

Religion Update

Rev. Lester Kinsolving's

Can you imagine Lil' Abner in the pulpit? Or a Lawrence Welk raised in Arkansas, as the emcee of a Holy Grand Ole Opry?

Well, 355 TV outlets - more than Johnny Carson or Oral Roberts - currently are filling the vast wasteland of idiot boxes with regular telecasts of the Rev. Rex Humbard.

Rev. Humbard is pastor of "The Cathedral of Tomorrow," a large and modern edifice with an average Sunday attendance of 6000, located in Cuyahoga Falls, near Akron. Of this vast assemblage, only six people (including Rex and wife Maude Almee), control the finances - which, to say the very least, are impressive.

Among the things purchased by the Cathedral have been: a four-engine jet plane, a TV station, an advertising agency, a restaurant, a girlie factory, an electronics firm, a TV videotaping studio which makes commercials, two Akron shopping centers, the tallest building in Ohio, an all-site on Michigan's Mackinac Island. "St. Paul made tents," retorts Humbard, in an analogy which is roughly like comparing J. Paul Getty with the grass-eating monkey at the local garage.

REV. HUMBARDD is also somehow able to solicit from his TV fans what Christianity Today Magazine reported as \$80,000 a week, to help pay for an estimated \$100,000 per week in TV bills.

"You can be a TV sponsor!" is the pitch made by the Rev. Wayne Jones, one of Humbard's 11 assistant pastors who are equipped with smiles that look as if they were painted on.

And so, with this exciting prospectus reinforced with assurances that the telecasting of "The Cathedral" is the most effective means of spreading the Gospel, his credulous devotees continue shelling out.

The great hordes of unsaved Americans (if they ever watch TV outside prime time, or if they wait even an instant before switching channels) are offered a preliminary of modern, pseudo - sanctified corn followed by the exhilarating presence of King Midas himself, a handsome, stocky fellow, who might be taken as a middle linebacker for the Razorbacks of his native Arkansas.

In short order, the TV audience realizes that Humbard is really a fundamentalist - despite his claims that "doctrine divides people," an "above-it-all" stance which is all too familiar. But his cathedral's published list of beliefs (doctrines) includes the Scriptures as "verbally inspired" as well as "Adam's sin is imputed to the whole race of men" and "everlasting punishment of the unsaved."

His SERMONS fearfully folksy - generally disorganized, frequently ungrammatical and laced with very tired jokes, amply illustrate one of his frequent lamentations: that he does not

Clothing Needed For Center

Some big, empty cartons are sitting in the Farmington garages of Mrs. James Batchelor and Mrs. Charles Schwartz.

If they can be filled soon it will make a big difference to a lot of inner city children and their mothers.

The two women, both members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic parish, are looking for used clothing to replace the suddenly-depleted stocks of the Sacred Heart Seminary Clothing Center they help operate.

"WE'RE DOWN to two pairs of trousers," Donna Batchelor reported, "and it's breaking our hearts to turn people away. Last week we had one mother who walked three miles for some things for her children, and we had nothing."

"We went out and found a resale shop for her—we couldn't let her go home empty-handed after all that walking."

Actually, it's the enormous success of the center in recent weeks that is bringing on the plea for help, Mrs. Batchelor explained, in telling the history of the project.



PLACE USED CLOTHING HERE. Mrs. Donna Batchelor (left) and Mrs. Pat Schwartz are saying to Observerland residents. They need contributions for the clothing center they help operate at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit. (Event photo)

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ROBERT E. JOHNSON

Robert Johnson Will Host Ex-Pastor To Preach

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The ordination will be conducted at the 10 a.m. worship service by the Rev. Walter Rutkowski.

After his ordination, Johnson will take up his duties as assistant pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Sloux Valley, and Bethel Lutheran Church, Round Lake, Minn.

He is married to the former Louise Prieb of Oak Lawn, Ill., a Lutheran school teacher. His sister, Mrs. Harold Hyland, lives in Farmington.

Three one-day "Kids' Krusades" are planned this summer by the Northwest Church, Christian and Missionary Alliance, 2811 W. 10 Mile, Farmington. All will be held at the church, with the first taking place today (July 15).

The others will be held Aug. 5 and 19. All will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Prodigal Family, a group of young people who have "returned" to the church, will give a concert in the parking lot of Evangelical Covenant Church, 24331 W. Eight Mile, Detroit, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21.

The group, sponsored by Youth Media, Inc., of Grand Rapids uses comedy, music and drama to impart their Christian message.

Dr. Johnson served the Plymouth church from 1959 to 1962. Following his retirement in 1963, he was a parish visitor for the First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor for a number of years.

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10th Service
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9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
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Joanna K. Smith, Associate Pastor

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Jones Will Join YES Crusade

Stephen Jones, a member of the Livonia Wesleyan Church on Farmington Road, has been appointed to a team of young people called the YES Corps, which will work in Corpus Christi and Dallas, Texas, this summer.

Stephen is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, who live at 15566 Burt Road, Detroit. He is a student at Redford High School.

The YES Corps is composed of young people over 16 years of age and older who offer themselves to the church on a "pay-to-serve" basis for short-term missionary service in the U.S. and overseas. As a team member, Stephen will be responsible for his own cost of travel and from the crusade as well as incidental expenses while there.

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