

RELIGION

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE *If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.* — Mother Teresa

Movie 'The Gospel' Packs Power

Story pits R&B star against church

Boris Kodjoe stars in *The Gospel*, a contemporary drama about the transformative power of faith and forgiveness, packed with the soaring, soulful sounds of gospel music, opening Friday, Oct. 7.

The Screen Gems release also includes Idris Elba, Clifton Powell, Aloma Wright, Omar Gooding, American Idol's Tamyra Gray, Keshia Knight Pulliam, Nona Gaye and gospel great Donnie McClurkin in his acting debut.

Set in the impassioned world of the African-American church, Kodjoe stars as David Taylor, a dynamic young R&B star whose chart-topping albums have earned him fame and wealth, but whose decadent lifestyle has estranged him from his father, played by Clifton



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Powell, the Bishop of his hometown church.

When David learns his father is ill and near death, he returns home to try and reconcile and discovers his former best friend, Charles, portrayed by Idris Elba, is poised to become his father's successor at the church — and threatens to ruin everything David's father worked so hard to achieve. Torn between his successful new life and the one he used to know, David has to decide whether he can give up his own desires to protect his father's legacy and make peace with his family, his beliefs, and, ultimately, himself.

Kodjoe made his feature debut in the Spike Lee-produced *Love and Basketball*. He also starred in *Brown Sugar* and went on to win an NAACP Image Award nomination in the category of Best Supporting Actor in a Motion Picture.

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For more information call Emmanuel Temple Church in Portland at 503.281.9666. Everyone is welcome.

Couple Celebrates 50 Years of Marriage

Faith helps them through Katrina

Local Bishop Walter Scott and his wife, Pastor Doris Scott, will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Oct. 15 in a public, 3-day celebration.

Founders of the International Miracle Revival Crusade, a traveling gospel group, Walter and Doris are parents to 10 children — many of whom are also involved in the church.

Originally from Alabama and Mississippi, the couple married young. After living a carefree lifestyle filled with gambling, smoking and drinking, they turned to God for help.

"We began to wake up, come alive and be more elated with life," Doris said. "We learned a lot of new things."

They later moved to Portland, where they've been preaching for the last 30 years.

On a recent trip back to Mississippi with their crusade group, Walter and Doris were just two of many swept up in the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina.

"We caught the first of it," Walter said. "We saw trees rooted up, parts of buildings being blown off."

Even the roof of the airport they were scheduled to fly out of on their way back to Portland



Walter and Doris Scott will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 15.

had been torn off by winds. They were taken to a shelter at Crossgates United Methodist Church in Pearl, Miss., where they stayed for four days with other victims.

"It was like they didn't have any hope," Doris said. "They had no where to go. There was a lot of distress, heartbreak and crying. It was just a sad situation. It broke our hearts."

She felt that the group's purpose in the shelter was to encourage people through faith in God.

Eventually, they were able to fly home to safety. They're still sending funds back to those who no longer have homes to call their own.

Watching the news, Doris said, "We're on our knees constantly. It's very distressful. I don't know how we would do without our faith. We never got scared — it was like a shield was around us."

For the Scott's, the hurricane marks just one of the many trials they've lasted through together over the last 50 years. They currently council couples having difficulties in their marriage, promoting the importance of staying together through love, communication, respect and forgiveness.

Their 50th Anniversary Celebration will begin with nightly services and speakers at 7 p.m. from Oct. 12 to 14 at PMR Church on 4828 N. Williams Ave. A dinner will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the A.A. Wells Multipurpose Room on 1033 N. Sumner Street.

For more information, call Pastor Iris Ramiz at 503-309-8967.

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Human Rights Conference Set

Hunger and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights will be the subject of a Youth for Human Rights Conference on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. until noon at The Church of Scientology, 709 S.W. Salmon.

Guest speakers include Dr. Catherine Thomasson of Physicians for Social Responsibility and John Elizdale, director of the Northeast Emergency Food Program. Two cans of food donated as admission to the conference will go to the local food program.

For more information, contact Gwen Barnard at 503-228-0116.

Links Responds to Katrina Disaster

One of this nation's premier black women's organizations, The Links, Inc., took immediate action following the disaster of hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast.

Chapters throughout the United States are providing service in a number of ways and through a number of programs with people and other organizations of good will.

Board members of the group have developed a disaster relief plan that includes a relief fund, communicating with its membership, establishing command centers within the affected areas and coordinating local chapters of the organization.

These women are suffering with displacement, loss of homes and belongings and, in many cases, the death of loved-ones.