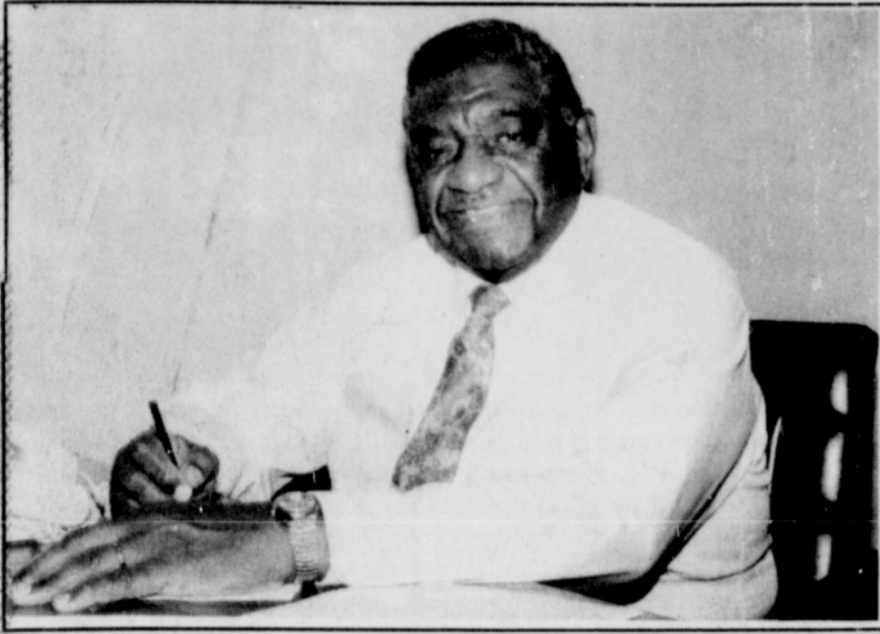


# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week  
Matthew, Chapter 7

## An Open Letter To African American Pastors And Churches In The Portland Area



From: Pastor Ralph Greenidge, Leaders in the African American Community and Team Members of the Pacific Northwest Billy Graham Crusade.

I'm sure by now you have received notices about the Christian Life and Witness Classes that were held in various locations in Portland and the surrounding areas. During the first two weeks of classes, attendance far exceeded any projections--24,365 for Week 1 and 26,012 for Week 2. Never in the history of Billy Graham Crusades has there been such a response. Southern California had an attendance of 24,000 in 1985 with a population base of 12 million. Our base is only 1.7 million!!! How many members of your congregation attended these meetings? There are many hurts and many needs in our communities. This training helps provide insight into how you can take advantage of available opportunities for evangelism.

In my estimation, there needs to be a spiritual awakening to the power of the Gospel in our lives and the nearness of Christ coming for His redeemed

family. One of the ways that Billy Graham has stated, and I concur, that we can be prepared is through studying God's Word and becoming effective witnesses for Him. The Crusade Office is offering a Christian Life and Witness Class for our African American churches. We simply need to have 400 people sign up for this important training.

Second, I am willing to show the Operation Andrew film to organize our churches to pray for unchurched people in our communities to bring them in groups to the Crusade when it is here in September.

Third, there is need for you to be involved in the ushering and choir in the Crusade. And, last, for our churches to pray for Billy Graham and the Crusade, that there might be a mighty moving of God's Holy Spirit.

To take advantage of the opportunities mentioned above, please call the Crusade Office at 232-4992 for an appointment. If I am not there, please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible.

## The Church Of God In Christ

Oregon First Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction

48th Annual Holy Convocation  
July 6-12, 1992.

Services will be held at 1737 N.E. Alberta St. 7:00 p.m. nightly. Day Sessions 10:00 a.m. Jurisdictional Bishop, Bishop A.R. Hopkins, presiding

Special Guest Speakers:

Tuesday, July 7th  
Bishop L.H. Ford, International Presiding Bishop  
Church Of God In Christ, Inc. from Chicago, Illinois.

