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## KNLS begins broadcasting in Alaska

More than one-third of all the world is now within broadcast range of the gospel as a result of International Radio Station KNLS going on the air. By the use of this short wave radio station Churches of Christ now are able to present the gospel daily in countries where missionaries cannot go.

On July 22, 1983 the Federal Communications Commission gave World Christian Broadcasting permission to begin daily short wave radio broadcasts into China and the Soviet Union over the 100,000 watt transmitter at Station KNLS. Located some 120 air miles southwest of Anchorage, Alaska near the top of the world, Station KNLS was built with the support and encouragement of thousands of Christians.

August 19 was a historic day. Christians from many parts of the United States gathered at Anchor Point, Alaska for a day of dedication at the 71-acre site of Station KNLS. Reuel Lemmons was the featured speaker.

Faithful Christians led this unique effort. They are committed to attracting and holding the largest possible listening audience through a variety of programming. Their aim is to help make it possible for Churches of Christ to communicate effectively with spiritually starving people from vastly different backgrounds who speak other languages. The unchanging purpose is to make available the Bread of Life so these people in countries like China and the Soviet Union may have an opportunity to begin a new life in Jesus Christ.

A number of Churches of Christ are actively using this unique opportunity in world evangelism. Hundreds of congregations permitted their individual members to participate in special contributions to help provide these invaluable facilities. Others are sending funds for the purchase of air time and to help develop messages from God's Word.



*Transmitter building at Station KNLS.*

Initial broadcasts go forth daily in Mandarin Chinese and in Russian. Other languages will be added as capability in programming is developed. Until November 6, the broadcast day will be limited to seven and one-half hours. On November 6, it will be lengthened to 13 hours each day.

The elders of the Sunset Church in Lubbock, Texas oversee the work of programming messages from the Scriptures in Mandarin Chinese. The Airline Drive congregation in Bossier City, Louisiana supports George Tien in his work of broadcasting into China over Station KNLS.

The elders of the Chestnut Boulevard Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio provide programming oversight for Russian messages from the Word of God. They also support John Fisk in his work as Director of Program for World Christian Broadcasting. The Wilshire Church in Oklahoma City, the church in Nattick, Massachusetts, and other congregations

and individuals that work with them help provide funds for Russian broadcasts by Ivan Kolesnikow.

Churches or individuals interested in outreach into China are invited to contact the Sunset Church at 3723 34th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79410. Those who wish to provide broadcasts into the Soviet Union should contact the Church of Christ at 837 Chestnut Boulevard, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221.

Churches and individuals have inquired about the possibility of providing financial support for personnel using the facilities of Station KNLS as "missionaries to millions." That help is welcomed. Funds are needed for developing additional programs, as well as to help support writers, translators, narrators, engineers and technicians. A prompt response will be provided to all inquiries. Write to Robert E. Scott, Box 3857, Abilene, TX 79604, or call (915) 698-0695.



## Thanksgiving Youth Festival at Pepperdine

Over 500 9th graders through college age will gather on Pepperdine's Malibu campus November 25-27 for the 13th annual Thanksgiving Youth Festival. The theme for the spiritual program will be "Love Yourself," based on Matthew 22:37-40.

The featured theme speaker will be John Paul Blankenship, Director of Spiritual Emphasis at Lubbock Christian College in Lubbock, Texas. Drew Brown, senior religion major at Pepperdine from San Jose, will direct the youth in song. A special multi-media presentation on "Friendship" will highlight Saturday night's activities and will be narrated by Hal Blackburn, youth minister at the Lakewood Church of Christ, and Robert Russell, youth minister at the La Habra congregation. Pepperdine's new Singing Travelers will present one of their first major concerts on Friday evening.

Cost for the complete weekend will be \$26 for each youth or adult sponsor.

Each congregation sending six or more must have an adult accompanying the youth. Adults will join the young people in dorm housing with sleeping bags.

Registration will begin at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and the program will conclude Sunday after lunch.

Each youth should bring a sleeping bag, Bible, grubby clothes for the Olympics, \$26 and a great spirit.



Graham speaks during Columbia's Ministers Enrichment Seminar, July 1983.

## Columbia adds five faculty members

An Old Testament scholar leads a group of five new faculty members at Columbia Christian College and Schools.

Dr. Pat Graham, a 1983 graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, GA., joins the Division of Bible and Religion as an assistant professor. Graham comes to Columbia with outstanding academic credentials and an impressive record of service to the church.

The new assistant professor received from Abilene Christian University a bachelor of arts degree in Greek, a master of arts degree in Old Testament and a master of divinity degree with emphases in Greek and exegesis. His doctorate from Emory is in Old Testament.

Graham supplemented his academic preparation by preaching for Churches of Christ in Texas and Georgia and by teaching at ACU, Emory and two schools of theology. During the summers of 1979 and 1982, he participated in archaeological expeditions in the Middle East.

Tom Sibley, Bible and Religion Division chairman, described Graham as "one of the best young scholars in the brotherhood."

Also joining the college faculty when classes began Sept. 28 was Nancy Bland, adjunct professor of education, and Nancy Dawkins, computer literacy coordinator and instructor.

Mrs. Bland is a 1976 graduate of Harding University with a bachelors degree in special and elementary education. She also earned a masters in education from Abilene Christian University. The new education faculty member taught four

years in Texas school systems and has substituted in Portland-area schools.

Mrs. Dawkins will coordinate and teach in Columbia's computer literacy program. She earned a bachelors degree, *summa cum laude*, from Harding University in 1980 and a masters there in 1982. Her undergraduate degree is in math and computer science and her graduate degree in education with specialization in biology.

Mrs. Dawkins also will teach computer, math and science classes for Columbia Christian Schools.

Other new CCS teachers are Chris Metcalf and Debra Weldon.

Metcalf is a 1975 counseling education graduate of Columbia. He also has completed courses for a masters degree in sociology at Portland State University. Metcalf worked for children's homes in Oregon and California after his graduation from Columbia. He will teach high school history courses.

Miss Weldon, a 1983 Columbia music education graduate, will teach elementary music, junior high girls physical education, and high school chorus. She will also coach volleyball. As a Columbia student Miss Weldon was a member of the concert choir, several vocal ensembles and the college's conference champion volleyball team.

## Californians work in Jamaica campaign

Twenty-two Californians were among a group of American Christians who spent two weeks in Jamaica this past July. There they assisted twelve congregations in following up on contacts made through the World Bible School.

As a result of these efforts, thirty-seven Jamaicans were baptized into Christ and four new congregations were established, at Old Harbor, Grandville, Ocho Rios, and Montego Bay. In addition, 4,200 people were enrolled in Bible correspondence courses. Fifteen others obeyed the gospel at Freeport in the Grand Bahamas after three of the Californians followed up contacts in that city.

Later in the summer, Bob Ethington and thirteen San Diego teenagers held a one-week youth campaign in Kingston, Jamaica, with encouraging results.

Another follow-up effort has already been scheduled for July 14-28, 1984. Twenty-four Californians have made a commitment to participate in that campaign, but additional workers are needed. For more information, call Dennis Cree at (209) 883-2914.

