

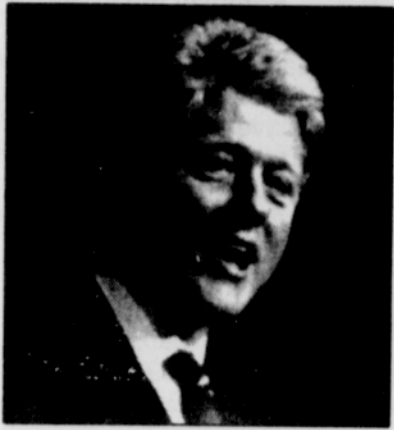
# RELIGION

## President Addresses National Baptist Convention

Declaring that "each of us had a personal moral responsibility" to make the future better than the present, President Clinton spoke to the National Baptist Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In a passionate speech that was frequently interrupted by applause by the convention delegates, the President said, "My vision is that we will go into the 21st century as a country more free, more prosperous, more united, and more open to make change our friend."

The President cited his Administration's creation of 4.1 million new jobs as a major accomplishment, but added that much more work still needs to be done in the country. These problems are not Baptist problems, Catholic problems, or Jewish problems, the President said. They are not even black or white problems. They are American problems.



President Clinton

Commenting on the voices preaching about the decline in values in our country, the President said if their words are true we should heed them. But he added, "we should not let the voices of despair make our insecurities even deeper."

"The challenge is what are we going to do right now. Not later, but now, right now." He said that pessimism merely relieves people of the responsibility for doing something and said that there would be no free Americans sitting here today if the pessimists and the cynics had ruled the day.

The President also stressed the connection between work and family. "The dignity of work is central to our ability to build the future," he said. "We can't just talk about stronger families, we have to think about what we all can do to make them stronger... We have to reward work. That's why the Family and Medical Leave Act is so important," aid the President.

He also cited a number of Administration accomplishments that will help reward work and support families. Those include the expansion of the Earned Income Tax Credit, funding increases for Head Start, launching a program to immunize all children from prevent-

able diseases, providing job training, and creating a college loan program that allows people to refinance their loans at lower interest rates over longer time.

"I don't think we ought to give up on families," the President said. We have to help our children to focus on the future and not just the present, he added. "Where there is no vision, people perish," he said.

"We have to be more honest with our young people in teaching them to respect themselves: their bodies, their souls, and their futures." The President asked the church members to help him encourage young women to make different choices today just as we ask young men to do. "You shouldn't have a baby before you're ready and you shouldn't have a baby when you're not married," he said.

The President discussed the need

to strengthen our communities. He said that welfare reform, enterprise zones, and the crime bill would all help rebuild community.

Stopping crime is crucial to rebuilding community, the President said, "because if people are not safe they're in trouble." "Every time you look at the evening news there's another funeral and there's a disproportionate number of black kids lying in those black boxes," he said. The 100,000 new police officers authorized by the recently passed crime bill "will prevent crime not just catch criminals," he added.

He asked the convention delegates to help our kids grow up without fear by redoubling partnerships with communities and government to give young people something positive to do. For example, the crime bill provides funds that are available to churches so they can give kids something to do after school. "I'd rather have somebody shooting hoops than shooting bullets," the President said.

"If we believe there is a crisis of the spirit, a crisis of values in this country, we have to do something about it right now..." "I'll try to do my part but this is not [just] a government deal," the President said.

As the President's new national service program prepares to kick off on Monday, the President reminded the church members that as many as 100,000 young people will be ready to work in our communities in the next couple of years. "You can put them to work," he told the members.

The President hailed the Baptist Convention delegates as "heroes" and honored the members. "But," he added, "If we're going to get the rhythm right... we have to get the bedrock right."

## Downtown Chapel Turns 75



Founded in 1919, the Downtown Chapel is celebrating its 75th anniversary liturgy and has made service to the poor and homeless its special mission.

Bishop Paul Waldschmidt, CSC will be the presider and Br. Donald Stabrowski, CSC, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Portland, will give the reflection.

