



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK
TITUS: (entire book)

A Man And His Dream!



Mr. Cleodis 'Don' Vann, Sr.
by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

On Monday, July 25th, 1988 at 10:00 a.m., there was a gathering of many friends and relatives who attended the "Home Going" of one of our community leaders—Mr. C. Don Vann, Sr. The service was held at the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church.

The resolutions and Acknowledgements were read by Mrs. Alice Robinson of Bethel A.M.E. Church and Mrs. O. B. Williams, respectively.

Ministers from the community crowded the pulpit area and spilled over into the seats in the congregation.

Two minute tributes were presented by: Deacon William Odom, Trustee James Loving, Bishop J. C. Foster, Dr. T. L. Lewis, Mr. Elray Scott from Tacoma, Washington, and E. Shelton Hill. As they shared their experiences with the congregation, we the listeners found that Mr. Vann's life was one that contained near defeat, struggle, intrigue, and dignity. He loved, cared and he did. He touched so many people's lives as he visited with us for just a little while.

CLEODIS "DON" VANN was born, March 18, 1911 in Winchester, Arkansas. At an early age, his family moved to Monticello, Arkansas where his father owned and operated a cleaners. He attended grade school in Monticello and attended Tuskegee Institute for one year—but had to withdraw because of a lack of funds ... \$40.00 to be exact.

He was out—but not "down." He found employment not only to help support the family but for the mere necessity of survival. He worked in a lumber yard, as a levee construction worker, a ditch digger, a carpenter, a pullman porter, general construction worker, and a janitor. He toiled 19 years before he could return to school; but he did.

Mr. Vann served in the United States Army Air Corp for two years, during World War II. He never gave up hope for successfully completing his education. Taking advantage of the new G.I. Bill, he attended St. Louis School of Embalming, Michigan State University, Portland State University, and Northwest School of Law.

His drive and ambition was directly related to his feeling of responsibility to his family, the community he lived in, and the lives of children (for whom he

cared for very dearly). Mr. Vann was the cottage manager at the Michigan State Boys Vocational School, he served two terms as president of the Portland Urban League. He was the first Urban League president to request Dr. Martin Luther King to come to his state to speak. After Mr. Vann's effort, many organizations followed his lead all over the U.S. In May of 1973, Governor Bob Straub appointed Mr. Vann to the State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers. The board made and enforced the rules and regulations relating to the practice of funeral directing and embalming; examine applicants for licenses; established standards of operation for funeral establishments and inspected such establishments; hold hearings; conducted investigations and revoked and suspended licenses.

When Mr. Vann came to Portland, he was a man driven by a dream. Mr. Vann established, owned, and operated the first and the largest black mortuary in the state of Oregon. He was the first black member of the Kiwanis Club, the first black to be on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland, and he served on the War on Poverty Committee which led to the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Vann was a dutiful member of the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, a 33rd degree mason with the Masonic Acacia Lodge, a shiner with the Shriners Mina Temple #68.

Mr. Vann was married to Roberta Bernetta Vann for 38 years. They worked together, travelled together, prayed together, and when he went on to meet his Maker—Mrs. Vann was right there by his side. His son, Cleodis 'Don' Vann, Jr., is now faced with carrying on the dream of his father. Mr. Vann said, "To be successful in business, you must first fulfill the needs of the clients with efficiency, courtesy, and first class service." Cleodis, Jr. has a big pair of shoes to fill. But, if he continues on with the values and the concern in his heart that his

father had for people in general, he will be successful.



EXPLODING THE MYTHS

Mr. Vann didn't believe that to be "white" was right. He believed that the worth of a man lies in something other than the color of his skin.

He wanted to see blacks more closely unified in economic efforts because in unity there is strength. He said, "When black people say that Black Business men are not worthwhile, they are running themselves down." He wanted to see more black youth take advantage of the many training opportunities that exist now in the advancement of technological and educational skills. He strongly believed in education and youths taking advantage of it. He also believed that having a dream and setting it as a goal was a key to success.

Mr. Vann is survived by his wife Roberta, His son Cleodis 'Don' Jr., Clarence Sie, Jr. who was just like a son to him; Yvette DeMyers, Rev. Samuel Washington and Charlie Ellis are all cousins from Michigan. His cousins in Lansing were more like brothers and sisters. He leaves to mourn his passing 3 grandchildren and a host of relatives in Michigan (and throughout the Midwest) and many, many friends.

'TAPS' was played at the graveside by Thara Memory.

CITY Summer School '88 Holds Open House At King School - July 25th-28th

Over 30 school children from Northeast Portland are participating in an academic enrichment program. The program is designed to help children improve their reading and math skills.

