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with the help of the Lord, things began

to fall into place. Her plan was to go

back to New Jersey after finishing school

and opening a Christian Counseling

Center and to this day people back home

are waiting for her to come back. Says

Denise, "I am very comfortable in

Portland and so very happy to have my

own Church, Mallory Avenue Church. I

want to make my calling as untradi-

tional as possible, not to speak against

the traditional church, just to add to it."

lems we are having today the traditional

ways of the church are not as influential

as in generations past. She goes on to

say at the beginning of the 70's people

were starting to leave the church, the

church was losing its hold on the younger

generations. She says, "I think that with

the end of the 80's we have seen yet

another change in that people are start-

ing to see that you just can't make it

without the Lord. We as human beings

really cannot make it on our own. We

need all the help we can get and the

the church is the concept that people

should feel free, and that God accepts us

the way we are but challenges us to

grow. "I put God in charge to get us

through. A pastor does not know it all.

The answers are in God's hands. He will

respond to all our needs as long as we

have the faith to trust in Him." Denise

says people have to understand that

God's presence is real. His promises are

true and His power is great for all of us

refreshing change because the focus is

on the Church and not the minister. She

believes that God and the teachings of

Christ make the service. She is there

just to administer His Word. With all

the problems that have rocked the world

Denise Bell's Sunday service is a

through Christ.

One of the things Denise brings to

balance is on the ministry."

Denise believes that given the prob-

Scripture of the Week

Scripture of the Week Micah 6:8

The New Wave of Ministry

By Billy Don Moore

The world of religion has been wracked by scandal of late, Jim Baker and the fall of PTL, Jimmy Swaggart and his motel affair, and Oral Roberts asking his followers to give him X amount of dollars or God was going to take him home. We that live in a world with so many religions may be a little

confused as to which way is up. Lucky for us we may just have the eye of the storm. God has been good to us by giving us Denise Bell. What a refreshing change from the scandal ridden headlines that have rocked the world of religions. A new minister from a new era will be ushered in with the installation of Reverend Denise Denise Bell

Bell. The installa-

tion was held April 27, 1991. Denise Bell brings a refreshing new approach to the ministry while still getting the Word of God across to her congrega-

The role of minister is a complex and challenging job for Denise Bell. It wasn't the path she intended to take. Oh, she wanted to be close to God but at times she has struggled with her faith in her walk with Jesus. Denise Bell did not come from a strong church background. She attended Clifford High School in East Orange, New Jersey, and like most girls her age, she was a little on the shy side. Unsure of what life had in store, she began to get involved at an early age with social issues, issues that concern her people.

At the age of 15, Denise began doing volunteer work for Operation Push with the help of her mentor and longtime friend, Buster Soaries, an

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International speaker/lecturer and minister. Denise's parents were not devout Christians though they did believe in Christ. The Lord entered her life with the help of Reverend Soaries. When Denise talks about Buster a certain joy comes over her and you are aware that he will always be close to her heart. She

goes on to say that it was Buster who was there for her when her father passed away. "Buster helped me thru the transition of losing a father I loved very much. It was a difficult time in my life and I don't think I would have made it without the Lord and Buster."

It was Buster who made Denise even more aware of the movement for it was Buster, Denise explained, who taught me the only true movement is that of

Jesus Christ, Father, the Lord God. "Buster made me realize I had a personal responsibility to make a difference in the lives of others." Denise goes on to say, "When my father died, I became a Christian because I needed a Father who wouldn't leave me. Jesus was the vehicle that led me to God. I had always considered myself a Christian although at that point I had no personal investment in Christianity. Then God came into my life in 1980 and while attending Bible Study one night in 1982, I realized how much I had changed my life, from a fun-loving college student to serious about my God. While attending Kean College in Union, New Jersey, my major was Public administration which makes you a liaison between the people and the system. It was not right for me. God's presence in my life was forever calling me to be a spokesperson for His Word. Yes, I

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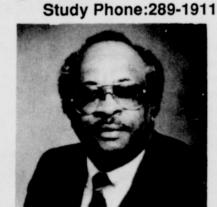
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would still be in public administration, however, now my role would be the liaison between God and the people. I knew then God had changed my life totally."

However, Denise still did not understand the mission the Lord planned for her. She says, "I did become a really good Christian and was deeply involved and committed to the church, but in 1984 my faith in God was put to the test. The burden of the church and all the people depending on me became too much. I was burned out and came to the realization that I was serving the church and not God." That was disappointing to a young Christian trying to maintain the Faith. Denise goes on to quote Matthew 11:28. "Come upon me all who are heavy laden," she continued, "Something was wrong with me and the only way to work this out was thru the Lord. My problem was my perception of Christians. All I wanted to do was serve the Lord and live a life filled with God. It became very taxing on my young mind to maintain faith without question. After a two week mental overhaul about my faith, the Lord in all His Infinite wisdom was able to restore my love for God for it was He that I serve and no one else. I took inventory during that time and realized how much I enjoyed helping people, feeling, listening and healing them thru the love of God. The problem was I saw myself as a sacrificial lamb but thru faith in God I came to understand that if you have a gift and don't exercise it, the gift cannot become a talent."

Denise felt there were too many distractions at home and that in order to better serve her God, she would have to relocate. She moved to Denver, Colorado and enrolled in Denver Seminary School to enhance her knowledge of Christ. The issue of faith kept coming up and Denise felt that she was still not in touch with the person the Lord was calling her to be. Over the next two months,

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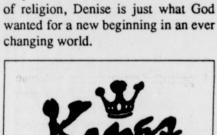
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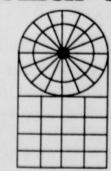
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