Pepperdine Bible Lectureship Draws 4,000

A crowd numbering more than 4,000 was present for the opening night of the 42nd Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectureship on April 16.

Lectureship guests came from 35 states and five foreign countries for the four-day event. California was the most widely represented state, with participants from approximately 300 congregations of the Church of Christ in attendance.

Dr. David Davenport, Pepperdine's new president, was the featured speaker on opening night. His keynote address on 'The Finality of Christ,' launched the lectureship theme of 'Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday and Today and Forever.'

Davenport, 34, was speaking on his first day in office. The evening was highlighted by a 15-minute ceremony called "The Spiritual Inauguration of Pepperdine's Sixth President."
Sacramento Regional Church Growth Seminar

On September 26-28, 1985, the second California Regional Church Growth Seminar will take place in Sacramento. The location will be the Winding Way Church of Christ at 6201 Winding Way in the Sacramento suburb of Carmichael.

The Regional Seminar is sponsored by the Center for Church Growth of Houston, Texas, along with churches in the Sacramento area. Dr. Joe Schubert, president of the Center, and Tim Mathey, executive director of the Center, will make feature presentations at the Seminar. Other speakers will include Randy Mayeux, Ray Fulenwider, Flavil Yeakley, Willard May, and Dick Marcear.

Presentations at the Seminar will include the following:

- What is Biblical Church Growth?
- Do We Need New Congregations?
- How to Organize Your Congregation for Ministry
- How to Involve Every Member
- Attitudes for Growing Churches
- Recent Trends in Church Growth
- How to Break the 200 Barrier
- The Preacher and His Preaching
- How to Turn Around a Declining Church
- How to Reach Your Inactive Members
- Providing Adequate Facilities for Growth

This will be the eighth regional seminar offered by the Center for Church Growth. The first was held in Houston, Texas, in September, 1982. Advance registration is required to attend this seminar. The registration fee is $75.00 per person.

Christian Children's Services Offers Seminars

Christian Children's Services of California, a family service center, has opened its doors. A complete program of counseling services (marriage, family and individual) is now being offered by qualified, professional counselors. Another program which includes maternity and adoption services will be offered shortly. (Presently, the state is reviewing the application for licensing as an adoption agency in California.)

Christian Children's Services is an expansion of Colorado Christian Services in Denver. The Colorado program is under the oversight of the University Church of Christ eldership. Families, natural parents, and children have been served by this agency for over 20 years. Christian Children's Services is now here in California. It is here to serve and meet needs—to be a new neighbor and an old friend.

While much of the work CCS does is with people and families in crisis situations, CCS feels very strongly that it should also be involved in attempts to prevent the development of crises. CCS offers a variety of seminars and workshops that can be presented to both the church and the community. These presentations can also be adapted to a Bible class, ladies class, worship setting or civic organizational meeting.

The following subjects are offered for preventative education seminars:

- Couples communication course, active listening, marriage and family communication, parent/family education, traits of a healthy family, Christian dating and courtship, preparation for marriage, building self-esteem in the family, relationship development, and what to do with anger. For more information on CCS or in regard to scheduling these seminars, please call (213) 948-4441, or (800) 443-3468.

Portland Church Sponsors Evangelism Seminar

The Metro Church of Christ in the Portland suburb of Gresham sponsored an evangelism seminar May 17-18 with Milton Jones of Seattle as the keynote speaker. Jones' theme was "Expanding Our Evangelism." Joining him on the program were Tom Bonner, minister in Vancouver, Washington; Claude Guild, who works with the Eastside congregation in Portland; Jeff Hicks, minister for the Hazel Dell, Washington, church; Ken Jacobs, campus minister overseen by the Southwest congregation in Tigard; Addison Kendall, elder for the Metro congregation; Scott Mitchell, minister for the Linwood congregation in Milwaukie, Oregon; and Neldon Watson, minister at Metro.
Great Northwest
Evangelism Workshop
July 3-6
by Ken Wilson

A personal invitation is extended to everyone to come and join us at the largest gathering of members of the Church of Christ in the Northwest. Come and enjoy dynamic speakers and an exciting fellowship of believers. There will be challenging lectures and inspirational classes based on the theme, “The Power of the Cross.”

Keynote speakers include: Billy Washington of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Richard Rogers of Lubbock, Texas; Jeff Walling of Mission Viejo, California; Marvin Phillips of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Reuel Lemmons of Austin, Texas. Other featured teachers include: Cline Paden, Mike Armour, Tom Sibley, Gordon Ferguson, Ray Melton, Jim Woodroof, Ron Rose, Harrison Gaston, Hardy Tillman, Norm Russell, Joe Fields, Milo Hadwin, and David Moore.

From the start, women have played an important role in the G.N.E.W. and this year is no exception. Such women as Mary Ann Smith, from Memphis, Tennessee, and Pat Baker from Waurika, Oklahoma, will teach classes on “Bible School Preparations and Motivation” and “Christian Motherhood.”