Wednesday, July 8th  
Bishop Charles E. Blake, General Board Member a renown preacher with over 6,000 members, from Los Angeles, California

Friday, July 10th  
Bishop T.L. Westbrook, National Chairman of the Judiciary Board, from Tacoma, Washington

## An Open Letter To Our Community

Dear Neighbors and Friends:

We'd like to invite you, your family and friends to join us in a fun filled, exciting Vacation Bible School (VBS) program that will be held June 29 to July 3rd and 4th, 1992. Time 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

This year's theme is *Go Tell it on the Mountain* (Son Mountain). We're located at Church of Christ; 3908 NE Mallory, Portland, Oregon, 97211.

Everyone will benefit from attending VBS. Call if more information is needed. There's no charge. Ask for Pat at (503) 281-3330.

## LaShay Writes Own Obituary

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

The "Heaven-Bound" Choir members, crutches and bandages, crippled and lame, broken and in wheel chairs, gathered at Maranatha Church for the last earthly time to say good-bye to their dear sister Dornetta LaShay Dorn.

The building was over-run with well-wishers, family members, classmates, clergy, and church members.

This was the most beautiful and the most spiritual "going-home" service, as it was called. The songs and the comments, from those who had impacted her brief life, caused those listening to rejoice rather than mourn.

Seventeen days prior to her death, LaShay graduated from Benson High School. She had planned to take a trip to Florida to visit her sister, who is in the military, and to go to college in the fall; but, that shall never take place. "God, in His infinite wisdom, has chosen to pick the most beautiful of roses for His heavenly garden", a phrase exclaimed over and over again by all those who spoke.

There was certainly something different about this young lady's life because there were at least fifteen clergy assembled not just to gaze as if watching an interesting event; but, to recall what a wonderful person LaShay was and how they will all miss her presence. Rev. Raymon Edwards, pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, stated, "Life is like an airport with some people coming, some going, but none staying."

In all, over 1,000 came to say "Good-bye!"

Mrs. Evelyn Bryant, LaShay's mother, said that LaShay had attended the funeral service, one year ago at this same church, of another young person, she knew. When she got home, she sat down and planned her own funeral service. She was so impressed with the manner in which the service was handled that she thought that she should put her plans together in a timely manner. Who would have thought that we would be here, this year, at her funeral? Who would have thought? Only God knew.

Rev. George Merriweather, NE Community Fellowship Foursquare Church, Portland, was the officiating pastor and he delivered such a meaningful eulogy. What impressed me most was his charge to the youth in the audience -- "I don't want to sell you a religion!" he exclaimed, "I want you to get acquainted with and to establish a good relationship with GOD. LaShay was excited about her relationship with Jesus Christ. So much so, that she constantly had her friends calling her at her home asking her about Jesus. She took time out of her schedule to share the Lord with her peers at school. Weep only for a little while because LaShay is happy. One of these days, there will be a great reunion over in paradise. If you, who LaShay has been witnessing to, allow Jesus to come into your lives, you will see LaShay again. LaShay made

"reservations for herself."

Rev. Merriweather recalled the comments from the choir members on the nineteenth of June: the day LaShay truly went home. "When LaShay got into the van, she went to sleep. She slept so soundly. At the time we saw the van getting in trouble, we tried and tried to wake LaShay up but she never woke up." Rev. Merriweather said, "...For all we know, LaShay had already gone on home to glory when she got into that van."

As the congregation filed past her soft pink casket, many touched her hand or paused for a moment just to see her pleasant expression. Yes! Even in death, she continued to witness on how the sting of death had been removed by Jesus Christ himself.

As the masses gathered at the grave side, there was sobbing, praying and some were singing. The minister committed the remains to the earth and beautiful doves were released into the air. One young lady, who was among those at the grave side said, "I was very moved when I saw the doves. There were three of them; but, two came back and stood on the flowers on the casket. Wow! I just didn't know what to say. It was so beautiful."

A beautiful home-going for a beautiful young lady.

"Are you bound for glory or are you destined for hell?" Rev. Merriweather asked, as he concluded the service.

Don't Cry for Me!

## Come Join Us For The Celebration



Rev. and Sister Virgil Allen

The members of Macedonia Baptist Church will be celebrating their pastor and wife, Rev. and Sister Virgil Allen's 8th year anniversary beginning July 9th thru 12th 1992.

