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42nd annual Pepperdine Lectureship April 16-19

"Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever" is the title for the 42nd Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectureship, scheduled for April 16-19. Centering on "Great Themes from the Letter to the Hebrews," the four-day program will feature seven major theme lectures in Firestone Fieldhouse and 120 classes on a variety of biblically-related topics.

Keynoting the lectureship at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, will be David Davenport. Davenport will be speaking on his first day in office as the sixth president of Pepperdine University. The other six theme speakers are full-time preachers from six different states. They are: David Jackson, Jackson, Mississippi, Lynn Anderson, Abilene, Texas, Jim Woodroof, Burlington, Massachusetts, Randy Mayeux, Long Beach, California, Rubel Shelly, Nashville Tennessee, and Ronnie White, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The featured daily classes on Hebrews will be taught by Lana Wisenbaker of Richardson, Texas, and James Thompson of Austin, Texas. Doug Parsons of Midland, Texas, will be the speaker at the annual Men's Fellowship Dinner, and Kay Jackson of Jackson, Mississippi, will be the speaker at the annual Women's Fellowship Dinner. On Wednesday night of lecture week Joe Barnett of Lubbock, Texas, will be the guest speaker at the annual Friends of Pepperdine Dinner. President Howard A. White will be honored at an appreciation dinner on Friday evening, April 19, as he completes his 27th year of service to Pepperdine University.

Nightly musical performances in Smothers Theatre will be continued again this year. The groups performing are: the Inspirational Youth Chorus from the Southside Church of Christ in Los Angeles, the House Brothers Quartet from Hughson, the Good News Quartet from Orangevale and the Newland Street Singers from Garden Grove.



A crowd numbering 3,500 was present for the opening night of the 41st Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectureship on April 17, 1984. More than 4,000 are expected to be in attendance for the opening night of this year's lectureship on April 16, 1985.

The Good Life Puppet Company from La Habra, California, will entertain and teach the children each evening in Elkins Auditorium. Following the major lecture each night, Landon Saunders will be presenting four new films that are sequels to the popular "Heart of the Fighter" series.

Among the other participants on this year's program are: Dick Marcear, Carl and Smitty Brecheen, Ray Fulenwider, Mike Armour, Jack Lewis, Oliver Howard, Bob Rigdon, Mattie Jackson, Reuel Lemmons, Will Ed Warren, Ken Dye, Earl West, Sonny Guild, Helen Young, Charles Siburt, Harold Hazelip, Bruce Wadzeck, Joe Walsh, Jeff Walling, Carroll Osburn, David Malone, Frank Pack, Tom Olbricht, Howard Norton, Rich Atchley, Jimmy Roberts, Louine Woodroof, Paul

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The 40-page lecture program will be off the press at the beginning of January, and reservations for housing will be accepted after January 1. For more information about the lectureship, contact Alison Jolliff at (213) 456-4270.

California Christians serve World Bible School

World Bible School was founded by a California Christian, the dynamic Jimmie Lovell. Since his death, Christians from California have been instrumental in continuing his work.

Jake Coppinger of Visalia has led campaigns in a number of foreign countries this year. He has distributed 50,000 World Bible School lessons in Puerto Rico and 62,500 in Mexico. Accompanied by Buck Walker of Richmond and James Cox of Anaheim, he spent three weeks in South India in April. Twenty-one people were baptized and 100,000 Bible lessons were distributed. Bible lessons have been translated in five Indian languages. Newspaper advertisements across India offer the courses in those five languages as well as in English. A woman in Bangalore receives requests for courses, forwarding them to graders in India and the States.

In July, Coppinger and his group handed out 100,000 lessons in Liberia and 50,000 in Malawi. He returned to Puerto Rico in mid-August. Romero spent three weeks in Honduras in July distributing 100,000 lessons.

Arrangements were made for gospel meetings in six cities in India of over a million population for next April. Ten or more people are needed for this campaign.

Joe and Augustina Romero and Lydia Ramires of Fresno were in Mexico City May 25-28, where they handed out 50,000 Bible lessons and arranged for the distribution of 30,000 more. Letters have begun to arrive from these Spanish-speaking contacts.

Clayton Bussard of Hanford spoke in large gospel meetings and handed out some 200,000 Bible lessons in Ghana in September and early October. Later in October, a group led by Harvey Stow of Ventura, including Bill Banks of Oakhurst, Gene Gilliland of East Visalia, and John Bussard of Corcoran held similar meetings in Nigeria.

Jimmie Lovell left \$25,000 as a matching fund for the Dime-A-Day program which Jake Coppinger uses to take preachers and other workers with him on these campaigns. Jake welcomes donations (payable to the East Visalia Church of Christ) and inquiries for further information. His address is 217 W. Feemster, Visalia, CA 93277.

Special help for small churches in the western states

In October, 1982 the Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, Texas began a new ministry to small churches in the United States and Canada. It is called "STRENGTHENING MISSION CHURCHES," and it sends men with special expertise to small churches whose problems obstruct their growth. These men hold seminars, workshops, or meetings that will advance the churches' work.

In the first 23 months of this program 23 small churches in the Rocky Mountain and Pacific states have received help. Further help is scheduled for other small churches in the area.

Throughout the United States and Canada help has been given to 101 small churches in those 23 months, and help is scheduled to 39 others the rest of this year, and in 1985.

Harvey Childress directs this ministry for the Waterview church, and he will be glad to hear from other small churches which need workshops, seminars, or meetings to advance their work. Churches needing this help can contact him at the Waterview Church of Christ, 1409 N. Waterview, Richardson, TX 75080.

Arizona church celebrates sixth anniversary

In November of 1978, Dennis and Carlene Johnson placed an advertisement in two local Sun City, Arizona papers, stating a desire to start a church in Sun City. Approximately fifteen people responded to the ad. During the first week of December, 1978, seventeen people met in the home of Russell and Gladys Latshaw; soon the congregation was meeting in the conference room of the city's First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Bill Blakemore from the Camelback Church of Christ in Phoenix was the first preacher for Sun City. Following Blakemore, Bill Hunt came to fill the pulpit in August of 1980. As the congregation began to blossom, three elders—Dennis Johnson, Lee Meek, and Russell Latshaw—were chosen to shepherd the growing church. On October 16, 1981, Tom and Betty Phelps came to work with the congregation. Tom has since been serving as minister.

In the spring of 1982, more than five acres of land were purchased in southern Sun City, at 109th Avenue and Olive, for a new church building, and construction was begun. The new facility, which seats 240, was completed in January of 1984.

Currently, the average attendance of the congregation is 140, and there have been 13 baptisms in 1984. Regular contributions have risen to \$2,200 each Sunday. Also of interest is the average age of the church member in this retirement center: 72.

Campus Ministry Seminar at Pepperdine

Pepperdine University will be the site of the 16th West Coast Campus Ministry Seminar January 11-13.

Between 200 and 300 students from five western states are expected to attend the seminar. Theme speakers include Prentice Meador from Springfield, Missouri, Stanley Shipp from St. Louis, Missouri, Arlie Hoover from Abilene, Texas, and Rick Rowland from Malibu. The theme, "If He Has Been Raised," is supported by a variety of special emphasis classes for preachers, elders, teachers and college students, on all aspects of the resurrection and its impact on campus ministry.

Participants will be housed in the residence halls on the Pepperdine campus and with members of the University church who live on campus.

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The Eastside church —a force for good *by Billie Silvey*



Joseph Walsh, Jr.

There's graffiti on the wall outside, but there are also small, sturdy pieces of playground equipment. Inside, preschool students at carrels listen to tapes in colorfully-decorated classrooms, and calls come frequently from people needing food.

The scene is the Eastside Church of Christ on Martin Luther King Boulevard in Los Angeles, a black church in a Latino community. At the center of the activities is Eastside's dynamic minister, Joseph Walsh, Jr. Born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas, Walsh moved to San Francisco in 1957, two years after he and his wife Wilma were married. In 1960, he became a Christian.

