



# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

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## Paradise Church Celebrates Pastor's Twenty-First Anniversary

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

The congregation of the Paradise Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its pastor's 21st anniversary. Beginning August 8 and continuing through and including Sunday, August 12, Paradise will hold special services to celebrate its pastor's anniversary. The festivities will commence on Wednesday, August 8 with guest speaker, Rev. J. Myers, pastor of Union Baptist Church-Longview, Washington and music from the Union Baptist Church choir.

Thursday, August 9, the guest speaker will be Dr. Joe S. Hardie, pastor of St. Mark Baptist Church. The music will be provided by choirs from New Testament COGIC, Rev. Bower, pastor; Everlasting Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Pride, pastor from Vancouver, Washington; New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Walter Smith, pastor. Friday, August 10, the guest speaker will be Rev. Chester Staples, pastor of Greater Faith Baptist Church. The music will be provided by the choirs from Macedonia Baptist Church, Rev. Virgil Allen, pastor and Greater Faith's choir. Sunday, August 12, at the 10 a.m. worship service, the special guest speaker will be 14 year-old James Smith, Jr. from Shreveport, Louisiana. He has been preaching for five years. At the 3:30 p.m. worship service, Dr. O.B.

Williams will close-out the four days of celebration, which proclaim the theme: "The Gospel Preacher" Jeremiah 3:15. Rev. Raymon Edwards will emcee the afternoon of worship and praise. The special music will be rendered by four choirs: Logan Community Choir, Estacada, Oregon; Mt. Calvary COGIC, Bishop H.B. Daniels, pastor; Providence Baptist Church, Rev. Eugene Boyd, pastor; Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Johnny Pack, IV, pastor.

Rev. Robert C. Hill came to Portland from Shreveport, Louisiana, where he was born and raised. Shreveport holds many memories for him. For it was there that he met and married his lovely wife. They attended the same grade school, Central Elementary School, the same high school, Booker T. Washington Senior High School, and even the same church, Springhill Baptist Church, where Mrs. Hill was the lead soprano, in the church.

In 1951, they were married. To this union, six children were born--three girls and three boys: Gracie, Ruby, Anita, David, Charles and Terry. They were doubly blessed with twelve grandchildren.

Rev. Hill came to Portland, opened a barber shop which is located on Northeast Seventh and Knott and

being led by the Lord, opened the doors of his church on North Williams Avenue, where the Miracle Temple is presently located. He remained there for several years until the Lord led them to purchase the present building.

Rev. Hill attended Grambling University for two years until he had to drop out due to his father's illness. He, then, worked very hard to help ends meet, he had to become the man of the house and comfort for his mother. After coming to Portland, he attended Multnomah School of the Bible for three years and Southern Baptist Seminary for one year.

Now, the pastor of Paradise Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert C. Hill serves as the first Vice Moderator of the Union District Association and the first Vice President of the Sunday School BTU National Congress. He is also a member of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Congress of America.

When Rev. Hill first began his ministry, here in Portland, he could be seen ministering to the down and outs on Union Avenue. As they sat or laid on the ground by the store on Failing, he would go by every day to bring them the Word. He would say, "You know? That bothers me to see those men out there like that and nobody stopping to give them a

helping hand. These are the very people that we need to be reaching." Sometime he would take one home or would take someone to the hospital. It had gotten so that they would expect to see him each day. And when he didn't show, they were sorely disappointed. Many of those men recovered due to Rev. Hill's persistence and are now helping others to make that same climb out of the much and mire.

That tall, skinny, country boy from Shreveport came to Portland and made a definite difference. It wasn't easy. But--he didn't stop until he got results.

Elsewhere in the community, Rev. and Mrs. Donald T. Frazier celebrated their second year as pastor and wife of the Mt. Sinai Community Baptist Church, located on Northeast Sixth and Prescott Streets.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Rev. Donald Tyrone Frazier is the son of Joe Frazier (deceased) and Cecile Frazier of Milner, Arkansas. Rev. Frazier married the former Febecca Ann Dixon on February 26, 1971. They are the parents of three children: Velynn, 16; Angela, 12; and Donald, Jr., 7. Rev. Frazier accepted the Lord's call and preached his first sermon on March 9, 1980 under the

pastorship of Rev. Emanuel Warren. Rev. Frazier was ordained December 11, 1983 and was elected assistant pastor. On May 28, 1988, he was elected successor to the retiring Rev. Emanuel Warren. Rev. Warren could be heard saying, "I've retired from the pulpit but not from service."

