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Large Crowds at 44th Pepperdine Lectureship



The 44th Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectureship was held on campus April 21-24. In the photo above, more than 4,500 crowded into Firestone Fieldhouse to hear the opening night lecture. This year's theme was "Triumph of the Good News: The Book of Acts for the Twenty-first Century." Theme lecturers included Jerry Rushford, Agoura Hills, California; Bill Love, Houston, Texas; Mike Cope, Searcy, Arkansas; Phil Ware, Austin, Texas; Jim Woodroof, Burlington, Massachusetts; Rubel Shelly, Nashville, Tennessee; and Lynn Anderson, Abilene, Texas. This year's lectureship was characterized by excellent teachers, enthusiastic crowds, and beautiful weather. The dates for the 45th Annual Bible Lectureship are April 19-22, 1988.

World Bible School Workshop Held

The First Annual World Bible School Teacher's Workshop was held at the Torrance Church of Christ May 2, 1987. Over 170 people were in attendance to hear about the work of World Bible School around the world.

Attendees came from 57 different congregations and represented a combined student caseload in excess of 60,000. Teachers responding to a questionnaire at the meeting estimated their combined efforts had resulted in the baptism of over 2,500 people.

Speakers included Reuel Lemmons and Tex Williams from World Bible School in Austin, Texas; Jake Coppinger with WBS Follow-up in Visalia, California; Bob Scott, President of World Christian Broadcasting Corporation; and Bob Marshall from the West Coast Center for World Bible School.

Patsie Lovell Trowbridge, daughter of the program's founder, Jimmy Lovell, introduced the workshop. Vivian Lovell, long-time servant with her husband in the program, was presented with a memorial plaque in honor of her many contributions to the work.

LaPuente Church Dedicates New Building

The LaPuente Church of Christ dedicated a new building on June 28. Speaker for the special occasion was Grover Washington of Dallas, Texas.

The new facility includes an auditorium with a capacity to seat over 400 persons, twelve additional classrooms, a library and offices.

The congregation has been served by several ministers since its beginning in 1959 and is now led by its minister, Ellis Lewis, Sr.

The original structure was remodeled three times but a permanent auditorium was never erected. The present leadership developed building plans in 1985 and groundbreaking was held June 1, 1986. Programs are planned for the new building which will influence all of the San Gabriel Valley.

Pepperdine University Celebrates its 50th Birthday on September 21, 1987

You are invited to a 50th Anniversary Weekend
of exciting events for the whole family

A special university church service
at Firestone Fieldhouse
Sunday, September 20th
10:30 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Howard White, President Emeritus
Theme: *Pepperdine's Spiritual Legacy*

For more information about the full schedule of events, please call (213) 456-4270

Pepperdine to Host Campus Ministry Seminar

Pepperdine University will host the 19th Annual West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar January 22-24, 1988. The theme will be "Equipping the Saints for the Work of Ministry." It will be sponsored by the Malibu Church of Christ in cooperation with the Pepperdine Campus Ministry Program and the Religion Division.

Theme speakers include Ken Durham, Stamford, Connecticut; Mike Cope, Searcy, Arkansas; Don Crawford, Austin, Texas; and Milton Jones, Seattle, Washington.

The seminar was first held in 1967 at the University of California at Santa Barbara with the idea of promoting campus ministries at colleges, both state and private.

For further information, contact the Campus Ministry Office, Box 57, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California 90265, or call 213-456-4504.

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Several Honored during Bible Lectureship at Pepperdine

The first honor of the 44th Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectureship was a Life Achievement Award presented on opening night to R.N. Hogan, minister of the Figueroa Church of Christ in Los Angeles. He has preached in Los Angeles for half a century and currently leads one of the largest congregations of the Church of Christ in America. Pepperdine University had previously conferred upon him the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1975. In 1980 the university established a ministerial scholarship fund in his name.

