

RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
HEBREWS: CHAPTER 1 & 2

Workshop To Teach Spiritual Self Healing

Lewis & Clark College will be the site for a unique healing workshop on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 17 & 18. "Awaken the Healer Within," a weekend workshop conducted by Michael Bradford, takes the concept of holistic health practices one step further.

Participants in the workshop will learn that they have control over all their bodily processes and can greatly assist themselves and others in healing.

"This seminar is an honoring of the spirit of each person, allowing them to see and experience their own perfection, and creating the safety for them to express it," Michael says.

"In growing up, few of us have ever experienced the security and the joy of unconditional love. This seminar creates the conditions to allow people to express themselves more fully," he adds.

The seminar will cover such topics as: how and why illness exists; how your belief systems affect your life and how to change those belief systems; affect your life and how to change those belief systems; how

judgment affects health; how the mind functions on various unconscious levels; and how to love the worst in yourself.

Participants will learn to use different energies available to everyone, such as prayer, visualization, mind-to-mind healing, energy transfer and more.

Michael acknowledges the value of traditional medicine. This seminar is intended to instruct interested people in alternative health techniques that are excellent tools to be used in conjunction with medical treatment.

"The most important point I will be making is that people can love themselves, just the way they are. This will allow them to actualize their potential and to express their own uniqueness," Michael says.

Michael has extensive personal experience and knowledge in both metaphysics and business, and strongly believes that everyone has a right to prosperity, health, and happiness.

His background includes a master's degree in international management and over 15 years of top management experi-

ence. In addition, Michael has travelled extensively and worked with over 100 teachers and healers including Native American Indian medicine people and psychic surgeons from the Philippines.

Utilizing skills learned through the study of energy and how the mind and body functions, Michael has been able to assist many people in achieving major breakthroughs in both their personal and spiritual lives.

Mr. Bradford is available to work with individuals, groups, and organizations to assist in the healing process.

"Awaken the Healer Within" will be presented from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday in the Thayer Room, lower level of Templeton College Center, Lewis and Clark College. A free introduction will be held Friday night, November 17th, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Stamm Hall on the upper level of Templeton College Center.

Cost of the workshop is \$90. For reservations or further information, call Michael Bradford at 294-8692.

Woodlawn Parent Class The Father's Role In The Family (including single fathers)

Where: Woodlawn School Auditorium, 7200 N.E. 11th; When: Tues., Nov. 28. The class will be repeated the following week on Tues., Dec. 5; Time: 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Limited space available - no more than 20 people.

- Topics to be covered are:
- * Children of Divorce or Separation.
 - * Father's role in meeting the needs of the children.
 - * How fathers parent.
 - * How fathers provide structure.

The presenter will be Isaac White who has a MSW and RCSW in counseling. Mr. White has been providing counseling services to children and families since 1978. He is a skilled individual/family therapist who has a special interest in maintaining cultural sensitivity as an important aspect of counseling. Mr. White has extensive knowledge of intergenerational family therapy, and is skilled in counseling inter-racial children/families.

There is no fee. If you have any questions, please call Phillip Christian at 280-6282.

News From The Methodists Church

Environmental Dangers of Minorities Cited

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (UMNS)--Contamination of air and water, and human exposure to toxic wastes are disproportionately high in lower-income, minority communities, an ecumenical fact-finding panel has been told.

About 120 persons from the religious community, including United Methodists, heard from Hispanics and Native Americans, and toured a dozen sites in the Albuquerque area where residents are fighting companies about polluted air and ground water. The late September meeting is believed to be the first interfaith consultation in the nation on this subject.

"It makes me very much aware of the responsibility we have to be advocates for these persons," said the Rev. Minerva Carcano, a United Methodist district superintendent. Charles Cole, a staff member of the church's Board of Global Ministries, said the church is concerned about toxic chemicals since many persons with lower incomes live in industrial areas.

"Be Cautious," Bishop May Warned

WASHINGTON (UMNS)--United Methodist Bishop Felton E. May has been cautioned by black clergy in the Northeast to be "cautious and careful about your physical and emotional well-being" as he begins Jan. 1 a special assignment to help the church combat drugs.

"Do not take lightly the possibilities of physical danger," said the letter written by the Rev. Gilbert H. Caldwell, West Chester, Pa. "The fight against drugs, to be effective, will attack some deeply entrenched economic and political realities." Dr. Caldwell said the letter was based on the fact that potential physical and emotional danger to the bishop is a reality of the assignment that cannot be overlooked.

Key Students for Black Colleges Sought

NASHVILLE, TENN. (UMNS) -- United Methodists will launch a pilot project this autumn designed to bring students will potential to the denomination's 11 historically black colleges.

