

## HERITAGE Award

### Paul & Jewyl Seaberg

**Paul and Jewyl Seaberg** served as missionaries to Sierra Leone for one term (1971-75) and 15 years in South Africa (1975-90) and during the 1990s' Decade of Harvest assisted with special assignments in Africa. In Sierra Leone, the Seabergs established a new Bible College program for ministerial training in the capital city, Freetown.

In South Africa (SA), they taught at the International Bible College in Durban and held evangelistic crusades, establishing and strengthening new churches. The Seabergs then directed the ICI program for SA and eventually the entire SA Region, serving more than 35,000 students. Since their 'retirement' from Southern Africa, the Seabergs have taken on special assign-



ments where their ministry talents have been needed - Mauritius, South Africa, Malawi, and Madagascar. Prior to their missionary appointment, the Seabergs pastored two home missions churches

in West Sacramento and Ione, California. Paul also served as Minister of Education and Principal of Sunnyvale Christian School of First Assembly of God for seven years. Paul earned his BA and Th.B. degrees from Southern California College in Costa Mesa, and an M.Div. degree from the Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, CA. He received a B.Ed. from California State University, Sacramento. Jewyl attended Bethany Bible College and Southern California College - now both universities. Jewyl is the daughter of John E. and Gertha Stowell. The entire family have been strong supporters and benefactors of Bethany University.

## FOUNDERS Award

### Doug & Mary Fairrington

**Doug and Mary Fairrington** met at Glad Tidings Bible Institute in 1950. Mary graduated in 1952 and Doug in 1953 and they were married in '53. They pastored churches in Half Moon Bay, Grass Valley, Morgan Hill, and then 23 years in Burlingame. Doug has been active in the NorCal/Nevada District: District Youth Officer, Camp Meeting Board member, 28 years as a Sectional and Executive Presbyter and he served since 1982 as a member of the Board of Trustees of Bethany University.

Mary has also served in various capacities in the District, and has held several positions in the Sectional and District Women's Ministries.



She served for 13 years as the District Director of Women's Ministries, and under her leadership the Women's Ministries Endowment Fund was established in 1986 for students preparing for the ministry. At the time

of her retirement there was \$137,444 in the Fund and over 100 students had received \$1,000 scholarships. This Fund is still active and providing scholarships every year. In 1987 the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) was partially funded by the WM's annual project "Together We Will Build." In total, over \$200,000 was given for this project.

The Fairringtons have three married sons and five grandchildren all living in Rocklin, CA. Doug and Mary are very active in their son's church, Sunset Christian Center, serving as Small Group Leaders, members of the Missions Board, Greeting Ministry and Bible study groups.

## 2006 ALUMNI AWARD Recipients

*Please see the full narrative of accomplishments of these outstanding Bethany graduates on the alumni section of our website: [www.bethany.edu](http://www.bethany.edu).*

## ALUMNUS of the Year

### Lewis Shelton

**Lewis R. Shelton** graduated from Bethany Bible College, and from the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, MO. He married Margaret Hill in 1965, and after graduation, he went on to serve in various positions in Fallon, Nevada, and Medford, Oregon. Since 1985 Shelton has served as the Senior Pastor of First Assembly of God in Albany OR. Before this,

Shelton served as Senior Pastor of Bethel Church in Medford, OR from 1981-1985. A gifted musician, he served as Music Evangelist in Northern California from 1979 to 1981, and as Minister of Youth and Music, Associate Pastor, and Minister of Music at various churches in several states.

Shelton currently serves as Chairman of the Board of the School of Urban Missions (SUM) in Oakland, CA, and as a member of that board since 1999. He was a member of the Oregon District Assemblies of God Presbytery from

1989 to 2001, and a member of that District's Executive Presbytery from 1991 to 2001. He has served on prestigious boards and committees too numerous to mention in this space.

With Lewis Shelton's long tenure in Albany he is considered the "Pastor of the City of Albany," regarded as the spiritual voice for the community; and was chosen "First Citizen of Albany," in 1998. Pastor Shelton's wife Margaret has been an active partner throughout his ministry. She is currently Women's Ministries Director for their church in Albany.



## YOUNG ALUMNA of the Year

### Connie Hadley

**Connie (Beverage) Hadley** graduated from Bethany Bible College in 1977. She is married and the Hadleys have a seven year old son. Connie received her teaching credential from Bethany and then went to Fresno Pacific University to receive her administrative credentials to be a High School Principal. Her field of study is Elementary Education. She has been a principal for 18 years at various schools. She has received numerous awards and recognitions from several cities for achievements in her administrative positions. This is her eleventh year serving as a Principal in the Merced City School District (MCSD), now serving at Ada Givens Elementary School as Principal (K-5). Connie taught in the District from January 1979 until June 1984, and this proved to be an extremely rewarding experience for her. Her next teaching experi-



ence was at Charles Wright Elementary School in 1984, in the MCSD. She taught fourth-fifth grades from 1984-1989.

During 1988-1990, she served as a part time classroom teacher and a part-time Vice-Principal. Then she fulfilled the same role, but at a different elementary school, Sheehy, which was still part of Merced City School District. Connie was fortunate enough to be a graduate of the first group of the California School Leadership Academy. Also, she had the pleasure of serving on the Association of California School Administrators State Board for Co-Administrators for two years, 1989-1991. She was Principal at Luther Burbank School (K-5). She completed her seventh year as Principal of Charles Wright School in June 2003. During her tenure, Charles Wright School received double-star and single-star school designation - a notable achievement for her.