

Religion in the News



REVEREND EUGENE BOYD, SR.

Rev. Boyd reaches 90

The Reverend Eugene Boyd, Sr., who has been a Baptist for 69 years, and a Baptist Minister for 63 years, was honored for his outstanding contribution to his church on his 90th birthday, August 6, 1972, by his church.

Reverend Eugene Boyd, Sr., was one of the senior citizens who worked with members of the City-County Council on Aging in setting up and establishing the Senior Adult Service Center, insisting on a program where senior citizens would be able to serve other senior citizens in a four-point program at the center. As Reverend Boyd stated, in an interview back in August, 1971, "God says an old man is for counseling, and I am old and a counselor, but I am always busy. They took God out of the schools, and the devil marched in with rowdiness, stealing and evil ways. All because God is not there, and we must bring God back into the schools, the church - yes, in our lives. Remember, in God we live and have our being."

Reverend Boyd's first love, naturally, is his preaching, and his second love is his remembrance of his life as a railroad man - a cook on a pri-

vate diner for the railroad - first in Texas in 1944, and coming to Portland in 1945. He firmly believes that food cooked right, and eaten correctly will never cause indigestion - just like clothes properly cared for last longer, and a clean-lived life rewards in a long and happy life. Another favorite quote of Reverend Boyd is, "I don't worry. God says if we recognize Him in all our ways, he'll direct our paths. Also remember, Honor thy Father and Mother that your days may be long upon the earth."

The Reverend Boyd, Sr., Second Vice-Moderator of the Union District Baptist Association, founded two churches in Portland - The Providence Baptist Church and the Ebenezer Baptist Church. Reverend Boyd is presently Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Senior Adult Service Center, which is located at 3904 N.E. Union Avenue.

Reverend Eugene Boyd, Sr., stated, "I will live thirty more years with God's help." Despite a slight stroke two summers ago, it has not daunted his expectations to live to the ripe "young" age of 120.

Retraction ordered

A Roman Catholic theologian who says sexual happiness is a basic human right has been told by the Roman superiors to make a retraction or else lose his chair.

Professor Stephanus Pfuertner received this word from the Father-in-General of the Dominican Order. A letter warned the professor that if he did not comply he would be terminated from the theological staff.

Bishop Pierre announced that Pfuertner was banned from giving any public lectures or publishing any writing in the Freiburg diocese. In addition, if he remains on the faculty all of Pfuertner's writings and teachings are to be censored.

Pfuertner has written a book entitled "Church and Sexuality." Church pressure has

been mounting since he presented "Twelve Theses on Sexual Ethics" before a small audience in Bern last fall.

His book states that the sexuality of a mature individual should be controlled by his own conscience and responsibility.

"Society has no right to interfere with the sexual freedom of a mature human as long as this activity does not have any socially damaging effect," Pfuertner proclaims.

"All humans have a right to be happy. The right to sexual happiness is a part of this basic human right. . . If sexual behavior prevents lasting happiness, it becomes immoral. If moral rules prevent it, they lose validity."

Initial reaction from his superiors early this year was an offer to take a sabbatical year to reconsider his "theses."

Soul purpose

by Chuck Singleton

"...making my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Phil. 2:2.

IF TRUTH SHOULD STAND

The winner in this year's annual liar's contest held in Minnesota was a man who claimed he caught a fish 17 feet wide with 400 ton gills. He claimed this animal of a fish had eyeballs as big as dinosaur eggs, and that he used giant redwood trees to pick whales out of its teeth.

By the time he finished his story everyone was cracking up; had he won the contest without any competition? Then another gentleman walked forward and said, "That ain't nothing, I was the fish." He won the contest, and was crowned the WORLD'S GREATEST LIAR.

I can think of no bigger accomplishment than to be crowned the world's greatest liar. Lying has been a world past time since the serpent told Eve how groovy the forbidden fruit was.

In parts of Ghana the custom is to say what pleases the person one is speaking to, even if it violates the truth. Lies and deception have caused wars and separations

for centuries and they seem to increase daily. It's no uncommon thing to hear or speak lies.

For that reason, it is a great accomplishment to be crowned the WORLD'S GREATEST LIAR.

Before Jesus was crucified Pontius Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" (John 18). Truth is as obvious in this world as a fly in sugar. It's so simple sometimes that men don't recognize it. Jesus didn't answer Pilate's question, because truth in the flesh stood right before Pilate, and he didn't recognize it. Jesus Himself was the truth! Jesus is the truth about God and the truth about man. A man comes to grips with the truth when he faces up to Jesus. To see oneself in God's light and then to reject God's cleansing power is like looking into a reflection of a dirty face and never washing. The worst lie is the lie to oneself.

Deception is a common and accepted thing in our societies; that is why they crowned the King of Liars and crucified the Son of Truth. Yet the TRUTH still stands. And will continue to stand until He has been rejected enough by man.



