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# RELIGION

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:**  
**II CORINTHIANS 9:7-15**

## Working As a Team

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In the midst of all the hustle and bustle, the comradery and mass confusion dealt up by the world on a daily basis there sparks a sign of hope.

Recently, I received a call hearing the news of still another young man, and his family, who has made the choice to stand on the Lord's side. I said to myself, "Oh no! I hope that this is not some kind of hoax. Why this sudden influx in people wanting to open their own churches? I hope that he is sincere and has direction in what he is about to embark upon. Pastoring a church is nothing to play with." Well, after interviewing Roderick and Brenzell Lightner, all of my questions and doubts were quickly settled.

Roderick was divinely called, as he stated, to the ministry at the tender age of 16 years old. He has been in training for the ministry for seventeen years. And where did he receive this great influence? As a young boy he received his basic Bible training from his grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Lightner.

This thirty-two year old, raised in Oakland, California, six foot three, or so, husband and father of three children got his first glimpse of Portland approximately eleven years ago. He was docked here, with his U.S. Naval ship, at Swan Island. His ship was in for repairs. During his stay in Portland, he met Miss Brenzell Brewster while attending Sunday service at the Greater Mount Calvary Church of God in Christ-Bishop H.B. Daniels, Pastor.

Roderick married Brenzell, completed seven years in the U.S. Naval Service, received an honorable discharge, came to Portland and was ordained to preach by Bishop H.B. Daniels. Roderick and Brenzell have three lovely children-Roderick, Jr., 8; Brenzell LaJoy, 5; Rodell, 4.

Roderick attended Oregon State University, National University in California and is presently attending the

Multnomah School of the Bible. His goal is to receive a degree in Biblical Education. Another person whose life had a tremendous influence on the young and impressionable Rev. Lightner was Bishop George D. McKinney, Ph.D. Bishop McKinney is the Presiding Bishop over the Southern California 2nd Jurisdiction (Church of God in Christ). "I shall never forget what this man taught me and the spiritual impact his life has been on mine", Roderick shared.

### EXCITEMENT OVERWHELMING

Roderick and Brenzell are all excited about this new road that they will be traveling on, together. Yes! Excited about pastoring a new church in an area

because there is a great enough need out there to not do this. There are enough people out on the streets, during Sunday Worsnip service, to fill several congregations. My focus will be on the unchurched and the unsaved. Part of the plan will be to have Home Bible studies between the two cities. Some in Portland and some in Vancouver. Wherever the persons live, as Pastor, it is my desire to meet their spiritual needs as their under-Shepherd. Life Stream will feature 'Living Streams Ministries, Inc. [St. John 10:10 and 7:38 NIV]. These ministries, as previously stated, will concentrate on family structure and community needs."

The Life Stream Full Gospel Church will hold it's services in the Red Lion Inn at the Quay. You will find them in the Gull's Nest Room. There will be three services scheduled each Sunday and they are:

Sunday School, 9:45 am for all ages; Morning Worship Service, 11am and Evening Worship, 6pm. The main emphasis is to meet the need of the people. The doors of **LIFE STREAM FULL GOSPEL**

awakening happening right now. Having good standing with your neighbors and friends is not enough. It is time to have a right relationship with God Almighty. Jesus Christ said that he came to give us life and to give it more abundantly. Take advantage of this opportunity, "today!"

### A TEAM EFFORT

Rev. Lightner can hardly say that he is embarking upon this venture all alone. His wife, Brenzell, speaks so positively and with such assurance of her role to work side by side with her husband. Her plans are to help organize the various ministries, such as: women's Ministries, the Usher Board, the Choir and etc. She, too, is excited about the new work God has given to them. "I will do everything in my power to support my husband."

"When I first met my husband, I had no idea that he was going to become a pastor of a church. I had always wanted to be the wife of a minister. I had asked the Lord to bless me with a husband who wanted to be a minister. So, this is just great." As she continued to share, she said, "The location of the church was my husband's vision, given to him from the Lord. I'm in total agreement with him."

