

# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

Matthew 13:3

## PORTLAND SINGS

BY MATTIE ANN CALLIER-SPEARS

In the Gospel Music realm all across the United States, there are many cities and states who have amassed and/or collected the top vocals from their areas and consolidated them into one powerful vocal group all singing praise to the God Almighty; hence, a mass choir.

Minister Darnell "Ray" Tellis, Music Director at the New Song Christian Center, Portland, Oregon, composer and arranger, along with Donald Taylor, Music director and founder of the L.A. Mass Choir, will hold four nights off vocal auditions at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 116 NE Schuyler Street.

The object is that Portland will have its own Mass Choir. This group will carry its Gospel ministry across the nation and on a local level. There will be recordings and possible television and radio work.

All persons who have the desire to participate in this great undertaking should contact Mrs. Ada Reed Tellis at 288-4413. Listed below are the dates and times.

**Registration & Auditions**

Friday, October 9, 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Saturday, October 10, 4:00-6:00 pm  
 Friday, October 16, 6:00-8:00 pm  
 Saturday, October 17,

4:00-6:00 pm

Minister Ray Tellis is a conscientious, young, dedicated Christian man who has continuously made great strides in the sovereign name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ray Tellis, a graduate of Cleveland High School and a student in Radio and Television Broadcast, has been entrenched in the world of music since his conception. He is the youngest of eight children born to Ella and Roosevelt Tellis. "My sisters and brothers sang together when I was very young. And they still do. I can remember times in my life that have been punctuated by times when my family sang certain songs", he reminisced. He has played the piano since he was five years old. He began studying other instruments from fifth grade through high school (where he played saxophone in jazz and concert band).

Ray was inspired by the songs his family performed and he soon began writing and composing his own pieces. He has been recognized by his strong artistically creative talents. I spoke to a young woman concerning the songs he has written and her response was, "When you sing a song written by Ray, you know that God is in it. His songs are truly an inspiration."

Four of Ray's original pieces will

be recorded on the next album recording with the L.A. Mass Choir on Light Records label.

Why create a mass choir in Portland? Portland has so much talent that many, many more people should experience the blessed gifts they have to offer.

This choir will not just perform but it will be a solid based ministry whereby each person will become intensely involved in the work of evangelism.

On the heels of the Billy Graham Crusade, in which Ray was an integral participant, this choir's birth and ministry will perpetuate the very same concept that Dr. Graham preached, "Go out and bring the message, that God has given you, to all who will receive it."

Ray, along with Donald Taylor and Ray's charming wife Ada, will recruit and construct, with the help of the Lord, a one hundred voice choir which will range in age for seventeen years old and older. There is a detailed form that must be completed and there are nine Ministry Qualifications which must be met before approval. So—having a good voice is not the only criteria. A person's spiritual stability is the most important factor.

come ye! Come ye! all who love the Lord. Let's make a joyful noise unto the rock of our salvation.

### Woodlawn Children Of Promise Benefit Concert Sunday, October 11, 1992

Musicians from the Portland Youth Philharmonic will be among the featured performers at a Woodlawn Children Of Promise 3:00 pm.

The concert will be held at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 1425 NE Dekum Street, at the corner of NE 15th and Dekum, and will feature classical, gospel and jazz segments. Also featured will be outstanding local talent in both classical and gospel music.

A freewill offering will be received to benefit the Woodlawn Children Of Promise. Formerly a part of People Are Beautiful, WCP works to develop programs which enhance the self-image of children in the Woodlawn and Inner North and Northeast Portland area. Refreshments will be served by the church community.

