

# RELIGION

Scripture Of The Week

Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. Psalms 54:2

## Bridging Troubled Times: A Way Across

Travelling across the country, I've seen many bridges whose construction was as different as whatever it was that it bridged. Some bridges were ornate (glittering in the sunlight) structures; while another's form loomed ominously in the night creating a fearful heart as you approached it. High ones, long ones, wide ones, narrow ones and rickety ones and

a big pile of some real foul stuff and you felt like you were about to go down for the third, and final time? You didn't know who to turn to or who to ask or who could help—if at all.

"Jesus is the answer for the world today. Above Him there is no other, Jesus is the Way", are the words a songwriter jotted down one day. Another writer wrote, "When you're down and out, feeling small, and friends just can't be found..." In the midst of trouble, don't hesitate. Call on the name of Jesus Christ! He will hear you. Yes, He will!

Jesus will bridge the gaps; the vast crevices; the deep holes; the perilous situations; the exposed, ugly, risky areas in your life. Only He can heal damaged emotions. Only He can draw the bitter poisonous venom from within your sin riddled life. Jesus is not like man made bridges. Jesus will never need repairs; He will never get washed out; He will never get rickety from wear (usage).

Jesus is the problem solver. If we could just remember to, call on His name in troubled times. But don't just limit your communication, with Jesus Christ, to times of distress. As born again, dyed in wool christian believe-

ers, the innermost room in our hearts should be filled, daily, conversing with the Lord. In the morning, in the afternoon, in the evening or late in the midnight hours, call on Jesus and tell him what's going on in your life. Allow Jesus to become your very best, our very intimate friend. He will restore you. He will deliver you. God's power is unlimited.

There are, however, some warnings. Some who have found themselves in a stew pot, have called on the name of Jesus; then, they make these empty promises to the Lord. In other words, they lied. I can't help shuddering at the profound foolishness of some, so-called "Christians." God said that He is Alpha and Omega; the beginning and the end. So-how does anyone think that he or she can lie to God, fool God, pull the wool over God's eyes?

Stop playing games with the Lord! Believe me, it is not cute. And you don't want to experience the consequences of God's wrath.

When all the feathers finally settle, you will find that you are only lying to yourself. Jesus Christ will not be found in a lie. Will He bridge "that" gap? No! Go to God with forgiveness in your heart—not just in your mouth.

He will hear you. (1 John 1:5-10, 2:1-6) Jesus is your way across in troubled times.

Hallelujah!



By Mattie Ann Callier-Spears

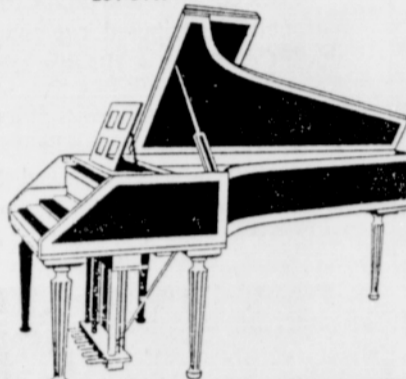
THE GREATER SAINT STEPHENS BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE PRESENTS

\*\*SINGING WITH GRACE\*\*  
COL: 3:16

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DATE: APRIL 04, 1993  
TIME 3:30

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Celebration Tabernacle, 1505 N  
Bryant on March 24 to 26 at 7pm.  
The Evangelist will be Ruby Nelson  
from Shreveport Louisiana.

## REFLECTIONS

### Speaking With God

The best part of speaking with God is to be still long enough to listen to what He has to say. And if we listen closely we may hear Him saying, "Why are you praying? do something!" For some of us it's much easier to pray for someone than to go take care of and help that person.

The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing, but it also tells us that faith without works is dead. When James wrote faith without works is dead, I'm sure he had the super pious in mind, knowing that they would use prayer and meditation to dodge involvement in visiting the sick, lifting the fallen, clothing the

poor, sheltering the homeless, feeding the hungry, listening to the lonely, assisting the elderly, or anything that would require work or giving.

How do we keep prayer, faith and works balanced? It's easy. If we pray while working it shouldn't be to hard. If we pray any and every where, and not just on our knees, we should be in a position to help. To my knowledge there is no significance between our position and the strength of our prayers. Otherwise, Christ would have insisted that His disciples get on their knees and close their eyes when they prayed. God focuses on our heart condition not our prayer position.

