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LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Dr. Michael Anderson

“SCIENCE, AND OTHER ACADEMIC CHALLENGES FOR CHRISTIANS”

February 14, 2011

SNU Commons, Heritage Room, 11:00 AM



Our speaker for our February 14 luncheon is Dr. Michael Anderson, a long time Oklahoma City resident of more than 30 years. Mike, as he prefers, was senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church for some twenty-five years and more recently president of the Presbyterian Health Foundation, and involved in the cutting edge of innovative medicine research. Mike is a true Oklahoma City "treasure" and thought provoking speaker. His subject will be about "Science, and Other Academic Challenges for Christians."

We will all be challenged by his friendly wit and charm and engaging dialogue.

You may want to bring a friend. Don't miss it.

Important luncheon reservation information:

Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, February 10, then please call Linda Carley, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 405.728.0515

Guests: Please call Eunice Trent at 491.6311 or email ASP@snu.edu

All: The cost of the luncheon is \$6.00.

Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, February 10, 2011

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Your President's Point of View
by Irwin Harris

**The Ingredient of Love:
"Is not easily provoked"**

I Corinthians 13:5b

We look upon a Christian as one who has a calm disposition, calm and peaceful. In the middle of Paul's 13th chapter is the problem of "temper". We know that the human nature has the destructive elements that can destroy our Christian witness. It is the blot that can destroy a noble character. We all know men and women who would be perfect individuals except for that "touchy" disposition.

Paul had learned in his Christian experience that the power of God, through the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, could cleanse this destructive element from the heart. The Gospel of Luke tells the story of two brothers and two sins, body and disposition (Luke 15:11-32). This has always been the problem with man who is not willing to put God and others first. I know this is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. That's the purpose of Jesus telling the disciples before He was crucified, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive." (John 14: 16-17a).

There is no place in heaven for the sins of the body or the sins of our bad-tempered disposition. Jesus gave us the answer: "Except a man be born again, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven". John 3:3 Paul, in this 13th chapter of I Corinthians, is giving us the cure for all sins. That cure is Love, Love More, and Love Always. We must recognize the source of the sin, the carnal heart; then go to the power of God to sweeten, transform, and purify all sin. Man cannot, in his own power, change himself. Time does not change the heart. Christ Jesus is the only answer: "Let that mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". Galatians 5:25

Who so shall offend one of these little ones, which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone

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May 9 – Legend at Council Road, Connie Daniels



From The Director's Corner
by Eunice Trent, Director of ASP



Obituaries
Madalyn Long

You are invited to hear Greg Gray speak at the upcoming PLN session on **Thursday, February 10, 2011**. The session begins at 8:00 a.m. in Royce Brown.

A reservation is a requirement due to limited seating. **Please call me (Eunice) at 491.6311 to register.**

Peer Learning Network session three with speaker Greg Gray



February 10, 2011
8:00am in Royce Brown Building,
Southern Nazarene University

Greg Gray is fast becoming one of the most sought after speakers on the speaking and training circuit today. His keynotes, seminars and workshops have electrified and empowered tens of thousands of people in more than 400 hundred cities all across America, the Caribbean, Europe, and the Pacific Rim. Greg's blend of humor and real world, practical ideas on leadership and service are receiving rave reviews from clients that run the gamut of industries and associations all over the country.

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AUDETTE SMOOT KNUTSON
Audette passed away January 5, 2011, at Bellevue Nursing Home. She was born near Eagle City, OK on February 26, 1927, the daughter of Earl and Mildred Smoot. She graduated from Southwestern State Teachers College in Weatherford and taught school in Lone Wolf and Fairfax, OK, as well as El Centro, CA. She married Gerald Knutson in 1953. After her children were born she worked in the Graduate College of Oklahoma State University. When her husband was chosen President of Graceland College in Iowa, she was a gracious First Lady. Her memberships have included: The Community of Christ Church, the OKC Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (serving 2 terms as Regent of the Chapter), Daughters of the Colonists, and the Academy of Senior Professionals. She is survived by her husband of the home, her daughter, Linda Conley (James) of Independence, MO, and her son, Gary Knutson (Sandy) of Bethany, OK; 5 grandsons, 2 great-grandsons, a sister-in-law, Shirley Smoot of Faye, OK, as well as nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Darl Smoot. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Outreach International, 1001 W. Walnut, Independence, MO 64051.



