

**Scripture of the Week:**  
Psalms — Chapter 9

# RELIGION



## Septima Clark, Grandmother-Teacher of Civil Rights Movement Passes at Age 89

"We have lost one of the grandmothers and great teachers of the civil rights movement," says Reverend Joseph Lowery, as he mourned the death of Septima Clark in Charleston, South Carolina nursing home on December 15, 1987.

Mrs. Clark was 89 years old. Mrs. Clark served on the executive staff of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for nine years. She traveled the south as an instructor in the SCLC 'Citizenship Education' program which trained thousands of Blacks for voter registration — enabling them to pass literacy tests.

Prior to joining the staff at SCLC, Mrs. Clark worked at the Highlander Folk School in the mountains of Tennessee. The school pioneered learning experience for Blacks and whites long before it was legal and/or popular. It was at the controversial Highlander Center Martin Luther King, Jr. met Mrs. Clark. She later joined the SCLC staff.

SCLC's citizenship education projects were conducted in eleven southern states. One of Clark's associates in the citizenship education work was Atlanta's Mayor, Andrew Young, who directed the SCLC project for several years. In one of her several books, "Ready From Within", Mrs. Clark quotes Young as saying the citizenship schools were the base on which the whole civil rights movement was built.

A very important cornerstone of that civil rights building has passed on... but not before she had a chance to see her labors help to raise a magnificent structure respected by all.

Mrs. Clark is survived by one son, nine great-grandchildren and six grandchildren... among them Yvonne Clark Cook, who now works for Southern Christian Leadership Conference as Reverend Lowery's executive secretary.

by Mary L. Kupferle

Whatever you need to know or understand or do in this moment, dear friend, God will show you how. God will show you how to have more faith, patience, courage, wisdom, and strength. God will show you how to pray more effectively for yourself and for those you love. God will show you how to have greater control over your thoughts, words, emotions, and life.

Is there something you seek to accomplish that demands greater wisdom than you feel you possess? God will show you how to handle any difficulty, surmount any challenge, and find any answers or solu-

tions you have felt were beyond your grasp. Accept reassurance right now by declaring in faith, **God is showing me how!**

You need not listen for your Creator to shout divine directions in a commanding voice or blow a trumpet's blast to catch your attention. Divine guidance most often comes in gentle movements as a still, small voice within your mind, as a gentle nudge within your heart. Divine guidance may, at times, seem inconspicuous amid the noisy clamor of demanding situations confronting you, yet God will make His presence known. God will get a message through to you. God will show

you how to listen, how to understand, and how to find your way.

Affirm repeatedly, **God is showing me how.** Build and rebuild this idea strongly within your thinking. Take it with you into the busiest day and follow — as obediently as you can — the smallest inner leading, the quietest inner bidding of love and wisdom. Especially when you least understand yourself, your moods, your reactions, or what is happening in your life, make a habit of telling yourself, **"God is showing me how! Thank you, God, for showing me how!"**

Your Father's love for you, His offspring, is greater than any hap-

pening that has caused you to believe yourself uncared for or unworthy of His attention, guidance, and encouragement. Stand firm upon the foundation, **God is showing me how!**

In the face of any persistent anxiety, rebellion, fear, disbelief, or unhappiness decree insistently, **God is showing me how!** With each declaration of this affirmative thought, you will find your confidence increasing. Learning, moment by moment, to listen within for the Father's direction, you will hear more and more clearly the assurance for which you have longed. **(To be continued next week.)**

## Catholic Establishes AIDS Task Force

On the occasion of the release of the Administrative Board of the United States Catholic Conference statement on AIDS, "The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response," the Most Reverend William J. Levada, Archbishop of Portland, has announced two local responses by the Catholic Church in western Oregon.

Archbishop Levada has announced the formation of a special task force on AIDS for the archdiocese. He is also releasing the guidelines of the Office of Total Education for the Portland Archdiocese for use in parishes and school educational programs.

