The mission of Chapman University is to provide personalized education of distinction that leads to inquiring, ethical, and productive lives as global citizens.

**Faces of Faith - Simply Irresistible**

Certain faces are simply irresistible. A subtle glance in their direction and something inside us lights up. Our sleepy souls are suddenly awakened, attracted without warning, intrigued without whisper. Certain faces are simply irresistible.

The rental car wove its way through the damp evening calm. Fall was dawning on the breath of Kansas City. What a site. In the wake of my headlights appeared an awesome ensemble of trees, each draped with a colorful canopy of leaves. Brilliant shades of orange, yellow, and burgundy glistened under falling drops of rain. A radiance and harmony so bold it could cause even Crayola crayons to blush. This unexpected rapture of color captured me and caused my lips to curl into smile. Certain faces are simply irresistible.

Country Club Christian Church was my destination. This magnificent church was hosting a college faire where I was to represent Chapman to over 150 youth and parents. Introducing prospective people to the faithful faces of our compelling community is always enjoyable. How can anyone deny enthusiasm when facing Disneyland, Newport Beach, the Anaheim Angels, and Krispy Kream donuts, all within a twenty-minute drive? And, how can anyone deny inspiration when facing a decade of dynamic campus transformation, still surrounded by Gentle Springs and the four faithful pillars of our heritage? The Chapman story is unfolding before us as it turns heads and opens eyes. Certain faces are simply irresistible.

Yet still, the most memorable faces have to be those of people. Take for instance Professor Jim Miller. In just moments of first meeting Jim, one comes to understand true hospitality. In Marilyn Harran we know passion; in Bobbi Fisher compassion. In Izi Martinez we know spirit; in Eric Scandrett and Edy Chapman we know grace. In the Petersons, Savages, and Wilkinson we cherish unbending support. Certain faces are simply irresistible.

And then of course, there are the students. These bold individuals teach us most fully of the gentle embrace of God’s Spirit. From the contagious laughter of Cynthia Hoeger ’05, and the honest prayers of Mia Evallmolo ’05; to the soulful singing of Brett Unruh ’02, and the flamboyant welcome of Tessa White ’03... Certain faces are simply irresistible.

Be it through the misty glaze of a windshield, or the wide-eyed glance of a freshman, one cannot miss the faithful faces. They surround us with the color of fall leaves, embrace us with the entertainment of the Angels, and uplift us in the arms of saints. May God’s face be with us always, and in all ways. And may we know that it is simply irresistible.

With peace and gratitude,
Rev. Dan Oliver
Director of Church Relations
Faith for the Journey

Twelve of us representing Chapman University and Disciples on Campus were guests in Cecilia’s hometown of Guadalupe, El Salvador, in June 2002. Our faces shining with sweat, drenched in rain, and covered with grit and eager smiles, we welcomed this opportunity to share life and faith and dreams with Cecilia, her family, and nine other families in the town as they rebuilt their homes that were destroyed in earthquakes and landslides. As we worked, we all did our best to speak of our lives, our hopes, and our faith. But more than our words, our faces told the stories. It is Cecilia’s face that is permanently impressed in my memory as she boldly shared her prophetic vision of a safe and sustainable life for her children. And it is the faces of ten Disciples on Campus students who listened intently to Cecilia and others, who weren’t afraid to get their hands dirty and to speak in broken Spanish, and who were inalterably changed by their experience in El Salvador that are forever welded into my mind. This is faithfulness. And these are the faces that guide my path.

What exactly does it mean to follow our faith? What does it mean to believe in something so completely that it informs and drives everything else we do? These are questions that are woven into the moral fiber of every human being, whatever our faith and whatever our motivation in life. Part of the mission of Chapman University is to provide education that leads to ethical lives. We are all led to serve someone or to act generously, somewhere at sometime. Whether we are Ernie Chapman ’33 and serve on Chapman University’s Board of Trustees for 67 years or whether we are Disciples On Campus students and go to El Salvador on a mission trip to help rebuild houses for two weeks, our faith leads us forward.

This past fall, Chapman trustee Harmon Wilkinson ’35 spoke at one of our Wednesday night worship services. He was joined by his wife Nadine ’44 and Chapman trustee Gloria Peterson ’40 and her husband Julian ’41. Their presence, faith in Chapman and its students, and Harmon’s prophetic and challenging words inspired the community gathered there. One student commented, “It’s amazing that they care enough to come and be with us!” But it wasn’t surprising to me. Quite simply, they are faces of faith. They motivate us, offer grace, and guide our way. We are blessed at Chapman University to be surrounded by many such faces of faith. May we continue to recognize them, draw life and inspiration from them, and add our own faithfulness on the journey.

