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Seattle to Host Evangelism Seminar

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Cover Story: Seattle Evangelism Seminar

By Milo Hadwin

On December 6, 1987, the Fifth Avenue Theater in Seattle will make history again. It will be the setting for possibly the biggest meeting of members of the Churches of Christ in Seattle history. The Fifth Avenue Theater is considered to be one of the most beautiful theaters in the world. The interior of the theater was modeled after three of ancient China's most stunning architectural achievements: the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and the Summer Place. But not even the magnificence of this great structure can match the beauty we will see in the people of God who will be there for the Seattle Evangelism Seminar. The Fifth Avenue Theater has held such a prominent place in the history of this city. It seems like a natural place to host a historic meeting of at least ten congregations coming together for a joint worship assembly on Sunday morning.

The entire seminar will take place on December 4-6. On Friday and Saturday the meetings will be at the Northwest Church of Christ building. The conclusion of the seminar will be at the Fifth Avenue Theater. This seminar has taken place four other times in

Seattle and has always been well attended and full of enthusiasm.

Lynn Anderson, of the Highland church in Abilene, Texas, will be the resource speaker for the weekend. His topic is "The Heart of the Matter." His sermons are all lessons learned from the life of David. His topics are "The Heart of the Matter," "Man on the Run," "God of Death/God of Dancing," "A-Bomb," "Families in the Fast Lane," "When a Father's Heart is Breaking," "I Answer to No One," and "A Place on the Table."

Churches in the Seattle area participating in this event will be Northwest, Holgate, Madison Park, West Seattle, Bellevue, Mountlake Terrace, Shoreline, Woodinville, Monroe, Southside, Federal Way, Lake Meridian, and Springbrook. Many other Christians from outside the area are planning on being there. All are welcome. For more information call or write the Northwest Church of Christ, 15555 15th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98155, (206) 364-2275.

There will be two special devotional times on the afternoon of the 5th. One will be for college students, and the other for youth.



Lynn Anderson

Editorial

By Jerry Rushford

Although it seems like only yesterday, Pacific Church News began more than five years ago. We are pleased and proud to have had a part in this ministry of communication, and we believe that PCN has helped west coast churches stay in touch with one another a little bit better.

Now, for the first time since the premier issue, PCN has a new look. Our thanks to Linda Hodgkinson for the many hours she spent, along with others in Pepperdine's office of University Publications, in the redesign of this newsletter. We are proud of the dignified and tasteful appearance, and we are very excited about the new content features as well. Hopefully, you will agree.

Due to my teaching assignments in London, only three issues were published last year. But

we are once again in full swing, and, with the help of Paula Marrs and Bill Henegar and with input from new reporters, we are ready to produce four full issues per year.

Pepperdine publishes Pacific Church News and distributes it free of charge to churches and individuals throughout the western states. It is one way the University can continue to help preserve its heritage and serve the Church.

In this our 50th anniversary year, Pepperdine has never been stronger in its commitment to maintain deep and vital ties with the Churches of Christ. We are bound together in a common love and a common cause. Let us know how we may improve this newsletter as a communication device for the churches. And don't forget to send us those news items!

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NEWS FROM COLUMBIA

By Kelly Deatherage

Annual Bible Lectureship

Lord, Teach Us To Pray: The Concerns of Jesus in the Contemporary Church" will be the theme of Columbia Christian College's annual lectureship October 20-23. The lectures will begin Tuesday evening, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. with the first keynote address, "Hallowed Be Thy Name," presented by Jim Bill McInnter of Nashville. The topics of subsequent keynote addresses will also be drawn from the Lord's prayer. They will be "Our Father in Heaven" by Leonard Gray of Rancho Cordova, California; "Thy Will Be Done" by Ian Fair of Abilene, Texas; "Forgive Our Debts" by Milton Jones of Seattle; "Thy Kingdom Come" by Dan Rhodes of Portland; and "Deliver Us From Evil" by James O. Baird of Oklahoma City.

Many of the classes will also focus on prayer. Says Dan Rhodes, lectureship coordinator, "Throughout the week we will be taking a closer look at prayer in the Bible. Of special interest will be the model prayer because those concerns which Jesus expressed are those which should be manifest in our prayers today."

Some of the class topics include "The Prayer Life of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark" by John York, assistant professor of Bible at Columbia; "Prayer in the Old Testament" by Phillip E. McMillion, Boise, Idaho; "Our Daily Bread" by Charles Coulston, Redwood City, California. Additional lesson series will include "Bringing Life to Dead Assemblies" by Kelly Carter from Victoria, B.C.; "The Psychology of Prayer" by Larry Hall from Roseburg, Oregon; and "The Graying of the Church" by Charles Shelton of Dallas.

Among other class leaders will be Dan Anders of Malibu, California; Bob Bickle, Hood River, Oregon; Dave and Nancy Bland, Mary Patterson, Ron Stump, Ramona Woods, Portland; Wendell and Josephine Ford, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Marguerite Gray, Rancho Cordova, California; and Bob Lenderman, Wenatchee, Washington.

Two new features of this year's lectureship set it apart from previous years. The first is the organization of daily prayer sessions, during which time Christians may join together in praise and petition. The second is a special class series devoted to the needs of Bible class teachers. Columbia is anticipating 750-1000 guests on campus for the 1987 lectureship. For information, call or write Dr. Dan Rhodes, Columbia Christian College, 9101 East Burnside, Portland, OR 97216; (503) 257-1253.



Columbia Christian College is located in picturesque Portland.

