



# Metro / Religion

## Singing From The Pulpit:

### • Preachers are the New Stars of Gospel Music

The big gospel attractions used to be singers like Shirley Caesar, country quartets and mass choirs. Now, there's a new trend taking the gospel industry by storm: singing preachers. Yes, those holy-rolling, Bible-belted advocates of righteous living are transforming their pulpits into concert stages with themselves as the stars. In the 1970s there were singing clergymen like Clay Evans and James Cleveland, but this new trend was kicked off by Bishop Carlton Pearson. He's done a series of CDs based on the annual Azusa conference held at his Higher Dimensions Church in Tulsa. His latest "Live at Azusa 3" (Atlantic Records) and all the previous "Azusa" CDs have all sold over 100,000 copies. Pearson's latest Azusa CD is up for two Dove Awards (Gospel's Grammys) at the 31<sup>st</sup> annual Dove Awards which takes place April 20<sup>th</sup> in Nashville. It will be syndicated through the Easter weekend. The "Live at Azusa" albums grew out of the conference worship experience. "The songs that went over were old church songs. People were crying. These old songs are the ones that really touched people the most. Those old songs kept us through the Jim Crow lines, civil rights riots and the assassinations of Dr. King and President



Bishop Carlton Pearson

Kennedy in the sixties."

Bishop T.D. Jakes' first CD *Woman, Thou Art Loosed* (Integrity) was based on his popular book. The album was released in 1997 and sold over 200,000 copies. "The flow of the songs is built around the book," Jakes says of the album's success. "It is geared towards restoration for women. It deals with inner healing. I think the church was meant to be a hospital for hurting people." The CD was so successful that Jakes followed up with *Live From the Potter's House* (Integrity) and *Sacred Love Songs* (Island). Ironically, Bishop Pearson nurtured Jakes' career when he was unknown. Pearson had Jakes speak at his Azusa conference. It was broadcast on Trinity Broadcasting Network and introduced Jakes to the national church community. Another preacher Pearson took under his wings is Bishop Clarence E. McClendon. His first CD *Shout Hallelujah* (Integrity) bows in May. Integrity A&R executive Jerrel Gilliam says of McClendon, "Part of the Divine call on him in establishing the Church Of The Harvest was to be a house where praise and worship would produce a fragrance that would be carried around the world. He is not only Bishop over the Church but he is the Worship Leader for the church. Worship and spoken word are both vital components of this dynamic ministry."

## Beloved community volunteer dies at 76

### Doshie Lee Clark

August 18, 1924 - April 2, 2000

Mrs. Doshie Lee Clark died of a heart attack at a local hospital on April 2, 2000, but not until after cheering her beloved Blazers on to victory.

Until her death on Sunday evening, Doshie Clark, an admired and respected community advocate, much loved and treasured wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend made a positive impact on her local school, neighborhood and family communities.

When the last of her nine children entered school, she became a full time volunteer at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, (then Highland Elementary) in Northeast Portland. Mrs. Clark not only served on numerous education committees and held offices in the PTA, she also served two 3-year terms on education and policy committees at the state level, benefiting all of Oregon's children. When the War on Poverty Programs under the Johnson Administration came to Portland, she was there; serving on the frontlines as a neighborhood volunteer to mobilize community members. She later became a paid worker with Community Action Agency. Insight gained through the War on Poverty efforts later led to her work as one of the first Community Agents in the Portland Public Schools and to her involvement in the establishment

of the King Neighborhood Facility. She continued her humanitarian work in helping to raise funds and awareness to establish the permanent monument of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. statue.

Her work toward this goal began after helping to establish Oregon's first acknowledgement of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. As a result of her efforts, former Governor Robert Straub signed a bill as a first step toward mandating Dr. King's birthday as a holiday in Oregon. Today, a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by renowned sculptor, Michael Dente stands in the courtyard of the Oregon Convention Center as a testament to the fruit of her labors.

Mrs. Clark possessed that special something that made her always go the extra mile and never give up. Her entire volunteer life, either as a leader or as support, has been spent in the betterment of children and families. Each organization she has served including Jack & Jill of America, Les Femmes, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, Inc., Parent Teacher Associations, and her church all have children and families at their core. All who



knew her say, "She is a very special lady."

In 1998, she was Multnomah County's 5<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Gladys McCoy Citizen Involvement Award for her lifetime achievements.

