

Tid Bits for Living

By REV. T.L. STRAYHAND

Those who live in sections of the world where it normally snows at Christmas time feel that they can depend on the snow at that time of the year. Yet, because we cannot control the weather we know that even these people cannot always say it is Christmas because it snows. Those of us who live in the part of the world where it is normally cold or rainy in the winter expect this type of weather at Christmas time. Yet, we know we cannot say it is Christmas just because it is cold or rainy. I have celebrated Christmas in a part of the world where the temperature was in the seventies and eighties and there was no rain nor snow. What makes it Christmas?

Two little children were decorating the Christmas tree and discussing the joys they experienced at Christmas time. The

little boy said, "I wish I had been born on Christmas day like Jesus then everybody would be celebrating my birthday." The little girl reminded him that Jesus was born on an ordinary day but because he was born on that ordinary day is why we celebrate it now as Christmas Day. It became Christmas day after his birth and not before.

It is not the weather, the decorations, the toys, the gifts, nor the season of the year that makes it Christmas. It is the birth of Jesus. The little boy and girl went on to discuss the fact that some people do not have Christmas. The philosophy of the little girl was most wise as she answered this question by saying, "People everywhere could have Christmas when Jesus lives in their hearts, he makes it Christmas."

Gift Suggestions

A gift subscription of the Portland Observer for members of the family and is a Christmas gift for year round mind jogging excitement and enjoyment can be given for the price of \$5.00

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Choir Set Musical

Sunday evening 8:00 p.m. The Cathedral Choir of Bethel A.M.E. Church under the direction of Tim Stafford will present a musical.

The New Soul Beat, a supplementary hymnal is under study and hopefully to be published by the congregation. The new hymnal will add contemporary music, Anthems, Spirituals, and Gospel Music and the New Soul Beat is a "First Cut" of collecting the music of our own age for church use.

Mina Temple Breakfast

Mina Temple #68 & Daughter of Issis is sponsoring a breakfast for the Masonic family children Saturday Dec. 19th at 116 N.E. Russell Masonic Temple. We are asking all children to be at the hall by 10:00 p.m. Baskets will be distributed to needy families in the community.

Thomas Shelby, Potentate
Mrs. Joe Person,
Imperial Commandres

Project Equality

Project Equality, a church-based program set up to effect equal employment opportunities for minority persons, opened an office today in the Interchurch Center, 0245 SW Bancroft.

The project aims to put the buying power of churches to work to help combat patterns of discrimination in employment, according to Derek Mills, Northwest Regional Director. Participating churches, schools, hospitals, and related institutions committed to the project will ask for a new purchasing specification from all suppliers of goods and services - equal opportunity in all aspects of employment.

The Portland Project Equality office is the nineteenth to open in the United States in six years. All offices offer technical assistance to firms which agree to set up affirmative action programs.

Mary Ann Buchanan has been named associate project director to head the Portland office.

St. Mark Baptist Church

103 N.E. Morris St.

Rev. E.C. Wilder, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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1222 N.E. Skidmore
Phone 288-3700 - 4035

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Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.
Hour Power - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
Friday-Youth-O-Rama 7:30 P.M.



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109 N. Skidmore Street Phone 287-4774

Reverend L.J. Thompson, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
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806 N.E. ALBERTA 281-4429 PORTLAND, OREGON 97211
REV. BERTRAM GRIFFIN REV. GORDON L. DICKEY

Masses: 9:00 am Hymns 10:30 am Choir
12:00 pm Folk Mass

ALLEN TEMPLE CME CHURCH

Corner of 8th Ave and Skidmore

S.S. 9:30 A.M. Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M.

