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## 44th Yosemite Family Encampment July 22-27

Dates set for the 1984 Yosemite Family Encampment are July 22-27, with the event being held in Yosemite National Park for the 44th year. Paul L. Methvin, pulpit minister for the Orangevale Church of Christ, Orangevale, CA, will direct the encampment for the thirteenth consecutive year.

The opportunity to feel a nearness to God and His wonderful creation is one of the major attractions of the annual Yosemite Family Encampment. Thousands of Christians annually use their vacation time to grow spiritually while camping amidst the awe-inspiring majesty of Yosemite National Park.

In the autumn of 1939, while attending a "Great Fellowship" meeting in Sacramento, CA, a group of brethren projected plans for a great "camp meeting" in the Yosemite National Park. Their plans were to combine the advantages of a normal vacation in the scenic park with added advantages of spiritual worship and teaching under the leadership of capable preachers and teachers.

Their dreams became a reality in 1940, and under the direction of Bingham Trice, the 8th Avenue Church of Christ in San Francisco sponsored the first encampment. The first keynote speaker was Hugh N. Tiner, President of Pepperdine College. The outstanding success of the first encampment inspired the brethren to plan a similar program for the following year, with the Palm Avenue congregation in Fresno sponsoring the event. The enthusiasm grew, and the obvious good produced by this meeting led to the projection of a third program for 1942.

In addition to Bingham Trice, brethren sharing the honor of directing the encampment through the years include Loyd Smith, Woodrow Whitten, W. Harlan Dilbeck, George Darling and Linwood Bishop, co-directors, Everett Evans, W. E. McNeeley, H. P. Cooper, Nyal Royce, Lyle Dalzell, Clinton Storm, Floyd Mitten, Joe Gilmore, Sherman Cannon and Paul Methvin.



A participant in one of the early encampments said, "Words and pictures can but feebly capture and inadequately portray the high moments of inspiration enjoyed by those who were privileged to participate in the Yosemite 'camp meeting.'" Through the years and yet today, those who attend the Yosemite Family Encampment share the same enthusiasm. Someone described the encampment as the "greatest gospel meeting in the world."

Each year many thousands of Christians from across the nation as well as from a number of foreign countries, choose to take their vacation and attend this popular event.

The daily program includes classes for all ages over 3 years. Twelve adult classes are scheduled this year, most of them designed to train elders, church leaders and families to cope with daily responsibilities and to develop a closer relationship with God.

For the second year, a youth "forum" is planned for junior and senior high young people. The success of last year's program, with many hundreds of young people attending, paved the way for a similar program featuring a series of speakers, teachers and discussion groups.

Two campfire programs are scheduled each night . . . one for the adults and one for the young people. Special singing groups, quartets, local talent and drama groups highlight this program. Devotionals follow the campfire programs each evening.

In addition to the planned program, the Yosemite National Park offers many family activities such as camping, rafting on the Merced River, horseback riding, biking, backpacking, hiking, sightseeing tours and numerous outdoor fun.

The theme for the 1984 program is "Jesus Christ, All in All."

The featured lessons will be presented by twenty-three speakers during the week of the Encampment, and each lesson from the Gospel of John will present Jesus in a special scene as, chapter by chapter, His life, person, message and example unfolds. The goal is that a greater appreciation and deeper love for Jesus will result in a complete devotion to Him and His kingdom.

For additional information about the encampment and schedule of accommodations, write to Mrs. Florence Johnston, Encampment Secretary, 1509 S.W. 70, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 or call evenings, (405) 681-6087.



# The 1984 Yosemite Family Encampment Program

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER	CITY & STATE
22	11:00 a.m.	"Jesus Christ, All in All" (Surveying Gospel of John)	Harold Hazelip	Memphis, TN
	6:30 p.m.	"Word of God," John 1 "Son of Man," John 2	David Davenport Mike Armour	Malibu, CA Portland, OR
23	9:30 a.m.	"Divine Teacher," John 3 "Soul Winner," John 4	Stafford North John Young	Oklahoma City, OK Goliad, TX
	6:30 p.m.	"Great Physician," John 5 "Bread of Life," John 6	Roy Lanier, Jr. Randy Mayeux	Denver, CO Long Beach, CA
24	9:30 a.m.	"Water of Life," John 7 "Defender of the Weak," John 8	Harold Taylor Rusty Bolton	Lubbock, TX Fresno, CA
	6:30 p.m.	"Light of the World," John 9 "Good Shepherd," John 10	Leonard Gray Paul Faulkner	Rancho Cordova, CA Abilene, TX
25	9:30 a.m.	"Resurrection & Life," John 11 "The King," John 12	Calvin Warpula Prentice Meador	Sugar Land, TX Springfield, MO
	6:30 p.m.	"The Servant," John 13 "The Consoler," John 14	Ray Fulenwider Edwin White	Ft. Worth, TX Phoenix, AZ
26	9:30 a.m.	"The True Vine," John 15 "Giver of the Holy Spirit," John 16	Willard Tate Joe Johnson	Abilene, TX Gadsden, AL
	6:30 p.m.	"Great Intercessor," John 17 "Model Sufferer," John 18	William Teague Jack Duty	Abilene, TX Clawson, MI
27	9:30 a.m.	"The Uplifted Savior," John 19 "Victor Over Death," John 20	Don Williams Joe Gilmore	Malibu, CA San Jose, CA
	6:30 p.m.	"Restorer of the Penitent," John 21 "Jesus Christ, All in All"	Paul Methvin Jeff Walling	Orangevale, CA Mission Viejo, CA

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## Sierra Children's Home marks 26th year

by Don White

Sierra Children's Home celebrated its 26th anniversary May 19, 1984. Dr. Michael Armour, president of Columbia Christian College, spoke to the luncheon guests on the theme "Who Cares For The Kids? The festivities consisted of a lunch catered by the famous Nut Tree Restaurant, a new video documentary about the Home, and live entertainment by David Hooper and other musicians.

