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Back to school revival set

A Back-to-School Youth Revival will take place on August 27th - 31st, 7:30 nightly, at the Portland Miracle Revival Church, 4828 N. Williams Ave. The theme of the revival is, "Back to Basic's With God," (IICron 7:14)

There will be guest choirs. The preachers will be: Evangelist, Mark Strong; Evangelist, Andrew Miller; Minister, Iris Ramiz; Minister, Rosetta Robertson; and, Pastor, Walter Scott, Sr.

Stewardship theme of book

Pastor Clarence M. Wagner's eighth book, *Heaven's Overflow* will be released by TruFaith Publishing Company, Gainesville, Georgia, September 1, 1984. It is a book on Christian stewardship, emphasizing that we are not proprietors but stewards. That the individual's stewardship development strengthens him or her and enhances the Kingdom of God.

Going on eight years, Rev. Wagner has pastored the 146-year old First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Georgia; since 1982 has been the Historiographer of the 7 million member National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. In 1984,

he became director of the National Baptist History Workshop of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. He is chairman of the ethics and history committee of the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Union; president of the Interdenominational Black Ministers' Association, Gainesville, Georgia; dean of the Northwest Congress of Christian Education.

The seven books he has authored are: *Seeds of Faith, Volume 1; Profiles of Black Georgia Baptists; The Same Jesus; The Salt of the Earth; Bethlehem Mysteries; Invisible and Invincible; It is Time for a Change.*

Guadalupe Day held at Grotto

The first annual Guadalupe Day will be held at The Grotto, The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, on September 8th. The celebration will commemorate the appearance of the Virgin Mary to an Aztec Indian in 1531, near Tepeyac, Mexico.

Featured that day will be festivities including, a Spanish sing-a-long, dancing, a procession of flowers and a no-host Mexican-style lunch. Rev. Martinus Cawley, O.C.S.C., translator of ancient

manuscripts of the legend of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the Aztec language, will make a presentation and lecture about the phenomenon. A special outdoor mass is scheduled at noon. The mass will be celebrated in Spanish and in English.

Festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with a morning prayer service and conclude at 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. All interested are urged to bring a donation of flowers or roses for the procession.

Churches join ballot coalition

The formation of the Coalition to Preserve the Initiative Process will be announced at a press conference at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 28, 1984, at the Interchurch Center, 0245 SW Bancroft St., Portland, Oregon.

Conversations have been going on within the religious community of Oregon about the circumstances surrounding the placement of Measure 4 on the November ballot. The decision to form a coalition whose goal is to preserve the integrity of the Oregon Initiative process came on Thursday, August 23rd.

Honorary Chair of the Coalition is Bishop Calvin D. McConnell of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist

Church. Working with him are Dr. Leo Thornton, president of Western Evangelical Seminary in Milwaukee and Mrs. Ellen Lowe of Salem, who is Chair of the Legislative Commission of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Other persons participating in the meeting included: Frank Shields of Sunnyside United Methodist Church; Bud Tusan, chair of the Oregon Association of Evangelicals; Carl Nine representing Allen Hamilton of Portland Foursquare Church; Myron (Mike) Hall and Rodney I. Page of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon; Bill Irwin and Philip R. Hampe of the Greater Portland Association of Evangelicals and Gary Eisler.



Rev. John Garlington, Jr.

New sanctuary dedicated

Dedication services for the new sanctuary of Maranatha Church will begin on Sunday, September 9th, and continue through Wednesday, September 12th. The main event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The Maranatha Mass Choir will sing, and the Rev. Owen Shackett of People's Church, Tacoma, will be the speaker. A reception will follow, and tours of the new facilities will be available.

"Building to serve" is the slogan that has expressed the vision of Maranatha's pastor, the Rev. John Garlington, Jr., and the congregation. It states that the church will now be able to serve the community in a greater way, not only with the enlarged and beautiful 100-seat sanctuary but with the other increased accommodations as well. The new facilities include expanded staff offices and more classrooms. Part of the former building is being remodeled to become a multi-purpose space with a potential for youth activities in-

cluding sports events.

On the day before the dedication, the church will also be honoring the pastor and his wife, Yvonne, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary. There will be a reception for them on Saturday, September 8th, in the afternoon.

On Sunday through Wednesday, September 9-12, evening services at 7:30 p.m. are scheduled. Alternating as speakers on those occasions will be the pastor's two brothers: Rev. Joseph Garlington of Gulf Coast Fellowship, Mobile, Alabama, and Rev. Paul Garlington of Covenant Community Church, Rochester, New York. Rev. Shackett will be leading special meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Other special music at the dedication events will be provided by the Maranatha Trio, Gregg and Jerutha Favorel, and New Beginnings.

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