



# Perspective

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## The Lure of Crystal Darkness

By Shirley E. M. Mears

Crystal Darkness is a term referring to the world of crystal methamphetamine addiction. The danger of methamphetamine is underestimated by most families.

Wes Lane and First Lady Kim Henry are working with a team of leaders from the faith community to raise awareness of the shocking effects of the addiction of crystal methamphetamine. "Oklahoma Crystal Darkness Campaign", a 30 minute documentary will be on almost every television station in the state on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The website is [www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.org](http://www.crystaldarknessoklahoma.org)



Wes Lane, President of The Burbridge Foundation in Oklahoma City became aware of the destruction of additions while serving as District Attorney for Oklahoma County.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, Wes received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Wes served for over two decades as an Oklahoma County prosecutor. During his tenure, he accumulated an exceptional trial record, winning about 95% of his jury trials. His service to Oklahoma County began in January of 1981 as a law student legal intern for the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office. After graduation in 1981, he was appointed Assistant District Attorney by Robert H. Macy. In July of 2001, Governor Frank Keating appointed Wes to fill the unexpired term of retiring Robert H. Macy. Wes stood for election in the fall of 2002 and was honored to be elected District Attorney by the voters of Oklahoma County, serving another four years in that capacity.

In January of 2008, Wes became President of the Burbridge Foundation, a Christian foundation dedicated to networking solutions to problems impacting our families and our culture.

Wes is married to Dr. Lori Hansen Lane, a facial plastic surgeon. They have one child, Derrick, who has served his country on two tours of duty in the Middle East with the Army National Guard and is currently undergoing helicopter flight training in Alabama.

All members and guests are urged to make their plans to hear Wes Lane, Monday, November 10, 2008. The buffet luncheon in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons on the Southern Nazarene University campus begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. The luncheon program starts at noon and ends at 1:00 p.m.

Important luncheon reservation information:

Members: If you have not been contacted by one of our telephone callers by Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, then please call Mrs. Aleen Drumeller, ASP Telephone Committee Chairperson, at 405.265-0302

Guests: Please call the SNU Office of Alumni Relations at 491-6312 or email [ASP@snu.edu](mailto:ASP@snu.edu)

All: The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Kindly make your reservation(s) by Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

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

**“God created the human heart  
for a love that is willing to grow old  
into the very glory of eternity”**

Ask a group of young people what kind of life they have their hearts set on: a life that is ever changing and ever new, one packed with excitement, or a life that is sometimes routine, unexciting, repetitive, mundane, and ordinary? The prospects of the latter would be terrifying to most young people.

A life, however, that is ever new and exciting, whatever that might turn out to be, is one that is open to anything but the possibility of love; for a life characterized by the splendor of getting human love cannot be anything but long, difficult, routine, and ordinary.

American author, screenwriter, and educator, Erich Wolf Segal (b. 1937) wrote, “True love comes quietly, without banners or flashing lights. If you hear bells, then get your ears checked.”

Consider the typical reaction of a large audience upon hearing of a couple in their midst celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The applause is often nothing less than moving. Only a few are naïve enough to believe that those were fifty years of unending exhilaration. Generally speaking, however, people recognize the permanent and enduring nature of love, and in it, they see beauty. Love makes itself available, and not for the short term, but for the long term.

True love endures. During the Great Depression of the 1930s, my mother willingly got up every day, cooked breakfast and packed lunches every school day for my two brothers and me before sending us off to school; after we left, she began washing clothes in our kitchen for our neighbors and relatives, drying their clothes on the clothesline in the afternoon, and ironing them at night. She did this for more than five years in the absence of my alcoholic father. That same enduring love and commitment is evident in the devoted teacher, nurse, counselor, or caregiver.

The inability to delight in the prospects of genuine love is certainly linked to the cultural rejection of all things old, whether that includes old age, old people, old experiences, old eras, or old and traditional ideas. Consider the expression, “It got old.” On the lips of a young person the expression sounds the death knell for the very activity that at one time was new and exciting. An experience that “got old” was not quite what it was originally expected to



**“Sharing a  
Continuous  
Flight”**

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be and is soon left behind for someone else to take up, empty, and tossed aside like a Styrofoam cup.

This is a sad state of affairs, for it means that some people are living primarily for the emotional, the materialistic, the pleasurable, and the sensuous aspects of basic human goods rather than the human goods themselves. True human goods, like genuine friendship, or the knowledge of truth, or the appreciation of beauty, integrity, virtue, marriage, etc. are truly possessed only after a long, patient, and faithful journey. Indeed, friendships get old, parenting gets old, marriage gets old, teaching gets old, working gets old, caregiving gets old, but a love that cannot endure the mundane and the ordinary, that cannot bear the thought of growing old, is a love that is not worthy of the name.

