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Columbia Lectures set for October 11-14

Columbia Christian College's annual lectures, Oct. 11-14, will study Acts 1-11 to learn how the early church reached into surrounding communities and cultures with the Gospel.

The lectures have been titled "Building Spiritual Bridgeheads."

Evening keynote speakers will be Michael F. Adams, vice president for University Affairs at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA; Joe Barnett, president of Pathway Evangelism and Herald of Truth program speaker; Harold Hazelip, also a Herald of Truth featured speaker and the dean of Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, TN; and Charles Siburt, minister for the Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler, TX. In addition to numerous contributions to the church nationwide, each of these men has earned the doctorate degree in his field.

Dr. Tony Ash, author of commentaries on Luke and Acts, and minister for the Westover Hills congregation in Austin, Texas, will present a three-day expository study of Acts.

Other lectureship highlights will include special women's classes; song service led by Paul Brown, song leader for



Michael F. Adams
Featured Speaker

the West End Church of Christ in Nashville, TN; the showing of Pathway Evangelism's pilot film; special dinners and luncheons and many other opportunities



Harold Hazelip
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for fellowship.

The lectures will begin Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Eastside Church of Christ auditorium adjacent to the campus.

Church Leaders' Workshop and Christian Women's Seminar at Pepperdine

September 30 and October 1 are the dates set aside for the annual Church Leaders' Workshop and the Christian Women's Seminar this fall on the Pepperdine Campus in Malibu. Richard Hughes of Abilene, TX, Carroll Osburn of Malibu, CA, Jerry Rushford of Agoura, CA, and Rubel Shelly of Nashville, TN, will be the speakers at the Church Leaders' Workshop, and they will address the theme "Christians Only: Rediscovering

Our Heritage."

The Christian Women's Seminar will be led by Sharon Biggers of Costa Mesa, CA, Phyllis Green of Thousand Oaks, CA, Joetta Harikian of Portland, OR, and Helen Young of Malibu, CA. These ladies will focus on the theme "Lord, Teach Us to Pray."

This two-day event will feature lectures, dialogue groups, morning and evening devotionals, a reception, and a

picnic in Alumni Park. The cost is \$12.00 for all or any part of the program (the picnic is extra), and if notified in advance, accommodations for the night will be arranged for you. All reservations must be received by September 12. For further information, please contact the Department of Church Services, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA, or call Kanet Thomas at (213) 456-4270.

Sacramento area churches unite in church growth effort

For several years, the elders and leaders of eleven Sacramento congregations have met together monthly to share ideas and to coordinate activities. An awareness of the need for greater unity among sister churches has emerged out of these meetings. A decision was recently made to cooperate in sponsoring a series of lessons on church growth.

"Revitalization of Today's Church" will be the theme of this special meeting scheduled for September 18-21 at the Norwood Avenue building. Cline Paden, the Director of The Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas, will be the featured speaker for the four-day event. Each of the congregations will dismiss their Sunday and Wednesday evening services in order to promote this united effort.

The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner on Sunday, followed by a musical program put on by the House Brothers Quartet and the Good News Quartet. The evening service will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and at 7:00 p.m. on the following three nights. On Monday, an all-day question-and-answer session will be conducted by Paden for elders, preachers and other interested church leaders.

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Administrative additions at Pepperdine

Dr. David Davenport, former General Counsel for the University and professor in the School of Law, assumed the office of Executive Vice President on June 15. Dr. Davenport succeeds **Dr. Herbert Luft** who returned to Heidelberg, Germany, to serve as Dean of European Programs, Director of the Year-in-Europe program, and Director of the Heidelberg Bible School. Aside from his fine scholastic accomplishments at the University of Kansas Law School, Dr. Davenport has served as a member of the law firm of Grey, Cary, Ames & Frye in San Diego and as a pulpit minister of the El Cajon Boulevard Church in San Diego, the Inglewood Church, and the University Church in Malibu.

Dr. William B. Adrian, Jr. was named the Dean of the Graduate School of Education and Psychology and began his duties in this capacity on July 1. Adrian comes to Pepperdine from the Department of Education Administration and Higher Education at Oklahoma State University, where he had been a member of the faculty since 1978. The new Dean earned the Ph.D. degree in higher education from the University of Denver, with undergraduate and graduate work completed at Abilene Christian University.

The new Academic Dean for Seaver College will be **Dr. John Wilson**, who is coming to Pepperdine from Southwest Missouri State University where he was a professor of Religious Studies. Dr. Wilson received his B.A. and M.A. from Harding University and Harding Graduate School of Religion respectively and his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa. He has recently authored a textbook entitled *Religion: A Preface*.

Dr. Carroll Osburn, a professor of New Testament at the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, TN, has been chosen to succeed Dr. Frank Pack as Chairman of the Religion Division. Dr. Osburn was educated at Harding University and the Harding Graduate School of Religion, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. He continued his education in biblical studies, earning doctoral degrees at Vanderbilt University and at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Dr. Osburn is often asked to speak at many of our Christian college campuses and has written numerous articles for the *Firm Foundation* and *Restoration Quarterly*.

A Christian school in Phoenix

A long awaited dream is about to become a reality this September in Phoenix, Arizona. Ray Rayburn, President of Desert Valley Christian Schools, Inc., has announced plans to open the door of the new Christian school on September 6, with grades K through 12. An open-house meeting at the tentative site (3344 E. Hearn) was held on July 10 with interested Christians present.

A major fund raising drive is now being spearheaded by the school's board of directors, comprised of Christian men from the Phoenix area. President Rayburn says that if just 70 concerned Christians could provide \$1,000 each for the first year of operation, tuitions would cover the remainder of the 1st year's budget. The Christians living in the Valley of the Sun are delighted that the school is on the launching pad.

Those interested in more information may contact Ray Rayburn, President, DVCS, Inc., P. O. Box 27071, Phoenix, AZ 85061.

