

RELIGION

Can Character Education Save The Public Schools?, Part II

BY TIM STAFFORD

(Editor's note: continued from last September 13th publication.)

Vocal supporters of character education in the public schools at a national conference in Washington, D.C. ranged from a Democratic White House aide to a conservative Republican senator, and organizations running the gamut - from the Rainbow Coalition to the National Association of Evangelicals.

By all the signs, character education is a grassroots movement, springing up in a hundred different places. There is, so far, no "right" way to do it. Its popularity is perhaps best shown by the fact that educational entrepreneurs are jumping in, looking

for a profit. At my first seminar, I met Robert Barden, a friendly, long-haired representative of the Cumberland County Schools in North Carolina. He told me of all kinds of gimmicky presentations people had brought to his school system, including a high-energy performance from a salesman dressed - for reasons unclear to Barden - in a NASA jumpsuit. I hadn't gone to many seminars before I realized that character education is not the same thing as the "discipline" parents often want in school.

Character education is much more upbeat and optimistic than that. As one principal told me, "Some parents want regimentation, and this

is the very opposite."

Character education does emphasize clearly defined and enforced rules, but that is just one part of it. Character education tries to form the kind of person who does what is right without his being told and when he is not being watched.

Strict rules and harsh punishments may prompt compliance, these educators say, but the behavior will not necessarily carry over to another environment. As Thomas Lickona, a professor of education at the State University of New York, writes in his book "Educating for Character," "Good character consists of knowing the good, desiring the good, and doing the good - habits of the mind, habits of the heart, and habits of

action."

Character education is not shy about using the terms right and wrong. Lickona notes that just a few years ago, the question "Should the schools teach values?" would be answered by the retort "Whose values?" "With remarkable swiftness," he writes, "that has changed. Escalating moral problems in society...are bringing about a new consensus." The "rights" and "wrongs" character educators want to bring back are consensus values, those that everybody can agree on. They ardently avoid including issues like abortion or homosexuality, putting the emphasis on teaching values that are, they claim, timeless and invariable across cultures.

Ministry Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary

The Archdiocese of Portland celebrated 25 years of Hispanic ministries Saturday at St. Joseph Parish in Salem. The day long convocation commemorated the historical beginnings and significant events of Hispanic ministries in the Archdiocese, which covers all of western Oregon.

The event was also a time to celebrate the blessings that the Hispanic presence brought to the church and to celebrate the blessings the Hispanic community has received from the church through the dedicated work of bishops, priests, religious

men and women and the laity.

Alejandro Aguilera-Titus, director of the Archdiocesan Office for Hispanic Ministries, said, the convocation was "to be a great opportunity for Hispanic Catholics to bid farewell to Archbishop Levada and to thank him for his wonderful leadership and support over the past nine years."

The convocations marked the beginning of a year of pastoral planning in order to respond more effectively to the pastoral needs of Hispanic Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Community Church Of God You're Invited

The members of The Community Church of God would like to invite you to our 38th year Anniversary Program for Pastor and Dr. Brown.

Pastor Victor R. Brown and Dr. Hazel L. Brown are the founders and have pastored at The Community Church of God for thirty eight years.

Pastor and Dr. Brown have been good leaders at The Community Church of God and here in our community. Pastor and wife have been active in this community for over

forty years. We would like for you to help us show them how much we appreciate them.

Date: October 8, 1995 (2nd Sunday in October).

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Place: Lutheran Inner-City Ministries Building; 4219 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; Portland, OR 97211 (on the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. and Skidmore, located 1 block from our church -- The Community Church of God). Join Us.

Birth Announcement

Baby's Name: Cyril Laumar Teal Jr.
Date of Birth: Sept. 9, 1995 Sex: Male
Weight: 7 lbs 8 oz. Length: 20 3/4
Mother's Name: Tia Damesheil Merriweather
Father's Name: Cyril Laumar Teal
 (All of Portland, OR.)

Join us in celebrating
The Portland Observer's

25th ANNIVERSARY

North Portland Bible College Announces Its Fall 1995 Schedule

Enrich your understanding of the Scriptures and its messages by attending North Portland Bible College's Fall study seminars from September 25, thru December 4, 1995, Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays form 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at NPBC's new campus at 4905 N. Vancouver Avenue.