The main campus of the Home is on eighty acres near Vacaville. For the last twenty-five years, the Home has cared for over 500 children and is currently caring for thirty-five to forty youngsters at the main campus and in satellite homes. The satellite homes are private dwellings where house parents care for six foster children. These are located in Stockton, Fairfield and Santa Rosa.

Steve Bergman, the director, states that there are new developments taking place within Sierra Children's Home. New programs are springing from the needs of abused, mistreated and neglected children.

The new programs are expensive to initiate when public money is not easily obtained and private contributions are on the decline. The Home needs more help from the private sector.

One of the main problems that the Home is trying to solve is a creative way to help teenagers aged 16-18 make the transition into the work world. Many foster children end up on the welfare rolls because they have very few survival skills in the market place. This difficult task is compounded when teenagers have been placed on probation because of minor offenses. The state has very little to offer them except Juvenile Hall or a strict institution with serious offenders.

With the decline in the birth rate, the Home now receives older children that need special help. The challenge is to meet the needs of these young people, help them to grow to maturity and develop their skills for the future, as well as overcome the horrors of the past. Sierra Children's Home and its staff need your continued support and prayers as its task becomes increasingly difficult.



## Columbia Christian College plans enrichment seminar for ministers, elders and wives, June 18-22

by Kelly Deatherage

"Following the Master" will be the theme of Columbia Christian College's June 18-22 Ministers Enrichment Seminar. This annual event will once again be housed on Columbia's Portland, Oregon campus.

The five-day seminar allows preachers and elders and their wives to enrich and revitalize their ministries through in-depth study and fellowship in a retreat atmosphere away from daily pressures and responsibilities.

This year's seminar, the fourth annual, will feature concentrated study in five areas. Don Shackelford, Old Testament professor at Harding University, will present a textual study of Isaiah's suffering servant. Charles Mickey, pulpit minister for the Bammel Road Church of Christ in

Houston, Texas, will conduct the New Testament textual study from Matthew.

"Let Jesus Teach," a series about evangelism and edification through the Bible school program, will be taught by Les Gleaves, minister of education for the Central Church of Christ in Amarillo, Texas. Charles Siburt, pulpit minister for the Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas, will speak each day on the topic "The Pastoral Responsibilities of the Preacher and Elders," which will examine ministers' roles in meeting personal needs in the congregation.

Mike Armour, Columbia's president, will join CCC Bible faculty members Tom Sib-

ley and Pat Graham in presenting a series of lessons on preaching.

Each of the seminar's seven speakers will be teaching from the area in which he did his doctoral study.

In addition to five class sessions daily, seminar participants will engage in evening fellowship activities, including a trip to the scenic Columbia River Gorge.

The seminar will begin with a luncheon Monday, June 18, and conclude with lunch Friday. Meals, lodging and linens will be provided by the college, leaving seminar participants free to devote time to study and growth. Cost for the entire seminar will be \$175 per person or \$300 per couple.

## A short past and a bright future: Korean churches in Los Angeles

by Billie Silvey

In only ten years of existence, Churches of Christ among Korean people in the Los Angeles area have had remarkable growth.

The Korean work was begun by Ki Woon Park in 1974. There are now four congregations in the greater Los Angeles area—at the Central church, Culver Palms, Santa Monica and Santa Ana—and one in San Diego.

These churches have an average membership of forty.

There are some 200,000 Korean people in Los Angeles, and the number is growing rapidly. Los Angeles has become the major gateway to the United States for Koreans. More airlines have regular, direct flights. The weather is good. And Koreans who don't speak English are attracted to the large existing population, which is centered immediately west of the downtown area.

According to Santa Monica minister Tai Hi Choi, Koreans are receptive to the gospel. Most are either Buddhist or Christian. One denomination in Korea has three hundred thousand members, but the Churches of Christ in that country are still very weak.

Many Koreans visit relatives in Los Angeles, a mere ten-hour flight. While here, they visit worship services and see that various denominations are growing and active. Forty-five percent of the Koreans in Los Angeles are favorable to Christianity, and according to Choi, a dynamic Church of Christ here could be a good influence on the Churches of Christ in Korea.



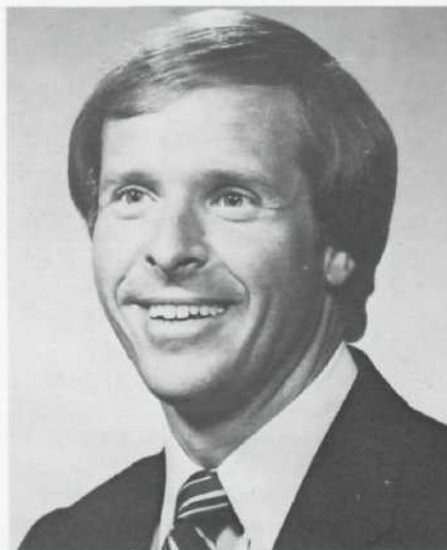
Tai Hi Choi

Choi is planning for even greater growth among Koreans in Los Angeles. With forty percent of the city's dry cleaning establishments and twenty percent of the gas stations Korean owned, these churches can soon be self-supporting. They can train future evangelists for Korea as well as the U.S.