Young people attending the workshop will find a variety of programs tailored especially to their interests. Speakers such as Jeff Walling, Mission Viejo, California; Randy Gill, Malibu, California; and Robert Oglesby, Richardson, Texas, will offer challenging lessons for young people. There will also be a special series of classes for youth leaders as well.

Dorm housing is available at reasonable cost on the beautiful campus of Pacific Lutheran University, where the workshop is held. Also, private housing with church members in the area is available upon request, as well as many fine hotels and motels. For more information, call (509) 466-8357.

Why not plan your vacation around these dates—July 3-6, 1985. We are expecting over 3,000 people this year. Come and enjoy the beautiful Northwest.

Ministers Enrichment Seminar at Columbia Christian College
by Kelly Deatherage

“Facets of Ministry” will be the theme of Columbia Christian College’s annual Ministers Enrichment Seminar, scheduled this year for June 17-20.

The seminar will provide concentrated study and encouragement for church leaders who fill many roles, including preacher, teacher and counselor. Series of classes will be taught by Carl Mitchell, pulpit minister for the Conejo Valley, California, Church of Christ and dean of student life at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California, and John O. York, associate minister for the Hillcrest congregation in Atlanta, Georgia, and a doctoral student at Emory University.

Mitchell, who is a licensed marriage, family and child counselor, will speak on counseling. York’s series will deal with preaching from Luke and Acts, the area in which he is doing his doctorate.

Other seminar topics will range from church usage of computers to preaching from the Old Testament. Panel discussions and an afternoon for hands-on learning about computer applications for churches are also planned.

Speakers will include Phil McMillion, Bible Chair director at Boise State University in Boise, Idaho; Greg Woods, youth minister for the Metro congregation in Gresham, Oregon; Mike Armour, president of Columbia and a frequent expositor for West Coast events; and Pat Graham, chairman of Columbia’s Bible and Religion Division.

Also contributing to the program will be Lee Rogers, computer science professor at Columbia; Dave Bland, pulpit minister for Portland’s Eastside congregation; June Brenninger, professor of psychology at Columbia; and Obert Henderson, director of Campaigns Northwest.

Evening fellowship activities and on-campus housing and meals will give the participants the opportunity to become better acquainted.
College Students Conduct Campaign in Los Angeles

by Dan Knight

The campaign began on the spur of the moment. Michael Fortson of Nacogdoches, Texas, had a dilemma. As the campus minister at Stephen F. Austin University, he had organized a group of 25 students, plus his own family, to go on a campaign/meeting trip to Ensenada, Mexico. Due to a shooting incident at the U.S.-Mexico border, their visit was cancelled and Michael had 25 disappointed students on his hands.

So he started making some phone calls. One person's name was in an ACU lectureship brochure, Jerry Rushford of Agoura Hills, California. Jerry put Michael in touch with me since I am a minister to the Hispanics in Los Angeles' inner city.

That was Monday; the group was due to arrive the next Saturday. Providing housing and food for the group on such short notice was quickly accomplished. The Culver Palms church cooperated whole-heartedly to house the group. Members there also provided desserts on a daily basis. The Hispanic congregation meeting at 12th and Hoover generously helped to feed the students. This church, only a year and a half old, allocated its entire treasury of $1,800 for use in the campaign. The small group of English-speaking brethren at Central also contributed.

The campaigners came and went straight to work. Thanks to transportation assistance (from the Central, Culver Palms, Inglewood and Figueroa Street churches) and the invaluable help of veteran campaigner Jerry Loutzenhiser of Minneapolis, the group handed out 27,000 invitations to the meeting that took place nightly from May 20-26. Gary Lutes of Farmington Hills, Michigan (a former missionary to Chile), preached very clear gospel sermons. The 7-day effort averaged 82 in attendance at each of the evening meetings.

As the students handed out literature in Los Angeles, they saw things which Nacogdoches had not prepared them for: a policeman physically subduing a prisoner, open drug sales on the street, and gang fights. The campaigners were threatened, followed and propositioned. The police stopped by one day to ask if the group was all right. And on the last day while the students were finishing work at the church building, a man was murdered in the street a half-block away.

But the results of the week were encouraging. Two persons were baptized into Christ on Sunday morning, and twelve others expressed interest in studying the Bible. The Hispanic congregation was blessed by a new cohesiveness in the spirit of the church. And the campaigners returned to Nacogdoches with a clearer picture of what the powers of darkness are doing in the world and a stronger commitment to stand against them.

J. P. Sanders Speaks for Columbia Graduation

Dr. J. P. Sanders

Dr. J. P. Sanders, former president and chancellor of Columbia Christian College, returned to the campus June 14 to address the college's 1985 graduating class.

Sanders, who now teaches in the Religion Division at Pepperdine University, led Columbia as executive vice president, president and chancellor from 1970 to 1982. During his presidency, Columbia received full accreditation as a four-year liberal arts college. This year's graduating class will be the ninth since receiving that accreditation.

The graduation speaker has served the church and the cause of Christian education for decades. Before his years of great service to Columbia, Sanders was a teacher and administrator at David Lipscomb College and Pepperdine University. Wherever he has lived, Sanders and his wife, Gloria, have given unflinchingly to the church. He has served as an elder, preacher and frequent lectureship speaker and also was the first editor of 20th Century Christian.

