

RELIGION

The Portland Observer

Young People In Crisis

"Alas! Alas!", a weary young sailor aboard a pirate ship exclaimed a sigh of overwhelming joy. He had finally laid eyes on dry land.

One month ago, he had signed a contract with the crew of this vessel to see the world. Throughout the town - were handbills on the sides of buildings that read: "See the world! Put a little adventure in your life! Sail with us---NOW! Top pay!" These words were etched in his mind. Each time he closed his eyes, he could see these words over and over again.

The lad was the eldest of six. His father was a cobbler and his mother worked as a chambermaid. He was responsible for taking care of the siblings, which was not his cup of tea.

"Am I to live out the rest of my life in pure obscurity and not have any fun nor anything to show for my efforts?"

He sat with his head cradled in his large hands.

This young man felt that he was all grown up, so, he had decided that there was nothing else for him to do at home or in this little town.

"I've got to get out of this place on the first thing moving." These were the words he uttered to his parents just before he hurriedly boarded a dreary looking vessel where hundreds of other young were checking-in for a voyage of unknown adventures. He never once turned to look back.

Soon after he boarded, they raised the gangplank and set sail for the open sea.

Once the vessel was out-to-sea, the ship its captain and the master crew all displayed their true colors.

It was a pirate ship.

The young man found himself trapped in a situation for which there was no escape.

After three weeks at sea, he had fought in battles that required him to kill or be killed. He fought in battles that required him to kill or be killed.

He fought side-by-side with unknown shipmates; but, he had to fight to stay alive.

Many - times, our young people, just like this young man, feel that if they could just get out of their parent's house, they could have fun and adventure. So often, they find themselves in situations where there is no back door.

They never consider the consequences.

Growing up is a hard row to hoe. Nowadays, a young person has so many pressures: in the home, in the school, in the church, in the community.

For some reason, young people never think about how they will get there or what will be there when they arrive or where the money is coming from or what person is calling the shots.

"Where are you going Johnny?" "I don't know; but, I hear that I'm gonna have a pocket full of duckets (money) when I finish this job for this company."

Young people who run off half-cocked and with an attitude sitting squarely on top of their heads are setting themselves up for a big let-down.

Last week, I was speaking to a young lady (22 years old) who had come to me for some advice, she said, "I really don't want to be a Christian anymore, Sister Spears. Because--I've

found that it's more fun doing evil things. And--I don't have to deal with those old ladies at church telling me about myself every Sunday or warding off their glances."

Before I could respond, I had to allow the initial shock of her comment to settle. The flesh on me screamed, "Tell her to get out of your house!" But, the Holy spirit compelled me to calmly sit her down and share experiences--supported by scripture of course--that would clearly explain the reason why falling in league with evil was not good --at all.

Evil promises have false bottoms. You go into situations thinking that once you've have this experience, everything in your life will just remain the same or you will have gained something wonderful. WRONG!

With evil, consequences come. Once the evil deed has been done, the consequence is sometimes close at hand or it may be a ways up the road. However, near or far, it shall find you. The question is, "Was the deed worth suffering the consequence?"

Young people--look before you leap into unknown waters. Evil deeds never pay divine rewards. And anyway-- if you claim to age a child of Light, why would you want to do dark, evil deeds? The scripture clearly says that darkness and light cannot live together. So--don't even try! You'll just needlessly wear yourself out trying.

Christianity is not like a big, loose fitting shirt that you can slip on and slip off whenever you feel like it. If your Christianity is of that nature.....you were never one in the first place.

A real Christian could never commit an evil deed or even consider it without feeling the Holy Spirit tugging at his/her heart.

Irvington Covenant Church

Irvington Covenant Church is having its Fifth Annual Community Neighborhood Celebration called "Celebrate Kids & Kids at Heart" on Saturday, July 24 from 12 noon - 5pm at 1718 NE 11th Avenue between NE Schuyler and NE Broadway.

This exciting event is being sponsored by the church. There will be dynamic gospel music, games, food, skits and other fun activities for young children. We are celebrating the life of Jesus Christ and kids of all ages.

All events and food will be free of charge. All Are Welcome!

For more information please call 287-5226.

Slide Day To Benefit The Sunshine Division

The Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division and Mt. Hood Ski Bowl invite the public to "Slide for Sunshine" and enjoy one ride on the Alpine Slide for \$1 and one can of food on Saturday, June 19.

The Alpine Slides are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This is the fifth annual Sunshine Division benefit day at the Ski Bowl Alpine Slides. Food collected at the event helps the Sunshine Division provide emergency food supplies to needy families.

People who plan to attend are asked to bring cans of food with them to the event as supplies are limited at stores near the mountain.

Sgt. Jeanne Bradley, commander of the Sunshine Division, says the event is fun for the family as well as worthwhile.

"People of all ages enjoy a day at the mountain on the slides, and our community benefits

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Sunday Service

10:45

Sunday School

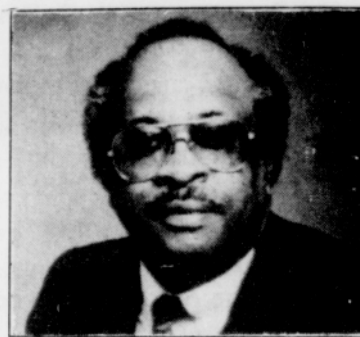
9:30

Bible Study

6:00

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1 Peter iv.11

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9:30 am

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10:45 am

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5:00 pm

Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Attended nursery for all services

Wednesday prayer meeting

and Bible study

7:00 pm

288-1092

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The New Kid On The Block Is Serving Kids

If you looked at last year's options for summer day camps, you didn't see Churches United For Kids. However, you may have seen Champions, Friends For Kids, or People Are Beautiful.

Churches United For Kids, is the new kid on the block. It is a collaborative effort among churches that have sponsored successful summer programs to children in the inner-North/Northeast Portland. Remember Champions, Friends for

Kids, or People Are Beautiful? This summer they have pulled their resources together to provide a summer day camp filled with social, cultural, and recreational opportunities for your child.

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