

RELIGION

The Women's Convention

The Northwest Pentecostal Fellowship annual women's convention will convene at Albina Christian Life Center, May 12th - 16th. All ladies are welcomed Wednesday night 7:00 p.m. Thursday & Friday services 10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m. Nightly 7:00 p.m. Saturday cruise 2 hrs on the Willamette River, meal included all women wear white. Info for tickets call 284-8627 director of ladies ministries. Mrs. Ella R. Irving 5522 N Albina St.

Vickie Winans

Throughout the album, the shouting of Jesus' name is paramount, not to mention reverently inspirational, starting with "I Hear the Music," an anointed explosion that nearly lifts you out of your seat. With the choir's harmonic wall of voices as its launch pad, Vickie's vibrant voice soars through 19 modulations. "Oh What Love," which received special nationwide airplay over the Easter

Holidays is, notes Winans, "a powerful praise song expressing ones eternal gratitude to Jesus for suffering for us and being our true redeemer and Savior."

"Already Been to the Water," which, like one of Vickie's past hits, "Long As I Got King Jesus," reaches deep down, bringing His light and joy to the heart, spirit, and soul. "It has me singing Jesus with all my might," Vickie says, her charming persona amplifying her words. "I think we say Jesus 50 to 60 times back to back in the songs! You see, I'm not ashamed to call His name," she beams! "Safe In His Arms," on which Winans once again vocally excels, has extra significance for her because, she says, "it represents an incident wherein my son Skeeter was robbed at gun point. But because he pleaded the blood of Jesus, the gunman kicked him to safety, unharmed. The power of the 'blood' is awesome.

Live in Detroit II

Awesome sums up the album's "Old Gospel Medley" which consists of the tried and true traditional church songs "I Know the Lord Will Make A Way," "Just

the Lord Because He's Been So Good to Me." Traversing the generation gap, as the medley progresses the segment goes from traditional inspirational into what can only be described as a funky contemporary gospel groove - Vickie Winans style.

"Spirit of the Living God," another power praise offering, is also an album highlight. "Never Gonna Let You Go," and "O Holy Lamb," also provide faithful forums for Vickie to give her lyrical and musical testimony. Vickie's righteous remake of Marvin Winans' Ain't No Need To Worry, is a testimony to her expansive ability to make anything she sings her own. With the Grace of God she takes it to Higher ground. "Every song was chosen because it gave glory to God, plus hope, enjoyment, and spiritual direction to me, and hopefully to everyone who listens to the album."



Vickie Winans

Another Day That the Lord Has Kept Me," "I Know What I'd Do Without the Lord," and "I Thank

Multicultural, Interfaith Earth Day Celebration

This year on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, in a rich tapestry of spiritual ceremony, many different religious and cultural traditions will come together to express in dance, song and prayer what their faith teachers about human responsibility to the earth. This year's annual inter-faith ceremony will be held at 7 PM at Trinity Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave., Portland.

Featured at the celebration will be Murshid Elias Amidon, a leader of the Sufi Way and director of the Boulder Institute for Nature and

the Human Spirit. He is co-editor of the Years, a collection of invocations and blessings for the new millennium contributed by spiritual leaders and visionaries from around the world.

The Oregon Children's Choir, direct from a performer at Carnegie Hall, the Hindu-based Natya Dance Academy, the NW Tibetan Cultural Association and the Sikh Bhanga Indian Dance Group of Portland will also perform.

Charles Jordan, the new President of Ecumenical Ministries of

Oregon and Director of Portland Parks and Recreation, will also participate in the program. Other featured singers and dancers will come from Christian, Jewish, Ba'Hai, Buddhist, Moslem, Sufi, New Thought, Scientology, and Native American religious traditions. This is the most diverse assemblage of religious traditions and ceremonies gathered in one place in the entire Northwest.

The animals and other Earth elements created for the Procession of the Species, which occurs two days later on Saturday, April 24, will be blessed during the Interfaith Celebration. The Procession of the Species starts with last minute face-painting, mask-making and drum-building at 11 am at Portland's North Park blocks, then the parade will make its way along SW Broadway at 1 pm with a Millennial Spectacle at Pioneer Courthouse Square at 2 PM.

For information contact (503) 452-4483 or www.earthandspin.t.org.