Rev. Christy Newton Associate Director of Church Relations

Chapman Graduate Students

This year the Disciples On Campus group is proud to have on scholarship 11 new Disciple/UCC graduate students. This is the largest number of DOC graduate level students we have had at Chapman in years. Some of these students have undergraduate degrees from Chapman University while others are new to our campus.

Brooke Caya ’02 – Manhattan Beach UCC, Manhattan Beach, California
Amy Ensley ’02 – Bay Shore Community Congregational, Long Beach, California
Marcelo Erazo – FCC Orange, Orange, California
Kat Holmstrom ’00 – Church of the Foothills, Santa Ana, California
Kortni Ingebrightson ’97 – FCC Orange, Orange, California
Michelle Jakebowski ’02 – Saguaro CC, Tucson, Arizona
Andrea Little – FCC Bellingham, Bellingham, Washington
Sarah Northip ’02 – Ecumenical student, Orange, California
Neil Payne – Ecumenical student, Overland Park, Kansas
Colleen Wood – FCC Glendale, Glendale, Arizona
Lyndsey Van Deist ’02 – FCC Fullerton, Fullerton, California
faces of founders

Founders Day Celebration 2003

Our 20th annual Founders Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2003. We hope you will join us and keynote speaker Dr. Michael Kinnamon for a day filled with Faces of Faith.

This year’s Founders Day will begin at 12:00 with lunch in the gym and will conclude after the program at 3:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., and pre-sessions will start at 10:00 a.m. These pre-sessions include a speaker’s forum with Dr. Michael Kinnamon, an activity session for youth, a mass church choir rehearsal, and other events you won’t want to miss. After lunch we will move to the Memorial Auditorium for an amazing concert featuring Dr. William Hall and the Chapman University Concert Choir followed immediately by our Founders Day program. In addition to Michael Kinnamon’s message, our program will feature the presentation of the Church Leader of the Year and the Youth Leader of the Year Awards, as well as the opportunity to donate to the Disciples On Campus Scholarship Fund. This fund enables Disciples and United Church of Christ students from across the country to experience a Chapman education.

Please watch the mail for upcoming registration information or register online at www.chapman.edu/foundersday. We look forward to seeing you at this fabulous day of discovering faith among our faces!

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You give to Chapman University. We pay you. And students benefit — students like Weston Olson ’05 and Brilana Silva ’05, shown here.

It’s called a gift annuity, a simple agreement to pay you an income at a guaranteed annual rate for the rest of your life.

Gift annuities provide a way for you to make a special and enduring gift to strengthen Chapman University and its 141-year relationship with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They also provide an ongoing gift to more than 100 current Disciples on Campus students.

For more information on how a charitable gift annuity can benefit you, Chapman University, and our Disciple students, please call the Office of Church Relations at 714/997-6760, e-mail Dan Oliver at doliver@chapman.edu or visit the Office of Estate and Trust Planning website at www.chapman.edu/ur/etp/.
The images below highlight some of the opportunities our Disciples on Campus students have faced this past year.

1 - September 11 Worship Service
2 - Brett Hurlin '02 and Lytaa Santiago '03 with Bishop Medardo Gomez in El Salvador.
3 - El Salvador mission team ready for work!
4 - Erin Young '04 and Jenny Alderson '04.
5 - Bethany Beal '05 and Sarah Lester '06.
6 - Sara Landeau '05 checks the depth of a fence post hole at the DOC Habitat build day.
7 - Ryan Stahl '05 checking it twice at Habitat for Humanity.
8 - Let's get to work!
9 - Singing songs at the Fall Retreat 2002.

faces of D.O.C.
Please match the faces in each column to discover some of the unique ways that DOC students partner with Disciple and UCC churches.

This DOC student's partner church, Riverside First Christian Church, sent him to the Earl Lectures last January at the Pacific School of Religion.

This mother and son pair, from the Saguaro Christian Church in Tucson, Arizona, graduated from Chapman together last spring.

This alumni husband and wife pair has started a new contemporary worship service at the Fullerton First Christian Church.

These two students represented Chapman University and the PSW Region as stewards at the Quadrennial Assembly.

This musically gifted DOC student played at Loch Leven for the wedding of former Chapman student Brad Carter and Tina Rodriguez.

This DOC student represented Chapman by dancing at Ontario First Christian Church.

This DOC student works at Bay Shore Community Congregational Church as a youth leader.

These two DOC students head up the Chi Rho youth group at Orange First Christian Church.