Korean churches enjoy fellowship and outreach. Twice a year, they get together for a picnic. The Santa Monica church operates a Korean language school and is forming a soccer team. Santa Ana has a senior citizens' group.

They hope to have a training program for ministers—perhaps as extension work through Pepperdine.

Korean churches in Los Angeles may have a short history, but they are busy and active and planning for the future.



Charles Mickey



Charles Siburt



## **"Mothers Who Care" Ministry begins in Medford, Oregon**

The West Main Church of Christ in Medford, Oregon, began a new ministry this spring to reach out to new single mothers. In announcing this ministry, the elders said, "Our purpose will be to reach out, bring in and welcome new single mothers and their babies to our fellowship."

New single mothers in this southern Oregon city are mailed a welcome package by women in the congregation. That package includes a home-made receiving blanket; a hand-written letter; a list of times and locations for ladies classes, worship services, life support group meetings and other congregational activities; and a list of support mothers from the congregation who can answer questions about the church, give advice about baby care and just provide a listening ear.

Mona Williams, a West Main member who helped begin this "Mothers Who Care" ministry, said approximately a dozen young mothers have volunteered to serve as support mothers. They received training in providing counsel and support over the phone from a volunteer at the local Rape Crisis Center. The support mothers also are equipped with a list of agencies that provide food, shelter, counseling and other services.



## **Pepperdine lectures opening night draws 3,500**

A crowd numbering more than 3,500 was present for the opening night of the 41st Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectureship on April 17.

Lectureship guests came from 31 states and five foreign countries for the four-day event. California was the most widely-represented state, with participants from 234 congregations of the Church of Christ in attendance.

Dr. Harold Hazelip, the Dean of the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, was the featured speaker. His keynote address, "He Destined Us In Love," launched the lectureship theme of "God's Eternal Purpose."

## **Colorado Christian Services expands operation to California**

The governing boards of Colorado Christian Services, a family service agency based in Denver, Colorado, recently passed resolutions to significantly expand services to California.

According to Leonard Blake, Executive Director, the agency has been adopting children to families in California for over 12 years. California ranks second in annual adoptions from CCS. These adoptions have required involvement of social agencies in California which greatly increases the cost to families in that state and complicates the process as well.

The expansion of services to California will involve procedures of incorporating, licensing, and establishing resident offices and staff. Upon completion of these procedures the agency will embark on a full program of services.

The services will include maternity counseling, foster care for infants, adoptive placements, and family therapy and enrichment programs for Christian families. The cost of adoption will be reduced because CCS will be licensed to handle the complete adoption process.

In June 1983 the University Church of Christ in Denver accepted the oversight of Colorado Christian Services. The Englewood congregation of Denver had organized the agency and supervised its work for 20 years. The University elders serve as trustees, having appointed an administrative board to work directly with the administration of the agency.

Leonard Blake, ACSW, is in his 12th year as Executive Director. His administrative staff includes Andy Bolton, ACSW, Director of Social Services, and Lesley Mize, Director of Public Relations. The agency currently has other offices in North Denver, Colorado Springs, and Grand Junction served by 9 additional members including counselors, caseworkers, and of-

fice personnel.

A dedicated group of volunteers has been working for about two years toward the establishment of an adoption program serving Christian families in California. A board was formed under the name of Christian Children's Services of California to promote the idea. They have worked extensively in fund raising and public relations through the mail and personal appearances at congregations. Colorado Christian Services has worked closely with the California board.

The expansion of CCS into California was formally announced at a luncheon during the recent Pepperdine lectures. Following that announcement the California board passed a resolution to merge with Colorado Christian Services of Denver to work toward the establishment of its services in California.

The target date for the final licensing and beginning of full services as Christian Children's Services of California is October 1984.



## Internship ministry begins in Martinez

Think about the servants of God who have been an influence on your life. What is it that makes them what they are? The first thing is, of course, a servant-heart. They have a genuine love that helps others in response to Christ's love for them. Secondly, they probably all received good examples of such service in others when they were beginning to mature in Christ. Examples are imperative to our growth and training.

Jesus and Paul trained others while they ministered. They taught through relationships as they walked through the fields, along the sea, and in the market places. They spent much time with their "trainees" in these situations and then withdrew to discuss what had taken place.

It is common today to hear college age people say, "I feel like I have gained an adequate Bible basis in my lifetime, but I'm not sure what to do with it. I don't really know how to communicate it to others. No one has taken the time to disciple me."

The church in Martinez has decided to begin an internship ministry that will serve those who desire to gain practical on-the-job ministry training. The internship will offer classroom teaching in Bible text along with ministry outreach.

The internship is for all mature, committed Christians. It is not limited to men or to ministerial students. The internship's goal is to equip people for works of service and to move them deeper into the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Anyone interested should apply to: Martinez Internship Ministry, Church of Christ, 1865 Arnold Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.

## Canadian currency returns to mission field

Members of the Church of Christ in Vancouver, Washington, have turned frustration into ministry. Because of a Federal Reserve decision to discount Canadian coins as well as currency, U.S. citizens in states bordering Canada were left with many of the nation's coins that most businesses would not accept. Instead of becoming frustrated, members of the Vancouver church saved their Canadian coins to be "sent home" to a mission team that the congregation helps support in British Columbia. Periodically one of the elders of the church visits the team in Delta, B.C., and takes the accumulated coins with him.

