



## Organist Wally Brown Presents Program October 13

By Shirley Mears/Jack Arnold

Wally Brown, professional organist and pianist, and member of the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP), will be the first presenter of this academic year on Monday, October 13, in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons. He will play love songs, gospel songs, songs from musical theater on the organ, and sing two songs.

If great music, a wry sense of humor and a down-right entertaining time is what you are looking for, look no further! Wally performs on the organ like no one else! His versatility as an organist and pianist has provided him with a variety of performance venues. He has spent many successful years in the music industry and is a foremost gospel-styled organist.



Wally Brown at the ORU organ

Wally began playing the piano by ear at the age of six after his aunt taught him five variations of a beginner's duet. His first public performance was at the age of twelve, when he had a chance to experiment with an electric organ and a pipe organ. He did not have access to an organ very often, but by the age of sixteen, he landed a thirty-minute radio program on Sunday afternoons on an Oklahoma City radio station. This radio program gave him an opportunity to have an instrument on which to practice.

Wally studied one semester at Bethany-Peniel College (now Southern Nazarene University); then, he transferred to Oklahoma University. He joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After the war, he returned to BPC for two more years.

He spent his entire U.S. Navy career in San Diego and received his first professional experience playing the organ at the Admiral Kidd Officer's Club.

Following his U.S. Navy career, he moved back to Oklahoma City and began playing the organ at Glen's Hik'ry Inn, where he played for 16 years, except for a stint as organist for the Oral Robert's Evangelistic Association.



Brown at the Kansas City Music Hall organ

In 1997, he moved from Oklahoma City to Los Angeles and did studio work and played with his trio at the *Sur la Mer* cabaret in *Marina Del Rey*. In the summer of 1979, he moved to San Antonio, Texas, to the pianist of the *Anaqua* Room of San Antonio's resort hotel, the Four Seasons *Plaza Nacional*.

In 1981, Wally returned to Oklahoma City and played in the famous Skirvin Plaza Hotel. In 1982, he went back to Tulsa to become the organist for Oral Robert's University and the *Richard Roberts Television Show*.

Leaving Tulsa in 1987, he moved back to Oklahoma City and started writing music for films. He has three films to his credit and continues to record and play in popular venues as well as evangelical crusades and concerts.

Wally has play for PTL, TBN, General Council of the Assemblies of God, the Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ, and many city-wide crusades and conventions. He has recorded two albums, ten cassettes, and two compact discs.

**The ASP luncheon meeting begins with a buffet at 11:15 a.m. The Wally Brown forty-five minute program will begin promptly at noon. The meeting ends at 1:00 p.m. The cost of the luncheon is \$7.25; reservations are requested before Friday, October 10; (Ph. 405.789.2036.**



Your president's point of view:  
by Jack David Arnold

### Staying Focused in our Technologically Intoxicated Zone

We live our lives distanced and distracted. The Internet is full of millions of personal Web sites, people sharing their private lives with everyone, everywhere, now and forever. Cell phones promise to connect us to the world.

Technology's bells and whistles are seductive, but we are not fully aware of how they distance us from our lives and distract us. Technology distracts us with its promise to document. We have become a documentary society, but to what end? At reunions, for example, people with "techno-gadget" faces are ubiquitous.

Technology also distracts us with its promise to entertain. Big screens of dazzling pixelated color and surround-sound deliver up-to-the-minute information and action-packed drama.

The metaphor of TV as the modern "family hearth" is optimistic. Family members scatter to different rooms of the house to watch their own favorite shows or listen to their own music. Today many Americans are living together in isolation.

Authors Naisbitt, Naisbitt, and Philips (1999) in their seminal book, *High-Tech > High-Touch*, discovered in their research of cultural leaders in business and the arts, in academics and religion, that Americans are living in a Technologically Intoxicated Zone (TIZ), one defined by the complicated and often paradoxical relationship between technology and our search for meaning.

