



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
Galatians: Chapters 1-4

In Memory Of...

Robert Hart Johnson was born in Yakima, Washington on December 28, 1926 to the late Will and Viola Johnson.

Robert was the youngest of three sons, William A. and Walter who preceded him in death. As a child he was cheerful, happy and had a sense of humor which he carried into adulthood.

Robert was baptized by the Late Bishop Robert Searcie, founder of the House of Prayer of All Nations.

After Graduating from Franklin, he joined the U.S. Navy. He felt it was an honor to serve his country well. Not knowing how to swim, he often said he would have been the first to walk the waters if his ship had sprung a leak.

Robert was one of the original founders of the Royal Esquire Club, Inc., in Portland, Oregon.

His work accomplishments included Portland Hotel, Union Pacific Railroad, Columbia Athletic Club and over twenty loyal years at the Sheraton Hotel, Lloyd Center, which he helped opened as head of room service. At the time of his death he was employed by Red Lion, Lloyd Center and Burns Intl. Security.

He is survived by his three children Denise Viola, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Cheri Lavette and Robert Charles, Portland, Oregon. Grandchildren Amiri, Imani and Justin. Cousins Juanita, Lois and Carl Johnson, Portland, Oregon and Florence May of Oakland, California. Four nephews, two grandnieces, five grandnephews and a host of friends.

"The Spirit of Hope in the World"

On Saturday, Nov. 18 approximately 40 children ranging from ages 5-12 gathered with Sculptor Charles Tatum in the North Portland Branch Library to continue a project entitled "The Spirit of Hope in the World." The project is the result of a grant received by Tatum designed to encourage children in the inner city (K-6 graders) to look positively toward the future rather than dwelling on negative forecast.

Tatum involves the children in the project in several ways, as; writers, photographers, sculptor/tress, as Lynne Wright interpreted for the deaf/hearing impaired, and Alvin Harris played music to inspire the visually impaired. Children with various abilities were welcomed to participate despite their physical challenges.

"The children first have to learn that they can work with all ages, ethnic groups, and people of varied levels of ability in their own community, to understand that there is hope to work and play with people in all parts of the world," said Tatum.

"I remember being very young and unafraid to try creative things and when left alone, often, I came up with some pretty good stuff, so, I use this method when working with the children. In addition, I have always wanted to work with children where there isn't a set structure in which to approach learning, this project is giving me that opportunity. The children use their own basic learning patterns... using what they've got and just do!" Tatum says.

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According to Tatum the children will continue to work on the project every Saturday 2:30-4:00 p.m. until it's projected completion in early 1990. There is still room for new enrollees. Registration is free and snacks are provided at the North Portland Branch Library, 512 North Killingsworth. If an interpreter is needed call 282-0574.



"HOPE IN THE WORLD"--Pictured from (left to right) are Sculpturer Charles Tatum, participating in activities, Syrone Turner and Maurice Cowley. (Photo courtesy of Bonnie Tinker).

The Rainbow Of Love

Love is a rainbow in the heart with a kind of magic glow That has a way of brightening all the days that come and go. Love is a tender look, a smile, a comforting touch of hands, A warm and rare togetherness with someone who understands. Love is a rainbow that we share-- its radiance is giving-- And, dearest of God's precious gifts, it's what makes life worth living.

OBITUARY

Gloria C. Jackson-Fuller
Born: August 13, 1923
Died: November 28, 1989

Gloria C. Jackson-Fuller, born in Chicago, Illinois, on August 13, 1923, only child of Willa Eugenia (Smith) and Hugh Jackson, passed away on November 28, at her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Fuller is survived by her husband, Arthur E. Fuller. Funeral arrangements pending.

NPAC SPONSORS A SEMINAR

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

The North Portland Association of Christian Educators is sponsoring a seminar, entitled "Up With Sunday School," on the 9th day of December, 1989 at the Emmanuel Temple Church located on 1032 N. Shaver Street from 7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend this most informative session. Sunday School Teachers, Lay-Persons, and all those persons who are interested in increasing their knowledge in the proper presentation and teaching of the Sunday School lessons, should surely make it a point to attend this seminar.

For further information, contact Normal Williams at (503) 287-0624 or Beth Nance at (503) 288-2919.

FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION AND MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PLANNED

The National Council on Negro Women, Portland Section, will hold its annual Founder's Day Tea and Membership Drive on the third day of December, 1989, at 3143 NE 14th Ave., Portland. The festivities will take place between the hours of 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Donations will be accepted. All funds received will be earmarked for scholarships to further enhance the education of our young people, in our community.

Come! Help make a difference.

NPBC CLASSES FOR WINTER TERM

Registration is now open for Winter Term classes at North Portland Bible College. Classes begin January 8, featuring classes on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights and Monday mornings. Call 288-2919 for a free brochure and course details, and also to register for classes.