## Olympic hopeful will speak to L. A. teenagers

by Bud Worsham

Teenagers in Los Angeles area Churches of Christ will share in the Olympic spotlight this summer.

Billy Olson, America's finest pole vaulter and a strong contender for a gold medal in the '84 Olympics at Los Angeles, will speak at a youth gathering in Long Beach on August 7.

Kelly Carter, youth minister at the 37th and Atlantic Church of Christ in Long Beach, has arranged for Olson's appearance one day before the Olympic pole vault finals.

Carter, a marathoner, and Olson were classmates at Abilene Christian University a few years ago.

When Carter noted that the "Summer J.A.M." (Jesus and Me) series for teenagers would be held at the Long Beach church during the Olympics, he thought of his friend Olson.

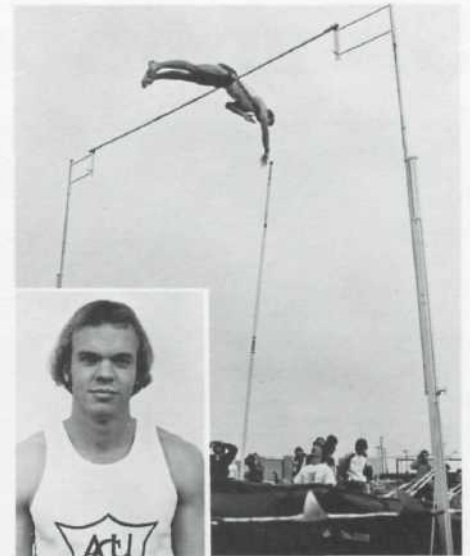
With the pole vault preliminaries on Aug. 6 and the finals on Aug. 8, could America's greatest indoor vaulter in history find time between events to share his faith?

To Carter's joy, Billy said yes. And the prospect of having a potential Olympic champion speak to the teenagers on the eve of his quest for the gold became a reality.

Olson's appearance at a church function is more than just a big name sports star lending his presence to the event to attract a crowd.

Billy's faith is real.

Olson was baptized into Christ by his ACU track coach, Don Hood. He attends the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene,



Billy Olson

and has taught a high school huddle group for David Lewis at Highland.

The 25-year-old native of Abilene has had an opportunity to proclaim his faith worldwide during his successful sports career.

While a student at ACU, Olson won eight national collegiate titles. He held the world indoor pole vault record of 19'1/4" until this year.

Carter believes Olson's experiences and faith will score with the teenagers who are looking for a model.

The Olympian's appearance at Long Beach on Aug. 7 is the third of five "Summer J.A.M." Tuesday sessions for teens in the L. A. area.

Others are June 26 at Baldwin Park; July 10, site to be selected; July 24 at Glendale; Aug. 21 at Culver-Palms (all at 7 p.m.).

## Pepperdine co-sponsors church growth seminar

On June 25-27, 1984, the first Regional Church Growth Seminar will take place in California, co-sponsored by Pepperdine University and the Center for Church Growth. The location will be the centrally located Holiday Inn in Montebello, California.

Dr. Joe D. Schubert, Executive Director of the Center, and Tim E. Matheny, Associate Director of the Center, will coordinate the event. They will also be making presentations at the seminar on practical principles of church growth. Other speakers will include Ray Fulenwider, Everett W. Huffard, Reuel Lemmons, Dick Marcear, Randy Mayeux and Ben Merold.

Presentations at the seminar will include the following:

- Attitudes That Build Churches
- How to Reach Your Inactive Members
- New Testament Principles of Evangelism
- How to Disciple Your New Members and many others.

This will be the fifth Regional Seminar of this type offered by the Center for Church Growth. The first was held in Houston, Texas in September 1982, and others were held in Portland, Oklahoma City, and Nashville. The Los Angeles Seminar is one of two scheduled for 1984, the second is scheduled to take place on May 7-9 in Dallas. The registration fee for both 1984 Regional Seminars is \$75 per person. Advance registration is required through the Center for Church Growth, P. O. Box 73362, Houston, Texas 77273.

