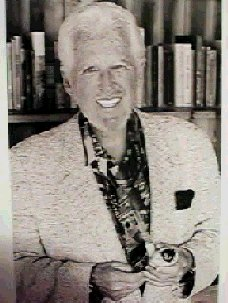
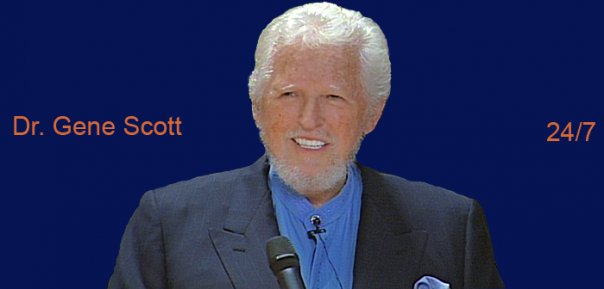
**William Eugene "Gene" Scott 1929-2005**

[**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene\_Scott**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott)







**William Eugene "Gene" Scott** (sometimes styled **w. euGene Scott**[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)]), (August 14, 1929 - February 21, 2005), was a [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)[pastor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pastor) and teacher who served for almost 50 years as an [ordained minister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordained_minister) and religious broadcaster in [Los Angeles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles), California.

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**Broadcasting**

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Scott became known as much for his stage persona as he was for his preaching skills. He would fill chalkboards with scriptural passages in the original Greek, Hebrew or Aramaic during his [exegeses](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exegesis) as to their meaning.

During his live fundraising broadcasts, Scott would typically stare into the camera and tell his viewers to get on the telephone and give if you feel as though the spirit calls for it, often wearing a variety of hats including an English pith helmet or a sombrero. Reportedly Scott generated $1 million a month for his ministry.[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] Critics[[*who?*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Avoid_weasel_words)] have called Scott a [cult leader](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cult_leader),[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)] although their claims were never substantiated.

**Early life and career**

Gene Scott was born in [Buhl, Idaho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buhl,_Idaho). He earned his Ph.D. in Philosophies of Education at [Stanford University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanford_University) in 1957 and subsequently served as an [ordained minister](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordained_minister) for almost 50 years. During his career, Scott served as a traveling Teacher for the [Pentecostal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecostal)[Assemblies of God](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assemblies_of_God), the president of the Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers International for nine years and, for a combined total of 35 years, as the pastor for the [Protestant](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant)Wescott Christian Center and Faith Center. For the last fifteen years of his ministry Scott held weekly Sunday Bible teaching services at the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral) in [Los Angeles, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles,_California).[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-bio-0)

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**Ministry**

**Assemblies of God**

Although an [agnostic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agnosticism) while attending [Stanford University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stanford_University), he came to a strong faith in Jesus Christ while earning his Ph.D. in 1957. He then taught at Evangel College (now [Evangel University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evangel_University)), then assisted [Oral Roberts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oral_Roberts) in establishing [Oral Roberts University](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oral_Roberts_University) in [Tulsa, Oklahoma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tulsa,_Oklahoma). Scott eventually joined the [Assemblies of God](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Assemblies_of_God), a [Pentecostal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecostal)[denomination](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Denominations) and served overseas in the mission field for several years.

Scott showed disdain for other religious broadcasters like [Jerry Falwell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jerry_Falwell) and [Jimmy Swaggart](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jimmy_Swaggart) and bristled when people referred to him as a "televangelist", preferring to be regarded as a teacher and pastor.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-3)

**Wescott Christian Center**

In 1970, Scott resigned his Assemblies of God credentials in good standing and formed *Wescott Christian Center* with his father, a pastor in [Oroville, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oroville,_California). Later, Scott was elected Pastor by a unanimous vote of the church board of "Faith Center" in Glendale, California. His father, known as "Pop Scott" and his mother, known as "Mom Scott" assisted him at his new church.

Wescott Christian Center is the titleholder to the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral), other church properties and bank accounts, according to County records.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-4) Upon Scott's passing all assets and copyrights transferred to his wife, [Melissa Scott](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melissa_Scott).