Stan Johnson Begins Work in Oregon

Stan Johnson

Stan Johnson, formerly of Fairfield, California, assumed duties in early May as a minister with the West Main Church of Christ in Medford, Oregon.

He is preaching for the congregation and working with its young people. Johnson is filling a vacancy created when Rick Hall began working in Texas on behalf of Columbia Christian College. Ellwood Flock, one of West Main's elders, also serves as a minister with the congregation.

Johnson has been associate minister for the church in Fairfield, where he worked with youth, coordinated the educational program and helped preach. He has been active with Solano Christian School and Sierra Bible Camp.

The new West Main minister has received two bachelor's degrees from Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas, and a master's degree from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. He and his wife, Jessica, have two daughters, Jocelyn and Breanne.

Family Focus Ministry

A new family focus ministry at the Southwest Church of Christ in Tigard, Oregon, has met with 95 percent participation from members, said Steve Buckelew, a deacon who helped organize the program.

One Sunday each month congregation members spend the afternoon together in groups of 15-20 people. Each group shares a potluck meal at a member's home and spends the afternoon in fellowship, Bible study and prayer. The Bible study and prayer time are directed so that adults and children can participate, said Sonny Guild, minister for the congregation.
Columbia Graduate Moves to Vienna, Austria

After three summers of mission work in Austria and other Iron Curtain nations, Lisa Neilson, a 1982 graduate of Columbia Christian College, has returned this spring for at least two years in the Iron Curtain mission field.

Lisa is joining the efforts of Robert and Cindy Wells, missionaries who are living in Vienna, Austria, and doing much of their work in Budapest, Hungary.

"My summer mission experiences were very valuable," says Lisa, "but I believe the money could be better spent if I stayed longer. I've realized how much work there is to do and how few people there are to do it."

Lisa plans to spend much of her time in Hungary on a tourist visa, where she will work one-on-one with many young women with whom Robert and Cindy Wells are already acquainted. There were no difficulties in Lisa's entering the country, largely due to the recent endeavors of Hungarian officials to make their nation more of a tourist attraction. Since her first visit to Hungary in 1981, Lisa says she has noticed a great deal of modernization in the nation.

Lisa is living in Vienna, Austria, which she describes as "a very international city." Her work involves teaching English, using the Bible for a text, and also helping at European Christian College, where many refugees seek aid.

Describing summer campaigns as "the fun side" of mission work, Lisa expresses her desire to stay longer in the field "to see if that's where God can most effectively use me."

The East County Church of Christ in Gresham, Oregon, where Lisa Neilson has been a member since 1978, serves as her sponsoring congregation.

Canadian Missionary Returns to Oregon

Ron Stump, currently a missionary in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, will begin working in July with the Westside congregation in the Portland suburb of Beaverton.

Stump has spent the last nine years in British Columbia, where he first established a bus ministry for the church in Salmon Arm and two years later began a Christian school. That school, Shuswap Christian, recently was rated by the Canadian government as one of the top two private schools in the province.

When he begins work with the Westside congregation, Stump's primary responsibilities will be in youth, family and community outreach ministries.

Pepperdine Professor Offers Workshops on Missions

Weekend workshops or special classes on missions and church growth have helped the local church begin and maintain an effective missions program. Such topics as "The Missionary Task," "Developing a Strategy for Missions," "The Church and the Missionary," and "Guidelines for a Missions Committee" can provide very practical assistance in fulfilling this exciting dimension of our Christian commitment.

For further information on hosting a workshop in your congregation or area, contact Dr. Everett W. Huffard, Religion Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA 90265, or call (213) 456-4179.

Steve Ink accepts new position at Campbell

On May 1, Steve Ink began as minister of education, a new staff position, with the Campbell Church of Christ. His wife, Sharon, is completing a B.S.N. from San Jose State University and their son, Brian, is enrolled in the first grade at Campbell Christian Schools.

Working under Senior Staff Minister Tom Sibley, Ink, 33 years old, will be responsible for organizing and coordinating the education department of the 550-member church at 1075 W. Campbell Avenue. These duties include the development of a teacher-training and outreach program.

Ink was born in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; he moved to South Carolina, and spent most of his life in Rockville, Maryland. He received a bachelor's in film and television production from Montana State University in 1974, a masters in religion from Pepperdine University in 1980, and a Master of Divinity from Abilene Christian University in 1982.

Ink's unique background makes him well suited for a dynamic contribution to the Campbell Church of Christ and the community. He worked with WMAL-TV as a production assistant in Washington, D.C., then moved to Central Virginia to work with WLVA-TV as a cinematographer and editor. Ink followed his television work with a year in entertainment: singing, playing guitar, writing songs, recording, and playing clubs and stage shows.

In 1979, Ink moved to the Church of Christ in Palo Alto, California to serve as campus minister. Three years later, he was appointed pulpit minister and has continued in this capacity.
Seven years ago, David Davenport was working for one of San Diego's most prestigious law firms in a 20th-story office with a picture window overlooking San Diego Bay, Coronado Island and the Pacific Ocean.