In addition to studying the Old and New Testaments, other topics, such as Church Leadership and Administration, Women in Ministry, and

Resolving Spiritual Conflicts will be featured. Tuition is \$75.00 per course.

Guest speakers include the following: Pastor James Coleman; Sister Elizabeth Nance; Dr. J. Chip MacGregor; Brother Del Harris; Greg and Ginger Hicks; Pastor Denise Bell; Sister Loyce McCullough; Dean Michael Lindsey; Pastor Jay Held; Dr. Him Williams, Jr.

Study seminars begin soon! To register and for more information, call (503) 288-2919.

Oregon Churches Launch National Religious Freedom Week Celebrations



Rev. William Pride (Pastor of the Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church), and Reverend Heber Jentsch (President of the Church of Scientology International) reading the Religious Freedom Week proclamation from Mayor Vera Katz.

In keeping with celebrations across the country, the Church of Scientology and a diverse group of religious leaders gathered in front of the Liberty Bell replica at the Terry Schunk Plaza to read a special proclamation issued by Portland Mayor Vera Katz proclaiming September 24 - 30 as Religious Freedom Week in Portland. Ministers then released white doves, common symbols of peace and freedom, in unison with

the ringing of bells in churches in Portland and cities across the country.

Submitted by the Church of Scientology, the proclamation recognizes the importance of religious liberty and the duty to protect and defend this right.

Included in the celebration were guest ministers Rev. William Pride, Pastor of the Everlasting Missionary Baptist Church in Vancouver and

Rev. Heber Jentsch, President of the Church of Scientology International.

"The Church of Scientology battles daily to protect the First Amendment from those who's personal agenda would seek to destroy it," Rev. Jentsch stated.

Remembering a 1969 quote from the religion's founder, L. Ron Hubbard, "Freedom isn't something you get and then have. It's something you have to fight for and keep right on fighting for," Rev. Jentsch emphasized the need to remove the evils of psychiatric practices that are "de-

stroying the fabric of our culture."

As noted by Rev. Pride, the First Amendment was given to us by God, signed into law in this country by its founding fathers and passed to churches to care for and protect.

Religious Freedom Week was started in 1989 by order of Presidential proclamation and is given recognition in the Chase's Book of Annual Events. It is traditionally the week of September 25, the anniversary of when the House of Representatives and the US Senate finalized and passed what was later completed and ratified into the Bill of Rights in 1789.

St. Mark Baptist Church

103 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
- Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm

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Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor



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 Church School 9:30 to 10:30am,
 Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am & 7:00pm
 Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00am on KBMS
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Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor
(503) 240-PRAY



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4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue
 (between Powell & Foster)
 Portland, Oregon 97206

SUNDAY
 Sunday School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 10:45am
 Evangelistic Service 7:30pm
 Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm

FRIDAY
 Evangelistic Service 7:00pm

DAILY
 Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm

(503) 774-5470
 PASTORS: Bishop Robert Simpson, Jr. • Dr. Ida M. Simpson



In Loving Memory Of Billie Jean Wilson


Born August 27, 1933; North Little Rock, Arkansas; Passed Away September 17, 1995 Portland, Oregon.

Billie Jean Wilson was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas on August 27, 1933. She passed away on September 17, 1995 as a result of heart complications.

She was a member of New Beginnings Christian Center. She was a Cosmetologist and Hair Stylist and worked for the Portland Public Schools. She was well known throughout the Northeast Portland area.

She was a life long resident of Portland, Oregon. She is survived by her sister, Helen James; her sons, Nathaniel Wilson, Anthony Wilson, Greg Wilson, Stanford Jamison; her daughters, Renee' Fairtaylor and Yvette Duty. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her oldest son, Ronnie Wilson and grandchildren Terry William and Te'erra William.

The wish to thank each and everyone of you for your prayers and other remembrances.



Warner Pacific To Host Concert

Warner Pacific College will host a benefit concert for "Helping Others Live Triumphantly," featuring the musical styling of Upward Call with special guest speaker T. Allen Bethel, pastor of Maranatha Church.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Warner Pacific's McGuire Hall, 2219 S.E. 68th. For more information call 249-0347.

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Special Guest: The Portland Metropolitan Youth Choir, and Others
 For more information about the Concert or the Mass Choir Rehearsals
Contact: Willie Binns (503) 287-3816

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