Community Events that Make a Difference

Catholic Charities will host a Motherhood Mass on Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church (2408 SE 16th). This liturgy will be an occasion of special recognition for Catholic Charities' Maternity programs: Elizabeth House and Crisis Pregnancy/Adoption Services. All mothers including birth mothers and adoptive mothers will be honored. Please call Kathy Thomas at 231-4866 ex. 117.

You are invited to attend the wackiest, wildest and most talked about wedding in Portland! Attend "Tony n' Tina's Wedding" any time during the month of April and all proceeds from the Reception's "Dollar Dance" go directly to Catholic Charities AIDS Ministry. Tickets available through Ticketmaster (503) 790-2787.

Elizabeth House, a program of Catholic Charities, hosts a Mentor Informational evening on April 15th. Mentors provide support to young women, helping them become independent, capable mothers. Please call Ginny Krall (503) 236-7235 for more information.

At Centro de Canby, a program of Catholic Charities, a representative from the Employment Department provides on-site services regarding employment opportunities every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at 444 N. Holly in Canby.

Please call 263-4944 for more information.

Latina women's support group. The group is open to any woman ready to engage in mental health therapeutic sessions. Please contact EL Programa Hispano, a program of Catholic Charities, at 669-8350 for more information.

Dear Patron,

I appreciate your support and wish to thank you for supporting Emmanuel Church of God in Christ during its Pastor and Wife Anniversary. I sincerely thank you and your establishment for its commitment and dedication to the church and community. It has truly been a pleasure working with you in support of our church. If I can be of assistance to you in the near future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Again thank you for your support.

Elder Maurice Wright II
Anniversary Chairman

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For more information, call Msn.
Velma Jones 281-3229

OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of Roy Curry Sr.



Born 01-28-34 in Bryant, Texas died 04-08-99 in Portland, Oregon. Roy Curry was employed as water Bureau service mechanic and retired in 1989, he was also a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Survivors of Roy Curry Sr. son, Rhonda (K-K) Taylor daughter, all of Portland, Oregon; Albert Curry Jr. brother of Lubbock, Texas; Mary Loyce Paul sister of Lubbock, Texas; James L. Curry Sr. brother of Portland, Oregon; and Larry Curry brother of Los Angeles, California. Rachel Kimmons & Jocelyn Powell were raised with passionate love.

Loving Memory of Robert "Joe Bill" McDonald II

Sunrise - October 31, 1932 Sunset - April 8, 1999

Robert McDonald was born October 31, 1932, in Paris, Texas to Evelyn Edward & Robert Jones (his Paternal Parents). His Aunt & Uncle, Vera & Bob McDonald lovingly raised him whom he was named after. He graduated from Gibbons High in Paris, Texas, and later moved to Portland, Oregon where he met and married his wife Virginia McDonald preceded him in death.

In 1958 Robert received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army and later worked for Crosby & Overton Ship Repair as a "Labor Foreman: for over twenty years until he retired.

Robert was the epitome of a loving husband and father. His dedication, courage, devout sense of responsibility and love for his children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren truly exemplified the man he was until his departure.

His wife Virginia, their eldest son, Roy Allen Johnson and their eldest daughter, Gloria Dean Johnson, preceded Robert in death.

He is survived by five sons, Dennis Sanders of Dallas, Texas; Earnest Johnson Jr., of California; Marc, Michael, and Robert McDonald of Portland, Oregon; and two daughters,

Myra Ann and Monique McDonald of Portland, Oregon; mother Evelyn Edwards and sister, Nina Lynn Alexander of Greenville, Texas; brother, William Sandifer of Freeport, Illinois; son in-law Aubrey Davis, of Portland, Oregon; five daughters in-law Gladys Sanders of Dallas, Texas; Faye Brown, Mona McDonald, Deanita McDonald, and Melonee Johnson of Portland, Oregon; 24 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; as well as a host of Aunts, Uncle, Sister-in-laws, Brother-in-laws, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Friends.

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VENUE:

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For more information contact: Candace Primack at (503) 788-1845.

We, the family of Levi Russell, wish to extend our thanks to those who sought to comfort us in this difficult time. Your expressions of sympathy and support through prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers, and memorial donations to the African American Health Coalition were greatly appreciated.

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