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Pepperdine University

Presents

The Twelfth Annual

WILLIAM M. GREEN
DISTINGUISHED CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR
LECTURE PROGRAM

October Twenty-Ninth, Nineteen Hundred Ninety-One

Smothers Theatre

7:30 p.m.



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 DAVENPORT

David Davenport is in his seventh year as president of Pepperdine University. Under his leadership, Pepperdine has become increasingly known for its strong academic programs and for its special emphasis on Christian education.

A native of Kansas, David Davenport earned a bachelor of arts degree "with distinction" in international relations at Stanford University. He received his juris doctor degree from the University of Kansas, where he was elected to the Order of the Coif and earned national and international awards in moot court competition. During his college years, he served an internship in the Executive Office of the President in Washington, D.C., and worked in the office of Senator Robert Dole.

In addition to his many responsibilities as president of Pepperdine University, Dr. Davenport serves as president of the American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges and Universities. He also values time spent in the Pepperdine classroom and currently teaches a class at the Pepperdine School of Law.

Along with his contributions to law and academia, Davenport maintains a strong commitment to serving the Churches of Christ. He was preaching minister for the University Church of Christ at Pepperdine from 1982 to 1983 and from 1984 to 1985; the Culver-Palms Church of Christ in Los Angeles, California, from 1983 to 1984; the Inglewood Church of Christ in Los Angeles, from 1980 to 1981; and the El Cajon Boulevard Church of Christ in San Diego, California, in 1979. He continues to speak for Churches of Christ across the United States.

He and his wife, Sally, are active members of the Malibu Church of Christ. They have three children: Katie, 9, Charlie, 7, and Scott, 3.

PROGRAM

Welcome Andrew K. Benton
*Executive Vice President
Pepperdine University*

Invocation Paul Giboney
*Senior Biology Major
Seaver College*

Introduction of Special Lecturer Thomas G. Bost
*Chairman of the Board of Regents
Pepperdine University*

Special Lecture
**"AN UNEASY RELATIONSHIP: THE CHURCH
IN A POST-MODERN WORLD"**

DAVID DAVENPORT
*President
Pepperdine University*

Remarks and Announcements Jerry Rushford
*Associate Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University*

Benediction Thomas Olbricht
*Chairman, Religion Division
Pepperdine University*

Reception The Brock House
President's Residence

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"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 A. 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
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