He was 28, a year out of law school, and had been heavily courted by several major firms and had chosen this one, with carpeted stairways and occupying the three top floors of a bank building.

Then he quit to become a minister for the Churches of Christ.

Some said he was making a mistake, that he was sloughing off a chance for great success and an elegant life style. But Davenport is satisfied that he made the right move.

On Tuesday evening, at 34, he will become one of the youngest college presidents in the nation when he takes over as the sixth head of Pepperdine University and its 6,500 students. Before 4,000 people at a Bible lecture in the university fieldhouse, he will formally commit himself to Pepperdine's traditions.

"I am hoping," he said recently, "that we can combine our Christian commitment and academic excellence and make Pepperdine a national leader in private education."

Davenport hopes to protect his family's privacy and the safety of his daughter, Katie, 2, and his son Charlie, 8 months, by fencing in the yard and covering the pool and Jacuzzi.

The family will also convert one of the six bedrooms into a full kitchen so Sally Davenport can cook without going upstairs to the kitchen used for official functions.

The spacious home is a frequent attraction for tourists who wander the yard and peer in the windows. Outgoing President Howard A. White, who will become a fund-raiser and policy maker as president emeritus, once found a stranger in his bathroom. (White retreated and the stranger left.)

Davenport says he will be comfortable in the spotlight at university functions. Still, the new chief executive, who used to fry doughnuts in the family bakery in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, enjoys some less ostentatious pleasures too.

He likes to ride a boogie board, which is a small surfboard, and he turned down the university's offer of a luxury car to keep his 1983 Buick LeSabre.

"I'm just not a Mercedes-Benz person at this point," he said one evening outside his old vice president's office on campus. "My car does the job and I'm not embarrassed to drive it to the Century Plaza. A car has never meant a great deal to me."

Similar thinking enabled him to leave his law firm seven years ago. Davenport said he knew that he liked public speaking and working with people, but his practice was increasingly headed for the solitary work of trial preparation. He said he also knew that he found wealth and fine homes less important than job satisfaction.

He had preached in high school in Shawnee Mission and worked as a youth minister two years after college in the Churches of Christ, which do not require ordination for a clergyman. When a San Diego congregation offered a year-long job as a minister, he took it.
Friends gave his name to administrators at Pepperdine, a Churches of Christ-affiliated school, and the following year the university law school offered a teaching position, which he accepted.

He was named the university's general counsel in 1981 and executive vice president in 1983. A Board of Regents committee announced his appointment as president last June.

Wearing a gray pinstripe suit with a blue buttoned-down shirt and a tie, Davenport sat on a swivel chair behind a teak desk and started one recent morning by meeting a student to discuss a case in a law class he still teaches and hopes to continue.

Later, he met with his vice president for academic affairs. When William B. Phillips proposed an evaluation of undergraduate curriculum, Davenport leaned forward and banged his hand on the desk, enthusiastic about an important project that came out of a regularly scheduled meeting.

“This is exciting,” he said. “This is exciting.”

Davenport leaned back, rested his feet against a post under the desk, and the men reached agreement on a number of issues.

At 10 a.m. he walked through the center of the campus with white stucco walls and red tile roofs gleaming in the sun to hear a speaker at a voluntary chapel service.

After the speech Davenport returned to his office to meet another vice president. Then he walked to a luncheon—which he began with a prayer—for university administrators.

Religion has been important at Pepperdine since auto supply millionaire George Pepperdine founded the small liberal arts school in 1937 with hopes that it would maintain close ties to the Churches of Christ.

Several school presidents, however, have had to deal with the delicate balance between open academics and close ties to the conservative denomination. Today, the school requires 2,400 students in the liberal arts program to take two religion courses and to attend at least some religious convocations.

Davenport has grappled with a similar balance since high school when his inclination was to attend a Christian college of limited academic curriculum, but his father, now deceased, persuad-ed him to go to Stanford University.

“He felt that if I went to a place of great freedom and chose to be a Christian I would not only get a better education but grow as a Christian,” Davenport said.

Earning a bachelor’s degree at Stanford and a law degree from the University of Kansas, Davenport decided that his father was right.

Sometimes, he said, visitors considering Pepperdine as a school for their children insist that it should be either a strong Christian university or an excellent private college.

“And my answer always has been, and will continue to be, ‘No. We aren’t going to go either of those directions.’” Davenport said. “We will combine them and be Pepperdine.”

The First Pepperdine Lectureship

(Photos of the 42nd Lectureship on pages 8-9)
Scenes from Pepperdine's

Tom Bost presenting Christian Service Award to Howard White

Mattie Jackson speaking at a luncheon in Heritage Hall

Princeton's Dr. J. J. M. Roberts teaching in Stauffer Chapel

Joyful singing

Kevin McFarland describing the

Dr. Rubel Shelly teaching an overflow crowd in Smothers Theatre
42nd Annual Lectureship

Kay Jackson speaking at the Annual Women's Fellowship Dinner

Doug Parsons speaking at the Annual Men's Fellowship Dinner

Randy Mayeux preaching in Firestone Fieldhouse

Lana Wisenbaker, daily teacher

All ages enjoy Lectureship Week
New Administrator Announced at Pepperdine

Pepperdine University recently announced the appointment of Nick Stinnett as dean of the University's 800-student Graduate School of Education and Psychology.

