

RELIGION

Traditional Zimbabwean Music by the Chigamba Family

Tute Chigamba, an internationally-known, masterful mbira player and maker and his two daughters, Irene and Julia Chigamba presents and evening of lively, beautiful traditional Shona music and dance from Zimbabwe, Friday, July 30, 8-11 PM, Portland Campus Ministry, corner of SW Broadway and Montgomery. The Chigamba family is on a tour raising money for the Kumusha Cultural Center in Zimbabwe. This Center is being created to keep the ancient Shona culture strong. Tickets at the door are from \$10 and up. However, no

one will be turned away due to lack of funds. Refreshments will be available.

The mbira dzavadzimu (mbira of the ancestor spirits) is an instrument with at least 25 metal keys attached to a sounding board and played inside a large calabash for resonance. With a tradition of at least 1,000 years, there is a rich repertoire of songs passed down through the generations, with a great number of versions for each song. Songs continue to be composed, as well, and Mr. Chigamba has created many songs, which have been accepted by

the spirits. A necessity for a song to be played at ceremonies. Mbira is played at ceremonies, parties, and has been incorporated into Zimbabwean pop music in-groups such as Thomas Mapfumo and The Blacks unlimited.

Mr. Tute Chigamba has gained national and international renown for his ceremonial mbira music, storytelling, teaching and instrument building. Together with his daughter Irene, he leads the family ensemble Mhembero (celebration) created in 1982.

The Annual Alaska-Pacific Conference

The Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church will host the Thirty-Second Session Of The Alaska-Pacific Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon July 20-24, 1999.

This Ninth Episcopal District Conference's theme for this event is entitled "From Formation Through Reformation To Transformation: Making True Disciples"

Our "Welcome Wagon" consists of local sponsors (Made In Oregon, POVA, Reflections, Lloyd Center, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, ETC.) are among those who have contributed their time and resources to ensure that our delegates enjoy their visit in Portland.

The Alaska-Pacific Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Churches extend a cordial invitation for you to participate in our "Welcome Wagon" activities by attending our "Community Day" session on Wednesday, July 21, 1999 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

The Right Reverend E. Lynne Brown, Bishop Of The Ninth District along with the Allen Temple CME Church Host Pastor, Dr.

Leroy Haynes, Jr. will be facilitating objectives of the CME Churches to continue the support of their respective communities.

Mother Elizabeth Jackson Celebrates 80th Birthday

Mother Jackson was very honored to see many of her family and friends at Emmanuel Temple Church on Sunday July 11, 1999. Her party was hosted by her two children Dr. Rosemary Daniels and Michael Jackson.

Bishop and Evangelist A.A. Wells opened with a birthday prayer, Birthday song by minister Keith Lewis. Mistress of ceremony was Evangelist Vernetta Ollison, Reflections Of The Past 50 Years Mrs. Harriell Paris.

The room was beautifully decorated with her favorite color yellow with fountains of yellow water and a huge sign designed by her son in law Deacon Alfred Daniels. Her daughter-in-law Sister



Mother Jackson with her granddaughter, Mariah Jackson. Mother Jackson "Gives God all The Glory", he is first in her life Verocia Jackson welcomed the guest.

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.'s Statement On The Search For John F. Kennedy Jr. And Family

America is so blessed. We cope with sunshine so well. But every now and then as in the case of the biblical subject Job, we are tested. And we have to reach into our religious resource.

We are tested by the news of John F. Kennedy, Jr., his wife, and his sister-in-law, whose plane is believed to have crashed off the coast of Martha's Vineyard. The suddenness of this story takes our breath away. And all we can do is pray. And we do pray for those who were on board the missing plane and their families.

In reading the Biblical passage about Job, we learn that good people are not exempt from suffering. The innocent often do suffer, because suffering breeds character. Character breeds faith, and in the end, faith will prevail. All you can really do in a time like this is learn not to your own understanding, but lean on God and turn

to your faith. Only their faith can pull them through this and the prayers of those who really care.

When the storms of life come suddenly, we must not panic. We must not question the goodness of God. We must not turn on each other; we must turn to our faith. Only our faith sustains us through such storms. And though some storms are violent, storms will pass over.

Several weeks ago, I met with John Jr. and about 100 of his young staffers in New York for an editorial meeting at his publication, George Magazine. He was exciting, full-of-life and focused on the future.

In some ways, he is following in the footsteps of his family, many

of whom used the family's wealth for the nation's health and for reaching out. In their success, they did not use their wealth for just private gratification. They did not use their wealth for just private vacation. They have used their wealth to fight for public policy and the common people. We are a better nation, because they used their celebrity and their strength to take light into dark places and heat into cold places. That is why we are saddened and in a quandary today, because we all feel we have some kinship. And in some ways, we are members of this extended family. So we pray with them and for them.

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Grand Ol' Gospel Concert Featured In Outdoor Series

Gospel music at its best will be featured at the Grand Ol' Gospel concert On the Green Saturday, August 21, 6:00 p.m. at Beaverton Christian Church, 13600 SW Allen Boulevard in Beaverton.

In the tradition of the Bill Gaither video series, quartets, trios, solos and even a "stump the band" segment will be featured in this outdoor Sizzling Summer Saturday Night Series, Saturday Nights on the Green Too.

Guests are encouraged to bring a picnic supper. Guests also have the option of purchasing a pizza picnic pak for a nominal fee.

Admission to the event is free, and a freewill offering will be received. Nursery through three years of age is provided.

Obituary

In Loving Memory of
Minnie E. Mikes

SUNRISE January 24, 1918 SUNSET 9, 1999

Minnie E. Mikes was born in Monroe, Louisiana on January 24, 1918. Minnie lived in the Portland area since 1957 and was a member of Lifeline Christian Church.

Minnie leaves to cherish her memory: Charlie V. Spires, daughter, Portland, OR; Cecil Y. Hudson, daughter, Portland, OR; Bernice D. Burns, daughter, Anchorage, Alaska; Billie Ruth Spires, daughter, Anchorage, Alaska; Noble Jean Crittenden, daughter, Tacoma, Washington; Mae C. Warren, daughter, Portland, OR; Liza Annette Mikes, daughter Portland, OR; Elmer R. Grundy, son, San Diego, California; Therman L. Mikes, son, Portland, OR; Dino J. Mikes, son, Portland, OR; Hazel Arps, sister, Portland, OR; Ray Thomas, brother, Lucerne, California.

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