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NEWS

Preacher Guilty In Child-sex Case

October 21, 1989 | By Mack Reed, Special to The Inquirer

A Delaware Superior Court jury found the Rev. William J. Keichline Sr. guilty yesterday of all charges of sexually assaulting a 10-year-old girl, crimes that are likely to put him in jail for life. As jurors announced the verdict, Keichline, 52, of Glasgow, Del., remained calm, as he had throughout the girl's accusations in court and during his own testimony under heated cross-examination by Deputy Attorney General Rosemary Killian. The girl, now 11 years old, testified that the born-again former cable TV preacher molested her about 50 times between 1985 and 1988, raping her on about half of those occasions, beginning when she was 7. She testified that he had threatened to evict her family from the house he rented to them if she ever told anyone of the assaults.



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NEWS

West Philly Preacher To Lead Baptists

September 10, 1999 | by Ron Goldwyn, Daily News Staff Writer

The Rev. William J. Shaw, the West Philadelphia Baptist preacher who campaigned nationwide to restore integrity and spirituality to the scandal-rocked National Baptist Convention USA Inc., is now its president. Shaw, 65, defeated 10 other candidates in Tampa, Fla., last night for a five-year term to head of one of the nation's largest black religious organizations. He has served as pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, 53rd and Chestnut streets, for 43 years. Now that church is likely to become a beehive of activity - while the National Baptists maintain headquarters in Nashville, the president has customarily based operations at his home church.

NEWS

Rev. Robert E. Glover, 'Hoodlum Preacher'

April 14, 1994 | By Andy Wallace, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Robert E. Glover Sr., 58, the fearless "hoodlum preacher" who visited bars, speakeasies and drug houses in North Philadelphia to spread the gospel, died Saturday at Chestnut Hill Hospital. "He would go into places that most people wouldn't go into," said his wife, Rita. "He identified with those people and felt comfortable there. " The reason, she said, was that Mr. Glover was born in North Philadelphia near the Richard Allen Homes, grew up there and, while a teenager, was a gang member.

NEWS

The Rev. T. E. Rogers, 88, An Augustinian Preacher

October 19, 1994 | By Barbara J. Richberg, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

The Rev. Thomas E. Rogers, 88, an apostolate with the Augustinian Mission Band who was well known on the East Coast for his preaching and was an associate pastor at area churches, died Monday at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Father Rogers was born in Philadelphia. He was received into the novitiate of the Augustinians in 1925 after graduating from the Augustinian Academy on Staten Island, N.Y. He professed temporary vows in August 1926 and final vows in August 1929. In 1930, he graduated from Villanova University with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy, and began theological studies at the Augustinian College in

Washington.

NEWS

Spreading the Good Word in the Badlands With a new grant, a preacher has great hopes. Preacher works to bring hope to the Badlands

June 21, 2001 | By David O'Reilly INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

"Who is first in your life?" the man in the trash-strewn West Kensington vacant lot wants to know. "Career? Money? Relationships?" he asks. Dusk is falling over the corner of Kip Street and Indiana Avenue. About 45 men, women and children, mostly Latino, watch and listen. Some already know the Rev. Luis Centeno, who has "saved" them or a relative from drugs or sin or despair; many belong to Bethel Temple Church a few blocks away on Allegheny Avenue, where he is pastor.

NEWS

Preacher Leaves Legacy Of Charisma Mother Bentley Led Them To Value Prayer.

July 10, 1995 | By David O'Reilly, INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Bernice Bentley went home last week after 90 years on Earth. To her family and neighbors, there is no doubt where home is. "She was a God-sent person - definitely a woman of God," recalled Ruthie Thomas, a woman who turned - like many others in this Strawberry Mansion neighborhood - to the white-haired woman known as Mother Bentley. God listened when Mother Bentley prayed, they say. And God healed miraculously when Mother Bentley laid her hands on the sick, they say. People in the neighborhood addressed her as "Mother" or "Elder."

NEWS

Savior Or Satan? Preacher Drummond Surrounded By Controversy

August 27, 1986 | By KIT KONOLIGE, Daily News Staff Writer

Rhonda Hyrne vividly remembers the day when she had had enough of the "torture." It was July 24, 1984. When they were married right out of high school in Cincinnati, she had willingly followed her husband, Gary, to Bible college in small-town Missouri. And after he became a follower of a young South Africa-born preacher named Frederick A. Drummond, whom he met there, she had gone along on a motor caravan to Concordville, Delaware County, trusting in God to provide a home and a job. But, she says, she became increasingly apprehensive about Gary's new personality - which she attributes to his deep involvement in the congregation Drummond eventually renamed the Church of Our Saviour.

NEWS

A Fugitive Preacher Leaves Trail Of Bad Faith

January 22, 1998 | By Christine Bahls and Larry King, FOR THE INQUIRER

The new tenants arrived with fine furniture, big cars, high-end stereos and clothes, clothes, clothes. Neighbors on Rittenhouse Boulevard in West Norriton watched the procession into the luxe stone-front home (four bedrooms, custom marble work, Jacuzzi) and figured the renters were rich. Entertainers, probably. Movie stars, maybe. Not even close. They were church folks, members of a fledgling Philadelphia congregation called Rehoboth Ministries. In charge was a forceful, 250-pound preacher with sequined dresses, towering hair, lofty ambitions - and a shaky relationship with the Eighth Commandment: Thou shalt not steal.

NEWS

Preacher gets fine, probation His evangelical pitch to tourists outside the Liberty Bell was in a restricted zone.

June 14, 2008 | By Emilie Lounsberry INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

An evangelical preacher who expressed his religious views to tourists outside the Liberty Bell Center in October was placed on one year's probation yesterday for refusing to move from a sidewalk where demonstrations are not permitted. Michael Marcavage of Lansdowne is founder of Repent America, which describes itself as an evangelistic group dedicated to "reaching the lost" by "declaring the word of God" in the community. U.S. Magistrate Judge Arnold Rapoport found Marcavage guilty of two minor offenses, ordered him to pay a \$420 fine, and told him to notify the U.S. Park Service and get a permit if he planned to return to the park, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Goldberg.

NEWS

No foul play in drowning of preacher Police said the Rev. Evans L. Harris' death in the Delaware River was accidental.

June 28, 2005 | By Joel Bewley INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

No foul play was involved in the drowning of a Burlington City preacher, whose body was found by a Bensalem fisherman in the Delaware River on Sunday, police said yesterday. The Rev. Evans L. Harris, 47, disappeared Thursday night. His car was found the next day under the Burlington-Bristol Bridge, where it had hit a concrete support. "At this time there is no reason to believe the death was other than accidental," Burlington City Police Chief John Lazzarotti said. Bucks County Coroner Joseph Campbell said the crash had not injured Harris.

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