**Full Gospel Fellowship**

Scott was voted vice president of the fledgling Full Gospel Fellowship of Churches and Ministers International, of which his father was also a member. He would serve as its president from October 1975 to July 1984.

**Faith Center**

In 1975, while serving his Oroville ministry, Scott was approached to serve as a financial consultant for the forty-five-year-old "Faith Center" church in [Glendale, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glendale,_California), by its then pastor and founder, religious broadcaster [Ray Schoch](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Ray_Schoch&action=edit&redlink=1).

*Faith Center* owned four broadcast stations, which included [KHOF-TV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KPXN) channel 30 in [San Bernardino, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Bernardino,_California), [KHOF-FM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KKLA) 99.5 in [Los Angeles, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles,_California), [KVOF-TV](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/KCNS) channel 38 in [San Francisco, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco,_California), and [WHCT](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WUVN) channel 18 in [Hartford, Connecticut](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hartford,_Connecticut).

**Los Angeles University Cathedral**

In 1989, Scott was approached by Bruce Corwin, then president of Miracle on Broadway and chairman of the Metropolitan Theatres Corporation to restore the [United Artists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Artists) flagship theater in [downtown Los Angeles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Downtown_Los_Angeles).

In 1990, Scott and his congregation moved their Sunday service to the building, now renamed the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral). According to the Los Angeles County Recorder's office and North American title report, Scott acquired ownership of the cathedral through his entity, Westcott Christian Center, in December 2002. Both the cathedral[[6]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott" \l "cite_note-5) and the neon "Jesus Saves" signs are designated historic monuments.[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)]

The Dr. Gene Scott Bible Collection containing [Bibles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bible), other books and manuscripts now resides housed at the cathedral.[[7]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-6)

**University Network**

In 1975, Scott began a series of broadcasts, which resulted in the creation of the University Network. By 1983, the University Network was broadcasting his sermons twenty-four hours a day via satellite to the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States) and [Canada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada), as well as to much of [Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico) and the [Caribbean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caribbean). By 1990, his network was available to 180 countries, and by 1992 his sermons were being broadcast in several languages on [AM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amplitude_modulation), [FM](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frequency_modulation), and [short-wave](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shortwave) radio.

Drawing from nearly thirty years of recorded programming, Scott's radio, satellite and television ministry continues to be broadcast although on different stations and at different times.

**Notable members of congregation**

Among Scott's volunteer cadre of telephone-answering "Voices of Faith" was Los Angeles Dodgers First Baseman [Wes Parker](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wes_Parker). During a 1982 broadcast (index number S-1086-3), Parker spoke with Scott publicly for over 20 minutes, stating that before coming across Scott's television program, he had never understood or felt drawn toward Christianity. He explained that it was Scott's intelligent and fact-based approach to teaching that earned his respect and allowed him to build faith. He stated that his earlier exposures to Christianity had no effect, because they were mostly based on simplistic platitudes such as "God is love" which he found unconvincing. An audio recording of this conversation was included in Scott's cassette album "Demonology Vol. 3" and today is preserved in a freely downloadable torrent collection entitled "Dr. Gene Scott - Part 15 - 3 New Digitized Tape Albums, etc."

**Continuing broadcast presentation**

During five and a half years following Scott's death, his surviving wife and successor, Pastor Melissa Scott, has purchased many hours of time over broadcast, cable, and satellite television for the presentation of one hour programs of his messages from his later years, as well as many recent lectures done by herself from the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral). Still available are the 24 hour a day satellite, Internet, [short-wave radio](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Short-wave_radio) broadcasts, carrying the raw network feed, featuring 30 years of Scott's recorded teachings.

Melissa Scott has led the [Los Angeles, California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles,_California) and [Glendale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glendale,_California) churches since 2005 and is seen weekly on her own national television broadcast. She refers to Scott as her mentor.[[8]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-7)

**Writings**

Scott wrote and published around 20 books. As of 2010, eight books by Scott have been released posthumously. These include the first four volumes of *The Pulpit*, a series that will track every Sunday message preached since his arrival at the Faith Center in 1975.