Photo credit: Greater Portland Convention and Visitors Association

Seminar on Aging

Columbia Christian College and Christian Care Centers, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, will co-sponsor a seminar on aging Saturday, October 24, on Columbia's campus. Titled "The Best Is Yet To Be," the seminar will deal with such topics as attitudes about aging, making the transition to the retirement years, personal relationships in the later years, and financial management in retirement. The seminar is ideal both for those nearing or in the retirement years and for those who have or expect to have parents in that category.

Seminar leaders will be Dr. June Breninger, professor of psychology at Columbia; George Freeman, a Harding University social work graduate who conducted such seminars in Texas and now is Columbia's director of college relations; and Charles Shelton, president of Christian Care Centers, Inc.

The seminar will be conducted in the Vera Johnson Music Hall. Cost is \$30 per couple or \$19.50 per person and includes lunch and one manual in addition to the seminar sessions themselves. Interested people may register or receive more information by calling Kelly Deatherage, (503) 257-1274.

Campaign Nears \$9 Million

With nine months remaining in its three-year Campaign For Columbia, Columbia Christian College already has received gifts or pledges of more than \$8.6 million from friends of Christian education. During this first major gifts campaign for the college, many are contributing to Columbia's vision for a strong center for Christian education in the northwest.

The campaign seeks funding for the college's continuing support, endowment growth and campital improvements. It began in July, 1985 with Columbia's Board of Directors, and the spirit for success was set when the Board exceeded its campaign goal by \$2 million.

Since then campaigns for gifts have been conducted by staff members and volunteers in Portland, central Washington, Seattle-Tacoma, Fort Worth, and among Columbia's alumni nationwide. In addition, a Select Friends category of the campaign has involved staff members and volunteers in several areas.

Jerry Tucker, vice president for development, attributes the success of the campaign to many volunteers who personally shared Columbia's story and sought gifts from people in their campaign areas.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

By Paula Marrs

Michael F. Adams, vice president for university affairs, preached for the Conejo Valley congregation on four consecutive Sundays this fall.

On October 17, **Dan Anders**, minister of the Malibu Church of Christ, delivered a banquet address to kick off the San Diego Lectures. He will teach a class and speak at a banquet at the Columbia Christian College Lectureship October 20-23.

Calvin Bowers, director of the equal opportunity office, taught a class at the National Youth Conference in St. Louis in August. He conducted a church growth seminar at the Lynwood church September 20-23. On November 14, he was speaker at a leadership workshop at the church in Pacomia.

President **David Davenport** preached for the Andresen Road Church of Christ in Vancouver, Washington on September 13. He preached in Heidelberg, West Germany on October 4, and will preach in Palm Springs on October 25.

Associate Dean of Students **Rich Dawson** was a workshop leader at the campus ministry fall retreat in Frazier Park on October 2-4. He will participate in the 28th annual World Mission Workshop at David Lipscomb College in Nashville on October 22-25.

Doug Dean, professor of biology, was the principal speaker at a workshop entitled "Our God Is Alive—Face the Facts" held October 9-11 at the Lodi Church of Christ.

Robert Fraley, dean of admissions, preached at a homecoming celebration at the Church of Christ in Woodsfield, Ohio on September 13.

Director of Health and Counseling Services **John Free** was a speaker at a marriage and family workshop at San Clemente Church of Christ on September 20-23. He spoke at a singles seminar on October 3 at the Sunny Hills church in Fullerton.

D'Esta Love, director of the Career Development Center, was the featured speaker at a women's retreat held at Tehachapi Mountain Park on August 27-29. She spoke at a ladies' day at River Road Church of Christ in Eugene, Oregon on October 3.

Stuart Love, associate professor of religion, preached in August at the Painter Avenue

Church of Christ in Whittier and at the Pasadena Church of Christ.

A marriage seminar is being taught by **Stuart and D'Esta Love** at the Atlantic Church of Christ in Long Beach during the fall quarter. They will also conduct a marriage seminar at the Exeter congregation October 25.

Rick Marrs, associate professor of religion, preached at the Conejo Valley congregation on three Sundays this fall.

Chairman of the Religion Division **Tom Olbricht** preached on August 30 at the Pasadena Church of Christ. He preached at Conejo Valley on September 6 and Camarillo on September 13. Dr. Olbricht also was speaker at an education workshop held at the Westbury church in Houston on October 16.

Mike O'Neal, vice president for business affairs, visited the Alvin Drive Church of Christ in Salinas on October 10-11. He held an estate planning seminar and preached and taught a class.

Distinguished Professor of Religion **Frank Pack** delivered the annual W. B. West Lectures at Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis in September.

Professor of Religion **James E. Priest** is teaching a six month series at the Camarillo congregation.

Rick Rowland, associate professor of communication and adjunct in campus ministry for the religion division, was a theme speaker at the 33rd annual National Campus Ministers Seminar held in Austin, Texas August 4-6. He was guest speaker for the youth group of the Westside congregation in Bakersfield on September 27, and also was guest speaker at the Cal Poly Campus Advance for Christ retreat held October 9-10 in San Luis Obispo.

Jerry Rushford, associate professor of religion, preached recently in Stockton, San Luis Obispo, and Los Angeles. On October 4, he gave the keynote address at the Harding Bible Lectureship in Searcy, Arkansas. Dr. Rushford presented a 4-night lecture program on "The History of Hymns" for the Skillman Avenue and Preston Road congregations in Dallas October 18-21.

Dwayne Simmons, assistant professor of biology, is a member of a committee working

to create a new Christian journal. He traveled to Houston in September to meet with that group.

Professor of Law **LaGard Smith** spoke recently at congregations in El Segundo, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo.

