

Friends hosts youth programs

by Nathaniel Scott

There is a site in North Portland that has housed a church since 1912 and 12 years ago a program was started in the church that continues today: dispensing to the needy.

Piedmont Friends Church, a Quaker background church at 5736 N. Albina Avenue, has a youth-oriented program that began 12 years ago as a babysitting program and presently serves 125 youths from three-year-olds up through high school on an operating budget of \$53,000.

The pastor and executive director of Piedmont's Friends for Kids program, Aaron Hamlin, a native of Oberlin, Ohio, and pastor of the church for the past year, said, "The community saw kids whose parents were not at home and provided food and shelter for the kids until the parents got home. We continued the program...only a little different."

The difference is the development of crafts, teaching programs, training in cooking and sewing, character building, camps and day and weekend retreats.

The program also operates as somewhat of an inservice training program.

"After the high schoolers complete the program, they become staff people," Hamlin said. "We have nine high school staff mem-

bers—a director and an assistant director."

Hamlin, who works for the National Black Evangelical Association, said, "We had a concern for churches in the inner urban community that are not being utilized and providing the services that we feel are needed."

He said that they are teaching about the Word of God—but it is not mandatory to become affiliated with the church. "It is an open program—an outreach to the community. We feel that the church has to be involved in the community," he said.

According to Hamlin, there is not enough Black involvement. "We don't have enough Black tutors—teacher involvement from the community (predominantly white involvement)," he said. "...the Black church has always been the center (rallying point for Blacks) during crises."

Two-thirds of the program's budget is derived from the church and the other third from the Quakers in Newberg, Oregon. The program dispenses to the needy through such measures as: tutoring, food and clothing, recreation—the Piedmont basketball team; karate lessons; an upcoming alcohol program that's slated to start in November and, "We would like to develop a health clinic," Hamlin



REV. AARON HAMLIN

said.

The bottom line is people involvement and money—money to continue a charitable contribution that began 12 years ago and people to dispense the dispensible charitable contributions.

Church role in El Salvador discussed

Jesus Nieto, a Catholic priest and an official representative of the Council of Christian Base Communities of El Salvador, will discuss the role of Christians in the liberation movement in his country on Sunday, October 18, at 3 pm, at Immaculate Heart Church, 2926 N. Williams Avenue.

Nieto will also discuss his per-

sonal experiences while working in refugee camps in Honduras and the role of the Christian Base Communities, a network of religious groups that focus on prayer and political action.

A native of El Salvador and diocesan priest, Nieto has worked for 13 years in rural parishes throughout El Salvador and was involved in

the formation of the Council of Christian Base Communities.

While working during the last few months in refugee camps, Nieto witnessed and personally experienced repression at the hands of government officials.

His visit is sponsored by the Portland Religious Community Concerned About El Salvador.

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Jordan speaks to Allen Temple

The lay department of the Allen Temple C.M.E. Church will sponsor its annual Lay Program, October 18, 1981 at 3:00 pm.

The theme for this much-awaited occasion is "Laymen of the '80s."

In keeping with this theme, the lay department has chosen a person who has been a faithful lay member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church for many years to be key speaker for the program—Charles Jordan, City Commissioner of Public Safety.

The outstanding and respectable Commissioner Jordan is a representative of city, community and church.

In city government, he was the first director of Portland's Bureau of Human Resources and served as Director of the Portland Model Cities Program. He previously was assistant to the City Manager in Palm Springs, California.

Presently he administers the Bureau of Parks, Office of Neighborhood Associations, the Bureau of Risk Management, the Portland International Raceway and the

city/county Justice Center.

He is currently serving his third term in office, a total of 8 years of public service.

A graduate of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., he received a B.S. in Sociology. Jordan's post-graduate work includes studies at Loma Linda University and the University of Southern California in secondary education and public administration.

Married with two children, Charles is an active layman and member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church. He has served as Sunday School teacher, steward and usher.

With these experiences, it is easy to understand why he is just as at home in the pulpit as he is in City Hall.