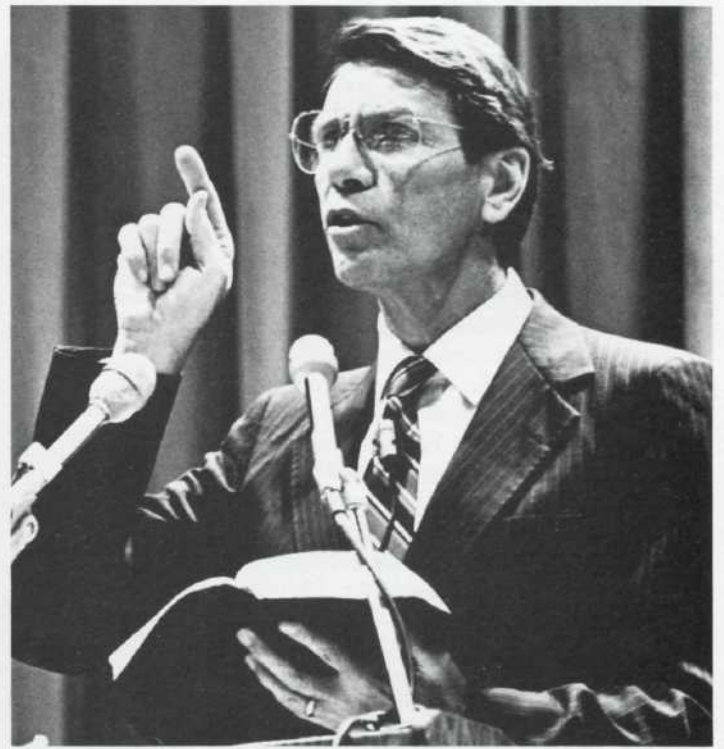


# Scenes from the 41st Annual Peppo





# erdine University Bible Lectureship





## Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop July 4-7

by Bill Lawrence

The largest yearly gathering of Christians in the Pacific Northwest will again occur at the 6th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop. The GNEW will be held on July 4-7, 1984 on the beautiful campus of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. The return to the PLU campus is a wonderful time of fellowship for hundreds of Christians yearly. The broad participation of churches and individuals throughout the Pacific Northwest is a result of the unparalleled church unity enjoyed in this part of the country. "Preach the Word" has been chosen as the theme for the 6th Annual GNEW.

Keynote speakers have been carefully chosen to address the theme topic. This year's keynote speakers include: Richard Rogers of Lubbock, Texas; Bill Harper of Omaha, Nebraska; Billy Washington of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Gary Beauchamp of Dallas, Texas; Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Mike Armour of Portland, Oregon; and Gordon Ferguson of Tacoma, Washington. All of the keynote speakers will also teach practical classes and seminars throughout the day on a wide variety of topics. Class topics and their teachers include: "Preaching" with Richard Rogers; "Counseling" with Bill Harper; "Evangelism" with Billy Washington; "Marriage" with Gary Beauchamp; "Topical Studies" with Marvin Phillips; "Leadership" with Mike Armour; and "Biblical Authority" with Gordon Ferguson.

In addition to these classes, Milton Jones of Seattle, Washington will speak on "Discipleship"; Ray Fulenwider of Fort Worth, Texas will teach on the "Bible School"; Ronnie Wiggins of Dallas, Texas will deliver a series on "Difficult Passages"; "Stress Management" will be the topic of Harvey Tillman of Tacoma, Washington; Bob Mize of Murfreesboro, Tennessee will speak on "Friendship Evangelism"; Ken Wilson of Spokane, Washington will be addressing "The Psychology of Sin"; "Prison Ministry" will be taught by Larry West of Vacaville, California; and Garth Smith of Federal Way, Washington will speak on "Sound Doctrine."

The GNEW is once again proud to offer a series of challenging classes for women. Class teachers include Deanna Beauchamp of Dallas, Texas; Helen Young of Malibu, California; Fran Armour of Portland, Oregon; and June Breninger, also of

Portland. Special youth classes will be conducted by "Big" Don Williams of Malibu, California; Ron Quint of Delta, British Columbia; Greg Woods of Hood River, Oregon; and Randy Gill of Rochester, Michigan. Dynamic and enthusiastic singing will be led by Booker Murphey of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

One of the unique features of the GNEW is its location. The campus of Pacific Lutheran University provides an excellent facility for the keynote speeches, classes, exhibits, and meals. Most of the participants elect to stay in the dormitories at PLU. These are provided at reasonable cost and this provides excellent opportunities for continued fellowship during the workshop. Limited housing is also provided in homes in the Tacoma area.

The GNEW is under the direction of the elders of the Lakeview Church of Christ in Tacoma. Ken Wilson, formerly with the Lakeview church and now the minister for the Northside congregation in Spokane, is workshop director. For more information call (206) 537-5181.

## Leonard Gray moves to Rancho Cordova

The Church of Christ in Rancho Cordova, California has recently added a second full-time minister. Leonard Gray has joined the evangelistic staff as the pulpit minister. Don Huddleston, beginning his 9th year with the congregation, has assumed duties as the involvement minister.

Gray comes to Rancho Cordova with a rich background of experience. He has worked with churches in his home state of Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana and Colorado. Before moving to California, Gray served for eight years as Director of the Bear Valley School of Biblical Studies in Denver. Prior to that he helped to establish and taught in the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching in West Monroe, Louisiana.

Prior to his work training ministers, Gray and his family served as missionaries to South Africa. For 14 years they lived and worked in Port Elizabeth, Pretoria and East London. He and his wife Marguerite, who also enjoys a popular reputation as an instructor and counselor of women, have traveled extensively throughout the world in their ministry efforts. They have worked in more than sixty nations including parts of Europe, the mid-East, Africa, the Orient, Mexico and Central America and the Caribbean Islands. The Grays have four children and five grandchildren.

Commenting on his new ministry, Gray said: "Marguerite and I are especially

## 100 Gospel Meetings in the Pacific Northwest

O. J. Russell, evangelist for the Omen Road Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas, conducted his 100th gospel meeting in the Pacific Northwest at Hood River, Oregon, January 8-12, 1984.

In July, 1959, Russell and his family traveled to Hood River to conduct a week-long evangelistic meeting for a struggling, yet growing congregation in a fertile mission area. More than twenty people responded to be baptized or to be restored.

In the quarter of a century between 1959 and 1984, Russell has returned every year (except one because of illness) to conduct from two to eight meetings in the Pacific Northwest.

The 100th meeting was fittingly conducted where the first was held. The Hood River church has good elders, a fine membership, a handsome new building in an excellent location and enjoys a healthy growth.



