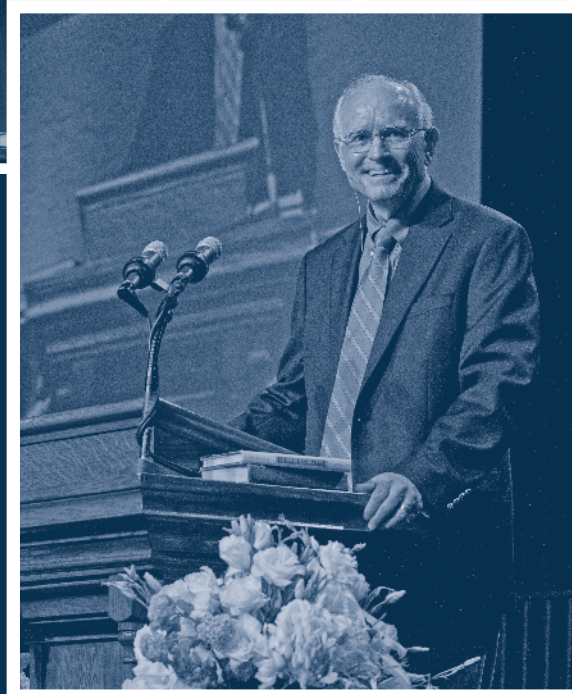


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**TRANSITION AT  
THE PEPPERDINE  
BIBLE LECTURES**  
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## Pepperdine Announces program for 70th Annual Bible Lectures

“Can I Get a Witness: Faithfully Following the Lamb in Revelation” is the theme for the 70th Pepperdine Bible Lectures, to be held on the university’s campus April 30-May 3, 2013. It’s the first time in the lectureship history that Revelation has been the focus of study.



Rick Atchley



Mike Cope



Fate Hagood



Randy Harris



Don McLaughlin



Susan Giboney



David Clayton



Chelan Metcalf



Rich Little



Steven Moore



Kindy DeLong



Greg Stevenson

Mike Cope, the new Director of Ministry Outreach for Pepperdine, will be following Jerry Rushford, who after 30 years of directing the lectures has transitioned into the role of director of the Churches of Christ Heritage Center. When Cope announced the theme on the closing night of the 2012 lectures, he quipped, “If I’m going to

jump in it might as well be with both feet”—going on to announce that the biblical text chosen for his first conference would be Revelation.

“Many of us have shied away from tackling Revelation—perhaps intimidated by the strange language of apocalyptic literature and by the bizarre interpretations of the book that float around popular culture,” Cope said. “But I’m convinced Revelation has an important message for the

people of God—a voice that is more about hope than despair, more about transformation and faithful living than war.”

Among the various class options many will seek to assist attendees in understanding Revelation, including classes on the unique challenges

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### COVER

Jerry Rushford’s thirty-year career as director of Church Relations and director of the Bible Lectures came to a close on Friday evening, May 4, 2012. President Benton arranged for a historic pulpit that Alexander Campbell preached from in Alabama in 1857 to be brought to Firestone Fieldhouse for Jerry’s closing night address. The program also highlighted the transition to Rick Gibson as vice president of Public Affairs and Church Relations and Mike Cope as director of Ministry Events and the Pepperdine Bible Lectures.

## President Benton's Announcement About the Future of Church Relations and Bible Lectures at Pepperdine



*Malibu, California, October 11, 2011*

Pepperdine University religion professor Jerry Rushford is concluding 30 years of distinctive service as director of Church Relations and director of Pepperdine's acclaimed Bible Lectures effective May 4, 2012. Following a year of teaching in Pepperdine's international program in London, England, he will return to Pepperdine to be director of the Churches of Christ Heritage Center.

The announcement was made by Pepperdine University President Andrew K. Benton who has named Mike Cope, a widely respected national figure in the Churches of Christ, to direct Pepperdine's Bible Lectures program following Rushford's transition at the conclusion of the 2012 lectures effective May 5, 2012.

Benton added that Rick Gibson, associate vice president for Public Affairs and chief marketing officer, has been appointed to the position of vice president for Public Affairs and Church Relations effective November 1, 2011. Gibson will continue in his role as the University's chief marketing officer.

