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William M. Green Distinguished Christian  
Lecture Program

2004

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Oct 12th, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Program: 2004 Featured Lecture

David Fleer  
*Rochester College*

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The Twenty Fifth Annual  
**WILLIAM M. GREEN**  
DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR  
LECTURE PROGRAM

Featured Lecturer

**Dr. David Fleer**

*"Living in the World Imagined in Scripture"*

October 12, 2004



WILLIAM AND RUBY GREEN

William McAllen Green (1897-1979) enjoyed two teaching careers that spanned nearly six decades. He was professor of classics at the University of California, Berkeley, from 1927 to 1962, and he was professor of ancient Christian literature at Pepperdine University from 1962 to 1974.

Dr. Green was born in Southern California and attended high school in Northern California. He was educated at the University of California, Berkeley (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.), where he was awarded his doctorate in 1930 for research on Augustine's City of God.

William Green and Ruby Lanier were married in Berkeley by T. B. Larimore on April 20, 1928. Theirs was the first wedding performed in the new church building at Prince and Fulton. Their home in Berkeley, affectionately known as the "Green Hotel," was always a haven for Christian students, ministers, and missionaries-on-leave. The Greens were blessed with three children and nine grandchildren.

One of Dr. Green's major contributions to the church was his support of Christian education. When Pepperdine launched its M.A. program in religion in 1944, Dr. Green assisted the young college by agreeing to teach on its summer school faculty. On other occasions, he was a visiting professor at Harding University in Arkansas, Abilene Christian University in Texas, and Florence Bible School in Italy. He also served for one year as the dean of Ibaraki Christian College in Japan.

In the midst of his busy career, Dr. Green found the time to fulfill the duties of an elder in the church. He served in this position of responsibility for nearly forty years.

## THE WILLIAM M. GREEN LECTURES

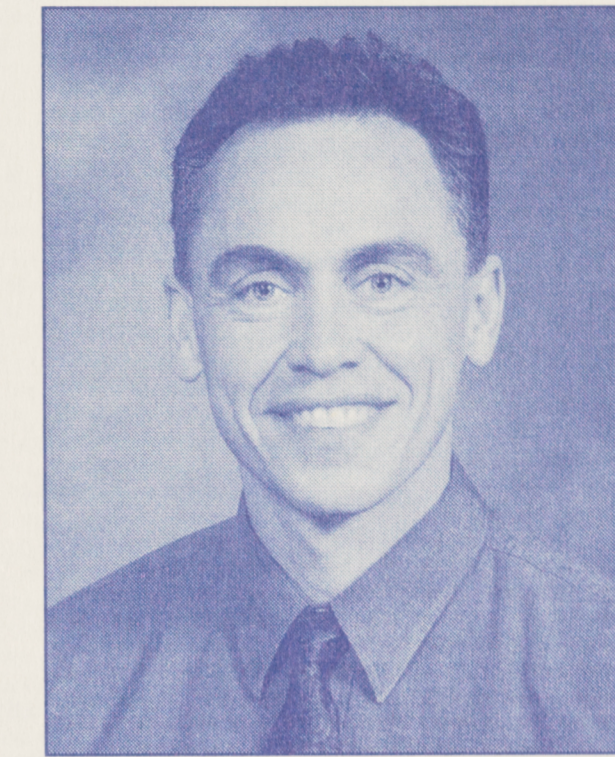
Pepperdine University firmly believes that one of the finest services it can offer students is to bring distinguished Christian scholars to the campus. The University was, therefore, pleased to announce the initiation of the William M. Green Lectures in the 1980-81 school year, a program which brings an outstanding scholar from the Church of Christ to the Malibu campus each year.

Modeled after such excellent lecture programs as the W. B. West Lectures at the Harding Graduate School, the Wilson-Morris Lectures at Lubbock Christian University, and the Staley Lectures at Abilene Christian University, the William M. Green Lectures provide a forum for the advancement of Christian scholarship.

Dr. William M. Green was well known as an authority on Augustine and was selected to edit and translate Augustine's City of God for the Loeb Classical Library. He also edited a number of Augustine's treatises for the Vienna Corpus of the Latin Fathers. Out of his immense background in Greek and Latin literature, he published a wealth of articles in various scholarly publications.

One of Dr. Green's finest contributions to Christian scholarship was his involvement with the Restoration Quarterly. He was one of the founding editors of this journal in 1957, and through the years it carried many of his articles and reviews on ancient church history.

It is most appropriate that this lecture program perpetuates the memory of William M. Green, a true Christian scholar. His impressive academic achievements were always tempered by his own personal humility. As E. W. McMillan has said, "For about forty years I knew Dr. William Green as a family man, a teacher, a preacher, and a scholar. No one made larger tracks than he made. And yet, the most overpowering heritage he left to others was his humility."



DAVID FLEER

David Fleer is Vice President of Church Relations and Professor of Communication and Religion at Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Michigan, where he has taught for the past eight years. He received his B.A. in Education from Washington State University, and his M.S. in Communication from Portland State University. His interest in religious studies led him to complete the M.Div. at Abilene Christian University and a D.Min. at Fuller Theological Seminary. Fleer earned his Ph.D. in Communication at the University of Washington.

Dr. Fleer's devotion to preaching first found expression through a long-tenured pulpit ministry with the Vancouver Church of Christ in the state of Washington. In addition, he has served as interim minister for Churches of Christ in Oregon and Michigan. Active in academic meetings, Fleer has also taught classes and made presentations at several universities and graduate schools including Austin Graduate School of Theology, Academy of Homiletics, Lipscomb University, Oklahoma Christian University, Abilene Christian University and Pepperdine University. He will deliver the opening night keynote address for the 62nd annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures in May 2005.

