

# RELIGION



SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK  
PSALM: Chapter 104



## An Afternoon With ...

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Sunday, Aug. 28, was a day for Building Fund Committees to celebrate the Lord's Day and entertain some very affluent guest.

At the Patton Central Methodist Church on the corner of North Alberta and North Michigan Street, the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. Johnny Pack IV, was very busy doing God's Work. The guest speaker of the afternoon was none other than the Maestro James De Preist. I want to tell you, the man is a "tremendously, wonderful" person. He came to the program and spoke in humble tones. He shared with the congregation his experiences in his church "back home" in Philadelphia.

The songs from the Fellowship Baptist Church Choir, Sister Ann Glenn and Mrs. MAC Spears caused hands to clap, toes to tap and the shouts of "Praises" to heights.

Mr. De Preist commented that "if you here, at Fellowship, continue on in the direction that you're going, you shall reach your goal. Whether it be next year or two years or whenever I next return (and I shall return), I know that you will be in your new building," he went on to say.

There were other honored guests in attendance: Mr. Oliver Smith, Jr. from the mayor's office, Mrs. Gladys McCoy from City Hall, and Ms. Teresa Randall from Ron Wyden's office.

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church is attempting to purchase the Patton Central Methodist Church. To us, it may be a hard row to hoe, but, to God's children, it makes them stronger and more determined to "make it over!"

Fellowship's program began at 3 p.m., and then it was on to the Mount Olivet Baptist Church's Building Fund Committee program which featured the Cathedral Choir from the Beth Eden Baptist Church in Oakland, California, at 4 p.m. PHEW! Yes, it

was a close call, but I made it.

Mr. Jerry White, organist/pianist extraordinaire, and the Cathedral Choir from the Beth Eden Baptist Church was presented in concert courtesy of the Building Fund Committee.

They came, they sang and the Lord got ALL of the Praise. To everybody who did not come ... All I can say is you missed it. You missed a real spiritual treat. The songs they rendered made your soul feel glad. The words went into your ear and sank into your heart; then all that was left was some kind of outward expression. You either sang along with them or you clapped your hands or you stood up on your feet or you got so full you just shouted out "Thank You Jesus!" or you did all of the above and in any order you chose to do it. Did we have a good time? The answer is an unequivocal—"yes!"

They sang "Hold on to His Hand", "Ho, Everyone that Thirsteth," led by Elinor Taylor; "Great Day," arranged by the talented composer/arranger/organist Mr. Marvin Curtis; "Twill be Glory," led by James Taylor; "Never Alone" led by Alberta Stoudmire; "Peace Be Still," led by Ms. Theresa Garland; Jerry White played "Amazing Grace" and made that organ sing; and Clifford Adams sang "He Looked Beyond My Faults" and turned around and led "Jesus, He Brought Me All the Way". This does not include all of the songs sung.

The choir paid their own hotel costs and their own transportation—it was a supreme sacrifice that the members of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church shall never forget.

The evening ended at around 6:30 p.m. and I was totally exhausted and spiritually drained ... but, I felt so, very good deep down in my soul.

The scripture says "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it". I tell you ... we did REJOICE and everybody was so GLAD they attended the programs.

### Let Us Lift Our Eyes To Heaven

When we lift our eyes toward heaven and we keep them lifted there,  
When we kneel with humbled heart and turn our thoughts to prayer,  
Then we see that God, who loves us and keeps us in His care,  
Will touch our lives and give us precious peace beyond compare.

by Doria Oliver

### Free Food Give-A-Way

The entire community is invited to a dinner prepared by the Cinema Catering Service. The free meal will be held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 at 12:30 p.m. The meal will be served at:

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Cinema Catering, who caters movie sets of films shot in Oregon, is currently catering the new Burt Reynolds' film "Breaking In" being made in Oregon.

We are asking all who will to come and share with community care. Mrs. Clara people's who heads the community program, would have the community to know as always, "We care enough to give our very best."

### Fashion Show

The Christ Memorial COGIC will present a Fashion Show on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Cascade Hall of the Portland Community College Cascade Campus.

Tickets are on sale for a donation of \$5.00 each.

All of the fashions worn by the models will be merchandise from our local department, boutique and specialty stores.

Proceeds from the fashion show will go to Jesus Against Drugs and Alcohol, a drug rehabilitation and outreach Missionary program of the Christ Memorial Church.

For further information, please call ... (503) 286-9624, Rev. Roy L. Tate, pastor.

## PRISON UPDATE

### What Is Freedom?

Inside life is the ringing of bells, jingle of keys, mounting tension, old and new faces and forever existing racism. Yes, it's a living hell—All expenses paid.

Those who would be free are those who have attained the true meaning of "freedom." To 'Live and Let Live' is tradition in the Oregon State Penitentiary. To live in prison away from those who love us and those we love is one thing. To be condemned to die on Oregon's Death Row is another. Think about it ...

Let's take the case of Tyrone Walton, a 30-year-old Black man sentenced to death for the murder of a convenience store clerk last summer. He lives in isolation, segregated from those who are in general population. Freedom! What does it mean to Tyrone?

What does freedom mean to you? Uhuru Sa Sa Organization views freedom in a directive perspective. We think in terms of our brothers, sisters, children, mothers and fathers. Our future ... What does it hold for us as Black people?

Even though those not detained are "free" physically, they tend to lock their mental stability in the cell of destruction by neglecting themselves, their children, all responsibilities and those who love them. What is freedom?

