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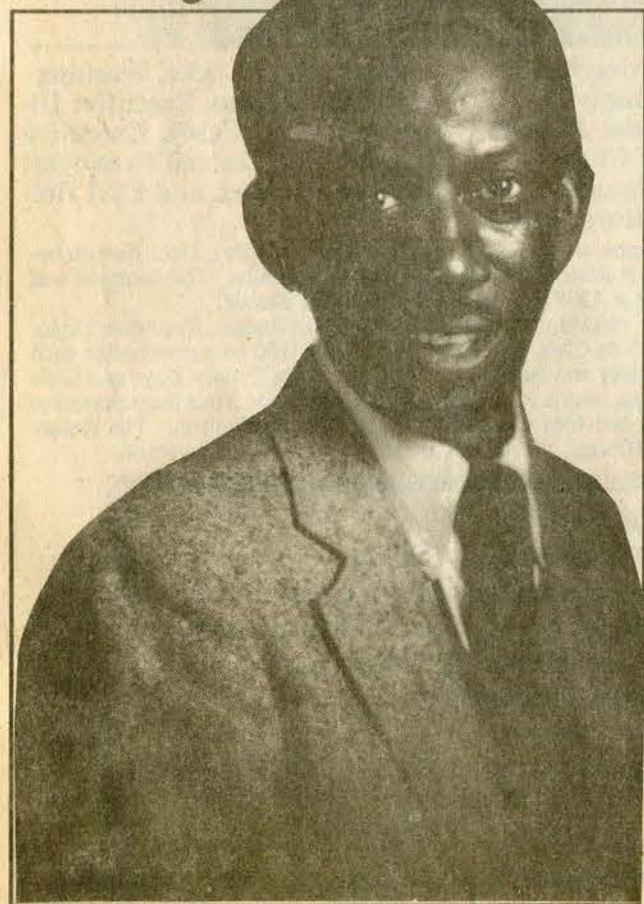
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Well Known Seattle Music Teacher Passes Away



In Loving Memory Of Ira Lee Lewis Jones,

Ira Lee Lewis Jones, the third son and youngest child of Robert F. Jones and Addie Mobley Jones was born in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

At the age of 10 he accepted Christ as his savior and united with the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Hattiesburg, Mississippi pastored by the Reverend E.L. Jones. A singer since the age of four, he sang in the Junior Choir and became director of the youth choir at the age of 16.

After receiving his early education at Eureka High School, in Hattiesburg, he was drafted into the Army where he served briefly, with distinction in Kentucky, Michigan, France, Belgium and Germany. Upon his discharge from the Military, he moved to Seattle in 1946. He attended the University of Washington, where he received his undergraduate degree in 1950; his Master's degree in Vocal Performance in 1952; and his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Musical Conducting in 1986. Dr. Jones continued to pursue his Post Graduate Studies at Meadowbrook School of Music, in Detroit, Michigan and conducted Masters classes in French and German Diction.

Dr. Jones united with Mount Zion Baptist Church of Seattle under the leadership of the Reverend F. Benjamin Davis, where for many years, he sang in the Senior Choir and served as director of the Youth Choir. Thereafter, he was assistant Choral Director and Tenor soloist at the University Presbyterian Church and Blessed Sacrament Church. A tenor soloist of some renown, he gave concerts throughout Western Washington, Canada and Oregon. In later years he was founder and director of the "Chorale Da Chamber Choir" and the "Cantata Singers" of Seattle.

He was an active member of the Seattle Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, National Association of Teachers of Singers, National Opera Association and College Music Society.

Dr. Jones enjoyed an extensive professional career as a public school teacher at the George Washington Jr. High School Professor of Voice and Choral Music at Seattle University and Professor of Studio Voice at Cornish College of Arts. After his retirement from public service, Dr. Jones maintained a private Music Studio where he taught singing in English, German, French and Italian.

In 1953, he was married to Kathryn Brown Jones of Chicago. To this union, a son was born, Robert F. Jones III. In addition to his son, he is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Addie Jones Barrett and Ernest Barrett; one sister-in-law, Laura Brown Hyde; one brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Leon C. Jones and Ruby Brown Jones; a host of devoted nieces and nephews great nieces and great great nephews, cousins and many other relatives and friends. Dr. Jones departed this life, December 6, 1993. He will be missed.

The Story About Christmas

Christmas is giving regardless of the size of the gift. Gifts also have a deep, religious meaning. It is a reminder of the birth of Christ, God's gift to mankind. When Christ was born in Bethlehem, the three kings came to worship Him in a manger. They brought Him treasured gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts were special tributes to Him.