*If you missed it in January,
your 2011 ASP dues
of \$16.00
can be paid at the
February 14 Luncheon meeting.*

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were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea". (Matthew 18:6) Jesus' life and teaching showed all mankind it is better not to live at all than not to love. The gift that never dies is the gift of our self to Jesus. "He who has not learned how to be gentle, forgiving, loving, and happy has learned very little, great though his book learning and profound thought has acquaintance with Scripture may be, for if the process of becoming gentle, pure, and happy that deep, real, enduring lessons of life are learned" James Allen (Dutton, Dean. Quest and Conquest. P. 39)

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In 1994, Greg co-authored the largest Customer Service training course in U.S. history. This program, entitled "Excellent Service! Handle with Care!", was attended by more than 110,000 U.S. Postal Service employees and has become a standard video training series for all new USPS Retail employees. More recently, Greg has developed the "Renaissance Series" - a number of keynote topics, workshops, training modules, and full day training programs designed to deal with a variety of issues around the subjects of leadership, communication, relationships, and the external and internal customer experience.

A number of these programs are also available on DVD and on Audio CD.

Greg received his bachelor's degree in Communications from Oberlin College, and has more than 25 years of experience working in sales, customer's service, training, and management in industries ranging from retail jewelry to telecommunications. Greg's success can be attributed to his consistent themes of personal responsibility and profit through service!



ASP Calendar

Monday: February 14, 2011

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons
 9:30—10:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group in the Student Conference Rm. (Webster Commons 1st Floor)
 11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room
 1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the Sawyer Center parking lot
 1:15—2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

By C. Dale German

February 14, 2011
 Monday 9:30 AM
 Webster Commons
 Student Conference Room, 1st Floor

The book, God Hides in Plain Sight by Dean Nelson, will spring board us into a discussion of God's presence in everyday life. He hides where we are prone to least likely recognize Him. In fact, He isn't hiding at all if we will only see Him. This discussion will be an uplifting, encouraging affirmation of our faith for daily living. Dale

ASP "Trek" Time

By Pat Perry



"Save the Date" for an ASP trip to the Oklahoma City Museum of Art on Thursday, March 17 at 10:00am, featuring three outstanding exhibits as well as a tour of the Museum and lunch at a nearby restaurant. We will meet at SNU and carpool downtown. We are also looking forward to a tour of the National Weather Center in Norman sometime in April. Feel free to call Pat Perry at 373-4157 if you have any questions.

.Pat Perry
 (405) 373-4157



SOME 2010 ADVANCES

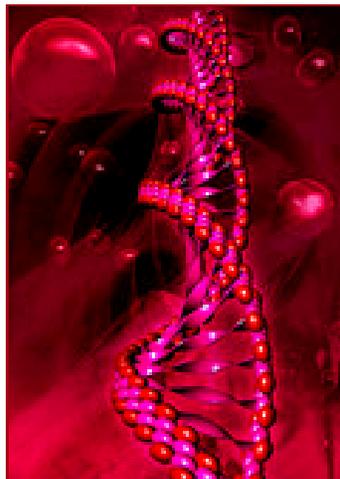
By Paul Scheie

The pace of new discoveries seems to be increasing. Every week more new and exciting findings are reported. Here are a few of the more spectacular reports from 2010 in the fields of science and technology.

- A method of processing aluminum has been developed that includes adding small amounts of magnesium and zinc, and then smashing the resulting alloy (called aluminum 7075) between two anvils. Reportedly, this results in a metal as strong as steel while remaining light weight. Perhaps this new material will find new uses in the manufacture of airplanes and automobiles.

- A mouse, bred to age rapidly has been injected with an enzyme called telomerase. This treatment not only seemed to reverse the aging process, it seemed to reverse the process by restoring the vitality and appearance of the “old” mouse. It remains to be seen whether or not it actually extends the life span of the mouse. Unfortunately, the same enzyme would be expected to encourage cancer in humans.