Along with Dave Bland, Fleer has co-edited five volumes in the *Rochester College Lectures on Preaching* series published by ACU Press. For the past seven years he has directed the annual Sermon Seminar at Rochester College. Last May 200 attendees from 34 states, 3 countries, and 15 denominations, gathered for the common purpose of preparing to preach from the Psalms. David has characterized his work with the annual Sermon Seminar and the five published volumes as a thoughtful and passionate attempt to walk afresh in the world of Scripture, that listeners and readers may experience the reality of the Gospel of God.

David and his wife, Mae, have been married 29 years and they have three sons. Josh is completing his M.A. in Religion at Pepperdine University. Luke will graduate in December from Rochester College, and Nathan is a freshman at Rochester High School.

## PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY EVENING

Smothers Theater, 7:15 PM

Welcome .....	Andrew K. Benton <i>President</i> <i>Pepperdine University</i>
Invocation.....	Bradley Barker <i>Senior Religion Major</i> <i>Pepperdine University</i>
Reading of the Scripture.....	Erin Newton <i>Sophomore Political Science Major</i> <i>Pepperdine University</i>
Introduction of Green Lecturer .....	Jerry Rushford <i>Professor of Religion</i> <i>Pepperdine University</i>

### Featured Lecture

## Living in the World Imagined in Scripture

**Dr. David Flear**  
*Vice President of Church Relations*  
*Professor of Religion*  
*Rochester College*  
*Rochester Hills, Michigan*

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**Dr. N. T. Wright**  
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January 9-11, 2005

## The William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures Pepperdine University

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| <b>Dr. J. P. Sanders, October 21, 1980</b><br><i>"The Challenge of Christian Ethics"</i>   | <b>Dr. Richard Hughes, November 9, 1992</b><br><i>"Getting It Together: Academic Rigor<br/>and Cultural Pluralism in a<br/>Christian University"</i> |
| <b>Dr. Frank Pack, October 27, 1981</b><br><i>"One Hundred Years Since Westcott and<br/>Hort, 1881-1981"</i>   | <b>Dr. J. J. M. Roberts, October 25, 1993</b><br><i>"The Divine-Human Contract:<br/>Theologies of Covenant in the Old Testament"</i>                 |
| <b>Dr. Carl Mitchell, October 21, 1982</b><br><i>"The Place of Self in Biblical<br/>and Psychological Perspective"</i>   | <b>Dr. Tony Ash, October 24-25, 1994</b><br><i>"C.S. Lewis: A Plaster Saint?"</i>  |
| <b>Dr. W. B. West, Jr., October 25, 1983</b><br><i>"The Need for Christian Scholarship"</i>  | <b>Dr. Carl R. Holladay, October 23-24, 1995</b><br><i>"Rediscovering an Ancient Story"</i>  |
| <b>Dr. John F. Wilson, October 23, 1984</b><br><i>"Digging Up Capernaum--Jesus'<br/>Own City"</i>  | <b>Dr. Jack P. Lewis, October 28-29, 1996</b><br><i>"Windows on the Past"</i>  |
| <b>Dr. Howard White, November 12, 1985</b><br><i>"The Spiritual Heritage of<br/>Pepperdine University"</i>   | <b>Dr. Fred Gray, October 20-21, 1997</b><br><i>"Bus Ride to Justice"</i>  |
| <b>Dr. M. Norvel Young, October 28, 1986</b><br><i>"The Living Word for the Five Billion"</i>  | <b>Dr. Jim Baird, October 19-20, 1998</b><br><i>"I Believe. Help My Unbelief!"</i>   |
| <b>Dr. Thomas Olbricht, October 27, 1987</b><br><i>"Reflections on the Intellectual Heritage of<br/>Pepperdine in the Light of Allan Bloom's<br/>The Closing of the American Mind"</i> | <b>Dr. Darryl Tippens, October 25-26, 1999</b><br><i>"Developing a Spiritual Mind<br/>in a Secular Age"</i>  |
| <b>Dr. James E. Priest, October 25, 1988</b><br><i>"Resurrection: Faith or Fact?"</i>  | <b>Dr. Harold Shank, October 23-24, 2000</b><br><i>"Up Close and Personal:<br/>Embracing the Poor"</i>   |
| <b>Dr. Jerry Rushford, November 6, 1989</b><br><i>"A Road Beaten Hard: The Enduring<br/>Legacy of Dr. William McAllen Green,<br/>1897-1979"</i>  | <b>Dr. Tim Woodroof, October 23-24, 2001</b><br><i>"Following Jesus:<br/>Explorations in the Interior Life"</i>                                      |
| <b>Dr. H. Douglas Dean, October 30, 1990</b><br><i>"Science and Religion: Antagonists<br/>or Partners?"</i>  | <b>Dr. Jeff Childers, October 21-22, 2002</b><br><i>"Picturing Your Walk with God:<br/>Images of the Spiritual Life"</i>                             |
| <b>Dr. David Davenport, October 29, 1991</b><br><i>"An Uneasy Relationship: The Church<br/>in a Post-Modern World"</i>   | <b>Dr. Greg Sterling, October 21, 2003</b><br><i>"Can We Hear the Voice of Jesus?"</i>   |
|  | <b>Dr. David Flear, October 12, 2004</b><br><i>"Living in the World Imagined in Scripture"</i>   |



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