Retreat Planned for Junior High Students

A weekend gospel encampment is scheduled for November 4-6 at the Angeles Crest Christian Camp for students in grades 6-9. Matt Corbin of Stockton, CA, will address the theme, "Lord, How Will I Know It's You?" The cost for this weekend of spiritual growth and fun is \$28 per person. For more information, contact Michael Dicus, 10125 DeSoto #10, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

Los Angeles church observes anniversary

At a special afternoon service on August 14th, Carroll and Bernice Pitts marked the 20th anniversary of their ministry with the Normandie Church of Christ in Los Angeles.

Billy Curl, minister of the Crenshaw Church of Christ, was the featured speaker on this occasion, and Kenneth Hahn, Los Angeles County Supervisor, brought official greetings from the city.

The Normandie church, which began with thirty-three charter members on August 11, 1963, now has more than 1,000 members. Over 1,500 people have been baptized into Christ during the past twenty years.

Campbell Christian Schools—a growing institution

by Dick Cupp

When a private school continues to grow dramatically in times of economic uncertainty, that has to be news.

The Campbell Christian Schools, in the San Jose area of California, are making news. They started with a handful of students four years ago, climbed to 345 this past school year, and expect more than 400 this fall.

The growth has been so dramatic that the school now operates two campuses, both of them former public schools that have been shut down because of dwindling enrollment. The original campus, next door to the Campbell Church of Christ, takes care of kindergarten through grade 5, and the new campus nearby houses the middle school, grades 6 through 8. Both campuses have day care centers serving a total of nearly 150 children.

"We've done in three years what has taken some schools 15 years to do," says Dr. Lew Wills, superintendent of the school system. "We're very blessed to be in the area we're in . . . probably one of the best areas in the country to make a private school work."

Even in hard times the school continues to grow. Last year, for example, the school lost 30 children for financial reasons, but gained 130 new ones.

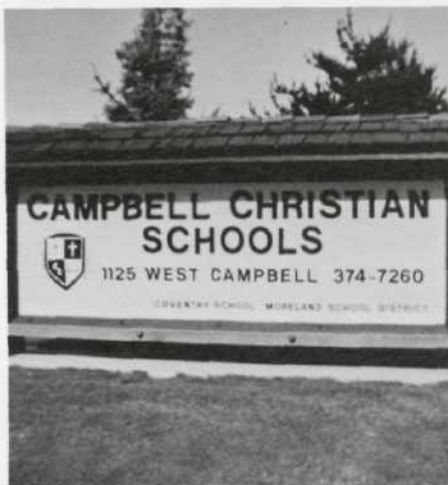
At Campbell Christian, students are not objects or commodities, but "real live people," and are treated as such. "People respond to that," Dr. Wills says. "That's why they're in our school and not in others. We have a bonafide school with a good direction."

The school not only draws students, it also draws quality teachers and staff. Janet Riley, who taught in public schools for six years, came to CCS two years ago as a junior high English and French teacher. Although she liked the "superb district" she had worked in (El Cajon, CA), she admits that she gets "a lot more backing from this administration" in classroom discipline. CCS, under Dr. Wills' leadership, uses the "assertive discipline" method, which includes an occasional spanking when all else fails. "I would still spank them if I could," Mrs. Riley says, "but they're getting too big!"

Secretaries find the Christian school atmosphere desirable too. Jeannette Allen, junior high secretary under Principal Ken Taylor, had worked in a public school



Dick Cupp visits with english teacher Janet Riley



environment before coming to CCS three years ago. "I think it's the best thing that ever happened," she says of her current job. "I treat them (the kids) like I would my own at home." She doesn't think she could show the affection in a public school that she is able to show at CCS.

Judy Anderson, secretary of the elementary school, feels much the same. "It's a wonderful atmosphere to work in," she says. "I love it!"

Junior High Principal Taylor spent 16 years in public schools before coming to CCS, mainly as a "circuit rider" music teacher. He's in his second year as principal. He says he has the same type of kids as in the public schools, but the boundaries are defined quite differently. "In the public schools," he says, "you have to read them their rights, document their infractions, etc. The main difference (in a private school) is how the law allows us to deal with the kids . . . discipline, attendance, etc." Taylor says there are dedicated teachers in both public and private systems, but that the teacher in the private school has more clout when he needs it.

According to former CCS public rela-



Dr. Lew Wills

tions director Mary Estabrook, many families have had bad experiences in public schools and are turning to the private, or parochial, schools. "More and more parents are exercising that alternative," she says.

As the school system continues to grow, a more diversified curriculum is being developed. Plans call for a full 9-12 high school to be developed in the future. A special committee is now working on the high school curriculum that will require, among other things, a foreign language. French and Spanish are already offered in the middle school program, and German and Latin may be added later.

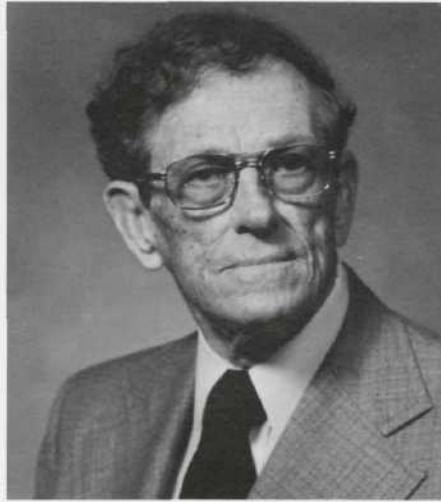
Dr. Wills, a former public school administrator who later served as principal of Columbia Christian School in Portland, OR., for four years, believes in quality education, quality staff and a comparable pay scale for employees. The CCS school board, all members of the Church of Christ, agree with this philosophy, and the result is a dedicated and talented staff, and an excellent school that continues to grow and excel.

Alabama educator to lecture at Pepperdine

Dr. W. B. West, Jr. will be the featured speaker at the Fourth Annual William M. Green Lecture Program at Pepperdine on the evening of October 25. Dr. West will speak on "The Need for Christian Scholarship."

