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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: II SAMUEL, CHAPTER 3

EMPOWERED TO WITNESS

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will hold its 97th Annual Oregon Washington Conference from June 28th through July 2, 1989. This year's theme is "Empowered to Witness." It will be held at the First A.M.E. Zion Church, Rev. Willie Smith Pastor, at 4304 North Vancouver in Portland. The presiding bishop will be the Rt. Reverend George W. Walker of the 11th Episcopal Dist., which includes California, Southwest Rocky Mountain, Oregon/Washington, Alaska, Arkansas, North Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. For more information contact the Reverend Willie Smith, (503) 287-4969.

BETHEL AME TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is proud to announce our 100th Anniversary Celebration. We are celebrating with Family and Friendship Day on Sunday, July 16, at 11:00 a.m., followed by evening services Monday through Thursday of the same week from 7:00 p.m. each evening. Please come and celebrate with us at 5828 N.E. 8th Avenue. We are also proud to announce former Commissioner Charles Jordan of Portland, will be our guest speaker for Sunday Morning Worship, July 16, 1989. He is Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Austin, Texas. We would like the information placed in the community calendar to inform the public that they are invited. If there are any questions please call the church at 288-5929.

CHURCH KICKS OFF SUMMER CANNED FOOD DRIVE

The Church of Scientology is stepping into high gear to launch their their yearly summer canned food drive. Collections of canned beef stew, tuna, vegetables and fruit will be gathered through the month of July to benefit the Northeast Emergency Food Program, a program run by the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. "Our Christmas food drive was very successful," said Gwen Mayfield, spokesperson for the Church of Scientology. "Now that its summer, alot of people tend to forget that there are still people in need of food. We found out that during the summer months low income families get their food stamp allowance cut by \$40.00. But the kids are home for the summer and not able to get the free breakfasts and lunches that schools provide. so now, even more than ever, the Northeast Emergency Food Program needs our help." Canned food can be brought to the Church of Scientology at 709 SW Salmon or to the Church at 1536 SE 11th. Or you can call 228-0116 to have your donation picked up.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS For Social Security or Supplemental Security Income Assistance

QUESTION: My wife died last month in an automobile accident and I am the sole support of our two young daughters. Will I be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits? My wife had worked for about 6 years prior to the birth of our first child 4 years ago.

ANSWER: Depending on your wife's age at death, she may have had enough work credit to be insured. If she was, you and your daughters may be eligible for monthly cash benefits and you may be eligible for a small on-time death benefit payment.

QUESTION: My husband is going to need further medical treatment after he leaves the hospital. His hospital stay was covered by Medicare. I know that Medicare covers services and supplies in an skilled nursing facility. How can I find out which institutions are Medicare-approved skilled nursing facilities? Can the hospital recommend a facility?

ANSWER: Perhaps. However, since the hospital may not be aware of all the factors that make up the Medicare definition of skilled nursing facility care, contact your Social Security office or your Medicare carrier to make sure that the facility you are considering is Medicare approved. They should have a list of institutions in your area that are Medicare-approved skilled nursing facilities. Your husband's care will be covered by Medicare if he needs the kind of care that can be provided only in a skilled nursing facility.

QUESTION: If I decide to retire at 62, what do I do about medical insurance since Medicare doesn't start paying benefits until 65?

ANSWER: If you retire at 62, you may be able to continue to have medical insurance coverage through your employer, or if not, you should consider purchasing coverage from a private insurance company until you turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare.

QUESTION: I am a senior citizen who lives in government sponsored housing. My only income is my Supplemental Security Income (SSI) check, along with the food stamps I receive every month. I would like to work at a part-time job to add to my income, but a friend told me that I could lose my SSI check and my apartment. Is that true?

ANSWER: Your eligibility for SSI will continue as long as your countable monthly income is less than \$368. Countable income greater than that amount will result in loss of eligibility. The first \$65 a month of earned income (\$85 if you have no unearned income) generally does not count for SSI. Concerning your housing, you should call the office in charge of the public housing in your area to find out what effect, if any, there will be on your continued eligibility for public housing.

QUESTION: I have been receiving Social Security disability benefits for about 2-1/2 years. My goal is to return to the work force and support my family once again. When I do return, I may only be able to work part time for a while and I know this would not provide the money necessary for our living expenses. How can I be sure that if I return to work our needs will be met?

ANSWER: The Social Security program has several provisions, called work incentives, to encourage disabled people to try to get back to work. Most people are eligible for a nine-month trial work period with extended protections for an additional 36 months. When you feel you want to try working again, contact your local office for information about Social Security work incentives.

QUESTION: My neighbor and her husband have recently divorced. She is now raising her three sons alone with some child support from her husband. The younger son has severe asthma and needs regular medical treatment. She is really financially strained to provide for the day-to-day needs of the family (food, clothing, etc.) plus the medical expenses, with only her limited income and the child support. Could she get some help for her son from SSI?

ANSWER: Perhaps, but he must be disabled according to Social Security law and also meet the income and resource limit to qualify for SSI. Suggest to her that she contact one of our offices and inquire about her son's eligibility for SSI disability benefits. If eligible, he will be able to get monthly SSI payments and perhaps Medicaid as well.

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Rev. Wallace to be Installed



Maranatha Church extends, in love, an invitation for you to attend the installation of our Pastor, Reverend Wendell Wallace. The installation guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Davis of Columbia, Maryland.

The installation will take place at Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue, Portland, OR 97211 on June 25, 1989 at 4:00PM. The installation theme will be "Renewal, Restoration, Revival."

Maranatha Church covets your presence and your prayers for the bond of unity this new leadership will bring to the Maranatha body, the surrounding community, the City of Portland and the State of Oregon.

Please R.S.V.P. no later than June 19, 1989 to Alice Faye Hayes, Coordinator at 287-3549 or write her at 6125 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, OR 97211.

MARANATHA CHURCH
13th & Skidmore
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Services
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invites you to share in our
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Luke 4:28-32

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