

RELIGION

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Memorials, Good And Bad

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Many interpretations of the Word of God are done by people who attempt to justify how they live and what they want and desire. Forever goes beyond this world, however and what we "do", "think", remains as a memorial to us, whether it be good or bad.

We ask why people always remember the bad things we do, especially the bad things women do? A good report is hard to come by among men, but it is not impossible. The Bible says these things: Practice pure things, just things, lovely things. "Meekness and temperance"; against such there is not law". Gal. 5:23. This type of mind focus is not a one time event, nor is it brought forth, upon demand, to secure a good report

among certain people, nor when we desire to make ourselves look good; but this type of thinking must be present in us at all times, to meet all types of situations.

The woman, waiting patiently in Bethany with her precious ointment, to anoint the head of Jesus, should he come, was prepared to do the "good" thing, at her own expense, should the opportunity arise. Jesus came and the woman took the expensive ointment (some say it cost a year's salary) and poured it on the head of Jesus. The Disciples were horrified at what they thought to be wasteful, stating it might have been sold for much, and given to the poor; but Jesus said unto them, "Why trouble ye the woman? For she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not

always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial." "Verily, I say unto you, whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." Matt. 26:6-13.

Priorities must be set in our lives if we would build "good" memorials. There is a time for family, for friends, for the poor and homeless, for the naked and hungry. A season for all things...but...God must be first in all things. Forget and put aside the rewards of this world, the praise of people; seek not the accolades of men; trump not your own cause; for if you receive your rewards, praise, back patting here on earth, there will be none in the glorious hereafter; so states the Bible, the Word of the living God.

Facts can be "locked in" and made a permanent part of our supply of knowledge. They can be put into books, but for generations to remember and find these facts can be an "iffy" business. On the other hand, the human memory can recall the name and appearance of another human long departed and remember their mannerisms, their smile, their walk. A walk, a smile, a mannerism cannot be written down alphabetically for indexing or for computer retrieval, but keeps alive that person as a living memorial in the hearts of those loved ones left behind. God gave us the power to build memories, but he did not provide an eraser that we can use as we choose. We can be forgiven for what we ought not to do, but can we and others forget? Let us make sure that the memorials we

build are those with which we will wish to live, and which we will be proud to take with us into eternity. Holy, Godly followers of God, are ordinary people building extraordinary memories as spiritual foundations for future generations.

What is it that inspires us to make ourselves and others wise and better? What is it that moves us to help our youth learn the timeless messages of life by their involvement in various services to mankind? The answer is simple...it is the Spirit of God. Our service, compassion and fulfillment unites this spirit in each of us and makes it a dynamic force which creates a good report among men. To be kind, gentle and truthful; To make our family happier for our presence, to renounce evil when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation; Above all, on the same condition to keep friends with ourselves. This task faces all people, but more so if ye be followers of God.

To build we must use our memory and reinforce our memory by frequently verbalizing among ourselves the good traits of those we are memorializing. Memory not only gives us bare facts, but the feelings associated with them. After a lifetime of other events and activities, it is easy to readily recall the mannerisms, voices and teachings of those family members and others, who with their patience and love guided us through the lessons of Faith, wisdom, truth and charity, thus continuing their "good" report long after they have departed for a "better" home in glory.

Mayors' Prayer Breakfast Of Washington County

The Tenth Annual Mayors' Prayer Breakfast of Washington County will be held at the Greenwood Inn on Tuesday, April 18, 1995.

The breakfast serves as a non-denominational, public prayer forum for all of the professional, political, pastoral, and business leaders within Washington County. Beaverton Mayor, Rob Drake, will be the principal host representing all of the mayors and other chief executives of municipalities located in Washington County. The public is invited. More than 400 attended this inspirational event last year.

Danny O'Neil, Rose Bowl quar-

terback from the University of Oregon will present his personal testimony and his Christian witness leading the team on the gridiron.

