

# REFLECTIONS

## Who Will Roll The Stone Away

It must have been a long, dark night for Mary Magdalene who, like many others, faithfully followed Jesus to Jerusalem from Galilee. Grief-stricken, she must have risen before dawn, gathered her assortment of oils and wrapped herself tightly in a cloak to warm her against the early morning chill. Now her heart is heavy, but she moves with purpose on the way to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus before his burial becomes permanent.

Darkness still covered the earth. The aroma of rich spices hovered in the air as other women joined Mary Magdalene and they walked in silence, their sandaled feet damped from the dew on their feet. Suddenly, one of the women broke the silence. "Who will roll away the stone for us?" In their desire to express their love for their crucified friend, they had forgotten all about that one big obstacle. Now the impossibility of moving it set in, but they kept going anyway.

Soon they reach the tomb and stand there in shock and dismay. The stone is already rolled away, **THE TOMB IS EMPTY, AND JESUS IS GONE!!** Where? How?

Had Mary Magdalene and the women forgotten what Jesus had said? Had their doubts grown so big during

the darkness of night that they were stunned to find the tomb empty? Doubt sometimes wins over faith in our lives too. Maybe we need to put a rock somewhere that we can see it often enough to be reminded to go on faithfully, even in the darkness, not knowing how the obstruction will be removed.

As the women must have stood there pondering what to do, one of the glorious angels of God appeared and said to them "He is risen!" Can you imagine how they must have felt? As the first creeping of the dawn appeared and lighted the eastern sky, and with each ray of light, as it grew can you hear them echoing the cry He's alive! He's ALIVE! HE'S ALIVE!

As each dawn brings us a new day, we have another gentle daily reminder that "He is alive". It should give us new hope that our faith will overcome the darkness of our doubts when we remember and believe His promises. Sometime, other than Easter, we need to get up before dawn and watch the sunrise, and renew our faith that Jesus is alive still giving us hope and purpose for our lives. His Easter morning promise comes alive with each new dawn, and reminds us to keep on going this side of Easter.

## Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Has Annual Youth Revival Week



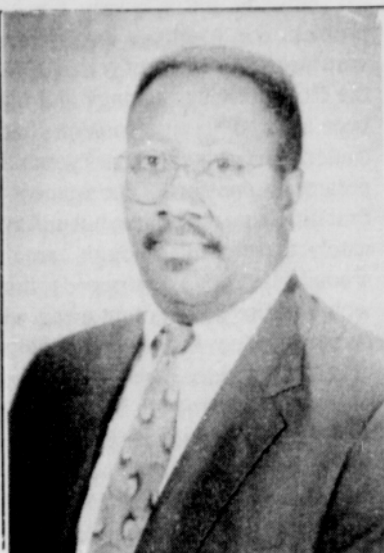
Rev. Londell Williams

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church welcomes to the City of Portland, Reverend Londell Williams, son of the late Reverend George Williams of Texarkana, Arkansas. Reverend Williams will be in the City for our Annual Youth Revival the week of April 26 through April 30, 1993, starting at 7:00 P.M. nightly. We at Fel-

lowship Gospel preacher and he is also will known in the political field. He has been Vice Mayor of Texarkana for 9 years and served as City Councilman for 17 years. Reverend Williams is the first minority ever elected city Councilman in the State of Arkansas. He is also the first black man employed for 25 years as a Claims Developer for the Social Security Administration. He is the present Pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, where he has served as Pastor for 22 years. I, Reverend Johnny Pack IV, Pastor of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church would like to extend an invitation to all in the Portland-Metropolitan area to come and hear this great man of God. We welcome all to come and be a part of this dynamic revival.

Much Prayer, Much Power, Little Prayer, Little Power, No Prayer, No Power. Fellowship are honored to have Reverend Williams as our guest evangelist and we are praying, that along with us, you the public would help make this a memorable visit for Reverend Williams. He is an outstanding God-fear-

## Maranatha Church Announces Rev. Emmett Wheatfall As Interim Pastor



Rev. Emmett Wheatfall

Maranatha Church recently announced the selection of Rev. Emmett Wheatfall as its interim pastor. Rev. Wheatfall has been a member of Maranatha Church since 1976 and attended Mount Hood Community College, Warner Pacific College, and North Portland Bible College.

