

'Easy Rider' Zooms Into Church Series

"Easy Rider" is the film that Peter Fonda shot on a low budget, and the proceeds will make him a millionaire before he's 30.

It's also a film that turns on the kids and often upsets their parents.

Briefly, the film tells the story of two youths (Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper) who board a pair of motorcycles and set out to discover America and their own identity.

One reviewer said that the

film equates identity with the freedom to "do your own thing" without regard to the establishment's mores.

"Easy Rider" will be discussed during the Feb. 15 meeting of the discussion group of St. Paul United Presbyterian Church of Livonia. The discussion begins at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

The Rev. Donald A. Drew, one of the church's three ministers, explained that the film discussion is part of a monthly program designed to consider contemporary films not only as art forms but also in the light of their relevance to contemporary society and the underlying moral questions they raise.

"Easy Rider" is the second film discussed by the group, which meets monthly. Rev. Drew said that it was picked in part "because of the excitement of the church's youth about the film."

Review Book

Mrs. Leo Keops will review the book, "The Godfather," by Mario Puzo during the Feb. 17 meeting of the Livonia Group of Hadassah. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Clifford (Anita) Rogers, 28840 Rockledge Drive in the Old Franklin Towne Subdivision of Farmington.

Church

IN RECITAL - Canadian organist Frederick Geoghegan will play varied music at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Livonia.

St. Paul Will Host Organist

Internationally-known organist Frederick Geoghegan will play a recital at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of Livonia.

The concert of popular, semi-classical and classical music will be held in the church sanctuary, 2475 Five Mile, and will be open to the public. There will be no admission charge, but a special offering will be taken.

Geoghegan, a native of England who moved to Canada in 1953, has played concerts for many members of the British royal family. He began his piano and organ studies at a very early age and was only nine years old when he became assistant church organist in his home town.

Following World War II, in which he served with the Royal Air Force, he concentrated on the organ, studying at the Royal Academy of Music under Sir William McKie, then organist of Westminster Abbey.

He graduated with honors as a recitalist and pursued a course of private study with Fernando German, organist of the Vatican in Rome.

Geoghegan, who made his first appearance at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church one year ago, is a member of the National Executive Council of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and a member of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

ECUMENICAL REFLECTIONS

"Ecumenical Reflections" is a column in which Observerland clergymen and lay leaders are invited to present their ideas on church and religious topics of general interest. Anyone interested is invited to participate. Contributions should be one to two pages of double-spaced typing and may be mailed to the Church Editor, Observer Newspapers, 271 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. Today's "Reflections" are written by the Rev. Lester Kinsolving, pastor of the Northwest Church of the Missionary Alliance, Farmington.

By REV. PAUL BERSCHKE
Northwest Church
Christians and Missionary Alliance

Love! Now there is a word that we all like! It gets thrown around a lot. Especially popular is the term "agape love." What does that mean?

Basically, there are three types of love. Physical, brotherly, and divine love, or agape. Man is only capable of the first two without the conscious existence of God living in his life.

The reason? Agape means seeking another's highest good. Man is too selfish to be able to do that on his own. Sin makes him willing to exploit any organization or person for his own selfish purposes. This is why agape-type love is impossible unless there is a

personal living relationship with God.

IT IS HARDLY worthwhile to talk about agape if one does not demonstrate that love in his life. Talk is cheap - men want evidence! The apostle Paul made it quite clear that without agape love everything else is futile and meaningless. Without it, eloquence in speeches, sacrifice for Biafra, working in the slums, "martyrdom" for peace, and even faith mean nothing at all. These are all hollow, transparent, and counterfeit if they are not mixed with agape.

Real Christianity involves performance! At the heart of it all the Lord's teaching is LOVE, but it is meaningless without performance. That

good is it to march for peace, or send thousands of dollars to Biafra when we can't get along with our own families or care for the needs of the poor who live next door? One who professes to love must let his life be a consistent demonstration of that love!

GOD DID just that. He demonstrated His love for man by sending Jesus to die for all men's sin on the cross. This agape love, expressed in person continues to provide man with the one possibility to break with his sin. By a simple act of faith in the power of God man can receive God's love into his life - a transplant - replacing human-level-love with divine-level-love. It is then that God's love is inherent in him. The power to perform with agape - no ulterior motive; just seeking another's highest good.

