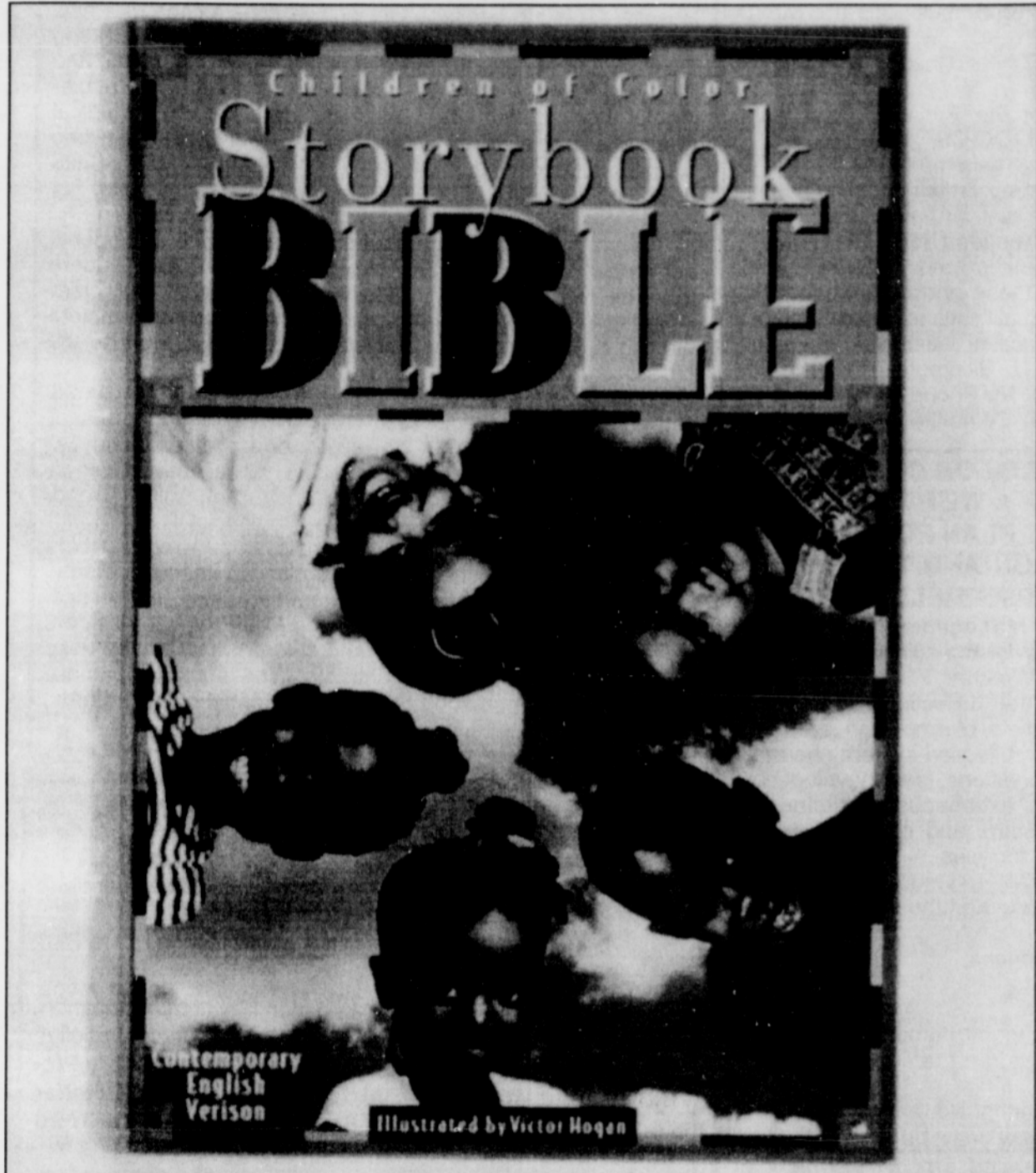


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Storybook Bible For Kids



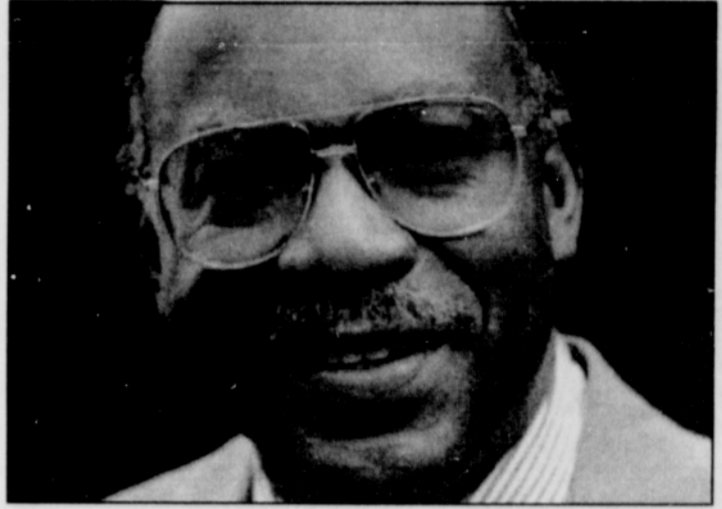
Children of Color Bible is Designed By African-Americans for African-American Children

With the release of its Children of Color Storybook Bible, Thomas Nelson announces its third Bible specifically for African Americans.

