



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: **EPHESIANS**
chapter 1-2

A FRIEND OF THE COMMUNITY



by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

Thursday, July 20th at 7:30 p.m., at the Red Lion Jantzen Beach, the Urban League of Portland met, along with over 800 others, to hold its 'Annual Dinner.' The dinner is an annual fund raiser for the League. It was well attended by city and state officials, local and state business executives, concerned citizens like you and like me all rallying together to exhibit the 'spirit of community' within each of us.

Excerpts from the ceremony:
"The League is experiencing problems but we are aware of them and they are being properly addressed. We want to be the light in the community. If you take something out of the community, you MUST put something back into it."

--Louis J. Boston,
Chairman of the Board
"...Together, we can make a difference."

--Ruth Ann Dodson,
Governor's Office
"...the Urban League is a very critical part of the community."

--Gretchen Kafoury
County Commissioner
"The Mayor's Office is asking the Urban League to become a major partner in the city's problem solving process involving the proper development of programs and of 'youth centered' activities."

--A Representative from
the Mayor's Office
"The Urban League Guild supports the Urban League in its programs and fund raising activities. The Guild is in need of volunteers. The Guild has been an integral part of the Urban League since the 1940's ..."

--Patricia A. Hill,
President
Urban League Guild

The 'State of the League' address was given by the President and Chief Executive, Mr. Useni E. Perkins. In his comments, he stated that 14,000 information and referral calls were answered through the Urban League office; 696 at-risk youth were being given needed attention and assistance; in the 1988-89 year, 8,531 persons were served through the emergency program, alone; an 8 week computer training program was conceived and is now being offered at PCC Cascade campus. Yes, the Urban League is certainly making a positive impact on the Portland community; but, the job is not over.

This year the 'Keynote Address' was delivered by Representative Margaret Carter. She exclaimed that, "...We must help our youth to 'RIP-

OFF' knowledge instead of ripping-off people's possessions and destroying property. The Urban League has always been there as a strong symbol in the community. We must be careful of 'polarization'...because it is the result of complacency. Let us NOT fall prey to it. We must recognize the need to help our youth and to lend a helping hand in the community wherever it is needed. We must remind Nordstroms and others to commit themselves to the community. Our bottom line will always be reflective of our friendship." Representative Carter ended her address by singing "If I Could Help Somebody".

Commissioner Dick Bogle was the Master of Ceremony and became the glue that held everything together. The icing on the cake was in the form of a song sung by Ken Berry and Kirk Green "That's What Friends Are For".

SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY -- In traditional African societies, as well as in others, the spirit of community was the cornerstone for a people's well-being and survival. It was, indeed, the cultural fabric that brought people together to solve mutual problems and build a stronger and better community for all. It is within this spirit of community that the Urban League of Portland extends its deepest appreciation to those who support us and to those we serve. This spirit of community is fundamental be effective, we must reach out to all segments of the community.

Although we may not all reside in the same geographical area, we are, nonetheless, citizens of the same community in the eyes of the Creator. Regardless of our ethnicity, creed or economic status, the problems inherent to one area will ultimately affect all areas.

The Urban League is one of the bridges that connects all areas to achieve a true sense of community. As a friend of the community, we are committed to helping to lower those social, cultural, and economic barriers that tend to divide us as a community. This is not a simple mission because the struggle to achieve "equal footing" for all is an arduous and often painful task. But it is only by working together to achieve this ideal will Portland truly become "the most livable city" that it is capable of being.

The Urban League pledges to the city of Portland that it will always be a "Friend of the Community."

In the spirit of community,
Useni Eugene Perkins

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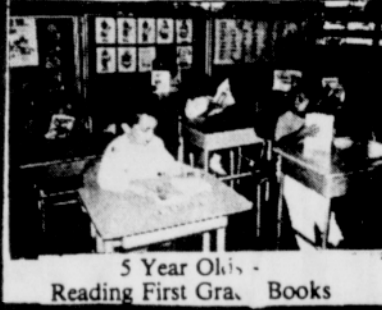
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EYE ON GOSPEL

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Sandra Crouch Goes Back to Work: After a two year absence from recording, Sandra Crouch is embarking upon a new project, with plans to record (with her choir) live in her Dad's church. Crouch, who married just a little over one year ago, took the break in order to adjust to married life. But she wasn't all stagnant, participating with her brother in a variety of music projects, including the controversial Madonna "Like A Prayer" single, which later caused them some embarrassment. Said Crouch, "sometimes when you work on lyrics, it says one thing and then when they do a video, it's something else." In fact, the video cost Madonna a \$5 million Pepsi endorsement due to the backlash from Christian fundamentalists. According to Crouch, "when they asked us to do the video, when I read the script I said, no way. In fact, I tried to get us off the tape, but it was too late." Today, she says the experience taught her a hard lesson. "Now, anytime we do anything, they have to send us a tape first, we listen to it and I have a group of people who listen for me, because if I miss something, I want my prayer partners to catch it."

