

# RELIGION

## Congress Of National Black Churches Addressed Issues Of Violence At Annual Conference In Memphis

The Congress of National Black Churches (CNBC) convene its annual convention in Memphis, on December 5-8, 1994. The subject of this year's meeting is "Creating Hope and Healing Amidst a Violent Society." The three day conference was held at The Peabody Hotel with over 200 delegates attending the meeting. The economic impact for the area is expected to be around \$112,000.

The CNBC's annual conference is where religious leaders meet with noted scholars and experts to discuss an issue of importance to the African-American community. The opening speaker this year was Dr. Joceyln Elders, United States Surgeon General.

Other noted speakers included: Honorable Floyd D. Flake, (D) New York, 6th District, U.S. Congress; Dr. Marilyn H. Gaston, Assistant U.S.

Surgeon General & Director of the Bureau of Primary Health Care; Dr. Elaine Johnson, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Honorable John Wilder, Deputy Mayor for Criminal Justice Services in Philadelphia; Dr. George Gerbner, Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania; and John J. Wilson, Acting Administrator, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Justice.

"We are not only interested in fashioning appropriate interventions to address violence in our community and among our youth, but we also seek to identify prevention strategies which encourage our churches to protect and to claim our children as our children," says Reverend H.

Michael Lemmons, CNBC executive director.

Part of the conference was CNBC's Annual Leadership Award Dinner to which the public was invited. During the dinner, the CNBC presented its 1994 Leadership Award to Bishop William H. Graves, presiding bishop to the First District of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and chairman of the CNBC.

The dinner was held on December 7 at 7 p.m. in the Memphis Ballroom of The Peabody Hotel. The keynote speaker was Honorable Maxine Waters, (D) California, 35th District, U.S. Congress. Her address was "Policy and Legislative Models for Creating Hope and Healing." Mistress of ceremonies was Mearl Purvis Smart, news anchor for WMC TV-5.

Founded in 1978 and headquartered in Washington, DC, the CNBC currently operates six national initiatives: Black Family Program, Leadership Development Program, Economic Development Program, National Anti-Drug Campaign, National Health Program, and an Affiliate Relations Office.

For more information, contact Sullivan Robinson at (202) 371-1091.

The Memphis Convention & Visitors Bureau is a private, non-profit, membership corporation responsible for marketing Memphis and Shelby County as a convention site and visitor destination. Visitors to West Tennessee have an estimated impact of \$1.6 billion annually, generating nearly \$105 million in local and state taxes and providing 37,000 jobs with a \$808 million payroll.

## Adopt-A-Family Helps Needy During Holidays

Volunteer help is urgently needed to help families during the holiday season.

The Oregon chapter of the Volunteers of America needs people and organizations for its holiday "Adopt-A-Family" program.

The program matches low-income families with individuals, families, groups or businesses to provide food, clothing, gifts and toys for the holiday season. The adoptions help poor families with children under 18 or low-income seniors over 60.

At the first of the month, 326 families were matched with adopters.

"Our goal is 750 families," said

Jonica Lynn, program coordinator. Those interested in "adopting" a family should call 23-ADOPT (232-3678). Support for the program can also be made by a donation sent to Volunteers of America, 537 S.E. Alder St., Portland, OR 97214. The Adopt-A-Family program has been made possible by the generous support of Neil Kelly Designers/Remodelers of Portland.

## Birth Announcements

### Myles Jonathan Oliver Glover

Myles Jonathan Oliver Glover, son of John M. Glover and Marlene Toponivy of Portland, was born Nov. 27, 1994 at Emanuel Hospital.

He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches. Grandparents are Polly Archer and Otho Holiday of Portland and Louise Nicks of Richmond. A great-grandparent is Olie Jones of Richmond.

### Neelam N. La

Baby's Name: Neelam N. La Date of Birth: 12/2/94 Sex: Female  
Mother's Name: Surita K Lal Father's Name: Hirdesh K. Lal

All of Portland, Oregon

Weight: 7# 4 ounces Length: 20 inches Brothers/Sisters: None  
Grandparents/Paternal: Hira & Shamlal Lal, Portland  
Grandparents/Maternal: Pahalad & Veena Kumar, Fiji Islands  
Great Grandparents/Paternal: Rahan Prasad, Portland

## Donations Down At Salvation Army Kettles

Mid-way through its critical holiday fund-raising season, the Salvation Army is seeing a 40 percent decrease in kettle and mail-in donations in the Portland area compared to last year, reported Rowanne Haley, Salvation Army city program coordinator.