Stinnett, whose career in higher education began nearly 20 years ago, succeeds William B. Adrian Jr., who has been appointed to the post of executive vice president of the University.

Stinnett's appointment is effective August 1, 1985.

The new dean comes to Pepperdine from the University of Nebraska, where he has served since 1977 as professor and chairman of the department of human development and the family. Under his leadership, the department grew to become one of the four largest in the country in the number of master's degrees awarded.

Stinnett earned his B.B.A. degree from the University of Georgia and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Florida State University.

He was a member of the faculty at Oklahoma State University and a leader in the development of the National Symposium on Building Family Strengths at the University of Nebraska.

Stinnett has published more than 75 books and papers in professional journals. He is a popular speaker and was invited by Mrs. Ronald Reagan to be one of six members of a distinguished panel of judges for The Great American Family Award presented at the White House last June. He serves as editor of a new professional journal, entitled Wellness Perspectives: Journal of Individual, Family and Community Wellness.

The new dean assumes responsibility for the University's oldest graduate program, now headquartered at Pepperdine University Plaza in West Los Angeles. Academic offerings include masters' degrees in education, school management and administration, educational computing and general psychology, and doctoral degrees in institutional management and community college administration. Several credential programs, as well as academic coursework for the Marriage, Family and Child Counseling license, are also offered as part of the graduate curriculum.

Stinnett and his wife, Nancy, and their two sons have been active members of the Church of Christ in Lincoln. The family plans to move to the Los Angeles area this summer.

World Bible School Reaches Out to Zimbabwe

An exciting World Bible School project has begun in Harare, the rapidly growing capital city of Zimbabwe. Thus far, over 29,000 introductory lessons to the World Bible School program have been mailed to middle-class adults in Harare. Included with each lesson was a warm message of invitation, informing the people of a large Bible Meeting to be held at the Church of Christ in Harare, at the end of June.

Of the 29,000 introductory lessons sent, more than 1,000 of them have been completed and mailed back by interested people in Harare. The Harare Church of Christ reports many contacts are made daily and Bible Studies are taking place, as a direct result of this World Bible School mailing effort.

On June 20, Jake Coppinger of Visalia, California, will lead a campaign team of nine individuals to Zimbabwe's capital city where they will spend a month working with respondents from World Bible School. They will teach daily and preach nightly at the church building in Harare.

The project is in need of financial support. If you would like to help support the work in Zimbabwe, please send your check (payable to the East Visalia Church of Christ) to the church address, 1919 E. Mineral King, Visalia, CA 93291. Be sure to mark "ZIM" on your check.

Wyoming Minister Moves to Portland, Oregon

The East County Church of Christ in the suburban Portland community of Gresham recently brought Tom Douglas, formerly of Sheridan, Wyoming, to work as an evangelist, culminating a two-year search.

Keith Farris, an East County elder, said the congregation believed Douglas' very successful work with people would be a great asset in his role. Douglas will be active in community outreach and in motivating others in their outreach with Christ. He also will do about half of the congregation's preaching, Farris said.

The East County church already operates a day care and preschool in the developing area near the congregation's building. That effort brings members into contact with many young families who are not Christians.

The congregation's new evangelist worked five years planting churches in Campinas, Brazil, and two years as a missionary apprentice in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He received a master's degree in ministry and evangelism from Abilene Christian University and a bachelor's degree in Biology, Harding University.

He and his wife, Karyn, have three children: Allen, 13; Steven, 11; and Amy, 8. Karyn Douglas is a nurse whose work in the new Mt. Hood Medical Center near the congregation's building will be a part of the family's ministry to its community.
Center for Biblical Research Established at Pepperdine

Pepperdine University has announced the establishment of a Center for Biblical Research, to be located on the University's campus in Malibu. Dr. Carroll D. Osburn will serve as director of the Center.

The Center will conduct research in selected biblical and biblically related studies and communicate the results of this research through publications, seminars and public lectures. Drawing upon the expertise of its own staff and an international team of scholars, the Center will embody the University's commitment to research in these vital areas, as well as to offer its students opportunities to participate in meaningful scholarly activities in this field.

Dr. Osburn will direct the Center as well as continue to serve as Professor of Religion at Pepperdine University. He is internationally recognized as one of the leading scholars in the field of New Testament textual criticism. He earned his baccalaureate degree from Harding University, the Master of Arts and Master of Theology degrees from the Harding Graduate School of Religion, the Doctor of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University and the Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of St. Andrews, in Scotland.

He is the author of many scholarly papers, serves as chairman of the New Testament textual criticism section of the Society of Biblical Literature and is a member of the distinguished Association Internationale d'Etudes Patristiques. He previously served as professor of New Testament at the Harding Graduate School of Religion and as chairperson of the Division of Religion at Pepperdine University.