West received his formal academic education from David Lipscomb College and Abilene Christian College. He received from the latter his B.A. degree with a major in Bible. He also studied at the University of Southern California from which he was granted the Master of Arts and Doctor of Theology degrees, having already done much of his graduate study in the University of Chicago. He has also studied at the McCormick Theological Seminary and the Garrett Biblical Institute. After his doctoral program, he did post-doctoral study in Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. He also did post-doctoral studies in Israel through New York University. In addition to his formal academic studies, he was awarded the Doctor of Laws degree by Pepperdine University in 1981.

Dr. West established the first graduate work of any kind in the colleges operated by members of the Churches of Christ.



Dr. W. B. West, Jr.

This was in Religion at George Pepperdine College in 1944. At Harding College in 1951 he started a graduate program in Bible and related subjects. In 1958 he was the founding dean of the Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, which offers three years of graduate Biblical and theological study.

He is presently Graduate Dean of the Alabama Christian School of Religion and Chairman of the Bible Department of Alabama Christian College and co-minister of the College Church in Montgomery.

Guild joins Columbia Christian administration

Claude A. Guild, pulpit minister and world missionary, began serving July 1 as a special assistant to Michael C. Armour, president of Columbia Christian College.

Guild is combining his service to Columbia with a change of focus in his ministry. Rather than continuing his 50-year career as a pulpit minister, Guild said he will present seminars and meetings on church growth, leadership and planning, and other topics as requested. He also hopes to conduct more world mission tours.

At Columbia, Guild's work will be in the areas of growth and development. He will work with individuals, corporations and churches to encourage support of Christian education at Columbia.

Guild's relationship with Columbia began in the 1950's when he served six years as its vice president. Since 1977 he has been a board member.

Upon his return to Columbia Guild said, "With the new president and academic dean and other faculty and staff, I find Columbia at an all-time high in terms of people. However, there are serious financial needs. Columbia owes its dedicated faculty and staff two months back pay. This need must be met this summer."

"I would encourage everyone who has a love for Christian education," he continued, "to send a check immediately to Columbia Christian College, 200 N.E. 91st Ave., Portland, OR 97220. For Columbia to continue to grow and serve the young people of the Northwest, we need 3,000 partners to give \$25 a month for the next three years."



Claude Guild

President Ronald Reagan sends congratulations to Arizona senior saint

Ella Gary of Prescott, Arizona, observed her 103rd birthday on March 31 as guest of honor at an elaborate party given for her by the Arizona Pioneer's Home, where she is a resident.

J. Curtis Manor, minister of the Mount Vernon Church of Christ, of which Mrs. Gary is a longtime member, paid tribute to her in a biographical sketch as a part of the program, which attracted some 200 friends and well-wishers of the centenarian. Mrs. Gary received notes of congratulations from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan, Governor and Mrs. Bruce Babbitt, and other dignitaries.

Ella Gary was born in Gillespie County, Texas, where her father operated a farm. She is one of twelve children, three of whom are still living.

Ella was first married to Rubin Jackson, a Snyder, Texas, newspaperman and son of J. W. Jackson, co-founder of the *Firm Foundation*. Rubin's health caused the couple to move to Phoenix, and then to California, where he died. Some years later Ella remarried, this time to Ambrose Gary, a Tucson railroad man. The Garys moved to Prescott on retirement from the railroad, and Ambrose died some forty years ago.

Ella is a lifelong Christian, helping to start the church in Tucson and working with her own hands in the construction of the church building at Prescott. She was able to attend worship services regularly until her health began to fail early last fall. Her faith, optimism and cheer continue to encourage everyone who knows her.

Northwestern Christians honor hospital chaplain

by Kelly Deatherage

Christians from throughout the Portland-Vancouver area gathered this summer to honor Wallace McNeal upon completion of his fifth year in the hospital ministry.

Tears of affection and sorrow often appeared during the evening as hospital patients and families of patients who died shared stories of McNeal's ministry in their lives.

McNeal's work as a hospital chaplain is recognized and appreciated not only by church members, but also by the medical staffs of the 10 Portland hospitals where he regularly visits all who register as members of the Church of Christ.

"Through McNeal's visits, a few people have been baptized, and some inactive church members have been encouraged to return to active fellowship with Portland congregations," said Dan Wheeler, minister of the Sandy Church of Christ which oversees McNeal's work. "However," Wheeler said, "the main emphasis of McNeal's ministry is to provide comfort and strength."

Yvonne Burger of Portland testified to McNeal's skill in that ministry: "I could always depend on Wallace to come on Thursdays. He was always the same—steady and strengthening. He had the ability to change my thoughts from ordinary things to things of God, but he was never 'preachy.' He had great insight into the pain I was experiencing. I will always be grateful for this man who loves mankind. He is a good example of what God wants a man to be."

The man Portland Christians now



Wallace McNeal

praise as "our chaplain" grew up in a black ghetto of Chicago. As a young man, he chose to follow Christ. After graduating from the University of Chicago, McNeal worked in many hospitals as a technician, x-ray technician, and cytologist.

After moving to Portland, McNeal became interested in serving the spiritual needs of the hospitalized as a chaplain and received training in that field. In coming years he hopes to establish a training program in which future ministers learn to work effectively in hospitals with the sick and dying and their families. McNeal told the Christians honoring him of his dream, "I want our young men to be able to go anywhere in the world with confidence and with the needed credentials to work in hospital ministries."

Oregon Church News

OREGON CITY, OR—The congregation here will conduct its second annual Harvest Sunday, Sept. 25.

The special Sunday has been set aside as a time for all members to bring as many friends as possible to the congregation's services. Minister Bobby Brown said the purpose of attracting a large crowd is to make contact with the people in this suburban Portland community. Last year 263 people attended the Harvest Sunday service. From the contacts made, Brown said, one couple became members of the body of Christ.

TIGARD, OR—A campus ministry team overseen by the Southwest Church of Christ began working in mid-July on the Portland State University campus.

Curt Simmons and Ken Jacobs, who trained in the Bellevue, WA, campus ministry program, will lead a team of nine people in the outreach on PSU's campus.