The Distinguished Christian Service Award was given to Wilbur Dillman in recognition of his nearly 40 years as an elder of the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ in San Diego. He was also the Civilian Chaplain at the San Diego Naval Base for 20 years. He is now 88 years old, lives in Fort Worth and worships with the Midtown Church of Christ.

Honored at the Annual Men's Fellowship Dinner on Thursday evening was Homer Hailey. He had preached for over 60 years and held over 700 gospel meetings. Hailey taught at Abilene Christian University for eleven years and then served as Vice-President and chairman of the Bible Division at Florida College for twenty-two years. He is the author of seven books. At the age of 84 he now preaches for the Church of Christ in Oracle, Arizona.



Homer Hailey



Carl and Frankie Mitchell



Thomas Olbricht

The 20th Century Christian presented its Journalist Of The Year Award to the chairman of Pepperdine's Religion Division, Thomas Olbricht. He has authored four books and numerous articles. He has taught at four universities and most recently served Abilene Christian University as Dean and Professor of Religion.

Deepest appreciation from the University was shown to Carl and Frankie Mitchell for their many years of service at Pepperdine. After serving as missionaries in Italy for several years the Mitchells returned to Pepperdine where Carl served as chairman of the Religion Division and later Dean of Student Affairs. They now direct Pepperdine's Year-in-Europe program in Florence.

On the final evening of the lectureship Pepperdine University honored M. Norvel Young with an appreciation dinner. Dr. Young served as president of Pepperdine from 1957 to 1971, and as chancellor from 1971 to 1985. William



M. Norvel Young



Wilbur Dillman

Banowsky was the featured speaker at the Appreciation Dinner. A slide presentation of Dr. Young's life was narrated by Jerry Rushford.



R.N. Hogan (r.)