As its initial project, the Center will assemble an international team of textual scholars who will each work on a specific assignment to prepare a new critical edition of the Acts of the Apostles. During the past century, a significant number of scholars, the importance of such a complete textual base. Regrettably, other than independent research being conducted by a small number of independent scholars, the important field of New Testament textual criticism has nearly come to a halt, world-wide. The summer seminar in New Testament textual criticism taught by Dr. Osburn at Pepperdine University is one of the few places students can pursue graduate study in this discipline.

The inauguration of this textual project has already gained widespread attention and support in the international scholarly community and has earned for Pepperdine University a role as a leader in New Testament textual critical research. The Center is envisioned as a catalyst to help revitalize the important discipline of New Testament textual criticism.

An integral part of the Center's work will be providing seminars directed primarily toward the interested non-specialist in biblical studies. By drawing upon the expertise of the numerous participants in the Center projects, the findings of the Center's research will be communicated to a larger audience in non-technical language. The Center will also arrange lectures by internationally respected scholars and bring together the public and world leaders of thought in biblical studies.

Camp Prince's Pine
by Norm Russell

In 1978 a young Christian woman, babysitting for the County Extension Agent in Colville, Washington, learned that a campground located in the Colville National Forest on Lake Thomas, might be available for lease. The Churches of Christ in eastern Washington, northeastern Oregon, and northern Idaho were in need of a facility they could call their own. After weeks of meetings and negotiations with the 4-H Club, a lease was signed and Camp Prince's Pine became a reality. At this time, the only existing facilities were a bathroom, small kitchen with a patio, a large dormitory and a caretaker's cabin.

Each Memorial Day weekend Christians converge on Camp Prince's Pine for the sole purpose of working and developing the camp. In May of 1983 a large number of concerned and dedicated Christians met and began work on an 80' x 40' kitchen. Work began on Saturday morning and by Monday the walls were up and the roof was on. In August of that same year we had our first teen camp with young people coming from as far away as Bremerton, Washington. In 1984, we had our biggest camp ever with 150 teenagers from seventh grade through senior high with Bill Gregory as director, and 1985 appears to be even bigger and again Bill Gregory will be the camp director.

At the present, our facilities area are still a bit rustic. However, each Memorial Day weekend sees more being accomplished. We are very seriously considering finishing the basement of the kitchen and possibly erecting a cabin which will sleep ten.

This has been an exciting experience for all of us. We are involved in a work which our children's children will enjoy. If you are in the area and wish to do a little fishing and relaxing, contact Gerald Smith at Rt. 2, Box 153A, Colville, Washington 99114. I know you will enjoy your stay.

Calling All Memories

Have you a fading photo from the Pepperdine of yesteryear? A page of memorabilia from your college days of yore? We are assembling a pictorial chronicle of the first half century of the institution. Be part of the tradition! Your historical photographs and other memorabilia will be gratefully accepted by Dr. Jerry Rushford, Church Services, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
Counseling Activities of Ministers in Los Angeles

by Dennis W. Lowe

In today's world, stress is inevitable. We can experience stress in every area of our lives: job, family finances, friendships, health, and our spiritual life. Ministers are often the first ones to whom people turn when their stress is overwhelming. To find out the extent to which ministers in the Church of Christ are involved in counseling the distressed, I sent questionnaires to all ministers in the Los Angeles area inquiring about their counseling activities. About 70 ministers responded to the survey. In this article I will summarize the major conclusions of this study.

1. In most churches, ministers provide the majority of the counseling. In some churches an elder, deacon, associate minister or member may be responsible for the counseling ministry.

2. These ministers provide an average of five hours of counseling per week. Some indicated that they do not do counseling while others provide as many as 25 hours per week.

3. The top five problems for which people seek assistance from these ministers are (in order of frequency): marital difficulties, salvation concerns, depression, anxiety and guilt. They are less likely to be consulted about sexual concerns, suicidal feelings, or pregnancy/birth control decisions.

4. Prayer is frequently used as a part of the counseling process. During counseling, these ministers are less likely to confront counselees with their sins or to suggest more frequent church attendance—though they do so occasionally.

5. These ministers make few referrals to mental health professionals and rarely receive a referral from a professional counselor. The majority of these ministers stated a preference for referring their counselees to mental health professionals who are members of the Church of Christ.

6. Over 70% of these ministers have done graduate work or have completed a graduate degree. Nearly 50% of them have taken five or more counseling-related college courses.

7. These ministers indicated a need for additional counseling training in parenting issues, substance abuse, depression, and helping the divorced. They feel more adequately trained to deal with such issues as anger, guilt, death and premarital counseling.

Based on these findings, the ministers in the Los Angeles area appear to have more formal training in counseling than is often assumed to be the case. They are confronted with many of the same problems that people take to professional counselors. They indicate that they have an ongoing need for additional training to help them be more effective in their counseling with others.