Wally Amos, also known as "Famous Amos", author, humanitarian, and founder of Hawaii-based Uncle Noname (pronounced No-Naw-May) Cookie Company, will be the featured speaker. He has received the Caring Award from the Caring Institute, and is active supporter of literacy and drop-out prevention programs.

Amos is widely acclaimed as a speaker and his topic will be Turning Lemons into Lemonade. (Very ap-

propriate, given that the University of Oregon colors are lemon and green!)

In addition, Jan Smith, widely acclaimed for her musical talents, will provide special music.

The executive leadership and sponsor of the Breakfast is the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. FGBMFI is a non-profit, nondenominational organization of Christian laymen linked in a spiritual community of more than 4000 Chapters around the world transcending all racial, cultural, and national barriers to reach men and women for Jesus Christ. The Fellowship was

founded 43 years ago and now has local chapters in over 120 nations.

This two-hour event, which is open to the public, will begin shortly after 7:00am and close at 9:15am sharp. It will be held at the Greenwood Inn located at 10700 SW Allen Blvd in Beaverton. Tickets are \$15.00, which includes a delicious breakfast, are available from Arlen and Nora at Progressive Computers (625-2609) at 27264 SW 147th Avenue, Sherwood, 97140. Corporate sponsors are encouraged to subscribe to a Table of 10 for \$150.00

Gospel Music Workshop Of America

The Portland/Vancouver Component of the Gospel Music Workshop of America is organized, working and making ready for our installation* on April 8, 1995.

"The Lady" Helen J.H. Stephens from GMWA's National Board of Directors, will officially install the component as a Chapter for this area on April 8th.

Leading up to the Installation, PVC will be sponsoring a Gospel Music Workshop with Mrs. Helen J.H. Stephens as conductor April 6th & 7th, 6:30 PM at the Morning Star M.B. Church; 106 NE Ivy.

The Installation Services will be held at New Hope M.B. Church, 3625 No. Gantenbein Ave. Featured as Special Guests will be Heaven Bound, Inspirational Sounds, Eugene, OR, The WA. State Chapter GMWA, Portland Metropolitan Youth Mass Choir and the Workshop Choir with Mrs. Stephens.

GMWA's motto is, "Where Everybody Is Somebody". Our purpose is to establish a fellowship among the various Music Ministries throughout the Portland/Vancouver area, to enhance and upgrade the religious music in our churches, give scholarships & unite gospel singers/musicians on the local, state and national level. Anyone who loves Praising our Lord, or just loves Gospel singers/ musicians is encouraged to come and share in this time of Fellowship & Praise.

More information about GMWA, the local PVC and the National Convention held in L.A., Calif this year, will be available April 6-8th.

Koran, Jesus Topic Of Evening

An evening of inquiry into the Holy Koran and the belief that the prophet Jesus is still alive will be held Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at the Portland Rizwan Mosque, 9925 S.W. 35th Ave. A dinner will be served. Call 645-4772 or 245-9041 for reservations or leave a message at 246-0813.

Birth Announcement

Mother: Shannon L. Elmore; of Portland, Oregon
Father: Paul W. Elmore; of Portland, Oregon

Baby's Name: Elmore, Mychal Kristine

Gender: FM

Date of Birth: 02-23-95 Time 11:06 a.m.

Length: 20 Weight 7 lbs 8

Mother's Parents: Bill & Betsy Haggerty, Oxnard, CA

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Les Femmes

On Saturday, April 15, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. the members of LES FEMMES and Prince Hall Masons Beaver Lodge No. 3 will sponsor their annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Rose Garden of Peninsula Park at 700 N. Portland Blvd (North Albina and Portland Blvd).

We would like to extend an invitation to all youth ages 1 thru 10 to come with their baskets or containers to participate in the hunt.

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"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden,
And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You
And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

We have a place for you. Come fellowship with us!

A Welcome Is Awaiting You!