"We've known the day would come when Dr. Rushford would conclude his leadership of Bible Lectures," says President Benton. "Jerry deserves our deepest gratitude and respect for his three decades of exemplary service. His enthusiasm, dedication, and passion for excellence set high standards,

which called upon all of us to be our better selves. We look forward to his continuing at Pepperdine as director of our Churches of Christ Heritage Center."

In naming Cope director of Pepperdine's Bible Lectures, Benton said the momentum of the lectures will continue to be enhanced and strengthened. "With Mike's years of ministry leadership, national acclaim as a creator of group worship experiences, and his love for the historical Churches of Christ, he will ensure that Pepperdine's Bible Lectures will continue to be successful and of significant value to members of the Churches of Christ both here and abroad."



Cope is a minister, author, lecturer, and prolific writer whose blog has been visited by four million people in the past six years. He was a minister for 27 years, including 18 at the Highland Church of Christ in Abilene, Texas, and eight years at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas. He teaches a freshman course at Abilene Christian University each semester, and has delivered the keynote address at Pepperdine's Bible Lectures more often than any other speaker over the past 30 years.

The former editor of two magazines—*21st Century Christian* for six

years and *Wineskins* for 12 years—he is the author of five books, including 2011's *Megan's Secrets: What My Mentally Disabled Daughter Taught Me About Life* and *One Holy Hunger: When God is All You Want*. Megan's Secrets followed the 1994 death of the Copes' 10-year old daughter, Megan.

Mike and his wife Diane live in Abilene, Texas. They have been married 33 years and have two children: Matt, a physician, and Chris, a freshman Biblical Text major at Abilene Christian University. Matt and his wife Jenna have two daughters, Reese and Ellie.

Benton underscored that Pepperdine's Office of Church Relations and the annual Bible Lectures will continue to build on the solid foundation created and sustained by Rushford. "In

naming Rick Gibson vice president for Public Affairs and Church Relations, we are placing a strategic initiative at Pepperdine in very capable hands," continues Benton. "We consider the University's Christian heritage and ties to the Churches of Christ as a cornerstone of our mission." Benton added that Gibson,

a former minister in the Churches of Christ, has served on the Bible Lectures team and in senior management positions at Pepperdine for a decade, earning the respect of both his colleagues within Pepperdine and members of the Churches of Christ.

Commenting on the new appointments, Rushford notes, "President Benton is to be commended for encouraging these two multi-gifted church leaders to provide leadership and direction in Church Relations and Bible Lectures at Pepperdine. I know the president is elated that they have agreed to serve, and I share his joy."

# BIBLE LECTURES PHOTOS



Philippe Dauner from Marseilles, France.



Edna Powell at the AWP banquet.



Edward Fudge in Elkins Auditorium.



Randy Harris in Firestone Fieldhouse on Friday morning.



A panel discussion with Pepperdine students.



Ken Young & the Hallal Singers leading singing on Friday evening.



Art Turgeon, Super-Volunteer from Modesto.



Browsing the book tables between classes.



The Zoe Group leading singing in Smothers Theatre.



Joslyn Plaza during the lunchtime break.



The fountain in Joslyn Plaza.



Monte Cox from Harding University.



A large crowd assembles in Firestone Fieldhouse on Friday evening.

# TRIBUTE

## Honoring God's Servants

By Joella Michael

Christians from over 35 nations and 45 states participated in the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures. With so many men and women serving the Lord across the globe, it was a privilege to honor a few of them among this great cloud of witnesses at the Bible Lectures.

The Associated Women for Pepperdine honored Lori Rushford, wife of Jerry Rushford, and their two daughters, Hilary Rushford and Ashley Cogman, at the Opening Night Dinner on Tuesday evening for their service and devotion to the body of Christ. Also that evening, Tom Robinson of New York City was honored for his 30 years of faithful ministry at the Manhattan Church of Christ, and Luis "Chito" and Tess Cusi of Cebu, Philippines, were recognized for their compassionate ministry with Medical Action for Relief, Counseling & Healing for Christ.

