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Lecture Program

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Program: 2006 Featured Lecture

John O. York
Lipscomb University

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Pepperdine University
Presents

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

Featured Lecturer
Dr. John O. York

"Life on the Vine: Revisiting the Wine and the Wineskins"

October 10, 2006



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

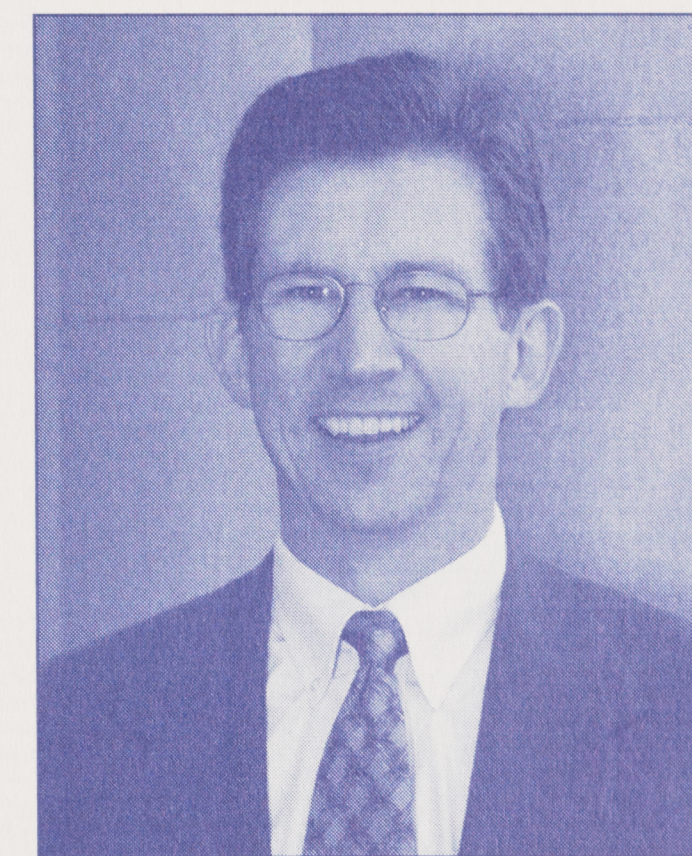
Pepperdine University firmly believes that one of the finest services it can offer students is to bring distinguished Christian scholars to the campus. The University was, therefore, pleased to announce the initiation of the William M. Green Lectures in the 1980-81 school year, a program which brings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



JOHN O. YORK

John O. York is Professor of Bible and Preaching at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he has taught for the past nine years. He has also served since the fall of 2000 as one of the preaching ministers for the Woodmont Hills Church of Christ in Nashville. Previously he was preaching minister for churches in Oregon, Tennessee, and Texas, and he has taught at Pepperdine University, Harding Graduate School of Religion, Austin Graduate School of Theology, Columbia Christian College, and Candler School of Theology.

John received his training from Abilene Christian University where he earned B.A., M.A. and M.Div. degrees. He completed a Ph.D. in New Testament from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1989. Throughout his career, Dr. York has sought to integrate ministry in church and academy. Thus, there is constant overlap in his church experience and his teaching experience. He currently serves as the Director of the Hazelip Preaching Seminar hosted annually by Lipscomb University. He is especially interested in studying the Gospels, Pauline Letters, Homiletics, and Christianity in Postmodern/Emerging Culture. John is passionate about mentoring ministry students and developing within them a missional vision of Kingdom and Calling in our transitional church and world.

Dr. York is the co-author (with Rubel Shelly) of *The Jesus Proposal: A Theological Framework for Maintaining the Unity of the Body of Christ* (2003) and *The Jesus Community: A Theology of Relational Faith* (2004). He has contributed chapters in *Preaching Luke-Acts* (2000); *Preaching Autobiography* (2001); *Preaching Hebrews* (2002); and *Preaching Mark's Unsettling Messiah* (2006). He is co-editor (with Gary Holloway) of *Unfinished Reconciliation: Justice, Racism, and Churches of Christ* (2003). John is a popular speaker at university lecture programs, and he will deliver one of the keynote lectures at the 64th annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures in May 2007.

