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Church Boy

The Life Story of Gospel Music Sensation Kirk Franklin

e has three platinum albums to his credit and his face recognized by millions, but he wasn't born to a privileged family of entertainers. Surprisingly, this music sensation, who is now worth millions to his record label, was raised in near-poverty and never even graduated from high school. And now, for the first time, millions of fans can read Kirk's entire rags-to-riches story in the pages of Church Boy, his autobiography from Word Publishing.

Complete with photos and neverbefore stories, Church Boy is the only authorized story of Kirk Franklin's life and music. Within its pages, Church Boy reveals how music shaped the life of this awardwinning songwriter, performer and producer. And it reveals how God was always nearby-from the poorest streets of Ft. Worth, Texas, to the cavernous performance halls of this country. Gospel and R&B music fans, young people and aspiring musicians will be inspired by Kirk Franklin's remarkable story.

Kirk's trademark energy and humor come through in every chapter of his story, but also do the sad details of his early years of poverty and heartache. A musical prodigy, his elderly adopted mother collected and sold aluminum cans to pay for Kirk's piano lessons. He was teased because of his talent, nicknamed "Church Boy" because he was the choir director of his church at age eleven, and was regularly beat up on the church grounds. So Kirk had to find other means of being accepted by his peers; means that always include girls, trouble, and the "coolest"

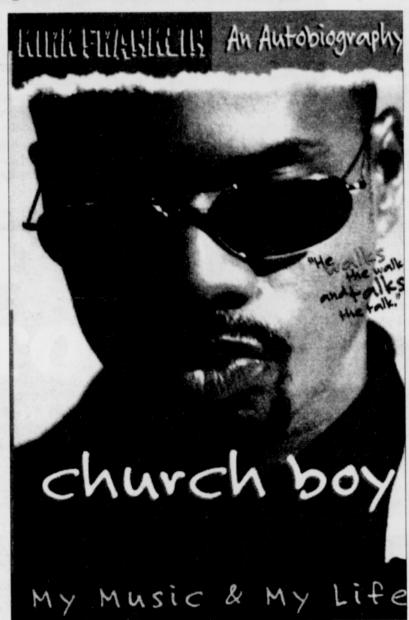
With brutal honesty, Church Boy describes how Kirk rebelled against God in his youth and returned to

group of friends he could find.

Him as a young adult. As a result, there are no holds barred when Kirk challenges today's young people to reject a life of sex and rebellion to follow after God with pure hearts. His message will inspire young people everywhere to consider how they should live their lives.

Readers will discover how gospel music great Milton Bigham helped introduce Kirk to the Gospel Music Workshops of America where he become a favorite of mass choirs around the country. And they'll see how Kirk's formation of a group called "The Family'

changed the course of his life-their first recording went platinum. Church Boy recounts the media blitz and financial success that followed all three of their recordings. And it also details his recording project with God's property which, has gone double platinum and estab-



lished him as a master of R&B and hip-hop as well as gospel.

Church Boy also shares personal details such as the story of meeting his wife Tammy and the truth about his infamous fall from a darkened Memphis stage, which

could have ended his career. Kirk talks openly and warmly about his love for his children, his debut to his deceased mother, and his appreciation of friends who keep

him accountable. Kirk Franklin's other major release is an album entitled "The Nu Nation Project" (GospoCentric), which features U2's Bono, R. Kelly, Mary J. Blige, The Family and more. "The Nu Nation Project" won the Contemporary Soul Gospel Album of the Year at the 1999 41st annual Grammy Awards.

Kirk Franklin has been honored with dozens of awards including Grammy's, Soul Train awards, Stellar awards, Image awards, Dove awards, and Excel-

lence awards. His three platinum albums have sold more than 5.6 million copies in six years, and such celebrated artists as Whitney Houston have recorded his songs. Kirk and his wife Tammy reside near Dallas-Ft. Worth with their children.

Brother Waverly Davis

Funeral services were held at Maranatha Church of God in Portland for Waverly Lyn Davis, on April 8th, 1999, who was called home April 3rd at the age of 59.

OBITUARIES

Mr. Davis was born December 26, 1939 in Halifax North Carolina. During the late 1950's Mr. Davis came to Seattle, Washington from New York, where he played basketball at Power Memorial High School, under a scholarship to play basketball at Seattle University he graduated from college in 1967. Mr. Davis moved to Portland in 1973. He was first employed at O.L.C.C. in 1974. In 1976 Mr. Davis was employed, with Lederle Laboratories a pharmaceutical firm, for years. Mr. Davis coached basketball at Markham Middle School where his oldest son played, also during that time in 1983 Mr. Davis was appointed to the Portland Rose Festival Association as a member of the Board of Directors. In 1990 Mr. Davis formed the very first African American Festival in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Davis became a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church. Mr. Davis was first married to Alice Samples and later remarried Sheila E. Davis.

Survivors include his wife; son's, Kalauu Davis of Tigard, Malik Davis of Seattle, Washington and Karim Davis of Tigard.

Burial was at Skyline Cemetary. The family suggests remembrances to the Portland Rose Festival Association. Funeral Arrangements by Van and Van Funeral home.

In Loving Memory of Carrie Cannon. Sunrise January 9, 1914 Sunset March 29, 1999.

Carrie Cannon was born in Lagrange, Texas, on January 9-1914 to Henry McGuffery and Louise Palmer who have preceded her in death. Her daughter, Delois Aycox, and sister, Margie Boyd, have also preceded her in death.

Carrie accepted Christ at an early age. She moved to Los Angeles, California in 1935. She later moved to Portland, Oregon in 1939. She met

and married Robert Cannon in 1951. Carrie united with Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in 1949.