The university, which enrolls approximately 17,000 students, is the largest in the Portland area. As opportunities on other campuses in the area become available, the Simmons-Jacobs team will work outside PSU's campus.

PORTLAND, OR—A Singles Ministry Workshop will be sponsored Oct. 22 by the Linwood and Southwest Churches of Christ. Jim Dixon, singles minister for the Highland Oaks congregation in Dallas, will lead this seminar for Christians throughout the Northwest.

PORTLAND, OR—The second annual Teens Take America-Northwest was conducted on the Columbia Christian College campus, July 27-30, by the Metro Church of Christ, Gresham, OR.

Rapid growth spurs exciting plans for Church of Christ in Redding

by Bobb Gowen

Redding, California is the hub of Northern California's scenic Shasta-Cascade region. The city is located at the top of the Sacramento Valley in the shadow of Mount Shasta, with the rugged Coast Range on the west, the Cascades on the north, and the Sierra Nevada on the east.

The Church of Christ in Redding had its beginning around 1944, and the congregation was self-supporting by 1950. In 1957, the church moved into a new building, where it continues to meet at 1620 Continental Street.

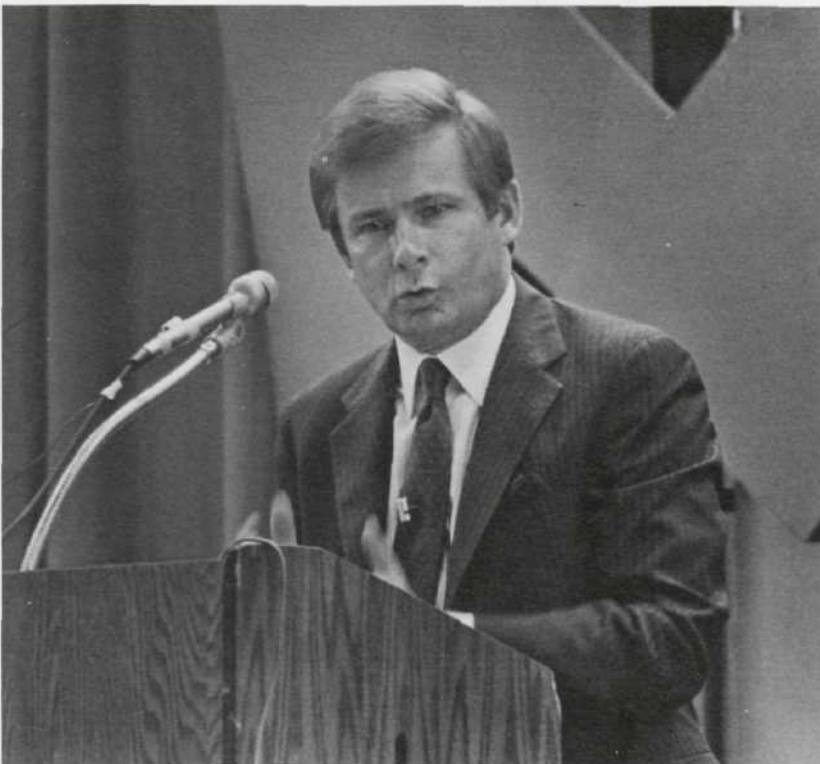
The church has been stable for the past twenty-five years with attendance averaging around the 200 mark for several of those years. Among the ministers who have served in Redding are J. C. Clifford, J. A. Robbins, George Dickson, W. W. Morris, J. L. Trimmer, Richard Lane, Johnie Luker, and Jerry LaFevers. Presently, David Poague serves as the pulpit minister and Jerry Self as personal evangelism minister.

The church is overseen by four elders: Tom Bryant, Allen Eagleman, Bruce Farris, and Harold Stephens. Eight

deacons are now serving in the congregation. The church supports Edwardo Evangelista in a mission effort in Mexicali, Mexico.

The past two years have brought substantial growth to the congregation. Baptizing over sixty last year, the Redding church now has a membership exceeding 350. As a result of this growth, the church recently began holding two morning worship services. Exciting plans are now being made to either purchase a larger existing facility or to build on nine acres of land purchased three years ago.

Scenes from Pepperdine's



40th Annual Lectureship



TV program marks 10th anniversary

by Bud Worsham

Answering Bible questions of television viewers has proven to be an excellent means of evangelizing by the Churches of Christ in the Central San Joaquin Valley of California.

The half-hour live TV program, "The One Way," marked its 10th anniversary on June 19, and its popularity continues to grow.

Under the direction of the elders of the Porterville Church of Christ, the program is televised Sunday nights at 9 p.m. on California's most powerful UHF channel, KMPH-TV 26 of Visalia/Fresno.

The telecast reaches a wide area—south to Bakersfield, north to Merced, east to the High Sierra and west to the coastal range. In addition to the regular reception, the program is available on 14 cable systems reaching some 130,000 homes.

"The One Way" format has remained essentially the same for 10 years. There is a moderator and a panel of three ministers who invite the viewing audiences to call in and ask any Bible question.

The caller's voice is aired live, so the panelists and the TV audience hear the question at the same time. The spontaneity of the program—the questions are answered immediately—carries great audience appeal.

There are six telephone lines going into the Visalia studio, with additional lines available in Fresno and Bakersfield to handle the overflow. The panelists take an average of nine calls per night on TV, and viewers are urged to keep calling after the live broadcast—often for another hour.

Marshall Brookey, Porterville minister, has served as coordinator and moderator for the past 10 years.

With the help of many church volunteers, the cost of producing the program is kept down. Fourteen men assist in answering the phones—the telephone company ran a count and found 2,000 persons tried to call during a one-hour period.

Other Christian volunteers handle the technical aspects of the program, and the church has built up a good rapport with the TV station management through its skillful production. An added blessing is the involvement of so many Christians, some who were converted by the program.

A Bible correspondence course is offered on each telecast. The Porterville



church processes the requests, and after the first lesson is mailed, the nearest congregation to the student is notified. The certificate of completion is hand-delivered to the participant.