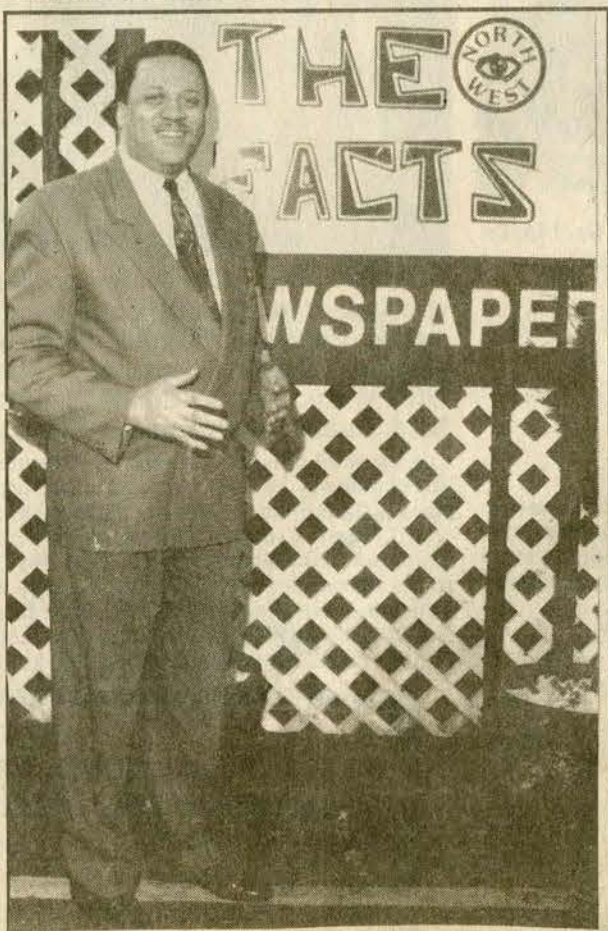
Several centuries after the birth of Christ, we began celebrating Christmas by giving gifts. The poor exchanged trinkets and entertained each other with songs, parties and plays.

The old plantations of the American south had a game called Christmas "Gif" developed among the slaves and soon became popular all over the plantation. When two persons met up with each other the first one to say Christmas Gif received a small gift from the other person. In North America we usually place our gifts under the tree and open them on Christmas day. Some place their presents in stockings hanging on the fireplace. Saint Nicholas was a king man who came riding through town on his white horse looking for the house of the nobleman and his daughters. He found the house and threw bags down the chimney so that they landed in the stockings of the three daughters who had hung their stockings up.

Children all over the world hung up stockings or put up trees, etc., so St. Nicholas or another giftgiver made it a tradition to give. On Christmas, Christ's birthday, let us all remember, "the real reason for the season - the birth of Jesus Christ."

The most wonderful gift at Christmas is giving. If everyone would love one another the world would be a better place to live in for children, young and old. We should all love one another, that would be the best Christmas gift we could ever have.

REV. RONALD WILSON VISITS RELATIVES AT THE FACTS



Hello Sensational Seattle! I have enjoyed my stay here. I was treated royally by everyone, especially my relatives the Finisters. My prayer is that they and you the reader will experience God's richest and best blessings in your lives.

I want to thank Mt. Calvary Christian Center COGIC, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Rosehill Baptist Church and New Covenant Christian Center for opening their heads, hearts and houses for my sharing the Word of God with them. You all were a blessing to me and I pray I was a blessing to you. I am glad I got to share with the respective pastors of those congregations: Pastor Reggie Witherspoon, Pastor Robert Manaway, Pastor Shelby Tate, and Pastor Tony Morris. These are men of God moving on the cutting edge of Gospel ministry for the nineties.

Earlier this summer I had the opportunity to preach and share with Pastor Samuel McKinney and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church as well as Pastor Dwight Matthews and the Greater Mt. Baker Baptist Church. Seattle is blessed to have these great men and their congregations in this city.

Since I am in full time traveling ministry I expect to visit this city more in '94. For over 26 months I have been traveling across the country and in the Bahamas encouraging people to Praise the Lord. The more you praise Him - the more you raise Him! When praises go up not only blessings come down but pride comes down, selfishness comes down, wickedness comes down, hatred comes down, confusion comes down, depression comes down, and ignorance comes down.

Before I sign off let me give four tips (To Insure Prosperity Surely) to having MORE IN '94.

1. Know that it is God's will for you (yes, you) to have more in '94. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." He said, "It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

2. Develop the lifestyle of a giver. The wisdom writer said in Proverbs, "He that waters shall be watered himself."

3. Trust the leading of God's Spirit. The prophet Isaiah said, "It is the Lord God that teaches you to profit." The psalmist said when you walk not in the counsel of the ungodly nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful but delight yourself in the Lord you shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water and your leaf won't wither and whatever you do will prosper.