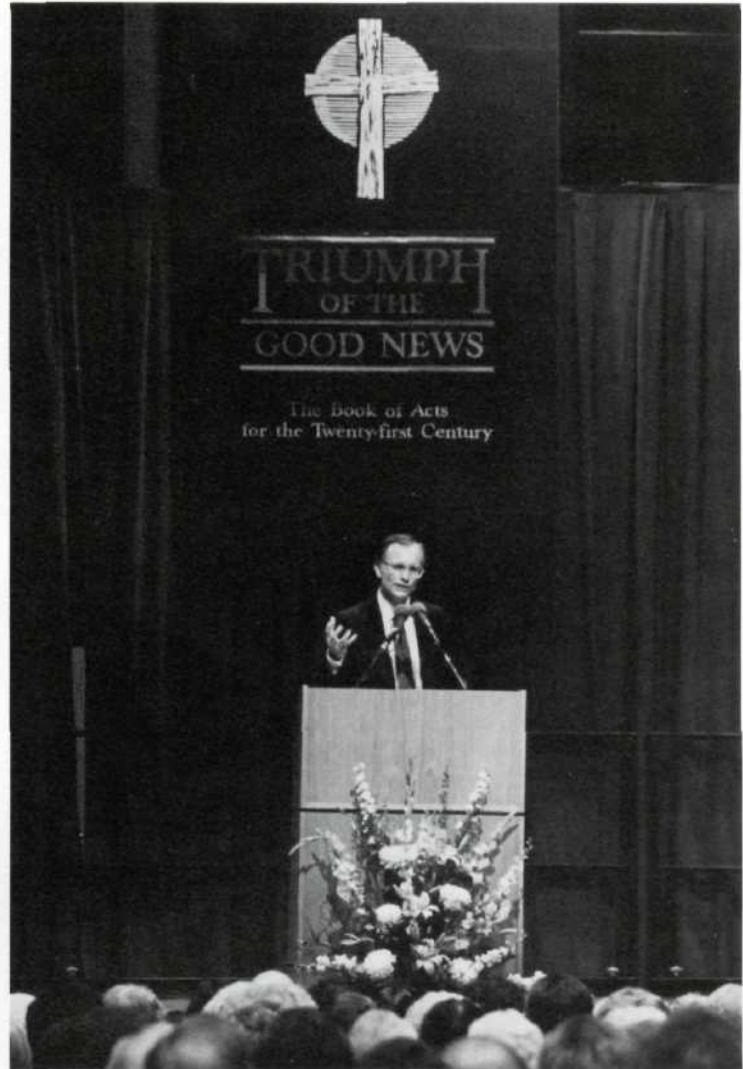
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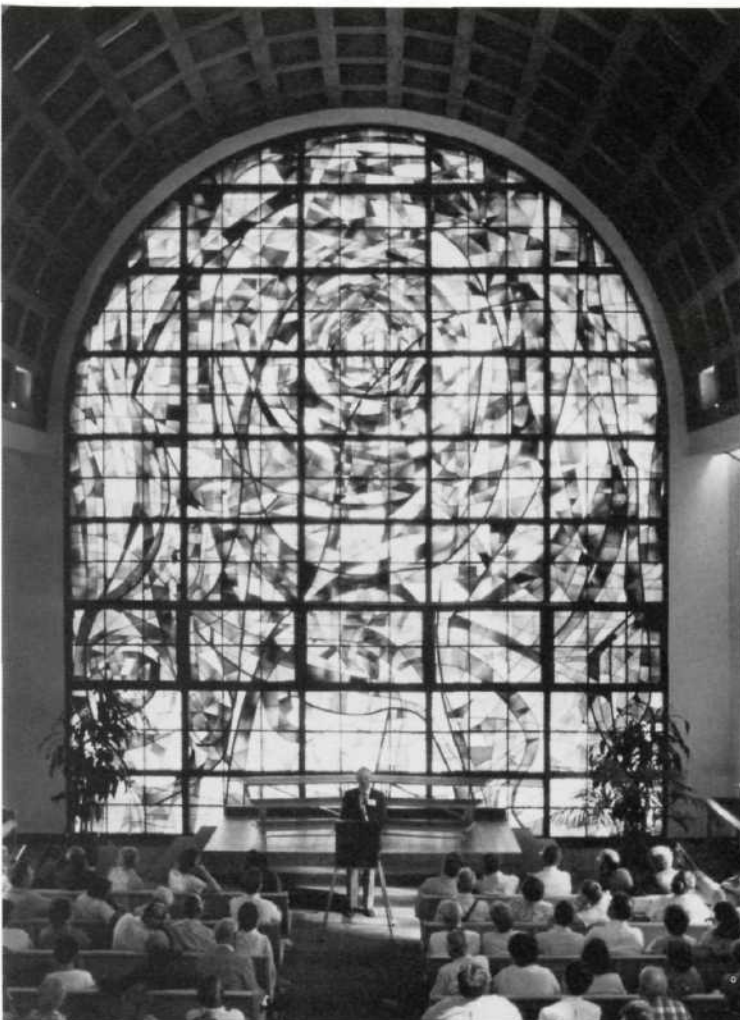
F. LaGard Smith, Professor of Law drew overflow crowds



The exciting display area attracted all ages



Jerry Rushford gave the keynote address



Four daily classes met in beautiful Stauffer Chapel



Tommy Phillips attended his 44th lectureship

44th Annual Lectureship



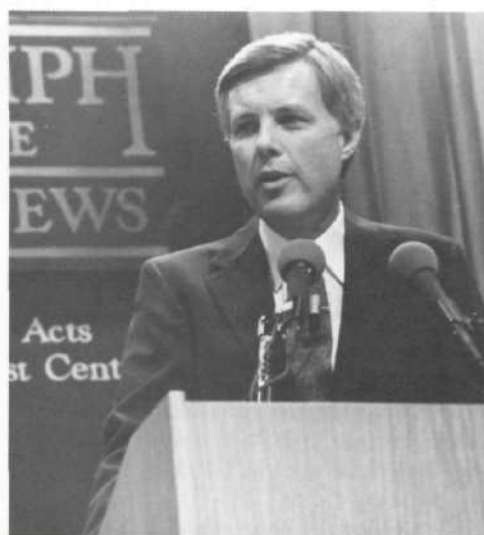
Max Lucado from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil filled Fouch Amphitheatre