On Wednesday morning, Juan Antonio Monroy of Madrid, Spain, was honored in the Fieldhouse for his dedicated preaching of the Gospel for more than 45 years. During lunch on Wednesday, the *Christian Chronicle* recognized Bartosz and Tamika Rybinski of Vienna, Austria for their faithful service in the Ukraine and their involvement with Eastern European Missions. An appreciation dinner was held on Wednesday evening for Harold and Sally Shank of Vienna, West Virginia in honor of their devotion to the Church and as beloved friends of Christian education. Oji Okorie and Ngozi Oji of Lagos, Nigeria were honored in the Fieldhouse for their unceasing commitment to the cause of Christ and the publishing of the *Christian Restoration Voice*.

Ammiel Perez of Havana, Cuba, was recognized on Thursday morning in the Fieldhouse for his faithful service to the Church and the spreading



**Jim Woodroof**  
Searcy, Arkansas



**Bart Rybinski**  
Vienna, Austria



**Ammiel Perez**  
Havana, Cuba



**Doug Foster**  
Abilene, Texas

of the Gospel. *21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian* and *Power for Today*, at their Thursday luncheon, honored Ken and Nancy Durham of Nashville, Tennessee for their unwavering dedication to Christian education.

On Friday morning in the Fieldhouse, Jim Woodroof of Searcy, Arkansas was honored as a respected teacher, writer, and faithful preacher of the Gospel for more than 60 years. Following the morning keynote, Dale and Rita Brown of Midland, Texas were honored for their years of service at

Golf Course Road Church of Christ and Midland Christian School. Doug Foster of Abilene, Texas was recognized at the *Restoration Quarterly* luncheon as a respected historian of the Churches of Christ and a promoter of unity in the Stone-Campbell Movement.

Thursday evening's dinner was a special time to recognize Mike and Diane Cope of Abilene, Texas for their unceasing devotion to the cause of Christ, which has touched thousands of lives and greatly strengthened Churches of Christ around the world.



Mike & Diane Cope  
Abilene, Texas



Ngozi Oji & Oji Okorie Oji  
Lagos, Nigeria, Africa



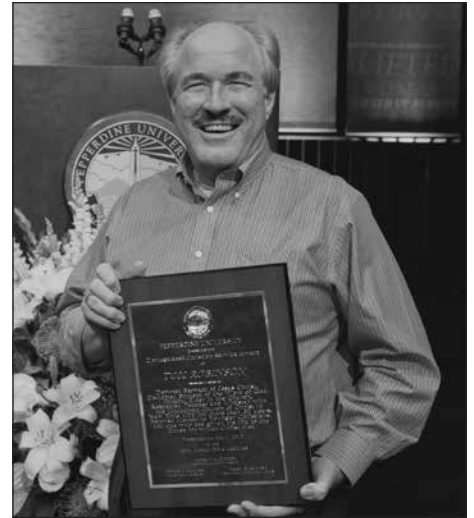
Harold & Sally Shank  
Vienna, West Virginia



Juan Antonio Monroy  
Madrid, Spain



Hilary Rushford, Lori Rushford, Ashley Cogman  
Brooklyn, NY, Oak Park & Newport Beach, CA



Tom Robinson  
New York City, New York



Dale & Rita Brown  
Midland, Texas



Ken & Nancy Magnusson Durham  
Nashville, Tennessee



Luis "Chito" & Tess Cusi  
Cebu, Philippines

# SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Ngozi Oji & Oji Okorie Oji accepting their award on Wednesday evening.



Randy Harris teaching a daily class in Smothers Theatre.



Firestone Fieldhouse was the location for the 7 keynote lectures.



George Pepperdine shares a scripture.