This is the 4th summer session held by CITY which also operates a year round program in Portland Public School District. The program served over 75 students during the regular school year from Humboldt, King, Vernon, Sabin, Boise-Eliot, and Ockley Green schools.

Classes are taught by teachers from Portland and Beaverton school districts. Each teacher has an assistant (college students), who can spend more time with those students requiring more attention.

The program operates out of King school Monday - Thursday with Fridays open for field trips. CITY invites the community to visit the program 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon, Monday, July 25th - Thursday, July 28th.

For information contact: Dr. Carl E. Parker - (503) 281-8596.

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NA'EEM I. MUHAMMAD 47
May 23, 1941 - July 24, 1988

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 26, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes. The husband of Fareeda Muhammad. He leaves to mourn his loss - 4 sons, 1 daughter, 3 stepdaughters, 2 sisters and host of relatives and friends. He was a leader of the Muslim Community of Portland since 1968. Imem Muhammad was a founding member of the Islamic Community of Portland since 1968. He will be remembered for being foremost to stand in service to Allah, and the community he served. Burial at River-view Cemetery. The Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes, funeral directors.

PLEAS TAYLOR 85
September 27, 1902 - July 24, 1988

Funeral services will be held at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes on Wednesday, July 27, 1988 at 11:00 a.m. The husband of Nancy Lee Taylor. The father of Gregory Lee Taylor, Sr., Cynthia Taylor, and Cora Engis. The nephew of Lizzie Joshua. He leaves to mourn his passing - 5 grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends. He was a custodial worker at the VA Hospital. He came to Portland in 1941. Burial at the Rose City Cemetery. The Little Chapel of the Chimes, funeral directors.

Vacation Bible School

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Beginning on August 1, the Mount Olivet Baptist Church will open its doors for Vacation Bible School.

The Vacation Bible School will be in session from Monday to Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in the evening to 8:30 p.m.

I know that some of you are wondering, "Why so late in the day?" Well, the majority of individuals know that traditionally Bible School is mainly for the children and it is held in the day time hours. The Mount Olivet Bible School offers a twist. Vacation Bible School should not "only" be for children but for adults as well.

This year's theme is, "Serve the Lord." The date is August 1st through August 5th, 1988. Located at the Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 116 Northeast Schuyler and First Avenue.

For more information, call (503) 284-1954, Dr. James Martin, pastor.

VERA WOLF 71
November 12, 1916 - July 22, 1988

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 26, 1988 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rose City Cemetery Mausoleum, under the direction of the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes. The wife of Charles Wolf. The sister of Wilburn West and Lela Black. She leaves to mourn her passing numerous nieces and nephews. Mrs. Wolf moved to Portland, in 1946, met Charles Wolf in 1947 and was married in 1948. They have had 40 beautiful years of marriage together. Entombment at the Rose City Cemetery. The Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes, funeral directors.

MABEL ELMA LILLIG 96
May 30, 1892 - July 21, 1988

A Memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 28, 1988 at 1:00 p.m. at the Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes. The wife of Nicholas Lillig who predeceased her in death in 1950. The mother of Richard and Everett Lillig; also, Robert who passed in 1938. The sister of Pete Houston. She leaves to mourn her passing - 5 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Mt. Hood Eastern Star for 60-plus years. She came to Portland with her husband in 1908. Interment at the Riverview Abby. The Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes, funeral directors.

TO EVERYONE WHO CAME, SENT FLOWERS, MAILED A CARD, OR SPOKE A KIND WORD:

Thank you so much for all the kind words and everything that was done for and towards me and my family members. All of our out-of-town relatives remarked so positively concerning the manner you (the community) turned out in support of myself and Cleodis, during our time of sorrow. Again, 'Thank You!' Mrs. Roberta Vann

SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Davis Visit Parents
Last week, Mrs. Alonetta Davis and husband Phillip, breezed in from Los Angeles for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Woods.

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A Wealthy Poor Man

I wish I could be wealthy like a friend I see each day. Although his clothes are shabby and his hair is rather grey. He has wealth that people dream of, yet, he could not show a dime. When you see him there's a manner of devotion all the time. All these years he has been building something greater than gold. And at last he has been granted, from some god a perfect soul. Wish I could gain such fortune and his claim of "NO DOUBT" He tells the world of love and honor as he dishes pleasure out. I wish I could be wealthy, with the smiles he freely bears. Wise like him, I'd like to offer the good advice he warmly shares. There's no mold or pattern to make one like this friendly man. But a good start is being humble by doing all the good you can.

by Wendell Todd Robinson

The Church of Jesus Christ Of The Latter Day Saints
Located At
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HEBREWS 12:14

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