

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

Luke 22:64

Mount Olivet Baptist Church To Relocate

by Mattie Ann Callier-Spears



On September 15, 1991, the congregation of the Mount Olivet Baptist Church drove across town in buses, vans and cars, which was led by a motorcycle escort, to its new, intended location in North Portland.

When the motorcade arrived at the site, there were people, who had gone on ahead of the escort, already milling around and inspecting the site. There were people next door, at the Flea Market, whose necks were seriously craning to see just what was about to happen. Where did all these people come from?

In four years, the congregation has grown from six hundred-plus members to over twelve hundred. It was suggested that they expand their present location on 116 NE Schuyler -- but, there would have been a problem with parking. City code requires that there has to be one parking space for each family represented. There are six hundred forty-seven families. And each Sunday the Lord is sending more and more down the aisles to "salvation."

Mount Olivet is currently holding its Sunday worship services at the Stone

Tower Church, on Northeast 30th and Sandy Boulevard, which is a Seven-Day Adventist Church. The Seven-Day Adventist recognize Saturdays as their sabbath and on Sunday the Stone Tower congregation had no scheduled activities -- so, this became the ideal location. Its size and location were perfect. The Mount Olivet congregation has been worshipping at this location for one year and one month.

On the fifteenth, Mount Olivet journeyed to the site of their next home, to hold a brief but meaningful prayer service, to let everyone see where their next church will be, to see the architect's drawings and see, first-hand, where things are to be located, witness God's faithfulness and to have a delicious snack.

The architect, Denorval Unthank, the son of the late Dr. Unthank, who was Portland's first black physician and who also has had a park named in his honor, explained how space will be used, where the sanctuary will be, where the gym will be, the offices, the educational facilities, the kitchen, the multi-purpose room, the music room, the

outside play areas and other features.

Mount Olivet has been an integral spiritual force in the Portland community since 1907. The first location was Southwest Broadway and Everett; then, in 1921, the congregation of 76 people, moved to 116 Northeast First and Schuyler.

During that time period, there weren't many black churches. Mount Olivet was the only black baptist church. Blacks were having problems purchasing property and getting credit. It was a struggle all the way. But -- with God at the helm, there was no turning back.

In 1987, Dr. James E Martin became the eighth pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. The church experienced tremendous growth. Dr. Martin came with the desire for Mount Olivet to be well organized, efficient and a powerful force in the Portland community; A TEACHING CHURCH WITH A REACHING MINISTRY. Growth was so overwhelming that it became necessary to hold three Sunday morning worship services -- 8 am, 10 am, 12 noon. It was burning out the pastor and the choirs. The committees involved with the building search had to revamp their strategy and now look for another place of worship until the new permanent site had been located and a purchase was finalized.

The property at North Chatauqua and Willis has been purchased. The construction will commence in January 1992. If weather and circumstances permit, Mount Olivet will move into its new home by August of 1992. They are "Building Their Vision for God's Glory."

Prayer is the KEY and the continued FAITH of all will unlock the door -- to the new building.

Vickers Assumes New Position



Sharon A. Vickers, daughter of Thomas and Dorothy Vickers, has accepted a position as Elementary School Principal at the California State School for the Deaf in Fremont, California.

After serving as Program Chair Person for the Columbia Regional Program for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired for the past three years in Portland, Ms. Vickers assumed her new position August 30, 1991. The California School for the Deaf - Fremont, has the largest student population of any school for the deaf in the United States.

Ms. Vickers becomes the first African-American to assume principalship at the school which is located in northern California, approximately 25 miles from San Francisco.

Although she will miss her family and friends in Portland, Ms. Vickers is looking forward to her new tenure.

A DAY AT A TIME

When all seems lost,
And there's no hope,
Pray for a day at a time

When you think no one cares,
Find a friend to share
your thoughts, then take it
A day at a time

If no one understands,
Even a close friend,
Ask the man above for,
A day at a time

Don't worry about what others
say, their gonna do it any way,
So take life,
A day at a time

Just do your best,
The Lord will do the rest,
A day at a time

No one knows what lies ahead,
Remember what Jesus said,
Then take life,
A day at a time

Take time for yourself,
Find inner-peace,
Only you can do it,
A day at a time

He gives us no more than
We can handle,
Let go and let God,
Pray diligently and ask for
Strength, all in Jesus name,
A day at a time

For those that believe,
And keep the faith,
We are blessed,
to cope with loss, hurt &
Pain, for nothing remains the same,
but with help from that mighty man above,
He'll be there for you,
A precious day at a time

Don't try to judge for who are we,
Only sheep in Gods eyes,
Only he can heal the hurt & pain,
With love and understanding,
A day at a time

This poem is dedicated to a very special lady in my life, hopefully forever.
This one's for you, Ms. Joyce Washington Payne.

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- Bible Study
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- Morning Worship
10:45 am.
- Men's Training Leadership
- Women's Bible Class
5:00 pm.
- Evening Worship
6:00 pm.
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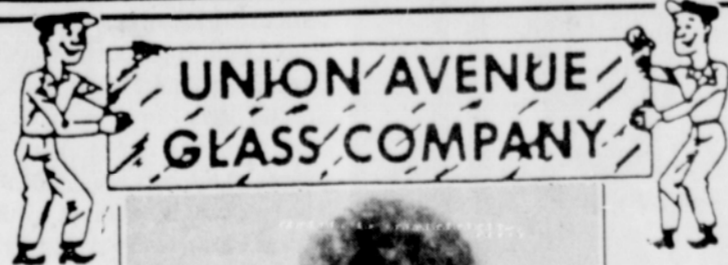


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