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Jesus loves you when you donate, dear

TV preachers save money, not souls

Nothing is more uplifting and inspirnice of those screen preachers to his lovely wife, Tammy Faye. spread the word of God to all the sinful scumbags of TV land?

preachers live off the donations they receive?

1 love Christian TV programs they're the funniest farces on the tube. Forget "The Cosby Show" and "Miami Vice." Shows like "The PTL Club" are imbued with more humor, suspense and drama than any of their secular contenders.

Gospel Hour," as well as touching tour rine to her rouge-caked cheek and Tammy asked an 80-year-old inmate, de forces with Billy Graham and Oral Roberts, but "The PTL Club" tops them all



An entire PTL Christian network on cable is dedicated to saving salacious souls and horrid heathens from Satan

PTL is an acronym for "Praise the million souls with millions of dollars to and send portions of their Social Secur- a church, and they think of these proing than Christian television. Isn't it Lord." Its founders are Jim Bakker and donate.

switch your cable converter to the a mini-city called Heritage USA that Isn't it even nicer that many of those channel on the left and you can meet sports a multi-million dollar luxury these two fine, upstanding Americans. hotel made with marble. It was con-You'll be rocked immediately by a wave structed as a temple for "God's Love," of inspiration or regurgitation.

Tammy Faye, a cross between Charo and a toy poodle, will cause your sudden hysteria. She'll win you over with lashes and every cosmetic available. derers. There's Jerry Falwell's "Old Time When she splashes a trickle of glycecries, "We're gonna move that mountain of sin! Accept the Lord into your heart He loves you, sweethearts. He 1942, sweetheart," the granny replied, does!" call the 800 number on the glaring at Tammy. screen and give generously. Don't be tightwads, you sinners - Tammy needs pay for wigs, vats of foundation and eyelash adhesive.

The Bakkers were recently on "Good Morning America," telling everyone across the screen. about their financial woes. It seems enough to keep the PTL Christian Net-

Poor Jim and Tammy do such great, If MTV ever begins to bore you, just benevolent things. They recently built of course.

And Tammy, bless her eyelashes, is went to a women's prison to distribute her face, a corroded display of glyce- Bibles, God's love and her glycerine

"What are you in for, sweetheart?" giving her a Bible and a loving kiss.

"I murdered a family of six back in

"Oh, you poor dear!" Tammy sobbed, prying her eyelashes apart. "We'll move your dollars to save souls - and also to that mountain of sin and save you from Satan. Jesus loves you, honey - He does! Bow your head, dear."

Suddenly, the 800 number flashed

The inmates were thrilled that that generous grannies' dollars aren't Tammy showed up to save them and show the virtues of God's love. I'm sure

ity checks to PTL.

These evangelists are good for a laugh, but they are a dangerous breed. What they preach is hardly "God's love" or evangelism.

TV evangelists are hardly representatives of religion. Truly religious people practice their beliefs in churches, and their devotions are formed through such a caring person. Why, she once many years of religious socialization and orientation. Few people with any semblance of a brain are going to be rine tears, tarantula-like false eye- tears to convicted hookers and mur- converted by some heavily made-up pseudo-preacher on TV.

grams as a substitute.

The "religion" these shows purportedly represent is grotesquely fundamentalist. People like the Bakkers often display their right-wing disdain of Jews, gays and liberals, and they are killing off TV evangelism because of this. A group of New York City residents recently petitioned to get "PTL" off the air on Big Apple stations. They succeeded because of the large Jewish and gay populations in Manhattan.

The rest of the country evidently is Numerous shut-ins probably watch starting to feel the same way, since these shows because they can't attend some of these shows are going under.

Ethnic entertainment scheduled for tonight

An "International Night" featuring entertainment, food and a slide show will be today at 6 p.m. at Cornhusker Co-op, 705 N. 23rd St.

An all-you-can-eat dinner will feature dishes from the Middle East, Greece, China and Malaysia.

Entertainment will include folk and belly dancing, a karate demonstration comedy and poetry reading.

Tickets for the event are on sale today at a booth in the Nebraska Union for \$5. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

