



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:

Ten thousand delegates to convene in the City of Roses

Women of the Church of God in Christ to Convene their thirty-ninth annual convention in the Memorial Coliseum

Dr. Mattie McGlothen, general supervisor and president of the Women's International Convention of the Church of God in Christ will preside over the convocation which will convene in the Portland, Oregon Memorial Coliseum May 16-21. Dr. McGlothen's keynote address scheduled to be delivered on that Thursday will emphasize the theme, "We Cannot Afford To Be Silent Anymore."

The Portland convention will be the 39th annual gathering of church women from all over the world. The purpose of the gathering is to strengthen and to reaffirm the commitment of the Church of God in Christ to better homes, better churches, better communities and a better world. The meetings also provide the opportunities for its members to unite in a renewed fellowship out of which they might realize further spiritual growth. Training in the various endeavors of the church will be offered through workshops designed for the participation of both men and women.

At press time it was expected that at least 10,000 delegates from all over the world will descend upon the City of Roses. A pre-musical which will feature artists from throughout the country will

precede the main event of May 16th.

Civic and religious leaders from the states of Oregon and Washington have been invited to participate in a special civic program on the night of Wednesday, May 17th. The keynote speaker for that session will be Dr. Welton L. Lawrence, associate professor of Aviation Maintenance and Technology at the University of Alaska.

Gertrude Young, supervisor of Washington State will present a special program on Thursday evening which will feature the exceptional attributes of the great Pacific northwest. It is expected that a number of delegates will take advantage of their journey to Portland to extend their visit to the wonders of Alaska.

The Reverend J. O. Patterson, presiding bishop of the Church of God in Christ, will address the entire body of the convention in its final session on Friday.

As usual, the City of Roses stands ready with its unique propensity for hospitality to greet our visiting guests and to ensure that they experience a maximal exposure to the majestic beauty and splendid cuisine of our beloved city.

"Beetlejuice": Satan is not funny!!

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

In the movie "Beetlejuice", Satan is represented in a humorous manner. Oh, it is alright to laugh and it is alright to have fun but Satan is never laughable. There is nothing funny about going to hell.

Satan is beguiling. He is wicked. He is a liar and he is proud. He's a deceiver and he uses tricks to get you. But more than any of the aforementioned, Satan is very powerful.

If you think that you can get yourself together, all by yourself then think again. There is no way on God's green earth that anyone can pull themselves up alone. Once Satan has you in his clutches you cannot free yourself without God's help.

Are you one of those people who has made the statement that, "As soon as I get myself straight, I'll go to church?" Wrong, wrong, wrong! Why do you think it has taken you sooo-o-o-o long to get yourself straight? It is because you have not permitted God to take over the total control of your life.

Satan is alive and doing quite well, thank you. Right now he is in a bit of a quandry because he knows that the return of Christ is fast approaching. If his bidding is to be done he must move as quickly as possible. He has to feather his proverbial cap with as many unsaved, unchurched and unclean 'I'll do it myself' souls as he possibly can. Believe it or not, but Satan has a deep respect for his great opponent, Jesus Christ. Satan has enjoyed a privilege that none of us has ever had. He has been in the presence of the Holiest of the Holy, The great Being, the Chief Cornerstone, The Rose of Sharon, The Prince of Peace, The Almighty Father.

So the curious ask, "What shall I do?" The scripture says, "Yield not to temptation", "...abhor that which is evil and cleave to that which is good." If you are trying to get your life ready for the kingdom of God Almighty, then seek out the saints of the Christian church. Stay away from the bars and the "Crack" houses. Stay out of the whore houses. Keep drugs, alcohol, lying, cussing, cheating, jealousy, hatred, permissive sex, gambling and all of Satan's vices

as far away as possible. But, remember you cannot do

Satan's function on this earth is to kill, to maim and to destroy. Christ came into the world so that we might be saved and that we might live a more abundant life. It is Christ who heals the wounded, mends the broken and cures the sick-soul. It is he who removes the sting and the fear of death. In his presence there can be no evil in the eyes.

You see Satan uses the weaknesses of the flesh to entrap us. Evil knocks at the doors of our frail temples, but if Christ is there, the "evil one" will certainly flee.

The tongue, a most vital part of the body, can also destroy the temple. A wagging tongue that lies, bears false witness, gossips, hurts another person's feelings, breaks up a home, destroys the congregation of the church, alienates a friendship can also through its evil tails prostitute each and every one of us. That is, if we let it.

The evil spirit knows that God is omnipotent. When will you recognize that you cannot conquer Satan without the power of the Holy Spirit? (II Cor. 4:3-4). You cannot stop drinking without the Holy Spirit. You cannot stop using coke and other drugs no matter how badly you want to without the Holy Spirit. You cannot stop any of the evil worldly desires without accepting the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the big stick that you need to use in your battle with evil. Christian believers if you walk in the Spirit you will not lust to fulfill the desires of the flesh.

Yes, you know that God is the light. Well, don't be surprised because Satan, himself can be transformed into an angel of light.

Don't be deceived. When Satan fell from grace in the presence of God he did not fall by himself. The scriptures tell us that Satan was thrown from heaven onto the earth along with his own type of angel. He acts in concert with them in competition for your soul. It is only you who can submit yourself either to the will of God or to that of Satan.

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Sunday School	Sunday	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship		11:15 a.m.
Y.P.W.W.		6:30 p.m.
Evangelistic		8:00 p.m.
Worship	Tuesday - Friday	11:00 a.m. Daily Prayer
The Pastor Speaks	Friday	7:30 p.m.
Morning Prayer	Saturday	9:00 a.m.

St Andrews Adds New Attorney

Jeffrey T. Murdock has joined S. Andrew Legal Clinic as a staff attorney. He earned a B.S. degree from Lewis and Clark College and a J.D. degree from the University of Oregon Law School. Jeff has worked with the Umpqua Valley Defense Services Inc. Douglas County's Public Defender's Office.

The other St. Andrew Legal Clinic Attorneys are: Keith Raines, co-founder and director; Kathie Osborn; and Bill Stegemeyer, Jr.

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