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## A tribute to Bess Stinson

by Edwin F. White

For the last fourteen years it has been my privilege to serve as a pulpit minister for the congregation where Bess Stinson has her membership. I have come to know her as a remarkable person, teacher, businesswoman, civic leader, stateswoman, and committed Christian.

Bess Stinson was born near Hammon, Oklahoma, on December 24, 1902, and was baptized in the summer of 1916. After attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Bess taught school for three years and then worked for the Public Service Company at Hammon.

In August of 1938, Bess visited Phoenix while on vacation and fell in love with the sun, which she says "was my undoing." She loved Phoenix enough to resign her job in Oklahoma and accept a new position as Home Service Advisor with Arizona Public Service. Bess continued as Home Service Advisor until 1942, when the company became an issuing agent for War Bonds. The company decided that a bond delivery truck was an effective way to get bonds to people, and Bess, along with a driver, delivered bonds all over Phoenix for seven months. After that came two years in the Women's Army Corps and then back home to Arizona Public Service to become receptionist for the company.

In 1952, Bess took a new job with the First Interstate Bank. She retired from the bank in 1966 as a Vice President and Director of Special Services. Bess came to be known as "Miss Arizona Banker" because of her desire to interpret the bank and its services to women and young people and to make it seem a more friendly, approachable institution for financial information and assistance. She spent a great deal of time working with schools, making films on banking and other subjects available. In addition to work with the schools, Bess worked tirelessly with women's groups all over Arizona, making as many as seventy talks each year and making arrangements for many more for the Trust and other departments of the bank.

On the civic side, Bess has been very active through the years. She is a past state president and past national officer of the Business and Professional Women's Federation and a charter member and past national treasurer of the Goodwill Auxiliary. She served on the Membership Relations Committee of the Phoenix Chamber of



*Helen Young (l.) and Kanet Thomas (r.) present Christian Service Award to Bess Stinson at Pepperdine's annual Christian Women's Seminar.*

Commerce, was appointed to serve on the Army Advisory Committee and the Military Manpower Committee of Phoenix, is a past commander of the Hazel Morton Post of the American Legion, and was given a citation by the Secretary of the Army for civilian patriotic service. Bess has also been the recipient of two medals from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge and has served the past two years as West Central Region chairman for the Foundation, with responsibility for the Youth Leadership Program.

Bess Stinson's main impact on the community was as a member of the Arizona legislature, with four years in the House and four years in the Senate. She served on the Appropriations Committee, Commerce Committee, State, County and Municipal Affairs Committee, Natural Resources Committee, and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. During her eight years in the legislature, Bess missed fewer than six meetings. During those years, it was my privilege to occasionally serve as chaplain to both the House and Senate. I saw personally the great respect which Bess Stinson commanded. Supreme Court Justice Sandra D. O'Connor, who served with Bess in the Senate, said that Bess "was never seen to attend a meeting late or unprepared. In fact, the only time I can remember Bess missing a meeting in the legislature was on the sad occasion of a family death. Not a single state agency coming before the Senate Appropriations Committee escaped her careful scrutiny of its finances and budget. Not a penny of public money was ever recommended by Bess for expenditure without close examination as to its need and importance. If any member of our Senate Majority was ever inclined to get the least bit out of line, Bess

was there to remind them to behave."

When Bess decided to retire from the legislature in 1974, Senator Barry Goldwater said, "One of the saddest days of my life was when you announced that you would not seek re-election. Those of us who represent Arizona at the federal level have come to look upon you as a bulwark of Americanism, and an inspiration to the young people of our state and country." Senator Paul Fannin said, "As a state legislator you have contributed immeasurably to the perservation and betterment of our society. Your counsel has aided me on innumerable occasions, and I greatly value our friendship. You are a great American."

Above all, Bess Stinson is recognized as a committed Christian. Since 1959 she has taught a Bible class for women at the Eastside Church of Christ in Phoenix and has used every opportunity to confess her faith in Christ. In a recent speech, which won a Freedoms Foundation medal, delivered at Northern Arizona University, Bess said, "The ebb and flow of civilization attests to the fact that men and nations never prosper by turning away from God. How the world would be transformed if all of us would follow the commandment, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.' If that sounds solemn or 'preachy,' I make no apology. It is the everlasting anchor that man can cling to when life's tremors seem almost to engulf him. Let us commit ourselves to God and go forward."

During the fourteen years of my ministry with the Eastside church in Phoenix, I have profited greatly from the just observations, good opinions, and sincere encouragement of Bess Stinson, an amiable and sensible woman.



## San Diego TV program generates exciting public response

by Dick Henegar

Vision is perhaps the most characteristic word associated with pioneers. It also characterizes the elders of the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ as they pioneered religious television programming in San Diego, California. As a result, *Know Your Bible* is the second longest running locally produced television show of any kind in the county.

Spring, 1969, saw the first show of *Know Your Bible* aired on Channel 8, the CBS affiliate in San Diego. Since the original airing, the program has been seen on the ABC affiliate and, most recently, Channel 39, San Diego's NBC affiliate. Consequently, the television question and answer program has gained in popularity and viewing audiences through the years. With a potential viewership of 3.2 million people, including possible audiences in Tijuana, Mexico, *Know Your Bible* experiences a weekly estimated audience of 12,000 to 45,000 individuals. However, some Sundays, depending upon station programming, figures may run much higher. The latest Arbitron ratings indicate that *Know Your Bible* has a 5% share of the potential viewers during its time period each Sunday morning. This compares to a 4% figure Channel 39 has during its news programs. The leaders of the San Diego church were able to look beyond the obstacles and stumbling blocks of producing a major television program to see the millions of people who would be able to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ being proclaimed.

*Know Your Bible* utilizes a question and answer format that has resulted in thousands of Bible questions and correspondence course enrollments by viewers over the years. Hundreds of baptisms have taken place, confirming the original commitment of reaching the lost through the media. Although hundreds of stories could be told, three are of significant and particular interest and illustrate the influence and scope of the original commitment. The first concerns the mother-in-law of a member of the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ, who, himself, was reached through the program. Larry Holt, a retired Naval officer baptized into Christ in 1976, is an example of the power of the gospel as presented over the television. As a result of his exemplary life, his mother-in-law was baptized into Christ on

January 20, 1983. The interesting part of the story is that Ruth Ellen Duncan was baptized at the age of 102 years!

Claire Potter, a resident of San Diego and a viewer of the program, moved to New Bedford, Massachusetts, to assist in the care of her family. As a result of her conversion and move, she started worshipping with the church in New Bedford, began a home Bible study and was able to witness the baptism of her mother, sister and two members of the original study group.

One of the most amazing stories associated with *Know Your Bible* centers in the North San Diego County area where Bud Keith had been watching the program for about 2 years and was able to interest others in the show. After contacting John Milton Banks and setting up a group meeting with 30 young men and women, 10 were baptized into Christ on Saturday, September 25, 1982. Subsequent to the original gathering, another meeting and study was conducted and 6 more baptisms occurred.