"We're puzzled by this drop in donations, because the local economy actually is much stronger than last year," said Haley.

"It's likely people don't see the need as much on a personal level. Yet, demands on Salvation Army services actually are increasing - we're now serving more than 1,000 people a day. Money raised during the holiday funds assistance programs not only help during the winter, but throughout the year. In many cases, the Salvation Army provides the safety net that keeps families, seniors and children off the streets."

While kettle donations are down

by at least 11 percent across the Portland area, they're down 47 percent in Gresham and 41 percent in Clackamas County. Haley attributes a lack of volunteer bell ringers in outlying suburban areas as part of the reason.

"During the holiday rush, people many not believe that they have the time to volunteer at a kettle site. On the average, one four-hour shift will raise enough to feed a family of four at Christmas, plus provide toys. We encourage people to volunteer even for a couple of hours and to make it a family or neighborhood tradition," Haley said.

To volunteer, contact the Salvation Army at 234-0825. People wishing to make a donation can contribute at any kettle site, or mail a check to the Salvation Army, Cascade Division, P.O. Box 8798, Portland, OR 97208.

## Pizza Party To Help Church Youth

A pizza party to help the young people of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 5828 N.E. Eighth Ave., will be held this Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Pietro's Pizza at Jantzen Beach.

The Young Peoples Division of the church will receive 20 percent of the total receipts received during the party. Just mention "Bethel Youth" when making your purchase.

Area residents are invited to help the church youth by coming to the evening of fun and fellowship.

## To The Community

Our beloved Sister Mattie Ann Callier-Spears has been every ill and she needs our prayers and our blessing to get through this.

Your prayers are needed, she needs to know the community she's given so much too through her church and community activities, and many charities will be there for her. On the onset of this Holiday Season say a prayer, tell your friends and family to say a prayer, she will be oh so grateful.

Thank you

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If you would like to send cards, gifts or money to Mattie Ann, they can be sent to the Portland Observer Newspaper c/o Mattie Ann Callier Spears, 4747 N. E. MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland, OR 97211.

## Vessels Offers Kwanzaa Demonstrations

Vessels is offering Kwanzaa and Holiday table decoration demonstrations on Saturday, December 17, to assist your cultural holiday entertaining. From 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Geneva Jones, Portland's best known hostess, will demonstrate how to create an elegant holiday table. Jones is well known for her cooking demonstrations on KATU's AM Northwest program and has a wealth of knowledge to share.

In addition, Joyce Harris, a well-know authority on Kwanzaa, will be on hand from 2-3 p.m. to discuss this celebration of life principles. Kwanzaa is Swahili for "first

fruits of the harvest" and was created in 1966 by Ron Karenga, currently chair of Black Studies at California State University. Since then, many have embraced Kwanzaa as an alternative to "commercial" Christmas. However, Kwanzaa is not intended to replace Christmas or any other religious holiday, and is not itself a religious holiday. Instead, it is a cultural celebration which refocuses on ancient value systems.

The "kinara" or candleholder, one of the primary symbols of Kwanzaa, is available for sale at Vessels as a fundraiser for the BEC.

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## We Welcome You to The Greater Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church

"Serving The Lord With Gladness" Psalm 100:2

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Wednesday

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Portland, Oregon 97206

#### SUNDAY

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Morning Worship 10:45am  
Evangelistic Service 7:30pm  
Tuesday Pastoral Teaching 7:00pm

#### FRIDAY

Evangelistic Service 7:00pm

#### DAILY

Prayer 12:00pm & 6:00pm

(503) 774-5470

PASTORS: Bishop Robert Simpson, Jr. • Dr. Ida M. Simpson



### St. Mark Baptist Church

103 NE Morris St., Portland, OR 97212

- Sunday School - 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship Service - 11:00am
- Sunday School Teacher's Meeting Tues - 6:30pm
- Bible Study Wednesday 6:00pm
- Prayer Meeting Wednesday - 7:00pm

Church Phone Number  
287-7457

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The Church Where Everybody is Somebody And Christ Is All.  
Dr. Joe S. Hardie, Pastor



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8501 N. Chautauqua Blvd.,  
at Willis Blvd.

Worship Services 8:00am & 11:00am.  
Church School 9:30 to 10:30am.  
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am & 7:00pm  
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Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor  
Church Office 116 NE Schuyler St. • (503) 284-1954

## 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, Re. James C.E. Faulkner