**Hobbies**

He was also an artist and painted well over 1000 [watercolors](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Watercolor), acrylics or oils. He was a [philatelist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philately) and an [equestrian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Equestrianism).

**Philanthropic activities and memberships**

Scott's charitable activities included raising money for the [Los Angeles Public Library](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Los_Angeles_Public_Library) and the [Rose Bowl Aquatics Center](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rose_Bowl_Aquatics_Center) in [Pasadena](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pasadena,_California).[[9]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-sfgate-8) Scott's interests and memberships included:

* Los Angeles Central Library *Save the Books* telethon
* Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and one of its founding directors
* Member, Board of "Rebuild L.A."
* Member, Philatelic Foundation of [New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York)

**Marriages**

* Betty Ann Frazer, his high school sweetheart; their marriage of 23 years ended in divorce in 1974.
* Christine Shaw, longtime girlfriend, not a spouse, from early 1980s until 1995.
* Melissa Scott, his wife from August 2000 until his death.

**Death**

Scott was diagnosed with [prostate cancer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prostate_cancer) in 2000, but declined surgery and [chemotherapy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chemotherapy) and shortly thereafter was found to be cancer free. After four years of doctors finding no evidence of cancer he was diagnosed with cancer elsewhere in his body. Scott described his battle with the sickness to his congregation during several months of continued live broadcasts.

In mid-2004 he named his wife, Melissa Scott, as pastor of the church and signed paperwork effecting the transition. In February 2005, Scott suffered a stroke and lapsed into a [coma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coma) in [Glendale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glendale,_CA)[Adventist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adventist)[Hospital](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hospital).

Scott was pronounced dead at 4:30 p.m. [PST](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Time_Zone) on February 21, 2005.[[10]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_note-9)

**Scott in popular culture**

Scott is profiled in the 1980 documentary [*God's Angry Man*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God%27s_Angry_Man) by [Werner Herzog](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werner_Herzog).

Clips from one of his on-air fund drives were used in the 1981 [Cabaret Voltaire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cabaret_Voltaire_%28band%29) recording *Sluggin' Fer Jesus*.

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9. [**^**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_ref-sfgate_8-0)[Gene Scott -- television preacher and philanthropist](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?file=/chronicle/archive/2005/02/24/BAG69BG0P01.DTL), Larry B. Stammer, [San Francisco Chronicle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Francisco_Chronicle), February 24, 2005, Retrieved 2007-07-09
10. [**^**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugene_Scott#cite_ref-9) Larry B. Stammer, "Gene Scott, 75; Television Preacher Famous for His Unconventional Ministry", Los Angeles Times, February 23, 2005, <http://articles.latimes.com/2005/feb/23/local/me-scott23>

**External links**

* [www.DrGeneScott.com website](http://www.drgenescott.com/)
* [Dr. Gene Scott film and tribute site](http://www.godsangryman.com/)
* [Pastor Melissa Scott](http://www.pastormelissascott.com/)
* [The Resurrection of Jesus Christ by Dr. Gene Scott](http://www.resurrectionism.com/)
* [Radio Aircheck, August 18, 1992 (30 minute audio) (sorabji.com)](http://www.sorabji.com/a/airchecks/Gene_Scott_Shortwave_Aug_18_1992.ram)
* [Stanford Magazine obituary](http://www.stanfordalumni.org/news/magazine/2005/mayjun/classnotes/scott.html)
* [Telegraph obituary](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/1484410/Gene-Scott.html)

<http://www.nndb.com/people/483/000026405/>

**AKA** William Eugene Scott

**Born:**[14-Aug](http://www.nndb.com/lists/744/000106426/)-[1929](http://www.nndb.com/lists/928/000105613/)  
**Birthplace:**[Buhl, ID](http://www.nndb.com/geo/040/000080797/)  
**Died:**[21-Feb](http://www.nndb.com/lists/935/000106617/)-[2005](http://www.nndb.com/lists/515/000106197/)  
**Location of death:**[Los Angeles, CA](http://www.nndb.com/geo/582/000069375/)  
**Cause of death:**[Stroke](http://www.nndb.com/lists/328/000069121/)  
**Remains:** Buried, Sunset Mausoleum, Kensington, CA