John Banks (l.) and W. L. Fletcher.

*Know Your Bible* originally aired on Saturday afternoons with a "live" format, questions being asked by both a studio audience and by telephone to the studio while on the air. However, with forethought and prayer, the program was changed to a taped production and aired Sunday mornings. The hourly program is seen in San Diego County from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

W. L. Fletcher, an elder in the El Cajon Boulevard church, is the program's host and moderator and has been serving in those capacities since the first show aired in 1969. Banks, who has served as the question answerer, has skillfully fielded questions since January, 1972, with the exception of a one-year leave when David Davenport (currently Executive Vice President of Pepperdine University) ably served.

Statistics for the program have been very impressive over the years. The church

leaders, however, tend not to focus on statistics except as a measure in determining how visible *Know Your Bible* is. The thought and impetus has always been to reach as many people possible with the message of scripture. Subsequently, it has been an extremely economical way of teaching when viewed in a cost-per-person manner. On a weekly basis, the program costs from 5 to 10 cents per viewing person and currently generates from 40 to 50 telephone calls to a switchboard that is staffed by members at the El Cajon Boulevard church building. Calls originating in the North County are answered by volunteers at the Vista Church of Christ. On an average, 30 new people are enrolled in Bible correspondence courses each showing. In the years from 1977 through 1980, the program averaged generating 625 questions each year, increased requests for Bible correspondence courses from 610 to 1595 yearly and graduated over 720 people. Currently, over 3,200 people are enrolled in one of the 10 courses that are offered. Upon course completion, each graduate receives a certificate which is suitable for framing. The certificates are hand-delivered by an area Christian or local preacher, the effort being coordinated by the El Cajon Boulevard church, with the vast majority of graduates commenting upon how much they appreciate the study. All materials, Bible correspondence courses, Bibles, and study aids are supplied free of charge to those requesting them. The most dramatic growth occurred during 1981 when the program was expanded from a half hour to one full hour.

A graphic testimony to the vitality experienced with *Know Your Bible* has been the interest, support, and enthusiasm by sister congregations in San Diego County. With the doubling in air time and the financial liability that was substantially increased, area churches have joined with the El Cajon Boulevard church in an effort to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ over television. Cooperating churches in the County have grown closer together in this cooperative and worthwhile work and the Lord's admonition of taking the gospel to the world is being accomplished.

The future looks extremely bright for *Know Your Bible*. As Banks has stated, "Know Your Bible is a partially empty wagon and it is hoped that with additional thought, prayer, and development, many more people will hear scripture taught and the gospel proclaimed." The effects of the program have increased the borders of the Kingdom of God throughout the world and people are hearing about the good news offered in Jesus Christ.



## Sierra Bible Camp

by Bobb Gowen

"The Bid is \$5.00. Going once, going twice. Sold for \$5.00." With these words, the dream of having a Bible camp in Northern California became a reality in the spring of 1954. Bobb Gowen, the young preacher at Westwood, California, had been sent \$270.00 by the elders of the Roseville congregation to try to purchase the fish hatchery at Clear Creek. The sale notice carried the terms—25% down, the remainder in 30 days, building to be moved in 30 days. The brethren involved saw that they could bid a little over \$1,000.00 to obtain this large building to serve as kitchen, dining hall and canteen area for the camp.

Application had been made for an organizational camp site set aside for that purpose by the U.S. Forest Service. Several other groups were vying for the land, but brethren from Northern California were hoping to obtain the site for a youth camp. The previous two years they had rented facilities to conduct camp sessions, but this had not proven to be a satisfactory arrangement.

With the purchase of the building, and still not knowing if they had a site for it, the brethren renewed their prayers. The day after obtaining the fish hatchery, word was received that our application had been chosen to receive the camp site!

Now the tremendous task was begun to get the camp ready for a session scheduled in August. With little money, but great faith, eager hands began to disassemble the huge building and to reassemble it again at the campsite 12 miles away. Weekend work parties were formed from the valley churches. Members of the Westwood congregation worked their jobs by day and the camp construction far into the night. Some of the women from Westwood dug the first septic tanks with picks and shovels.

A well was drilled and bath houses were built. When August arrived and the camp opened, the huge building had been reconstructed, except for completing the roof. The boys used the open end of the building for sleeping. F. F. Carson of Richmond loaned us his gospel tent for the girls to sleep in. God continued to bless the efforts—a lumber company sold bed, mattress and pillow sets for \$1.00 each. Some of these beds are still used in the camp. (The mattresses have been replaced although some campers would argue the point!) The fish trays where baby fish were raised were turned upside down and installed with legs to serve as "temporary" tables. Twenty-nine years later, these



Craig Pacanowski and Kathy Crowe, counselors at Sierra's August 1983 camp.

"temporary" tables are still being used.

So began Sierra Bible Camp. In 1984 Christians will be celebrating its 30th year of service to the churches of Northern California. Countless young people have enjoyed the beauties of nature and have been taught the love of Jesus in this beautiful setting near Lake Almanor in Plumas County, California. Hundreds have been baptized into Christ and continue their walk with Him. Hundreds have rededicated their lives to the service of their God and have grown in the knowledge of His Word.

Churches of Christ from Stockton, the Bay area, the Sacramento area, and the smaller churches of Northern California and Nevada held nine camp sessions in 1983.

As we look back over the past 30 years and see how God worked with faithful brethren to make Sierra Bible Camp a reality, we rejoice and pray that each generation will see the opportunities God presents to each of us to carry His Word to the ends of the earth.

A prayer uttered by a camper who had just concluded his eighth and last year to be eligible as a camper summed up the feeling of those who love Sierra Bible Camp: "Lord, we hope this camp will be here until Jesus comes." Amen.

## California minister authors book on divorce

Abingdon Press of Nashville, Tennessee, has recently published a book by Lewis Rambo entitled *The Divorcing Christian*.

Rambo is associate professor of pastoral psychology at the San Francisco Theological Seminary and associate professor of religion and the personality sciences at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. He also serves as minister of the Church of Christ in San Rafael, California.

## Campus Ministry Workshop slated for Fresno

Landon Saunders of New York City, John Wilson of Pepperdine University, and Wendell Broom of Abilene, Texas, will be featured speakers at the 15th Annual West Coast Campus Ministers Workshop. This year's program, scheduled for January 13-15, will be hosted by the College Church of Christ in Fresno.

Centering on the theme of "Create in me . . .," the workshop will offer several theme speeches and a variety of classes. Due to an increased number of campus ministries on the West Coast, it is anticipated that the 15th Annual Workshop will draw the largest attendance in the history of the program. For more information, call Rusty Bolton at (209) 439-6530.

## Friendship evangelism

by Bud Worsham

Friendship evangelism is nothing new, as Jesus Christ reminded us, but the idea is being put into practice by two young men on the school campuses in the Los Angeles area.

Hal Blackburn of Lakewood and Robert Russell of La Habra are bringing the Good News to young people through a method they call "Friends."

It is a simple method, helping people discover life through relationships.