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Insight From The Word

by Michael Lindsey, Dean of North Portland Bible College

Witness For The Lord

The Sunday School lesson for Dec. 3rd in the uniform series will be John 1:6-8, 19-34, dealing with the witness of John the Baptist.

I am delighted to begin with you a study of the Gospel of John. The "international lessons" will move through the Gospel for about five months, till Eastertide, and we will have the opportunity to see the life of Jesus Christ in great detail, through the eyes of one of his closest disciples. If you aren't yet in the habit of attending Sunday School classes, this week would be the perfect time to begin. Don't miss out!

The Gospel of John was written by one of Jesus' twelve disciples (also called apostles), John the son of Zebedee and brother of James. James and John were among the first disciples Jesus called (Matthew 4:21-22, 10:2-4). However, John does not refer to himself by name, but only as "the disciple whom Jesus loved," or a similar phrase (John 13:23-24; 18:15-16; 19:26-27; and especially 21:20-24). This showed his modesty, I believe, and the awe he felt as having such a favored position in Christ's ministry.

But there was another man named John, whose role in Jesus' life and ministry were so important that the Gospel writer tells us about him in the opening verses of chapter one. The other gospels call him John the Baptist, and emphasize his ministry of preaching repentance, and baptizing the repentant in the river Jordan (Matt 3:1-12; the title "Baptist" has nothing to do with the modern denomination of Christians). Luke records the miraculous circumstances of John's birth, and he alone reveals that Jesus and the Baptist were related, through their mothers (Luke 1:36).

The Gospel of John emphasizes a different side of John the Baptist: "He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not that light; he came only as a witness to the light" (John 1:7-8, NIV). As a preacher of righteousness, John could turn the hearts of people away from sin. But in order to do his people any lasting good, he also had to point them toward the Savior. And in our text we see how well John the Baptist witnessed concerning Jesus.

First, he did not take any credit for the responsiveness of the crowds who came out into the barren wilderness to hear him (see Matt 3:1-6). Under the repeated questions of the priests and Levites, John denied any role like that of a great prophet.

He said he was simply "a voice of one calling in the desert." In fact, there is no record that John performed any kind of miracle during his powerful ministry. The preaching of the Word was powerful enough to convict people and prepare the way for the Lord.

Second, he emphasized his own experience with Jesus in his witness. John had baptized Jesus, and had seen the sign of the Holy Spirit coming down onto Jesus (John 1:32-34), and this gave him certainty in his testimony.

John serves as a model for our witness for Jesus. When we believers share our faith with others, we shouldn't just preach a list of do's and don't's, a sterile legalism, as if our good works are the essence of Christianity. We should emphasize the wonderful Person we have grown to love, and our experiences of his grace and care for us.

For further study on the ministry of John the Baptist, I recommend the study of these Scriptures: John 3:22-36; Matthew 11:2-19; 14:1-12; 21:23-27.

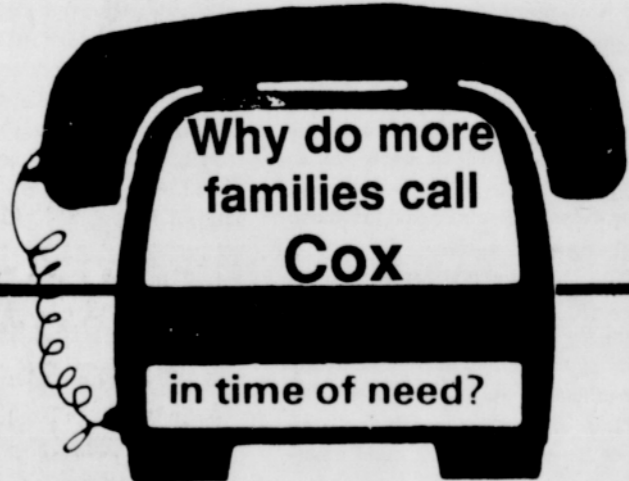
'A Grand-Slam Homer For Jesus'

With the completion of the \$9 million FaithDome in Los Angeles, televangelist Pastor Fred Price hits what he calls, "A Grand-Slam Homer for Jesus," reports the December EBONY.

Considered the largest house of worship in the country, the FaithDome, which was built with no pillars or columns, and has a seating capacity of 10,146, is the center of the Crenshaw Christian Center, which, after modest beginnings now boasts a 17,000-

member non-denominational congregation. "Hallelujah, Jesus just hit a grand-slam home run!" Pastor Price told his congregation at the facility's opening. "It's the end of one era and just the beginning of another."

Chided by critics early on for spending nearly \$10 million on a building that may have been better spent feeding the poor and hungry, Pastor Price stresses that his philosophy and calling is and always has been to teach people to fish, rather than to just give them one.



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