Erlin Young ‘05 and BreAnn Resto ‘06

Garrett Andrew ‘02

Scott ‘97 and Carrie Van Diest ‘97

Scott ‘02 and Michelle Jakubowski ‘02

Adam Bradley ‘03

Jessica Lacy ‘05

Lucas Milliken ‘06 and BreAnn Resto ‘06

Danielle Mau ‘05

IRVIN “ERNIE CHAPMAN”

Ernie Chapman, ’33, a 67 year member of Chapman’s Board of Trustees, passed away August 5, 2002. However, his presence on Chapman University’s campus is still alive. He was an important part of maintaining Chapman University’s church-relatedness. Each year Ernie and his wife, Edy, attended the Founder’s Day festivities. Last spring, Ernie spoke at one of Disciples On Campus’s worship services. He spoke about the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in relation to Chapman University and how the church has been the cornerstone on which Chapman was built. He also spoke about the beginning of the First Christian Church of Fullerton where he was a member since 1923.

"Mr. Chapman was, in particular, a protector of the Christian roots of our university. He was dedicated, hardworking and vigilant in his love and respect for Christian values, and he sought to instill those values in our students."

-Jim Doti Chapman University President
FRIENDS AND FAMILY

- Selena Fitch '01 and Patrick Wright '01 are engaged to be married in Colorado, August 2, 2003.
- Former Chapman College student, Brad Carter was married to Tina Rodriguez on June 22, 2002.
- The Albert Schweitzer Award was presented to Nadine '44 and Trustee Harmon Wilkinson '35 at opening Convocation on September 9, 2002.
- In loving memory, we celebrate the faithful lives of Ed Pank (Trustee), Ernie Chapman (Trustee), Virginia Liggett (Trustee T.J. Liggett's wife), and Ray Wellington (2001 Church Leader of the Year award recipient).
- We would like to thank Julian Petersen '41, Bob and Cynthia McKinney, Janet Teal, and Audrey Turner for the many years of wonderful service they provided our Chapman Founders Day Committee.
- We would like to thank all of our Chapel Worship speakers for this past semester: Rev. Christy Newton, Dr. Jim Miller, Dr. Ron Farmer, Brianne Abrahamson '03, Joe Moore III '01, Kat Holmstrom '00 and '04, Dr. Paul Apodoca, Nadine '44 and Harmon Wilkinson '35, the DOC El Salvador Mission Team, Rev. Darrell McGowan, Jeannie Oliver '88, Rev. Jayna Powell, and Renee Dursky '00.
- This past June, Rev. Christy Newton, Orange First Christian Church lay leader, Joe Perrington, and the following DOC students celebrate a wonderful and spiritually fulfilling mission trip to El Salvador: Dannie Drugg '04, Jessica Lacy '05, Lydia Santiago '03, Bree McKee '03, Brett Unruh '03, Bethany Crouch '04, Beth Lewis '03, Heather Eisels '05, Kate Petersen '03, and Amber Dixon '05.
- Congratulations to Marie Line '02, who recently accepted the Youth Director position at the First Christian Church of Salem, Oregon.
- We celebrate the November 17, 2002, ordination of Kristin Marie Wickless Secaur '99, in the invitation she sent to the Church Relations office, she commented, "I would not be at this point in my life without all of your help and support. Chapman and particularly DOC formed me and helped to direct me to where I am."
- This past November, Dan Oliver, and DOC students Tessa White '03 and Jessica Nettinga '05, joined President Jim Doti for two wonderful Arizona Chapman Receptions. We offer a special thanks to Shirley and Bill Estes who hosted the Tucson Reception at their Loebs Ventana Resort.
- The Office of Church Relations celebrates an upcoming Chapman pre-session at the Northern California Disciple Annual Meeting at Asilomar on Friday, April 25, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This session will include a reception, an address from Chapman Peace Studies Professor Don Will on the crisis in the Middle East, and an update from Chapman DOC students and staff. Chapman will also be involved in other ways at the Annual Meeting, including through music and dance in worship, a workshop, and youth activities.
- The approved design for the Wallace All Faiths Chapel at Chapman University has been honored with the American Architecture Award sponsored by the Chicago Athenaeum, Museum of Architecture and Design. We anticipate the groundbreaking will be in June of 2003.
- At the Chapman Homecoming, this past October, Dave '51 and Bev Weatherill '50 were honored with the Life Achievement Award.
Shared Vision and Mission

The VISION of Church Relations celebrates the values of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ while implementing the mission of Chapman University.

The MISSION of Church Relations is to create a community that seeks God’s spirit, nurtures relationships, embraces diversity, and enables service and the sharing of gifts.