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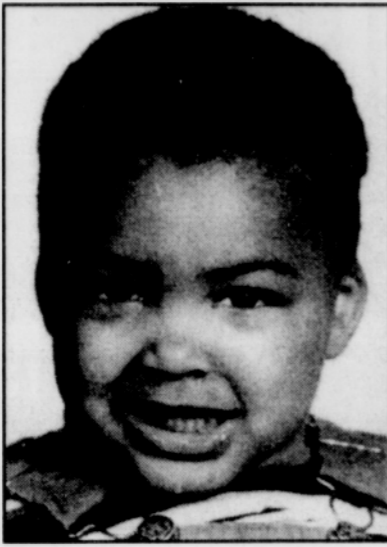
## December's Children

David is a healthy, bright-eyed two-year-old who cackles with delight over life's simple pleasures, such as bubble baths. David is one of the younger of the 150 Oregon children currently awaiting adoptive families.

Described as "all boy," David likes to keep busy running, jumping, and rough-housing. Toy trains and tricycles top his list of favorite playthings. David is also capable of quiet, calmer activities. He enjoys being read to and sung to sleep.

While David eagerly soaks up the attention and affection he receives from his older foster siblings, he is also very gentle and appropriate with the younger babies that have been in the home. David's caseworker believes he would adjust to almost any type of family composition, as long as his new parents are active, involved, and available.

David is healthy and "on-target" for his age developmentally. Normal two-year-old temper tantrums are easily mitigated by redirection or time-outs. David shows normal cognitive abilities, and his pediatrician



David

sees no causes for concerns in any area.

If you are a young, active family, please consider adopting David!

Oregon agencies waive or reduce fees for families adopting older (non-infant) children like David. Pre-adoption orientation meetings and training classes are offered on a regular basis. To Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 222-9661, or One Church, One Child at 285-7634. To



Julian

learn more about becoming a foster parent, call your county's Children's Services Division.

Julian is a beautiful two-year-old whose features reflect his Mexican-American heritage. He is one of the younger 150 Oregon children currently awaiting adoption.

Julian is active, responsive, and generally happy. Toys that make music especially hold his attention. Julian interacts well with his foster

parents and their acquaintances. He is beginning to use simple sentences and is quite talkative when in familiar surroundings. Julian appears to be intellectually and developmentally appropriate for his age.

Julian had a difficult start in life, as he was born addicted to several illegal drugs, and suffered severe withdrawals. He was placed in his current foster home directly from the hospital. As with many children exposed prenatally to drugs, future effects are not clearly predictable. Julian needs a family to accept him with the unknowns about his future potential.

Single adults as well as couples are encouraged to explore adoption. Pre-adoption information meeting and training classes are available throughout the state. To learn more about adoption and the children who await adoptive families, call the Special Needs Adoption Coalition at 222-9661, or One Church, One Child at 285-7634. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, call your county's Children's Services Division.

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### Vidella Storey

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 2, 1994 at the Killingsworth Chapel of the Chimes for Vidella Storey, 84, formerly of Portland, who died Nov. 27, at a Gresham nursing home. Burial followed at Rose City Cemetery.

She was born Oct. 10, 1910 in Tuskegee, Ala., and lived in Chattanooga, Tenn. for several years prior to moving to Portland. She was a member of the Allen Temple A.M.E. Church in Portland.

She is survived by two sons, Willie and Charles of Portland, seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

# A L T E R N A T I V E S

## Who Will Enter To Worship?

BY M. ISAACS

We Call It Sunday Morning Worship, But Most Of Us View It As A "Preaching Service." Today, as opposed to my growing-up day, principles of biblical worship are not sought as the foundation of Church practice. We view the Preacher's sermon as significantly more important than the entire congregation's act of praise, confession, adoration, thanksgiving and dedication. These views rob the Church of its spiritual assets. We work hard to reach the world for Christ to build up the body of Christ, but neglect to give our first best love to God Himself—which is essentially what worship is about.