Blackburn and Russell, who are graduates of Lubbock Christian College with B.A.'s in Bible, go to the schools, with proper approval, and present their "Friends" program to any group that will listen.

The 45-minute presentation consists of an audio-visual slide feature designed by Blackburn, a photojournalist, and a discussion on the need for friendship. The goal, of course, is to lead them to Christ.

The response has made the effort well worthwhile, observes Blackburn, who mans the "Friends" office near Long Beach State University.

Blackburn and Russell, who earlier were assisted by Steve Mass, are youth ministers at their congregations. They receive support in their "Friends" work from a number of churches.

They hope to visit 20 schools in the L.A. area in this, the third year of their venture. The "Friends" mailing list consists of 1200 people who have indicated an interest.



## Planting a church in the suburbs of Portland

by Kelly Deatherage

"We believe that we need to give a free gift to the community and expect nothing in return."

That philosophy guided a team of 17 adults who moved to Hillsboro, Oregon in the summer of 1979 to plant a church. Tim Minnix and Bill Adams, who is quoted above, led the team, which trained in an intensive nine-month internship conducted by Stanley Shipp in St. Louis, MO.

During their internship, team members were exposed to a dream shared by Shipp and Landon Saunders, creator of Heartbeat: a dream of planting churches in America's urban centers. After searching for communities that needed the church and the message of Jesus Christ, the group of 17 chose Hillsboro. The Portland suburb of approximately 29,000 is largely a white, upper middle class commuter community with a few high-technology firms located in or near it. The area already had been identified by the Vancouver, WA Church of Christ as an area ripe for the church.

After moving to Hillsboro, team members found jobs and studied the community and its needs. Adams and Minnix, who were supported by congregations in Lubbock and Temple, TX led the study. Although supported by "Bible belt" churches, Adams stressed that the team members were not all Southerners but came from varied backgrounds, locations and financial classes. "We aren't carbon copies of each other."

Their formal and informal community surveys indicated the need for a counseling service to help people "looking for some meaning in life." Counseling at the center was free and came, Adams added, "with no strings attached."

Four years after the team moved to Hillsboro, all but three members remained in the community. Minnix left in September to help begin a similar program in Massachusetts. Adams, who spent the last two years in Oklahoma for family reasons, returned when Minnix left.

The group of Christians still in Hillsboro operate Daybreak Counseling, which is well-respected by the community and the penal system, and meet together weekly in a body of 125.

That body, the Tualatin Valley Church of Christ, is described by its preacher, Tom Sibley, as very non-traditional. Adams explained that during the group's informal services it's not uncommon for a member to spontaneously share

an insight, problem or need. Yet both men emphasized that the congregation differs from most Churches of Christ only in its form and methodology—doctrinally the group is no different from more traditional congregations.

The Tualatin Valley church, which Sibley said still is too young to have elders, is divided into five areas of ministry: benevolence, involvement, finance, education and worship assembly. All members select an area of ministry and participate in groups led by men known as servant leaders. Those leaders meet monthly to plan with Sibley and Adams.

In addition to their Sunday services in Hillsboro's Grange, members meet weekly in life groups of about 20 or 30 for fellowship, upbuilding and Bible study.



Tom Sibley prepares for Sunday sermon.

To really get into the community, Christians in Hillsboro have used a variety of methods. About six months after beginning work, they sponsored Landon Saunders' "Feeling Good About Yourself" seminar and had a total attendance for the three evenings of 1,023, 83 percent of whom were non-Christians. Follow-up groups, backyard summer Bible studies, seminars about the family and the James Dobson films were also used, all conducted at "neutral" sites such as the city library, schools or private homes.

Saunders has returned to Hillsboro twice to conduct seminars. The congregation also recently went through his "Heart of the Fighter" training series. In fact, Sibley said, "everything Heartbeat's done, we were in on at the start or very early."

Many of Saunders' materials, which stress Biblical concepts and Jesus' answers to life's problems but don't push religion, are used and displayed in the Daybreak Counseling office. Adams conducts counseling sessions in the informal office next to an insurance agency, where he guides clients by suggesting principles to live by that are Bible-based. Daybreak receives referrals from doctors, community members and the courts. In the center's

first year the staff won the confidence of the county jail authorities and now has free access to prisoners who wish counseling.

By offering counseling in an office complex, rather than a church building, Adams said he sees much more of the problems and struggles clients face than he did in six years of campus ministry. Again, he stressed, the neutral site is non-threatening and makes meaningful contact easier.

As counselors, Adams said he and Minnix neither hid nor emphasized the fact that they were ministers associated with the Church of Christ. If clients express an interest in religion and the church, Adams said he pursues it. But if they don't he continues to offer counseling as a free gift.

Adams expressed his commitment to giving with no strings attached: "You establish contact and show real love to these people. They try you out, then they may go on and try out a lot of other things. But eventually they come back to someone who's really given them something, and they want to pursue it." He recalled a woman in a group he and his wife, Kathy, led in their first year in Hillsboro. Four years later, the woman approached a member of the congregation, wanting to begin a Bible study. "She struggled for four years and hadn't found the answer anywhere else," Adams said.

Success with Daybreak Counseling's service and with other forms of outreach has increased the size of the Tualatin Valley congregation. With that increase and the body's increased needs, less money has been available for the center, leading to decreased office and staff size.

Like most churches, the Tualatin Valley congregation finds tension between two different kinds of needs—outreach and service to the community on one hand and nurturing within the body on the other—vying for the same limited resources. Adams' schedule includes three 6:30 a.m. counseling sessions a week, and his evening counseling sessions may run as late as 10:30 p.m. Sibley, too, is faced with too many needs and too little time. In addition to his responsibilities to preach and lead a life group, he serves as Columbia Christian College's Division of Bible and Religion chairman and is working on his doctorate.

However, both ministers and the entire congregation leave such hectic schedules behind each September to spend two days in retreat. There, they concentrate on their commitment to reach Hillsboro, recommit themselves to supporting and uplifting each other, and plan efforts to share the news of Jesus in their community in the coming year.



## A hard lesson learned—and lived

by Billie Silvey

He has a scholar's mind and a teacher's heart, a respect for all people, and yet a realistic comprehension of their capacity for evil as well as good.

It's not an easy mix to attain, and Michio Nagai has not had an easy time attaining it.

Nagai was born in San Francisco in 1922 of parents who had come from Japan. The family moved to Southern California, where they were baptized in Los Angeles in the late 20's by Hirotsuke Ishiguro.

Ishiguro had come to Los Angeles in 1923 from Abilene Christian College after ten years of preaching in Tokyo. He gathered seven children for Bible classes in a rented house at 1277 W. 35th Place. This became the nucleus of the Japanese church in Los Angeles.

After three years in the rented facilities, Mrs. Brooks, a Christian from Arkansas, donated \$10,000 which was used in part for the purchase of a house at 1444 W. 37th St. The church moved into these facilities in 1925 and remained there until 1942.

The congregation grew rapidly during this period, and at its height over 200 children were enrolled in Bible classes.