This is demonstrated in practical measure by expressions of love to those outside the home being consistent with those inside the home. God's love begins in the individual and spreads to those closest to him and then to those farther away.

Now that is a real demonstration of real agape love.

Religion Update

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

By LESTER KINSOLVING
On the outside, David Ben-Gurion's house appears modest but attractive. It is situated on the tree-lined Boulevard Karen Kayemet, only a block from the Mediterranean shore and is kept under constant police guard lest some Arab extremist attempt to assassinate this national symbol.

On the inside, the house is something else. The rooms are filled with books to the extent that it might be an outpost of the New York Public Library. Never have I seen so many books in a residence. I was admiring them when a door opened and I found myself face to face with this octogenarian founder of a nation.

Initially I was amazed—not by that face, at once powerful and benign, nor by those familiar tufts of white hair. It was that he was so much smaller than his photographs suggest. His size simply did not seem to go with the international stature this man has acquired in his long life.

DAVID BEN-GURION, on May 14, 1948, read the proclamation of independence that gave Jews their own nation for the first time in 2000 years. Now, 22 years later and at the age of 82, he still possesses an extraordinarily keen mind—as I learned when I asked permission to tape the interview.

"First, before you tape, tell me the questions you have in mind," he said, nodding at each question, in such manner as to suggest the intake action of a giant computer. It turned out that interviewing Ben-Gurion is like requesting a fortune cookie and receiving the Encyclopedia Britannica. Original questions are quickly lost as he roars off on fascinating tangents.

He revealed that it was a devout Christian who met him and Chaim Weizmann to form

the final plans for the State of Israel. "Orde Wingate had an enormous amount to do with the establishment of Israel," he was very much devoted to the Jewish Bible.

(Wingate, a British general, died during World War II at the head of Wingate's Raiders in Burma. He also trained the first units of the Palmach, the military arm of the Haganah, the underground Jewish government. "He was my great teacher," says Defense Minister Moshe Dayan.)

ISRAEL'S ELDER statesman also disclosed:

"When Nasser first appeared, I thought that this was the Arab Mustafa Kemal. He is not. He wants to be head of the entire Arab world and thinks he can be if he can destroy Israel."

"Russia was the first to recognize our right to be a state and it was Gromyko who made it possible for Abba Eban to be recognized by the United Nations. Truman was our first State Department man, not Roosevelt, who was never here, looked on his map and thought we were too small to exist."

"Our proclamation of independence provided freedom of religion—except in one way: marriage. We thought that this should be religious out of consideration to the Oriental Jews who came in after World War II. But I wouldn't do this again, because the rabbis abuse this. My daughter-in-law, an English girl, wanted to become Jewish at the time of the marriage, and they expected her to spend a whole year in study; they don't condemn me because I don't do it, but they do criticize me because I write on Shabbat."

"I consider the man who built Christianity was St. Paul—not Jesus, he was a Jew; Paul was the greatest Jewish

assimilator. I first read the New Testament in Greek and there is one letter—to the Corinthians—that ought to be read; it is the same thing, but most Christian Bibles translate the critical word 'church' instead of 'love.'"

AS TO HIS OWN religious beliefs, Ben-Gurion replied:

"I believe—I am certain—there is a God. I believe that matter and spirit are the same thing—which really means pantheism. There are many Jews who are pantheists. As far as I know, Spinoza was a pantheist."

"I don't know if there is an afterlife—I think there is. There is order in the world, so who made it? There may be creations a thousand times bigger and more sensible than human beings, but this is nothing to compare to God."

From this the conversation turned to Paul Ben-Gurion, who from all reports was near-perfection as wife, mother, housekeeper, personal accountant and everything else he needed as he concerned himself with the birth of a nation. Mrs. Ben-Gurion died only recently.

I believe I saw his eyes roil slightly and his voice softened, as he spoke of how very much she had meant to him... how he remembered her keeping when he left to join the British Army in World War I, how she had left New York to go with him to the Arab state. My daughter-in-law, an English girl, wanted to become Jewish at the time of the marriage, and they expected her to spend a whole year in study; they don't condemn me because I don't do it, but they do criticize me because I write on Shabbat."