Six years later, he moved to Los Angeles, where he placed membership with the West Adams church. When its minister moved in 1970, Walsh was named to succeed him. He was a student at Pepperdine at the time.

The Eastside church's beginnings go back to August, 1972, when twenty-two Southern California churches launched a massive Campaign for Christ in a 1,000-seat tent erected on a ten-acre lot at 42nd and San Pedro Streets. While the tent meeting was in progress, sixty people met at the campaign headquarters for worship. This marked the beginning of the Eastside church. The group continued to meet in temporary quarters at 4154 S. Avalon.

Walsh was named the first permanent minister for the new group May 13, 1973. He began his duties June 18 with thirty-three people on the roll and twenty-six in attendance. During 1974, twenty-seven were baptized and nineteen placed membership. The new work had the oversight

of the Santa Monica church, and its minister O. J. Dyson was a great encouragement.

With ninety-eight worshipping in an area built to accommodate eighty-five, efforts were begun to secure a larger facility. Six congregations—Santa Monica, Figueroa, Northside, Normandie, 110th and Wilmington and 112th and Main—pledged monthly support during the first two years of growth.

A building plan was developed, and construction began in May, 1978, on a 300-seat auditorium.

On October 14, 1979, 225 people met in the new facility, and in January,

1981, the Eastside church became totally self-supporting.

Eastside has been involved in several local and foreign mission efforts, Christian education, community outreach, and benevolence. It has sponsored a Head Start preschool, a community market for the poor, and a youth basketball program. Food is distributed almost daily through a Food Bank, a county information helpline and a referral service.

Assistant minister Rovergial Jones and associate minister Isaac Sandifer, Jr., are also instrumental in the congregation's efforts.

Washington church begins alcohol abuse ministry

In October the church in Hazel Dell, Washington began an alcohol abuse program for its community.

Ron Almer, a former alcoholic who was baptized in 1984, worked with minister Jeff Hicks to develop a very practical nine-course curriculum on alcohol abuse. The classes deal with such topics as depression, low self-esteem, anxiety, and anger, and apply principles and suggestions from the Bible.

Hicks stressed that the courses are practical in nature and aren't intended to replace professional counseling when it is needed. Each class is a complete unit, which allows people struggling with alcoholism to enter the class series at any time.

Former atheist John Clayton to speak at Cypress

The Cypress Church of Christ, located at 9771 Walker Street, Cypress, California has announced a lectureship scheduled for January 4, 5, and 6. John Clayton, of South Bend, Indiana, will be speaking on the theme "Does God Exist?"

Clayton, a teacher and geologist by profession, holds degrees in science from the University of Notre Dame and Indiana University.

The Friday and Saturday sessions will be held at the Orange County Christian School facilities, located at 5400 Myra Street in Cypress. Evening sessions will begin at 7:30 both nights. On Saturday afternoon at 2:00, Clayton will present a special program for teens, entitled "God and UFO's."

125 church leaders to meet on unity

by Don White

On January 1, 1832 at the Hill Street Church in Lexington, Kentucky, Raccoon John Smith urged that those assembled be no longer "Campbellites or Stoneites, New Lights or Old Lights, or any other kind of Lights," but to come together in unity. A handshake on that occasion committed the two groups to uniting.

Unity will again be the topic of discussion on January 15, 1985, in Dublin, California, at a state-wide meeting of 'institutional' and 'non-institutional' brethren. This effort is sponsored by its steering committee members: Kenneth A. Sterling, Don White, Donald R. Wilson, Harold H. Hougey, C. L. "Vern" Wilson and James W. Ferguson, Sr.

The participants and their topics are: Donald R. Wilson, "What Do We Have In Common?"; Don Kern, "Unity of the Body"; James W. Ferguson, "Unity of the Faith"; Jim Puterbaugh, "Unity of the Spirit"; Carroll Osburn, "Unity of Doctrine." The final address, "Where Do We Go From Here?", will be given by Randy Dickson and Rusty Bolton.

The purpose of the meeting is to examine the topic of unity and attempt an honest search to ascertain the truth and its application. The spirit of the meeting will be one of dialogue, not debate, with reasonable men humbly discussing God's ideal of unity. The goal is to improve relationships between brethren.

Facilities will limit the meeting to the first 125 reservations. There is a \$15.00 fee for the luncheon and facilities. Send your reservation fee to Don White, 2812 Harbour Dr., Antioch, CA 94509.

Sunset Haven celebrates 29th anniversary

by Marshall Brookey

For the day of October 6, Sunset Haven in Cherry Valley was turned into a Country Fair to usher in its 30th year of serving Christian Seniors through housing and nursing services. 380 guests attended the festive event. Eleven congregations supplied booths of games, crafts, and refreshments, as well as a delicious BBQ beef dinner. Of special importance was the dedication of Sunset Haven's new Harshaw Memorial Wing, a single story addition to the stone mansion serving residents in a Board & Care setting. Lee & Jewel Harshaw, in whose memory the wing was built, were both residents of Sunset Haven in 1981 and 1982. The building was donated entirely by their daughter and her family, with room furnishings provided through special memorial gifts.

The new wing was built to provide more private rooms on the ground floor with two rooms designed especially for married couples. All services provided in the original house are also provided for the new wing residents. Shirley Riley, manager of the home and a member of the Beaumont Church, is very excited about the finished project.

"God has blessed me with this opportunity to serve, and continues to bless our labors of love by touching the hearts of so many loyal supporters—like the ones who provided the new wing."

Sunset Haven began its history in 1955 in the Board and Care home on nine acres in Cherry Valley. It opened with six residents and operated without any government aid, as it still does today. Most of those early residents had little or no money of their own and had out-lived their families, so churches and individual Christians took on the loads with selfless determination. Little by little, rooms were added and changes made so that the original building's capacity was increased to 21 persons. Now, with the new wing, 36 residents are accommodated.

The men and women who have directed Sunset Haven over the years were strong leaders in congregations throughout Southern California. People like Paul Harper (still promoting Sunset Haven on the Advisory Board and one of the original Trustees), J. D. & Opal Hawes, E. W. McMillan, Otis J. Warren, Floyd Lee, Raymond C. Simpson, Seth E. Rehkop, Floyd E. Hamilton, Francis Long, and Bess Golden Clausen, are among the extensive list of supporters, trustees, administrators, and volunteers. Doug Padgett, Executive

Administrator of Sunset Haven, and also a member of the Beaumont Church, describes this group as Sunset Haven's own great cloud of witnesses, full of faith through the hard times as well as good. "The active support given by so many over the years," he says, "makes it possible for Sunset Haven to build its services year after year."

Sunset Haven serves senior Christians in three homes. Sunset Haven Residential Care Center in Upland is the newest complete structure of Sunset Haven and houses about 70 single and married residents. Several services are provided which take the edge off of the health difficulties associated with growing older, including nutritious diets, local transportation, and a nurse on staff. Bill Bridges, a member of the Yucaipa Church, is the manager of this home, which is situated next to Upland Church of Christ. His goal for the next few years is to bring intermediate care and services to the home so that temporary difficulties requiring light nursing attention can be handled more easily. He already has six rooms available for residents who need assistance walking, and he considers that to be a great step toward providing the proper balance of services which is needed.

The other two homes are located adjacent to one another in Cherry Valley, 55 miles east of Upland. The Board & Care home (which has the new wing) provides similar services to the Upland facility. The Sunset Haven Convalescent Hospital staffs licensed nurses and certified aids, and

provides 24-hour nursing care. Mindy Cox, also a member of the Yucaipa Church, is the Director of Nurses and demonstrates warmth and a personal caring attitude toward resident care. The benefit of nursing care at Sunset Haven over other nursing homes is evident immediately upon entering the facility. The environment, enhanced by Christian values, extra staffing, and social services, goes far beyond what is required by the state. This is all provided by God's working through people who are giving to, visiting with, and praying for this ministry.