Walter Mitchell, Chairperson for Laymen's Dept. and Rev. J. L. Strahhand, pastor, invites the public to participate in this special occasion. Music will be provided by the Lay Dept. of Allen Temple located on the corner of 8th and Skidmore.



CHARLES JORDAN

Prison Ministries holds rally

Prison Ministries, Inc., will hold a rally on October 18th at 3:00 pm at Warner Pacific College. According to Director Reverend John Parker, testimonials will be given by Jeffrey Calhoun and Lonny Weissenbuehler. Music will be provided by Dave Staigle, Odessa Mangum, Wanda Warren, Vivian Parker, Elizabeth Wilkes, Richard Probasco, Greg Favorel and Gerutha Favorel.

Speakers are: Don Clark, County Executive; Dr. Marshall Christianson, president of Warner Pacific College; and Chaplain John Parker.

Refreshments will follow. The college is located at 2219 SE 68th Avenue.

vice.

The guest speaker will be Attorney Derick Bell, Dean of Law at the University of Oregon Law School.

The Church is located at 116 N.E. Schuyler.

Prayer, 348 N. Fremont. Evangelist Denny will visit St. Paul Church, 2859 N.E. Rodney, on Saturday, October 17th at 2:00 pm and 7:30 pm.

Evangelist Denny is National Field Representative of the Church of God in Christ Mission Department.

Mt. Olivet hosts Derick Bell

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Rev. John H. Jackson, Minister; Mr. Earnest Moore, Chairman; and Mr. Leo Thornton, Co-chairman. Men's day will be held Sunday, October 18th at 11:00 A.M. Worship Ser-

San Diego evangelist speaks

Evangelist J.W. Denny of San Diego, California, will appear in Portland this week.

He will be at Greater Mt. Calvary Church, 13th and N.E. Killingsworth on October 15th at 7:30 pm.

On October 16th, at 7:30 pm, he will be at Open Door House of

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From the Front Door

From the Front Door, at about 11:10 pm, Friday, October 2, 1981. Mr. George H. Baldwin, President of BALDWIN SANITATION INC. lost his life in an auto accident. I believe that the ideas of Mr. Baldwin should be passed on to our young citizens.

Mr. Baldwin's ideas were based upon HONESTY, SIMPLICITY, and HARD WORK, and on this base he built BALDWIN'S SANITATION, INC.

The point I wish to make is that I believe that most young men and women living today have a better opportunity than those who were born during the time Mr. Baldwin was born, and further, most young people living today have access to more money and freedom, than those back when Mr. Baldwin was born. I dare to say that more young people were more constructive, back when Mr. Baldwin was born; and today it seems that more young people are more destructive and disruptive than constructive. It also appears that more young people are less Honest and more complicated, confused and downright lazy, than they were about forty years ago. I think NEED was a motivating factor back then, and now WANT is the motivating factor. NEED brings out HONESTY, SIMPLICITY and HARD PRODUCTIVE WORK. WANT is very superficial and only brings out SHUCKING AND JIVING, LYING, STORIES OF COMPLICATIONS, DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR AND SHORT-LIVED MATERIAL FADES AND ADDICTIONS which turns into images of NEED (THE mirage syndrome).

Walking the streets doped up and carrying a five pound Japanese tape-deck blaring sounds of disruption is clearly a sight of "THE MIRAGE SYNDROME" demonstrating wasting non-productive minds.

How much better it would be if these young people would hustle up the same amount of money that they give to the dope man and spend on material short-lived foolishness; and develop their own business on a firm base of HONESTY, SIMPLICITY AND HARD WORK. That was exactly what George H. Baldwin did. I think his example is living proof that you can be BLACK, POOR and live in Portland, Oregon; and yet be CONSTRUCTIVE, HONEST and most of all be respected as a successful businessman.

Let's keep George H. Baldwin's spirit alive in our young people, and in our business transactions. For only men with principles of Honesty, Simplicity and Hard Work will be an asset to our Community.

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