### Prince Hall Grand Chapter Tea & Fashion Show

Date -- October 18, 1992  
 Place -- Brooks Building  
 3620 North Williams Avenue  
 Time -- 1 PM To 4:30 PM  
 Rubie Franklin -- Chairperson  
 Frances Odom, Co-Chairperson

### Men of Excellence

Presents Two Inspirational Events with Noted Author, Evangelist & Motivational Speaker

#### Tom Skinner

Thurs. Oct. 8th 1992

#I - Irvington Covenant Church Administration Center  
 Noon - 2:00 pm  
 1712 N. E. 11th (11th & Broadway)

A Brown Bag Lunch Symposium (Beverage Provided)  
 Discussion Topic

The Implications of Faith & Relationships For Economic Development in N.E. Portland  
 Come if you're interested in:  
 Starting a new business  
 Networking with other business people  
 Broadening relationships cross-culturally  
 Stronger faith in the market place

#II - Men Of Excellence Rally  
 Mt. Olivet Baptist Church - 7:00 pm

116 N. E. Schuyler

Special Music & Testimonies  
 Sponsored by: Allen Temple CME, Berean Baptist, Mt. Sinai Community Baptist, Celebration Tabernacle, Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel, Mt. Olivet Baptist, Bethel AME, Piedmont Friends, Maranatha Church, Irvington Covenant  
 For more info call Henry Greenidge at 287-5226

### In Loving Memory of Eddie Hugh Stoudamire

June 28, 1915 - September 25, 1992



Funeral Service were held on Tuesday, September 29, 1992 at 2:00 PM at Mallory Avenue Christian Church, 126 NE Alberta Street, Portland, Oregon, Rev. Denise Bell, Pastor.

Warm... Wise... Kind... Fun... Always in a good mood: words and phrases used to describe Eddie, "Cigar," a man who lived life to the fullest.

Eddie Hugh Stoudamire was born in Bookman County, Arkansas, on June 28, 1915 and died on Friday, September 25, 1992. The youngest boy of Emma Counts and George Henderson Stoudamire's eleven children, he moved to Oregon in 1955, while working for Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a "rolling stone." Eddie worked many different jobs in Klamath Falls and around the Portland area, but is prob-

ably remembered most for his years spent at the Burger Barn, where you could find him leaning across the counter telling stories or giving advice.

He experienced more in his lifetime than most people who live to be a hundred years old. Whether he was making us laugh, or lending an ear, his loyalty, wisdom and big heart won us over. He earned the respect and admiration of young and old alike.

He is survived by his children: Willie, Charles, Carolyn and Anthony Stoudamire; stepchildren, Artelia Dorsey, Cardell Matthews, Marve Gray, Mae Bryant, and Donald Matthews; two sisters, Carrie Smith and Naomi Edwards, both of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; two sisters-in-law, Gertrude "Missie" Stoudamire, Pine Bluff, Arkansas and Fannie Stoudamire, Detroit Michigan; twenty-one grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; six nieces, three nephews, ten great nieces, five great nephews; and special friends, Diane Railford and James Zell Walker.

If you could gather all the respect and love that people feel for Eddie, it wouldn't equal the amount of pride Eddie had in all of us. He is here with us now--and if he could, he would share a story with a moral, that included these words of wisdom:

"Don't forget me. Hold on to my memory, but let go of the sadness.

Enjoy life. Work hard and earn your keep.

Find peace and harmony inside of you and share it with those you love."

### Homegoing of Buerett "Jack" Wasson



Services were held Tuesday, September 29, 1992 at 11:00 am at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, Dr. James E. Martin, officiating  
 Buerett "Jack" Wasson was born March 21, 1912, in Statesville, North Carolina. Born the son of the late Van and Lillie Wasson, "Jack" was enrolled in the North Carolina public school system. He later joined the U.S. Army and served in a tank battalion during

World War II. Jack moved to Portland in 1960, where he met and married Precious Ford. The couple was married in 1963. Jack had been employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in North Carolina as a nurses assistant in medicine and surgery. He continued the same work here in Portland and retired July 31, 1970 after 34 years of service.

A long time member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Jack sung in the Chancel Choir. He joined the Masons and was a member of Enterprise Lodge #1, serving as Master in 1970-71. He served as Commander-in-Chief of Willamette Consistory #23 in 1979-80 and was elevated to 33rd degree in May 1980.