William Stivers, professor of foreign languages, preached in Spanish at the congregation in Burbank on September 13.

Kanet W. Thomas, assistant to the president and adjunct professor in humanities, was the featured speaker at the Ladies Lectureship held on October 3 at the Magnolia Church of Christ in Riverside.

Dwayne D. VanRheenen, associate dean, Seaver College and professor of speech communication, spoke at the Glendale congregation's Contemporary Issues Forum this summer. He also has preached several times at the Conejo Valley Church of Christ during the months of June through December.

President Emeritus **Howard A. White** delivered the sermon at the church service on the 50th anniversary of Pepperdine University September 20. He also preached at the homecoming of the Westchester church in Los Angeles on October 11.

John Wilson, dean of Seaver College, recently preached for the Frazier Park Church of Christ. He is teaching a class during the fall at the Malibu church.

During August, September, and October, "**Big**" **Don Williams**, associate director of church services, spoke at summer youth series and weekends in Lubbock, Arlington, and Nederland, Texas; Vancouver, Washington; Eureka, California; and Newberg, Oregon. He spoke at workshops and retreats in Atlanta; Wichita, Kansas; and San Angelo, Texas. He also spoke at a homecoming at Culver Palms in Los Angeles.

Helen Young spoke at the Hawaiian Christian Lectureship in August. She also will speak at a preachers' wives retreat in October sponsored by Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas.

Chancellor Emeritus **M. Norvel Young** spoke at the Hawaiian Christian Lectureship and Hawaiian church retreat in August. He preached at the Watts-Willowbrooks Church of Christ October 11.

PROFILES



RANDY GRAY

Randy Gray, the new pulpit minister at College, really believes that God brought him and his family to Fresno. Fresno is an exciting, blossoming city approaching half a million and College Church of Christ is a church to match it. College is now averaging over 720 each Sunday in a building that seats 800. A plan for a new building that will seat 1584 is well into the blueprint stage.

Randy has been working at College for the last thirteen months. He is 35, and has been married to the former Becky Akin for the past sixteen years. They are the parents of two daughters, Jennifer, age 11 and Jessica, age 10. Randy has a Bible degree from Abilene Christian University, and is a graduate of the Whites Ferry Road School of Preaching. He also attended the Sunset Graduate School in Lubbock, Texas. Before coming to Fresno, he preached the past ten years in Texas. He has been involved with radio and television ministries, brotherhood lectureships, and mission-preaching trips abroad. He was raised on the African mission field by long-time missionaries Leonard and Margaret Gray.



SCOTT LAMBERT

The Malibu Church of Christ has selected Scott Lambert, a 1985 Pepperdine graduate, to serve as campus minister at Pepperdine University. Lambert, who assumed the position August 1, is in the process of completing a masters degree in religion at the University.

Lambert, a communications undergraduate, has served the campus ministry in several

Editor's Note: This feature is designed to introduce some of the ministers and teachers who are now serving on the west coast. We will publish this page frequently in future issues.

capacities since 1984. He also served as a student admissions counselor for Pepperdine for two years with a focus on recruiting Church of Christ students. Before coming to Pepperdine in 1982, Lambert was an admissions counselor for York College in York, Nebraska for three years. He graduated from York in 1979. He is a 1977 Irwin, Iowa high school graduate.

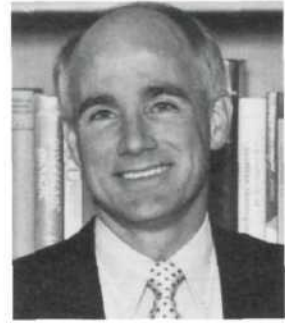
Lambert spent two summers in Australia working with the Gosford, NSW Church of Christ as well as two summers as a pulpit minister. His honors include "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," 1984 Pepperdine Homecoming King, and selection as 1985 Outstanding Senior Male. Lambert will reside on the Pepperdine campus.



DALE SMITH

A new face in the Pacific Northwest is Dale Smith, who moved in September from Irving, Texas to become the preacher for the Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma, Washington. The past five years he has been conducting seminars and training programs in management skills and has been engaged in professional speaking and weekend meetings for churches. His last full-time work with the church was at the Shannon Oaks Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

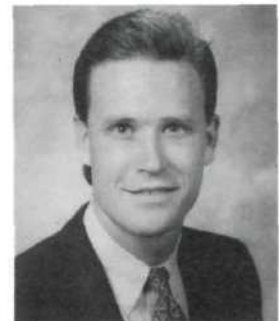
Dale's career has included serving on the staff of Herald of Truth for five years and being the founding director of youth camps in Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas, and Canada. His ability as a public speaker is evidenced by his being a past winner of the World Championship of Public Speaking conducted by Toastmasters International. He and his wife of 35 years, Mary Jo, are a welcome addition to the church in Washington.



RICK MARRS

The religion division at Pepperdine welcomes a new faculty member this fall. Dr. Rick Marrs comes to us from The Institute for Christian Studies in Austin, Texas where he taught for three years. He received his B.A. and M.Div. from Abilene Christian University, and his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. His special areas of expertise is Old Testament and ancient Near Eastern languages. He has preached for congregations in Texas and Maryland, and held seminars in several states as well.

Dr. Marrs is originally from Tucson, Arizona. He is married to the former Paula Hagler, and they have two children, Staci and Jeremy.



JAY UTLEY

Jay Forrest Utley, 25, became Minister of the Word for the Atlantic Church of Christ in Long Beach on July 1 after serving as college minister at the Edmond, Oklahoma church since September, 1985. One of the nation's most sought-after young preachers, Utley is an eight-year veteran of ministry, speaking more than 200 times each year to churches and workshops. He served as youth minister at Wynnewood, Oklahoma and associate minister intern at the Garnett church in Tulsa.