Pioneer preachers honored



Tommy Phillips (r), who turned 80 on September 4, congratulates Paul Harper on his 81st birthday on October 23. Both men were honored at a dinner on the Pepperdine campus.

Albert Lovelady feted at Salinas dinner

Recently Albert Lovelady resigned as an elder and active minister of the Alvin Drive congregation of the Church of Christ in Salinas, California. He also resigned from being the superintendent of the Central Coast Christian School, of which he and his wife Alice were the founding administrators in 1981. Lovelady resigned due to failing health brought on by Parkinson's Disease. However, he made it known that he would be available as a consultant and as an advisor to the young men who would carry on the work in his place. Dave Schulze, from San Jose, California has been hired as the minister for the congregation, and Darrell Martin, from Abilene, Texas, has been hired as the superintendent for the school.

On August 25, 1984, a dinner in

honor of Albert Lovelady was held. He was honored not only for his 12 years of service with the Salinas congregation, but also for over 50 years of work he has done for the church in California. At the dinner, he was recognized as the minister emeritus of the congregation. A plaque was given to Lovelady and many loving verbal tributes were delivered to him by the members of the congregation. A fun tribute was also paid to Al by Betty Moore. She 'roasted' him with his own jokes. At the dinner, the Lovelady Living Memorial Fund for the Central Coast Christian School was started. Over \$6,000.00 was contributed by the guests at the dinner. The CCC School is dear to Lovelady's heart and the initiation of the fund deeply touched him.

Manna—what we are doing for a hungry world

by Randy Mayeux

The threat of starvation is sometimes difficult for well-fed Americans to imagine. But in other parts of the world, it is a daily, life-threatening reality. Consider the country of Ethiopia, Africa, where seven million people (3½ times the current estimated number of members of the Church of Christ in the whole world) face death through starvation.

Let me attempt to communicate the horror of starvation. Inadequate food means brain damaged children. Inadequate food means that mothers literally cannot breastfeed their children. (Sophie's tragic choice of which child to keep alive is a daily reality in the starving nations.) And, ultimately, inadequate food means death—to thousands upon thousands.

In the past, we've taken limited action in response to the starvation problem. Our apathetic attitude has ignored the needs of millions world-wide.

Recently, however, our great brotherhood has responded with beautiful Christ-like compassion to this growing tragedy. For example, over \$1 million was given to feed needy people in Poland. Other projects have been equally impressive. But there has been no strategy to tackle the problem as a whole. Until now.

Manna International is doing something to feed a hungry world.

Born in the hearts and minds of some Christians at the Redwood City church, under the supervision of the elders and directed by Kevin McFarland (an expert on the needs of the hungry), Manna International is developing an exciting strategy to keep starving people alive.

What is being done? Manna currently is focusing on four major fronts.

1. *El Salvador.* By March, 1985, well over a quarter of a million dollars will have been sent to the hungry of El Salvador by the teenagers of our fellowship. Teens spend a weekend fasting, focusing on the needs of the hungry in a program entitled "Don't Talk with Your Mouth Full." Teenagers are learning that they don't have to be adults to join God in tackling the big problems.

409 families (2100 people) in 20 congregations in El Salvador, were fed for one month by two youth groups. (An incredible return on investment.) Local churches in El Salvador are overseeing the distribution (a must for every Manna operation). By the end of this effort, the results will be heartening to all compassionate Christians.

New children's home begins in Northern California

by Bobb Gowen



A gift of a 35-acre apple orchard has prompted the establishment of a new child care facility in Northern California at Montgomery Creek, near Redding.

The property was donated by Jerry and Jan Troxell in June of 1984. It consists of a nice six-bedroom house with 350 producing apple trees. Natural springs supply ample water for irrigation.

This new outreach will be known as Christian Family Services of the Northwest. The goal of this outreach is to provide physical and spiritual care for children and adults in need. Among the services to be developed are: residential care at the home

campus, private foster care in Christian homes, care in satellite group homes in the area, adoptive care in approved Christian homes, unwed mother care in Christian homes, care for the aged in Christian group homes, and Christian counseling and guidance.

A board of directors is being established, consisting of church leaders and Christian business men. The executive board consists of President Robert Oliver, preacher, Anderson, CA, Vice President Tom Bryant, elder, Redding, CA, Vice President Alan Stahl, elder, Anderson, CA, Secretary, Will Haws, attorney, Redding, CA, Treasurer, Jim Crume, chiropractor, Redding, CA.

Johnie Luker of Redding has been appointed director of the program. Luker has served many years in child care homes supported by Churches of Christ.

This new endeavor has many immediate needs: the application for a state license, a new well for approved drinking water, a renovation of the house, irrigation, and a loan of \$15,000, to be repaid by January 1st. Support from interested individuals and congregations is welcome.

Information may be obtained by writing: Christian Family Services of Pacific Northwest, 1620 Continental, Redding, CA 96001.

2. *Ethiopia.* This country is the trouble spot of the world. Seven million could die. Thirteen of 14 provinces are seriously threatened. The government of Ethiopia has clamped down on preaching, but as we have distributed food (first to our own brethren, then to other hungry people), preaching has been allowed. A goal of \$500,000 has been set for Ethiopia. Over \$130,000 has been raised so far, by a combination of congregational days of prayer and fasting, and by an exciting campus/youth adult effort. Over \$38,000 was raised at the University Church of Denver alone, an astonishing effort!

3. *Elementary School Effort.* We are just beginning to encourage the participation of our elementary school children, especially through the growing network of Christian schools. Classes are developing fund raising projects, and lifelong hearts of compassion are being developed.

4. *Holiday Effort.* During December, families are being provided calendars with daily suggestions for involvement. The "I want" syndrome will be challenged by the "How can we share?" philosophy, especially during four carefully planned family evenings.

There are a number of reasons to rejoice at this ministry. The first is the most obvious—some desperately needy people are receiving life-sustaining help. Other reasons are equally exciting. Our great brotherhood is rising above the tendency to be selfish. We are truly tackling a major world problem. Compassion and co-operation are being rekindled. And the Lord, who once said "I was hungry, and you fed me," is being fed and glorified.

You can take part in these wonderful efforts. Contact Manna International at Box 3507, Redwood City, CA 94064 or call (415) 365-3663.

Hillview Acres celebrates 55th anniversary

by Bud Worsham

On March 25, 1929, Samuel E. Witty called a meeting of Christian men in Ontario, California, to consider establishing a children's home "to provide for the temporal needs and Christian training of orphans." Homer E. Bartlett, who was to become treasurer and a longtime trustee of the home, pulled out a one dollar bill to start the funding of Pacific Christian Home.

The orphanage was established on July 5, 1929, and Witty was named temporary superintendent "to be paid \$50 per week as long as his work is considered profitable to the home." For the next 20-plus years, this man of God proved very capable of caring for homeless children. Witty guided the home through many difficult times until his retirement in 1950.

Since that beginning in 1929, there have been many changes in the home, including its name and location, but Hillview Acres Children Home in Chino, California, remains dedicated to caring for the neglected child. During the 55 years of the home, some 1,300 children have been rescued from a hopeless—and sometimes abusive—life by Christians who care.

"Pop and Mom Germany," Fred and Ina, succeeded Sam Witty in the leadership. For 18 years, Pop was just that to hundreds of youngsters. After his death in 1968, Mom Germany continued serving the home—altogether for 27 years.

H. H. "Corky" Kindsvater, executive director of Hillview Acres since 1977, has been instrumental in bringing national recognition to the home as a model for child welfare. Its use of computer technology is unequalled in child care.