Currently there are some 800 families studying in the correspondence school. In addition there are many in-home studies and counseling sessions set up each week.

Cost of the TV program is budgeted at \$68,125 for the year. This expense is shared by 38 congregations and interested individuals. Churches which support the program on a monthly basis are Atwater, Avenal, Auberry, Bakersfield (Highland), Bakersfield (East), Caruthers, Dinuba, Dos Palos, Farmersville, Fresno (Arlington Heights, College and W. McKinley), Fowler, Highway City, Ivanhoe, Kingsburg, Lamont, Lemoore, Lindsay, Los Banos, Madera, McFarland, Orosi, Pixley, Porterville, Sanger, Shafter, Stratford, Strathmore, Springville, Taft, Tulare, Visalia (East), Wasco, Woodlake, Woodville and Dickson, Tenn.

Preachers who appear regularly on the telecast with Brookey include Jimmy Adams, Delano; Bill Banks, Oakhurst; Bob Barker, Lindsay; Garth Black, West Bakersfield; Robert Bonner, Sanger; Rusty Bolton, Fresno; Clayton Bussard, Orosi; Durward Dodd, Stratford; Claude Doggett, Kingsburg; Richard Evans, Springville; Gene Gilliland, East Visalia; Robert Gulley, Taft; Dave Griffin, Fresno; Vernon Garretson, Lemoore; Larry Owens, Pixley; David Reynolds, Tulare; Allen Robertson, West Visalia; Josh Stafford, West Fresno; Jack Stewart, East Bakersfield; Wade Vanderdasson, Caruthers.

"The One Way" has been a great blessing to the residents of the Central Valley. It has done much toward creating a spirit of unity and goodwill among participating churches. The program has helped the church to get its message to millions and to present the truth in a popular format in prime time on a major TV station. Hal Moore, now at Azusa, had an important role in getting the program started, and the Tulare elders provided the oversight for the first four years.

Columbia offers Ministers Enrichment Seminar

"Building the Church Together" was the theme of Columbia Christian College's third annual Ministers Enrichment Seminar, July 18-22.

Ministers and elders and their wives gathered for five days of exegetical study in the Old and New Testaments, a series of lessons on preaching as a means for building the congregation through communication, a special series of lessons for the women attending, and many more classes, lessons and fellowship opportunities.

Speakers for the seminar included Bob Hendren, minister for the Donelson, TN, congregation and author of *Chosen for Riches* and *Life Without End*; Randy Mayeux, pulpit minister for the Long Beach, CA, Atlantic Church of Christ, one of that state's fastest-growing congregations; and Wyatt Sawyer, full-time minister of communication for the Midtown congregation in Fort Worth, TX. Participants in the seminar stayed on the Columbia campus to further enhance fellowship and the concentration on the seminar.

Yeldell, Washington preach in campaign

Nokomis Yeldell of Memphis, TN, and Billy Washington of Fort Lauderdale, FL, divided preaching duties in the 11th annual month-long Campaign for Christ in Los Angeles.

An average of 1,000 people a night filled the tent at the corner of Figueroa and Imperial. The campaign began July 31 and continued nightly except Saturdays until August 25.

A kick-off march through the neighborhood initiated the activities, which included daily canvassing, Bible correspondence courses and home Bible studies.

Used eye glasses needed for African hospital

The University Church in Malibu is asking all congregations to make a concerted effort to collect all used eye glasses and send them to The University Church, c/o Sam & Sara Jackson, Box 57, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA 90265. These glasses will then be mailed to the Nigerian Christian Hospital to be distributed to those who need them.

Pepperdine people on the move

On August 21, the Young Peoples' Bible study at the Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, NC had **Dr. Michael F. Adams** as their speaker. Dr. Adams, Vice President for University Affairs, will appear as a featured speaker for the Columbia Christian College Lectureship. Pepperdine's new Executive Vice President, **Dr. David Davenport**, begins preaching two Sundays a month this fall for the Culver Palms congregation in Culver City. On October 21, he will be the speaker for the Costa Christian Schools' Annual Dinner in Martinez, CA. **Dr. John Free**, Associate Professor in the Religion Division, will teach four special adult classes at the Hollywood Church of Christ on September 11, 18, 25, and October 2.

Dr. Stuart Love, Associate Professor in the Religion Division, and his wife **D'Esta**, Adjunct Professor, will both be speaking at two retreats this fall, one on September 30 and October 1 in Thorp Springs, TX, and the other on October 28-30 at Camp Buckhorn near Riverside, CA. Stuart will be preaching for the Northside Church of Christ in Lancaster, TX, on October 2, and D'Esta will be the featured speaker at Camp Daybreak, October 6-8, in San Jose, CA.

Dr. Carroll Osburn, new Religion Division chairman, spoke on August 21 at the Hayfield Road Church of Christ in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, and at the Sighthill Church of Christ in Edinburgh, Scotland on the 28th. Dr. Osburn will begin a busy schedule when he starts his work at Pepperdine. He is scheduled to read a paper on September 12 at the Ministers' Luncheon, and on October 1, he will be a speaker at the Church Leaders' Workshop.

Dr. Frank Pack is moving to Heidelberg, Germany, to assume responsibilities as visiting professor for the Year-in-Europe Program. He will be there from September to April. **Tom Reynolds**, Pepperdine's Campus Minister, and **Rick Rowland**, Aquatic Coach, both taught classes at the National Campus Ministers Seminar in Seattle, WA, in August.

Dr. Jerry Rushford, Director of Church Services and Associate Professor in the Religion Division, spoke at the Scholars Conference in Abilene and the Yosemite Family Encampment in July. He gave his four-night series on the History of the Church of Christ in California at

22nd Annual San Diego County Lectureship

Saturday evening, October 1, 1983, marks the "kick-off" dinner for the 22nd Annual San Diego County Lectureship. The principal speaker for this year's lecture program is Dr. Jack Evans, President of Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas.

The evening lectures, October 3-7, will feature Evans speaking on the topic, "Where in the World is the Church?"

