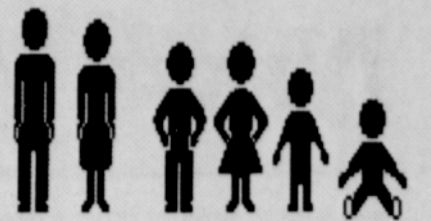




# RELIGION

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## Calendar of Events

### "Amahl and the Night Visitors" Set For St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Amahl and the Night Visitors, a heart-warming Christmas legend of a poor crippled boy, his protective mother, three stately kings in search of the Christ Child and a very unexpected miracle, will be presented at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 10390 SW Canyon Road in Beaverton. Performances are scheduled Dec. 8-10 and 15-17; Fri. & Sat. 8:00 p.m., Sun. 3:00 & 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 adults, \$6.50 seniors, 45.00 children 12 and under with discounts for groups of 10 or more. Reservations 644-9148, Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### NPACE Sponsors Seminar, Dec. 9th

The North Portland Association of Christian Educators is sponsoring a seminar, "Up with Sunday School," Dec. 9th, at Emmanuel Temple Church, 1032 N. Sumner St., from 7:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

We are inviting you and your Sunday School teachers and any one else who wishes to enhance their Sunday School to join us in our seminar entitled "Up With Sunday School."

For further information contact Normal Williams at 287-0624 or Beth Nance at 288-2919. Thank you in advance for announcing our seminar.

### Work Tour To Dominican Republic

June 26 - July 10, 1990

\$850.00 from Portland, OR

(subject to change if 1990 airfares are higher.)

We will be arriving at the Plata or Santo Domingo airports, depending on our work assignment (which has not been determined to date). Arrangements will be made for us to eat and sleep at the church where we will be working. Sightseeing and tour opportunities will be scheduled to fit into our work schedule. Be sure to have a current passport to ensure a smooth entrance and exit of the host country.

Registration deadline is Feb. 1, 1990.

Tour leaders: Bev Flood and Wayne Bridges. Contact: ABC of Oregon, 0245 SW Bancroft St., Suite G, Portland, OR 97201-4270, (503) 228-8394. Initial contribution is \$150.00. AWAY TRAVEL - Ask Mr. Foster - Travel Service Since 1880, 429 E. Main Street, Monmouth, OR 97361, (503) 838-3313. Patricia Oliver, Travel Counselor.

### Church Sponsors Toy and Game Drive To Benefit Homeless Children

The Church of Scientology Celebrity Center will be giving a Christmas party for homeless children at the Family Resource Center, a service of Portland IMPACT. Donations of toys and games are being collected from the public, and will be presented to the children as gifts.

Dan Widge, volunteer coordinator for IMPACT, says that games and arts and crafts materials are especially valuable, as they allow children to interact with each other and with adults. Particularly needed are durable cassette players and body movement cassettes for children.

Donations of games, toys, and materials may be brought to the Church of Scientology Celebrity Center, 709 SW Salmon, Portland, or donors may call 228-0116 to arrange for donations to be picked up.

## MARANATHA CHURCH

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### Sunday Services

Sunday School  
9:00 A.M.

Morning Workshop  
10:30 A.M.

Maranatha School of Ministry  
6:30 P.M.

Mid-Week Services - Wednesday  
7:30 P.M.



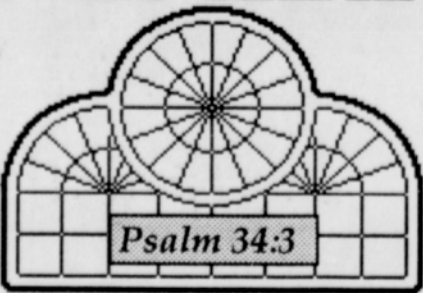
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BIBLE STUDY:

10:30 A.M. - 12 NOON - WEDNESDAY  
6:30 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. - WEDNESDAY

Radio Ministry Each Sunday, 8:00 A.M. - KBMS

## United Grocers, KOIN-TV And Z100 Radio Team For Holiday Food Drive To Benefit Local Needy

Holiday shoppers can help a good cause without leaving the comfort of their cars as United Grocers, KOIN-TV and Z100 Radio join to help the Portland Police Sunshine Division's "Project: Happy Holidays" food drive, Saturday, Dec. 9.

United Grocers, KOIN and Z100 will have a special cash and canned food collection area at the empty lot on the northeast corner of the Lloyd Center at N.E. 15th and Weidler Streets. United Grocers, KOIN and Z100 staff will be on hand from 8:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. to accept donations, and KOIN and Z100 will broadcast live from the lot during the day. Santa Claus will be on hand to greet motorists, and costumed characters and local singers and musicians will add to the festivities. Motorists can drive by and hand cash or canned food donations to volunteers without the worry of finding a parking spot.

United Grocers will also have food collection containers located inside their area member stores through Dec. 9. In addition to food donations, United Grocers plans to donate more than 100 toy-filled stockings to the Sunshine Division to be distributed to needy families through Toy and Joy Makers.

Collected food will be placed in holiday food baskets and distributed to needy families. "Project: Happy Holidays" garnered more than 15.5 tons of food and \$1,350 for local needy last year, enabling the Sunshine Division to distribute baskets to more than 1,000 families. They hope to exceed that total this year.