For the past seven years, Hillview Acres has been a home-therapy facility for the abused and troubled child. Kindsvater and his staff have developed a child care system called the Relationship Impact Model. A comprehensive therapy program seeks to meet the child's need for love, discipline and independence. Appropriate psychiatric, psychological, and medical services are provided in which short and long-term planning is established for each child placed in the home.

While the methods in child care have changed since '29—and the home is no longer an orphanage—Hillview Acres is committed "to the development and improvement of the God given potentials of each child."

Fellowship, prayer time and Bible



Samuel Witty (r), superintendent of Pacific Christian Home, stands with the children from the home in this photo from the early 1940's.

study are encouraged, and homeparents may select nearby congregations to take the children for worship.

Average stay of a child at the home is 13 months. Most of the children go to foster homes—few return to their original homes.

Hillview Acres is located on 20 acres, with six large resident cottages housing eight children each. The acreage allows space for administration/maintenance buildings, large cafeteria and recreation areas, an orchard, garden and pens for farm animals.

The home's budget is over \$1 million annually—with the state/county contributing 70 percent of the total. Churches and individual Christians provide the remaining funds.

For many years some supporters feared a state-controlled home because of licensing and funding. Kindsvater says emphatically, "The state does not run the home."

Hillview Acres is under the oversight of a board of trustees consisting of elders from the Northside Church of Christ in Santa Ana. Representatives of contributing Churches of Christ comprise an executive advisory board.

As a home for moderately to severely disturbed children, 10 county agencies use Hillview Acres for placements.

While the home is a successful operation, there is a need for new construction.

"It has been nearly 20 years since the home has had any construction on campus," says Kindsvater. "We are hoping to enter into a program where we will build 10 or 12 single-family dwellings on our campus. We would like to develop a normalized neighborhood within a campus context."

A pressing need is the replacement of all the home's passenger vans.

The home has had many friends. Founding trustees in 1929 with Witty and Bartlett were E. L. Woodruff, Harold F. Houchen, J. A. Vance, W. H. Williams and A. L. Hamilton.

Long before he founded the college, George Pepperdine was involved in Pacific Christian Home. The minutes of March 3, 1930 report: "Bro. Pepperdine's suggestion as to the management of the home was thoroughly discussed."

Hugh Tiner, who was to become president of Pepperdine College, figured prominently in the home's early ventures. Roy Dial of Long Beach was a key supporter and director.

Many others served the home faithfully over the years, including James Lovell, Wesley Todd, Ernest Beam, A. J. Roden, Otis J. Warren, George Duke, James Sewell, James A. Scott, Clarence Shattuck, Donald Miller, Wayne Stephens, Seth Rehkop, and Cecil Bishop.

"When the home began in 1929," recalls Kindsvater, "someone began writing the names of the children in a book marked Hotel Register on the front cover. Listed was the youngsters' entrance date, birth date and, when the time came, the date when they left the home."

"We have continued this tradition. To date, some 1,300 names are written in that book."

The administrative staff, besides Kindsvater, includes Dr. Edward A. Gray, director of professional services; Calvin R. Towler, director of research design and program development, and Dr. Donald O. Berryhill, director of advancement and health services.

From the mountain top: A tribute to Mary Ince McPherson

by Helen Young

As a young woman, Mary Ince set out with a friend, Belle Andrews, on a daring adventure to climb 14,502 foot Mt. Whitney in Northern California. After facing excessive heat and cold, bodily fatigue, and hunger, the young women accomplished their goal and stood at the highest point in the United States.

This incident tells much of the character of Mary Ince McPherson. She is a courageous woman, always striving for intellectual, social, and spiritual betterment. She stands on the mountain top as a woman of faith and persistence, whose long life of humble service is an inspiration to all who know her. She has excelled as a church leader, Bible teacher, public school teacher and civic leader. She was a charter member of Associated Women for Pepperdine and has held every office in District 13. She is truly a worthy woman who, at 93 years of age, continues to inspire us all.

Mary Ince was born on June 7, 1891, in Rio Vista, Texas. She attended Southeastern State Teachers' College in Durant, Oklahoma and taught for eight years in Oklahoma before coming to California. In July 1920, she came to Antelope Valley to visit an uncle and, while there, was asked by the school board to stay and teach. She began with seven children the first year, although she had left a class of 78 students in Oklahoma. Until her retirement, she was a beloved and respected leading force in the school system of Antelope Valley.

After 42 years in the classroom, Mary retired from full-time teaching in 1956, but continued to do substitute teaching for 11 more years, totaling 53 years of service. In 1961 she was honored by the Leona Valley Improvement Association for having taught school in the valley longer than any other teacher. Her portrait hangs in their building along with a citation from the County Board of Supervisors. In the Desert Inn Hotel and Restaurant in Lancaster hangs another picture of Mary. The gymnasium at the Wilsona Elementary and Junior High School in Lancaster is named "The McPherson Gymnasium."

Mary's first love has always been the church. When she moved to the valley there was not a Church of Christ. In 1922, permission was granted by the school board to hold Bible classes on Sundays in



the Wilsona School, and young people from the Sichel Street church in Los Angeles came once a month to help. One of these young men was Taylor McPherson, who usually did the preaching. On September 27, Taylor and Mary were married. They moved to Los Angeles for a year, but decided to move back to Lancaster, for they were very eager to see a strong congregation started in the valley. Taylor bought an electric car which he used to canvas the town to find members. They first rented a hall, but because the attendance was small they decided to meet in their home. Elbert Garretson held the first meeting of the Lancaster church in 1937. Jack Morris was the first local minister. Before long their home was too small for the services. They rented a hall on Beech Street and later the Woodman Hall on Sierra Highway.

Mary tells of going early on Sunday mornings to the Woodman Hall to pick up beer cans and whiskey bottles which were left at the dances on Saturday nights. Mary says that, during the depression, the congregation paid their preachers, Jack Morris, Harry Robert Fox, and others, with food, since contributions in money were scarce.

Mary has always been keenly interested in young people. In the early days she would pack a picnic lunch on Sundays and drive them to Big River or Rock Creek or one of the lakes. She taught the high school group for a year, until there were men who could teach this group. Then she taught a combination of fourth, fifth, and sixth grades, because there were not

enough students in these grades to have separate classes.

When the attendance grew, it was decided that the church should have its own building. Taylor and Mary mortgaged their own home and bought the land at the corner of Beech and Kettering to build. Taylor then went to Oregon where he bought lumber at a cheaper price than he could buy in Lancaster. He shipped it by train. The men of the congregation built the building, and it was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1948, with John Allen Hudson preaching.

Through the years, from the Lancaster church have come other congregations such as Quartz Hill, Palmdale and Roseland.

Although Mary did not have children of her own, she helped raise two of her nephews and one of her husband's nephews. She has been a mother to thousands of young people whose lives she has touched, both in the schools and the church.

Mary has always been a beautiful example of hospitality. She often has groups from the church and AWP groups in her home. She has a long room in her home which seats thirty to forty for dinner meetings.

The fruit of the spirit is seen so beautifully in Mary's life. I say of Mary as Paul the Apostle said of Phoebe, "She has been a great help to many people, including me." (Romans 16:2)

Portland church completes Taiwan mission work

Generally churches begin mission works, but the Central Church of Christ in Portland Oregon, is overseeing a group of Christians who are planning to end one.

The congregation is supporting George Moore while he works with Christians in Taiwan to complete mission work there. Several years ago, congregations in the Pacific Northwest helped establish the church in Taiwan. Since then, Moore has been extensively involved in that work as a fund-raiser, visiting teacher, and resident missionary for 2½ years.

Now, missionaries and Chinese Christians are almost a year into their five-year plan to complete the mission work there. "We've done what we intended to do," said Moore, explaining that at least five Chinese congregations on the island should be entirely self-supporting, with their own elders and deacons, by the end of 1988.

19th century Churches of Christ in California

by Jerry Rushford

The Restoration Movement was introduced in California in the gold rush year of 1849. While researching the history of this "Christians only" movement in California, I have tried to identify each congregation that was established before 1900. The appended list of 311 churches was derived mainly from news items in nineteenth century periodicals.