Garden Grove and Tulare; and he gave his series on the History of Hymns at Redondo Beach, Palm Springs and Van Nuys. Dr. Rushford will speak at the Labor Day Encampment at Camp Tanda, and he will begin preaching on a part-time basis for the Culver-Palms Church in September.

President Howard A. White preached on August 6 for the Westchester Church of Christ in Los Angeles. On September 21, he is scheduled to attend Alabama Christian College's Lectureship as a featured speaker; and on October 15, Dr. White will represent Pepperdine at the Dallas Christian Foundation Dinner in Dallas, TX.

In August, "**Big**" **Don Williams** was in Seattle, WA; Atlanta, GA; Miami, FL; and Brownfield and Borger, TX. He was busy speaking at the National Campus Seminar, a Youth Teachers' Retreat, a Youth Camp, a Family Retreat, and a Youth Rally respectively. September will find him at a Labor Day Youth Retreat in Felton, CA, on the 2nd-5th; a Bible School Drive in Oklahoma City on the 11th; and a youth rally in Greenville, SC, on the 16th-18th. In October he will be in Ardmore, OK, to speak at a youth rally, and in Lubbock, TX for the Homecoming at the Broadway Church.

Helen Young continues a busy schedule. On September 16-17 she will be the featured speaker at the Colorado Women's Retreat in Denver. On September 30-October 1, she will speak at the Christian Women's Seminar at Pepperdine. October 3-6 finds her at the Michigan Christian College Lectureship as she speaks to three classes, and on October 22, she will again speak in Vernon, TX, for the Ladies' Day there. **Dr. M. Norvel Young**, Pepperdine's Chancellor, will deliver the Homecoming sermon for the Broadway Church in Lubbock, TX, on October 16.

Each evening, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Christians from throughout the county will be gathering at the Pacific Beach Church of Christ, 4243 Ingraham Street, San Diego, California.

The lectureship is also highlighted by daily lectures held in area church buildings, beginning at 9:30 a.m. each morning. This year's topic of study is "The Fruit of the Spirit." The daily speakers include Kim Self, Bill Hurd, Brian Anderson, Perry Thitathan, Chuck Connery, Sam Edwards, Harris Caldwell, Bill Sisco, Glen Lundy and David White.

Pioneers celebrate birthdays

by Bud Worsham

Two pioneers of the Lord's church in the West celebrated their 87th birthdays this summer.

As they have for a number of years, Jimmie Lovell of Palos Verdes Estates and Otis J. Warren of Long Beach got together in Southern California to reminisce and plan for the future.

The 37th and Atlantic Church of Christ in Long Beach was the setting for the Lovell-Warren birthday fete on July 3, as they and their wives were recognized at a luncheon prepared by the church's World Bible School workers.

Lovell and Warren, whose birth dates are 12 days apart, have a lot in common. Highly successful in business (Jimmie with DuPont and Otis as auto dealer/accountant), they have used their 87 years in serving the church with devotion and zeal.

They didn't spend their time blowing out candles at their latest birthday bash. The pair's involvement with the World Bible School—Lovell is the founder and chief spokesman, while Warren is a director and consultant—takes up much of their time.

Lovell is the editor of the monthly publication *Action*, which is devoted to world missions. World Bible School has over four million students worldwide; there were 50,000 baptisms in 1982, and this year's new converts should top that by 10,000.

Warren, who came to California from Iowa in 1939 and helped end a church crisis in Long Beach, calls his friend Lovell "the greatest church worker ever known."

Together, Lovell and Warren have enjoyed some great moments serving the Lord. At age 87, they show no signs of slowing down.

The Historic Forestville Meetinghouse, part 2

By Jerry Rushford

In the first article we described: (1) the beginning of the Church of Christ in Forestville, California in 1873; (2) the construction of the historic Forestville meetinghouse in 1879; and (3) the arrival of G. W. Winter in Forestville in 1890.

George Washington Winter was born in Claremont, Illinois on August 11, 1860. He obeyed the gospel when young and began preaching at the age of nineteen. When he was twenty-two years old, Winter moved to Boone County, Nebraska. While there he worked on a farm and preached for the church in Albion. During these Nebraska years he married Lizzie Davis.

In 1890 the Winters moved to California. They settled briefly in Madera, but soon moved to Forestville where they engaged in fruit farming. Upon their arrival, Winter began to preach for the Church of Christ. It was the beginning of a relationship between preacher and congregation that would last nearly forty years.

When the Winters came to California, the missionary society and instrumental music tensions were ravaging the Restoration Movement throughout the state. G. W. Winter was opposed to both of these developments, and his firm leadership kept both from being introduced at Forestville. A few years later when Winter was out of state, the society made an attempt to gain a footing in the Forestville church; but the congregation retained its independence.

In addition to his labors with the Forestville church, Winter held meetings in Aromas and Madera. Apart from these three small congregations he was unaware of any others in northern California who had resisted the control of the society. In March, 1899, Winter sent the following note to David Lipscomb for publication in the *Gospel Advocate*:

Brother J. W. Shepherd closed a meeting of twenty-five days' duration at this place on Wednesday night, March 8, with four persons baptized into the one body as a result. The congregation was also greatly edified and encouraged. It was one of the best meetings I ever attended. There was some sickness in the community and much opposition to contend with; but Brother Shepherd proclaimed the gospel in kindness and love, until it became evident that it was the truth that caused the opposers to be

so exercised. Brother Shepherd is now in a meeting at Aromas, Monterey County. Forestville, Madera and Aromas are the only loyal congregations in this part of the state.

Winter might have erred in his knowledge of loyal congregations, but not by much. The missionary society concept of evangelism had captured nearly every church in the state. However, at the turn of the century a new generation of preachers from outside the state, many from David Lipscomb's Nashville Bible School, migrated to California. Among the first to come were L. D. Perkins, E. C. Love, J. A. Craig, J. B. Ellmore, G. W. Riggs, and E. N. Glenn.