In his first three months in Long Beach, the church added 60 members, nearing a record 600 membership. He and wife Vickie have two sons, ages 4½ and 3. Jay graduated magna cum laude from Oklahoma Christian College in spring 1987 with a BA in speech/pre-law.

TRIUMPH

INTRODUCTION

It is our desire in this new feature to offer shining examples of how people of God can overcome mountains of obstacles to live lives of triumph. On this page are the stories of two vibrant, young Christians who struggled against terrible odds and finally lost—but not before they had won glorious spiritual victories in Jesus Christ. We asked their parents to share a word of tribute so that we may all be encouraged and inspired to endure and, finally, to overcome the world.

Remembering Lori

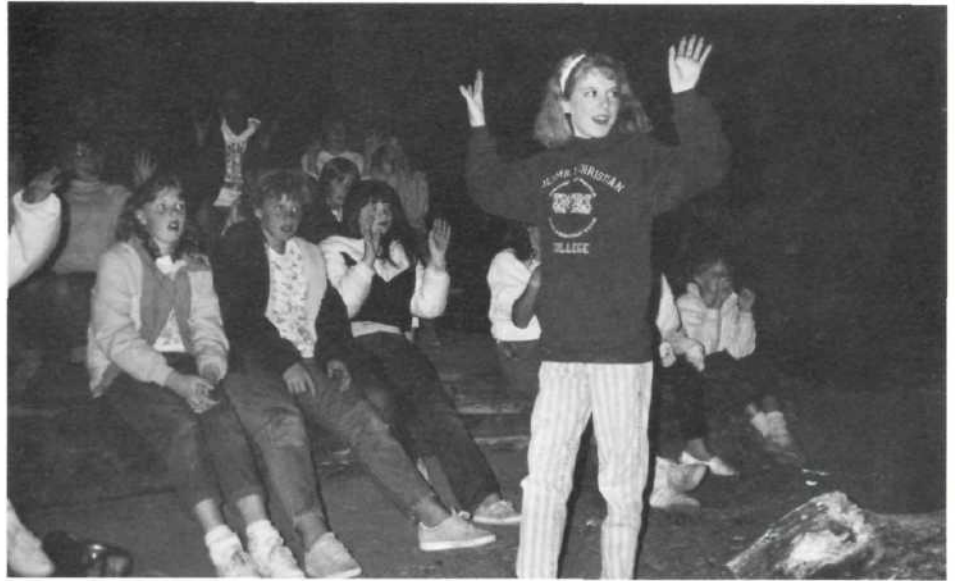
By Tom and Sandy Sibley

Dawn Lorrell Sibley, better known as “Lori” to her family and friends, was a vivacious eighteen year old who was delivered into the presence of the living Lord whom she served on August 10 of this year. Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth, she was faced with the reality of dealing with a terminal illness her entire life.

Lori did a remarkable job of coping with her illness. Most people had a hard time thinking of her as ill because she was determined to live life to the fullest as long as she could. One of Lori’s favorite activities was working with the Pepperdine staff in lectureship central during the annual Pepperdine Lectureship. This year was no exception. Even though getting up and down the stairs was a major feat for Lori with her lung capacity diminishing, she wasn’t one to shrink back from any opportunity to serve.

In spring Lori accompanied her mother to British Columbia where they both spoke on a lectureship program for women. In her talk Lori said, “I do not want people to pray for God to heal me, but rather that God will use me to glorify Him.” Lori did not know that she was giving her last public speech. Lori died with pneumonia less than six weeks later.

One of Lori’s goals in life was to work with teenagers. She had a dream of developing a seminar for teens on “Dealing With What Life Hands You.” God helped her fulfill both desires—to work with teens and to glorify Him through her illness. Two weeks after the lectureship for women, Lori counseled teens at Bible Camp. As a result of her influence, five girls in her cabin put on Christ in baptism. She called home during that week so excited



Lori working with teens at Bible Camp

because she had the opportunity to study and share her faith with the girls. Some of the studies lasted all night. The demands of the camp put a great deal of stress on her body, and she grew too weak and tired to fight off the infection that was invading her lungs. It cost her her life to counsel at that camp, but she’d have done it again in a minute. In her last talk she said, “I think that when it comes time to meet God that we ought to be all used up for Him. I don’t think we should hold back from serving Him in any way we can. We’re running a race, and I want to run my race with all my might.” Lori ran her last lap well! She was like that little seed who was willing to die that others might live.

The night her lungs failed and she was moved to intensive care, the doctor explained to her that she was dying. The doctor wanted her permission to put her on a respirator in hope of pulling her through. With a great deal of courage, Lori asked if she could please pray first. With love and trust, this courageous young woman called upon her God and asked Him to let her live so that she might serve Him longer, but then she added, “If you decide to take me home to be with you, I want you to know that I love you and trust you!” Then Lori sank back on her pillow and softly sang a praise song to the God she loved and trusted. Those were her last words, and they were witnessed, not only by her parents, but by a room full of doctors and nurses! In the eight days following that, Lori lingered in an unconscious state, rumors of her faith circulating through the hospital. During those days her parents were approached time and again by hospital staff

to please tell them about the God that gives such depth and courage to one so young. Many of them attended the memorial celebration that was conducted in her memory, and they’ve had the opportunity to hear the good news that, “He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.” Seated among the family at that service was a nurse who had been led to the Lord through Lori’s illness. Only eternity will tell how many people were drawn to Christ through the faithful witness of a sick child.