**Gender:** Male  
**Religion:** Protestant  
**Race or Ethnicity:** White  
**Sexual orientation:** Straight  
**Occupation:**[Religion](http://www.nndb.com/lists/203/000068996/), TV Personality

**Nationality:** United States  
**Executive summary:** Eccentric televangelist

A number of people, namely Dr. Gene Scott himself and a few of his more fervent followers, dispute the label "televangelist" which has been applied to him. An *evangelist* is someone who preaches the Gospel. A *televangelist* is a someone who does so on television airwaves. Dr. Gene Scott did both, therefore he is without dispute, a televangelist.

**Father:** W.T. Scott  
**Mother:** Inez Leona Graves Scott  
**Sister:** (twin, died at birth)  
**Brother:** (twin, d.)  
**Wife:** Betty Ann Frazer (div.)  
**Wife:** Christine E. Shaw  
**Wife:** Melissa

    High School: Oroville Union High School, Oroville, CA  
    University: [PhD, Stanford University (1957)](http://www.nndb.com/edu/468/000068264/)  
    Teacher: Midwestern Bible College

    Risk Factors: [Smoking](http://www.nndb.com/lists/778/000064586/)

**Official Website:**  
<http://www.drgenescott.org/>

<http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Eugene_Scott>

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In early 1985, Scott tried to purchase the 70 year old [*Church of the Open Door*](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Church_of_the_Open_Door) building in downtown Los Angeles. This buildings' historic red [neon](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Neon) rooftop "Jesus Saves" signs had become a very familiar sight to Los Angeles area residents over the years.

The owners (who were in the process of selling the church for development to Lincoln Properties) declined Scott's overture. In December, the development deal fell through and the owners approached Scott, who quickly agreed and pursued his move to save the historic structure. Months into the purchase, and after many millions had been paid, Scott announced to his congregation that a cloud was discovered on the title which might very well preclude him from conducting services there. The cloud arose by restrictions in the original deed not disclosed by the sellers, but confirmed in Los Angeles Superior Court records. Scott took both informal and legal actions to dissolve the sale, but to no avail. The owners entered into a 3rd deal with the then Obayashi-Koll, while still pursuing payment from Scott.

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Many suits were filed, both before and after the demolition. In an arrangement made between Scott and the final buyer, The "Jesus Saves" signs were given to Scott and actions were dropped. Koll agreed also to pay for the sign's restoration, and current placement atop the Los Angeles University Cathedral.[[1]](http://www.universitycathedral.com/images/njsaves.jpg).

Scott was quoted as saying, "The wrecking ball still lost!"[[*citation needed*](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)]

**Los Angeles University Cathedral**

In 1989, Scott was approached by Bruce Corwin, then president of Miracle on Broadway and Chairman of the Metropolitan Theatres Corporation to restore the [United Artists](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/United_Artists) flagship theater in downtown Los Angeles.

In 1990, Scott and his congregation moved their Sunday service to the building now called the "[Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral)". According to the Los Angeles County Recorder's office and North American title report, Scott acquired ownership of the cathedral through his entity, Westcott Christian Center, in December 2002.

Scott's restoration of the theater signaled the beginning of a revitalization of the former theatre district along Broadway. The Spanish Gothic style (patterned after a cathedral in Segovia, Spain) University Cathedral became the largest [non-denominational](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Non-denominational_Christianity)[Protestant](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Protestantism) church in downtown Los Angeles. Both the Cathedral and the world-famous "Jesus Saves" signs are designated historic monuments. [[2]](http://www.universitycathedral.com/cathedral_pictures.htm)

Thousands of visitors have viewed Scott's exhibition of the "Dr. Gene Scott Bible Collection" with its many historic [Bibles](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Bible), books, and manuscripts which is housed at the Los Angeles University Cathedral.[[3]](http://www.drgenescott.com/stns.htm)

**The University Network**

In 1975, Scott began a series of broadcasts, which resulted in the creation of the University Network. By 1983, the University Network was broadcasting his sermons twenty-four hours a day via satellite to the [United States](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/United_States) and [Canada](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Canada), as well as to much of [Mexico](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Mexico) and the [Caribbean](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Caribbean). By 1990, his network was available to 180 countries, and by 1992 his sermons were being broadcast in several languages on [AM](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Amplitude_modulation), [FM](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Frequency_modulation), and [short-wave](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Shortwave) radio. His programming consisted of his trademark informal style of Bible teaching mixed with provocative commentary, music, and personal interests in such diverse subjects as his paintings, scientific interpretations of the great wonders of the world, and his American saddle-bred horses.