United Grocers, Inc. is a retailer-owned cooperative serving more than 350 mem-

bers stores throughout Oregon, Washington and northern California. The company operates distribution centers in Portland and Medford. It is best known by the names of its advertising groups—Thriftway Stores, Sentry Markets, Select Markets, Shop Smart/ Food Warehouse and Food Connection—or



by individual store names such as Kienow's, Strocker's, Wizer's, Gil's, Hank's, Howard's, Murphy's, and many other fine independent grocers.

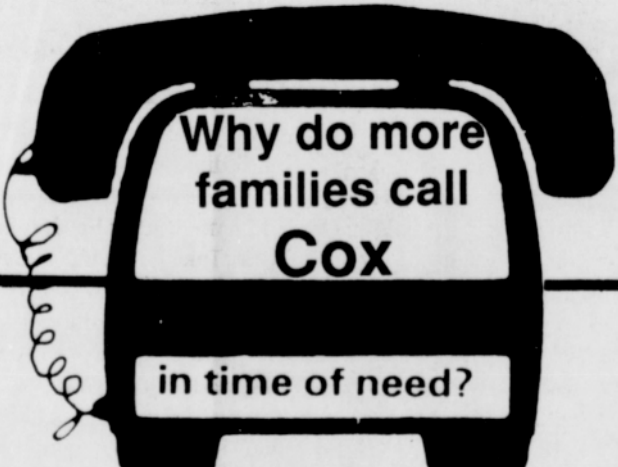
low-rises. Uncollected income due to vacancies and other rent loss fell in 1988, but only negligibly (0.2 percent to 1 percent), while small low-rises reported a 0.5 percent increase. Ranging from 5.1 percent to 8.7 percent of income, rent loss is still squeezing properties harder than it did two years earlier.

Vacancies and rent loss levels continued to vary around the country, depending on local market conditions. Soft markets such as Dallas, Kansas City (MO), and Denver reported rent loss levels as high as 15 percent of total income. Boston still boasts the lowest vacancy/rent loss rates (less than 3 percent).

### Garfield Street Bible Club

"Serving God In Northeast Portland"

We are the Garfield Street Bible Club located in NE Portland. We are a non-denominational bible club that serves youth grades K-5 on Sunday afternoons. We are in need of transportation. We are trying to earn a new van by participating in the Campbell Soup Label for Education Program. Many neighbor agencies are supporting our cause we need soup list attached. We have two land. The Moore Street Salva-DePaul on Killingsworth could nity of our need and let them from now until Feb. 29, 1990. transport children to the sum-Union Gospel Mission/Child for future. Please help us keep chil-supporting our effort to nurture positive spiritual vain. Thank you for your support. If more information is necessary please contact me, Pamela McClendon, Volunteer Director, Mon.-Fri., 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., (503) 284-6267.



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## Insight From The Word

by Michael Lindsey, Dean of North Portland Bible College

The Sunday School lesson for December 10 in the uniform series will be John 3:1-17.

The story is told about a young minister who had been singularly blessed in his revival preaching, with large crowds and many decisions. During one such revival, the young man was introduced to a learned doctor of theology in that city. The great theologian asked the evangelist concerning his birthplace, and he replied, "I was born in Seattle and in Los Angeles."

The puzzled doctor asked, "How can that be?"

The young man paused only a moment, and then replied, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?"

For the child of God, the new birth is as important as the first birth, for it makes all the difference between eternal life, and eternal suffering and regret. This week's text, one of the most familiar in the Gospel of John, describes the new birth in ways that appeal to the hearts of all well-meaning people.

Hear the declaration of the Lord Jesus: "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" (John 3:3, NIV). What does this mean, to be born again? Jesus explained to Nicodemus that it is a different kind of birth, not a physical birth involving a mother's body (verses 4-5). That is because it is a different kind of life, which far surpasses the physical life given by the flesh. It is a life energized by the Spirit of God, and it energizes a part of the human existence which nothing else can.

This is one reason I have a hard time accepting the word of a man who says he is born again, but his life shows no signs of godly spiritual life. When a person enters the kingdom of God, he is accepting God's right to rule in his life. Though there will be many signs of the old life even in the true believer, the Spirit will demonstrate his presence in the person's life; there will be

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evidence of holiness in his words and actions.

Well then, how is a person born again, in the Spirit? The Lord teaches us two sides of a great mystery in this scripture—both of which are true, but hard to understand together. On one hand, Christ compares the work of the Holy Spirit to blowing of the wind. (Indeed, the word "wind" in the original can also be translated "spirit.") "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (verse 8). To put it another way, no one on earth can control the process by which the Holy Spirit brings someone into the new birth, any more than someone can control the wind. This is an important caution to us as we witness and call people to believe in Christ: our human effort and skill do not guarantee that a person will respond to Christ.

On the other hand, Christ clearly stresses the necessity of human response to the gospel—in particular, to his own sacrifice on the cross. This is what the Lord means when he says, "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (verses 14-15; compare Numbers 21:6-9). The offer of salvation is made clearly and openly to all: "whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (verse 16). And this same condition of salvation is declared throughout the Gospel of John; you can read it in John 1:12, 2:11, 2:22, 3:18, 36; 5:37-40; etc.

So let no one say he cannot come to Christ, and be born again, until the Spirit reveals the truth to him personally. The Spirit who moves like the wind among the hearts of men, is the same Spirit who tells us in the Word that "whosoever will" may come and put their trust in Christ—and that each one who does so will receive the gift of eternal life, and entrance into the kingdom of God.

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