The G. W. Winter family in 1905.

When Glenn arrived in San Francisco in 1904, he immediately began gathering statistics on the number of congregations in the state. In one of his early reports to the *Gospel Advocate*, dated September 22, 1904, Glenn wrote:

As has been stated, there are now sixteen loyal congregations in California. Of this number, five have been started within the past year, which is quite encouraging to us who live on the Pacific Coast.

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Church at Forestville twice during August. The congregation there is the largest and strongest one in the State. Forestville is the home of Brother G. W. Winter, who has been in this State for several years laboring in the Master's vineyard.

A new day was dawning for the Churches of Christ in California. Never again would the cause be as weak as it had been in the 1890's when Forestville and G. W. Winter stood virtually alone. But in 1904, as Glenn pointed out, the largest congregation and the best known preacher were still to be found in Forestville.

In 1906, the wife of Texas preacher J. D. Tant thought a preaching tour in

California might improve her husband's poor health. She noticed the name of G. W. Winter in the pages of the *Firm Foundation*, and she wrote to Winter asking if he would arrange such a tour. Winter responded favorably, and Tant came out in the summer of 1906. In one report of his California tour, Tant wrote:

From Madera I came to Forestville, the home of brother G. W. Winter. Forestville is in the northern part of the State, and perhaps is better known to the eastern brethren than any other place in California. Brother Winter is one of our ablest preachers. I think we have at Forestville the largest congregation in the state, there being over 100 members in the band there. Brother Winter baptized twelve people during April. Several others have been baptized since our meeting began, and the attendance is large.

Tant closed his Forestville meeting with fifteen baptisms, and he returned to Texas with his health fully restored.

In the following years, Forestville was instrumental in helping new congregations begin in nearby Santa Rosa (1908) and Graton (1909). However, within two years the numerical stronghold of members of the church had shifted from Sonoma County to Los Angeles County. By 1912, the Sichel Street church in Los Angeles, under the leadership of G. W. Riggs, had surpassed Forestville as the largest congregation of the Church of Christ in California.

When G. W. Winter died in January of 1929, G. Earl McCay submitted an obituary account to the *Firm Foundation*. McCay recalled:

He probably did more for the cause of Christ in California than any other man. I have known him for more than forty years, and believe he was as good a man as I ever associated with. On January 14th he was suddenly called up higher. The writer spoke to the largest assembly of people he had ever seen at a funeral. Men from different walks of life showed their respect for the kind of man brother Winter had been.

G. W. Winter has been in his grave in the Forestville cemetery for a half a century and more, but he has not been forgotten. In the 105th year of the historic Forestville meetinghouse, it seems appropriate to recall again the lasting contribution of this farmer-preacher and his faithful congregation. All of us who now labor among the Churches of Christ in California are building on the foundation they laid.

—Reprinted from *Firm Foundation*

KNLS to begin broadcasting from Alaska

A unique opportunity will soon be available in world evangelism. Radio Station KNLS, the "New Life Station," will be broadcasting from Anchor Point, Alaska. This international short wave station has been constructed by World Christian Broadcasting Corporation, a non-profit organization.

World Christian Broadcasting is under the direction of a Board of Directors of Christian men. All of them are faithful members of the Church of Christ. Many of them serve as elders in various congregations over the country.

Because of the work with government agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), those who organized this effort were counseled to approach government bodies as a non-church group. This has proved to have been good counsel. No questions of church and state issues have been involved.

Station KNLS is to be the first of as many as three international short wave stations that will bring as much of the world as possible within broadcast range. The objective is to provide the largest possible listening audience so that Churches of Christ will be able to present messages from the Word of God in the languages of the target audiences. Thus, the format of the station will include some non-religious music, programs on how to speak English, and other interest generating messages on health care, agriculture or even sports.

Dr. Robert E. Scott, President of World Christian Broadcasting, commented, "Our brethren have been unable to obtain sufficient air time on existing stations. Some have been denied air time because of distinctive messages from God's Word. Now, we shall be able to reach out into an area where more than one-third of all the world lives every day."

Initial broadcasts will be in Mandarin Chinese and in Russian. Other languages will be added as programming ability is developed.

The Sunset Church in Lubbock, Texas, provides oversight for two hours per day of Bible messages that are broadcast over Station KNLS in Mandarin Chinese. A similar oversight is being provided for Russian language messages by the Chestnut Boulevard Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, near Akron.

The cost of building the station was \$2.2 million. Scott reports that interim borrowing by World Christian Broadcasting enabled construction to continue while the capital funding was being completed. He reported \$500,000 is needed to complete payment for construction.

Funds for operation of Station KNLS will come from regular gifts of Christians who wish to have a part in this missionary outreach. Some have included this unique effort in wills and estate plans. Others have helped obtain grants from charitable foundations. Churches of Christ will purchase air time for broadcasting the programs presented on Station KNLS. Some congregations will be helping support persons who work in various aspects of this unusual opportunity for outreach.

All gifts and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Robert E. Scott, Box 3857, Abilene, Texas 79604, or call (915) 698-0695.

Los Angeles nurse spends summer at Nigerian Christian Hospital

by Billie Silvey

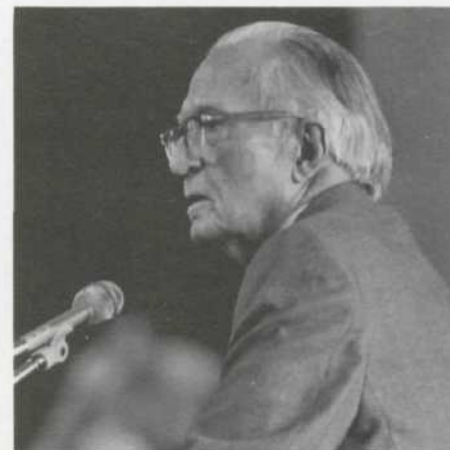
Josi Nall, R.N. and member of the Vermont Avenue Church of Christ in Los Angeles, arrived June 24 for an eleven-week medical missions tour at Nigerian Christian Hospital in Aba, Imo State, Nigeria.

