# CONVOCATION CHAPEL



Wednesday, August 31, 1994 10:00 A.M. Butterfield Chapel

## OUR SPEAKER

Rev. Dennis A. Davis

Rev. Denny Davis was named the fourth President of Northwest College in May, 1990. President Davis and his wife, Nancy, moved to Northwest College on August 1, 1990.

President Davis established student contact as a strategic aspect of his daily ministry throughout his initial year of presidential leadership. Already, many of you have become known to him on a first-name basis.

Rev. Davis graduated from Northwest College in 1956 and later served as its Alumni President and also on its Board of Directors. He was honored by the College as Alumnus of the Year in 1975 and with selection to the Delta Epsilon Chi Honor Society in 1976.

Rev. Davis has had extensive domestic and international experience as an evangelist and speaker, and he has pastored in California and Oregon. He pastored People's Church in Salem, Oregon, for twenty years; during that span the church saw attendance increase 700 percent. From 1987 until 1990, Rev. Davis served as Superintendent of the Oregon District of the Assemblies of God.

Rev. and Mrs. Davis have one son, Jeff, who is also a graduate of Northwest College. Jeff serves on the pastoral staff of Renton Assembly of God, Renton, Washington, and is a member of the adjunct faculty of Northwest College.

#### **NEW FACULTY APPOINTEES -- 1994-1995**

Bill Herkelrath, Ed.D	Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences
Debbie Pope	Instructor, English
Paul Rovang, Ph.D	Assistant Professor, English
Nola Ware	Technical Services & Systems Librarian
Julia Young	Instructor, English

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Choir Director and Organist: Robert Swaffield, Ph.D., Professor of Music Song Leader: Mr. Paul Melidona, Assistant Professor, Music Pianist: Mizue Yamada Fells, Adjunct Faculty, Music

#### NORTHWEST COLLEGE COMMUNITY AFFIRMATION

NORTHWEST seeks to relate biblical Christianity to every area of life, both on and off campus: to academic disciplines, to co- and extra-curricular activities, in the residence halls, in the local community, and in one's personal life. It assumes that all members of the NORTHWEST community desire meaningful involvement in the process of Christian higher education as they seek to express their faith in the context of an Assemblies of God college. Faculty and staff members commit themselves to be facilitators and learners in this educational endeavor. Students, by enrolling, join with them in accepting the responsibilities of membership in this community.

Since NORTHWEST holds that the Scripture is the infallible rule for faith and conduct, the Bible will always be the authority in all matters pertaining to personal and corporate behavior. The College believes that its statement of faith and its statement of principles regarding behavior find their basis in the Bible. This affirmation attempts to provide a means to understanding the nature of this community of believing learners and to encourage a sincere commitment to it.

We affirm the Lordship of Christ over all of life and thought; our responsibility to love God with all our being and neighbor as ourselves; our obligation to seek righteousness, to practice justice in all situations, and to express mercy to all; our need to exercise Christian freedom responsibly and lovingly and our dependence on the empowering of the Holy Spirit if we are to faithfully fulfill what God requires.

We affirm the biblical description of attitudes and behavior unfitting for a Christian: "The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery, idolatry and witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy, drunkenness, orgies, and the like" (Gal. 5:19-21a, NIV). Through the help of the Holy Spirit we strive to allow none of these to be part of our behavior. We affirm also the biblical description of attitudes and behavior fitting for a Christian: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 5:22-23a, NIV). We seek to maintain a vital relationship with the Spirit so that such attitudes and behavior will be evident among us. We seek to follow Christ's example of unselfish love in our actions, attitudes, and relationships.

We strive to maintain stewardship of body, mind, time, abilities, and resources. We strive to integrate corporate worship, personal faith, and intellectual growth. Attendance of the College chapel services and faithful attendance and support of a local church are integral parts of that process.

NORTHWEST recognizes that not all believers share the same standards in matters of behavior the Bible does not specifically address. As members of <u>this</u> community, however, we also recognize the importance of respecting the values and goals of the College and will, therefore, seek to conduct ourselves in a manner that will bring only credit to the gospel and to NORTHWEST. Since we are also part of the larger society, and in order to "let our light shine out" we will strive to maintain good community relations in respect to governing authorities, social activities, and business dealings.

This affirmation provides a positive and constructive framework to aid one's personal development and for ongoing relationships with all other members of this community. We join with each other as we seek to live out this affirmation in a spirit of unity and openness, of helpfulness and caring.