These findings also suggest that ministers and Christian counselors could work more effectively together. Both groups are interested in helping those who are struggling with the problems and stresses of life. However, they apparently have little interchange with each other and could mutually benefit from greater contact. Plans are being made for a meeting in the near future of ministers and Christian counselors in the Los Angeles area to discuss how they might work together more effectively to help those who seek their assistance. Also, a list has been compiled of professional counselors who are members of the Church of Christ in the Los Angeles area. If you are interested in either of these efforts, contact me at Pepperdine Plaza, 3415 Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90034.

Hall Begins Work for Columbia in Dallas

Columbia Christian College has announced the appointment of Rick Hall as a regional representative in Texas and the Southwest.

In his new post, Hall recently moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Previously, he was the pulpit minister for the Church of Christ in Medford, Oregon.

As a teenager, he attended Fort Worth Christian Schools and received a bachelor's degree from Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas. After preaching for the Western Hills congregation in Fort Worth and the Proctor Street church in Fort Arthur, Hall moved to Oregon six years ago.

As regional director of Columbia's Advancement Board, Hall will work in fund raising and public relations for the college. He also will coordinate special events for Columbia's campaign for endowment and capital gifts that will begin later this year.

Hall and his wife, Donna, are members of the North Richland Church of Christ in Fort Worth. They have a daughter, Jamie, 16, and a son, Matthew, 13.
March 17, 1940  30th Anniversary of the Sichel Street meetinghouse in Los Angeles.

March 17, 1985  75th Anniversary of the Sichel Street meetinghouse in Los Angeles.
Pepperdine People on the Move
by Alison Jolliff

Michael F. Adams, vice president for university affairs, preached for the Conejo Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks, California, on Sunday, June 2.

Executive Vice President William B. Adrian will speak at the Christian Scholars Conference at Abilene Christian University on July 19-21. “The Distinctiveness of General Education in a Christian College” will be the topic of Dr. Adrian’s address.

Calvin Bowers, director of the equal opportunity office, will read his thesis paper on church leadership at the Restoration Scholarship Conference to be held July 15-16 at Abilene Christian University. Dr. Bowers will also teach a class at the National Youth Conference, August 5-10 in St. Louis. The class is entitled, “Preparation for Preaching.”

Randy Chesnutt, an associate professor of religion, will be preaching for the Church of Christ in Montebello, California, on June 30. Dr. Chesnutt will co-teach with David Jackson of Jackson, Mississippi at the Pepperdine Expository Preaching Seminar, to be held June 17-28 on Pepperdine’s Malibu campus.

President David Davenport was the final night speaker at the Central Coast Bible Lectureship in Lompoc, California on May 5. He preached for the San Fernando congregation on May 26. Dr. Davenport will teach a Bible class for the 37th and Atlantic congregation in Long Beach, California, on July 14. He will also be involved in the annual Yosemite Family Encampment as a featured speaker. Then on Wednesday evening, July 31, Dr. Davenport will present a lesson for the Midtown church in Ft. Worth, Texas.

John Free, director of health and counseling services, will speak for his hometown congregation in Caldwell, Idaho, on the occasion of their homecoming, Sunday, June 30.

A Mission Workshop will be conducted on July 20 for a group of college students who are planning a trip to Australia to do summer mission work. Evertt Huffard, associate professor of missions, will be a featured speaker at the workshop. This event will be held at the Church of Christ in Glendale, California.

The Painter Avenue congregation in Whittier, California, will host a “Ladies Retreat” this summer with D’Esta Love as a featured speaker. The retreat will take place August 9-11.

Mike O’Neal, vice president for business affairs, spoke at the National Christian School Leaders Conference in San Mateo, California, on March 29. At the Yosemite Family Encampment, he will be teaching a daily class on Christian estate planning. Then in August, he will be preaching for congregations in Paris and Nashville, Tennessee.

Carroll D. Osburn, director of the Center for Biblical Research, traveled to Somerdale, New Jersey, to speak at a retreat on May 17-19. He will be teaching a class for the Hollywood Church of Christ every Sunday during the month of June. On July 19, Dr. Osburn will speak at Abilene Christian University during the Christian Scholars Conference. Also at Abilene, he will be a featured speaker for the Ministers Renewal Workshop on July 22-23.

Professor of religion Frank Pack recently spoke for a men’s retreat which was sponsored by the University Avenue Church of Christ in Austin, Texas. Serving as an instructor for the off-campus master’s religion program, Dr. Pack will teach classes in Seattle, Washington, throughout the months of May, June, and July. He will also read a paper at the Christian Scholars’ Conference at Abilene Christian, July 19-20.

Paul Piersall, professor of music, conducted a workshop on congregational singing for the Rancho Cordova Church of Christ, June 1-2. On that same weekend, Dr. Piersall was the soloist for the monthly singing conducted by Sacramento-area churches.

James E. Priest, professor of religion, has recently preached for the congregations in Santa Monica, Camarillo, and Pasadena.

Jerry Rushford, director of church services and associate professor of religion, preached in Tyler, Texas, on May 5. He will speak at Homecoming for the Northside church in Santa Ana on June 23, and for the Palm Springs congregation on July 7. Dr. Rushford will speak at the Yosemite Family Encampment, July 21-26, and he will lead a “history of hymns” tour to the British Isles, July 30-August 13.