EMMETT J. BASKETT

Community leader dies

Emmett J. Baskett, the Model Cities Citizen's Planning Board's first chairman, died on Sunday, July 30th. Baskett was chairman of the Board during its initial planning years and was largely responsible for the efforts to obtain federal approval for the citizen planned projects. Baskett was born in Bunce-ton, Missouri and graduated from Lincoln University. He served in the South Pacific

during World War II. He moved to Portland 17 years ago.

He was the owner of Baskett Construction Company. He was a member of the Alhina Contractors Association, was a former member of the Executive Board of the Portland Branch NAACP, and was active in the Bill Webb Elks Lodge.

Survivors are his wife, Edna; a sister, Mrs. Martha Hickling of Aurora, Illinois; and two brothers, Cletus and Sam.

The funeral was held at Bethel AME Church on Friday, August 4th, with interment at Willamette National Cemetery.

How long

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how long will it be before I can feel before I can say "I love you" freely.

without the fear of being hurt again.

how long will it be before I can touch before I can trust completely.

without suspicion weighing heavily on my mind.

time can erase the hurt that seems to follow me.

but it seems that time drags by and nothing changes how long will it be before I can say "I love you."

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Lynne Fortson
Sophomore at Mary Crest H.S.

Evangelist Crusade

An Evangelist Crusade will be held at First Baptist Church, 909 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada, starting Sunday, August 27th and running through September 2nd. Times of the Crusade will be 3 and 7 p.m. nightly.

The Crusade is sponsored by Pastor Malinda Thorne of God's Rescue Mission, 381 Powell Street, Vancouver 4, B.C., Canada. The Pastor will be Malinda Thorne, and the Crusade Director is Rev. Valdez Loma St. Clair, Pastor of Jackson Memorial Temple A.M.E. Zion Church, Hemstead, New York.

Prayer of The Week

O God, the source of our being, and the guide of our pilgrim days, we hush our busy thoughts that we may learn in silence what we cannot know by speaking. Put out all lesser lights that we may have Thy light upon our pathway. Subdue our pride, our passion, our sin and all finite frailties and set our spirits free, in tune with the infinite, at home with the eternal. Give us faith to see behind the tangle of human affairs and beneath the collision of world forces, some mighty purpose working toward the coming kingdom, in the fulfillment of which we have a part.

O God, our hope, our strength, make us sure of Thee.

Amen.

Zest of Life

By Carnegie "Happy" Pullen

COME AND BE HAPPY WITH ME! Be happy in Jesus!

"Just trust and obey; There's no other way to be happy in Jesus; but to trust and Obey!" -- Popular Hymn.

Have modern problems got you perplexed? Are you frustrated by the complexity and stresses of modern conditions?

Persons who are religious are happier than persons who are not religious. The happiest of all are those who truly "trust and obey Jesus."

While "looking on all the things that are coming to pass, don't let your hearts fail you; but rather rejoice that your salvation draweth nigh." Greater tribulation than the world has seen will come.

In a few brief prophecies Jesus described the strange, distressing and deadly conditions that are now happening and the much more terrible acts of God's wrath that shall be poured out on men from out of Heaven.

"Iniquity shall abound, (wickedness shall be escalated), said Jesus. . . . And except those days be shortened no flesh shall be saved. But for the elect's sake these days shall be shortened." Matt. 24:21-22.

One young fellow outside a Pentecostal meeting asked me, "Why did God choose this generation to pour out His wrath upon?" I said that Christians have long prayed, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in

Heaven." God would not stand for any disobedience in Heaven, or here on earth. The stubbornly, disobedient ones will be removed in one way or another; unless they turn, repent and obey. God's wrath can reach the disobedient ones on earth, or in the realm of the dead, because both Heaven and earth shall be shaken. But the obedient elect shall not be touched.

"He that heareth (heedeth) 'my word, and believeth in Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.'" John 5:24. "And behold . . . I give unto you power over all the power of the enemy" (evil) "and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

Even as Jesus was on His way up to Jerusalem, He was filled with an infinite Heavenly ecstasy. He said to His disciples:

"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you and that your joy might be full." John 15:11.

To the obedient ones He said, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in Heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." Matt 5:11-12.

And He said unto them: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they

may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." Matt 5:14, 16. This is the form of service that will help save others, and is the source of the only true happiness.

"Come be happy with me, and share my happiness with others", is the message.

"As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?" Eze. 33:11.

"Christ . . . He is saviour of the body." Eph. 5:23. "It is not the will of your Father that one of these little ones should perish." Matt. 18:1.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:12-13.

Many millions of Christians look for and pray for the coming of the Lord Christ, that He might establish His perfect Kingdom of peace, justice, happiness, health, life, and truth upon the earth. If we desire it and pray for it; then why should we doubt, or fear, or dread the wrath and evil that shall come upon the disobedient and the wicked ones who stubbornly refuse to obey? "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shall thou behold the reward of the wicked." Ps. 91:7-8.

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