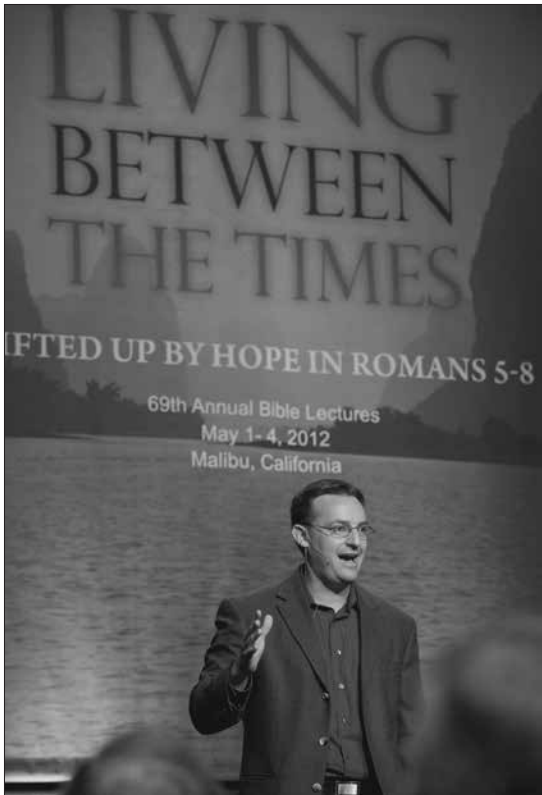
Harold and Sally Shank with their family.



Mike and Diane Cope with their family.



# 69TH ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Aaron Metcalf preaching in Firestone Fieldhouse.



Jonathan Storment delivering the keynote address on Tuesday night.



Sara Young Jackson and Helen Young.



Maurice Hall greets Carl Mitchell.



Josh Ross and friends in Firestone Fieldhouse.



Tom Olbricht signing his autobiography.



This closing night photo by Erik Tryggestad was published in the *Christian Chronicle*.

# CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

## Rushford Leaves a Bible Lecture Legacy

By Lynn McMillon  
*Christian Chronicle, May 2012*

On any given Sunday, Jerry Rushford is standing behind a different pulpit. Or maybe he's planning the next Pepperdine Bible Lectures. Or maybe he's writing a new book on church history or conducting research on hymns.

His zeal, energy and personal warmth to spread unity within the church is boundless. He loves to bring Christian people together to study, fellowship, and worship. And, yes, to better understand each other.

For the past 30 years, Rushford has planned the Pepperdine Bible Lectures held in Malibu, Calif., each May. This year is his last year to act as director. But he has been more than a planner. He is a bridge and a facilitator.

Rushford always has included a wide range of presenters and topics in the lectures. His goal has been to bring Christians together from all over the country and globe, and to promote a positive spirit of unity for the kingdom. These lectures create a four-day haven for unity for 5,000 people from more than 45 states and 35 countries. More than that, the lectures bring together the diverse elements within the church and help us appreciate one another.

Ted Parks, a correspondent for the *Christian Chronicle* and former professor at Pepperdine, said, "Jerry's work has combined the best qualities of our tradition — the use of our minds to grasp God's will and the tight-knit fellowship that gives us community wherever we go."

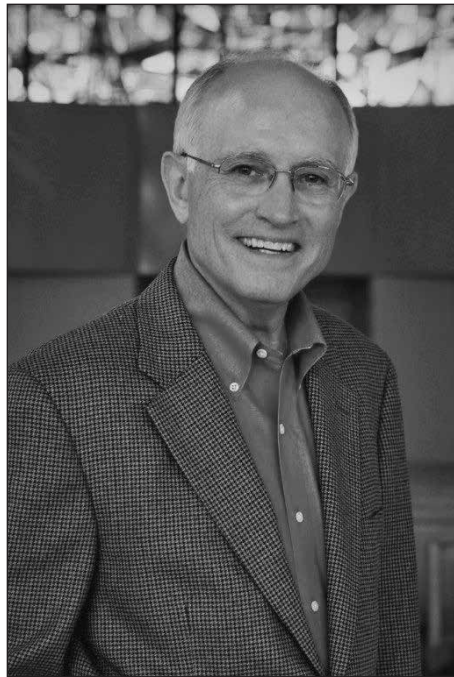
This year's Bible Lectures feature 288 classes and 360 presenters. Seventy couples also are on the agenda. The 69th annual lectures also feature 13 a cappella singing groups.

Rushford takes seriously the biblical teaching to honor one another. Each

year he recognizes and honors at least a dozen people from many walks of life for their outstanding Christian service.