Soon after the outbreak of war with Japan, however, all people of Japanese ancestry on the West Coast—both citizens and non-citizens—were placed in concentration centers in other states. They lost their businesses, jobs, houses, and most of their belongings.

They were deprived of their rights as citizens. Ironically, the only right that was allowed them was the right to serve in the military. Nagai had to register for the draft in the temporary concentration camp set up on the parking lot of Santa Anita race track.

Eventually allowed to leave the camp to attend college, Nagai enrolled as a pre-engineering student at Abilene Christian College, and then at the University of Colorado School of Engineering. But he never became an engineer.

Meanwhile, Loraine Hasegawa had been in school in Tokyo in the 30's and had worked as a secretary for missionary J. M. McCaleb for two years. She came back to the States in 1941 and was interned the next year.

She too left the camp to attend Abilene Christian, where she graduated



Japanese congregation about 1930. Michio Nagai is fourth child from left in sailor suit.

with an English major in 1945. She and Nagai began dating at Abilene and married in Los Angeles in 1946.

Two years later, the Japanese church moved to its present location at Jefferson Boulevard and 6th Avenue. It became known as the Westside Church of Christ.

Nagai worked with the Nisei or second-generation Japanese group from 1947 until 1955. They held their services in English, and for a time he arranged for other people to do the preaching. Soon he realized his own need for better training in the Bible.

He graduated from Pepperdine University with a Bible degree in 1949. He also did graduate work at the University of Judaism in Hebrew and rabbinics.

The year of his graduation, he joined the Pepperdine faculty, specializing in Biblical languages. His students now serve churches throughout California and in other states and nations.

His wife Loraine worked at home rearing their two sons, David and Mark. Then she worked ten years at the Pepperdine library.

From 1955 to 1969, Nagai preached by appointment for a number of Los Angeles churches, including Montebello, Woodland Hills, Monrovia and Bellflower. In the summer of 1967, he toured Japan and Korea.

From 1969 until 1973, he preached in Gardena. In 1974, he began part-time work with the Vermont Avenue church at 79th and Vermont in Los Angeles, where he also serves as an elder.

In 1976, he retired from teaching and began full-time preaching at Vermont Avenue. But he never stopped learning. In the summer of 1979, he participated in an archeological seminar under the auspices of Hebrew University, working on a dig in the Mount Zion area.

At Vermont Avenue, the Nagais have worked hard to maintain a spirit of peace and love among a congregation of three races and two language groups. They encourage strong family life through the annual Filmfest seminars for young people and adults. They have promoted a greater appreciation for God's gift of nature and creativity through Loraine's beautiful flower arrangements. They have influenced the community through Bible classes for students at the nearby Campbell Learning Center.

They know firsthand the discrimination experienced by minority groups. And yet, as Nagai puts it, "I think I have found a solution to the problem—if not by dissolving the prejudice, at least by controlling my own reactions and attitudes to its appearance . . . I must seek a source of worth outside myself that transcends both the community in which I must live and my own thoughts. It is here that the Bible tells me, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy' (1 Peter 1:16). It is God who has decided my worth, not man.

"But even this is not enough. I must also do something about my feelings toward those who have rejected me. We usually think of love in terms of investment and return . . . However, there is another kind of love that gives and does not expect something in return. This is the love of enemies. Of course, we hope that through our love the enemy may be changed so he will respond in love. But there are no guarantees, and we are expected to continue loving with or without return."

Many at Vermont Avenue—black, white, Spanish-speaking and Oriental—have experienced that love and have returned it. They benefit, as have Christians throughout the Los Angeles area, from the experiences, learning and teaching of this devoted Christian couple.



## Daybreak — a 72-acre gift from God

by Dick Cupp

A group of California Christians had a dream in the late 1960's . . . and it's no longer a dream . . . it's Daybreak Christian Camp.

Daybreak is a beautiful, 72-acre gift of God located in the redwoods, hills, canyon and meadows, just outside the city limits of Felton, California, six miles east of Santa Cruz on Highway 9. It used to belong to the Hewlett-Packard Corporation, but it became Daybreak Christian Camp in 1969.

Daybreak, located between scenic Santa Cruz on the coast and San Jose, not too far from San Francisco, was first conceived in the minds of a few Christians from Campbell and San Jose who saw the need for such a facility for Christian use. One of those people was Lee Zumwalt, who actually picked out the property.

"Colonel Lee," as he's known affectionately from his annual "Zumberger Booth" at Daybreak's Fall Festival, says that the whole idea started in 1968 when he and some other brethren bought some property in the Santa Cruz Mountains. It turned out that the Felton acreage was much more than was needed, and the trade was made. Daybreak opened in 1969.

At first it seemed that the purchase price of \$165,000 was too much. Every three months a huge mortgage payment would come due, and sometimes there would be only a few dollars in the treasury. But somehow, from somewhere, the money would always be there, and the camp, which is probably worth more than a million dollars now, was paid off in full three years ago. Now the emphasis is on improving the property, which includes several cabins and a large mess hall.

There have been several presidents of the camp since its inception, but the one who really gave it its impetus is Carl Sorensen. Carl was the first president, and then came back later to serve a second term. He literally devoted his life to the camp, before dying last year of cancer. His widow, Wilda, says that Carl would always say, "The Lord wants us to have this," and the money always came. Carl's son, Eric, has been very active in Daybreak over the past several years.

Al Roberts, of Salinas, came along during the intervening years and used his expertise in the construction business to upgrade the physical appearance of the camp. Now Jerry Campbell, of the Campbell congregation is the current president



and doing a fine job.

Bill and Virda Stevens, who live in Atherton which is between San Francisco and San Jose, have been connected with Daybreak Camp for many years. Bill, the president of Triad Communications System in Sunnyvale, and his wife work with the camp in many ways. Bill is an elder of the Redwood City Church of Christ, and he and Virda have been very active in the Daybreak ministry. Bill says, "It's been a real help to us." Redwood City has used Daybreak in many different ways, including congregational retreats and summer programs for young people who are not yet members of the church.

Daybreak is used by Christians for a little bit of everything: family overnights, Bible camps, congregational retreats, "opportunity camps" (for kids who can't afford to pay), all-day elders and deacons meetings, etc. God truly blessed us when He gave us Daybreak.

## Portland campus ministry team plans advance

The Southwest Church of Christ's campus ministry team will sponsor a campus ministry advance November 11-13 at Camp Yamhill, southwest of Portland.

The advance will be the ministry's first major outreach in its work on the Portland State University campus. "College students and college-age adults from throughout the Portland metropolitan area are invited to the advance," said Ken Jacobs, co-leader with Curt Simmons of the ministry team.

Jack Paul, evangelist from Tyler, Texas, will speak from Acts on the theme of New Testament Christianity. To make arrangements to attend the advance, interested persons are encouraged to call Jacobs or Simmons at (503) 620-0223.