*Arnold Continued on page 6*



### Book Discussion Group

by Elbert Overholt

The discussions on *REAL CHANGE* were concluded on Monday, October 13. Margaret Dawson, Jack David Arnold, and Chairman Dale German summarized selected main points given by Newt Gingrich.

It was generally concluded that we are in need of change in many areas of our national life. We need to be involved in change from the grass roots level up. In order to be involved effectively we need to be well informed, seek good leadership, and have the self will to act effectively in bringing about the changes we desire.

We all need to look carefully at all political candidates and evaluate their values and beliefs in relation to Biblical standards as we attempt to put aside our prejudices and political biases.

We have completed our discussions on *REAL CHANGE*. If you haven't read it please be encouraged to consider it and other good research findings as you approach the coming election.

If you have a book you would like to discuss, tell President Jack David or any of the Ad Council member.



George and Mary Miller enjoying the luncheon



Elmer and Lawana Shellenberger



Carol Gordon, Gerry Bader and Margaret Dawson enjoying the Book Discussion Group



Don and Linda Carley



Don Beaver is honored with a plaque



**RIG  
WHAT'S NEW?**  
By Paul Scheie

It is my guess that many of us have seen paintings we do not understand and have no idea what the artists hope to have us "see" or to "feel" when we look at them. But then, suppose that we are given the opportunity to ask an artist, while he is in the process of making a painting, what he is trying to convey.

The presenter at our November meeting will be Bert Seabourn. Seabourn is an American expressionist artist, who has lived and painted in Oklahoma City for over 50 years. His work covers a wide range of subject matter, some of which is indicative of his Native American heritage. His paintings have been exhibited all over the world and some hang in quite prestigious permanent collections here and abroad. Locally, a number of his works are on display at the 50 Penn Place Art Gallery.



What exactly is Expressionism? Wikipedia says, "Expressionism is the tendency of an artist to distort reality for an emotional effect." Or, to quote Seabourn "Paintings should contest the creative elements: Order versus chaos; contemplative versus emotional; raw versus refined. I try to make each piece of art a unique fusion of design, color, form and composition, using a layering of texture with drips, smears, runs and splatters. The responsibility of the artist is to make a unique experience for himself and the viewer."



**Meet the New Librarian**  
**Arleta Harris**

Arleta is our new Librarian at the R. T. Williams Library. She came early in the Summer and has been busy as a beaver ever since she arrived. You might want to check out some of the changes she has made there, and see if there are any great new books to read.

**Academy Obituaries**

By Lecil Brown



**Lois Allene Stockett Brasher** died on September 17, 2008. She was born in Eastland, TX in 1920. Her parents moved their family to Bethany, OK in 1927. Lois graduated from Bethany High School in 1939 and later from Bethany Peniel College, now Southern Nazarene University, with a degree in English. She met Milton and they enjoyed fifty years of life together. Lois worked for the Federal Aviation Administration for 20 years. She was very active in her community. She was an active and involved member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, in its Sunday School and bible study groups.

Lois is survived by her three children; Miltonette, John Marvin and Clara Johnson; her six grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters; Emma Lincoln and Betty Walker of Mountain Home, AR. Funeral services were held at Bethany First Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday, September 23.

**Dr. Donald S. Metz**, distinguished author, pastor and college professor at Southern Nazarene and MidAmerica Nazarene University died on September 16, 2008. Funeral services were held at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, KS on September 20, 2008.





**NEWS TO USE**  
by Shirley Mears

**Five Ways to Love**

*The Five Languages of Love* by Gary Chapman explains that each of us perceive love in different ways. One of the secrets of expressing love well has nothing to do with the old classic phrase, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" but instead consider an expanded way to understanding your loved ones is "Do unto others as they would want". The Five Languages of Love include Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service or Physical Touch.

Learning to detect the different love languages can be amazingly easy and tremendously powerful. People can overcome many obstacles in relationships by the study of those people's languages.

This skill affects people of all ages. For instance, I have three grandchildren who are so different from each other in many ways. I have learned how to connect to each of them in the way that makes them feel loved. My granddaughter loves to do projects together; so, her language is quality time. The second child, the first son, would reject my hugs and kisses that his sister welcomed. He would not have anything to do with me until he was over two years old. By then I learned that hugs and kisses to him were invasive. He glows with words of affirmation. He is hungry to learn ways that he does well. That last child, another boy, loves hugs, kisses, cuddling and face to face attention. His is physical touch.