Rev. Wheatfall began his ministerial training and development at Maranatha and was ordained under the late Rev. John Garlington who was killed in a car accident along with his wife, Yvonne, in 1986.

Rev. Wheatfall has been an active leader in the North/Northeast Community speaking at various conferences and retreats. He has formerly served as youth director at Maranatha Church overseeing the functions of its youth department. Rev. Wheatfall has a strong commitment for seeing souls won to Christ and is dedicated to outreach ministry in the community. He serves on the board of the Garlington Center and Woodlawn Local School advisory.

Rev. Wheatfall is currently employed by Portland General Electric as the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Specialist and resides in the Portland area with his wife, Karen, and three children: Felecia, 19; Abrina 7; and Jonathan, 5.

*Easter Greetings From The Portland Observer*

**TRUE VINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Morning Worship 11:00am  
Evening Service 7:00pm  
Pastor Raymond Edwards

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*Watch The Cross For Easter Services*

*Fellowship Church of God*  
5138 NE 23rd Avenue • Portland, OR 97211  
Sunday School Service 9:45am  
Morning Worship 11:00am  
Evening Worship 6pm  
Mid-Week Service 7pm  
All night Friday Prayer Service April 9, 9pm to 8am  
Easter Service 11:00am Rev. Steven Holt speaker  
Pastor James Coleman, Emmanuel Hospital Chaplain

**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

**Woodlawn United Methodist**  
1425 NE Dekum  
Portland, OR 97211  
(503) 289-0284  
Sunrise Service 5:30am Joint with Peoples Church at Woodlawn  
Rev. Luther Sturtevant pastor

**"Come Grow With Us" Piedmont Friends Church**  
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**

**St. Marks Baptist Church**  
103 N.E. Morris  
Portland, OR 97212  
(503) 287-7457  
Sunrise Service 6am/Going out for breakfast  
Sunday School Services 9:30am  
Morning Worship 11:00am Sermon:  
*Its time to tell the Story*  
Dr. Joe Hardie, Pastor  
Following Morning Worship/  
Easter Egg Hunt for the Children  
*The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all!*

**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  
Sunrise Service 8am Continental Breakfast  
Evening Service 6 to 7pm  
Theme: Whatever your going to do for the Lore, **do it now.**  
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Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner

**Morning Star Baptist Church**  
106 N.E. IVY STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON 97212  
Church (503) 281-4925  
Reverend A. Wayne Johnson, Pastor

WHAT: PASTOR INSTALLATION  
WHEN: April 23, 1993 at 7:00 P.M.  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Robert Joiner - New Hope Baptist, Portland, OR  
April 25, 1993 at 3:00 P.M.  
Guest Speakers: Dr. Frank Pinkard - Evergreen Baptist, Oakland, CA  
Rev. D.E.C. Matthews - Greater Mt. Baker Baptist, Seattle, WA  
WHERE: Morning Star Baptist Church  
106 N.E. Ivy Street  
Portland, Oregon 97212  
Church Phone: (503) 281-4925

*"AND I WILL GIVE HIM THE MORNING STAR." - Revelation 2:28*

**Hughes Memorial Church**  
111 NE Failing St.  
Portland, OR 97212  
(503) 281-2332  
Sunday School Service 9:45am  
Morning Worship 11:00am Sermon "The Angel In Our Life"  
Sunrise Service 6:30am/Free breakfast sponsored by United Methodist Men at 7:30am  
Sunrise Sermon "He Is Risen"

**Public Service Announcement:**  
*"Experience The Experience Gospel Musical"*  
at  
**Immaculate Heart Church**  
2926 N Williams  
Portland, OR 97227  
April 25, 1993  
2:45 to 4:30pm  
Special guest choirs from New Song Church and St. Paul COGIC  
Duets & Soloists  
and  
"The Singing Mailman", Vernon Brazzle  
Hosted by  
Immaculate Heart Catholic Church Gospel Choir  
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