## Death of a pioneer

Clarence A. Ingalls, a pioneer member of the Church of Christ in the Northwest, passed away Sunday morning, August 21, at the home of his son, Marion, with whom he was visiting. He was born in New Hartford, Iowa, on October 22, 1879, and lived to be 103 years and 10 months. It was in 1903 that he obeyed the gospel, and he has been a faithful member, seldom missing any activity of the church since that time. In 1910 he married Myrtle Dunn, and after 67 years, she preceded him in death. Outside of fifteen years in California, he lived in and around Tacoma, Washington.

Clarence served as an elder of the church in four congregations: Puyallup, Washington; Southside in Tacoma, Washington; Roseburg, Oregon, where he was instrumental in starting the church; and Culver-Palms in Los Angeles, California. He has two sons who serve as elders: Marion at Southside in Tacoma, Washington, and Russell (with whom he had made his home the past five years) in Vallejo, California. Russell also serves as the preacher for the Lassen Street church in Vallejo. One grandson, Gerald Ingalls, serves the Culver-Palms church as a deacon.

He is survived by three sons, Marion, Archie, and Russell, five grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

The service was conducted in the Southside building in Tacoma, Washington, by Roy Knott and Russell Ingalls. His grandchildren sang special songs; two grandsons led congregational singing and led prayers, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren were casket bearers. He was laid to rest by the side of his beloved and near his parents' grave in Sumner, Washington.



## "Hold the bus, I'm getting on"

by Bill Lawrence

In late November of 1979, the United States of America was thrown into a tense time of political turmoil when the government of Ayatollah Khomeini took 52 American hostages in their own embassy in Tehran, Iran. We were shocked and angered, and rumors of possible impending military action made us uneasy for the next several days. In our small office near the campus of the University of Washington, I remember listening intently to the news reports. The local news was already busily reporting outbreaks of violence against Iranian students on the campus of the University of Washington.

It was in that setting that Milton Jones and I knelt in prayer on a November afternoon and asked God to bring us in contact with Iranian students in our college community. Instead of a retaliation based on abuse, we wanted to retaliate by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Soon after that, God answered our prayer and brought into our lives five to ten Iranian students who began to attend some of our devotionals. One of these students was a remarkable young woman named Shahrzad Zarkoob. Perhaps the story of her conversion can best be told in her own words.

"Seventeen and fresh out of English boarding school, America seemed so large and strange and yet another challenge in my life. These were my thoughts as I landed at Sea-Tac Airport in August 1979.

My brother was there to meet me. How he had changed since four years ago when I last saw him in Iran. For the first time, I realized how far apart I had grown from all that was so dear to me.

I began school at Seattle Central Community College and soon directed all my energy towards my schooling. Though I enjoyed school, I felt very much alone. Iranians usually go around in groups, but I didn't feel like I belonged. Except for my brother and his family, I had no other friends. My hope of finding American friends was shattered by hatred that spread throughout America against Iran after the seizing of the American Embassy in Tehran.

One day late in November, a friend of my brother came to visit us. Becky lived in Seattle but had known my brother when they were both students at Northern Colorado University. She seemed like a real fun girl who had a lot going for her. Very soon she began to talk to me and was surprised when I accepted an invitation to



go to a Campus Advance devotional with her. She was so excited about it that she made me look forward to being there. The devotional was by no means a let-down. Becky took good care of me and introduced me to all her friends as if I were special. Everyone seemed so warm and friendly and interested in me. Though most people asked me about the situation in Iran, there was love and concern instead of hostility in their voices.

That was the beginning of many experiences with Campus Advance and the Northwest Church of Christ. My brother was concerned and many times he asked me the reasons why I went to the devotionals. Usually I replied that they were a nice bunch of people and that I liked the singing, but the real reason was that I found men and women who could sing and praise God despite everything else and that I found people who loved and cared not only for one another, but also for me.

Two months passed and I studied and prayed constantly. Though no one pressured me, I felt the urge to make a decision. The 1980 Winter Advance was yet another step closer to God. I had a dream there. I dreamed I was at a bus station where many buses were leaving for different destinations. I didn't know where they were going, but I noticed one was driven by the Ayatollah Khomeini. Everyone was fighting for seats, and there was a lot of shoving and jealousy. Another bus was driven by Milton Jones, and everyone on it was singing and smiling. It seemed like the more people that got on the bus, the more seats were available. But the most amazing thing about it was that

someone told me that the fare had already been paid! I was told that I didn't need to worry and that anyone could get on. That bus was the only bus that knew its destination, but they too did not know how long they were going to stop at that station.

Though I felt the urgency to make a decision, I could not because of my feelings. The next few weeks, I spent counting the cost of becoming a Christian during an Islamic Revolution among my own people. The choice was obvious, yet my fears made the decision a difficult one. In God I found a Father who loved me, promised to be with me, and protect me. In this world, He was the only one who could take control of my life and give me all the security and protection I had always dreamed of. But the words of Jesus in Luke 14:26 were all too real to me. It is hard enough for a Moslem to deny her own faith and become a Christian, but for an Iranian Moslem in the middle of an Islamic Revolution, it is called apostasy, rejection of family, of culture, of country, and in many ways, identity. But the decision had to be made. So one night I called Bill Lawrence, the campus minister, and said, 'Hold the bus, I'm getting on.' That night I was united with my Savior, Jesus Christ, in baptism. My years of being a hostage to myself and to sin were over. I was free by the ransom paid by Jesus Christ."

Shahrzad's first year of Christian experience was a year of challenges and struggles, and yet a year filled with the security of the promises of Jesus Christ. Matters were not helped any by the worsening diplomatic relations between the United States of America and Iran. Rumors of student deportation caused Shahrzad to make the difficult decision to apply for asylum in the United States because she feared religious persecution if she were forced to return. In March 1982, Shahrzad was granted asylum in the United States of America. As such she became one of the first Iranian citizens since the Embassy takeover to receive this privilege from the United States government. One year later in March 1983, she received her status as a permanent resident of the United States. In commenting on her asylum and grant of permanent residency, Shahrzad states, "I do not regard this as an achievement of mine, but I do feel blessed because during these years, I have grown closer to God by trusting in Him and experiencing His faithfulness to His children. This has inspired me to want to take the saving message of Christ to my home country, knowing that it is the only thing which will bring peace to that land and its people."



## Columbia's librarian to assist Korea Christian College

Dr. Richard Chi-ho Lee, head librarian of Columbia Christian College, has accepted an invitation from Malcolm Parsley, Korea Christian College president, to return to Korea to help rebuild that Christian school.



Lee, a native of Korea, will take a two-year leave of absence from Columbia and from his work with the Eastside Church of Christ's Asian refugee ministry. He will leave in early September.

Lee's decision to return to Korea was prompted by recent actions of the Korean Ministry of Education. The ministry earlier released all members of the Church of Christ from the KCC board of directors. However, after a early meeting this year with Dr. James O. Baird, chancellor of Oklahoma Christian College, the ministry agreed to allow Parsley to reappoint church members to the board. After the agreement was reached, Baird and Parsley urged Lee to help with the school's administrative duties.

Lee served as KCC president from 1975 - 81 and thus is well acquainted with the school's needs. In addition to his administrative tasks, Lee will assist Parsley's missionary efforts in Korea.