The periodicals consulted were: *Millennial Harbinger* (1849-1870), *American Christian Review* (1856-1886), *Gospel Advocate* (1855-1899), *Christian Pioneer* (1861-1870), *Christian Standard* (1866-1899), *Christian Teacher* (1865-1866)

Bible Expositor (1871), *Evangelist* (1865-1882), *Christian* (1873-1882), *Christian-Evangelist* (1882-1899), *Apostolic Times* (1869-1885), and *Firm Foundation* (1884-1899).

No doubt some of these congregations are listed twice under different names. Cache Creek and Woodland, for example, refer to the same congregation, because the Church of Christ was established in the little settlement of Cache Creek in 1854, and the name of the town was later changed to Woodland. Similarly, Sebastopol and Yountville refer to the same congregation in Napa County, because the Church of Christ was established in Sebas-

topol in 1852, and the town name was changed to Yountville in 1867.

When a city is listed more than once, it means that there were separate congregations meeting in that city prior to 1900. The question marks indicate churches difficult to locate according to county.

My purpose in publishing this list is to determine its accuracy before using any of it in my book on the same topic. If any of the readers of the *Pacific Church News* know of nineteenth century churches that were missed in this listing, or if you can confirm county locations, I would appreciate receiving that information.

Northern California

City	County
1. Acampo	San Joaquin
2. Alameda	Alameda
3. Alturas	Modoc
4. Anderson	Shasta
5. Antelope Valley	Tehama
6. Antioch	Contra Costa
7. Aromas	Monterey
8. Auberry	Fresno
9. Auburn	Placer
10. Bear River	Placer?
11. Berkeley	Tulare
12. Berkeley	Alameda
13. Berryessa	Napa
14. Big Plains	Sonoma
15. Big Valley	Lake
16. Big Valley	Lassen
17. Blue Lake	Humboldt
18. Bodega	Sonoma
19. Boonville	Mendocino
20. Boulder Creek	Santa Cruz
21. Brentwood	Contra Costa
22. Bridgeport	Colusa
23. Browns Valley	Napa
24. Buckeye Flat	Yolo
25. Burneyville	Stanislaus
26. Burgettville	Shasta
27. Butte City	Glenn
28. Butte Mountain	Sutter
29. Cache Creek	Yolo
30. Capay	Yolo
31. Cecilville	Siskiyou
32. Cedarville	Modoc
33. Centerville	Fresno
34. Chico	Butte
35. Clay Station	Sacramento
36. Clayton	Contra Costa
37. Clear Lake	Lake
38. Cloverdale	Sonoma
39. College City	Colusa
40. Colusa	Colusa
41. Concord	Contra Costa
42. Corning	Tehama
43. Corralitos	Santa Cruz
44. Crockett	Contra Costa
45. Crow's Landing	Stanislaus
46. Danville	Contra Costa
47. Davis Creek	Modoc
48. Davisville	Yolo
49. Dayton	Butte
50. Deer Valley	Alameda?
51. Dinuba	Tulare
52. Dry Creek	Amador?
53. Dunnigan	Yolo
54. Eagleville	Modoc
55. Eddy's Landing	Colusa
56. Eden Plains	Alameda?
57. Elk Creek	Glenn
58. Elliott	Sacramento?
59. Elmira	Solano
60. Eureka	Humboldt
61. Fairfield	Solano
62. Fairview	Yolo
63. Fairview	Sutter
64. Far West	Yuba?
65. Ferndale	Humboldt
66. Forestville	Sonoma
67. Fort Bidwell	Modoc
68. Fortuna	Humboldt
69. Fowler	Fresno
70. Franklin	Sonoma
71. Franklin	Sacramento
72. Freestone	Sonoma
73. Freshwater	Colusa?
74. Fresno	Fresno
75. Fulton	Sonoma
76. Galt	Sacramento
77. Georgetown	El Dorado

78. Geyserville	Sonoma
79. Gilroy	Santa Clara
80. Grafton	Contra Costa?
81. Grand Island	Colusa
82. Grangeville	Kings
83. Grass Valley	Nevada
84. Green Valley	Solano
85. Greenwood	San Joaquin
86. Gridley	Butte
87. Grindstone	Glenn?
88. Guerneville	Sonoma
89. Guinda	Yolo
90. Hanford	Kings
91. Harnsburg	Alameda
92. Hawk's Corners	San Joaquin
93. Healdsburg	Sonoma
94. Heald's Mill	Sonoma
95. Hollister	San Benito
96. Hopeton	Merced
97. Honcut	Butte
98. Hopland	Mendocino
99. Hydenville	Humboldt
100. Irvington	Alameda
101. Jackson Valley	Amador
102. Kelseyville	Lake
103. Kimball School House	Shasta
104. Kingsburg	Fresno
105. Kirville	Sutter
106. Knights Landing	Yolo
107. Ladoga	Colusa
108. Lagrange	Stanislaus
109. Lakeport	Lake
110. Liberty	San Joaquin
111. Liberty School House	Sonoma
112. Little Lake	Mendocino
113. Live Oak City	Sutter
114. Liverpool Station	Alameda?
115. Livingston	Merced
116. Lockeford	San Joaquin
117. Lodi	San Joaquin
118. Lone Star	Fresno
119. Long Valley	Mendocino
120. Los Banos	Merced
121. Los Gatos	Santa Clara
122. Lost Canon	Contra Costa?
123. Lower Lake	Lake
124. Madera	Madera
125. Madera	Madera
126. Madison	Yolo
127. Maine Prairie	Solano
128. Mantion	Tehama
129. Manzanita	Placer
130. Mark West	Sonoma
131. Marsh Creek	Contra Costa
132. Marysville	Yuba
133. Maxwell	Colusa
134. Melville	Yuba?
135. Meridian	Sutter
136. Millville	Shasta
137. Milpitas	Santa Clara
138. Modesto	Stanislaus
139. Monson	Tulare
140. Montezuma	Tuolumne?
141. Monticello	Napa
142. Moore's Station	Butte
143. Mountain View	Santa Clara
144. Napa	Napa
145. Nevada City	Nevada
146. Nevville	Glenn
147. Nicolaus	Sutter
148. Oakdale	Stanislaus
149. Oakland	Alameda
150. Oakland	Alameda
151. Occidental	Sonoma
152. Old River	Sacramento
153. Oroville	Butte
154. Pacheco	Contra Costa
155. Pacific Grove	Monterey
156. Pajaro Valley	Monterey