We live where our attention is. "What controls attention, controls response" is a psychological maxim that I learned in an introductory psychology course at Bethany-Peniel College in the late 1940s. If attention wanders all over the map, our lives cannot help being distracted, shallow, and confused. By contrast, complete concentration, or staying focused, is the secret of genius in any field. Those who can put their attention on a task or goal and keep it there are bound to make their mark on life.

This is the central theme in all religions:  
"Training the mind to be like a lamp kept in a wind-

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*"Sharing  
a  
Continuous  
Flight"*

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less place, where the flame does not flicker." Eknath Easwaran, one of the foremost teachers of meditation in our times, places great emphasis upon *mindfulness*. Attention is considered the essence of true prayer.

Senior adults are often imprisoned in the past—in vain regrets, futile lamentations, nostalgic memories. "If only I could become twenty-one again, with the glow of youth on my cheeks and the sparkle in my eyes, what would I *not* do?"

Saint Therese of Lisieux wrote:

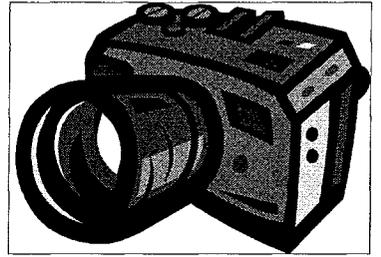
I can see only the present; I forget the past, and I take good care not to think about the future.

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# ASP PICS

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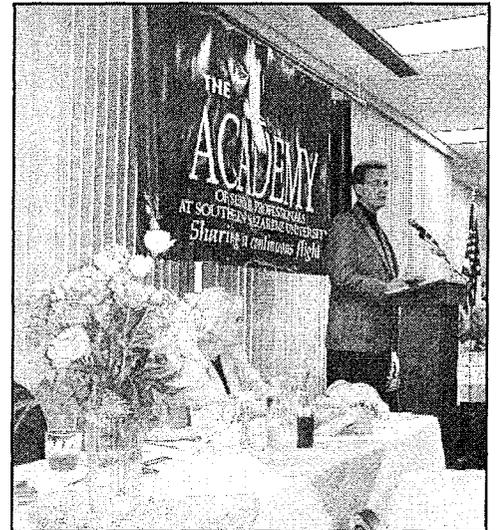
**Left:** Bea Flinner shows one of the beautiful floral arrangements that added so much beauty to the May luncheon meeting.



**Right:** Mart and Diana Green, executives for the Hobby Lobby enterprises. Mart was the guest speaker for the May luncheon. Diana (Maddox) is an SNU graduate ('84) and both are Bethany High School graduates.



**Left:** Mart Green, May luncheon speaker is president and CEO for Mardel, a Hobby Lobby business. His ministry interests include Bible translations.



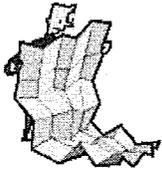
**Right:** Mart Green gave his personal testimony to the ASP luncheon in May. He has assisted Bethany First Church of the Nazarene in an effort to encourage Bible reading.



**Left:** Jill Beaver was the guest of Don Beaver for the May Luncheon. She is an attorney for Washington University in Seattle.



**Right:** The May luncheon was an opportunity for Jill, Mart and Diana, who graduated together from Bethany High School, to reminisce



## New England Re-visited

By Anna Belle Laughbaum

“Anything the same?” a friend asked when I returned from New England, only my second visit there in fifty-three years. Yes, some things are the same. Plymouth Rock, for example. Rocks stubbornly resist change. Walden Pond, for another example. Lakes don’t change much either. I stood again by its quiet, wooded waters where Henry Thoreau lived for two years in simplicity and solitude.

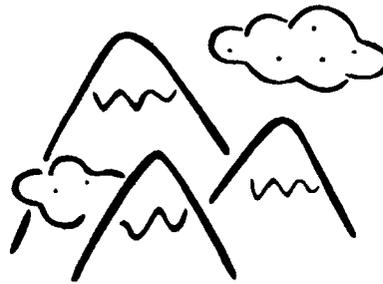
Rivers, also, don’t usually lose their identity. The Concord River is still flowing under the old North Bridge. Here, the Minutemen fired what Ralph Waldo Emerson called “the shot heard round the world.” A Minuteman still proudly stands by the bridge.