Professor of foreign languages William Stivers spoke on May 4 at the area meeting of Spanish-speaking congregations in Oildale, California. On May 12, Dr. Stivers was guest speaker for the one-year anniversary of the Spanish-speaking congregation in Paramount, California.

Howard A. White, president emeritus of the university, spoke at the commencement ceremonies for Alabama Christian College in Montgomery on May 24. He was awarded an honorary doctorate on that occasion. Dr. White will be participating in the annual Yosemite Family Encampment, on July 21. At Abilene Christian University, Dr. White will be a featured speaker at the August 28th Faculty Conference.

An extremely busy summer is in store for Big Don Williams whose travels will take him to Lubbock, Texas; Wichita, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Colorado Springs, Colorado; Charleston, West Virginia; Atlanta, Georgia, and several stops in California! Big Don will be speaking at a variety of youth conferences, camps, and activities, including the following events: Teens Take America, June 13 at Oklahoma Christian College; a family seminar, August 2-3 at the Sandy Springs congregation in Atlanta, Georgia; and a family retreat at the Brownfield, Texas, congregation, August 14-16.

John F. Wilson, academic dean of Seaver College, was a featured speaker for the church in Norco, California, at an annual lecture series on April 28. Continuing his archaeological work in Capernaum, Israel, Dr. Wilson served as program coordinator for the excavation which took place from May 14 to June 19. He is scheduled to give a weekend lecture series on Biblical Archaeology, July 13-14, at the El Cajon Boulevard church in San Diego.

On Pepperdine’s Malibu campus, Helen Young is teaching a six-week ladies class on the book of Philippians. The class meets in the chapel, each Wednesday at the noon hour. On June 1, Helen will visit the Franklin Road congregation in Indianapolis, where she will be a featured speaker for “Woman’s Day.” Then, she will speak at a women’s retreat in Dayton, Ohio, on June 7-9.

M. Norvel Young, chancellor emeritus of the university, made a trip to Africa during the latter part of May. His travels included a stop in Nairobi, Kenya, to observe the mission efforts in this rapidly growing city. Dr. Young has also visited the churches in Ethiopia in order to learn more about their present circumstances and report that news back to churches in the United States.
New Congregation Begins in Woodinville, Washington

On April 7, 1985, the Woodinville Church of Christ in Woodinville, Washington, held its first service. This new congregation, a work of the Mountlake Terrace church, is a culmination of weeks and months of meetings and planning. At present they are meeting in a day care facility until a new facility can be located.

The Mountlake Terrace Church has started or helped start a number of congregations in the Seattle area. The elders at Mountlake Terrace feel that planting churches is a better way to build the church than erecting new facilities which tie them down financially.

Don Waddell, who has been with Mountlake Terrace for the past twelve months, is taking 25 to 30 people with him to begin the new work. They will join together with those members who live in the area and attend sister churches but want a church near their home. Don and his wife, Melissa, are young and full of zeal and love for God and people.

Two years ago the church in Marysville, Washington, also a work of Mountlake Terrace, had its beginning. Support for this work was discontinued in January of this year. This has freed funds to be spent in support of the Woodinville work. It is the goal of the congregation at Mountlake Terrace to start another work in the next two to five years.

8th Annual Clairemont Ladies Retreat

The Clairemont Church of Christ will be hosting its 8th Annual Ladies Retreat, September 19-21, at the camp facilities in Mount Palomar. Helen Young, of Pepperdine University, will be the keynote speaker. An exciting theme has been selected for this weekend retreat: “The Worthy Woman in Today’s World.” Several other ladies will serve as featured speakers and book reviewers. Speakers include Wilma McDowell, Diane McDowell, Marilyn LaStrape, and Carmen Bobo.

Cost for the entire retreat is $55, which includes lodging, six meals, a program book, and insurance coverage while at the retreat. If you would like more information or if you would like to reserve a space, contact Aviva Hostetter, (619) 483-9518, or the Clairemont Church of Christ, (619) 273-3951.

New Vice President at Pepperdine

Andrew K. Benton has been named to serve as vice president of the University effective April 16. Dr. Benton will work directly with President David Davenport. He will serve as liaison to the Board of Regents and higher education organizations, and will also work in the areas of campus development, government and community relations, and various development matters and special projects.

Benton received a bachelor’s degree from Oklahoma Christian College and a juris doctor degree from Oklahoma City University. He served as assistant to the president at Oklahoma Christian College for almost ten years before joining Pepperdine University last year.

He and his wife, Debbie, live in Agoura Hills with their two children.
## The 45th Annual Yosemite Family Encampment Program

### July 21-26, 1985

**Theme: “These Things . . . Teach”**

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Paul L. Methvin, pulpit minister for the Orangevale Church of Christ, Orangevale, CA, will direct the encampment for the fourteenth consecutive year. For additional information about the encampment and a schedule of accommodations, write to Mrs. Florence Johnston, Encampment Secretary, 1509 S.W. 70, Oklahoma City, OK 73159 or call evenings (405) 681-6087.