Josi has twenty-two years experience in nursing. She has taught nursing since 1971 through Los Angeles Unified Schools. She is a certified instructor in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for the American Heart Association and a volunteer instructor for the American Red Cross Home Nursing Program.

Josi was baptized in 1953 at the Manhattan church in New York City and has taught Bible classes in New York and Los Angeles.

In the past 30 years, the church in Nigeria has grown to 100,000 members in 1,000 congregations, predominantly in the south. Two Bible training schools and one hospital are operated by Christians there.

About 3,000 people are served each month by the 75-bed hospital. Josi's responsibilities there include teaching nurses, serving in wards and surgery, helping in the outpatient clinic and with emergencies, witnessing for Christ, teaching Bible classes and holding morning devotions for the nursing staff.



E. W. McMillan honored at Pepperdine Dinner

Edward Washington McMillan was born in New Baden, Texas, on September 27, 1889. He was baptized into Christ in 1908 and began preaching in 1909. He has been preaching the gospel of Christ for nearly three quarters of a century.

Among the churches that "Brother Mac" has preached for are College in Abilene, Central in Nashville, Union Avenue in Memphis, Painter Avenue in Whittier and Northside in Santa Ana.

The Christian Colleges where he has served include Abilene Christian University, Ibaraki Christian College, Southwestern Christian College, Pepperdine University, Lubbock Christian College, Christian College of the Southwest and Columbia Christian College.

In recognition of his long life of service, Pepperdine University recently honored McMillan with an Appreciation Dinner. In the photo above, he is shown addressing the dinner audience.

M.A. in Religion offered in Seattle

Beginning in September, 1983, Pepperdine University will offer its Master's Degree in Religion in Seattle, Washington. This non-thesis program will require 32 graduate units of work taken over a two-year period. Graduation will take place in August, 1985.

Classes will meet on an average of every third weekend in the facilities of the Northwest Church of Christ in Seattle. Faculty for this program will include Frank Pack, Gene Priest and Jerry Rushford of Pepperdine, and Milton Jones of the Northwest church.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- Event: Labor Day Family
Encampment
Place: Camp Tanda
Big Bear Lake, CA
Date: September 2-5, 1983
Contact: Douglas Downs
(213) 697-4115
- Event: Labor Day Youth Retreat
Place: Daybreak Camp
Felton, CA
Date: September 2-5, 1983
Theme: "Heirs of the King"
Contact: Gordon Kruger
(408) 378-4900
- Event: Gospel Meeting
Place: Barstow Church of Christ
Barstow, CA
Date: September 11-15, 1983
Speaker: J. J. Turner
Garden Grove, CA
Contact: Burt V. Pauley
(619) 256-2895
- Event: 10th Annual Ladies' Retreat
Place: Yosemite Bible Camp
Oakhurst, CA
Date: September 15-17, 1983
Contact: Joyce Westmoreland
137 E. Morton
Porterville, CA 93257
Cost: \$30 for three days including meals
- Event: Northern California
Ladies' Lectureship
Place: Lake Merced
Church of Christ
777 Brotherhood Way
San Francisco, CA
Date: September 17, 1983
Time: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Event: Gospel Meeting/Homecoming
Place: Church of Christ
2912 N. Chester
Oildale, Ca
Date: September 18-21, 1983
Speaker: Jim Hackney
Fort Worth, TX

Event: Clairemont Church of Christ
Ladies' Retreat
Place: Mt. Palomar
Date: September 22-24, 1983
Theme: "God's Rainbow of Love"
Contact: Clairemont Church of Christ
3951 Dalles Ave.
San Diego, CA 92117

Event: Church Leaders' Workshop
Christian Women's Seminar
Place: Pepperdine University
Malibu, CA
Date: September 30-
October 1, 1983
Contact: Kanet Thomas
(213) 456-4270
456-4567

OCTOBER

Event: 22nd Annual San Diego
County Lectureship
Place: Pacific Beach
Church of Christ
San Diego, CA
Date: October 3-7
Contact: David VanLandingham
(619) 273-8615

Event: Ladies' Retreat
Place: Daybreak Camp
Felton, CA
Date: October 6-8, 1983
Speaker: D'Esta Love
Agoura, CA
Contact: Church of Christ
2460 Buena Vista Ave.
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(415) 932-6750

Event: Pepperdine Fall Retreat
Place: H. F. Whittle Camp
(near Big Bear Resort)
Date: October 7-9, 1983
Speaker: Bruce Wadzeck
Denver, CO
Contact: Tom Reynolds
Campus Minister's Office
Pepperdine University
(213) 456-4507
Cost: \$20 for three days including food and lodging

Event: Gospel Meeting
Place: East Bakersfield
Church of Christ
Bakersfield, CA
Date: October 9-14, 1983
Speaker: Marshall Brookey
Porterville, CA

Event: Columbia Christian College
Lectureship
Place: Columbia Christian College
Portland, OR
Date: October 11-14, 1983
Theme: "Building Spiritual
Bridgeheads"

Event: Ladies' Lectureship
Place: Wasco Church of Christ
2005 7th Street
Wasco, CA

Date: October 15, 1983
Speakers: Helen Young, Fern Scott,
and Cheryl White
Contact: Mary Gilley
(209) 758-6643

Event: Dinner for
L. A. Bible College
Place: Airport Park Hotel
600 S. Prairie
Inglewood, CA
Date: October 16, 1983
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Contact: L. A. Bible College
(213) 751-2352 or
Figueroa Church of Christ
(213) 753-2536
Donation: \$20

Event: Spanish Gospel Meeting
Place: Vermont Ave.
Church of Christ
79th & Vermont
Los Angeles, CA
Date: October 16-17, 1983

Event: Gospel Meeting
Place: Church of Christ
3450 El Portal Drive
Richmond, CA 94803
Date: October 30-
November 3, 1983
Speaker: Wendell Winkler
Fort Worth, TX
Contact: Buck Walker
(415) 223-7411

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