Drawing from nearly thirty years of recorded programming, Scott's radio, satellite and television ministry continues to be broadcast although on different stations and at different times. Current and past programming may also be viewed via [streaming video online](http://drgenescott.com/live_internet_feed.htm) courtesy of [www.drgenescott.com](http://www.drgenescott.com).

**Stage and broadcasting presentation**

During two and a half years following Scott's passing, his surviving wife and successor, Pastor Melissa Scott has purchased many hours of time over broadcast, cable, and satellite television for the presentation of 1-hour programs of his messages from his later years, as well as many recent lectures done by herself from the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral). Still available are the 24 hour a day satellite, Internet, [short-wave radio](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Shortwave) broadcasts, carrying the raw network feed, featuring 30 years of Scott's recorded teachings.

**Other activities**

The membership and interests of Dr. Scott included:

* Los Angeles Central Library *Save the Books* telethon
* Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and one of its founding directors
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**Marriages**

Gene Scott's first marriage was to Betty Ann Frazer, his high school sweetheart at Oroville Union High School. This marriage lasted 23 years. Subsequent marriages include Christine E. Shaw, and then to ex-adult entertainment star, Melissa Pastore in August 2000. Since Dr. Scott's death on February 21, 2005, Melissa Scott has been the leader of Wescott Christian Center and Faith Center.

Melissa Scott points to her assistant administrative pastor duties in charge of finances and operations, and her study of theology under the tutelage of Dr. Gene Scott for 10 years prior to his death, as preparation for her current position.

**Death**

Originally diagnosed with a small but aggressive type of [prostate cancer](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Prostate_cancer) in 2000, Gene Scott declined [chemotherapy](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Chemotherapy). Four years later and consistent with the known pattern of its cell type, the cancer had spread unchecked to all the major systems of the body. Rigorous combined regimens of conventional treatment were implemented and were unable to stop the [metastatic](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Metastasis) terminal cancer. Complications of the cancer and treatments set in, leading to heart failure, fluid in the lungs, and abnormal blood clotting; all of which Dr. Gene Scott described to his congregation during several months of continued live broadcasts.

A few days prior to his death, Scott experienced a [stroke](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Stroke), and following through with his intentions announced throughout the previous year, he signed papers to transfer powers and assets to his wife, Pastor Melissa Scott. Dr. Eugene Scott then lapsed into a [coma](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Coma) in [Glendale](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Glendale,_California)[Adventist](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Adventism)[Hospital](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Hospital). Pastor Melissa Scott reported that at some point Dr. Scott awoke from his comatose state and ordered his favorite refreshment, yogurt, in true Dr. Scott style.

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**Scott in culture**

Clips from one of his on-air fund drives were used in the [Cabaret Voltaire](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Cabaret_Voltaire_%28band%29) recording *Sluggin' for Jesus*.

Scott is depicted in the 1980 documentary [God's Angry Man](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/God%27s_Angry_Man), directed by [Werner Herzog](http://www.worldlingo.com/ma/enwiki/en/Werner_Herzog).

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**External links**

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* [The Resurrection of Jesus Christ by Dr. Gene Scott](http://www.resurrectionism.com/)
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In 1975, while serving his Oroville ministry, Scott was approached to serve as a financial consultant for the forty-five-year-old "Faith Center" church in [Glendale, California](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Glendale%2C_California), by its then pastor and founder, religious broadcast pioneer [Ray Schoch](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Schoch).