D'Esta Love addressed the Annual Women's Fellowship Dinner



Jeanene Reese taught a daily class



Bill Love spoke on Wednesday morning



Mike Cope was an evening lecturer



Dan Anders addressed the theme of human suffering



Eight choral groups provided inspirational singing

MEN TO MATCH OUR MOUNTAINS: PART II

California's Pioneer Church Builders

by Jerry Rushford

A state building in Capitol Square in Sacramento, California has the saying, "Give me men to match my mountains!" inscribed on it. As documented in part I of this article, the inscription's plea was answered for the Churches of Christ scattered across Northern California in the 1850s.

In the first decade after the gold rush, the Restoration Movement in California had established at least 38 congregations with a combined membership of 1,500 baptized believers. Who were the leaders of these churches? Where did they come from, and when did they arrive in California?

When twenty-seven year old J.P. McCorkle arrived in California in 1852, it marked the beginning of a significant thirty-five year career as a California preacher. One account says: "He, no doubt, baptized more people than any other man in the State, before or since." McCorkle and his wife, whose roots were in Tennessee and Missouri, settled in the picturesque Napa Valley in 1852. McCorkle thought that he was the only preacher from the Church of Christ in the state, so when he heard about Thomas Thompson, he was overjoyed. In later years, McCorkle recalled his first meeting with Thompson:

Long, long will I remember that meeting. I can see him today, in my mind, as I saw him then as he came walking up to my humble home. We were glad to see each other, you may be sure. We talked, sang and prayed together. I heard him preach I thought the best sermon I ever heard. It did me good. It gave me strength. I felt like I could lean upon him. I walked by his side: he felt like a father to me in this strange land. We felt that we were not alone. We talked together about the great work that was to be done in California.

By 1853, McCorkle had gathered together a congregation of 30 members in the Napa Valley town of Yountville. The early leaders of this congregation were J.J. May, the justice of the peace; Jesse Whitton, a county supervisor; George Grigsby, and Luke Eddington.

This church bought an acre of land at the corner of Madison and Washington

streets from George Yount, the founder of the town, and an attractive brick meetinghouse was constructed in 1861. According to one contemporary historian, "It was a large, roomy building with a big bell in the tower, and it had cushioned seats, which were criticized in those days as 'putting on too much style in the house of God.'"

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The Yountville church hosted the annual ten-day family encampment in the fall of 1858. This great event took place at the "old camp grounds" on the Napa River east of town. Many people were baptized into Christ during the course of the encampment.

The Restoration Movement found a fruitful field in Sonoma County. The church in Santa Rosa was especially blessed with outstanding leadership. Dr. James Madison Case, Thomas B. Hood, James Fulton, Joel Miller, Harrison Valentine, and Samuel Hand were among the charter members. Hood was a local businessman and city official who served as an elder in the church for fifty years. Fulton was another prominent businessman who was well known for his leadership in the church. The Santa Rosa suburb of Fulton was named in his honor.

As early as 1855, there were Christians assembling for worship in the vicinity of Healdsburg in the northern part of Sonoma County. There were actually two congregations, one known as Russian River and the other as Pleasant Grove. Among the early leaders were F.M. Marion, Downing Lamb, H.L. Johns, E.N. Ware, Tolbert Fanning, and Williams H. Tombs.