The effort will involve distinguished alumni of the schools, plus urban teens seeking motivation in a nurturing, academic environment. The program will be developed through the church's Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

NEWS IN BRIEF . . .

A professor at United Methodist's Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Larry Graham, has begun a study of the effects on congregations where a pastor sexually harasses or abuses an adult member.

A National Council of Churches television documentary produced by a United Methodist and focusing on the "popular church" in El Salvador is scheduled to be telecast Dec. 3 on ABC-TV despite some criticisms that the film lacks balance. Bill Dale, the producer, is a staff member of United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tenn.

President Oswald P. Bronson of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. has been elected chairman of the Council of Black College Presidents, an association of top executives of 11 historically black colleges related to the United Methodist Church.

The United Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., has begun an eight-to-10-year program to publish a new commentary to its highly successful Interpreter Bible.

Minor Myers Jr., 47, formerly provost and dean at Hobart and William Smit Colleges, Geneva, N.Y., has been inaugurated as 17th president of United Methodist-related Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington.

Part II: The "Lost" Tribes of Israel

3. Symbolic numbers can also be literal. This can be seen throughout the Scriptures. Twelve (12) may be symbolic in meaning, but the Scripture attests that there were 12 sons of Jacob, 12 tribes receiving an inheritance in Canaan, and, even, 12 apostles of Jesus Christ. Few Bible believing Christians would doubt that these numbers represent literal truths. Yet, in the plan and purpose of God, these literal numbers also have symbolic importance. That is just another indication of God's sovereignty over human history. As a result, we cannot deny the possibility that the number 144,000 is intended literally in Revelation 7.

4. Two tribes are "missing" in the Revelation 7 list. These two tribes are Dan and Ephraim. These were tribes who gained some notoriety as the centers for worship of the golden calf (I Kings 12: 26-33) and for idolatry--in general (Judges 18, Hosea 4:17). In this list, they are "replaced" by Levi (the priestly tribe which had no inheritance in the land), and Joseph (the favorite son of Jacob, the father of Ephraim and Manasse, both of whom produced a tribe in the promised land).

This does not imply that Dan and Ephraim have disappeared--they are still listed in the future distribution of the land in Ezekiel 48. It may mean only that they are excluded from this elite body of 144,000. Descendants of Ephraim may be included here as "the tribe of Joseph." Or--this may be evidence, as many would argue, that the whole list is finally symbolic, and does not represent the physical nation of Israel in all its physical tribes (Rev. 7:4).

5. The Great Multitude stands in contrast to the 144,000. The second vision in this chapter (Rev. 7:9-17) describes a much different body of believers. Unlike the 144,000, this group is so great "no one could count" them (verse 9). They are described not just as

"from all the tribes of Israel"; this multitude is from "every nation, tribe, people and tongue" (verses 4,9). The previous group is sealed on the earth (verse 3) and later appears with the Lamb (Christ)--both on earth and in glory (Rev. 14:1,3); this great multitude comes through the great tribulation (Rev. 7:14) and now appears in glory forever (verses 9, 17).

There are a number of difficulties with any interpretive view of Revelation 7, and I think this helps keep believers humble! My own view is that the 144,000 are Jewish saints of the tribulation era, while the great multitude are saints of all ages and of all nations--seen in a vision of future blessing, victorious over sin and the trials of this life.

But . . . one truth about the 144,000 comes shining through--a condition we share with them. We are sealed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13-14) for that future day of glory. The seal represents God's right of ownership and lordship (II Corinthians with "the mark of the beast" (13:16-17), which is a sign of ownership but rather of submission to evil. The Apostle Paul speaks of our sealing as having a two-fold inscription which is the promise that "The Lord knows those who are his," coupled with the warning "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness" (II Timothy 2:19).

Since God has sealed his own for all eternity, we need to respond in humility and obedience to his direction. We need to turn away from evil and love the truth. Like the 144,000 . . . we need to "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" (Rev. 14:4).

The Sunday School Lesson, in the uniform series for November 19th, will be taken from the book of Revelation, chapters 19 and 20. Rev. Lindsey's commentary on the Sunday lessons will resume in next week's issue.

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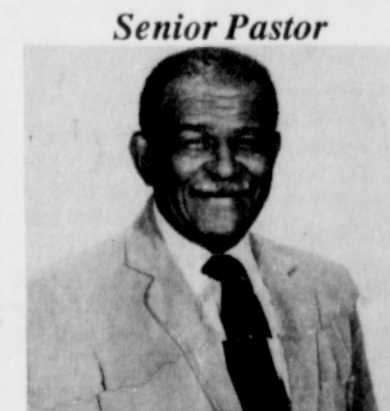
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