The only appropriate response to a life like that is one of praise and thanksgiving to a God who has given to Lori a body large enough now for her spirit! Someone has said the problem with life is not that it is too short, but that it is often too small. Lori’s life may have been short, but it was not small! Thanks be to God who has given to us all VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Carroll Pitts, Jr., longtime minister of the Normandie Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, died September 26 of cancer. He was 67. He had just completed his 24th anniversary as the preacher for the Normandie congregation. Pitts was a graduate of Pepperdine University (B.A., M.A.), and he also served as a part-time instructor of Bible at Pepperdine from 1969-1978. In our next issue we will include a longer article on the influential ministry of this remarkable man.

Remembering Danny

By Rusty and Martha Bolton

Danny Bolton, 22, was full of life even though life was not always kind to him. His grave marker reads, "He took life's adversities and made joys." Just before his second birthday he was diagnosed as having cystinosis, which is a metabolic disorder that destroys the kidneys. His life expectancy was given to be ten to twelve years. At the time, he and his family, the Rusty Boltons, were serving as missionaries in Perth, Australia. Danny doubled their expectation of length of life and quadrupled anyone's expectation of quality of life.

The word that best describes him is "cheeky" (an Australian expression meaning a strong, bright, spicy personality). He was always very small, weighing only 65 pounds at age 22. As a child, because he looked much younger than his age, he delighted in amazing people with what seemed to be genius ability. At age ten, his kidneys failed. He received one of his Dad's kidneys as a transplant. During recovery someone remarked about his new kidney. With a characteristic cheeky smile he said, "It's not new, it's used."

Danny loved his God, his family, and his independence. He chose to ignore grim realities and always carry a little more than his share of the load. The respect he gained from others was demonstrated by the words of one of his doctors from the National Institute of Health. He said, "Dan made a lasting impression on



Danny with his mother

me. He embodied some of the truest and most admirable attributes of humanity; a fierce drive for autonomy; an abiding courage in the face of adversity; a spirit of generosity and good will to others when it seemed that mainly hardships were dealt to him. I will not forget these qualities as I will not forget Dan. He inspired everyone who knew him to face life bravely and positively. I hope to emulate Dan when difficulties face me, and I hope that my children will meet a Dan Bolton some day—they will draw strength from him".

His last year was difficult. His strength slowly was leaving him. It became difficult for him to walk around the block. Even then, his

faith in God, his love for his family, and his dream of independence never waned. Danny won a tremendous victory. What a marvelous spirit! He passed away May 13, 1987.

*Though youths grow weary and tired,
And vigorous young men stumble badly,
Yet those who wait for the Lord
Will gain new strength:
They will mount up with wings like eagles,
They will run and not get tired,
They will walk and not become weary.*

ISAIAH 40:30-31

Richmond's F. F. Carson

By Billie Silvey

Funeral services for longtime California minister Francis Frank Carson, 78, were held August 18 at the Southside Church of Christ in Richmond, California. Born in Midway, Texas and baptized into Christ at an early age, he began preaching prior to his marriage to the late Wilma E. Carson.

A graduate of Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas, Carson held an outside job to support his family while he preached—first for the Lawrence and Mauder Church in Dallas, Texas, and then in Ferris and Ennis, Texas; Atoka, Oklahoma; Wichita and Topeka, Kansas; and Berkeley, California.

During his 38 years with the Southside church in Richmond, he brought it from a

struggling, small body in the "mud flats" on Giaranita to 321 Alamo Street in North Richmond, and finally into its present building at 1501 Florida Avenue, where he worked until his death.

There is hardly a state where he was not known and where he did not preach. In 1962, he preached in Nigeria, where 650 people were baptized and 60 congregations established. Carson helped raise funds for the construction of the Nigerian Christian Hospital at Onicha Ngwa and a pipe-borne water system at the Christian Technical Hospital at Oyubia Oron. On his last visit to Nigeria in 1978, the decision was made to start a preacher training school, which opened in 1982. By the end of 1986, 220

students had been enrolled, forty per cent of whom are now fulltime preachers, with the remainder preaching on weekends. He also helped support Christian education in the States.

In addition to his work in Nigeria, Carson helped establish congregations in Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Haiti, and Austria. Southside's support of Tom Tune in Hong Kong was perhaps the first case of a predominantly black church supporting a white missionary.

"I've known F. F. a number of years," R. N. Hogan, minister of the Figueroa church in Los Angeles said. "We were very close in the Lord's work. It's quite a loss." Carson is survived by two sons, three daughters, and ten grandchildren.

Ethnic Evangelism Seminars

The Ethnic Evangelism Seminars, held three times a year in various churches around central Los Angeles, have branched out this year and are offering meetings tailored to the needs of local congregations in outlying areas.

The first meeting is scheduled for the Magnolia Center Church of Christ in Riverside Saturday, October 17. A morning session, to begin at 9 a.m., will feature a study of demographics in the Riverside area, suggestions for individuals trying to incorporate other ethnic groups into the congregation, and a discussion of ESL as a cross-cultural evangelistic tool. Case studies of problems encountered by churches in areas of ethnic transition will be presented in the afternoon.

The local seminars began their third year Friday, September 18 with a meeting at the Inglewood Church of Christ. Paul Harper of the Central church spoke on "Why Keep the Doors Open?" The Central church is spending \$157,000 to bring their building up to earthquake standards despite a dwindling membership in the English-speaking congregation. The effort is being made on behalf of growing Hispanic and Korean congregations which share the building. Larry Reynolds of the Culver Palms Church of Christ shared his personal experience of growing up in a housing project and being "adopted" by a couple from the Culver Palms church through an outreach program there. "God knew what someone had done for me, I'd do for someone else," he said, encouraging the group to reach out to disadvantaged children. Richard Tapias of the Baldwin Park church discussed the obstacles encountered in beginning a work among Hispanics.

