

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK  
EZEKIEL: CH. 43

# RELIGION

## Jesus Against Drugs and Alcohol

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Jesus Against Drugs and Alcohol (JADA) is a christian-based program founded by the Rev. Roy L. Tate. The program began in 1987 as an outreach for the church (Christ Memorial C.O.G.I.C.).

There are many programs throughout the community dealing with alcohol and drug abusers; however, there are none as unique as JADA. When all else fails, this program has proven to be totally successful.

Drugs and alcohol are the major causes of the crimes, deaths, and diseases. JADA focuses primarily on trusting God's love, God's caring, and praying for all people regardless of the individual circumstances. The program serves as a support group for family members who are dealing with various addictions.

Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend the very moving and enriching gatherings each Monday night at 6 p.m. The address is 1552 N. Killingsworth Avenue.

Come and experience the Lord's saving, healing and delivering power from addictions of all kinds.

When you visit our facility, you will find a spirit-filled staff of professionals, some of whom were once alcoholics, drug abusers, drug dealers, prostitutes and pimps, and others with criminal backgrounds who have chosen to follow Christ instead.



Everyone shares his/her miraculous recovery and gives all the credit to the Lord Jesus Christ. Much of the credit is also given to the counseling staff.

The majority of the walk-in participants involved in Christ Memorial's JADA Program, are now living Christian lives and are actively participating in various churches throughout the city of Portland.

Here are some of the testimonials:

Theresa Strong — 32 years old — this is her second day sober. She said that she went from alcohol to weed, to cocaine. She asked God to help her. She spent 9½ months in the St. Vincent dePaul's program and even tried the Alberta/Albina Program, but to no avail. It wasn't until she

trusted me to do anything, because they knew that I was not going to follow through with it. If you entrusted something to me, I sold it. My wife couldn't trust me to do with the money what I said I would do. The dope man came to me and asked me to use my garage and I told him — NO. They grabbed me out of my house and beat me and threw me out of the car, but I didn't rent my garage to them. I am to the place now where my wife can lay \$3 on the table, and it will be there the next day... untouched." PRAISE THE LORD!

The list goes on and on and on. Rev. Tate told the group, "God is your keeper. You don't have to bow and stoop to the devil." Then he told the story about the ant and the piece of straw. "There was this ant trying to cross the sidewalk with this piece of straw, but he couldn't cross the crack in the sidewalk. The straw was too large a burden for him. So, he took the straw and put it down across the crack and he crossed over on the straw, safely to the other side." The morale to this story is that sometimes your burden is your way to get over.

"We here at the JADA Program are not going to tell you where to go, but we can tell you where you must stay — stay with the people of God."

Marcus Pollard — off drugs since September of 1986. He said, "I had to come out from among those people that pulled me down. I found out that the only way that I could grow was to let Christ grow in me. I couldn't call any of my old friends. I had to call someone cleaner than myself."

Fred Douglas — "I'm talking to God every chance I get. At one time, all I could dream about was where to get more drugs. Yes, I was in church, but a slave to drugs. Thank God for this church. The old man dies, and you're reborn in Christ. God is in control. Sin is the root of the problem. Scheming, lying, cheating and the rackets in prison are all sins. Let Jesus guide you into perfect peace. I'm so full of Christ — I don't need anything else."

David Bell — once a big time drug dealer on N.E. 15th and Killingsworth. He said, "I have my wife and kids now. I thought that I liked them — but I love them so much now. How can you say that you love someone and steal from them. My children were coming to church with big holes in their shoes. I was taking so much drugs until my speech was slurred. Then the slurring stopped and my brain was gone. I had friends that started trusting me to do responsible things. You see, before no one turned it completely over to God that she has seen any kind of results. She decided she couldn't trust people. She could only trust God. God has caused her to loose her desire. PRAISE THE LORD!

We are making an appeal to the community: We need finances to successfully continue this program. Please send your donations to the JADA Program, 1552 N. Killingsworth Avenue, Portland, OR 97217.