Pilgrims on the Plimouth Plantation look and talk about the same as they did fifty-three years ago. They comment on their long Mayflower voyage across the Atlantic and on their day-to-day life. Over coals, Barbara Standish stirred a pot of milk that would soon be curds and whey. We were happily surprised when “Barbara” brought a note to our motel. She wrote that when she learned in her little thatched-roof house that we were from SNU, she could hardly continue with her Pilgrim role. She is a Nazarene, attended Eastern Nazarene College years ago, and invited us to Sunday services at her Nazarene church in Boston.

From the Jon Adams’ and John Quincy Adams’ estate to Walden Pond; from the Louisa Mae Alcott home to Plimouth Plantation; from Nathaniel Hawthorne’s Old Manse to Concord Bridge; from the Saratoga Battlefield to James Fenimore Cooper’s hometown; from Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s mansion to Emily Dickinson’s home; from Harvard University to the home of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, where our guide quoted the poet’s poetry in every room — this was the sequence of our well-organized tour. A Boston Harbor cruise, a Boston Pops concert, a Red Sox game, the National Baseball Hall of Fame, lovely lilacs everywhere, were bonuses.

My first tour of New England was with a college classmate, who was then an English professor at Seattle Pacific College. We drove along the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Appalachians, as far north as Bar Harbor, Maine, into Canada, and returned to the United States by way of Niagara Falls. My tour in May with SNU students, who were completing courses in Literary Field Studies and history, and with people from the community. We ranged in age from a high school freshman to a senior citizen of 92. (No, that wasn’t I.)

In 1950 I thrilled over the opportunity of experiencing first-hand what I had read about in geography, literature, and history books. In 2003 I thrilled over renewed acquaintance with favorite places and with the realization that the past it, indeed, a rich and indispensable prologue to the present.



## ELDERHOSTEL IN DENVER

By Elbert Overholt

In May, shortly after our last Academy luncheon, Darlene and I attended an Elderhostel program in Denver, Colorado. Denver provided a good halfway altitude point for our final summer destination in Divide. Their program was very interesting and enjoyable in addition to providing a few days of physically adjusting to the increased altitude.

We found the participants in the program the usual characteristic mature adults who enjoy continued learning and enjoyable experiences as they travel the country. They have many of the same characteristics as the members of the Academy have; for example, love of life, love of learning, etc.

The instructors in the three courses were all very knowledgeable in their respective fields as well as acquainted with the local area. The program consisted of Denver History, Wildlife of the West, Water in the West, Minerals and Mining, and Jazz and Swing Music.

The staff was from the sponsoring institution, Arapahoe Community College in Denver. The Elderhostel was well planned with a variety of special speakers, field trips and hands-on experiences. Resident facilities and meals were provided by the Holiday Inn at Lakewood, CO.

Darlene and I have participated in five different Elderhostel programs and found each of them unique with very satisfying experiences.

I would encourage you to explore the possibility of including Elderhostel in your future plans. If we have sufficient interest we might cooperate with SNU and offer an Elderhostel program on our campus. We have a number of unique items to share here in Oklahoma. I had the privilege of telling the participants in the Denver program why Oklahomans are called Sooners.

You may contact Elderhostel at: 75 Federal St.  
Boston, MA 02110-1941  
[www.elderhostel.org](http://www.elderhostel.org)



### My Personal Work History (anonymous)

- My first job was working in an orange juice factory, but I got canned...couldn't concentrate.
- Then I worked in the woods as a lumberjack, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the ax.
- Next I tried working in a muffler factory but that was too exhausting.
- I attempted to be a deli worker, but any way I sliced it, I couldn't cut the mustard.
- My best job was being a musician, but eventually I found I wasn't noteworthy.
- My last job was working for Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind.



**"If you ask me"**  
By Vada Lee Barkley

At the first fall class English teachers often ask students to write about some special even of their summer. For example, their vacation. I haven't had a vacation, but this has been an exciting summer. Having sent my fifth book—since May, 2002—to the publisher in April, I began the process of editing more galleys, etc. That book is now on the market. I sent the sixth one to the publisher in July. It should be out this fall. Proceeds from the sale of these books will go the SNU School of Theology and Ministry Scholarship fund. My computer mentor Tim Griffith has guided me through the maze of producing and meeting my publisher's requirements.

