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Program: 2024 Featured Lecture, "The Simple Secret: Choosing Love in a Culture of Hostility"

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- Dr. J. P. Sanders, October 21, 1980**
The Challenge of Christian Ethics
- Dr. Frank Pack, October 27, 1981**
One Hundred Years Since Westcott and Hort, 1881-1981
- Dr. Carl Mitchell, October 21, 1982**
The Place of Self in Biblical and Psychological Perspective
- Dr. W. B. West, Jr., October 25, 1983**
The Need for Christian Scholarship
- Dr. John F. Wilson, October 23, 1984**
Digging Up Capernaum--Jesus' Own City
- Dr. Howard White, November 12, 1985**
The Spiritual Heritage of Pepperdine University
- Dr. M. Norvel Young, October 28, 1986**
The Living Word for the Five Billion
- Dr. Thomas Olbricht, October 27, 1987**
Reflections on the Intellectual Heritage of Pepperdine in the Light of Allan Bloom's The Closing of the American Mind
- Dr. James E. Priest, October 25, 1988**
Resurrection: Faith or Fact?
- Dr. Jerry Rushford, November 6, 1989**
A Road Beaten Hard: The Enduring Legacy of Dr. William McAllen Green, 1897-1979
- Dr. H. Douglas Dean, October 30, 1990**
Science and Religion: Antagonists or Partners?
- Dr. David Davenport, October 29, 1991**
An Uneasy Relationship: The Church in a Post-Modern World
- Dr. Richard Hughes, November 9, 1992**
Getting It Together: Academic Rigor and Cultural Pluralism in a Christian University
- Dr. J. J. M. Roberts, October 25, 1993**
The Divine-Human Contract: Theologies of Covenant in the Old Testament
- Dr. Tony Ash, October 24-25, 1994**
C. S. Lewis: A Plaster Saint?
- Dr. Carl R. Holladay, October 23-24, 1995**
Rediscovering an Ancient Story
- Dr. Jack P. Lewis, October 28-29, 1996**
Windows on the Past
- Dr. Fred Gray, October 20-21, 1997**
Bus Ride to Justice
- Dr. Jim Baird, October 19-20, 1998**
I Believe. Help My Unbelief!
- Dr. Darryl Tippens, October 25-26, 1999**
Developing a Spiritual Mind in a Secular Age
- Dr. Harold Shank, October 23-24, 2000**
Up Close and Personal: Embracing the Poor
- Dr. Tim Woodroof, October 23-24, 2001**
Following Jesus: Explorations in the Interior Life
- Dr. Jeff Childers, October 21-22, 2002**
Picturing Your Walk with God: Images of the Spiritual Life
- Dr. Greg Sterling, October 21, 2003**
Can We Hear the Voice of Jesus?
- Dr. David Fleer, October 12, 2004**
Living in the World Imagined in Scripture
- Dr. Stephen Weathers, October 10, 2005**
The (Other) Good Confession: "I Was Wrong"
- Dr. John O. York, October 10, 2006**
Life on the Vine: Revisiting the Wine and the Wineskins
- Dr. Rubel Shelly, October 8, 2007**
Why Atheists Are So Angry
- Dr. Rick Marrs, October 7, 2008**
Face to Face with Jesus
- Dr. Leonard Allen, October 5, 2009**
The Bicentennial of an American Christian Classic
- Dr. Earl Lavender, October 4, 2010**
Redemptive Spirituality (What God Intended in Creation)
- Dr. Monte Cox, October 3, 2011**
Through a Glass Dimly (Christian Knowing in a Pluralistic World)
- Dr. Tim Willis, October 1, 2012**
Praying the King's Prayer (Remembering the Prayers of Three Old Testament Kings)
- Dr. John Mark Hicks, October 21, 2013**
We Shall Assemble on the Mountain
- Dr. Holly Catterton Allen, October 6, 2014**
Intergenerational Christian Formation
- Dr. Robert M. Randolph, September 2, 2015**
Is God Offended? (Interfaith Conversations on Campus)
- Dr. Ron Highfield, August 31, 2016**
The Faithful Creator: Affirming Creation and Providence in an Age of Anxiety
- Dr. Kindalee Pfremmer De Long, August 30, 2017**
Surprised by God
- Dr. Dyron Daugherty, August 29, 2018**
Rising: The Amazing Story of Christianity's Global Resurrection
- Dr. Amy Bost Henegar, August 28, 2019**
Lest the Rocks Cry Out
- Dr. Sara Gaston Barton, September 1, 2021**
Cultivating a Cross-Shaped Heart for a Broken World.
- Dr. Frederick D. Aquino, September 7, 2022**
The Idea of a Christian University: John Henry Newman Speaks to the 21st Century
- Dr. Richard Beck, October 18, 2023**
Stranger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguise
- Dr. Josh Graves, October 17, 2024**
Choosing Love in a Culture of Hostility



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Dr. Josh Graves

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Payson Library, 11:45 AM–1:30 PM



Registration is required for attendance. Scan the QR Code to register.



WILLIAM AND RUBY GREEN

William McAllen Green (1897-1979) enjoyed two teaching careers that spanned nearly six decades. He was professor of classics at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1927 to 1962, and he was professor of ancient Christian literature at Pepperdine University from 1962 to 1974.

Dr. Green was born in Southern California and attended high school in Northern California. He was educated at the University of California, Berkeley (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.), where he was awarded his doctorate in 1930 for research on Augustine's City of God.

William Green and Ruby Lanier were married in Berkeley by T. B. Larimore on April 20, 1928. Theirs was the first wedding performed in the new church building at Prince and Fulton. Their home in Berkeley, affectionately known as the "Green Hotel," was always a haven for Christian students, ministers, and missionaries-on-leave. The Greens were blessed with three children and nine grandchildren.

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

In the midst of his busy career, Dr. Green found the time to fulfill the duties of an elder in the church. He served in this position of responsibility for nearly forty years.



DR. JOSH GRAVES

Beginning 2009, Dr. Josh Graves has served as preaching and teaching minister for the Otter Creek Church. He loves telling Jesus stories to anyone who will listen. Josh holds a D.Min. from Columbia Seminary where he studied the relationship of postmodernism and Christianity. He has written four books: *The Feast: How to Serve Jesus in a Famished World*, *Heaven on Earth* (with C. Seidman), and *How Not to Kill a Muslim: A Manifesto of Hope for Christianity and Islam in North America*. Recently, Josh released *The Simple Secret: Choosing Love in a Culture of Hostility* with Cascade Publishers.

Josh's work has been featured on NPR, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Fox News*, *Patheos*, *PBS Religion*, *Preaching Today*, *Church Leaders*, *The Tennessean*, *Missio Dei*, *The Contributor*, and *Christian Standard*. Josh is currently helping to lead Pepperdine University's Compelling Preaching Initiative as well as The Gathering for Telemachus Mentoring held each year in Boca Grande, Florida. Previously, Josh taught New Testament courses for Rochester University (2005-2009) and Lipscomb University (2012-2023). Josh is married to Kara – the real theologian in the family. Josh and Kara have three life-giving sons: Lucas, Finn, and Oliver.

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