While David Ben-Gurion acknowledged that there was no proof that there is an afterlife, there was little doubt that the possibility of reunion with such a woman is of utmost importance in his concept of the greatness of God.

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474-0875
J. W. Kinsolving, Pastor
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Sunday School and Bible Classes
9:45 a.m.

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5885 Venable Road at Becham Road
Pastor: Jack H. Gohmert, 427-2260. Pastorage: 427-2260. Church: 427-2260.
Rev. Paul H. Gohmert, Pastor
Worship: 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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39020 Five Mile Rd. between Newburg and Hagerty Roads
Office Phone 464-0211
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Worship, Church School and Nursery: 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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Worship and Sunday School: 9:45 and 11 a.m.

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Bible School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Training Union: 5:45 p.m.
Social Service: 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Family Night: 7:15 p.m.
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Worship Service: 11 a.m.
Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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Education Superintendent
Mr. G. Wright
Education Director
(Worship) Mr. Cline
The Rev. Earl Anderson
Nursery All Services

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Affiliated with Southern Baptist Convention
9431 Main Street, Plymouth
425-4782
The Rev. H. Thibault, Pastor
722-9789

SUNDAY
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union: 5:30 p.m.
Social Service: 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:30 p.m.

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32940 Schoolcraft
2 Blocks East of Farmington Road
422-3163
Rev. Glenn Clark, Pastor: 474-1079
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Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Worship Bible Study: 8 p.m.
A Christ-Centered Message For You
Dr. Ben W. Keller, Pastor
421-0832

Bethany Baptist Church of Livonia
36461 Five Mile Rd., 1/2 Mile West of Farmington Rd.
Sund. School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Worship Bible Study: 8 p.m.
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Tuesday Class 2 p.m.
New to Let God Help You
Wednesday Class 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Prayer Call Change Your Life

Organized Religion Is Topic

Rev. William Brewster, chaplain at Oakland University, will present the second in a series of sermons dealing with the topic, "Is Organized Religion Dying?" following the regular worship service of Temple Kol Ami (formerly the New Temple) Friday, Feb. 20.

His view of the question will reflect his personal experiences with students as they have analyzed their feelings toward the churches and pondered what changes they would wish to make in their home churches.

Kol Ami worship services are held in the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward. Under the guidance of Rabbi Ernst Conrad, several religious school students will conduct the worship service at 8:30 p.m.

Seniors Meet

The Senior Citizens of Grand River Baptist Church of Livonia will meet Feb. 27 in the church fellowship hall at 24500 West Six Mile Road. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the Stevenson High School band will present a program of band and instrumental numbers.

REVIVAL

Beginning February 15

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

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Services Nightly
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EVANGELIST
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Conference Is Planned For Former Marrieds

The special problems confronting men and women who have known the shattering experience of losing a mate may be explored at the second annual "Formerly Marrieds" Conference to be held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The day-long program will include a keynote address by Dr. Robert S. Drews, internationally-known pioneer in the field of psychodrama. A number of different workshops will be conducted by Detroiters prominent in the fields of education, law, religion, business and social service.

Originated a year ago by The Rev. Levon G. King, minister of education at Metropolitan Methodist, to help formerly marrieds make a creative and satisfying adjustment to life as a single, the conference is expected to draw some 300 people.

The conference last year was hailed as one of the first indications that the churches recognized the singular needs

of the widowed or divorced parent or adult, and that it was assuming its responsibility in helping to find solutions to their problems.

TWO WORKSHOPS titled "For Men Only," and "For Women Only," have been included in the program to help formerly married men and women deal with their separate problems in living apart and in maintaining a healthy relationship with their children.

Other workshop programs will cover such subjects as the legal concerns of being divorced, widowed, or remarried; the effective rearing of children in a one-parent home; sexual attitudes and behavior of today's single adult; and finding new goals and meaning in life for the formerly married.

Those interested in attending the conference are urged to register early in order to choose the workshop preferred.

GAITHER TRIO
(author of "He Touched Me")
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