When I was ready to go on the web, I learned that a distant cousin, a foster niece, designs websites for a living and at home. She volunteered her services and created a site for me. It's www.barkleybooks.com. Not only that, but she introduced me to a talk show host, Scott Lewis. Scott interviewed me on KTOK, for September 13 at 11:00 a.m. TBN, October 3 between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. These will take place before you read this column. But Schott will schedule me again to talk about my two books for pastors. He hopes to schedule me with another talk show hostess on KTOK. Stay tuned.



**Library Corner**  
By Bea Flinger

While numerous stories have been written and told about the much-loved song "Amazing Grace," Steve Turner has written a book entitled Amazing Grace: The Story of America's Most Beloved Song, copyrighted 2002. There is little doubt that this publication, which is now available for checkout at the Southern Nazarene University Library, will be read by many people. The call number is BV/317/.A49/T87/2002.

"Amazing Grace," attributed to John Newton (1725-1807), is a hymn that has been loved and sung throughout most of the world by people of all ages, and in numerous settings including churches, rallies, conferences, and praise meetings. St. Anthony's Hospital even uses part of it in television commercials. It is a composition encompassing our praise to God for His saving grace, His relief for our fears, His promise of hope our protector—and the assurance that He will take us home to Heaven if we are faithful to Him.

This book is long, containing 267 pages, but one that will reveal new and extensive information about the life of John Newton, and why he wrote the song. I feel confident that anyone who reads this publication will be rewarded as the result of the research and the author's love of this special hymn and its writer.

*May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord,  
even as we put our hope in you. —Psalm 33:22*



**A look at a book**  
By Wini Howard

**AMAZING FAITH**  
By Michael Richardson

Amazing Faith is the biography of an amazing man—Bill Bright. He is, of course, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, as well as Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Bill was raised in Oklahoma by a godly mother, who did her best to instill Christian values into his life. However, as he grew up and finished his education he became what he called "a happy pagan."

He moved to California and started his own business and that really helped to prepare him for the future. Fortunately, his encounters with people like Henrietta Mears, Billy Graham and Dawson Trotman, turned his life around completely. He truly had a personal encounter with God, the results of which are beyond comprehension.

He began to feel that God wanted him to prosper in business, so that he could contribute more to His cause. He poured money into the Kingdom.

One night Bright had a vision that he was sure was from God. As a result he soon started a ministry for college students that has gone worldwide, Campus Crusade for Christ. In operation for half a century, this ministry has been phenomenal in its outreach. Learning about what has been accomplished, as well as how many have been reached for Christ, is really mind-boggling.

This man was ready to tackle any assignment as long as he believed it came from God. And only God could enable Bill Bright to reach the millions he has reached. In recent years he has produced the Jesus Film. Its outreach is almost beyond comprehension.

Bill Bright has just recently gone to his reward. Surely, his life is an inspiration and challenge to us all.

The book is at Mardel and also in the BFC library.



**Obituary: Marjorie Shellenberger**  
By Billie Harrison

*Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also praises her. Proverbs 31:28 (NKJ)*

Marjorie Shellenberger was born April 17, 1923, in Bethany and passed away on August 3, 2003 in Oklahoma City. Her parents were Rev. L.H. and Ruby Dickerson. She is survived by her husband, Elmer, son, Kent and his wife, Stephane, daughter, Susie and Marjorie's sister, Maurine Dickerson. She was a graduate of BPC (SNU), had a lifetime teaching certificate and was voted Teacher of the Year in 1966-67. She was an active member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene; Academy of Senior Professionals and the Watson Group. She organized the Compatibles, a group of retired SNU professors and spouses. She will surely be missed by many.

We get discouraged and feel despair because we brood about the past and future. It is such folly to pass one's time fretting, instead of resting quietly on the heart of Jesus.