4. Finally, work like everything depends on you and pray like everything depends on God. The book of Proverbs says, "The hand of the diligent makes me rich." My friend that works in you are working for a corporation or your own company you, live! Jesus said, "Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door will be open." THAT'S FOR REAL!!!

So I'm wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year! Take some risks in '94 for even a turtle must stick its neck out in order to get ahead.

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(Eugene, Renee, Michael)

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Once you've tried us you'll leave the rest in peace. Happy Holidays! See advertisement pg 2

SEASON'S GREETINGS JESUS: MAN FOR ALL TIMES

It seemed neither the time nor the place for the birth of a Messiah who was to preach a doctrine of love.

When Jesus was born, about 5 B.C. Palestine was a troublesome Oman province in the back wash of the empire. It was worn down by poverty, internal strife, cruelty, high taxes, and a tyrannical ruler, Herod, King of the Jews but a puppet of the Romans. General discontent simmered in the country.

The zealous were talking revolution in the hills. Greek philosophy was infecting the Jewish religion. Greek and Roman cultures were draining young people away from the faith of their fathers.

The Jewish religion itself, the Faith in which Jesus grew up in, was torn by a bitter rivalry among various sects. The pharisees wanted to purify faith by relentless obedience to all the Scriptural laws, the Sadducees.

A more liberal sect consisting largely of priests and some of the rich upper class: Essenes, the sect we know today through the Dead Sea Scrolls, a group who withdrew from ordinary life to attain higher spirituality. The Samaritans were a mixed group hated by most Jews.

They were descendants by intermarriage between colonists from the Assyrian invasion of 721 a.c.

Israelites of the northern kingdom pharisees considered them unclean.

Jews expected the Messiah to come as foretold in the writings of Isaiah, Micah and others. They were hardly prepared for a Messiah like Jesus. Many expecting a god like warrior who would help them throw off the Roman rule. They were not expecting a traveling man who spoke with Pharisees and Samaritans, with rich and poor. They were not expecting a carpenter's son turned teacher.

Most people in Palestine knew nothing of the birth of Jesus. Some wise men from the east knew. Luke tells us how an angel appeared to them in the night and told them that a Savior was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, they would find the baby lying in a manger.

After they had seen the Christ child lying in a manger. After they had seen the Christ child the shepherds ran to tell others what had happened.

Neither Mark nor John records the miraculous birth, Matthew and Luke differ, but they agree Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary by the Holy Ghost.

So let us tell the story, to young and old about Jesus - the man of all times a carpenter not a house builder but a craftsman who made plows, yokes, farming tools, doors, lattice, windows, household furniture, carpentry, manual labor, felling trees, transporting logs, finishing lumber. He watched the family's sheep. He even watched those sheep of his neighbor's. So let us love one another. See what is sweet about the man Jesus. Some of his disciples were wealthy, most were poor. Lay not up for yourself treasures upon earth. Remember Jesus excused no one from personal responsibility. Jesus taught all men are sinners that break God's law. God in his love forgives you if you will only trust and obey the miracles he performed. Jesus, a youth, he probably took his turn watching the family's sheep and those of his neighbors. This Christmas of 1993 may we look for the lost sheep, pray with them, tell them about this great birthday, and why it means so much. Not with gifts, overeating, drinking, etc., but about the love of Jesus. To all the people and families that keep me in the beauty salon thirty-one years, May God Bless and Keep You. Love, Lula Hubbard

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From the Beaver Family sk



At Christmas all over the world, it is a time for caring and sharing the joy Christmas brings to everyone. It is time for giving and receiving. The needy should receive at least basics at this time, and an assurance of help in the future. It is a time for trading; if we each help others willingly, it can be a time of personal joy.

Jesus is warning us that our society needs to change. Could the earthquakes, floods, fires, plane crashes, and shootings be our early warning?? I feel it's time to begin to pray anew, to be kinder to our fellow man, to reach out a helping hand. Let us not be judgmental, but instead reach out and touch someone in a loving, giving way. Let us remember the starving and dying in Somalia and make a concerted effort to come to their aid. I believe this is God's will. I think He is telling us of our need to improve our day-to-day way of life. I believe God is tired of the way we citizens are living.

At Christmas we remember the baby Jesus and think of the world our babies are coming into. Many families feel pain this Christmas season from a loved one taken too soon from them. We at the FACTS see this pain as we write obituary after obituary, and know that it must end somehow - the violence against our children must be stopped.

Let us beat all weapons into plowshares, let us stop the needless killings, let us begin or continue to share our portions with others and pray, pray, pray without ceasing for the loving arm of Jesus to hold us up.

A Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year to All!!!

Sincerely,
Marla, Elizabeth, LaVonne,
and Dennis Beaver

THE FACTS WISHES YOU A SAFE AND PEACEFUL HOLIDAY