



RELIGION

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RELIGION UPDATE

by Dee Armstrong

The First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Churches of God in Christ held their 41st Annual Holy Convocation June 10-16. Their theme was "Keeping in Step With the Spirit."

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 136:1) I praise God for all of the Blessings bestowed on our Jurisdiction during the past year. God has enabled Pastor Tate of Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ to purchase additional church property; Elder Griffin's efforts toward opening the church in Pendleton is progressing very well and he will have a report shortly on his accomplishments. The State Mission Department, headed by Elder Flowers, has been feeding the hungry and providing clothes to many families. God has also blessed us to open a school which has been certified through the eighth grade and we are looking forward to opening a day-care center and a senior citizens center in the near future.

We have come a long way from our beginnings and must work together in God's Love to achieve that which he has in store for us. We must be supportive of the international work of the Church of God in Christ, which is inspired by God through our beloved Bishop J. O. Patterson and Mother Mattie McGlothen. Let us keep them in our prayers as they have a vast mission to oversee.

Let us realize our own individual worth as we go forth in the work of the Lord. Our Creator has instilled a uniqueness in each of us that must be utilized to accomplish His purpose.

The God we serve is a miracle-working God. Let us look forward to the coming year expecting great things and knowing Our Father is able to provide and take care of our every need."

The statement of Faith and Belief was given in the order of Divine worship and is reprinted by permission:

"We believe the Bible to be the inspired and only infallible Word of God. We believe that there is One God, eternally existent in Three Persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

"We believe in the Blessed Hope, which is the rapture of the Church of God, which is in Christ, at His return.

"We believe that the only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance; faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ and being baptized in water. We believe that regeneration by the Holy Ghost is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

"We believe that the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the human body in answer to believing prayer.

"We believe that the baptism in the Holy Ghost, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

"We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a holy and separated life in this present world. Amen."

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Tuesday: Bible Band 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Sunday: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Y.P.W.W. 6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic Worship 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday: Noon Day Prayer

Friday: "The Pastor Speaks" 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m.
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2 How to associate behavior with consequences. When to let go of your child and how. 60 min.
- June 16
FILM CHRISTIAN FATHERING
3 If America survives, it will be because fathers begin to put their families at the highest level of priority. 61 min.
- July 7
FILM PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE: THE ORIGIN OF SELF-DOUBT
4 The secrets of self-esteem. 50 min.
- July 14
FILM PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE: PEER PRESSURE AND SEXUALITY
5 Physical changes, sexual development. 48 min.
- Aug. 4
FILM WHAT WIVES WISH THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT WOMEN: THE LONELY HOUSEWIFE
6 Sources of depression in women. Low self-esteem. Absence of romantic love in marriage. 49 min.
- Aug. 11
FILM WHAT WIVES WISH THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT WOMEN: MONEY, SEX AND CHILDREN
7 Materialism—a root cause. The major sexual difference. Menstrual and psychological problems. 34 min.

Building Up Your Family

Divorce hardest on kids

by Lynne Phillips-Werbel

(This is a reprint from Lutheran Family Service Newsletter.)

There are over 12 million children in this country whose parents are divorced, so it would seem logical to assume that the stigma of divorce no longer exists for these children and their families. After all, it's not as though a child is stamped with a capital "D" when his/her parents decide to end their marriage!

Unfortunately, the error in the above assumption stems from the fact that what a child feels or experiences is NOT always logical. The truth of the matter is that most children whose parents have separated or divorced feel very alone with their pain. Each child feels like something terrible has happened to him/her which no one else could possibly understand, because he/she is the only one in the world whose's ever experienced it.

When divorce hits a child's life, it's as if the bottom drops out. Not only does it affect the child's sense of security and stability, it hits at the core of his/her being; i.e., his/her sense of self. After all, so much of a child's self-concept is based on his image of his parents and what the child perceives as his parents' image of him. Divorce distorts these images (at least temporarily) and, thus, distorts the way the child feels about himself, just as he's feeling so differently about his parents. Parents speaking badly about each other in front of the child only intensifies this, because the child internalizes it and ends up feeling worse about himself.

Often a child will experience his/her own feelings as though they were coming from the people around him/her. For example, "I'm angry at my

parents," may be experienced by the child as "Everybody's angry at me," or "I'm feeling badly about myself," gets turned into, "No one likes me anymore."

Another factor that affects the child's sense of self in a negative way is the child's tendency to blame himself/herself for the divorce. Again, this may not seem logical to an adult, but it's very real for children. More often than not, a child will tell you that the reason his/her parents divorced was because he/she didn't do the dishes or throw out the garbage when asked, and somehow this "bad" behavior by the child made one of his/her parents angry enough to leave.

All of these things can be very confusing for parents who are trying to help their child deal with the emotional aftermath of a divorce or separation. What makes it even harder on parents is that often they are the last people with whom their children will share their feelings (especially when these feelings are experienced by the child as "bad feelings"). After all, children see their parents hurting so much at the time of a divorce that they may be afraid to share their pain or anger for fear of hurting the parents more. Then there's the fear of punishment.

Parents need to recognize that this is a time for them to use community resources: teachers, school counselors, pastors, therapists or friends.

Morning Star burns mortgage

The Morning Star Baptist Church will be burning the mortgage on the church on Sunday, June 23, 1985, at 3:00 p.m.

Members are requesting others to share this joyful occasion, extending an invitation to the community to attend.

The Morning Star Baptist Church was organized May 11, 1947 in the Hughes Memorial Methodist Church, which was located on the corner of Vancouver Avenue and Knott Street. In 1959, the Morning Star Baptist church moved into its present location. The church was founded by the late Rev. Sylvester McCullum.

Many dignitaries and guests from throughout the city are expected to participate in this celebration.



DERRICK BELL

Bethel holds Women's Day

Bethel AME Church announces a special program in recognition of Women's Day, an annual observance of that church. Mrs. Jewel Bell and her famous husband, Dr. Derrick A. Bell, dean of the University of Oregon Law School, will, together, speak at the regular 11:00 a.m. church service on Sunday, June 23.

Dr. and Mrs. Bell have chosen to speak on "Women Committed to Spiritual Renewal," drawing from their own viewpoints concerning a creative relationship of parents, children and the community.

Co-chairs of the event are Mrs. June Terry and Mrs. Lenora Morris. The public is invited to attend.

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