157. Palo Alto	Stanislaus
158. Paradise	Sonoma
159. Petaluma	Butte?
160. Pine Creek	Tulare
161. Pixley	Shasta
162. Plateau	Sonoma
163. Pleasant Grove	Sutter
164. Pleasant Grove	Contra Costa
165. Pleasant Hill	Nevada
166. Pleasant Ridge	Amador
167. Plymouth	Mendocino
168. Point Arena	Mendocino
169. Potter Valley	Plumas
170. Prattville	Solano?
171. Princeton	Colusa
172. Putah	Solano?
173. Red Bluff	Tehama
174. Rock Creek	Butte
175. Rohnerville	Humboldt
176. Rome	Yolo?
177. Russian River	Sonoma
178. Rutherford	Sacramento
179. Sacramento	Napa
180. St. Helena	Monterey
181. Salinas	Sonoma
182. Salt Point	San Benito
183. San Benito	San Francisco
184. San Francisco	San Francisco
185. San Francisco	San Francisco
186. San Jose	Santa Clara
187. San Jose	Santa Clara
188. San Ramon	Contra Costa
189. Sanger	Fresno
190. Santa Clara	Santa Clara
191. Santa Cruz	Santa Cruz
192. Santa Rosa	Sonoma
193. Santa Rosa	Santa Clara
194. Saratoga	Napa
195. Sebastopol	Fresno
196. Selma	Tuolumne
197. Shaw's Flat	Mendocino
198. Sherwood Valley	Solano
199. Silverville	Humboldt
200. Slide	Yuba
201. Smartsville	Colusa
202. Smithville	Merced
203. Snelling	Nevada
204. Spenceville	Tulare
205. Springville	Humboldt
206. Springville	San Joaquin
207. Stockton	Tulare
208. Success Valley	Solano
209. Suisun	Siskiyou
210. Summerville	Sutter
211. Sutter City	Colusa
212. Sycamore	Tulare
213. Traver	Tulare
214. Tulare	Tulare
215. Tule River	Tulare
216. Ukiah	Mendocino
217. Union City	Alameda
218. Vaca Station	Solano
219. Vacaville	Solano
220. Vallejo	Solano
221. Visalia	Tulare
222. Walnut Grove	Sacramento
223. Warm Springs	Alameda
224. Washington	Santa Cruz
225. Watsonville	Yuba
226. Wheatland	Colusa
227. Williams	Colusa
228. Willows	Yolo
229. Winters	San Joaquin
230. Woodbridge	Yolo
231. Woodland	Yolo
232. Woodland	Mendocino
233. Yorkville	Napa
234. Yountville	Sutter
235. Yuba City	

Santa Clara	County
1. Anaheim	Orange
2. Artesia	Los Angeles
3. Azusa	Los Angeles
4. Bakersfield	Kern
5. Banning	Riverside
6. Bear Valley	San Diego
7. Burbank	Los Angeles
8. Camarillo	Ventura
9. Cambria	San Luis Obispo
10. Carlsbad	San Diego
11. Chino	San Bernardino
12. Compton	Los Angeles
13. Corona	Riverside
14. Covina	Los Angeles
15. Downey	Los Angeles
16. Duarte	Los Angeles
17. El Monte	Los Angeles
18. Elsinore	Riverside
19. Escondido	San Diego
20. Fallbrook	San Diego
21. Fountain Valley	Orange
22. Gallatin	Los Angeles
23. Glendora	Los Angeles
24. Glendora	Los Angeles
25. Glenville	Kern
26. Hollywood	Los Angeles
27. Huntington Beach	Orange
28. La Verne	Los Angeles
29. Lompoc	Santa Barbara
30. Long Beach	Los Angeles
31. Los Alamos	Santa Barbara
32. Los Angeles	Los Angeles
33. Los Angeles	Los Angeles
34. Los Angeles	Los Angeles
35. Los Angeles	Los Angeles
36. Los Nietos	Los Angeles
37. Los Olivos	Santa Barbara
38. Menifee	Riverside?
39. Monrovia	Los Angeles
40. Monsterrate	San Diego
41. Montalvo	Ventura
42. Moresette	San Diego
43. Morro Bay	San Luis Obispo
44. National City	San Diego
45. Newbury Park	Ventura
46. Nipomo	San Luis Obispo
47. Northhoff	Ventura
48. Norwalk	Los Angeles
49. Oceanside	San Diego
50. Ontario	San Bernardino
51. Orange	Orange
52. Pasadena	Los Angeles
53. Paso Robles	San Luis Obispo
54. Pierce's School House	Riverside?
55. Pleasant Valley	Ventura
56. Pomona	Los Angeles
57. Pomona	Los Angeles
58. Redlands	San Bernardino
59. Rivera	Los Angeles
60. Riverside	Riverside
61. San Bernardino	San Bernardino
62. San Diego	San Diego
63. San Gabriel	Los Angeles
64. San Jacinto	Riverside
65. San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo
66. San Luis Fey	San Diego
67. San Miguel	San Luis Obispo
68. Santa Ana	Orange
69. Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara
70. Santa Maria	Santa Barbara
71. Santa Monica	Los Angeles
72. Santa Paula	Ventura
73. Tustin	Orange
74. Valley Center	San Diego
75. Ventura	Ventura
76. Whittier	Los Angeles

Pepperdine professor conducts counseling survey

When people experience life difficulties—grief, depression, marital problems—they often turn to their minister for help. In fact, some research suggests that many individuals will turn first to a minister for help instead of to a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other mental health professional.

Why do people turn first to their minister? Several reasons are possible. First, ministers often have an ongoing relationship with individuals and families. They may have a personal knowledge of their members that spans months or years, and many people may prefer to seek counseling from someone they already know.

Second, ministers are generally accessible and receptive to aiding people with life concerns. Their ministerial role embodies the qualities of compassion and concern for others in need.

Third, ministers are often called upon during transitions in the lives individual's or family's marriage, illness, or death. Being present during these times places the minister in a position to provide the counseling and/or comfort needed to guide people through these events.

Finally, people approach ministers for spiritual answers to life problems. For all the above reasons, ministers often receive requests to respond to the spiritual and emotional concerns of people. In fact, some ministers have suggested that there are so many people with the needs that they could spend most of their available time in counseling.

Since ministers so often receive requests for counseling, it would be helpful to know more about their counseling-related activities. No recent study has examined the counseling activities of ministers in the Church of Christ. However, Dr. Dennis Lowe of Pepperdine University's Graduate School of Education and Psychology is currently conducting a study of these ministers in Los Angeles, Orange, and Ventura Counties in California. He hopes to answer the following questions about ministers in the church.

1. How involved are they in counseling-related activities? What proportion of their weekly activities involve counseling?
2. What types of problems or concerns do people take to them?
3. What kinds of counseling approaches do they use with those they counsel?
4. How often do they refer people to mental health professionals?

5. How often do they receive referrals from mental health professionals?
6. What kind of counseling training, experience, and education do the ministers have?
7. What kind of additional training and experience would they find beneficial in helping them meet the needs of their members?

In addition to answering these questions, ministers will be asked to list professional counselors who are members of the Church of Christ. With these names, a referral list of counselors will be developed and made available to interested church leaders.

A summary of the results of this study will be provided in a future issue of the *Pacific Church News*.

Portland couple enters Kenyan mission field



by Kelly Deatherage

Jim and Lisa Barnes left the United States August 22 to spend two years assisting missionaries in Kenya, East Africa, through Columbia Christian College's missionary apprentice program.

After three months of language school in Nairobi, the Kenyan capital, the couple will work with Larry and Diane Stephens, missionaries in Kisumu. Part of the apprentice couple's work will include taking care of World Bible School correspondence courses. The Stephens recently began computerizing their records of thousands of WBS students.

To prepare for their two years in Kenya, the Barnes have studied the nation's customs, peoples and traditional religious beliefs. They also have met weekly for more than a year with Sonny Guild, a 10-year veteran of the Kenyan mission field.

The Barnes graduated in 1983 from Columbia and have spent the last year building support for their work in Kenya. Jim received a degree in Bible and Lisa graduated *summa cum laude* with degrees in Bible and interdisciplinary studies. Part of their education included missions courses through Columbia's COME program—Christian Outreach Mission Experi-

ence. The program, overseen by Guild, provides orientation, training, and guidance to students who wish to spend two years in the mission field.

The Linwood Church of Christ, 10110 Linwood Ave., Milwaukie, OR. 97222, is overseeing the Barnes' work in Kenya and is accepting contributions toward their monthly support.

Summer seminar in expository preaching at Pepperdine

In keeping with Pepperdine's commitment to continuing education for ministers, the Religion Division will offer a Summer Seminar in Expository Preaching. As most ministers cannot attend the regularly scheduled sessions, this special seminar will meet for the two weeks of June 17-28 for six hours per day, in Malibu.

Randy Chesnutt, professor of Biblical languages at Pepperdine, will conduct an intensive exegesis of a selected New Testament book, giving attention to practical exegetical method for ministers. A noted expository preacher, who has used Chesnutt's material as the basis for a series of expository sermons during the spring, will assist in the development of sermons from the text.