Rushford began his relationship with Pepperdine in 1978 when he became pulpit minister for the University Church of Christ in Malibu and a professor in the religion division. In his early years of ministry, the majority of his energy was focused on West Coast churches. More recently, Rushford has fanned his influence nationwide.

From November to May, Rushford traverses the country Sunday after Sunday, preaching, plugging the Pep-



perdine Bible Lectures, and promoting connection among diverse segments of the brotherhood. One Sunday he is in Pennsylvania, the next in Indianapolis, and the following in Vancouver, Wash., or Phoenix. He tirelessly spreads the word, and he absorbs the local church history from each city to use as material for one of his books.

On his journeys across the nation, he helps geographically and theologically diverse church leaders stay connected. Rushford's passion has brought Christians together to reflect

on their faith and worship, especially concerning fellowship among the diverse elements of the church.

Scott Laird, a minister in Great Falls, Mont., observed, "Jerry Rushford has the unique ability to make the lives of those who have walked by faith in the not so distant past come to life. ... I am thankful for his love of the brotherhood and the actions he has consistently taken to pursue unity."

Rushford reaches Christians all across the country, but he always finds a way to return to the beaches of Malibu. Pepperdine, its students and its faculty hold a special place in his heart. He currently serves as a professor of religion, director of Church Relations, and director of the Churches of Christ Heritage Center at Pepperdine.

Next school year, Rushford and wife, Lori, will serve as house parents for Pepperdine's study abroad program in London, where he will continue research on hymns, for which he is also well known. Rushford can tell you the origins of and little-known facts about many hymns we sing today without batting an eye. He strives to have rich and inspiring worship sessions with vibrant music all within the a cappella practice of Churches of Christ, and these are experienced each evening at the Bible Lectures.

Upon his return to the States, Jerry will devote his time back at Pepperdine to the development of the Jerry Rushford Center, recently announced by President Andrew Benton.

The Center will include the Churches of Christ Heritage Center begun by Rushford in 2009 as a further result of his many travels and collection of local church history.

He loves people and their stories and he loves to share them with others.

"Jerry is a remarkable force for good among Churches of Christ," Benton said.

Lynn McMillon is editor, president and CEO of the *Christian Chronicle*.

# HERITAGE CENTER

## Churches of Christ Heritage Center Opens to the Public in August 2012

The Churches of Christ Heritage Center was established in Payson Library at Pepperdine University in August 2009. It is located on the second floor in HAC 312. This center is designed to be a repository of archival materials related to the Churches of Christ and the Restoration Movement. Beginning on Monday, August 27, 2012, the Heritage Center will be open for twenty hours each week.

Helen Young has been a great encourager of the Heritage Center. She was a student at Pepperdine during the first school year of 1937-38, and she and her husband, Norvel Young, returned to serve the college beginning in 1957-58. She still lives on the campus and will celebrate her 94th birthday on August 31, 2012. She was recently given a tour (photo at right) of the Heritage Center.



# PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

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By Joella Michael

**Randy Chesnutt**, professor of Religion, preached for San Luis Obispo Church of Christ on January 15.

**Paul Contino**, professor of Humanities and associate director for the Center for Faith and Learning, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Mike Cope**, director of Ministry Outreach, taught at the Streaming Conference at Rochester College, June 18-21, and at Lipscomb University's Summer Celebration, July 1-3.

**Ron Cox**, associate professor of Religion, continues to serve as an associate minister for the Culver Palms Church of Christ and preaches monthly for the Sierra Madre Church of Christ.

**Dyron Daugherty**, associate professor of Religion, preached for the Caballito Church of Christ in Buenos Aires, Argentina in February, for Hillcrest Church of Christ in Gainesville, Texas in May, and for Southside Church of Christ in Portales, New Mexico in May. He taught a May class at Abilene Christian University and will speak in September at the International Conference on Baptist Studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina. He also preaches regularly for the Pasadena Church of Christ.

**Rich Dawson**, director of International Student Services, preached for Murrieta Church of Christ on January 15.

**Kindalee Pfremer DeLong**, assistant professor of Religion, spoke at Glendale Church of Christ's Risen Conference on March 9-10.

