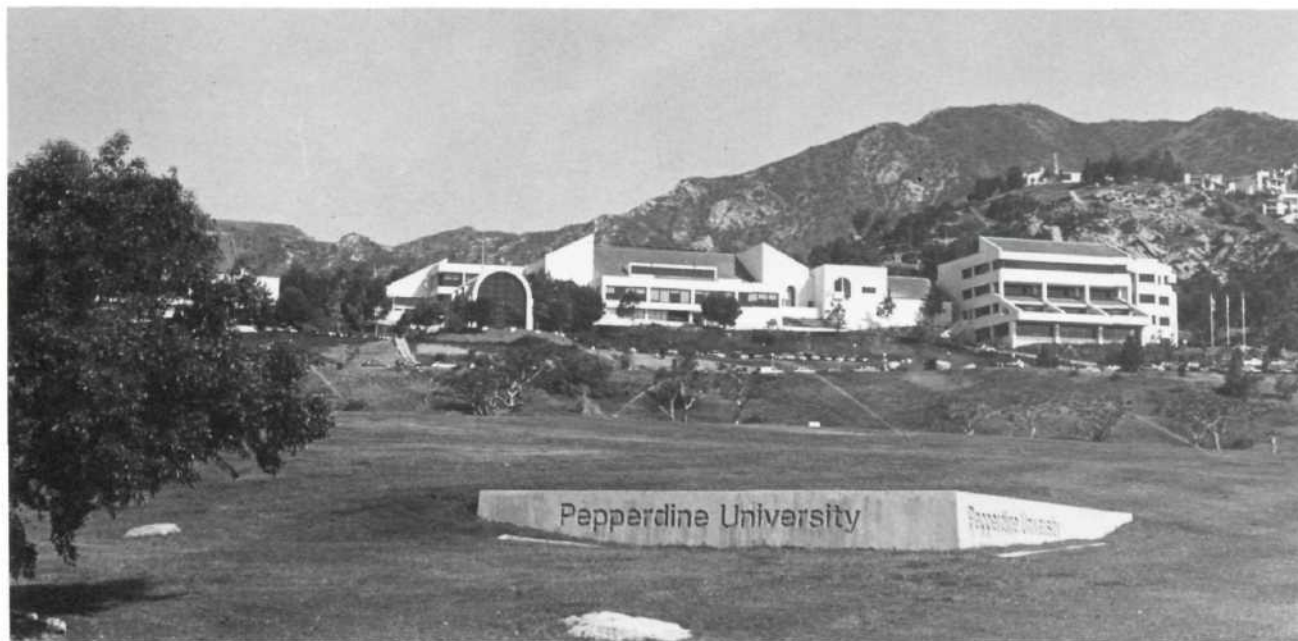
Ray Fulenwider
"Church Administration and Growth"
June 20 - July 1

Frank Pack
"The General Epistles"
July 11 - 22

Ken Durham and Dwayne VanRheenen
"Communication in the Church"
July 25 - August 5

Courses may be taken for graduate or undergraduate credit. Scholarship reduces cost to only \$400 per course. Reasonable housing available. For additional information call or write:

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Pepperdine Hosts Christian Scholars Conference

Pepperdine will host the eighth annual Christian Scholars Conference July 20-22. The 3-day conference, attended by Christian college professors and other interested individuals, will expand on last year's topic of ethics, and focus on how the university community can best teach and encourage ethics. William B. Adrian, provost of Pepperdine University, will give the keynote address at the kick-off luncheon on Wednesday. Bill Love, minister of Bering Drive Church of Christ in Houston, and J.J.M. Roberts, professor at

Princeton Theological Seminary, will present the other mealtime speeches.

Some of the topics that will be dealt with are "Ethics, Community, and the Christian Faith on Campus" (James Thompson, Institute for Christian Studies); "Advice from Wisdom Literature in Regard to Community" (John Willis, Abilene Christian University); "Ministers in Pastoral Counseling" (Tom Milholland, Abilene Christian University); and "Students and the University Community" (Stephen Lemley, Lubbock Christian University). Papers

will also be presented by Gary McCaleb, James E. Priest, Gary Collier, Douglas Downs, Phillip Lewis, M. Norvel Young, William E. Jones, and others. Participants represent several Christian colleges and churches from across the country.

For more information you may contact:

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The 48th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment

July 24-29, 1988

Theme: "The Pursuit of God and Holiness"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>City and State</u>
24	10:30 a.m.	Is God Real?	Mike Armour	Dallas, TX
	6:00 p.m.	Who Is This God? The God Who Runs	Jimmy Allen Ian Fair	Searcy, AR Abilene, TX
25	9:30 a.m.	God's Spirit Developing the Spirit of God	John Banks Harvey Stow	San Diego, CA Modesto, CA
	6:00 p.m.	The God Who Speaks Longing For God	Leonard Gray Edwin White	Ovilla, TX Phoenix, AZ
26	9:30 a.m.	Striving For Purity God's People	Dan Jocoy Rusty Bolton	Rancho Cordova, CA Visalia, CA
	6:00 p.m.	God Is My Salvation Where Is God When I Hurt?	V.E. Howard Mike Cope	Texarkana, TX Searcy, AR
27	9:30 a.m.	Seeing The Unseen God God's Holiness and Righteousness	Joe Johnson Dan Anders	Gadsden, AL Malibu, CA
	6:00 p.m.	The Greatest Contrast—God/Satan The Worship of God	Randy Gray Bob Hendren	Fresno, CA Nashville, TN
28	9:30 a.m.	God's Grace and Forgiveness God's Ways and Nature	Warren Wilcox Jack Exum	Denver, CO Royston, GA
	6:00 p.m.	The Goodness and Severity of God God's Judgements	Johnny Ramsey LaGard Smith	Clearwater, FL Malibu, CA
29	9:30 a.m.	The God Who Pursues Man The Indefinable God	Norman Gipson Jay Utley	Lubbock, TX Long Beach, CA
	6:00 p.m.	Pursuing God In The Home My Prayer For You	Eddie Cloer Willard Tate	Searcy, AR Abilene, TX

Paul Methvin of Orangevale, CA will direct the encampment for the 18th consecutive year. For more information about the encampment and accommodations, write to Mrs. Florence Johnston, Encampment Secretary, 2950 Routier Road #19, Sacramento, CA 95827 or call (916) 361-7149. The 1989 Yosemite Family Encampment will be held July 23-27.

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