Christian Evidences Campaign

"Does It Matter?" will be the question people will be asked during the weeks before a meeting about Christian evidences to be conducted November 15-19 at the Church of Christ in Newberg, Oregon. The congregation here is working with the Bear Valley School of Biblical Studies of Denver, Colorado to sponsor this meeting. Warren Wilcox, director of the school, will speak each evening on such questions as "Is the Bible the Word of God?" and "Does It Matter?"

Shawn Jones, associate minister for the congregation, said the purpose of the week-long meeting will be to bring people from the community to the lectures and then conduct follow-up Bible studies with them, as well as strengthening members of the congregation.

Campaign Attracts 31,000 in Carson Center



John Edmerson, Campaign Coordinator

Over 31,000 people attended the 14th annual Campaign for Christ, held throughout the month of August at the Carson Community Center in Carson, California.

Nokomis Yeldell of Memphis, Tennessee and Billy Washington of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, shared preaching duties for the campaign, which was sponsored by numerous Los Angeles area congregations. Over a hundred were baptized, 47 were restored, and 63 sought prayers, according to Campaign Coordinator John Edmerson.

The campaign kicked off with a march from the Carson Mall to the Community Center. About 1,000 participated—singing songs, carrying placards advertising the campaign, and demonstrating against drugs and gang violence.

Two gang seminars with expert speakers were held in conjunction with the campaign. Other events included young people's programs, a food giveaway, and a program honoring church leaders' wives.

On Saturday, August 15 and Saturday, August 29, women cooked and served food and gave food and clothing to people bussed in from Tent City. "I think our people were greatly helped," Richard Barclay, one of the campaign coordinators said. "We saw tears on both sides of the table." The churches are looking into continuing the feeding program on a regular monthly basis.

Crusade for Christ Conducted in Fairfield

The Fairfield, CA congregation recently conducted a "Crusade for Christ" and was extremely pleased with the results. Jimmy Allen of Harding University was the speaker for the crusade, which was held for six nights in the Fairfield Civic Center. Thirty-four responses punctuated the effort, thirteen of which were baptisms, and five were restorations. In the three weeks following the crusade there have been seven more baptisms, two additional restorations, and six who have placed membership with the congregation. Literally dozens of other contacts have been made and will continue to be worked by local members. In addition to Allen, the crusade involved six other ministers: Garth Smith of Petaluma, Frank Farr of Walnut Creek, Garrell Kidd of Carmichael, Leroy McGrue of Vallejo, Rod Davis of Livermore, and Parker Lacefield of Sacramento. These men worked daily following up prime contacts, and served as response counselors at the nightly services. Overall coordination for the crusade was provided by Don Huddleston, Fairfield's minister, and by Charles Glenn and his wife, Shirley, of Paradise, CA. The Glenns moved to Fairfield in early

June, and provided an invaluable service in helping prepare for the campaign.

Preparations for the crusade were extensive. Prior to the event, an evangelism workshop was conducted to motivate members for the coming year's effort. Mid McKnight, Tex Williams, and Roy Dunavin keyed that workshop. In January, over \$16,000 was given in a special collection for local evangelism. In April, a campaign group from Sunset School of Preaching assisted local members in contacting almost every home in the city of more than 75,000. In June, Jack Gray of Ft. Worth came to help organize campaign procedures and to excite the congregation about crusade possibilities. Door-knocking, mass mailings, and strategic advertising occupied the final weeks prior to the campaign. Neighboring congregations and brethren attended from almost all congregations within a 60 mile radius.

The local body has experienced a 26 percent net increase since January, going from 272 members to 343. The church is led by four elders: John Gibson, Tom Hardy, Chuck Evans, and Sam Smith; and by eight deacons. John Wheeler serves as youth minister.

Phoenix Church Moves to New Location

The Northwest Church of Christ in Phoenix, Arizona, has begun construction of a new facility located on a ten acre site in northwest Phoenix. Approximately 200 members, including ministers and elders of the congregation, attended groundbreaking ceremonies for the new 4.9 million dollar church plant on August 1. When completed, the new facility will accommodate 1500 in its auditorium and classrooms.

Larry Sullivan, the pulpit minister for the Northwest church, reports that the new building cannot be completed too soon. According to Sullivan, "The congregation has consistently had 900 persons in attendance for Sunday morning worship services this year, taxing the existing facility to the limit."

The present church building, located at 19th Avenue and Northern, has been purchased by the Arizona School for the Deaf. The church has entered into a co-usage agreement with the school until the new construction can be completed. The anticipated date of completion for the new Northwest facility, located at 19th Avenue and Cactus, is July of 1988.

San Diego County Lectureship

The 28th annual San Diego County Lectureship will be held October 19-23 at the Al Bahr Temple. This regular gathering of San Diego Christians has come to be the highlight of the year in both fellowship and study. This year's lectureship is under the leadership of the North City congregation, with their minister, Kevin Withem, serving as director. Oversight of the lectureship is rotated among the San Diego churches.

This year's theme is "Righteousness Served Inside Out," with Mike Cope of Searcy, Arkansas as the featured speaker. Mike, who preaches regularly at the University Church in Searcy, also serves as managing editor of the 20th Century Christian. Besides the evening sessions, there are daytime programs which are located at different area church buildings each weekday. These classes focus on material of particular interest to women, older adults, and preachers. North City is hoping to have the greatest attendance in some years.