Those accepted for the course will be required to complete a list of readings prior to coming to campus, and will be given five weeks following the seminar to complete all written work. Limited housing is available on campus. The course will be given for either undergraduate or graduate credit. For further information contact Dr. Carroll Osburn, chairman of the Religion Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA 90265, as soon as possible.

Pepperdine People on the move

by Alison Jolliff

Michael F. Adams, vice president for university affairs, was a featured speaker at the Hillcrest Christian Conference, November 25. The conference theme was "Christian Stewardship" and was attended by members of area Christian Churches and Churches of Christ.

Randy Chesnutt, associate professor of religion, will present a paper on Jewish proselyte conversion at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago, IL, December 8-11.

University President-elect **David Davenport**, was a keynote speaker at the annual San Diego Lectureship, October 10, and then travelled to Phoenix, AZ on November 10-11 where he spoke at the Camelback Church of Christ.

Up at Camp Tanda, in Big Bear Lake, CA, **John Free**, director of health and counseling services, will participate in the Men's Leadership Retreat on February 4-6.

Evertt Huffard, associate professor of religion, will be Pepperdine's delegate to the bi-annual meeting of the Association of Theological Field Education in Vancouver, B.C., January 5-7.

"Becoming Partners: Maximizing the Enjoyment of Marriage" is the title of a featured class to be taught by **Stuart and D'Esta Love** at a Life Management Seminar, January 19-20. The seminar will be held at the Santa Cruz Church of Christ.

On November 11, **Carl Mitchell**, dean of student life at Seaver College, spoke at the inauguration ceremony for the Sherman Cannon Memorial Library in Buena Park, CA. On November 17, he spoke on behalf of the Orange County Christian School in Cypress, CA. In Dallas, TX, on January 4-5, Dr. Mitchell will serve as chairman for the annual meeting of the African Christian Hospitals Foundation.

Mike O'Neal, vice president for finance, spoke at a Financial and Estate Planning Seminar at the Culver-Palms Church of Christ on November 10.

Chairman of the Religion Division, **Carroll D. Osburn** will read a paper on the ancient manuscripts of the New Testament at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago, IL. Accompanying the Wycliffe Bible Translators, as Director of a Bible Translation Workshop on the book of Ephesians, Dr. Osburn will travel to Guatemala City,

February 24-March 1.

Recipient of the Distinguished Christian Service Award at the annual Harding Lectureship during the first week of October, **Frank Pack**, professor of religion, was honored along with Hugo McCord and Virgil Trout.

Jerry Rushford, director of church services and associate professor in the religion division, will speak at preachers' luncheons in Sacramento December 7, Concord, January 9, Tulare January 21, and San Jose January 22. He will give slide presentations on the history of the Church of Christ in California at Walnut Creek January 6-8.

Bill Stivers, professor of languages, was one of the featured speakers at the 21st Annual Lectureship of the Churches of Christ in Spain. The program was held at El Escorial, just outside Madrid, and Dr. Stivers gave three lectures on "Christianity and the Bible."

President Howard A. White preached for the Palm Springs Church of Christ on November 4. He then travelled to Germany where he preached on November 11 for the Heidelberg Church of Christ.



Louie Welch speaks for CCC Anniversary Dinner

Louie Welch, president of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, was the guest speaker for Columbia Christian College's anniversary dinner Nov. 2 in Portland's historic Westin Benson.

Welch, a Texas church leader and former Houston mayor, joined Columbia in celebrating its 37th year of service to the church in the Northwest.

Since January 1974, Welch has been

"Big" **Don Williams** will speak at a youth retreat, Dec. 14 in Austin, TX. December 30, he will perform the wedding ceremony of Drew Brown and Dawn Webb, former Pepperdine students, in Little Rock, AR. At Pepperdine, January 11-12, "Big" Don will teach at the annual West Coast Campus Ministers' Seminar. He will also be travelling to Baton Rouge, LA. and Seattle and Vancouver, WA., to speak at a campus retreat, a youth rally, and a teacher training series.

John Wilson, academic dean, will be speaking December 14 to a gathering of the Associated Women for Pepperdine in Lancaster, CA.

The Figueroa Church of Christ hosted **Helen Young** as a guest teacher in November. She will travel to Abilene, TX for the A.C.U. lectures, February 17-20. Chancellor of Pepperdine, **M. Norvel Young**, made a trip in November to Korea Christian College where he aided in strengthening and stabilizing the college. Dr. Young will attend the Advisory Board Meeting at Abilene Christian University during the A.C.U. Lectureship in February.

president and chief executive officer of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He previously was elected to five consecutive terms as Houston's mayor, a tenure unmatched by any other mayor of that city.

During his mayoral administration, Welch served as president of the United States Conference of Mayors in 1972-73 and vice president of the National League of Cities in 1970-73. After his service as mayor, the city recognized Welch's contributions by naming him mayor emeritus.

He came to Portland to lend support to Columbia, which began in 1947 as an elementary school and grew to fully-accredited college status in 1975.

Youth rally in Antioch

Two brothers who serve the church as youth ministers will conduct a February 1-3 youth rally in Antioch.

Kevin Woods, youth minister for the Winding Way congregation in Carmichael, California, and his older brother, Greg, youth minister for the Metro church in Gresham, Oregon, will lead the rally.

Greg and Kevin are sons of Leonard Woods, minister for the Port Angeles, Washington congregation. Both brothers graduated from Columbia Christian College in Portland, Oregon, with degrees in Bible.

News from the churches

by Jerry Rushford

Calvin Bowers reports that there were 71 baptisms and 54 restorations as a result of the month-long campaign for Christ in Los Angeles . . . **Fred Dominguez** has been appointed Associate Director of the Southern California School of Evangelism in Buena Park. Fred is a graduate of Pepperdine and has been an instructor at SCSE for three years . . . **William Chen** is preaching for the Chinese Church of Christ which meets in downtown Los Angeles. They are averaging 120 in attendance and 17 have been baptized in recent months . . . **Paul Faulkner** conducted a weekend seminar on family relationships with the Kinneloa Canyon congregation in Pasadena Nov. 9-11 . . . 3 adults and 7 teenagers were baptized at City of Children in Ensenada, Mexico, in September. **Earl Farmer** notes that 143 children are currently being cared for at City of Children . . . On October 24, **Mike Biesboer** reported that 85 inmates had been baptized into Christ thus far in 1984 as a result of Christ Prison Ministry in Vacaville . . . For the tenth consecutive year, 24 congregations cooperated in sponsoring a booth at the Los Angeles County Fair. **Russell Wilson** says that as a result of this effort, 672 people signed up for free Bible correspondence courses . . . **Landon Saunders** informs us that *The Heart of the Fighter* films are being used as a teaching series for inmates by the Arizona State Prison system. The Arizona chaplain calls it "the most substantial and satisfying work we have been a part of." . . . After 16 years as pulpit minister for the Pleasanton, CA church, **James W. Ferguson, Sr.**, is now preaching for the Lake Merced congregation in San Francisco. This is the new location of the Bay Area School of Religion . . . **George Bailey** will preach in evangelistic meetings with the Chico, CA church Feb. 3-6 and the Paradise, CA church Feb. 7-10 . . . **George Washington Dickson**, a preacher of the gospel for over 70 years, died at the age of 88 on May 6. He had served California churches in Armona, Dinuba, Exeter, Huntington Park, Redding, Stockton, Salinas, Anderson, Oroville and Paradise . . . **Tim Matheny** conducted a congregational growth workshop with the Woodland Hills, CA church Nov. 30-Dec. 2 . . . **Dale Manor** has moved from the Bostonia church in El Cajon, CA to the San Manuel church in Tucson, AZ. He is working on a graduate degree in Archaeology at the University of Arizona . . . The annual