**Craig Detweiler**, director for the Center for Entertainment, Media, and Culture and associate professor of Communication, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9, and at *Los Angeles* magazine's Breakfast Conversation on Faith and Entertainment on June 27.

**Chris Doran**, assistant professor of Religion, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**David Dowdey**, professor of German, preached for Foster Road Church of Christ in Santa Maria on January 29.

**Farrell Gean**, associate professor of Accounting, preached for Lompoc Church of Christ on January 22 and for Oak Hill Drive Church of Christ in Escondido on January 29. He also preached for South County Church of Christ in San Clemente on January 15, April 8, and May 20.

**Susan Giboney**, retired professor of Education, taught a Spring class at the University Church of Christ in Malibu, and teaches weekly at a women's prison in Malibu.

**Rick Gibson**, vice president for Public Affairs and Church Relations, preached for Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield on January 15, for Hilltop Community Church of Christ in El Segundo on January 22, and for Victorville Church of Christ on February 26.

**Chris Heard**, associate professor of Religion, preached for Whittier Church of Christ on January 8.

**Ron Highfield**, professor of Religion, preached for Inland Valley Church of Christ in Ontario on January 15 and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Keith Hinkle**, vice president for Advancement and Public Affairs, preached for Pacific Grove Church of Christ on February 19.

**David Holmes**, professor of English, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Loretta Hunnicutt**, associate professor of History, will speak at Abilene Christian University's Summit on September 16-19.

**Doug Hurley**, director of Student Activities, preached for Sierra Madre Church of Christ on August 5.

**John Jones**, professor of Communication, preached for Woodland Hills on January 22 and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Terry Kite**, associate professor of Physics, preached for Ventura Church of Christ on January 8, for Sunny Hills Church of Christ in Fullerton on January 15, and for Yorba Linda Church of Christ on February 5.

**Rich Little**, adjunct professor of Religion and minister for University Church of Christ, spoke at Winterfest - Arlington in Texas, January 20-21, at Winterfest - Gatlinburg in Tennessee, February 17-18, at HoneyRock Camp in Three Lakes, Wisconsin, February 12-15, at CHRISTeens in Russellville, Arkansas February 25-26, and at Portland Area Men's Retreat at Yamhill, Oregon March 1-3, and at the Institute for Theology and Christian Ministry at St. Petersburg, Russia, June 1-8. Rich will speak at BEACON Oklahoma Youth Leadership Conference in Edmond, Oklahoma, August 10-22, and at Pitman Road Leadership Conference in Sewell, New Jersey, September 28-30.

**D'Esta Love**, chaplain emeritus, moderated a discussion at the Women in Ministry Conference in Kansas City, June 29 - July 1.

**Stuart Love**, professor of Religion, spoke at the Women in Ministry Conference in Kansas City, June 29-July 1, and will speak at Abilene Christian University's Summit on September 16-19.

**Rick Marrs**, dean of Seaver College, preached for Mission Viejo Church of Christ on January 8 and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Danny Mathews**, assistant professor of Religion, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Michael Murrie**, professor of Telecommunications, preached at Kinneloa Canyon Church of Christ in Pasadena on January 29.

**Tim Pownall**, assistant director for the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached for Culver Palms Church of Christ on January 15 and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Dan Rodriguez**, associate professor of Religion, preached for North County Church of Christ in Escondido on February 5 and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Jerry Rushford**, professor of Religion and director of Church Relations, preached for Churches of Christ and spoke for Bible Lectures promotional events in Tacoma and Bellevue, Washington; Tucson, Phoenix, and Gilbert, Arizona; Visalia, Rancho Cordova, Livermore, Murrieta, San Diego, Santa Maria, and Glendale, California, in January and February. He preached for Churches of Christ in Shillington, Pennsylvania, March 11; Vancouver, Washington, March 18; and Indianapolis, Indiana, March 25. He preached for Pacific Grove June 3 and Sierra Madre June 10. He taught three classes and gave one keynote address at the Spiritual Growth Workshop in Orlando, Florida, June 28-July 1, and he taught classes at Lipscomb University's Summer Celebration July 1-3.

