

RELIGION

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE *Spiritual life depends on the purposes we cherish.* — Charles Spurgeon

Obituary

Church Leader Remembered

Rev. James E. Cooke Sr.

A funeral was held Jan. 27 in Maranatha Church of God for the Rev. James E. Cooke Sr., who died Jan. 21, 2006 at the age 94.

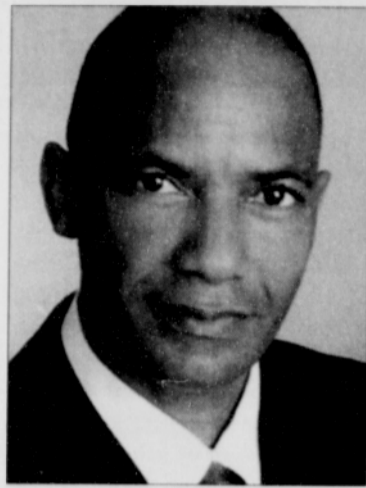
The Rev. Cooke was born Feb. 13, 1911, in Beaver Dam, Ky. He married Roberta Ealy in 1937; she died in 1983.

He was a coal miner in West Virginia before moving to Portland in 1962. He was a supervisor in Memorial Coliseum, and after retiring, became an ordained minister at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his daughters, Norma Millner, Gloria Brown, Naomi Wright, Carrie Watson, Mary Hamilton, Mabel Davis and Essie Johnson; sons, Harold, Lester and Anthony; 44 grandchildren; 51 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. His sons, the Rev. James Jr. and Hillard E. Sr. died earlier. Arrangements by Rose City Funeral Home.

'His Glory' Unites Area Churches

Conference brings music, seminars and worship



Bishop Tudor Bismark

Local residents and church members are invited to "His Glory Celebrated," a four-day conference uniting local faiths Tuesday, March 7 through Friday, March 10 at the Ramada Inn-Portland Airport.

The conference's theme is "Thy kingdom come Thy will be done". One of several featured speak-

ers, Apostle Levell Thomas, Senior Pastor of Portland's Cathedral of Praise World Outreach Ministries, said the purpose of the conference is to bring down walls of separation through diverse relationships, both racially and denominationally.

"God dwells in unity," Thomas said. "We want to find a nice distinction of diversity in worship."

All services will consist of life changing worship and praise, anointed musical guests and dynamic, spirit-filled speakers.

Conference speakers include Bishop Tudor Bismark, founder and overseer of Jabula-New Life Ministries International and Sr. Pastor of New Life Covenant

Church in Harare, Zimbabwe; Pastor Julia Neufeld of Kingdom Truth Ministries Association; and Apostle Thomas along with various others.

All are invited and welcome to come and experience supernatural transformation. Special day seminar sessions are offered on Friday, March 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Topics include The Apostle, Prophetic Ministry, Marketplace Evangelism, Intercessory Prayer and Spiritual Governments.

Services will be held nightly at 7 p.m.

The Ramada Inn Portland Airport is located at 6221 NE 82nd Ave., just off Columbia Boulevard. For more information, call 503-235-2127.

Dear Deanna!

I'm married but often go on weekend trips with my friends. My husband issued an ultimatum to adjust my schedule but I chose not to. He threatened me and said he would leave if I chose my friends instead of going with him to his family reunion. I went on my trip. When I returned, he was gone, the house was empty and utilities disconnected. He won't talk to me and now wants a divorce and I don't know what to do? --Tamara; Louisville, KY

Dear Tamara:

It's hard to imagine a girlie trip that's so good it would make you forsake your marriage, unless you're cheating. Perhaps your friends can give you a cozy couch to sleep on since you put them before your husband. Your decision was foolish, immature and disrespectful. Reach out to your husband and invite him to a friendly location for a huge apology, an explanation and much needed counseling to help with issues you both obviously have.

Dear Deanna!

I'm an older woman dating a younger man. Our relationship is happy and healthy but his mother has an issue because she and I are the same age. Her son is very mature, we get along well and everything is balanced. We're starting to have argu-

Ask Deanna!



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ments because his mother tries to interfere. We aren't going to make it unless he stops listening to his mother so much. How do I handle this? --Rose Mary; Dallas, TX

Dear Rose Mary:

You handle it by not robbing the cradle and date men your own age. This is still her baby boy and she's simply not willing to accept him being with someone her age. She may feel as if she's being disrespected, you're taking advantage of her son and most importantly, she's losing him. You and her son should work together and help her understand your re-

lationship, become friends and if she doesn't respond, then too bad and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My father is causing a lot of pain in my family. I made the decision to date and have interracial children. He calls my children horrible racial slurs and makes jokes about them to his friends. My family has now split against me because I choose not to go around my father or participate in things if he's around. Is there a friendly way to resolve this issue without causing more pain to my children and family? --Derrick J.; New York, NY

Dear Derrick:

Your father is a racist. He should realize that your children have his blood and he should be ashamed of himself. You're doing the right thing because no one including your family has the right to disrespect you or your children. To make a long story short, your father needs a good man-to-man visit from you. Firmly let him know you will not tolerate this behavior and if he wants to see you or the children he needs to stop this rudeness immediately.

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Gospel Music Workshop Sunday

The Portland and Vancouver Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America will present its first community event of 2005, a Pastor's Concert on Sunday, March 5 at 6 p.m. at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12th Ave.

The free concert will feature pastors of the Portland-Vancouver area and their groups, ensembles, and accompaniment.

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Church Hosts War Forum

State Rep. Chip Shields will hold a community forum about the war in Iraq on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Temple Church, 5123 N. Michigan Ave.

The local lawmaker will be joined by Rep. Paul Holvey whose son is currently serving in Iraq.

"We cannot let the debate subside," Shields said. "It is past time to bring our troops home."

Shields introduced a resolution in the past legislative session urging Congress and the President to develop a timeline and exit strategy for the war.

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