For more information about the Program, call: Jack Kelly, counselor, (503) 681-0596; Crisis Hot Line, (503) 285-1676; or the church phone, (503) 286-9624.

## GOD'S CALL TO WHOLENESS

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This past weekend, I attended a very spiritual and well-attended workshop. It was held at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church.

There were women there from all over the Portland area: young women, older women, middle-aged women. They all came to listen, take part in, and taste what God had in store for them.

The question that was asked was: "What will make us whole?" First, we must ask God to help us so we can be prepared to receive the answer that He has for us. Second, we should work for God no matter what the cost, though working is very costly.

The songwriter wrote: "What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of JESUS!"

When we set out to be leaders in the community, in the name of our Lord and Savior, we must have a purpose. Tune yourself in to the will of God. Focus solely on God. Then, you will be able to focus not only on others but on your own concerns. We must study the Word to show ourselves approved before the Lord. We must forget ourselves and take up the cross and follow Christ. A good leader is a person who is group-centered rather than self-centered. Faith is the greatest asset to have, but believing helps to make it happen.

The hour is late. We must discover what our spiritual gifts are, and we must learn how and when to use them. We must move out into the forefront and carry the message. As a child of God, we must ask for God's strength to move ahead.

God is a giver. His gifts are essential. God's gifts help determine the world's endurance. It is, now, time that we unwrap the gifts that God has given to us.

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Don't you know that every good and perfect gift comes from God? Check your life for unused gifts. Nothing would enlighten the heart of God so much than if we all had a grand unwrapping party — yes — unwrapping all the gifts that He has given us and that we are not using.

How can you serve your family? How can you serve your church? How can you serve your community? We must discover our spiritual gifts and use them to the glory of God, if God wills it to be done.

If you can sew, then, when you sew, with every stitch, do it in the name of the Lord. Allow the spirit of the Lord to use you. "Lean not to your own understanding..." The gifts that God has given you has nothing to do with what your grandmother's gifts were, but, rather, where does your gift fit...

Where do we feel comfortable in the body of Christ as far as service is concerned? You know, it doesn't always happen on Sunday. So, we should focus in on what can we do — what can we do to bring about positive results into the new day.

Unwrap your gifts today and answer God's call to wholeness.

## Tree of Life

If ever I should not be me, I think I'd like to be a tree. Trees never seem to need the thought That they should be what they are not; They are content. When winds blow loud, They bow, and they are not too proud To let birds roost among their boughs Or share their shade with sheep and cows. They love the sun, and also love The rain, and without push or shove, Just by the fact that they breathe there, They give the world a sweeter air. Trees live a century or so, And all the while they live, they grow! by James Dillet Freeman



## 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

ON March 12, 1988, Gertrude and Roger B. Morris celebrated fifty years of marriage. In honor of this occasion, many family members and friends from all areas of the country have gathered to help them, along with their children and grandchildren, remember the vows made between then fifty years ago. Mr. & Mrs. Morris were married in Oklahoma in 1938. They are the parents of two sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

## Neighborhood Crime Contact Persons & Telephone Numbers

"911" should be used for reporting a crime and/or crime-related activity.

The first two references and the numbers may be used for all criminal-related activities and concerns:

**City Wide Crime Prevention Coordinator** — Dennis Payne, 248-4519, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Northeast Area Crime Prevention Coordinator** — Sharon McCormack, 248-4575, Youth Gang Task Force.

If you have any information concerning gang activity or involvement, call this number:

**Gang Resource Department** — Portland Police, Officer Neil Cranell, 248-5720.

The numbers for the School Police are to be used for the reporting of school-aged youth and other related persons of school age or any person or persons contributing to their delinquency or participating in criminal activities in or about the school area:

**Portland Public Schools Police** — Mac Lockett, 249-2000, 24-hours, or Sgt. Steve Hollingsworth or Sgt. Dan Leedom, 249-3307 or 248-5703.

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