Rev. Cleveland Gears Up For Annual Gospel Music Workshop of America: The 22nd Annual Gospel Music Workshop of America gets underway on August 12 in New Orleans. The event, which culminates on the 18th, is expected to draw over 18,000. The conference, known to be the single most important annual event in gospel music, will feature instructional workshops on all phases of gospel music as well as appearances by the New Jersey Mass Choir, Albertina Walker, Milton Bingham, and the Georgia Mass Choir along with other big-name gospel celebrities. For information, contact Ms. Jennings at (313)898-2340.

The Catholic Church is considering reconciliation with Father George Stallings, Jr., the maverick priest who despite the threat of suspension, formed an independent black Catholic congregation to an overflow crowd of several thousand. Stallings formed the church because he felt the Roman Catholic Church "failed to meet the spiritual and cultural demands of its black parishioners."

Counting Down Gospel's Top Ten: After 25 weeks on the spiritual charts, Bebe & Cece's Heaven LP, is riding high at number one. Rounding out the nation's top ten gospel hits are (2) No Greater Love--Keith Pringle & the Pentecostal Community Choir; (3) Available To You--Milton Brunson; (4) We're Gonna Make It--Myra Summers/Rev. Timothy Wright; (5) So Satisfied--Luther Barnes & The Red Budd Choir; (6) Heroes--The New Jersey Mass Choir; (7) Live In Chicago--Shirley Caesar; (8) Wonderful--Beau Williams; (9) Let The Holy Spirit Lead You--Florida Mass Choir; and (10) Who's On The Lord's Side--Timothy Wright.

Just Briefly: Richard Smallwood just wined up collaborations with Earth, Wind & Fire lead vocalist, Phillip Bailey on his latest gospel LP, which is due to be released sometime this fall...And word has it that "Run" of superstar rap group "Run DMC", is now saved, and looking seriously at the ministry...This week's scripture: "for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."--Luke 14:11

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ECUMENICAL PARISH OF N/NE PORTLAND

WHO: Ecumenical Parish of N/NE Portland
(PEOPLE ARE BEAUTIFUL)

WHAT: "Ribs Dinner Benefit", rummage sale and Bake sale

WHEN: August 5, 1989 12-5:30

WHERE: 126 NE Alberta

Mallory Ave. Christian church parking lot

WHY: To raise \$\$\$ for the People Are Beautiful program to continue next year for the 15th year.

The menu includes: Ribs, Potato Salad, Pork 'n Beans, Bread Butter, Watermelon
Slice of pie is 75c
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CONTACT: Missie Kallunki 288-5174

(Mallory Ave. Christian Church)

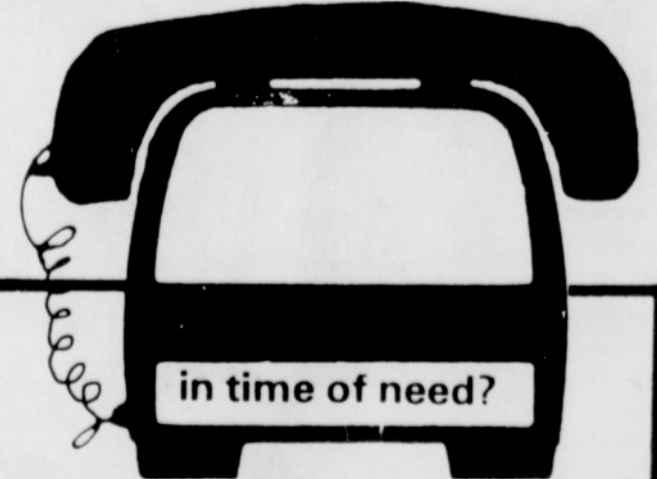
We focus on self-esteem and trying to get the children to realize the more positive things of life, themselves and others, instead of them getting into the more negative things of Northeast Portland like the drugs, gangs and crime that takes place. We provide a positive atmosphere for the children for the summer, a place for them to go and have a good time without the trouble and fear of playing in the streets. We have Interns, College age or older, and High School age Assistants from the neighboring schools. One of the major roles is that of being a 'positive role model' for the children. Each week there is a specific theme, with activities planned accordingly. Such activities may include field trips, cooking, arts and crafts, games and discussion times.

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