She was a very devoted, active, and loyal supporter in several church functions and auxiliaries. Carrie served in the following capacities: Mission Board member, Sunday School teacher, Superintendent of the Jr. Sunday School Department, Usher Board member, Church Greeter/Announcer, Local/State/National Usher to the National Baptist Convention of America, President of the Elizabeth Circle Mission, Secretary/Treasurer of Portland Sunday School-BTU Congress.

Carrie was a member/board member of several other organizations: the Eastern Star Lodge -Oregon Jurisdiction, Martin Luther King, Jr. Facility board member, past President of the Oregon Association of Colored Women's Club, "Keep Christ in Christmas" member. Church Women United member and Local/State/ National Senior Women's Secretary.

Her memory will forever be cherished by her loving and devoted husband, Robert Cannon, 3 children: Iris C. Aycox, from Los Angeles, Donald Aycox, of Seattle, Washington, and Melvin Cannon of Vallejo, California, 12 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, many other family connections, and close friends.

In Loving Memory of Floyd Purcell Patterson born 10-20-21 died 04-07-99. Floyd Patterson was born in Disputanta, VA. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1973 with an honorable discharge after 22 years of service. He enjoyed family and gave lots of love. Survivors of Floyd Patterson Helen E. Patterson wife, Portland, OR; Juanita Patterson daughter, Petersburg, VA; Tyrone Patterson son, Portland Oregon; Patricia Patterson daughter; Portland, Oregon; Floyd Patterson son, Yuba City, California; Larry Patterson son, Portland, Oregon; Jacqueline McDonald Patterson daughter, Portland, Oregon; Jacqueline Patterson daughter, Portland, Oregon; Elizabeth Tucker sister, Buffalo, New York; 28 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

High School Bible Club Commemorates Christian Heritage Month And Celebrates Sixth Year of Existence

Image Changers, an official chartered club at Thomas Jefferson high School, Portland, Oregon is celebrating its sixth year. What began in 1993 as an informal gathering of 15 students in the school library quickly grew to over 30 students and now has Bible groups in middle schools?

To celebrate its sixth year, Image Changes is sponsoring a third play for the Community entitled. "Keep It Real". This dramatic musical is written and directed by 1996 Rose Festival Princess Renee Watson, also a Jefferson graduate. The production will

take place at the end of the Reception school's events held in commemoration of Christian Heritage Month, April 1999.

The schedule of events held on campus is as follows:

Monday, April 19 Gospel Music Showcase (rap, hymns & contemporary songs)

Tuesday, April 20 Christian Literature (poetry, monologues) Wednesday, April 21 Dramatic

Expressions (dance, mime) Thursday, April 22 Official Kick

OffKEEP IT REAL, PLAY @ JHS, 7:00 PM

Friday, April 23 Image Changers

ers is to positively change the image of inner-city youth as well as across the nation through promotion of biblical values. The club is dedicated to equipping young people to be respectful and responsible in academics and social relationships.

During its six years Image Changers has expanded to afterschool programs at the high school and middle school levels. Two branchesclub are at the gender-specific groups, Men of Valor and Women of Excellence.

Classes for 8th graders are con-The purpose of Image Chang- ducted to assist with the transition from middle school to high school. The clubalso sponsored two plays and holds seasonal clothing drives.

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A GOSPEL REVIVAL MEETING MAY 1st-6th at 7:00 PM

Let Jesus Christ be your target for the new Millennium! A gospel meeting will be held at the Mallory Avenue Church of Christ where you can he-e-ear! About A Vision For The Church As It Grows Into The Next Millennium.

Where? Mallory Avenue Church of Christ; 3908 NE Mallory Av.; Portland, OR Our phone Number is (503) 288-1092. Call, and ask your question: Tuesday Thru Friday from 9AM to 12 Noon. Bro. James Morrison, Minister

Jesus Comes to Oregon Seminar Emphasizes Community Outreach

Area pastors, church leaders and local citizens interested in spreading the hope of the Gospel through an easy, impactful program, are invited to attend an allday seminar on Friday, April 23, at the Double Tree Hotel Portland in Portland, Oregon.

Using Jesus Video

This one-day Leadership Briefing, sponsored by Jesus Video Project, offers attendees the opportunity to coordinate a highly effective outreach distributing the Jesus video, a full-feature movie depicting the life, teachings and message of Jesus Christ. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The information-packed conference presents speakers, workshops and handouts for promoting community outreach using the video. Cost is \$20 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. The Double Tree Hotel Portland is located at Lloyd Center, 1000 NE Multnomah Street.

Multnomah Street. For directions, call the hotel at (503) 281-6111.

"We're bringing the Leadership Briefing to Oregon to offer local church organizations the training and support to make a successful ministry outreach, said Pamela Dumas, conference coordinator. "We'll share exciting ways churches have teamed up to use the video, and offer the resources and encouragement to make the JESUS video available to the local community."

By working with church organizations and volunteers, the Jesus Video Project aims to give the gift of a Jesus video to each home in America. Since 1992, more than 5 million homes in America have received a video through this program.

"It's a completely 'no pressure' approach to sharing the Gospel and is an ideal tool for both small and large churches," notes Lloyd Olson, director of the Jesus Video Project. "We've found that people are very receptive to receiving the video and viewing it in the convenience and privacy of their own homes."

To register for the Leadership Briefing in Portland, or for more information about the Jesus Video Project, call (toll free), 888-Jesus-36. Additional Leadership Briefings scheduled throughout 1999 will be offered in California and New York.

Based in Arrowhead Springs, CA, the Jesus Video Project is a ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. Since the project's inception in 1992, more than 8,500 churches have offered the Jesus video as part of their community outreach efforts.

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