Leonard Gray

pleased with the multi-national makeup of the congregation and also the involvement of a large number of military personnel. I am excited about returning to full time pulpit work. Not only is the Rancho Cordova congregation friendly, loving and evangelistic, they have exciting plans for the future."

Rapidly outgrowing their present facilities, the congregation will soon begin construction of a new church complex to be located on the historic Williamson Ranch property on Coloma Road.



## "Use Me While I Live"

by M. Norvel Young

These words of Jimmie Lovell were on his lips often and expressed his complete dedication to Christ as a servant leader. Jimmie Lovell graduated from this life to the next on Sunday afternoon April 29, 1984. Bob Marshall and Reuel Lemmons expressed the feelings of multiplied thousands of friends in a service conducted Wednesday, May 2. His daughter, Patsie Trowbridge, also spoke, paying touching tribute to Jimmie's ceaseless devotion to God and family.

Jimmie was born in Portland, Tennessee, and was baptized into Christ as a young man. He married Vivian D. Peterman in 1925, and her loyal and steadfast love sustained and encouraged him for almost sixty years. They have one child, Patsie Lee Trowbridge, a practicing psychologist. Jimmie is survived by Vivian and Patsie, her husband Doug, and two grandchildren, Mark and Stacey.

Jimmie worked for the Dupont Company in Denver, Colorado, as a professional shooter from 1923-28. He was a crack shot and a crack salesman and traveled in all the Western states, Canada, Mexico, and Central America for Dupont. In the early 1930's he moved to Los Angeles where he worked with the six large companies that built the Boulder Dam.

He started a magazine for the construction industry called *America's Builders*, published by Pepperdine College Press. Bill Youngs collaborated with Jimmie on this, and the bound volumes of these magazines honor the major construction people.

Jimmie also started a series of recognition nights on the campus of Pepperdine College. The first, on May 8, 1953, honored the builders of the Hoover Dam with Edgar Kaiser speaking and Ann Morrison receiving the Doctor of Laws Degree. In 1954 the builders of the Grand Coulee Dam were honored. These annual events continued through 1959 when the Beavers, an organization of men in heavy construction, was started. This group has grown into the largest organization of heavy construction people in the world.

Jimmie Lovell was a dear friend of George Pepperdine and encouraged him in starting George Pepperdine College. He was one of the early additions to the original five board members chosen by George Pepperdine. For thirty-five years Jimmie worked diligently to help guide the destiny of the school, to keep it related to

## Myrtle Evans Memorial Fund established

Myrtle Evans of Oxnard, California, a lifelong Christian and a staunch friend of Christian education, died recently at the age of 94 after a brief illness.

She had been a widow since 1931, when she became a businesswoman to support herself and her five children. She came to Oxnard from Texas in 1938, and helped to start the Church of Christ in Oxnard, which held its midweek services in her home for several years. Her devotion to the Lord and His people was unwavering, and her home was a favorite center of Christian fellowship.

She was a tireless worker in the Associated Women for Pepperdine up until her last illness. As a climax to her many gifts and services to Christian education, she has bequeathed a fund of \$10,000 to be administered by the Oxnard elders for the aid of worthy Christian college students. It will be known as the Myrtle Evans Memorial Fund, and may be augmented by gifts in her honor. Those wishing to contribute should send checks to the Oxnard Church of Christ, P. O. Box 2367, Oxnard, CA 93034, attention Dayton Lampkins.



Jimmie Lovell

the Churches of Christ, and to raise funds for its development. In 1957 he was very helpful to me as the incoming President. He got many of these top construction people interested in giving to the school. He continued his concern and work in building and strengthening Pepperdine until his death.

But Jimmie's first love through his life was the Lord and the Church. He was baptized by J. P. Watson in 1909 and began preaching in 1915. His family had been members of the Churches of Christ for 150 years. He was a missionary at heart. He edited the *Colorado Christian*, the *California Christian*, the *West Coast Christian*, and *Action*. Because of his vision and tireless efforts, over two million students have been enrolled in the World Bible School under more than 50 thousand teachers. This current year he estimated that 75 thousand baptisms resulted from that teaching.

He helped build many churches in the eleven Western states and helped directly and indirectly hundreds of missionaries. He was a charter member of the Park Hill Church in Denver, the North Shore Church in Chicago and the Vermont Avenue Church in Los Angeles. He was a special friend to thousands of preachers. He chose Reuel Lemmons to become the editor of *Action* and to take the lead in carrying on his great work with the World Bible School. He asked that contributions be given to this cause, instead of flowers being sent to his family.

Jimmie was a loyal and true friend to untold thousands of Christians. He believed that one should never give up on people who make mistakes. He often took unpopular positions because of his conviction that he should seek to please God rather than men. Pepperdine University honored him with a Christian Service Award several years ago, and at our last Lectureship, he was asked to speak in appreciation of his dear friend Reuel Lemmons at a special dinner honoring Reuel. We informed him that he was to be the honoree at the next testimonial dinner and he was most appreciative. He was honored with a dinner by the Sunset School of Preaching this year.

He lacked only a few months being 88 years old. But he never lost his vitality, optimism, and his love of the Lord. I count it a privilege to have been one of his close friends, and to have known and loved Jimmie, Vivian, Patsie, Doug, and their children. We will miss him, but look forward to meeting him in Heaven.

Thank you, Jimmie, for all you have meant to so many, for your love of the Lord and your love of the Church, which have inspired and blessed us all. Truly you were used by God as long as you lived.