Preacher's Retreat at Shenandoah West in Northern California is set for Dec. 3-5. **Tom Sibley** is the speaker this year . . . **Bill Jolly** has moved from the Uptown congregation in San Bernardino to preach for the Northside congregation in Riverside . . . **Jay Durbin**, a faithful gospel preacher who served churches in the Los Angeles area for over 35 years, passed away on July 17 . . . **Norm Russell** has moved from the Valley church in Spokane to preach for the Mt. Lake Terrace church in Seattle . . . **Dennis Niva** moved from the Mt. Lake Terrace church to the church in Marysville, WA . . . **Stanley Sanderson** has come from Texas to preach for the church in North Springfield, OR . . . The church in Hazel Dell, WA is converting a 40-by-80-foot barn into a building that will seat 300 and provide office and classroom space . . . The Avalon Boulevard church in Los Angeles celebrated its 27th annual anniversary homecoming on November 11 . . . **Mark Smith** is the new preacher for the church in Tulare, CA . . . The third annual Christ Prison Ministry workshop was hosted by the Vacaville congregation over the Thanksgiving weekend . . . **Landon Saunders** led a seminar on relationships Nov. 14-15 sponsored by the Tualatin Valley congregation in Hillsboro, OR. The seminar was held at the Hillsboro Public Library . . . **David Reynolds** has accepted a call to preach for the church in Caldwell, ID . . . The Parkway church (formerly Land Park) in Sacramento held groundbreaking ceremonies at their new 3½ acre site on October 28th. **Don Kern** says their 25,000 sq. ft. facility will seat 480 and will be ready for occupancy on March 1st . . . **Don Foster** reports that the 450-seat church building going up in Lompoc, CA is on schedule, and should also be ready for occupancy around March 1st . . . **Bill Knight** has moved from Illinois to preach for the church in Hemet, CA . . . **Don Neilson** has moved from the Portland area to preach for the church in Coquille, OR . . . The Sherman Cannon Memorial Library, which is housed in the Buena Park church building, was opened on Nov. 11th . . . **Tom Bonner** of Vancouver, WA is the contact for the winter retreat at Camp Yamhill Dec. 28-31. The retreat is for high school and college age . . . **Hugh Minor** will conduct "Adventures in Christian Living" at San Leandro, CA Jan. 29-31, at Vancouver, WA Feb. 5-7, and at Fresno, CA Feb. 15-16 . . . **Robert Bonner** is now preaching for the church in Taft, CA . . . A Ladies Seminar entitled "Christian Women in the 21st Century" will

be hosted by the church in Chico, CA on Feb. 22-23 . . . **George Robinson** is directing the annual Men's Leadership Retreat at Camp Tanda this year. The dates are Feb. 4-6 . . . The New Horizons preschool is meeting 5 days a week in the 37th and Atlantic church building in Long Beach. **Randy Mayeux** says that an average of 50 children per day are being taught in the school . . . **Mark Pollock** is now preaching for the Skagit Valley congregation in Burlington, WA . . . **Clayton Pepper** conducted a church growth workshop for the Sun City, AZ congregation on Nov. 2-4 . . . Jan. 13-14 are the dates for a youth rally in Chico, CA . . . **Steven Clark Goad** reports that **Virgil Bentley** will conduct a "Statewide Seminar on Aging" at the Stapley & Dana church building in Mesa, AZ on Jan. 11-13 . . . **Charles Coulston** says that Manna International has now raised over \$100,000 for Ethiopia, and that \$5,000 per month is being supplied to a committee from Salvadoran churches to distribute beans, corn and rice to several villages . . . The dinner celebrating the 55th anniversary of Hillview Acres Children's Home will be held Dec. 7th at Knotts Berry Farm. **Landon Saunders** will be the featured speaker . . . **Philip McMillion** of Pella, IA has accepted the position as director of the Biblical Studies Center at Boise State University in Boise, ID . . . **Harold Hazelip** spoke at a fundraising dinner for the "Herald of Truth" television ministry in Los Angeles on Nov. 29 . . . **Richard Sharp**, evangelist in the Spokane, WA area is in need of money. His recent surgeries and hospitalizations have left him with a debt of \$62,000. If you can help, call (509) 484-5403 . . . **Fred Reimer**, a minister in the Northwest for more than 26 years, began serving the Peninsula congregation in North Portland on Sept. 1 . . . 295 were in attendance at the annual Fall Retreat sponsored by the Campus Ministries at Pepperdine, UCLA, Long Beach State, and Cal Poly Pomona. **Ken Durham** of Stamford, CT was the featured speaker . . . 94 church leaders were in attendance at a lectureship promotional dinner at Pepperdine on October 23 . . . the Metro church in Gresham, OR will begin a congregational fund-raising program on Dec. 9 to purchase land for a larger building. They have outgrown their present building which they completed in 1982 and added on to in 1983 . . . **Roy Lanier Jr.**, from Denver, CO will preach in a gospel meeting for the church in Ojai, CA Dec. 2-6 . . . Columbia Christian College hosted a Youth Ministers Workshop on December 1.

World Missions Workshop—1984

by Evertt Huffard

On October 26-28, 43 students and faculty from Pepperdine University participated in the 25th Annual World Missions Workshop at Oklahoma Christian College, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

The keynote speakers, Jim Woodroof, Wendell Broom, Richard Rogers, Rex Boyles, Reuel Lemmons and Howard Norton, focused on the theme "The Aroma of Christ."

A special feature of this year's gathering of over 1,200 college students, sponsors, and missionaries was the audio-visual presentation of the church throughout the world. There were also special programs for women, church leaders, teenagers, and summer campaigners.

One of the goals of such a workshop is to provide the opportunity to meet a missionary and develop an interest, through prayer and planning, for various areas of service. During one session, participants had a choice of 70 missionaries to meet. Two Pepperdine professors, Carl Mitchell and Evertt W. Huffard, represented Italy and the Arab world, respectively.

An impressive group of 22 classes on a variety of missions topics was offered.

Mitchell presented the possibilities of "Vocational Missions," and Carroll Osburn, also a Pepperdine professor, appealed for balance in the missionary's life in his class entitled "Preparation for Missions."

The response of students to the workshop confirms Pepperdine's role in encouraging world evangelism. For one student, it created a healthy new tension as he seeks a direction in his life. For another, the meeting with missionaries from Kenya inspired a personal commitment to plan for service in that country after completing a graduate program in missions. Other students were serving and witnessing on campus. All enjoyed a renewed sense of fellowship. One student, who has attended four of the previous Missions Workshops, said he hopes it is his last because he hopes to be serving the Lord in Eastern Europe for several years to come.

Pepperdine is committed to serving the churches through mission training and preparation. This interest among the students will be maintained by the newly approved curriculum in missions and an organized missions interest group on campus.

Next year's workshop will be hosted by Freed-Hardeman College, October 24-27, 1985, on the theme "God's Great Love."



Donald V. Miller honored at Pepperdine workshop

For his long years of service to the church on the West Coast and to Pepperdine University, Donald V. Miller was presented with the Christian Service Award at the Annual Church Leaders' Workshop.

Don Miller was born and reared in Southern California. His parents, Edgar and Emma Miller, were pioneer members of the Sichel Street Church of Christ in Los Angeles, and Don was baptized into Christ at the Sichel Street church building in 1918 by G. W. Riggs. The Miller family helped to start the Central Church of Christ in Los Angeles in 1922.

For over twenty years (1934-1955), Don was a deacon in the Central church and in the Pasadena church. For the next twenty-three years (1955-1977), he served as an elder for congregations in Pasadena, Arcadia, and Oceanside.

George Pepperdine appointed Don Miller to the original board of trustees of George Pepperdine College when the school was opened in 1937. Twenty years later, Miller succeeded Pepperdine as chairman of the board, and he served in that capacity for another twenty years.

Don married Louise Arnett in 1926 in Los Angeles. They have been blessed with two children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.



Pepperdine students en route to Oklahoma City.



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