A kickoff dinner to spearhead the lectureship will be held Saturday, October 17, at the La Mesa Community Center. The featured speaker will be Dan Anders of the University Church of Christ in Malibu.



A crowd of more than 1,200 attended a special service of worship in Firestone Fieldhouse on Sunday morning, September 20, 1987. This service was one of several events scheduled to observe the fiftieth anniversary of Pepperdine University. Each of the four living presidents had a part in the service. M. Norvel Young gave the invocation, William S. Banowsky read the scripture, David Davenport presided at the Lord's Supper, and Howard A. White spoke on "The Spiritual Legacy of Pepperdine University." Two faculty members from the first school year, Russel Squire and Hubert Derrick, and one student from the first school year, Alonzo Welch, led prayers. Hymns of praise were led by four alumni—Doyle Barnes, class of '67; Rich Dawson, class of '70; Nick Smith, class of '71; and Tom Gabbard, class of '77. Dan Anders, minister of preaching at the Malibu Church of Christ, welcomed the visitors, and J. P. Sanders, former dean of the University, led the benediction.

New Project for San Diego Christian Foundation

On Saturday night, August 29, 259 Christians gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the beautiful U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego to celebrate the eleventh annual banquet of the San Diego Christian Foundation. They represented fifteen congregations within San Diego County.

Begun in 1977, the foundation's goal is to raise money for worthy Christian projects in the county. Its first project, a Christian school, is already a success. Southwestern Christian School is now in its tenth year. It is located on a lovely campus right next to the L Street Church of Christ building in Chula Vista. Southwestern now boasts 192 students in grades K-6. It offers a wonderful Christian academic alternative under the able leadership of Bob Lambkin, principal, and Catherine Nunnely, assistant principal. The San Diego Christian

Foundation is the primary administrative and finance-raising arm for the school.

The foundation has now added another ambitious project. Groundbreaking will take place in November for Canyon Villas, a "congregate care facility" for active retirees. Located on a piece of land adjacent to the Clairemont Church of Christ property, it will be an outstanding addition to the growing number of such facilities in our brotherhood.

The foundation has a ten person board, under the skillful leadership of W.L. Fletcher, its president. The eleventh annual banquet was a great success with a fine meal, special entertainment, and an inspiring address from Bill Banowsky of Dallas, Texas. During the evening more than \$68,000 was raised on behalf of the foundation.

Ray Fulenwider Presents Workshop in Long Beach

Ray Fulenwider, the dean of involvement ministry among Churches of Christ, presented a two-day workshop in September for the Atlantic congregation in Long Beach. As director of involvement ministries for Richland Hills in Fort Worth, Fulenwider has led one of the most successful efforts in the brotherhood to motivate workers for the Lord.

He presented his "Visions for the Future of the Church and How to Reach Those Goals" to the Long Beach church's new Target Ministry leaders. He was assisted by Ralph Beck, involvement minister for the Atlantic church. Fulenwider gave his recipe for exciting elders/leaders meetings: (1) go to the Bible to learn what to do (2) ask "What would Jesus do?" (3) never ask how much it costs (4) always take two votes on everything to assure everyone supports the majority (5) train everyone to be active workers.

Fulenwider listed the characteristics of a

special leader: people-centered, cares for people earnestly, knows where he is going, demonstrates mutual support, has ministry priorities in order, leads by serving, and is not prone to argue over matters of opinion.

On budget matters, Fulenwider said people will give if they see the need. Richland Hills, which increased its budget from \$6,000 to \$60,000 weekly in nine years, uses a resolution card and sends quarterly progress reports to the members.

Jay Utley, 25, is the pulpit minister for the Atlantic church. He formerly served as college minister for the Edmond, Oklahoma Church of Christ. The Atlantic church continues to grow, approaching 600 members. Staff ministers in addition to Utley and Beck, are Kevin Bryan, youth minister, and Jim Gordon, seniors minister. Boyd Lowe is the staff elder; other elders are Barney Barnhart, Harold Crumley, and Bud Worsham.

Camarillo Church Expands Facilities

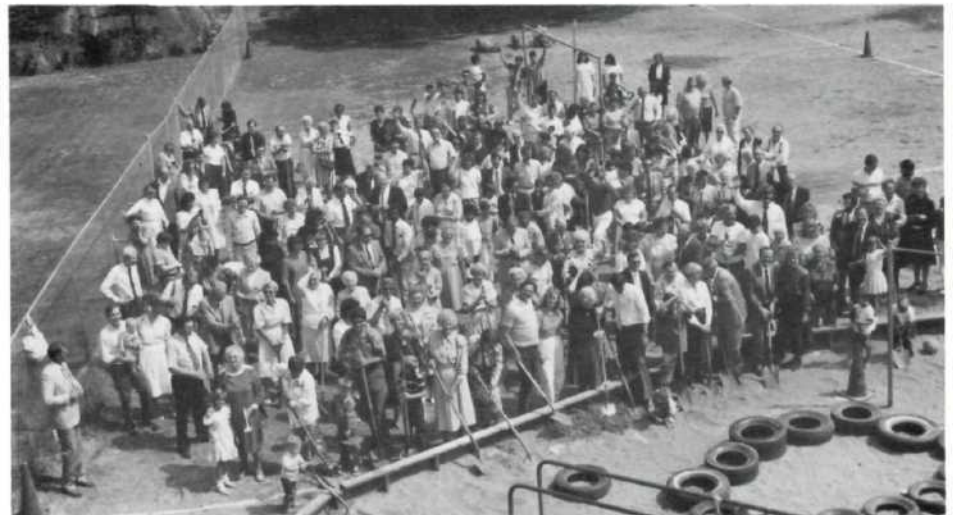
On Sunday, September 13, the Camarillo Church of Christ celebrated the completion of their building expansion with a dedication and open house. The 2,000 square-foot construction project includes seven new classrooms, upgraded office and restroom facilities, new sidewalks, underground utilities, and improved landscaping and parking. The project's \$200,000 price tag would have been much larger had not the congregation's 150 members put in thousands of hours of volunteer labor.