Bethel A.M.E. Church will hold a HOLY WEEK REVIVAL "HE GAVE HIS LIFE, WHAT WILL YOU GIVE?" on April 5, 6 & 7, 1993 with Rev. Grady R. Brown (a former Pastor Of Bethel A.M.E. Church). Also scheduled are: "Maundy Thursday Pascal Lamb Service" on April 8, 1993 and "Seven Last Words" on April 9, 1993. All services will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Avenue. For information call (503) 288-5429

## Mallory Avenue Christian Church

"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

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



## Greater Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church

"Serving The Lord With Gladness"

Psalm 100:2

Sunday School 10am

Morning Worship 11:05

Mid Week:

Prayer & Bible Study 7pm

Rev. G.L. Black I Pastor

3707 N. Williams Ave.

(503) 281-8117 Portland, OR 97227

## 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

7:00pm

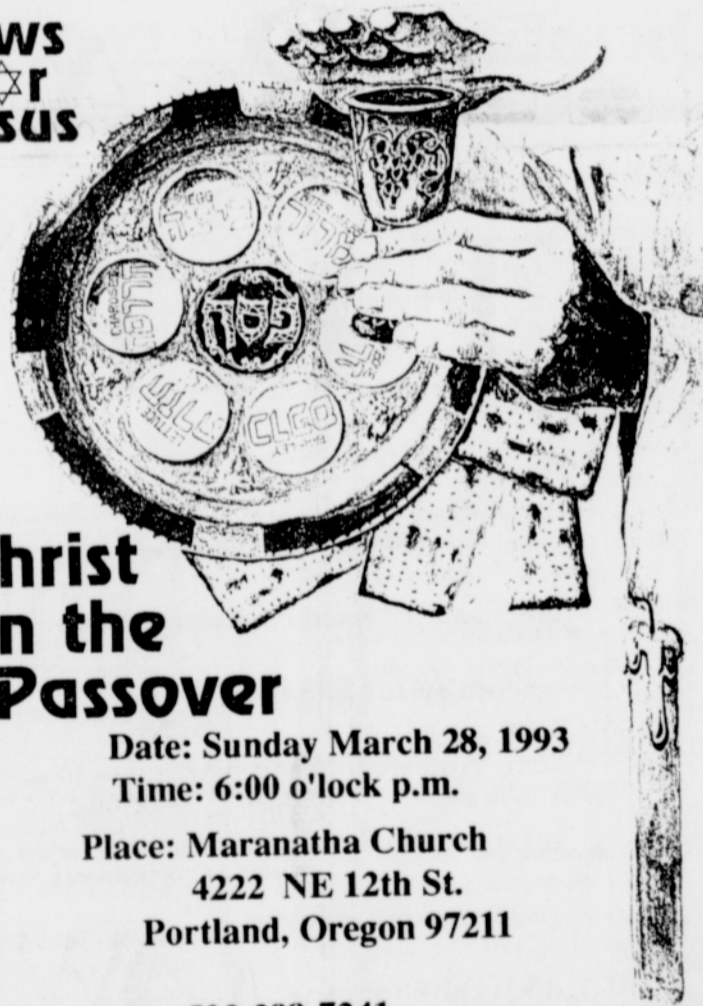


Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

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

1 Peter iv 11

## Jews for Jesus



### Christ in the Passover

Date: Sunday March 28, 1993

Time: 6:00 o'clock p.m.

Place: Maranatha Church

4222 NE 12th St.

Portland, Oregon 97211

503-288-7241



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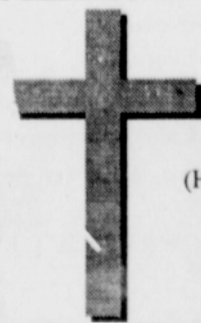
Has moved Sunday services to  
Stone Tower Church  
N.E. Sandy Blvd. & 30th

Worship Services 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Church School 9:30 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

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



## The People's Church

1425 NE Dekum & 15th  
(Housed in the Woodlawn Methodist Church structure.)  
Pastor: Rev. Robert Probasco Sr.  
Sunday A.M. Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Thurs. P.M. Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.



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Pastors

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256-6050

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5736 N. Albina

Worship Celebration 10:30AM

Wed. Bible Study 7:30PM

"A Church where friends are friends indeed"

Michael DeJean, M. Div.  
Pastor

(503) 289-0143

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