## Interview with an Arizona elder

Tom Tice was born in Florence, Alabama on January 24, 1924, was baptized in 1938 and married Leah Jane Prince on June 11, 1949. Tice is the father of two children and has served as an elder for the Stapley and Dana Church of Christ in Mesa, Arizona for over 20 years. As a serious Bible student and continuous Bible teacher for more than three decades, as well as being an electrical engineer specializing in radar technology and a professor of electrical engineering at Arizona State University, *Pacific Church News* felt an interview with Dr. Tice would be of benefit and encouragement to our readers. We asked Steven Clark Goad, one of our contributing reporters, to provide us with the following interview.

Goad: Dr. Tice, what prompted you to become an electrical engineer and to decide to teach at the university level?

Tice: In junior high I became deeply interested in the physical sciences. The atomic theory of matter was especially intriguing to me. At age 14 I received my amateur radio license after having built my own radio from scraps and junk. Choosing to become a professor was partly a matter of opportunity coupled with a strong desire to help young people grow professionally.

Goad: Can you describe the radar system you helped develop?

Tice: Older radar systems indicate the presence of a plane or ship by a white dot on a screen. Our developments are aimed at zooming in and identifying the target. The technical principles are the use of coherent, wideband radar waveforms.

Goad: What are some of the rewards of serving as an elder and a Bible teacher?

Tice: One of the great joys is seeing young people maturing spiritually. A sense of satisfaction is felt in knowing one has assisted in strengthening those with special needs. It is rewarding to be able to teach the word of God wherein exists the power to transform lives.

Goad: Do you have suggestions for fellow elders?

Tice: Do not neglect your own families. Be patient with the brethren. Take an active part in teaching the word. Guard against false teachers and divisive influences.

Goad: What do you see as the church's weakest link?

Tice: Weakened family units.

Goad: In what area does the church's strength and future lie?

Tice: Where it has always been! To me, the real strength of the church lies in its faithful adherence to the word of God. So many are starving for meat and are not satisfied with the milk diet that is often provided in our local churches. The church must maintain spiritual depth in teaching and preaching.

Goad: Can you describe the present state of the church in Mesa over which you are a shepherd?

Tice: The church is growing numerically but there remains the ever present challenge to feed the flock of God with the meat of His holy word.

Goad: On what should the church's skills be focused as we close out the 20th century?

Tice: Our energies should be directed to reaching and teaching non-members as well as discipling and edifying members. We must encourage spiritual maturity through a heavy diet of expository preaching and teaching.

Goad: How might Christians help to make the elders' labor of love one of joy rather than disappointment?

Tice: Love itself is the answer. We

should love one another fervently. We must not be afraid to express enthusiasm for what is right. And surely a spirit of co-operation must be maintained in order for us to grow as the Lord intended. We must avoid petty differences, ego problems, loose tongues and seek never to be hyper-critical.

Goad: What is your formula, if you have one, that has assisted you in living a full Christian life?

Tice: Do not neglect your own family. Maintain a balanced life. Develop a genuine love for people and a desire to help with their needs when possible. Always set aside a time for serious Bible study.

Goad: Are there any things you would do differently if you had your life to live over?

Tice: Yes. I would be more careful not to allow the abundance of presenting "church activities and programs" to crowd out vitally needed time with my family. I would attempt to not be overly influenced by the urgency of "church organization" and "programs." I would devote a reasonable amount of time to church activities and programs without feeling guilty that I could not be directly involved in all of them.



Amy Allen, a resident of Valley Christian Home, is the adopted grandmother of Samantha Lee.

## Valley Christian Home serves elderly Christians

The Valley Christian Home in Hanford, California is the result of a dream that was discussed and prayed about by several Christians one evening back in 1970. These individuals were concerned with the

makeshift "rest homes" some of their friends were forced to live in. So, with great determination they decided to build a home, not for profit, but dedicated to love and service . . . a place that the elderly could call "home" instead of just a "room." A non-profit corporation was formed, necessary legal matters taken care of, a board of directors selected and they were on their way.

Some months later the project was completed and at the Open House, one Hanford city councilman commented, "This is truly an asset to our city." Another observed that many hundreds of hours of volunteer work must have gone into such a project. All agreed, but to those who had done the volunteer work, it was a labor of love.

Valley Christian Home has now been serving elderly Christians for almost eleven years. An active, concerned Board of Directors, coupled with a supportive competent staff, has allowed this facility to serve its purpose of providing a home for a happy family of active residents during their twilight years.

For those who want more information about retirement in a Christian environment, Valley Christian Home can be contacted at (209) 582-9057.



## Pepperdine people on the move

**Dr. Calvin Bowers**, Director of the Equal Opportunity Office, will be giving training sessions at the Michigan Christian College Church Leaders Workshop in Rochester, Michigan, on June 15&16. Every Sunday he is the moderator of the "Way of Truth" TV show which is telecast on Channel 56 in Los Angeles at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Bowers will also be in Selmer, TN, in July and Decatur, IL, in August holding gospel meetings.

Executive Vice President **David Davenport** preached for the Sunday morning service at the Conejo Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks on March 25, April 1, and June 3. On July 22, he will be the speaker for the Sunday evening service at the Yosemite Family Encampment.

Two hundred miles north of New Delhi in the city of Chandigarh, **Dr. Douglas Dean**, Professor of Biology, will speak ten nights at the North India Campaign for Christ. This meeting takes place in July.