Dr. Thomas Olbricht, chairman of the Religion Division at Pepperdine University, was the guest speaker at the dedication. The morning worship was followed by an open house and pot-luck dinner. The day was certainly a landmark day in the life of the Camarillo Church of Christ.

Native Minister Begins Work With Asian Congregation

A congregation of refugee immigrants from Cambodia and Laos that has been meeting in the Eastside Church of Christ building in Portland, Oregon for the last eight years. A native minister is now working with the congregation. Yoon Chien Tzeo graduated in June from the two-year Thai-Lao School of Preaching conducted by the Midtown Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. He returned this summer to work with the congregation of about 90 families. Since Tzeo's return in July, new Asian families have visited every Sunday.

Several families from Eastside began teaching Asian refugees eight years ago and helping them adjust to their new culture. For the last four or five years, two part-time ministers have been working with the congregation. Wes Harrison, a Columbia Christian College history professor and former missionary in Germany, and Dr. Richard Chi-ho Lee, a Korean native who is head librarian at Columbia, had been working preaching and teaching for the Asian congregation. With Tzeo's arrival, their role is diminishing, although they continue to work with the Asian Christians. Each quarter the Asian and American congregations meet together for a combined worship service, with a sermon translated from English into Mien.



Christians in Stockton break ground for Family Life Center.

Stockton Church Holds Groundbreaking

On "Homecoming Day" in 1986, members of the Central Church of Christ in Stockton, California pledged to give three quarters of a million dollars over a period of three years to add a Family Life Center to their present facilities. "Homecoming Day, 1987" saw the dream begin to take shape. Dr. Jerry Rushford was on hand with words of encouragement as members, young and old, brought their shovels and took part in the groundbreaking ceremony.

The multi-use facility will have a seating

capacity of 600 in the main room, three large expandable classrooms, a portable stage, a large kitchen, and restroom/dressing areas with showers. It has been designed for flexible use by Sierra Christian School (which meets on the church grounds), as well as Central's youth, ladies' classes, and Golden Agers. Plans also include opening it up to various community groups as an outreach to the city of Stockton. Completion of the new facility is planned for late summer, 1988.

BOOK REVIEW

"Good News for Marriage"

Authors: Stuart, Mark, and D'Esta Love

This book is not the typical marriage manual, but an insightful, provocative study of the biblical message and how that message relates to the problems of modern marriage. Careful study of this book will not only enhance and deepen one's understanding of Christian marriage, but will also deepen one's appreciation of what the Bible has to say about marriage and the solution it has to offer to other modern problems.

The book is enhanced by a family approach to the subject. The authors consist of a husband and wife, and their son, who at the present time serves as an associate minister. Stuart is associate professor of Religion at Pepperdine University and has developed this material over a period of the last nine years. D'Esta, who serves as director of Career Development at Pepperdine, has cooperated with Stuart in the presentation of this material in many seminars. Mark prepared two chapters, D'Esta three, and Stuart the remaining seven.

In response to student questions, the authors provide the biblical resources that

authors provide the biblical resources that "prepare us for marriage and that make our marriages strong." They recognize that the world in which the biblical message was given is very different from the world in which we live in the 20th century. These differences are analyzed and compared and the responsibilities of both husband and wife in each time frame are considered. The biblical message, which is the eternal Word of God, is regarded as "a lasting message for Christian marriage today" just as it was in the first century.

After an exposition of what biblical marriage is and after a thorough consideration of God's purpose in creating man male and female, the authors show what it means to be "bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh" within marriage. The problems of submission and equality are also addressed and thoroughly discussed. Those who have longed for an excellent exegesis of the material found in Ephesians, chapter five, will find the chapter entitled "Out of Reverence for Christ"

rewarding indeed. The problem of headship is also treated with understanding and respect. Each chapter ends with suggestions for reading and carefully selected questions for self-examination and for class discussion.

I highly recommend this book for those who are interested in improving their marriage by bringing it into harmony with the biblical ideal. Those who plan to teach a course in marriage will find it most helpful. It is designed to be of help to students on the college level who are contemplating marriage and to those single persons, who either out of necessity or free choice, have decided that the single life is best for them.

Copies of *Good News For Marriage* may be obtained through the Pepperdine University Bookstore or through DMS Communications, 28905 Bardell Drive, Agoura Hills, California 91301.

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4-6 Seattle Evangelism Seminar

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Location: Northwest Church of Christ
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Contact: Milton Jones
(206) 364-2275

Speaker: Lynn Anderson

Theme: "The Heart of the Matter"

5-6 Holiday Weekend for Singles

Date: December 5-6, 1987

Location: Central Church of Christ
Stockton, California

Contact: Vern Cowan
(209) 466-2701

Speaker: F. LaGard Smith

Theme: "A Christian Response to the
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14-16 California Evangelism Workshop

Date: January 14-16, 1988

Location: Campbell Church of Christ
Campbell, California

Contact: Tom Sibley
(408) 378-4900

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Theme: "We Would See Jesus"

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Date: January 17-20, 1988

Location: Pacifica Hotel
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Contact: Charles Smith
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Theme: "Being Your Best"

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