**Gary Selby**, director for the Center for Faith and Learning and professor of Communication, preached for Sierra Madre Church of Christ on February 12.

**Al Sturgeon**, assistant dean for Student Life for the School of Law, preached for L. Street Church of Christ in Chula Vista on February 26, for 7<sup>th</sup> and Mueller Church of Christ in Paragould, Arkansas on March 11, and for Woodland Hills Church of Christ on June 10.

**Luke Tallon**, visiting assistant professor of Religion, preached for Conejo Valley Church of Christ on January 29.

**Darryl Tippens**, university provost and professor of English, preached for Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego on February 5, and spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference at Lipscomb University June 6-9.

**Juanie Walker**, associate professor of Communication, spoke at the Christian Scholars Conference June 7-9.

**Keith Whitney**, associate professor of Business Law, preached for La Habra Church of Christ on January 29, and for Turnpike Church of Christ in Santa Barbara on February 19.

**Michael Williams**, associate dean of Full-Time Programs for the Graziadio School of Business and Manage-

ment, preached for Los Altos Church of Christ on January 8.

**Tim Willis**, chair of Religion, preached for Redlands Church of Christ on January 29.

**John Wilson**, retired professor of Religion, preached for Riverside County Church of Christ on January 29 and Palm Desert Church of Christ on February 26.

## Won by One

(l to r) Jamie Howard,  
Cassie Thomas, Devon Darnell,  
Rmani Crawford,  
Nuriel Garrett, Kate Pauley.

## Summer Tour 2012



Sunday PM	June 3	Canyon Church of Christ	Anthem	AZ
Monday	June 4	Northwest Church of Christ	Glendale	AZ
Tuesday	June 5	Northern Arizona Church of Christ	Flagstaff	AZ
Wednesday	June 6	Montgomery Church of Christ	Albuquerque	NM
Thursday	June 7	Netherwood Park Church of Christ	Albuquerque	NM
Friday	June 8	Sunset Church of Christ	Carlsbad	NM
Saturday	June 9	Southside Church of Christ	Portales	NM
Tuesday	June 12	Austin Avenue Church of Christ	Brownwood	TX
Wednesday	June 13	High Pointe Church of Christ	McKinney	TX
Thursday	June 14	Camp Texoma	Dallas	TX
Friday	June 15	Camp Texoma	Dallas	TX
Sunday AM	June 17	Riverside Church of Christ	Coppell	TX
Sunday PM	June 17	Preston Crest Church of Christ	Dallas	TX
Monday	June 18	Young Life	Dallas	TX
Wednesday	June 20	Northwest Church of Christ	San Antonio	TX
Thursday	June 21	Camp Bandina	Bandera	TX
Sunday AM	June 24	Sugar Grove Church of Christ	Stafford	TX
Sunday PM	June 24	Memorial Church of Christ	Houston	TX
Monday	June 25	Arms of Hope	Medina	TX
Wednesday	June 27	Westover Hills Church of Christ	Austin	TX
Thursday	June 28	Crestview Church of Christ	Waco	TX
Friday	June 29	Glenwood Church of Christ	Tyler	TX
Sunday PM	July 1	Crossbridge Church of Christ	Birmingham	AL
Wednesday	July 4	West End Church of Christ	Atlanta	GA
Thursday	July 5	Rose of Sharon Camp	Burlison	TN
Sunday PM	July 8	McKnight Road Church of Christ	St. Louis	MO
Tuesday	July 10	North Peoria Church of Christ	Tulsa	OK
Wednesday	July 11	Oakcrest Church of Christ	Oklahoma City	OK
Friday	July 13	Singing Youth of Denver	Castle Rock	CO
Sunday AM	July 15	Littleton Church of Christ	Littleton	CO
Sunday PM	July 15	Littleton Church of Christ	Littleton	CO
Monday	July 16	Grand Junction Church of Christ	Grand Junction	CO
Weds-Sat	July 18-21	Sierra Bible Camp	Canyondam	CA
Sunday AM	July 22	Anderson Church of Christ	Anderson	CA
Sunday PM	July 22	Walnut Creek Church of Christ	Walnut Creek	CA
Sunday AM	July 29	Camarillo Church of Christ	Camarillo	CA
Sunday PM	July 29	Conejo Valley Church of Christ	Thousand Oaks	CA