Since its founding in 1919, the Downtown Chapel has made service to the poor and homeless of downtown Portland its special mission. What began as a modest effort at providing employment and lodging to World War One veterans in the early part of the century, the parish's mission to mend the brokenness in the heart of Portland has broadened and expanded. Such Outreach and service agencies as The MacDonald Center, Loaves and Fishes, and Meals on Wheels call the Downtown Chapel home. Staffed by the priests of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the Chapel draws men and women from all over the City, in daily and weekly liturgies and in the work associated with the Chapel.

All are invited to celebrate this special anniversary at the 10:30 liturgy. If you would like to attend the luncheon, the cost is \$20.00. For reservations, please call Dorothy Laskowski at 228-0746.

## Regional Drug Initiative Holds Spirit Summit Friday, Sept. 16

Community members, people in recovery, and local spiritual leaders are invited to the second annual RDI "Spirit Summit" featuring Reverends Bernard Ings, Rodney Page, Rozell Gilmore, and Denise Bell, Bishop A. A. Wells, Judge Roosevelt Robinson, Representative Margaret Carter, and Mr. Vince Wannassny plus national speakers Mr. Leonard Irving, Education & Outreach Chair, cocaine Outreach and Recovery Program and Reverend Steven Lloyd Johnson, author of Getting Off Crack and Patterns of African-American Addiction. The free event includes refreshments and will be Friday, September 16. 12-4:45 and 8:30-9pm at Lutheran Inner-City Ministries, 4219 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. For info., call 294-7074.

## Mount Olivet Baptist Church Moving Into New Sanctuary

On Sunday, September 18, 1994, the members of Mount Olivet Baptist Church will be moving into their new sanctuary at 8501 N. Chautauqua Boulevard (corner of North Willis & Chautauqua). This is a momentous occasion for us and for the community. The Antioch Progressive Baptist Church Choir from Sacramento, California will be singing at our 11:00 a.m. service and will also perform in concert on Saturday evening, Sept. 17, 1994.

## In Loving Memory of

Cleon J. "Stix" Carter  
From Nov. 23, 1974 to Sept. 7, 1994

Cleon was a student, had been in Wisconsin since August of 1994 and attended Boise, Elliott, Albina Youth Opportunity School and David Douglas High Schools in Portland.

Cleon left behind, Father Phillip W. Carter, Mother Cynthia M. Taylor, Son Cleon J. Carter, Jr., Son Jiente Carter, Daughter LaTashia Carter, Brother DaJuan "Pookie" Jackson, Brother Phillip D. Simms, Sister Angela L. Carter, Sister Tish M. Adams, Grandmother Nancy L. Taylor, Uncle Gregory L. Taylor and also survived by 3 cousins-Kahlynda, Gregory and Karlita Taylor all of Portland, Oregon.

Services will be held at New Life Church of God In Christ Church, 4801 N. E. 19th, Portland. Burial to follow at Rose City Cemetery in Portland.

A Special Birthday Celebration

Founder & Overseer Elder Martin at the Open Door House of Prayer 348 N. Fremont. Sunday Sept 18, 1994. Service Beginning at 12:00 noon. Come and be a part of this monumental event as we pay tribute to his faithfulness to Gods call and pioneering spirit.

Refreshments following service.

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Mt Olivet Baptist Church

Has moved Sunday services to Family Life Center, 8725 N. Chautauqua Blvd., at Willis Blvd.

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Happy Birthday

In picture at left, she's a year old, but on August 31st Tena Marie Ivory was "40" Congratulations!

Love & God Bless You, Mom

Birth Announcement

Baby's Name: Shakiya Aliyah  
Date of Birth: 8-27-94  
Sex: Female  
Mother's Name: Rebecca Ann Petrie  
Father's Name: Lavon Lee Of Portland  
Weight: 8lbs 5oz; Length: 19 3/4 inches  
Sister: Tanisha Sargent  
Grandparents/Paternal: Louis of Stockton, Ca.  
Great Grandparents/Maternal: Janette McBee & Ivan McBee

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