Going through the motions of Church are causing believers to lose interest and Church attendance rapidly dwindles. Fellowship with

God without proper worship is a fallacy. Proper worship of God creates within believers a concern for such matters as integrity, spirituality, balance, excellence, emotion, intelligence, motivation, corporate action, sound doctrine and spontaneity. God

is first. God is worthy.

There is no true worship without the Holy Spirit present in us. We LEARN through the Holy Spirit to worship in spirit and truth. To love God completely with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. Worship is about God, not man, and worship is what God desires from us. God Is Spirit—therefore, worship is a state of the heart, not a place; "Neither in the mountain nor in Jerusalem shall ye worship", Jesus' statement to the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. (John 4:19-24) "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshiper shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be his worshippers". We ask How and Where questions, but Jesus' answers deal with reality, with spirit and truth.

Attitude makes a difference in worship. By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice than Cain. Through faith we can please God. Genesis 4:4, Hebrews 11:4 --God the Father has desired true worshippers from the beginning. God does not need our

worship". God is complete, perfect and sufficient. But God the Creator desires the adoration of His people. We must relate to God from the inner person, from the heart. "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come!" We do not require another Preacher, new songs, a new structure, a different Service format, it is we who need the change. We require a renewed reverence for God. "Heart Worship is a Style of Life"; for then we will come to worship no matter who is preaching, singing or visiting.

There are many areas that "Hurt" among congregations and individual Christians. So many needs scream for attention, that we attempt symptom relief with programs, workshops, counseling sessions, etc., but the "pains" continue and the needs grow stronger. We have become experts at hearing the Word of God, but remain babes in doing the Word of God. Worship Means To Respond To God. Worship Is Revelation And Response. How can we love one another if we do not practice loving God. We must become accustomed to

speaking of our God. We must practice our praise on one another, then we'll find it easy, natural to tell of the goodness of God in the community, on the job or on our school campus.

God revealed to the Prophet Isaiah and in every case Isaiah responded to the revelation. Revealed in vision the awesome power of God, Isaiah 6:1-4. Response was Isaiah's recognition of his sinful state (v5). Isaiah's recognition and confession brought about God's action of cleansing and forgiveness (v6-7). God reveals His plan and need of a messenger; Isaiah's response "Here am I, send me". (v8). The pattern of worship has not changed. God still reveals His plan and His will; those that worship in spirit and truth will respond. They are not ones who seek and beg for God's Will, they know him, therefore, His Will is perfectly clear.

We must have respect, reverence and awe for the Holy Name of God. We must glory in His Name. A knowledge of God coming through a knowledge of his Word leads true

worshippers into "fullness of joy". Who comes to worship God? One who has studied well the words concerning the indescribable Glory, majesty, and Wonder of our God. Psalm 29, Psalm 47, Psalm 104:1.

We do not know fully what is ahead of us, but we know when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:2 NIV. Practice His Presence. Trust in God with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path, (make your paths straight). Proverbs 3:5-6. Acknowledge Him (ie) know actively the presence of God. We must worship personally, daily, hourly to be fully practiced in corporate worship. We are a community of God's people. We need each other as we worship God. "Let us consider one another so as to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching", Hebrews

10:24,25. NKJV. We are mutually dependent on each other. It is in the community (Church) that God is basically at work. We cannot cut ourselves off from God's people without cutting ourselves off from the blessings of God. We are responsible to God as individuals, but we worship Him best together. Worship with God's people in the Church is not optional, but imperative, and watching T.V. Services is, except perhaps for "shut-ins", no substitute. We worship God not because we feel like it, but because He is God and worship is His due and our necessity.

Who will enter to Worship? Those who worship God before they approached the Church building. And when they enter, they enter to do in public that which they have already done in private: To Adore The Living God. Those who enter the worship center of Church on Sunday Morning to worship God are those who hold Him in awe. They are also those who practice His Presence in daily living and in private moments. So Let Us Live---So Let Us Come!

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