# NEWS

## 33rd Annual William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program October 1, 2012

### "Praying the King's Prayer"

*(Remembering the Prayers of Three Old Testament Kings)*

Timothy Willis  
Chair, Religion Division  
Pepperdine University, Malibu, California



## Announcement

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of teaching and preaching the book and on the way it can help prepare churches for a rapidly changing world. The two resource scholars will be Greg Stevenson, a New Testament professor at Rochester College in Rochester, Michigan, whose book *A Slaughtered Lamb: Revelation and the Apocalyptic Response to Evil and Suffering* will be released at the lectures, and James Walters, a New Testament professor at Boston University.

Theme speakers for the conference, following an opening session on Tuesday afternoon led by Rick Warren, Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California, will be: Rich Little, University Church of Christ, Malibu, California; Fate Hagood, Metropolitan Church of Christ, Los Angeles, California; Dave Clayton, Ethos Church, Nashville, Tennessee; Don McLaughlin, North Atlanta Church of Christ, Atlanta, Georgia; Randy Harris, Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas; Mike Cope, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California; and Rick Atchley, The Hills Church of Christ, Richland Hills, Texas.

Other teachers on next year's program include Chelan Metcalf, Beaverton, Oregon; Steven Moore, Abilene, Texas; and Kindy DeLong, Newbury Park, California.

Cope noted that a new feature of the conference will be extended tracks offered as an option each afternoon. One Wednesday afternoon, Susan Giboney from Pepperdine University and Ed Gray from Harding School of Theology will host an extended session on ministering among senior adults. They will be offering a certificate from Pepperdine to those who participate. Other extended sessions will focus on the renewal of elders and spouses, the renewal of ministers and spouses, ministry to Millennials, and Christian faith and sustainability.

## Coming This Fall

### 28th Annual TLC Program

*(Together with Love in Christ)*

"In Christ Alone"  
with Tim Woodroof

Oregon Convention Center  
Portland, Oregon

Sunday, October 28, 2012



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Fresno, California

February 8-10, 2013

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## 6th Annual Church Enrichment Conference

March 8-10, 2013

Lakeview Church of Christ  
Tacoma, Washington

[www.lakeviewcofc.org](http://www.lakeviewcofc.org)  
(253) 537-5181

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## Pepperdine Establishes the Jerry Rushford Center

Pepperdine University, in the model of the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame, announces the establishment of the Jerry Rushford Center for Research on Churches of Christ and the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

The Rushford Center is an umbrella title for several scholarly programs, services, and resources, including:

The Churches of Christ Heritage Center. This center was established by Jerry Rushford in 2009 and is housed in the Payson Library on the Seaver College campus in Malibu. It collects and catalogues various periodicals, publications, papers, photographs, and memorabilia regarding Churches of Christ, especially congregational histories, photos, and records from churches

in Western America and Canada, and throughout the Pacific Rim.

The Restoration History Archives, a collection of books, records, and documents available for those doing research on the history of the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement.

William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program, which annually brings to the Pepperdine University campus a scholar from Churches of Christ as a resource for students, faculty, ministers, and the general public.

Frank Pack Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program, which annually invites to the Pepperdine community a scholar from the broader evangelical world as a resource to faculty, students, ministers, and the general public.

Symposium for Church Historians in the Stone-Campbell Movement, which will annually call together

scholars specializing in church history to deliver, listen to, and comment on scholarly papers intended to advance the knowledge and understanding of the Christian heritage, and the heritage of the Stone-Campbell Movement.

Annotated Bibliography of the Stone-Campbell Movement, which is maintained and made available to all those interested in studying the American Restoration Movement.

In addition to these programs and services, the Rushford Center plans to publish articles and lectures in Restoration history; periodically produce a Restoration History newsletter; maintain biographical folders on church leaders and Pepperdine alumni related to the Restoration Movement; and maintain [therushfordcenter.com](http://therushfordcenter.com) web site, connecting historians and students to multiple sites regarding Restoration Movement resources and communications.



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