- A synthetic, Bacterial DNA has been produced with off-the-shelf chemicals. When this DNA was injected into the bacteria from which the original DNA had been removed the bacteria kept growing as before.



- A blood test for Alzheimer’s disease has shown encouraging result in a preliminary trial. A more expansive test now is underway, and in a few years we may hear how it comes out.

- A common slime mold found in the soil has 3 sexes, or mating types. Any two types can mate to form a new cell, which later will cannibalize the third type. It is the only organism found to date with this unusual characteristic.



LIBRARY NEWS

By Arlita Harris

One of the benefits of ASP membership is access to the SNU Library’s databases. Go to www.snu.edu/library, then click on Databases & Periodicals on the left navigation bar. When you are asked for a user name and password, enter the name on your SNU ID card and the number below the barcode (begins with 2303....)

To do research about our February speaker, Michael D. Anderson, I scrolled to EBSCOhost, clicked on EBSCOhost Web, signed in on the blue toolbar at the top of the screen (you will need to Create a New Account using any User Name and Password that has not already been taken – keep it so you can use it in the future. By having an account, you can save articles to your folders and they will be there the next time you go into your account – a great research tool!).

I then clicked the little box that reads “Select all”, continued, and typed the name “Michael Anderson” and “Oklahoma City” into the search boxes. I clicked “Full Text” in the box to limit my results, and clicked “Search”. My search led me to an article titled “Minister balances religion with science” that was written by Jim Stafford and published in the Daily Oklahoman, June 15, 2008. I liked the article so much that I requested and received copyright permission to reprint and publish it below:

Jun. 15--**Michael Anderson** uses a parable to show how his religious beliefs square with his faith in the scientific process. It is the story of the hedgehog and the fox.

Anderson explains the meaning of the parable, which was first told in the seventh century, B.C., by the Greek poet, Archilochus. Bottom line: The fox has many strategies to defend itself against the hunter, while the hedgehog has a very simple, but effective, strategy. Both survive by using their strategies.

"I choose that analogy as no accident because it's also the analogy given by the great paleontologist and evolutionary biologist Stephen J. Gould, who

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died just in '02, one of the great scientists of the 20th century, a preeminent lecturer and speaker and writer," **Anderson** said. "He said, 'that's how I compare the science and the humanities,' the humanities including all religions for him. They are not in conflict. It's just a different strategy approaching life."

A longtime Presbyterian preacher who led one of **Oklahoma City's** largest congregations, today **Anderson** is the president of the Presbyterian Health Foundation. The foundation has built a science-based economic engine for **Oklahoma City** by providing office and lab space at the Presbyterian Health Foundation Research Park on the **Oklahoma** Health Center campus.

The Research Park has created more than 1,000 highly paid jobs for people involved in commercializing scientific breakthroughs spun out of the University of **Oklahoma** Health Sciences Center and **Oklahoma** Medical Research Foundation.

Before he assumed his current role in 2003, **Anderson** was senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in **Oklahoma City**, where he had served since 1977. His ministry began in the 1950s and continues today, he said, although he is now "pastor emeritus."

Anderson recently discussed with *The Oklahoman* his life as a modern day Renaissance Man, who is at once a preacher, economic development officer and an enthusiastic supporter of the scientific process. Here are edited excerpts of that conversation:

Q: So, you've never had any personal conflicts between your faith in God and your faith in the scientific process?

A: I've never seen the conflict. I know of it, but not personally. It has not been a conflict in my life. I know there are people for whom it's a conflict. I was never raised that way. So the God of science and what we learn from science is also the God of the Bible and religion and our personal faith. There are imperceptible things in science that require us to launch out in faith by the same way that we launch out by faith in religion. The evidence comes later. Science isn't a paradigm that is opposite of religion nor religion the opposite of science. Religion also

must eventually have evidence; the evidence of things hoped for, the Scripture says. That's not been a conflict for me.

Q: What led you into the ministry?