When Columbia's president, Michael C. Armour, announced the librarian's leave of absence, he said, "Although I hate to lose Dr. Lee, even for a brief period, I also know how vital he is to the rejuvenation of Korea Christian College. I was his guest at KCC several years ago while he was president there, and I have great confidence in his ability to help rebuild this fine school which he once led. We wish him Godspeed in his efforts and look forward to his return to Columbia."

## A mission effort in downtown Los Angeles

Frightening or exciting? Every day an estimated 1,500 Latin Americans enter Los Angeles, California. Los Angeles has more Mexicans in its populace than any other city in the world except Mexico City. Ninety percent of the people that live near 12th Street and Hoover (the address of the Central Church of Christ in downtown Los Angeles) are Spanish-speaking. Over two million Latin Americans are sitting, not on our doorstep, no; they have come through the door and are now with us. A 'foreign' mission field has come here! Is that frightening or exciting?

For the University Church of Christ in Malibu, California, in conjunction with the Central Church and others in the area, this is an exciting time. The opportunities are tremendous! Therefore, these congregations have hired Dan and Vickie Knight to evangelize and establish a work among Spanish-speaking people in downtown Los Angeles. The Knight family has served as missionaries in Ecuador for the last eleven years. Contact was made with them through Dr. Howard A. White, one of the elders of the University church. The Knights had been planning for some time to return to the United States and further their college educations. Dr. White, who also serves as President of Pepperdine University, heard of this and offered them a scholarship to attend Pepperdine. Almost simultaneously, plans took shape to begin Hispanics for Him in downtown Los Angeles.

During their labor in Ecuador, Dan and Vickie saw the church progress in many ways. Dan travelled the length and breadth of the country, preaching and teaching in the nearly fifty congregations established in Ecuador. The last two years of their ministry there, Dan was dedicated especially to Leadership Training by Extension in twelve of the congregations in the central part of Ecuador.

Ed Sewell is the pioneer who began most of the congregations there. He worked with Ecuadorean churches from 1968 until 1979. A conservative estimate of the number of active Christians today is 3,500 in the Spanish-speaking and Quecha-speaking words combined.

There could be that many and more people following Christ in downtown Los Angeles. The evangelization methods that will be used to reach them include a new correspondence course in Spanish, some special introductory tract material, one-minute radio spots on an all-Spanish sta-

tion, and one-to-one family-unit teaching.

This new effort is going to need a lot of prayer support right away. Someday, Hispanic will be the predominant nationality in Southern California. The question that must be asked is this: Will the predominant faith among these lovely people be Christian?

*Editor's note: The Knights are still in need of \$1000 a month support, \$600 personal and \$400 for the working fund. If you want to help, contact the University Church of Christ, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265.*

## California youth retreat

The "1983 Spiritual Challenge" took place on the weekend of October 26 - 28. The retreat was held at Camp Buckhorn near Riverside, California with more than 350 Christian young people in attendance. Those who provided the teaching on the theme "You Are The Light" included Stanley Shipp from Hartford, Connecticut, Stuart and D'Esta Love from Pepperdine, William Norwood and a chorus of singers from the Southside Church of Christ in Los Angeles and Byron Isaac from the Church of Christ in Lancaster, California.

## Las Vegas church hosts special homecoming

The Oakey Boulevard Church of Christ in Las Vegas, Nevada, will be hosting a giant homecoming Dec. 2-4 to celebrate 20 years in the building at 4000 W. Oakey and to celebrate the retirement of the indebtedness on the building 10 years ago.

During the Homecoming there will be lessons from former preachers, fellowship singing, tours to sites of former meeting places in Las Vegas and booths describing the history and progress of the church in Las Vegas.

Coupled with efforts to have former Oakey members now living out of town come to the Homecoming will be a strong effort to challenge unfaithful Christians living in Las Vegas to return home to a right relationship with God.

All former Oakey Boulevard church members are urged to return to Las Vegas for this weekend festival. Housing and meals will be provided for those who return.

For more information, please write the Oakey Boulevard Church of Christ, 4000 W. Oakey, Las Vegas, NV 89102, or call (702) 877-9629.



## Pepperdine people on the move

Pepperdine's Vice President for University Affairs, **Dr. Michael F. Adams**, spoke on Thursday night, October 13, at the Columbia Christian College Lectureship. On October 14, he hosted a breakfast for friends of Pepperdine on Columbia's campus.

**Dr. David Davenport**, Executive Vice President, was the speaker for a teacher appreciation banquet last month at the Fillmore CA, Church of Christ.

A Sunday night series of sermons was presented the entire month of October at the Woodland Hills Church of Christ by **Dr. Stuart Love**, Associate Professor in the Religion Division.

**Dr. Carroll Osburn**, Religion Division chairman, made two trips to Texas in October. He was at the Highland Street Church in Abilene on October 15 and 16 to deliver lectures on the Epistle to Titus, and on October 21 he spoke at the World Missions Workshop in Lubbock. Dr. Osburn heads south to Jackson, MS, to speak at the Meadowbrook congregation on "Discipleship in the Gospel of Mark," and will be heading back to Texas, this time to Dallas, on December 19 to read a paper for the Society of Biblical Literature's Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Jerry Rushford**, Director of Church Services and Associate Professor in the Religion Division, spoke at Pepperdine's Church Leaders' Workshop and at the Lubbock Christian College Lectureship in October. He has been selected to lecture on a Bible lands tour through Israel in December and January. In February he will be a theme speaker at the Abilene Christian University Lectureship.

On Saturday, December 3, **Rick Rowland**, Aquatic Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Religion Division, will be a lecturer at the Elders & Campus Ministers' Seminar in Stillwater, OK.

During the month of October, **"Big" Don Williams** traveled to Texas, Oklahoma and Washington where he taught at a Bible school drive, spoke at a youth retreat and taught at the Broadway Congregation's Homecoming, as well as their Youth Ministers' Seminar. In November he will travel to Bellingham, WA, to speak at a campus retreat and to Manchester, TN, to speak at a youth retreat. On November 25-27, he will be directing the Thanksgiving Youth Festival at Pepperdine University.

**President Howard A. White** was the final night speaker at the annual Alabama Christian College Bible Lectureship in Montgomery.

**Dr. Norvel Young**, Chancellor of the University, will speak at Columbia Christian College's Annual Development Dinner. **Helen Young**, adjunct professor in the Religion Division, spoke in Vernon, TX, for their Ladies' Day in October and will speak at the Whittier Church on December 7 for their Annual Christmas Luncheon.



## Lloyd Ellis honored at Pepperdine workshop

For his long years of service to the church on the West Coast, 83-year-old Lloyd Ellis was recently honored by his alma mater, Pepperdine University. Ellis, who graduated from Pepperdine with an M.A. in Religion in 1947, was presented with the Christian Service Award at the annual Church Leaders' Workshop.

Lloyd Ellis was born on September 1, 1900 in Covington, TN, and he began preaching in Los Angeles in 1929. He was married to Bessie Butler in 1931. With the exception of three years in Texas, he has preached continuously in California since 1937. During these years he served congregations in Fresno, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Culver City, Upland and San Diego.

