

# RELIGION

## Theological Program Wins Grant

An unprecedented team effort by Portland area Christian schools of higher education and ministry agencies to help meet the needs of the urban community has been selected as one of seven planning grants awarded nationally. Grant recipients could later be selected for much larger implementation grants.

The planning grants, which can run as large as \$44,000, are funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts through the Center for Urban Ministerial Education at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Mass. Specific grant amounts are still being determined. They are being awarded to community-based education programs that seek to equip urban pastors and lay leaders for more effective

ministry in America's inner cities. The seven winners were chosen from among 23 applicants.

The new local program, the Institute for Urban and Inter-cultural Studies, was recently organized by representatives of 10 local educational and ministry agencies. Western Evangelical Seminary in Tigard was the lead agency in the grant application process. Also participating are Western Seminary, Portland; George Fox College, Newberg; Multnomah Bible College, Portland; North Portland Bible College; Oregon-Pacific Nazarene Bible College Extension, Portland; Warner Pacific College, Portland; Albina Ministerial Alliance, Portland; Cross-Cultural Training Network, Oregon City;

and Hispanic Ministries, Vancouver.

Other agencies involved in the discussions to date have been representatives of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Extended Family Institute, Lu-Mien Association of Oregon, Mission Portland, National Black Evangelicals Association, North American Native Christian Church and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

The partnership aims to enhance urban theological education in the Portland area by enabling the various institutions to develop non-duplicative programs that are effective, practical and focused on local urban needs.

## Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church: Annual Spring Gospel Explosion And Seminar April 5 thru April 8

No Gangs, Not Drugs, Just Praise! The first annual Bethel A.M.E. Church Spring Gospel Explosion is an opportunity for young people in the community to come together in the name of God. Our goal includes edifying souls and reaching the lost through teaching, preaching and definitely singing! This will also be an opportunity to break down all denominational barriers.

We Will Make A Joyful Noise!

The event will consist of three days of seminar, April 5 thru April 7 focusing on topics such as Vocal Technique, Choir Etiquette, and Praise and Outreach. The finale will be a mass concert to be held on Saturday, April 8, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to The Gospel Music Explosion Choir, the finale will feature The Jefferson High School Gospel Choir, The Life Crusade Band, as well as other community and church choirs,

musicians, and all who will come to praise and worship.

The Annual Gospel Music Workshop is hosted by the Young People's Department of Bethel African Episcopal Church and sponsored by various concerned businesses in our community. We are committed to the responsibility of saving our youth through Ministry and Outreach.

God Our Father---Christ Our Redeemer---Man Our Brother

## ALTERNATIVE Beauty, Wisdom And Strength

BY M. ISAACS

The Apostle Paul Says:

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God?" "The spirit of God dwelleth in you".

We are the temple of God, but who are we? We are not these bodies in which we dwell, in which God dwells. These bodies will return to the "dirt" from which they came, but we shall live on and be changed in the "twinkling of an eye" from corruptible to incorruptible, from mortal to immortal. Our God, in his wisdom, beauty and strength cannot dwell (will not dwell) in corruption. Therefore, God's temple is not a decaying body, but the very heart of man, that faculty of man that directs us to prayer, to

thought and spiritual meditation, which in turn, connects the soul to God. This is not to say we should not take care to preserve and prolong usage of these bodies, but it is far more imperative that we seek the unknown through intangible, conscious thought, which leads to meditation and prayer and thereby, to God. We cannot penetrate God's thoughts, nor God's will with our bodies.

Doctors cannot save a man's life if it is his will to die. Any wise person will acknowledge that it is wrong and absurd to cease efforts to prolong life, attain happiness and continue in health; yet a great portion of our society lends their thoughts, their efforts and force of free will to the disruption of the unity of peace, of

hope and of faith, which if practiced, brings about love, which is of God, from God and is God. By their own choosing, the temple in which God dwells is destroyed and man loses connection with God and other men. The spiritual building is destroyed and the dead corpse oozes forth bigotries, hypocrisies, prejudices, superstitions and phantoms. We white-wash murder through legal abortion; we no longer gather strength and wisdom through suffering, but with secret assistance, we foster death on the body and call it the exercise of "free" choice.