Special Sunday evening messages dealing with anger, loneliness, identity, choosing a mate, etc., will be given by **Dr. John Free**, Assistant Professor of Religion, at the Painter Avenue Church of Christ in Whittier, CA. These began May 6 and will continue through June 17.

**D'Esta Love**, Adjunct Professor in the Humanities/Fine Arts Division, was guest speaker for two ladies' events in May: Ladies' Day at the Cypress Church of Christ on May 5 and Ladies' Lectureship at the Paradise congregation on May 19.

**Dr. Stuart Love**, Associate Professor of Religion, on April 15 was guest teacher and preacher for the LaMesa Church of Christ.

Stewardship and estate planning was the topic when **Dr. Mike O'Neal**, Vice President for Finance, preached and taught at the San Fernando Church of Christ on May 20.

The Woodland Hills Church of Christ had as their guest preacher **Dr. Carroll Osburn**, Chairman of the Religion Division. He spoke on the Early Church and the dates were May 20, 27 and June 3. Dr. Osburn will be traveling to Abilene, TX, where he will lecture at the Christian Scholars Conference on July 20; and in Searcy, AR, he will be lecturing at the "13-in-1" Lectures at Harding University on July 31-August 2. After preaching at the Lakeside Church of Christ in Lake Village, AR, on July 29, his summer schedule will end with a trip to Nairobi,

Kenya, for the VI African Missionary Conference on August 17-24.

**Dr. Frank Pack** has just completed two trimesters of teaching and working as the Resident Professor at Pepperdine's Year-in-Europe Program in Heidelberg, Germany. In April he and his wife, **Della**, visited the Mel Pownalls in Vittorio Veneto, Italy, where they work as missionaries. The Packs will be traveling to Benoni, South Africa, where they will deliver two weeks of lectures and special studies at the Southern Africa Bible School in June.

**Dr. James E. "Gene" Priest** presented a paper at the Evangelical Theological Society Far West Regional Meeting in Escondido, CA, on April 7. He will present another paper at the Christian Scholars Conference at Abilene in July.

**Rick Rowland**, Aquatic Coach, and the students in his campus ministry class recently assisted the Hollywood Church of Christ in beginning a campus ministry program at Los Angeles City College.

**Dr. Jerry Rushford**, Director of Church Services and Associate Professor in the Religion Division, gave a three-day slide presentation on the History of Hymns for the San Rafael Church on May 6-8. He was the graduation speaker at Michigan Christian College on May 12, where he was honored as Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Rushford will preach for the Central Church in Sacramento on June 3 and for the Palm Springs Church on July 1. He will preach in Tennessee and Arkansas in July.

The President of the University, **Dr. Howard A. White**, will be the speaker at the Chancellor's Council Meeting on July 24 at the Yosemite Family Encampment.

Since January, **Dr. Keith Whitney**, Associate Professor of Law and Finance, has been preaching weekly for the Arlington Drive Church of Christ in Riverside.

"**Big**" **Don Williams** will be the speaker at twenty-one different youth rallies, commencements, church homecomings, evangelism workshops, youth camps and singles seminars from May through August. He will travel to Missouri once, Oklahoma twice, Texas six times, Georgia twice, Washington twice, Florida four times, and Kansas once.

Pepperdine's Chancellor, **M. Norvel Young**, spoke on May 5 at the 12th Annual Sunset Haven Dinner. On June 26, he and **Helen Young** will both speak at the 14th Annual Caribbean Lectureship in Freeport, Grand Bahamas. On July 4, Helen will be in Tacoma, WA, where she

will be a speaker for the 6th Annual Great Northwest Evangelism Workshop.

## Manna International

by Dick Cupp

How many times have you wanted to feed the hungry of the world, but wanted to do it through the church? Now you can.

Manna International, which began about a year ago, is centered around high school and college age young people who are concerned about hunger and starvation in the world. They want to do something about it, and they want to do it through the Churches of Christ.

Kevin McFarland, the youth minister of the Redwood City Church of Christ, is asking for a commitment from young and old to help ease this problem which affects about one-half of the world's population.

More than \$250,000 has been raised for the hungry of El Salvador, and Kevin says that figure might be doubled this year. He also mentions Ethiopia, where some mothers have to walk for as much as eight hours to bring water to their children.

One objective of the program is to equip hungry people to be able to help themselves, so that they will not be permanently dependent on outside help. The Redwood City church would especially like to encourage youth ministers to be involved with the program.

Inquiries or donations should be directed to Kevin McFarland or Charles Coulston, 901 Madison Ave., Redwood City, CA 94061, or call (415) 366-1223.

## Church building dedicated

The Sonora Church of Christ is happy to announce the completion of their new building located at 14054 Tuolumne Road. The 120 member congregation dedicated the 5,200 square foot worship facility, with a 200-seat auditorium and seven classrooms, in a service on April 29 which was attended by over 240 members and visitors. The church has been in Tuolumne County for more than 45 years, 29 of which were spent on Columbia Way in Sonora. Tony Meeks, minister, says, "We're thankful that we are not burdened with a mortgage. The building is completely debt free which will enable us to concentrate our efforts in a wider variety of areas." Designed with an eye toward the future, no major modifications are necessary for the auditorium to be expanded to accommodate 300.



# Pepperdine Lectureship heritage



Preachers and church leaders assembled at the Pepperdine lectureship in the school year of 1944-45. Photo by Dick Whittington.

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