For the past quarter century, Ellis has provided leadership for numerous mission efforts in Baja, California, where he helped to establish congregations in Mexicali, Ensenada, Rosarito and Tijuana. As president of the Latin American Christian Foundation, he was instrumental in training many church workers for service in Spanish-speaking countries.

The Western Church Directory was first published by Lloyd Ellis in 1938. He continued to publish revised editions of the directory periodically for more than forty years.

## Suburban Portland congregation begins LIFE Group meetings

The East County Church of Christ in Gresham, OR, has begun meeting in small LIFE Groups during the week, instead of meeting together as a congregation for a mid-week Bible study.

Keith Farris, elder for the congregation, said the groups are taking their thrust and purpose from the acronym others have developed for LIFE—Love, Involvement, Fellowship and Evangelism. East County particularly is emphasizing the groups' abilities to involve non-Christian neighbors and friends in the home Bible studies and to provide more intimacy and sharing within the congregation.

Each LIFE Group is studying the Gospel of John. The studies are being coordinated by the group teachers who meet together weekly to plan the study.

"East County's elders divided the congregation into ten LIFE Groups," Farris said, "by considering factors such as geographic location and age. The elders worked to create groups," he continued, "that would work well together but would be more than social groups."

## Ten Los Angeles churches present "Way of Truth"

Ten churches in the Los Angeles area have united to sponsor "The Way of Truth" television program on KDOC, channel 56.

Beginning August 21, the program, which features a panel discussion and a cappella singing, has appeared at 6:30 a.m. every Sunday morning.

O. J. Dyson, minister from Santa Monica, produces the program. Calvin Bowers of the Figueroa church in Los Angeles moderates the panel, which for the first three months was composed of R. N. Hogan of Figueroa, Billy Curl of the Crenshaw church and Dewayne Winrow of Pacoima.

Sponsoring churches, which are listed on the screen at the conclusion of each program, are eager to secure a better time slot. Production costs are \$1,440 a week. But despite the early hour, the churches have received numerous requests for Bible correspondence courses and answers to Bible questions since the program began.



# CALENDAR

## October

Event: Homecoming  
 Place: Palm Springs Church of Christ  
 Date: October 30, 1983  
 Time: Regular A.M. worship followed by Homecoming program at 1:00  
 Speakers: Dr. M. Norvel Young and Dr. Fern Stout  
 Contact: Larry Owen 327-2521

## November

Event: Gospel Meeting  
 Place: Inglewood Church of Christ  
 323 S. Eucalyptus Avenue  
 Inglewood, CA  
 Date: October 31 - November 4, 1983  
 Speaker: Taylor McKenzie  
 San Diego, CA

Event: Fall Advance  
 Place: Camp Gifford  
 Deer Lake, WA  
 Date: November 4 - 6, 1983  
 Speaker: Craig Benjamin  
 Moscow, ID  
 Sponsors: Cheney Church of Christ and Pullman Church of Christ  
 Campus Ministries

Event: 6th Annual Fall Advance  
 Place: Camp Casey  
 Whidbey Island  
 Coupeville, WA  
 Date: November 4 - 6, 1983  
 Speaker: Stanley Shipp  
 Hartford, CT  
 Contact: Bill Lawrence  
 (206) 364-2275  
 Sponsor: Northwest Church of Christ  
 Seattle, WA

Event: Area-Wide Youth Meeting  
 Place: 995 E. Lassen  
 Chico, CA  
 Date: November 11 - 12, 1983  
 Contact: Julie Weagle  
 995 E. Lassen  
 Chico, CA  
 Cost: Pre-Registration \$2  
 Late Registration \$3

Event: Bay Area Youth Celebration  
 Place: Martinez, CA  
 Date: November 11 - 13, 1983  
 Speaker: Doug Kostowski  
 Contact: Al Lachner, (415) 228-2524

Event: Fall Advance  
 Place: Camp Yamhill  
 Yamhill, OR  
 Date: November 11 - 13, 1983  
 Speaker: Jack Paul  
 Tyler, TX  
 Contact: Curt Simmons or Kenny Jacobs  
 (503) 620-0223

Event: Gospel Meeting  
 Place: Dinuba Church of Christ  
 College & Magnolia  
 Dinuba, CA  
 Date: November 13 - 16, 1983  
 Speaker: Joe Tomlinson  
 Theme: "Church Renewal and Outreach"

Event: Gospel Meeting  
 Place: Orland Church of Christ  
 615 "A" Street  
 Orland, CA  
 Date: November 13 - 18, 1983  
 Speaker: J. P. Williams  
 Merced, CA  
 Contact: George Wilkins, (916) 865-7424

Event: Gospel Meeting  
 Place: Walnut Creek, CA  
 Date: November 18 - 20, 1983  
 Speaker: Wendell Broom  
 Theme: "Gifts and Ministries"  
 Contact: Frank Farr, (415) 935-4796

Event: Northern California  
 Youth Program  
 Place: 777 Brotherhood Way  
 San Francisco, CA  
 Date: November 19, 1983  
 Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Speakers: Monte Moore, Kinwood Devore,  
 Ralph Baker, Robert Watt, and  
 Byron Hemingway.  
 Contact: Gary Ferguson, coordinator  
 777 Brotherhood Way  
 San Francisco, CA

Event: Prime Time Special  
 Place: Stapley & Dana Church of Christ  
 Mesa, AZ  
 Speaker: Joe Barnett  
 Theme: "The Pursuit of Happiness"  
 Date: November 20, 1983  
 Contact: Steven Clark Goad  
 (602) 964-1743

Event: Thanksgiving Lectureship  
 Place: Port Orchard Church of Christ  
 Port Orchard, WA  
 Date: November 25 - 27, 1983  
 Theme: "Jesus Is My Answer"  
 Contact: Barney Renfro  
 (206) 876-2604

Event: 13th Annual Thanksgiving  
 Youth Festival  
 Place: Pepperdine University  
 Malibu, CA  
 Date: November 25 - 27, 1983  
 Speaker: John Paul Blankenship  
 Lubbock, Texas  
 Theme: Love Yourself  
 Contact: Don Williams  
 (213) 456-4385 or 456-4270

Event: First Annual Lectureship of  
 Central Valley School of  
 Preaching  
 Place: Arlington Heights  
 Church of Christ  
 6th & Madison  
 Fresno, CA  
 Date: November 26 - 28, 1983  
 Theme: Take Time to be Holy

## December

Event: Hillview Acres Children's Home  
 Annual Dinner  
 Place: Knott's Berry Farm Chicken  
 Dinner Restaurant  
 Date: December 2, 1983  
 Speaker: Dr. Carroll Osburn  
 Malibu, CA  
 Contact: Corky Kindsvater  
 (714) 628-1272  
 Cost: \$10.00

Event: Preachers' Retreat  
 Place: Shenandoah West, CA  
 Date: December 5 - 7, 1983  
 Speaker: Richard Rogers  
 Lubbock, TX  
 Contact: Al Lachner (415) 228-2524

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