In Christ "the building (the perfect being) is joined together to become a holy temple in the Lord". Eph. 2:21. This building is God's

family, built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, with Christ as the cornerstone. Eph. 2:19-20. Until recent years, the Black Race, progressing from Colored, to Negro, to Black, has never carried the stigma of suicide, nor were they prone to cremate their dead, nor would they ever give up their children. The extended family was not a conscious thought, it was a built-in fact. Many of this race, especially males, inundated with sermons, spiels on progress and "fight fire with fire" philosophy, rejected as "old fashioned" the teachings and spiritual upbringing of the Ancient Ones and assimilated themselves into an adverse culture, foreign to their nature, their very foundation; bringing about

a rapid destruction of their bodies, the temple of God.

There is an alternative to self-destruction; but it is an individual decision. Just as individuals decided to rebel against ancient sage teachings, so must individuals again connect, unashamedly, to the principles of God. God Is The Source! Detachment from the source produces death. For every action there is an equal reaction. Rom. 5:12. Decisions have consequences. All decisions of men affect others, there are none private or personal. Nothing is free, forgiveness does not cancel cost. God does not need us, he is self-sustaining; but we need God because he is the source of life and man's only resource. John 15:5. The Bible is not "A" book, but

life; it is not meant for casual reading, but for intensive living. It is the Word (promises, commandments, directions) of God. If all people in the world would live, the world must know; "God Is The Source Of All Things. Without this knowledge, none can please God and eternal death is assured. Why must we continue to debate life and death? A futile exercise, since we have no control over either. It is our connection with the Source Of Life that will preserve that which we truly are, immortal. Is mankind so foolish as to forever reject the Source of beauty, wisdom, strength and life immortal. Oh, foolish ones, when shall you accept your Creator and the gift of eternal life?"

## Honor Awards To Be Presented For Aids Work

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon has named award recipients for the Second Annual HIV Honor Awards Event to be held on Monday, April 24, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel in Portland. The award winners, selected from more than 100 nominations received from throughout the State of Oregon will be honored for their outstanding work in addressing the needs of those who are infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS. Each of the award winners will receive a prismatic sculpture created by Larry Kirkland, Portland's renowned artist who recently moved to Washington, D.C.

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

"Serving The Lord With Gladness" Psalm 100:2

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Rev. G.L. Black I Pastor  
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Church School 9:30 to 10:30am.  
Bible Study, Wednesdays, 10:30am & 7:00pm  
Radio Ministry each Sunday, 8:00am on KBMS  
A Teaching Church With A Reaching Ministry  
Dr. James E. Martin, Senior Pastor  
(503) 240-PRAY

## April 17 Deadline To File Protective Pension Refund Claims

Retired federal employees and surviving spouses need to file Oregon protective refund claims with the Department of Revenue by April 17, 1995 to preserve their rights to receive any refund that may be ordered by the Oregon Supreme Court.

A challenge to Oregon's meth-

od of taxing federal pension income is pending before the Oregon Supreme Court. If the court agrees with the plaintiffs, it may order the Department of Revenue to issue refunds of all or a portion of the Oregon tax previously collected on the income.

Filing a protective refund claim

does not guarantee the right to a refund, only the right to receive a refund if one is ordered by the court.

Claims involving the 1991 tax year must be postmarked by April 17, 1995 to be considered a valid claim.

Forms and information are available by calling (503) 378-4988 in

Salem or call toll-free within Oregon, 1-800-356-4222.

A copy of the form is provided for your information.

Claimants should mail a completed form to:

Pensions; P.O. Box 14600; Salem, OR 97309-5049

## 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



## FAITH TEMPLE CHURCH

4224 S.E. 62nd Avenue  
(between Powell & Foster)  
Portland, Oregon 97206

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:30am  
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  
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Portland, OR 97203  
(503) 283-3558 • Church (503) 283-0169 • Home  
Elder Tom Moore, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 A.M.  
YPWW 6:30 P.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship 7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday Prayer/Bible Band 7:30 P.M.  
Friday Worship Service 7:00 P.M.

"Come Unto Me All Ye That Labor And Are Heavy Laden,  
And I Will Give You Rest. Take My Yoke Upon You  
And Learn Of Me." Matt. 11:28-29

We have a place for you. Come fellowship with us!

A Welcome Is Awaiting You!