*Faith Center*  owned four broadcast stations, which included [KHOF-TV](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/KPXN) channel 30 in [San Bernardino, California](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/San_Bernardino%2C_California), [KHOF-FM](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/KKLA) 99.5 in [Los Angeles, California](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Los_Angeles%2C_California), [KVOF-TV](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/KCNS) channel 38 in [San Francisco, California](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/San_Francisco%2C_California), and [WHCT](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/WUVN) channel 18 in [Hartford, Connecticut](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Hartford%2C_Connecticut). *Faith Center*  was in crisis, both financial and in regards to its leadership, because Schoch had suffered severe cardiac problems.

Scott often stated that he never wanted to be a preacher and it was the congregation of *Faith Center*  that unanimously voted him in as pastor. He was so against leading Faith Center that he proposed a contract of sixteen demanding conditions that he designed to persuade the congregation against voting for him. The contract would immediately dissolved the church's governing body that had contributed to the crisis. Other conditions would give Scott a salary of $1. per year, plus expenses. The congregation accepted the contract. Scott returned the church from debt, and for his love of God's Word he acquired a valuable collection of rare bibles and ancient manuscripts.

**Church of the Open Door**

In early 1985, Scott tried to purchase the 70 year old [*Church of the Open Door*](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Church_of_the_Open_Door) building in downtown Los Angeles. This buildings' historic red [neon](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Neon) rooftop "Jesus Saves" signs were a familiar sight to Los Angeles area residents.

The owners (who were in the process of selling the church for development to Lincoln Properties) declined Scott's overture. In December, the development deal fell through and the owners approached Scott, who quickly agreed and pursued his move to save the historic structure. Months into the purchase, and after many millions had been paid, Scott announced to his congregation that a cloud was discovered on the title which might very well preclude him from conducting services there. The cloud arose by restrictions in the original deed not disclosed by the sellers, but confirmed in Los Angeles Superior Court records. Scott took both informal and legal actions to dissolve the sale, but to no avail. The owners entered into a 3rd deal with the then Obayashi-Koll, while still pursuing payment from Scott.

The prospect of demolition looming again, aggressive efforts were made to save the historic structure, both by his occupant rights, and work with the Council of the City of Los Angeles to have the building designated a Historic Monument. The historical monument designation had already existed at the state level.

The most prominent proponent for saving the structure was Councilman Gilbert Lindsey, who fought before, during, and after the designation, including a Council moratorium against construction at the site. While the *Church of the Open Door*  church corporation consummated the sale to Koll, Lindsey was hospitalized in a coma. Shortly into his absence from his district, the building was demolished.

Many suits were filed, both before and after the demolition. In an arrangement made between Scott and the final buyer, The "Jesus Saves" signs were given to Scott and actions were dropped. Koll agreed to pay for the sign's restoration, and current placement atop the Los Angeles University Cathedral. [http://cache.lexico.com/r/g/link-extern.gif](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/www.universitycathedral.com/images/njsaves.jpg)

Scott was quoted as saying, "The wrecking ball still lost!"

**Los Angeles University Cathedral**

In 1989, Scott was approached by Bruce Corwin, then president of Miracle on Broadway and Chairman of the Metropolitan Theatres Corporation to restore the [United Artists](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/United_Artists) flagship theater in downtown Los Angeles.

In 1990, Scott and his congregation moved their Sunday service to the building now called the " [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral" \o "Los Angeles University Cathedral)". According to the Los Angeles County Recorder's office and North American title report, Scott acquired ownership of the cathedral through his entity, Westcott Christian Center, in December 2002.

Scott's restoration of the theater signaled the beginning of a revitalization of the former theatre district along Broadway. The Spanish Gothic style (patterned after a cathedral in Segovia, Spain) University Cathedral became the largest [non-denominational](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Non-denominational)[Protestant](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Protestant) church in downtown Los Angeles. Both the Cathedral and the world-famous "Jesus Saves" signs are designated historic monuments. [http://cache.lexico.com/r/g/link-extern.gif](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/www.universitycathedral.com/cathedral_pictures.htm)

Thousands of visitors have viewed Scott's exhibition of the "Dr. Gene Scott Bible Collection" with its many historic [Bibles](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Bible), books, and manuscripts which is housed at the Los Angeles University Cathedral. [http://cache.lexico.com/r/g/link-extern.gif](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/www.drgenescott.com/stns.htm)