The task force will have four major functions. First, it is to plan the Archdiocesan response to the USCC Administrative Board's statement, "The Many Faces of AIDS: A Gospel Response."

Secondly, it is to recommend policy for the Portland Archdiocese. This will pertain especially to schools and also to Church employees who might contract AIDS.

The third function of the task force will be to gather together educational materials from sources nationally so as to provide up-to-date

information on the latest findings relative to AIDS.

The fourth function of the group will be to advise the Archbishop on actions that the Archdiocese itself might take to assist persons with AIDS and their families.

The AIDS task force will include: Very Rev. Gregory Moys, Chairman; Rev. Raymond Carey, Ph.D.; Mr. Robert Castagna; Mrs. Holly Denman; Dr. Thomas Eberle, M.D.; Dr. Thomas Faller, Ph.D.; Dr. Charles Gardner, M.D.; Mrs. Joanne Jackson; Rev. John McGuire; Rev. Elwin Schwab; Rev. Jim Thornton, CSC, Ph.D.; Sr. Clare Murphy, SNJM; Rev. David Eidem, OFM Cap.; and Miss Shirley Loesch.

In announcing the formation of the Archdiocesan Task Force on AIDS, Archbishop Levada said, "AIDS is a critically important social problem in our nation and in our archdiocese. I believe that we have assembled an especially talented and well-informed group which will be invaluable to the Catholic community as well as the wider citizenry of Oregon."

"At this time I am not defining a termination date when the work of

the task force will be completed. The medical research on AIDS, its prevention, treatment and cure, are all developing rapidly. At this point, I need to have the input of the task force on an ongoing basis."

The education guidelines were developed over the last five months by the Archdiocesan Office of Total Education after reviewing materials from the Center for Disease Control, the Oregon Department of Health and the Beaverton School District as well as information and guidelines received from the National Catholic Education Association.

The major topics deal with procedures to be followed in the event that an employee is found to have contracted the HTLV-III virus or if a student in the system has contracted HTLV-III, AIDS.

The procedures clearly define a system of communication between the local school or religious education program and the Archdiocesan Director of Education. The guidelines guarantee the confidentiality of medical records and the right of privacy of the person who has contracted AIDS.

The Office of Total Education is currently preparing curriculum

guidelines and materials to be used in all schools and parish religious education programs of the Archdiocese. These guidelines highlight appropriate information for Catholic Christian values for students from kindergarten age through high school. Distribution of the materials and educational services will take place after the first of the year.

The central curriculum library of the Office of Total Education will serve as a clearing house to distribute additional materials that are educationally effective and appropriate for adult and parent groups as well.

According to Sr. Molly Giller, OP, Director of Education for the Archdiocese of Portland, "It is our intent that all curriculum materials meet the guidelines set up by the Bishops of the United States, set forth clearly the moral teaching of the Church, and foster the Gospel spirit of compassion toward those affected by AIDS. The appropriate information for our young people within the context of Christian moral values is considered paramount in this AIDS education program."

## State-Wide Revival

From December 27th to December 31st, 1987, the Jurisdiction No. 1 of the Church of God in Christ, is presenting a "Christmas Crusade" State-Wide Revival at the Solid Rock COGIC. Located at N.E. 17th and N.E. Dekum Streets, the Revival is being conducted by Elder Mack Walker. The doors open at 7 p.m. each night.

Bishop A.R. Hopkins is the pastor of Solid Rock COGIC.

### 'Candles of Peace' Bridge Iron Curtain

WASHINGTON — Candles of peace bridged the Iron Curtain Dec. 6 to begin a four-day vigil of prayer for the first superpower summit meeting here in 14 years.