7:30 p.m. with a musical on Sat. July 11th 7:30 p.m. climaxing on Sunday July 12th 3:00 p.m., come join us in helping to make this a wonderful event for two wonderful people that give and work so hard for the Lord. Theme: For I Knew In Whom I Believe 2nd Timothy First chapter, 12th virtue.

We are located on 30th and Alberta.

## LaShay's Going Home

Dornetta LaShay Dorn was born in Portland, Oregon on January 3, 1974 to Clarence Dorn, Sr., and Evelyn Bryant.

She united with St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. James C.E. Faulkner.

LaShay accepted Christ at the age of 13 and she was baptized September 1983 by Rev. George Merriweather, assistant Minister. LaShay was a member of the Sunday School Choir and she worked with the Mission Dept. and Youth Dept. and as she became older she moved up to the Young Adult Choir.

The mission was to minister in song, she tried to point souls to Calvary all along the way, she wanted everyone to know the Lord that she knew.

LaShay was educated in Portland, Oregon, and she had just graduated from Benson Polytechnic High School on June 7, 1992.

One of LaShay's sayings was "Is My Living in Vain" and she sang that song in her first singing groups. She went on to join other singing groups, the last one being Heavenbound Gospel.

She was a people person and she always had a half smile for some and a huge for others, she touched so many lives. God called her home June 19, 1992.

In her homegoing she leaves her mother, Evelyn Bryant and

Step-father Arthur Bryant and her father Clarence Dorn, Sr., all of Portland, Ore. Brothers: Clarence Jr., Brandon, Shane, Travis, Dontrae, & David Dorn of Portland; Sisters: Ramona McCauley of Hawaii, Patrice Dorn of Houston, Texas, Jackie Keshia, and Jamine Dorn of Portland. Her grandmother, Versie L. Blackmon of Bellville, Texas, Aunts: Joyce Blackmon and Versie M. Blackmon of Houston, Texas; Uncles: Eugene Blackmon of Bellville, Texas, Dennis Blackmon of Port Arthur, Texas, Earnest Dorn of Portland, Great Uncle Hubert Bolden of Wealy, Texas, one very special friend Eric Adam of Portland, Oregon, Nieces, nephews, cousins, god children, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We truly wished that LaShay could have stayed here, but God wanted to add another Rose to his garden.

## Seventh National Black Catholic Congress To Convene In New Orleans, July 9-12, 1992

The seventh National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC VII) will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 9-12, 1992. An estimated 3,000 delegates from Catholic Churches in African American communities throughout the country will gather to develop strategies for action and programs which will address the needs of the African American family.

The opening liturgy for the Congress will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, July 9, at the New Orleans Convention Center. The opening plenary session will be at 8:30 Friday morning, July 10 at the Marriott Hotel on Canal Street.

Portland Oregon will have representation from ten different Parishes. Geraldine Mitchell and John Austin

from Holy Redeemer Parish, William Hill from St. Piers, Lucenda Tate and Emma Ford will represent St. Andrews as well as Patrick Ford, who is the youth delegate from the same Parish. Telethia Benjamin, Ida Sheppard and Sam Jackson Jr. from Immaculate Heart Parish and Martin L. King from Mt. Angle Seminary. Diocesan Coordinator is Sam Jackson from Immaculate Heart.

Congress VII will build upon the successful accomplishments of previous congresses to focus on the following areas of concern of the African American Catholic community: *The Internal Structure of African American Life; The African American Male; and The Effects Of Racism on the African Family.*

Model programs to strengthen the African American family will be presented at the Congress. Delegates will also develop action statements to guide dioceses and parishes in addressing the needs of the African American family.

Sponsors of The National Black Catholic Congress are: The African American Bishop in the United States, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, the National Black Sisters' Conference, the Nation Association of Black Catholic Administration and the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver.

Delegates and observers will leave the Congress better equipped to increase their effectiveness in evangelization.

## Creed Of The Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and national antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human and legal rights. Hating no person, fearing no person, the Black Press strives to help every person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

## St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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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.**



Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

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

I Peter 4:11

## Jesus Loves You! Allen Temple CME Church

Psalm 34:3

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"Come to me all you who are  
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Study and Prayer



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