John and his wife, Anne, were raised in the Great Northwest. They have been married for 31 years and they have two sons, Matt and Brad.

PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY EVENING

Smothers Theatre, 7:30 PM

WelcomeDarryl Tippens
Provost
Pepperdine University

Invocation.....Cambry Pardee
Senior Religion Major
Pepperdine University

Reading of the Scripture Caitlin Lawrence
Junior Communications Major
Pepperdine University

Introduction of Green Lecturer Jerry Rushford
Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University

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COMING EVENT AT PEPPERDINE

The Third Annual
Frank Pack
Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program

Dr. Scot McKnight

Karl A. Olsson Professor in Religious Studies
North Park University
Chicago, Illinois

Topic: *The Jesus Creed*

January 9, 2007

The William M. Green Distinguished Christian Scholar Lectures Pepperdine University

Dr. J. P. Sanders, October 21, 1980
"The Challenge of Christian Ethics"

Dr. Frank Pack, October 27, 1981
*"One Hundred Years Since Westcott and
Hort, 1881-1981"*

Dr. Carl Mitchell, October 21, 1982
*"The Place of Self in Biblical
and Psychological Perspective"*

Dr. W. B. West, Jr., October 25, 1983
"The Need for Christian Scholarship"

Dr. John F. Wilson, October 23, 1984
"Digging Up Capernaum--Jesus' Own City"

Dr. Howard White, November 12, 1985
*"The Spiritual Heritage of
Pepperdine University"*

Dr. M. Norvel Young, October 28, 1986
"The Living Word for the Five Billion"

Dr. Thomas Olbricht, October 27, 1987
*"Reflections on the Intellectual Heritage of
Pepperdine in the Light of Allan Bloom's
The Closing of the American Mind"*

Dr. James E. Priest, October 25, 1988
"Resurrection: Faith or Fact?"

Dr. Jerry Rushford, November 6, 1989
*"A Road Beaten Hard: The Enduring
Legacy of Dr. William McAllen Green,
1897-1979"*

Dr. H. Douglas Dean, October 30, 1990
*"Science and Religion: Antagonists
or Partners?"*

Dr. David Davenport, October 29, 1991
*"An Uneasy Relationship: The Church
in a Post-Modern World"*

Dr. Richard Hughes, November 9, 1992
*"Getting It Together: Academic Rigor
and Cultural Pluralism in a
Christian University"*

Dr. J. J. M. Roberts, October 25, 1993
*"The Divine-Human Contract:
Theologies of Covenant in the Old Testament"*

Dr. Tony Ash, October 24-25, 1994
"C.S. Lewis: A Plaster Saint?"

Dr. Carl R. Holladay, October 23-24, 1995
"Rediscovering an Ancient Story"

Dr. Jack P. Lewis, October 28-29, 1996
"Windows on the Past"

Dr. Fred Gray, October 20-21, 1997
"Bus Ride to Justice"

Dr. Jim Baird, October 19-20, 1998
"I Believe. Help My Unbelief!"

Dr. Darryl Tippens, October 25-26, 1999
*"Developing a Spiritual Mind
in a Secular Age"*

Dr. Harold Shank, October 23-24, 2000
*"Up Close and Personal:
Embracing the Poor"*

Dr. Tim Woodroof, October 23-24, 2001
*"Following Jesus:
Explorations in the Interior Life"*

Dr. Jeff Childers, October 21-22, 2002
*"Picturing Your Walk with God:
Images of the Spiritual Life"*

Dr. Greg Sterling, October 21, 2003
"Can We Hear the Voice of Jesus?"

Dr. David Fleer, October 12, 2004
"Living in the World Imagined in Scripture"

Dr. Stephen Weathers, October 10, 2005
"The (Other) Good Confession: 'I Was Wrong'"

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