

RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

St. John Chapter 4

Making Heavenly Music With Terry



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"It's time to go to church," Terry's mother called out, one Sunday morning. "Don't worry about anything," she said assuredly, "the Lord will lead and guide you." Terry emerges from his bedroom fixing his tie, "I know that God is faithful Mom."

This little scenario was just one of many that was common-place in the Davis' home; and not just on Sundays. It is setting the stage for a great announcement concerning one of Portland's own young men.

Although the Davis family resides in Vancouver, Washington, Portland is Terry's place of residence, now that he is 28 years old, and it is their place of worship, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Terry received Christ in 1976. This became a pivotal point in his life.

In 1978, Terry began playing the piano and/or organ publicly. He has never had formal training in keyboard study, voice, or theory. He is truly a great example of "See what God can do!" The proper word is "blessed". Although this talent came easily, it did not come without a tremendous amount of influence from his family. Both

parents, Bobby and Dorothy Davis, have been singing in church and in the home for as long as he can remember.

"It was just a blessing from God," said Terry. "From an early age, I could distinguish three-part harmony. Since I was real little, I could remember listening to Mom's old tapes. Listening to greats, such as: Rev. James Cleveland, Mattie Moss Clark, The Caravans, Shirley Caesar and others." Recently, a communication came across my desk which stated, "The Listening Committee from the Music Department of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc., in Los Angeles, California, has selected a song entitled When You Come Back to be taught in the New Music Seminar. This will take place August 12, 1992 in Chicago, Illinois." The letter continued to say, "This year we are expecting a large delegation to attend the workshop, so we are asking for 525 copies of your song." The letter concluded with these words "Thank you for sharing your music with us." This letter was addressed to Terence "Terry" Davis, keyboardist/writer/composer/musical director.

Terry says that he doesn't really know exactly when he began composing. All he knows is that he had a tremendous desire to write; and, when something would well-up in his heart, he would sit down and start composing. "Just whenever an inspiration hit me," he said.

Terry said that the one thing that became prominent and foremost in his heart was--that he really wanted a purpose for his music. He wants people to know the love that Christ has for mankind through listening to or by singing or by playing his songs. "Yes, I want this to be shown through my music."

Terry has always wanted to share his talent unselfishly with others. If someone would ask him to play or if he was somewhere and a musician was needed, he was ready and willing.

The Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. is not a stranger to Terry. He has been involved in the Oregon Chapter, with John Gainer as Chapter Representative, for several years. He was first acquainted with this organization in 1982 when he was on tour with the Total Experience Choir. And then, in 1987, he spent some time in Detroit, Michigan. That same year, Terry was instrumental in the birth and development of an Oregon Chapter of GMVA.

Terry is the co-director of the Greater Northwest Interfaith Choir; he is the accompanist, lead singer, composer and co-director of the Sermonettes (an eight-voiced female gospel group of which his mother is director and lead vocalist); organist for New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Terry has been greatly influenced by many musical giants -- but, his greatest of all influences is Minister Thomas Whitfield from the Michigan area.

Terry is only one of many young men on fire for the Lord -- in the city of Portland, Oregon. Yes! There are many who dare witness for the Lord or dare to use their talents for the Lord. And for this effort, we say "Congratulations!"

"First of all," Terry admonishes Portland's youth, "give your talents totally over to the Lord. When an opportunity comes to play or sing, play or sing to the glory of God. Not for show! Pray for God's anointing and just give self over to the Lord. Never forget the pioneers who have paved the way for us, like the sounds of: Richard Smallwood, Commissioned, Daryl Coley, Stevie Wonder and Jeffery LaValley."

Terry says that the only way he advanced was through God's anointing.

"I give God sole credit for my abilities. I will praise Him with my life and with my talents."

Church Women United Launches 1992-96 Imperative

A three-pronged imperative extending to 1996 has been issued by the national common council of Church Women United (CWU), according to Nadine Riley, president of the Portland unit and national board member.

Priority will be given to the areas of poverty of women and children, continuing a five-year imperative completed this year, health care and the environment, with the following specific goals:

Poverty of women and children: Church Women United will work in coalition with other organizations to enhance the social and economic power of women.

Health care: CWU will facilitate a reflection/action process to discern the ethical dilemmas of the current health care crisis and advocate enactment of a comprehensive health care program.

Environment: By December 1994, CWU will complete a study with recommendations on the interrelationship

of health, environment and women.

The council met recently in Los Angeles. A specially appointed CWU team made site visits to diverse communities in the greater Los Angeles area, Riley said. "Based on the experience gained by these women, Church Women United will strengthen its emphasis on support of economic alternatives and health care priorities, specifically as they relate to women and children most deeply affected by the crisis in our urban cities. We will stress diversity as an agent of transformation," Riley explained.

