

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK
1 PETER: Chapter 5

Harris Becomes First



Zachary Rene Harris

June fourth, 1988 is a date that Zachary R. Harris will always remember.

Zachary came to Portland four (4) years ago from Hartford, Connecticut trying to make a decision on just what academic subject would become his major course of study. He attended Portland Community College Cascade where he majored in General Studies and was active in the basketball program for one (1) year.

He was, then, recruited by the Western Baptist College, of Salem, Oregon, to play basketball.

When Zachary attended Western, he chose to major in Business Education to complete the requirements for his business.

Zachary is an accomplished musician, songwriter, and record producer. He has done studio work with Melba Moore in New York. He wrote "Don't Go Away," for Melba Moore and the NAJEE album entitled "NAJEE's Thing," which made gold. Zachary arranged the background vocals, rhythm and percussion sections.

He, also, wrote the title cut on the recently released gospel album entitled "AMAZING." The songs on the album are being sung by the choir Kingdom. — The choir is from Hartford, Connecticut. The second song on the album, "As One," being led by his brother Rev. Rahni Harris, was also written (lyrics and music) by Zachary Harris.

Zachary spent 3 years at Western Baptist College. He was a two (2) year letterman in Varsity Basketball and he served as the Senior Captain of the basketball team.

On the fourth (4th) of June, Zachary R. Harris became the first Afro-American individual to ever graduate from Western Baptist College in Salem, Oregon. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management.

In addition to all these wonderful happenings, Zachary became a husband (for the very first time) to Miss Tracey N. Clay, daughter of the well-known singer — Shirley Anette, on Saturday June 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The wedding was held at the Maranatha Church and the ceremony was performed by his elder brother Rev. Rahni Harris.

Zachary is presently using his degree to manage their publishing company (ZAC-TRAC MUSIC, INC.). He also works for the NIKI Corporation.

His long term goal is to manage a sporting goods store and, in due time, become a full-time producer of music; which is his first love.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! Not once, but twice; goes to Zachary and his beautiful bride.

"Success in life comes to the man that glorifies God in all that he says and does." — ZACH

God's Never-Ending Love

*He's standing at the threshold
Of every bright new day,
Waiting to be noticed
As you go your busy way.*

*He'll guide you past the rough spots
And His blessings will impart,
Just follow where He leads you
As you hold Him to your heart.*

*When your busy day is over
And the shades of night appear,
You can trust that while you're sleeping
His love will still be near.*

—by Catherine Janssen Irwin

Bethel Shall Never Forget Rev. Akers

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Bethel AME Church began as a small group in the home of Brother Phillip Jenkins in the year 1889, here in the city of Portland.

The first pastor, Rev. S.S. Freeman, came from Pasadena, California and served from 1889 to 1901, the year President William McKinley was killed. This information was recalled and contributed by the daughter of Rev. Freeman, Mrs. Clifford Dixon.

The church moved several times, but, the move to North Larrabee and McMillen Streets was a memorable day in the history of the church. It was there that a basement was built in 1915 where the congregation worshipped until the second floor sanctuary was added in 1922.

The inevitable push of progress has again dictated a move of the church. For members of the congregation who remember the pride and the joy of building their own church, the future holds a challenge. They look to God to find a way that will somehow weld the sentimental ties of the

past with inevitable progress of the future.

In 1959 the present edifice was completed under the pastorate of the Reverend Harley Akers, who served the congregation from 1954 until 1962. The approximate cost of the present building and grounds was \$150,000.

In a memo from the Rev. Akers to his congregation, he wrote: "For four and one-half (4-1/2) years we have been happily associated with this congregation. Each year the association has grown stronger with our mutual christian thoughts and desires. We are truly a blessed people as we stand on the threshold of entering a new house of worship, dedicated to God and to service of His people."

"This accomplishment has not been an altogether an easy one and there are yet many tasks assigned to all our hearts and hands. Yet our faith is undaunted, our determination secure and our togetherness absolute."

"Assured in our belief in God,

His church and our Christ, we boast of ultimate success. The motto of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is, 'God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, Man our Brother.' May the Lord ever hold us in these paths of truth."

The progress of any community is dependent of the incentive of its citizenry. It was with this thought in mind that the congregation of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church looked into the future and decided to construct a modern church with educational wing to care for the religious needs of the community of which it is an integral part.

The new Bethel — hurried along because the old building had to be razed to make room for Portland's Exposition-Recreation Center — will be modern in every respect.

The congregation received \$75,000 for the sale of the brick edifice at North Larrabee Avenue and McMillan Streets. The new building will include a sanctuary which will seat 425, a balcony which will seat 25 and a choir loft

which will seat 50. Also, included will be 10 classrooms for the religious education department, one large multi-purpose room, two large multi-purpose room two church offices, stewardness preparation room, sound-proof nursery or crying room, and dressing rooms for the choirs.

The new church is being built on Northesast 8th Avenue, between Jarrett and Simpson Streets, and will be dedicated in the Summer of 1959. [Information received from the office of Bethel AME Church.]

On Thursday, the 2nd of June, 1988, the Rev. Harley H. Akers passed on into eternal glory. He has passed on to a building not made by hands.

Rev. Milton Green, pastor of Bethel AME Church will be leaving Portland to attend the funeral in Englewood, California on Tuesday, June 7, 1988.

All cards and words of condolence may be sent to Mrs. Harley Akers, 2410 West 79th Street, Englewood, California 90305.



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