Training the mind is very much like training a dog. If I try to teach my Welsh terrier, Penelope of Ithaca--better-known as "Penny"-- to obey me for half an hour, and then let her do whatever she likes for the rest of day, I would not have a well-behaved pet and constant companion. When I teach my mind this way, I am distracted in my relationships and distanced from accomplishing worthwhile projects.

Professor Karl R. Wallace, Chairman of the Department of Speech Communication at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, taught me as a graduate assistant in 1955 to have my Speech 101 electrical engineering students make a one-point speech, which showed them how to focus on one thing at a time and support their point with evidence and reasoning. Almost fifty years later, I am still using this one-point speech assignment in the honors debate and critical thinking course at DeVry University in Irving, Texas.

In my private life, I am daily trying to put into practice a simple but intriguingly difficult focus: **do only one thing at a time and give it my full attention.** This is the key to doing a good job of any kind and the secret of learning to live completely in the present moment.

Commentators and lawmakers are talking a lot about the problematic use of hand-held cell phones while driving; however, current research shows that there are many other distractions of drivers that affect traffic safety, such as eating and drinking, listening to talk radio and music, reading and writing, and even putting on make-up and shaving beards and mustaches! The answer is: Driving with concentration *is* doing **one thing at a time.** The body may be doing many things, but attention should be completely focused.

**Staying focused in the present moment with one-pointed attention is a way of getting a glimpse of myself beyond the TIZ noise to see how much I am truly capable of when I do one thing at a time.**

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**—When Age Happens—**

The trouble with life is, by the time you can read a girl like a book, your library card has expired!



**ASP Calendar**

**Monday: October 13**

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| 9:00-11:30   | am | Writers' Workshop-General Conference Rm     |
| 10:00-11:15  | am | Faculty Lounge available for early arrivals |
| 10:30-11:00  | am | Shuttle: West BFC Parking Lot to Commons    |
| 11:15am-1:00 | pm | Luncheon meeting-Heritage Room              |
| 1:00-1:30    | pm | Shuttle: Commons to West BFC Parking Lot    |
| 1:15-2:00    | pm | Administrative Council-Faculty Lounge       |



**News Briefs**

- **Luncheon Decorations:**  
 We have a current need for two or three ASP members to volunteer to help with the luncheon decorations. If you can help, please contact Elbert Overholt, Director (405.789.2036) or Trudy Cargill, Catering Chair (405.440.0548).  
 Special bouquets to Vivian Chambers, Billie Harrison, Bea Flinner, and Dorothy Griffin who have decorated our tables so beautifully for the past five years!!!!
- **Program Committee (PC):**  
 Shirley Mears, Past-Program Chair, and Jack David Arnold, President, will serve as PC Co-Chairs for this academic year. The program slate for this fall is as follows:  
 Oct. 13, Wally Brown - his musical career at the organ.  
 Nov. 10, George Miller - health programs for senior adults  
 Dec. 9, Loren Gresham on the state of the University
- **Computer Users Group (CUG) schedules meeting:**  
 The ASP Computer Users Group will hold a seminar entitled "Research in the Computer Age" on Oct.14, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Royce Brown Bldg. All are welcome. Direct questions to Harold Dozier, CUG chair, 721-6226 or bigdoz@cox.net.
- **New Membership Directory Ready in November:**  
 Report new address, phone number, or e-mail address to Don Beaver via "Information Update" form (October meeting) or via e-mail (dbeaver@snu.edu) or telephone (491-6646). Help keep the Directory current.
- **Tax-Deductible Contributions:**  
 Members and guests may make contributions to help support ASP's operating budget and/or its scholarship by writing checks to Southern Nazarene University of SNU with a notation on the check for ASP Operations or ASP Scholarship.
- **Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) for 2003:**  
 Elbert Overholt is now the SPC Chair and he and SPC members will be making exciting plans for this academic year and years to come.
- **An Important Reminder:**  
 Indicating to one of our callers that you will attend a luncheon meeting represents an obligation on your part for the price of the meal. Regardless of your attendance, the Academy is charged for the meal. — Roy Dorris, ASP Treasurer