Mrs. Clark leaves cherish memories with her husband and best friend Hilary Thomas Clark of more than 50 years, along with family members: her sisters Zelda Weatherall, Faye Goode, Merle Rogers, Mary Jean Winters, and Doris Cumby; her brothers Alvin Brannon, Johnnie Ray Brannon, and Melvin Brannon; her children Lurlene Shamsud-Din,

Carolyn Johnson Gamble, Ozie Johnson Jr., Beverly Johnson-Edmondson, Linda Beasley, Harold Clark, Larry Clark, Donald Clark, and Ricky Clark; other includes spouses of daughters and son: Jeddy Beasley, James Edmondson and SK Clark. Mrs. Clark was the grandmother of 26 and great-grandmother to 20. In addition she leaves a host of talented and beautiful nieces and nephews and other adopted family members who were always welcomed into her home and family.

The funeral will be held at 5828 N.E. 8th at Bethel AME 11:00 April 7th.

## Spring Revival Restoration 2000

Luke 4: 16-21

*"The Spirit Of The Lord Is Upon Me, Because He Has Anointed Me To Preach The Gospel..."*

### Messenger

Dr. Ron F. Mays, Pastor  
(5,000 Member Congregation)  
Charity Church in Ft. Worth, Texas

Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 P.M.

Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 P.M.

### Host Church

Allen Temple CME Church  
4236 N.E. Eight Avenue  
Portland, OR 97211  
(503) 287-0261 Dr. Leroy Haynes, Jr., Pastor

## NEW LIFE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

### *A Season of Healing*

## "What The Church Needs To Know About Drug Abuse."

Presented By: Kevin & Joyce Howard

When: April 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30 to 4:30

Where: Northeast Community Fellowship Foursquare

636 NE Stanton St.

Portland, OR 97212

(503) 288-2583

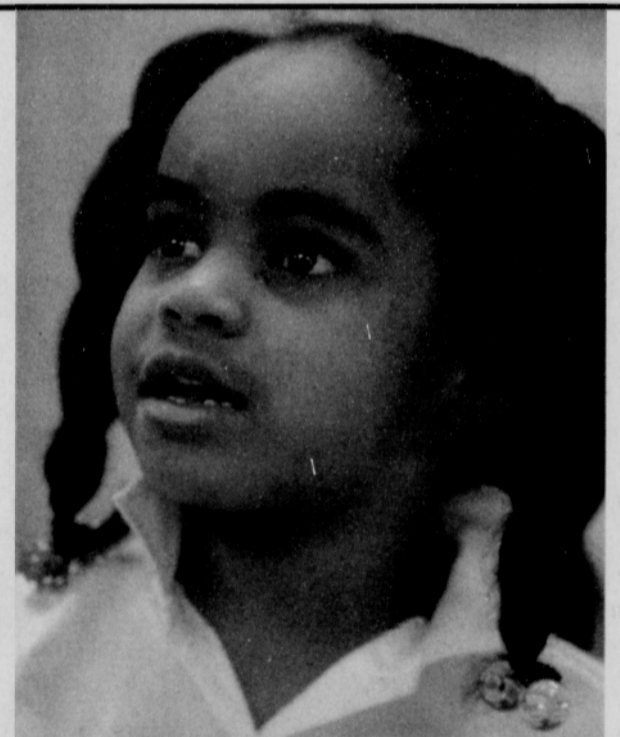
### Workshop Topics:

1. What is addiction
2. Codependency
3. Family Intervention

Sponsored By: New Life Ministry at Northeast Community Fellowship Foursquare in cooperation with Resurrection Drug Abuse Program.

Five Dollar Donation At The Door For Lunch

## Education Should Be a Matter of Choice... Yours!



Do you feel the lack of choice in education puts your child at a disadvantage? Find out how parents across the nation are taking control of their children's education through charter schools - a no-cost alternative to traditional public schools. To learn more about the options available to your kindergarten through fifth-grade child, attend an information meeting about the new Portland Arts & Science Academy, a charter school offering:

- Small classes
- Personalized learning plans
- Proven "hands on" curricula of math, science, fine arts and world history
- Spanish instruction starting in kindergarten
- Safe and secure environment
- One computer for every three students
- Longer school days and school year
- Full-day kindergarten
- Tuition-free education

### Information Meetings:

The former St. Charles Catholic School  
5310 Northeast 42nd Avenue

Wednesday April 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday April 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday April 8 - 11:00 a.m.

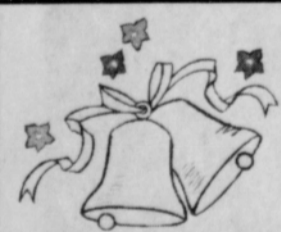


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