In the spring of 1857, John O. White, a powerful evangelist from Missouri,

held a meeting in the Healdsburg area that resulted in more than sixty additions. W.W. Ferguson came to California from Iowa in 1849 and settled near Healdsburg in 1857 in time to hear White preach. Ferguson was an elder in the Healdsburg church for nearly fifty years before his death in 1896. McCorkle preached in a gospel meeting for this church in 1858, and several were baptized into Christ in Russian River.

John O. Garrett who came out with the "forty-niners", and Alexander Hite, Sr., who moved his family from Illinois to California in 1853, were to become the pillars of the church in Sacramento. Both of these men served as elders in the Sacramento church for over thirty-five years. Twenty-nine charter members signed the roll when this congregation was formally established on October 13, 1855.

One of the most influential leaders for the church in the capitol city was a charter member named Dr. Ira E. Oatman. During his college years in



Joseph P. Rose (1822-1870) preached for 17 years in Manzanita. His 22-foot monument is the largest one in the old Manzanita cemetery.

the midwest he had been a close friend of legendary leaders in the Restoration Movement like Barton W. Stone and "Raccoon" John Smith. Other charter members included Judge Herd, Dr. Cunningham, A.M.C. Depue, R.B. Ellis and Rufus Rigdon.

The indefatigable Joseph P. Rose was already in California by 1853. He built a cabin on Coon Creek near Manzanita Grove in Placer County, and called together a strong congregation in that area. This church was large enough to host the annual family encampment in 1861.

Rose took as his mission field the counties lying east of the Sacramento River from Sacramento to Oroville. However, he frequently crossed the river, and he held a great camp meeting on Dry Slough, near Grand Island in Colusa County, in August 1855. Rose was a public spirited man. He was elected more than once to represent his district in the state legislature.

Theologically, Rose was a conservative. He was opposed to the creation of a separate society for the carrying out of missionary work. He remained convinced that the church was God's missionary society. This tall, likable preacher died in 1870. His 22-foot monument is the largest one in the old Manzanita cemetery.

In the same year that Rose settled on Coon Creek in Placer County, Joshua and Mary Lawson moved to Cache Creek in Yolo County. The Lawsons were born in Jackson County, Tennessee. They moved to Missouri in 1840 and then to California in 1852. Lawson was a builder of wagons and carriages and also served as the community blacksmith and gunsmith. According to one record, Joshua and Mary Lawson "raised a large family which was devoted to the church."

In the fall of 1854, under an oak tree that is still standing in Woodland near the present corner of Cleveland and Clanton, Joshua Lawson preached his first sermon in the Sacramento Valley. This was the beginning of the Church of Christ in Woodland. When J.N. Pendegast arrived from Kentucky in

the spring of 1855, Lawson found a partner in the gospel. Under their leadership, the Woodland church became one of the largest congregations in the state. In 1861 Lawson and Pendegast were instrumental in founding Hesperian College, a Christian school, which lasted 36 years.

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A history of Yolo County, published in 1913, reflects upon the influence of the church in the days of Lawson and Pendegast, and it notes:

The Church of Christ is the spiritual organization upon which the people of early Woodland depended. It can safely be said that from the strength of this church the culture of Woodland and of Yolo County took shape.

At various points in his life, Pendegast was a lawyer, schoolteacher, boardmember of the local school, county clerk, chairman of the board of Hesperian College, president of Hesperian College, professor of sacred literature at Hesperian College, associate editor of the *Western Evangelist*, editor of the *Christian Teacher*, elder for the church of Woodland, preacher for the church in Woodland, and always a traveling evangelist in the Sacramento Valley. When he died in 1879, the church lost a great champion.

Brief mention must be made of the following men: Dr. J.T. Downing operated a drug store in Stockton and preached for the church on Sundays. A wealthy businessman, Charles Vincent, was the strength of the church in San Francisco in the early years; his money provided preachers for both San Francisco and Oakland. A.V. McCarty was recognized as such a powerful and eloquent preacher after

he moved to California in 1859 that he was nicknamed "The Apollos of California."