**The University Network**

In 1975, Scott began a series of broadcasts, which resulted in the creation of the University Network. By 1983, the University Network was broadcasting his sermons twenty-four hours a day via satellite to the [United States](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/United_States) and [Canada](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Canada), as well as to much of [Mexico](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Mexico) and the [Caribbean](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Caribbean). By 1990, his network was available to 180 countries, and by 1992 his sermons were being broadcast in several languages on [AM](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Amplitude_modulation), [FM](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Frequency_modulation), and [short-wave](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Shortwave) radio. His programming consisted of his trademark informal style of Bible teaching mixed with provocative commentary, music, and personal interests in such diverse subjects as his paintings, scientific interpretations of the great wonders of the world, and his American saddle-bred horses.

Drawing from nearly thirty years of recorded programming, Scott's radio, satellite and television ministry continues to be broadcast although on different stations and at different times. Current and past programming may also be viewed via [streaming video online](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/drgenescott.com/live_internet_feed.htm) courtesy of [www.drgenescott.com](http://www.reference.com/go/http:/www.drgenescott.com)

**Stage and broadcasting presentation**

During two and a half years following Scott's passing, his surviving wife and successor, Melissa Scott has purchased many hours of time over broadcast, cable, and satellite television for the presentation of 1-hour programs of his messages from his later years, as well as many recent lectures done by herself from the [Los Angeles University Cathedral](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Los_Angeles_University_Cathedral). Still available are the 24 hour a day satellite, Internet, [short-wave radio](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Short-wave_radio) broadcasts, carrying the raw network feed, featuring 30 years of Scott's recorded teachings.

**Other activities**

Scott's interests and memberships included:

\*Los Angeles Central Library *Save the Books*  telethon

\*Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center and one of its founding directors

\*Member, Board of "Rebuild L.A."

\*Member, Philatelic Foundation of [New York](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/New_York)

**Marriages**

Gene Scott's first marriage was to Betty Ann Frazer. This marriage lasted 23 years. Subsequent marriages include Christine E. Shaw, and Melissa Pastore (Pastor Melissa Scott) in August 2000. Since Scott's death on February 21, 2005, Melissa Scott has been the leader of Wescott Christian Center and Faith Center.

Melissa Scott points to her assistant administrative pastor duties in charge of finances and operations, and her study of theology under the tutelage of Gene Scott for 10 years before his death, as preparation for her current position.

**Death**

Originally diagnosed with a small but aggressive type of [prostate cancer](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Prostate_cancer) in 2000, Gene Scott declined surgery and [chemotherapy](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Chemotherapy). Four years later and consistent with the known pattern of its cell type, the cancer had spread unchecked to all the major systems of the body. Rigorous combined regimens of conventional treatment were implemented and were unable to stop the [metastatic](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Metastatic) terminal cancer. Complications of the cancer and treatments set in, leading to heart failure, fluid in the lungs, and abnormal blood clotting; all of which Scott described to his congregation during several months of continued live broadcasts.

A few days before his death, Scott experienced a [stroke](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Cerebral_accident), and then he signed papers to transfer powers and assets to his wife, Melissa Scott. Eugene Scott then lapsed into a [coma](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Coma) in [Glendale](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Glendale%2C_CA)[Adventist](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Adventist)[Hospital](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Hospital). Melissa Scott reported that at some point Scott awoke from his comatose state and ordered his favorite refreshment, yogurt.

Scott suffered a fatal stroke and was pronounced dead at 4:30 p.m. [PST](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Pacific_Time_Zone) on Monday, [February 21, 2005](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/February_21%2C_2005). According to Melissa Scott's press statement, a private staff nurse was in attendance at his bedside during his final days.

**Scott in culture**

Clips from one of his on-air fund drives were used in the [Cabaret Voltaire](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Cabaret_Voltaire_%28band%29) recording *Sluggin' for Jesus* .

Scott is depicted in the 1980 documentary [God's Angry Man](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/God%27s_Angry_Man), directed by [Werner Herzog](http://www.reference.com/browse/wiki/Werner_Herzog).

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