Are we free when we stick needles in our arms, consume the infamous balls of white smoke? Are we free when enough is not enough? When will we be free?

Are we free when we do not unite to confront the issues plaguing our communities today? How do we apply freedom when our children possess arms and use each other as targets, shooting aimlessly and with callous intentions that has influence the good taught us as children?

Uhuru means "freedom" in Swahili and Sa Sa means "now" in Swahili. As Black men physically confined, we dedicated ourselves to striving for freedom by utilizing our talent and getting educated. This is our passport to freedom.

We invite you to share with us the profits of righteousness and the solutions to maintaining self-respect; to find suitable ways to confront the seriousness of our urban development and the plight of our schools, churches, businesses and communities.

It is amazing that lives led by

many of us were pernicious ones and knowing only we, ourselves hold the key, is devastating to realize. The choice is ours. Let's take a look in the mirror and ask the tired eyes looking back at us "Are you free?"

In conclusion Uhuru Sa Sa Organization is thankful for all the wonderful people at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Recently, the Jubilee Choir came to our general assembly meeting and touched each and everyone of us. Moved to emotion, we were impressed upon by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears, who has a remarkable description as "Song Bird." We sincerely pray for her speedy recovery.

We are currently sponsoring the donation drive here for the Stars and Stripes Drill Team. We ask that you, too, give your sup-

port where it is so rightfully reserved. We find that as young Black, talented, gifted sisters, they will grow to be productive in a society where it's so important. We hope to be seeing them soon and wish them well in their endeavor.

Finally, much thanks and appreciation to all of you at **Portland Observer** for allowing us the opportunity to have the "Prison Update" column.

I personally want to say "Happy Birthday" to my loving wife, Lorayn who has supported me without fail during our time of separation and hello to my beautiful daughter, Loresa.

"Uhuru"

P.S. "Sa Sa"

Matthew C. Ellett

Uhuru Sa Sa,

President

## In Memory Of ...

**JAMES MADISON POWELL**  
September 9, 1988 - August 24, 1988

Services were held at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church on 116 N.E. Schuyler, August 29, 1988 at 11:00 a.m. Dr. James Martin, officiated.

James Powell was born September 9, 1905 to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Powell in Eldorado, Arkansas. He was converted at an early age and was a member of Park Ave. Baptist Church. He was a member of the eGospel Choir and a Sunday School teacher.

He worked with the young people and had a great interest in them.

He was married to Miss Lucille M. Booker on August 6, 1938.

In 1944 he moved to Portland Oregon, where he joined the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. He served as a Deacon and also as the church treasurer.

He worked at White Stag for twenty years and Montgomery Ward for close to twenty-five years until he retired. He worked full-time at both jobs and was loved and respected by all his fellow workers.

He was very active in the church before he became ill. He was busy visiting the hospitals, nursing homes and the prison.

On August 23, 1988, the Lord called him home where there is no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death. The Lord called his servant home to rest.

Concluding services were held at Rose City Cemetery, Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary, Funeral Directors.

**LUCILLE D. LOVE**  
Passed Away August 19, 1988

Passed away at Del's Care Center August 19, 1988. Services were held at Caldwell's Colonial Mortuary on 14th and Sandy Blvd. on August 24, 1988 at 1:00 p.m.

Survived by her children, Wilford L. Scruggs, Jr., Michelle Fair, Christine White, Michael Ferguson, Lawarne White, Ronald White, Brenda Love, Teresa Love, Joyce Love and 34 grandchildren.

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## METHODISTS MAKE NEWS

### New Hunger Project Announced

NEW YORK (UMNS)—A joint project between the United Methodist Committee on Relief and Bread for the World, a Christian citizens' movement, will offer simpler ways to make a difference in the battle against hunger, according to UMCOR officials.

David Montanye, UMCOR project coordinator, said the "1-2-3 Hunger Challenge," initiated recently asks local United Methodist churches to make just three commitments. About 40 churches already have expressed interest in participating, he said.

### Cocaine Permeates Bolivian Society, Missionaries Say

NEW YORK (UMNS)—The production and use of cocaine permeates Bolivian society, according to two United Methodist missionaries who have spent 19 years in that country.

Walter and Susie Henry said that in some regions involvement in the cocaine business has all but taken over other aspects of life. "The church has really lost a lot of ground," Mr. Henry explained. "Churches that had been there are no longer functioning." The Henrys have been working with Heifer Project International and are in the United States on furlough.

### 'Gary Boom' May Replace Youth Culture

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS)—The U.S. obsession with youth culture may be fading, leaders of United Methodist single adults were told in late July.

The older adult population in the United States is increasing three times faster than any other age group, according to Maryann J. Dotts, Cape Coral, Fla., one of the speakers at the meeting sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship. This "gray boom," she predicted, will reshape U.S. life, including government, industry, the workplace, family structures, and career patterns.

### Native American Caucus Names Director

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMNS)—A North Carolina clergyman has been named the first salaried executive director of United Methodism's Native American International Caucus, effective immediately.

The Rev. Sam Wynn, a Lumbee from Hope Mills, N.C., will be employed half-time as executive director of the caucus and continue half-time as pastor on the Clarkton Circuit in the North Carolina Annual Conference. More than 16,000 Native Americans are in the United Methodist Church.



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HEBREWS 12:14



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Choir Rehearsal	Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Sunday School	Sunday	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship		11:15 a.m.
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