A: I grew up in Spokane, eastern Washington. My dad was a school superintendent, my mother was a teacher. My granddad, my dad's dad, had a wheat ranch they had homesteaded. My weekends and summers were spent on a wheat ranch. So I had kind of a dual life, but went to an urban school, which was good because there was more competition and a lot better sports. So, I chose a college with a friend of mine who I played ball with all the way through school. We simply looked at the travel schedule of the college and chose the one that had absolutely the best travel schedule of any college or university in America, and they gave us both scholarships. We chose it because they played in Hawaii. We are talking here about the early '50s. A lot of teams didn't fly at that time. It was in that college setting, the influence of several key college professors, one a

Greek teacher, a philosophy teacher and a world literature (teacher), all of whom were gentlemen of deep Christian insight and faith. All had a significant influence on me. So by the time I had spent some time there, the idea of thinking about the ministry became a very strong and clear calling. It was the last thing I think I would ever want to do. I came there just to play basketball. I always say I dribbled my way into the ministry, literally. It was Whitworth College in Spokane, a Presbyterian School.

Q: But did you ever get that trip to

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Hawaii?

A: Oh yes, absolutely. I even learned to surf, on a long board. We didn't have a real surfboard in those days. It was fun.

Q: Why is this Research Park so successful?

A: Timing and proximity. The Indian chief was asked how is it that your rain dancers make it rain when they dance, and he said it's all in their timing. It was the right time for biology to get out of the labs and into the marketplace. And that has to do with the history of the biological sciences, the great breakthroughs. And I say proximity because the research

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park only makes sense in that we are close to two research engines -- the University of **Oklahoma** Health Sciences Center, and the **Oklahoma** Medical Research Foundation. So our first company sprang out of a department at OUHSC and eventually it was purchased and purchased again and it is now what we call LabCorp, and is still here. The company started as UroCorp.

There was an effort in Colorado to take them to Colorado and provide them a very nice home. That's what encouraged us to get started on the Research Park. We've got companies coming out of here, we need to be ready to provide the infrastructure for that. Working in cooperation with **Oklahoma City** and Urban Renewal we were able to do that. Square foot by square foot we grew the Research Park in what was Urban Renewal land in **Oklahoma City**. That part-

end of July. We have now just under 700,000 square feet of Class A wet lab and office space.

Q: You will be among almost 90 Oklahomans who will represent the state's life sciences industry next week at the annual BIO show in San Diego. How does the investment in that show benefit **Oklahoma**?

A: The most important thing is the leaders of our companies -- the CEOs and science leaders of our companies -- make contacts that they can use in the operation of their companies, not only for spreading good will but actually developing contracts, contacts that go to contracts.

That is very, very important. And the other thing is it allows us to highlight what we are doing here at the Research Park, for example. We have a leader here who has come back to **Oklahoma** and we were able to talk to him on the floor of the BIO show in Boston. This Research Park really looks good when you go to

a BIO show and see the other kinds of research parks that exist, there is nothing that looks better than this. And people don't necessarily expect, when you are on one of the coasts, either the left coast where I grew up or the right coast, they don't expect **Oklahoma** to even have a bio research park. When they see this it just answers their questions right off.

Q: You take such a philosophical approach to life; are there any books on philosophy among the five you have written?

A: So far I have not written a book in this field, and I probably should. My books have always been devotional or theological. That's something I will do in my next incarnation. I just haven't had time to do that or I

would. I think that would be something that would be fun to do.

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nership with **Oklahoma** was very important because it allowed us to incrementally grow and use our resources frugally. That \$125 million investment here was not just suddenly expended all at once, but we were able to expend it over a decade and eventually arrive at where we are now, seven buildings; the seventh building will be finished in about 45 days at the

Sharon Brumeloe did an outstanding job as our speaker at our January Luncheon. We are so thankful that she came to speak to us about our health issues. And a great follow-up question and answer time was held after the speech.



Jose Palacios performed some amazingly beautiful music on the cello and piano both! Thanks, Jose!



Among the many visitors in January were Kathleen Sodowsky's daughter, Lynda; Phala Gilbert, bottom left, and Hazel Quick