Jack departed this life Saturday, September 19, following a long illness. He leaves to cherish memory: his wife, Precious; one daughter, Daryal Van Wasson of Asheville, North Carolina; one sister, Betty Wiggins of Washington, D.C.; two aunts, Sally Adams and Eita Mae Graham of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; one nephew, William Davidson Jr. of Alexandria, Virginia; along with a host of great nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Announcement

A Halloween Musical" Saturday, October 31, 1992 To be held at The Mt. Sinai Auditorium, 936 N.E. Beech St., a community event to serve as an outreach for community youth. This is in association with Drug & Gang Relief Activities." There will be a children's hour, 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Guest soloists, & community talent from all over the city area.

Sponsored by "Mt. Sinai Helping Hand Outreach Program"

October 31, 1992, Halloween Musical.



**Advertise IN THE OBSERVER**

### Mallory Avenue Church Of Christ Announcement

Free? What?

Clothes and Food Only

When?

Tuesday: Clothes • Friday: Food  
 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Where?

Mallory Avenue Church of Christ  
 3908 NE Mallory Ave. • Portland, OR 97211  
 For further information contact: Pat Gamble at 503-288-1092

### MT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

Has moved Sunday services to Stone Tower Church, N.E. Sandy Blvd. & 30th

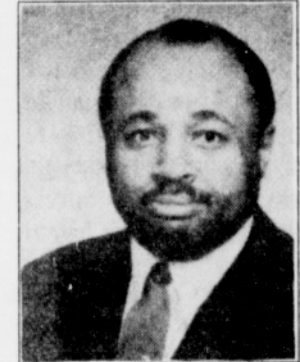


Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 Church School 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study, Wednesdays, 116 N.E. Schuyler 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00 a.m. on KBMS

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

Church Office 116 N.E. Schuyler St.  
 (503) 284-1954



### NPACE Fall Christian Education Conference

October 23 and 24  
 Allen Temple C.M.E. Church  
 4214 N.E. 8th  
 Them: Reaching And Discipline Our Youth  
 Guest Speaker: Reverend Calvin Jones Jr.  
 Providence Missionary Baptist Church  
 San Francisco, California

Reverend Calvin Jones earned degrees at the University of Washington and Harvard University. He was a celebrated football player at the University of Washington and later played for the Denver Broncos.

Rev. Jones is a minister of Jesus christ. He has developed programs for inner city youth, (tutoring, summer camps, theater arts, video), presented workshops in racism, and has worked in prison ministry. He will be speaking on Friday night and Saturday morning.

**Schedule**

Friday, October 23  
 Service: 7:00 P.M.  
 Saturday, October 24  
 Registration: 8:00 - 8:45  
 Praise Time: 8:45 - 9:00  
 General Assembly: 9:00  
 Workshops: 10:20 - 11:30  
 Lunch: 11:30 - 12:15  
 Workshops: 12:20 - 1:30  
 General Assembly: 1:40 - 2:30

Jesus Loves You!

### Allen Temple CME Church

Psalms 34:3

4236 NE Eighth Avenue  
 (corner of 8th & Skidmore)

Portland, Oregon 97211

(503) 287-0261

Phillip S. Nelson Pastor

### Mallory Avenue Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

God's Presence promises Power through Jesus Christ in Good Times and Bad Times  
 Matthew 11:28

"Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest!"

9:45am Sunday School  
 11:00am Morning Worship  
 7:30pm Tuesday Bible Study and Prayer

Inter-racial Congregation



Denise A. Bell, Pastor

126 N.E. Alberta + Portland, OR 97211 + (503) 288-5173

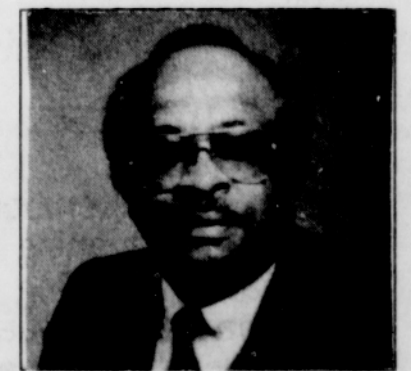
### St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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.



Pastor Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

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

I Peter 4:11