CWU's common council is made up of the CWU national board, the president of the 50 state units, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and national leaders of supporting denominations.

Church Women United is a national ecumenical movement joining Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women to work for peace, justice and equality.

PROPER "Preacher Reaching Oppressed People Expecting Restoration"

What: Yes Jam '92" Gospel Music Rally
Where: Unthank Park, corner of Kerby & Shaver Pkwy, OR
When: Saturday July 25, 1992 3:30 p.m.

Purpose: To reach our young people in the immediate area and offer them positive alternatives where it concerns drugs, gang activity, and other felonious as well as misdemeanor crime. Further it is our purpose to help young people in the area of self awareness, self esteem and to realize opportunities to excel in educational and moral growth.

Memorial Fund Established for Drowned Youth

The Urban League of Portland is the trustee of a memorial account established in the name of Frederick Mitchell, a thirteen-year-old Portland youth who drowned at Vancouver Lake on June 23, 1992. Money contributed to the account will be used by the Mitchell family to offset burial expenses.

The account has been opened at the First Interstate Bank branch at Grand and Broadway in Northeast Portland, but deposits may be made at any First Interstate Bank branch.

Frederick Mitchell was a member of the Urban League's "Rites of Passage" program, which helps young men learn the responsibilities of manhood.

For further information, contact Herman Lessard, Jr. at the Urban League at 280-2600.

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Featuring

Terence "Terry" Davis

Saturday, July 18, 1992
12 - 5 PM

Shades of Color Art Gallery

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Please come and donate with love. This affair is being given by the FRIENDS OF TERRY DAVIS committee.

Terry Davis, keyboardist/composer/director, will be presenting an original piece before the Gospel Music Workshop of America, Inc. in August of 1992 in Chicago, Illinois.

Please bring someone. Also, Black art pieces will be on sale. For more information, call 288-3779.

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Hand-In-Hand Festival

The 14th Annual Hand-in-hand Festival will be held at the

Saint Andrew's Community Center

on July 18, 1992 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Hand-in-Hand Festival is a day of sharing between people with alternate physical and mental abilities. The goal of the Hand-in-Hand Festival is break down the barriers that separate people with different abilities, and make the day a joyful experience for all involved. The participants and volunteers will come from all areas of Portland to enjoy games, live music, clowning around, food, prizes and other activities.

The Festival is sponsored jointly by the Saint Andrew Community Center and Special Pastoral Services of The Archdiocese.

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And Don't Forget, It's PICNIC Time

July 25th at Columbia Park

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Sunday Service

10:45

Sunday School

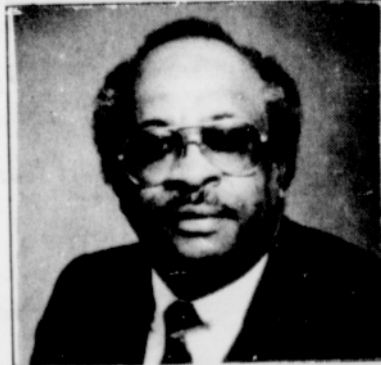
9:30

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

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The New Urban Gospel Radio Program on KPDQ 800am called "Jam Productions"

Jam Production, a radio program on KPDQ 800am has a new format that appeals and targets an audience that enjoys Urban, Soul, R&B, and a little bit of Jazz. It features three hours of the latest contemporary Gospel music, one hour of Gospel Rap, and the show ends up with an hour of Gospel Jazz which is called Jazz for Jesus. The hosts, Ken Mitchell-Phillips, and Rubyn Warren

start the show at 7:00 pm every Sunday.

The program is two months old and has received a tremendous response from the community. It is preparing an all-day basketball tournament followed by a musical in the month of August. Anyone who tunes in to KPDQ 7-12 on Sunday nights will be hooked. People can call 282-4236 for more information or to donate funds to Jam Productions.

Features include:

- Gospel Thought of the Week** - Focuses on a different subject weekly.
- Community Spotlight** - Interview with leader in the community.
- Sister Talk** - About issues that face women.
- Brother Talk** - About issues facing men.
- Just For Teenagers, Teen Perspectives** - Answers questions about youth today from a youth perspective.
- Time out for the Family** - a couple addresses family issues.
- Crackin' Up** - Comedian Rubyn Warren shows that being a Christian is fun too.
- Gospel News** - Tells what's happening in Gospel Entertainment.
- Recipes** - A new recipe every Sunday.

there are many other features all within 5 hours every Sunday 7pm-12pm

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