The tongues were varied, but the words all expressed the same hopes for peace as a delegation of Soviet church leaders joined with U.S. Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic leaders and worshipers in the service sponsored by the National Council of Churches (NCC) and Washington Cathedral. Rena Yocom, a United Methodist diocesan minister from Prairie Village, Kan., and NCC vice president, led a litany of peace as the vigil fire was lighted. Bishop Felton E. May of Harrisburg, Pa., represented the Council of Bishops.

### Basic Financial Askings Developed

DAYTON, OHIO — If their top legislative body approves next spring, United Methodists will be asked to contribute about \$11 each annually during 1989-92 to underwrite basic domestic and international programs of their church.

The General Council on Finance and Administration said Dec. 3 here that the four-year total of almost \$399.6 million for six apportioned funds in 13.67 percent higher than comparable totals for 1985-88. Largest single amount in the recommendation is a total of \$211.1 million for World Service, the church's basic program fund. The comparable 1985-88 figure is \$167.7 million.

## Methodist News

EVANSTON, ILL. — The United Methodist Board of Pensions said Dec. 9 it is divesting from three more companies doing business in South Africa.

The three are being sold because they failed to achieve standards of conduct under the Sullivan Principles as prescribed by the pensions agency for continued investment. The companies are Harnischfeger Industrial, Ingersoll-Rand and International Flavors and Fragrances.

Board of Pensions holdings in the three had a market value of about \$1.4 million on Oct. 31, according to Deanna Armstrong, the Board's communications director.

This latest action makes seven firms to have been divested this year. In late summer a total of \$27.6 million in seven companies was sold.

As of Sept. 30, the board held about \$339.7 million in stocks of 58 South African-related companies, about 20 of which have announced plans to withdraw from that country. In November the board started a time clock running that could lead to divestment in four major energy corporations early in 1990.

## The Smallest Prayer

God hears the very smallest prayer,  
Nor sends a cross too great to bear,  
And though we stumble now and then,  
He always picks us up again.  
There is no moment day or night,  
When we are hidden from His sight,  
No wall to high nor door too stout,  
To keep His loving care without.  
His ways are wiser than our own,  
His strength remains when ours is gone,  
We must not doubt nor question why,  
He sends the answers by and by,  
And this I know within my heart,  
All darkness fades and shadows part,  
And that sometime, somehow, somewhere,  
God sees and answers every prayer!

by Grace E. Easley

## World-Wide Simultaneous Prayer and Meditation Slated

Metanoia Peace Community U.M.C. is joining with millions of people all around the world who will participate in a multi-cultural, ecumenical, SIMULTANEOUS prayer and meditation for world healing and peace. The Northwest Service Center, 1819 N.W. Everett St., Portland, OR will be one of several sites of meditation which will occur in our Time Zone, from 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. on December 31, 1987, with participants gathering at 3:45 a.m.

Local times for this meditation have been coordinated to allow people from all countries and cultures to join together AT THE SAME TIME to share a spirit of unity among all people of the Earth in a desire for peace.

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## Spring Classes Offered by United Theological Seminary

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears  
UTS, Portland Extension, will be offering the following classes beginning January 28, 1988:

The Book of Hebrews, Rev. Eugene Boyd, Jr., instructor; Leadership Counseling; Church History, Rev. Hampton Calloway, instructor; and Homiletics (continuation class held only on Saturday), Rev. Joe S. Hardie, instructor.

All scheduled classes will be held at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, 103 N.E. Morris Street, Portland, Oregon 97212, (503) 287-7457, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, and from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Staff members include: Rev. Joe S. Hardie, Director; Rev. Eugene Boyd, Jr., instructor; Rev. Hampton Calloway, instructor; Rev. Larry Lee Schlott, instructor; Mrs. Lucy Ellen Thomas, secretary/instructor; Mrs. MAC Spears, publicity; and Rev. O.B. Williams, Chairman of the Advisory Board.

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Morning	Worship	11:15 a.m.
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Evangelistic	Worship	8:00 p.m.
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Friday	"The Pastor Speaks"	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.

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