*The Five Languages of Love* by Gary Chapman will help the reader to discover fun in learning. It is available in book and in audio compact disc. The Web site is [www.fivelovelanguages.com](http://www.fivelovelanguages.com).

**Book Discussion Group Chairperson opening. Please contact Elbert Overholt, Dale German, or Jack David Arnold if you or someone you know might be interested in becoming the new Book Discussion Group Chairperson.**



**SNU Coming Events**  
by Brenda Styers, ASP Director

**Holiday Reception**

One of the annual highlights for ASP is the President's Christmas Reception hosted by SNU President Loren Gresham and his wife, Linda. The reception is at their home where they provide delicious desserts, warm beverages and great conversation. At the reception, ASP presents the Gresham's with a gift to say thanks for their leadership at SNU. For those of you who are new to ASP, our organization was formed as an extension of continued learning through the support of SNU. President Gresham was vital in helping to establish ASP, and we are glad that he and Mrs. Gresham continue to remain interested in our endeavors.

The reception will follow the December ASP luncheon on Monday, December 8. SNU will provide transportation to and from the Gresham's home. For those who want to drive to the reception, directions will be provided at the luncheon. Mark your calendars now, and don't let this special time slip by during the busy holiday season.

**Finance Report**  
by Roy Dorris, Treasurer

7-1-2008 Balance (Beginning of Fiscal Year) \$ 2,569.09

	INCOME	
	Jul-Oct	To Date
Dues	\$30.00	\$30.00
Sponsorships	\$900.00	\$900.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$930.00</b>	<b>\$930.00</b>

	EXPENSES	
	Jul-Oct	To Date
Postage	\$1.32	\$1.32
Sodexo	\$59.00	\$59.00
Copies	\$37.04	\$37.04
Print Shop	\$32.00	\$32.00
Reimburse J Arnold (Supplies)	\$21.89	\$21.89
Reimburse E German (Supplies)	\$69.00	\$69.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$220.25</b>	<b>\$220.25</b>

Ending Balance October 03,2008 \$3,278.84

*Arnold continued*

Kahlil Gibran (1883-1931), Lebanese poet, philosopher, and artist, wrote about true love eloquently in *The Prophet*. "Love has no other desire but to fulfill itself. But if you love and must needs have desires, let these be your desires: ...to know the pain of too much tenderness, to be wounded by your own understanding of love, and to bleed willingly and joyfully" (p. 13).

Gibran encouraged the lover in the conclusion of his poem "to wake at dawn with a winged heart and give thanks for another day of loving; to rest at the noon hour and meditate love's ecstasy; to return home at eventide with gratitude; and then to sleep with a prayer for the beloved in your heart and a song of praise upon your lips" (pp. 13-14).

The irony is that it is only by enduring that love becomes forever new. For "God is love" (1 John 4: 8), and in God, what is enduring and what is new coincide. In writing about "a new heaven and a new earth," St. John the Divine wrote the following in Revelations 21:5, "And he that sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And he said unto me, 'Write: for these words are true and faithful'."

God does not age. Of all existing things, He is the youngest, the newest, for He is not subject to the passing of time. He is the oldest of all beings in that He never had a beginning and will never have an end. Only a love that is faithful and able to grow old approaches the divine love.

We can learn from the experiences that get old by improving our conscious contact with God and by finding wisdom and beauty in the truth that the human heart requires much more than anything that this world can offer. It has been created for love; a love that is able and willing to grow old into the very glory of eternity.



## ASP Calendar

### Monday: November 10, 2008

- 9:00 a.m. Shuttle Service begins at Sawyer Center
- 9:30-10:45 RIG in Student Conference Room—Commons
- 11:15-1:00 Luncheon begins: Heritage Room—Commons
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon meeting ends
- 1:00-1:30 Shuttle service ends
- 1:15 p.m. Ad.Council: Faculty Lounge—Webster Commons
- 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council ends

## ASP Events Highlights



### New Photo Directory

Thanks to everyone who came early last month, our directory will be ready to hand out to you at our luncheon this month. Special thanks to Aleen Drumeller for extra calls and emails to those absent from last month's luncheon. **Please have your \$5.00 ready for each directory you wish to purchase. Checks can be made out to ASP and given to Roy Dorris.**

## Calling For Callers!

*By Aleen Drumeller*



A caller has between 15-20 people to contact either by phone or email to advise them of the upcoming meeting and take reservations. They will then contact Aleen with the names of those making reservations by the Thursday evening before the meeting on Monday. Aleen then turns in the count to the kitchen early Friday morning. Most of the callers have been calling for several years and enjoy the friends they have made over the years. It is a pretty simple but very important part of the success of our meetings. Please call Aleen Drumeller at 405.265-0302 if you would like to join the team!