The Children of Color Storybook Bible highlights 61 favorite Bible stories with richly, illustrated characters of African descent such as Zipporah, The Queen of Sheba and others. Readers will enjoy seeing God's first humans--Adam and Eve--and the birth of Christ as characters with their same skin color.

Mel Banks Jr., the creator of this Bible, explains that children need a Bible in which they can see themselves. "Actually seeing characters of their own race will help inspire them to take the Bible seriously," says Banks. "Helping young children to develop their self-esteem is vital. There are still racial hot spots all across the country that threaten their view of African Americans. If children know and understand who they are in Christ then the outside influences can be avoided because they have the Word of God in their hearts and minds."

The illustrator of the Bible, artist Victor Hogan, shares a similar concern that young African Americans have a Bible designed for them. "I believe this Bible will instill values in children at an early age. Families need a foundation today to move beyond a lot of the challenges in black communities.



Charles Jordan, Portland's Director of Parks and Recreation

City Official To Help Celebrate Anniversary

North Portland Bible College has invited Charles Jordan, Portland's Director of Parks and Recreation, to be its main speaker at their annual banquet on Friday, November 7, "Celebrating 15 Years of God's Grace."

Jordan, a former City Commissioner, is a high-profile Christian layman, known for the integrity and competence with which he fulfills his civic responsibilities, as well as his active participation in his church. Until recently, he served as Steward of Bethel AME Church, its leading interim position, and is a regular adult Sunday School teacher.

This banquet marks a significant milestone in NPBC's history. It celebrates 15 years of providing affordable college-level Bible training for adults who previously have had to by-pass expensive formal education. It celebrates students who have taken the evening classes in addition to family and employment and

church responsibilities, and instructors who taught with only nominal remuneration. And it celebrates the partnership of churches and contributors and volunteers in many capacities, who made it all possible.

The event is significant also because it will include the first public presentation of Dr. Otis F. Brown, NPBC's newly appointed interim President. The college is honored to accept his offer to serve in this capacity, even though he is officially retired after a distinguished career in the pastorate and in academic pursuits. Dr. Brown is an ordained minister with the Church of God.

The banquet is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM at O'Callahan's Restaurant, 6221 NE 82nd Avenue. Banquet tickets are complimentary, but reservations are necessary. To reserve a place, call the school office at 288-2919, or 287-0885.

Rev. Jesse Jackson as Special Envoy

The President announced the Administrations intent to appoint Reverend Jesse Jackson to be Special Envoy for the President and the Secretary of State for the promotion of democracy in Africa.

Reverend Jackson will undertake specific projects to further the Presidents and the Secretary of States objectives to bolster democratic progress, promote good governance, and build and sustain democratic reform in Africa.

In these special projects, Reverend Jackson will also under-

take to encourage greater respect for human rights and the improved functioning of democratic institutions throughout the continent, and build bridges to further cooperation with Africa.

Reverend Jackson has long experience in international affairs. He has traveled widely throughout Africa-most recently as co-leader of a Presidential mission to the African African-American Summit in Zimbabwe.

At President Clintons request, Reverend Jackson led the team of U.S. observers to the 1994 elections in South Africa. He has also

traveled extensively in the former Soviet Union, Central and South America, and the Middle East and negotiated the release of prisoners from Syria, Iraq and Cuba.

Reverend Jackson is the Founder and President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, an organization devoted to bringing people together across lines of race, class, gender and belief to promote peace, civil rights and economic and social justice.

Reverend Jackson has crossed America encouraging academic excellence, drug-free lifestyles and hope in Americas youth.

Born on October 8, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina, Reverend Jackson attended the University of Illinois from 1960-61, then transferred to North Carolina AT&T State University, where he received his B.A. in 1964.

He attended the Chicago Theological Seminary until he joined the civil rights movement full-time in 1966 under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reverend Jackson has been married to the former Jacqueline Lavinia Brown since 1963. They have five children.

COMING EVENTS

Reaching Higher Ground Through Stewardship

Bethel A.M.E. Church- Annual Fall Rally

Church Anniversary and Musical - Saturday October 25 6:00pm, Officer's Annual Day- Recognition of Bethel's "Extraordinary People"

Sunday, October 26, 1997, 11:00am

Bethel A.M.E. Church

5828 NE 8th Avenue - Portland, OR 97211

North Portland Bible College

Annual NPBC Fall Banquet

Celebrating 15 Years of God's Grace!

Vital Information

When: Saturday, November 7, 1997; 7:00 P.M.

Where: O'Callahan's Restaurant at the Ramada Inn, Airport

Cost: Dinner is free, with ticket reservations required

Speaker: Mr. Charles Jordan, Director of Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau

St. Mark Baptist Church of Portland to Host Musical

"Coming Home"

The youth of St. Mark Baptist Church of Portland are hosting a Musical entitled, "Coming Home," featuring Portlander and nationally known Christian recording artist, Tracey Harris. Tracey Harris will headline an afternoon of great gospel music presented by the St. Mark choir and other local guest youth choirs on Sunday, October 26th beginning at 4PM. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken up to cover the expenses of the Musical and to enable St. Mark youth to purchase Christmas presents for selected foster children waiting for a home. St. Mark Baptist Church is located at 103 NE Morris Street. Rev. Robert Kelley is the pastor. For more information call (503) 287-7457.



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Psalm 71:1

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