Christian Youth Fellowship 6:00 P.M. (2nd and Fourth Sundays)
Rev. Thomas Strayhand, minister

Highland United Church of Christ

Highland Community Center

4635 N.E. 9th Avenue Phone 284-5480

Rev. Samuel Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Breakfast 8:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

ST. PAUL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

2859 N.E. Rodney Bishop J.C. Foster, Minister Phone 287-7998

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service 12:00 Noon
YPWW 6:30 P.M.
Evening Worship - Sunday, Tuesday, Friday 8:00 P.M.

The Friendly Church - You are only a Stranger once

Mallory Avenue Christian Church

126 N.E. Alberta

Rev. Dale A. Stitt, Pastor

Church School 9:45 A.M. Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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United Methodist

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5828 N.E. 8th 288-5429

A. Lee Henderson, Minister

Ellis Casson, Associate Minister

Church School 9:30 A.M.

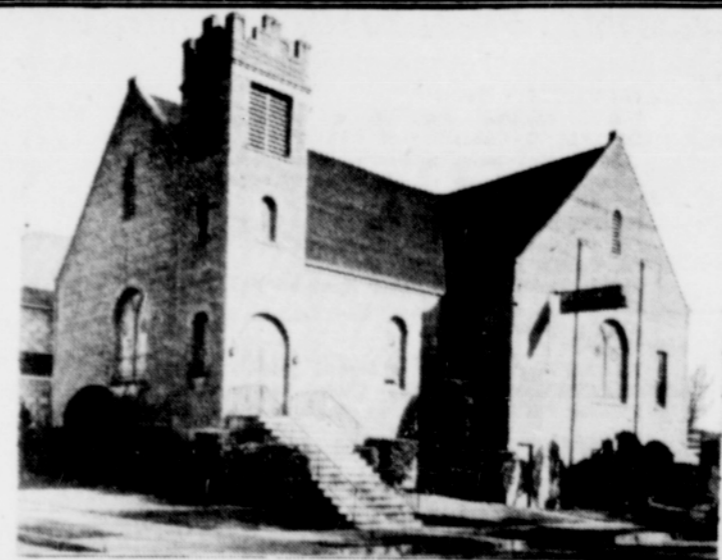
Morning Worship 10:45 A.M.

Wed. Noon - The Hour of Power 12:00 NOON

Wed. Prayer & Class Meeting 7:00 P.M.

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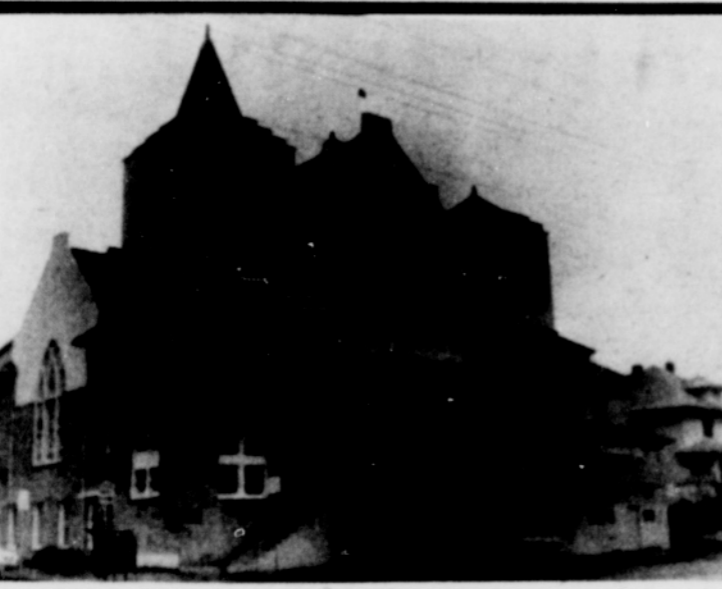
Rev. John H. Jackson
Minister

Phone 284-1954

N.E. First and Schuyler
Portland, Ore.

Sunday School 9 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Vesper 5 p.m.

Let us enter to worship and depart to serve.



Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church

3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

Phone 282-9496

Sunday School 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

Dr. O.B. Williams, Pastor

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