Others who began preaching in California in the 1850s included: Glenn O. Burnett, who preached for 28 years and was the editor of the *California Christian*; A.W. DeWitt who preached for 34 years and established many churches in the upper Sacramento Valley; James Anderson, who preached up and down the California coast for 27 years; and George Kinkaid, who preached for over 20 years, mostly in the San Joaquin Valley.

In the fall of 1860, as the first decade of California's statehood drew to a close, the Santa Rosa church hosted the annual ten-day family encampment on the banks of Mark West Creek. Over 5,000 were in attendance on Lord's Day morning to hear McCorkle preach, and more than 100 were baptized into Christ during the course of the encampment.

One of those baptized was Lindsay Carson, the brother of the famous scout, Kit Carson. Lindsay Carson would go on to become a successful businessman in Lakeport and Healdsburg, an elder in the church, and a member of the board of trustees for the Christian college that was started in Santa Rosa in 1872.

The first decade in California was truly a triumph for the cause of New Testament Christianity. When Harrison Valentine wrote to Alexander Campbell on April 27, 1857, he caught the spirit of the decade in the following words:

The cause of Christ is spreading its wings in a goodly manner, in many portions of our State, as our Invincibles perch victorious at almost every point they take a stand . . . Calls are continually made from other neighborhoods for the preaching of the pure gospel; but we have such few Evangelists they all cannot be supplied at present. We have but few preachers, and if we had a few more efficient ones, California would soon add a brilliant star to the Christian horizon.

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The 47th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment Program

July 26-31, 1987

Theme: "The Way to Heaven"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>City and State</u>
26	11:00 a.m.	Heaven—I Want To Go There, Don't You?	Paul Methvin	Orangevale, CA
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—Where The Glorified Christ Is Heaven—The Way Of Hope	Harold Hazelip David Davenport	Nashville, TN Malibu, CA
27	9:30 a.m.	Heaven—Joy Because Of The Penitent Return Heaven—Christ-Likeness	Jack Exum William Teague	Royston, GA Abilene, TX
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—The Way Of Humility Heaven—Demands Love	Jerry Rushford Edwin White	Malibu, CA Phoenix, AZ
28	9:30 a.m.	Heaven—The Way of Suffering Heaven—Influencing Others	Cline Paden Stephen Boyd	Lubbock, TX Cincinnati, OH
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—My Goal Heaven—The Way Of Faith	Richard Jones John Banks	Edmond, OK San Diego, CA
29	9:30 a.m.	Heaven—Seen And Entered Through The New Birth Heaven—Man Is Designed To Be With God	Gary Elliott Rusty Bolton	Portland OR Visalia, CA
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—The Exaltation Of The Lamb Heaven—The Way Of Obedience	Doug Parsons Furman Kearley	Midland, TX Monahans, TX
30	9:30 a.m.	Heaven—When We See Jesus Heaven—In The Kingdom	Norman Gipson Randy Gray	Lubbock, TX Fresno, CA
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—Roles Of The Way To Heaven Heaven—Unity Through Christ	Leonard Gray Dan Anders	Rancho Cordova, CA Malibu, CA
31	9:30 a.m.	Heaven—The Joy Of Going To Heaven Heaven—Standing Before The Judge	George Goldtrap Allen Isbell	Nashville, TN Houston, TX
	6:00 p.m.	Heaven—Eternal Hope Grounded In The Resurrection of Christ Heaven—Turning Our Children Toward Heaven	Mike Armour Willard Tate	Dallas, TX Abilene, TX

Paul Methvin, Outreach Minister for "Three Unusual Days", from Orangevale, California, will direct the encampment for the 17th consecutive year. For more information about the encampment and a schedule of accommodations, write to Mrs. Florence Johnston, Encampment Secretary, 8164 Sunrise East Way, Fair Oaks, California 95628 or call (916) 967-3608. The 1988 Yosemite Encampment will be July 24-29.

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