Rev. Frazier was installed July 1, 1988. He is active in the community and is called on often to provide leadership on issued impacting our community. Rev. Frazier is currently enrolled in the Masters program at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary.

When asked about his ministry, he stated "My sincere desire is to be the Minister that God wants me to be. There is no higher call than to be a servant of the Almighty God. All praise to him who is directing this ministry. I want to take this opportunity to thank my wife Rebecca and my children for their prayers, patience, and support of this ministry. Mt. Sinai has a definite purpose in this community. God will manifest his power and purpose as we prepare for the harvest. I thank God for Mt. Sinai. We have grown in grace in numbers through this time of preparation. We are truly A CHURCH WITH A MISSION. And--I am a pastor with a message. (I John 1:5) And this is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God

is light; in Him is no darkness at all." The celebration began August 2 and continued through and included August 5. Many churches, choirs and their pastors helped to make the celebration a spiritual success.

Greater St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Robert E. Houston, Sr., pastor, will celebrate its sixth year anniversary celebration August 15-19, 1990. Rev. Derrick C. Bosley, of Seattle, Washington, will close-out the celebration at the 11 a.m. worship service and the 3 p.m. worship service.

Beginning August 12, 1990, Mt. Olivet Church will hold its 8 a.m. worship services in the STONETOWER CHURCH located on N.E. 30th and Sandy. Listen to KBMS every Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to the teaching and reaching ministry of Dr. James E. Martin, senior pastor of Mt. Olivet Church. All other Mt. Olivet activities will continue to be held at the 116 N.E. Schuyler location. For more information, call 284-1954.

On August 19, 1990, a special Anniversary Service will be held at Morning Star Baptist Church in honor of Rev. J.G. Myers. Come out and help celebrate!

## Expressing Yourself as a Christian

Excerpted from the A. Lee Henderson book, *Your Church and You*

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

"For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

"For the body is not one member, but many.; Corinthians I: 12:12, 13, 14

Dr. Paul Tournier who was a physician in Geneva, Switzerland, as a psychotherapist participated in meetings of the Ecumenical Institute in Switzerland. They were concerned with Christian faith and medical practice.

He enjoyed Dr. Theo Bovet's story of the pastor who asked his young people in catechism class, "What is religion?"

"A young boy immediately answered, "Religion shows the things we must not do."

Dr. Tournier says we shouldn't

be surprised at such an answer that may surprise us.

"For most of our people today to be religious means to make a continuous effort to be good (like a little child) and to keep oneself from everything forbidden.

"How far we are from the Bible! Let's re-examine the great men of the Bible. What do you find? Assassins, liars, jealously-blinded characters, traitors, puffed-up snobs, adulterers, rebels, and prostitutes. Don't me wrong; I'm not advocating sin; what I am trying to say is that the religion which the Bible presents is not a moralistic system. Religion therein means to seek God and his grace with utter passion. Moralism is simply seeking oneself, that is pretending to be able to know both good and evil. It means eschewing every occasion of error, by virtue of scruple and self-expression. Taken to its logical end, it simply means that we do not need either God or his grace.

"We can recognize in this fear

of making an error the very legalistic and childish mentality of which we have spoken above. Moralism, in fact, constitutes an infantile regression within the churches."

What is Tournier proposing? Is he against "morality"?

Not at all! He is warning us against imposing judgments upon ourselves or society in a legalistic condemnation before we open ourselves to an expression through God. Because now he shares a salient truth:

"Show me someone, anyone, who better affirmed himself that (sic) the Apostle Paul! The self-denial required by the gospel is not at all a withdrawal into a truncated life of perpetual childhood. Self-denial is the renunciation of a self-directed life, for the very purpose of attaining a far greater fullness under the direction of God."

It is for the psychotherapist Paul Tournier that life with God becomes the greatest adventure imaginable!

He tells us that the "new birth"

of which Christ spoke to Nicodemus includes the Freudian concept of "becoming adult" and the "Jungian" concept of "integration."

And it does mean even more as Jesus says it himself. It is the Kingdom of God; it is eternal life.

Indeed, we are urged to express ourselves as Christians by a metamorphosis of mind, body and spirit through our worship.

The drama of the eastern religions swept up many seekers who had grown tired of the moralizing preaching and demoralizing activities of those involved in the established churches of the Judaic-Christian persuasions.

But many of these prodigal wanderers are finding their ways back to their roots, and to a refreshed religion. A refreshed religion is made so by the energetic influences inside the church...by you, to begin with, and by those who pledge themselves to always surge forward in the vanguard of tomorrow's needs.

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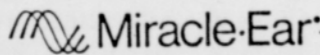
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