Rev. Lightner says, "This is a team ministry." He and his wife share their ideas and thoughts with one another. Sometimes he uses her ideas. "The Lord gave me the name of the church several years ago" said Rev. Lightner. "We are not just targeting the Black community but are believing that God will add the other families and persons of other races and cultures. God told us to forsake not the assembling of ourselves (Believers) together. Man chose to divide into denominations. This was not God's intention. I want to create an atmosphere where everyone can come and worship without any reservations of whether or not they will be accepted."

The theme for Life Stream will be "A loving Church with a Caring Ministry". Rev. Lightner says that he intends to show this to the entire church.

Who's welcome at Life Stream? "The tired, the poor, the huddled masses yearning to breath free, the wretched refuge of the teaming shores. Bring these and the homeless." God has many blessings in store for Life Stream, it's under shepherd and his wife. My prayer is that they will continually share His heavenly glory for theirs will be a "crown of life," even the "divine nature." [Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:4]



Pictured are: (back row) Rev. Roderick C. Lightner, Sr. and Roderick, Jr. (middle row) Brenzell B. Lightner and Brenzell LaJoya (front row) Rodell

where the word is much needed...Vancouver, Washington. The church, **LIFE STREAM FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**, will feature an emphasis on the family, singles, men and women ministries." I asked him "Why Vancouver?" He said that Vancouver is basically an untapped area of approximately 600 to 1000 Black families who reside in the Vancouver, Washington metropolitan area. "There is a tremendous need for the Gospel Message to be taught from the Bible with simplicity through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit" says Roderick. "There are approximately 60 Black attended churches within the Northeast Portland black community. Many of the families are driving across the interstate bridge to hear the Gospel preached. I intend to take the Gospel to them by planting a church in Vancouver. It is also my intentions NOT to extract members from existing congregations

## A New Church is Planted In the City of Vancouver, Washington



Rev. Roderick C. Lightner  
Pastor

### Schedule of Services:

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.  
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

Weekly Bible Study to be Announced

### THE LIFE STREAM FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

First Opening Service Will Be Held  
Sunday January 6, 1991  
11:00 A.M.

"A Loving Church with a Caring Ministry"



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## St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

8101 N. Fiske Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97203

Church Phone: 289-0147 Study Phone: 289-1911

Sunday Service  
10:45

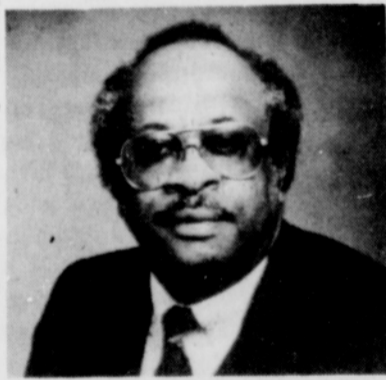
Sunday School  
9:30

Bible Study  
6:00

Evening Service  
7:00 P.M.

Theme: Whatever you're going to do for the Lord, do it now.

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Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner



## MT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

WE ARE MOVING  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
TO

Stone Tower Church,  
N.E. Sandy Blvd. & 30th

Worship Services 8:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.  
Church School 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.  
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 116 N.E. Schuyler  
10:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

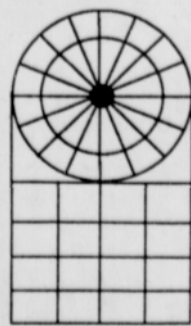
Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00 A.M.-KBMS

A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry  
Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor

Church Office 116 N.E. Schuyler,

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Sunday School

9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship

10:30 A.M.

Maranatha School of Ministry

6:30 P.M.

Mid Week Service Wednesday

7:30 P.M.



Rev. Wendell H. Wallace  
Senior Pastor

MARANATHA CHURCH

## ATTENTION, SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS!

Do you want to develop a more effective Sunday School?  
Do you want to reach more people?  
During this winter term Dean Michael Lindsey will teach a course entitled

"SUNDAY SCHOOL SUCESS"

Ten Sessions, Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9th

COME AND LEARN - SHARE - BE ENCOURAGED

The needs of our community demand that we give our best.

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