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## North Portland Bible College prepares for summer sessions

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Whether one is puzzled by the various views of prophecy, want to get a "jumpstart" on his/her college education, or wants to become computer literate, North Bible College has something relevant to offer during its summer sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from August 1 through 31.

In his course of the Book of Revelations, Rev. James Coleman will investigate various perspectives and provide the biblical background for each. Coleman is NPBC's popular instructor who spices his teaching with humorous anecdotes while he provides student with a solid base for Biblical faith. Pastor Emeritus of Fellowship Church of God has received recognition for his years of service as a chaplain at Emanuel Hospital in addition to his role as pastor.

On the same evenings, an "Introduction to Bible College" seminar, will be coordinated by NPBC's librarian and instructor, Beth Nance. It will include presentations by specialists in subject such as: How to succeed in college; How we got our Bible Study; History of English Bible; Introduction to Bible Interpretations; Inductive Bible Study; and other topics designed to give students a running start on their studies during the regular school year. The course is required for the Bible College's ACM (Associate's degree in Christian Ministry) students.

Meantime at the offsite computer lab in the New Hope Baptist Church Ms. Barbara Blincoe will be instructing beginners in Windows 98 on Tuesday evenings and MS on Thursday evenings. NPBC continues to maintain its low tuition rate of only \$ 25 per credit hour or \$75 per course. The computer classes are 1-1/2 credit hours each. Registrations are being received by phone at the College office, 503-288-2919. Credit for courses in the ACM program are transferable to Warner Pacific College.

## Portland's Rose Garden Will Host Thousands of Women for "Girls' Weekend"



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Called "girl bonding with God's blessing" by US News and World Report, Women of Faith conferences have caused more than 1 million women to laugh, cry, and bond since it first began almost five years ago. In Portland, more than 13,000 women are expected to gather at The Rose Garden to meet God on a spiritual, personal, and practical level, for what Time magazine identifies as "both complement and antidote to the all-male Promise Keepers."

The conference runs from 7-10 pm Friday, August 25, and 9 am - 6 pm Saturday, August 26.

More than 1 million women nationwide are finding through Women of Faith conferences a place where they can receive encouragement, insight, perspective, and hope for the future," said Women of Faith President Mary Graham.

"They learn that God cares about both their eternity and carpool!" Headquartered in Plano, Texas, Women of Faith was founded by Stephen Arterburn in 1996, and since has hosted 83 conferences with total attendance reaching more than one million.

The same six core speakers and some of today's best-selling Christian

authors (Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll, Sheila Walsh, Barbara Johnson, Marilyn Meberg, and Thelma Wells) will appear at each of the 24 scheduled "Extravagant Grace" conferences in 2000. In Portland, actor, speaker, and author Nicole Johnson will provide dramatic presentations that give unique insight on the joys and struggles of life. The award-winning group, Point of Grace, will be the musical guest for the weekend.

During the past five years, Women of Faith - the largest women's conference in the nation has sent an almost 1,100% increase in attendance, moving it into some of the largest arenas and coliseums in the country. Beginning with 36,000 women at seven conferences in 1996, Women of Faith hosted more than 375,000 women at 25 arena conferences in 1999. This year, Women of Faith conferences will fill arenas with 24 conferences nationwide. "Women who come say they would only change one thing - they would have brought more friends. And that's exactly what they are doing," said Graham.

Tickets are \$58 and may be purchased by calling 888/49-FAITH or visiting [www.women-of-faith.com](http://www.women-of-faith.com).

## Northside Family YMCA Welcomes New Board Members

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The Northside Family YMCA recently added seven new members to its Board of Management. Stanley Peterson, Executive Director of the Northside Y, is pleased to announce that his Board will be joined by Timothy Caldebank, attorney with Stoel-Rives; Lisa Griffin, with the United Way of Columbia-Willamette; John Holey, Director of We're Here... We Care; Hector Lopez, minister for the United Church of Christ; Greg Patton, with the Department of Human Services; Victor Wei, Executive Recruit; Emmett Wheatfall of Portland General Electric; Jack Bradley Corporate Sales Manager for the Portland Trail Blazers, and Cecil Prescod from the United Church of Christ. Peterson is enthusiastic about the wealth of experience and knowledge that the new board members will to the Northside Family YMCA.

The Northside Family YMCA, located in the Grace Collins Memorial Center at 128 NE Russell, runs a variety of community-oriented programs, including a Child Care facility at the center, The Achievers Program, and most notably, Midnight Basketball. With the addition of new Board Members, the Y will embark on several new community-oriented initiatives, including a partnership with the We're Here. We Care program.

The Northside has been serving the greater Portland/Vancouver area since 1868. Currently, the YMCA of Columbia-Willamette operate five facilities, several program centers, a year-round resident camp, and more than 60 child care sites in the metropolitan area. Program are primarily directed toward youth, ranging from swim lessons to teen leadership development. The YMCA is the largest non-profit child care provider in the area, involves about 15,000 youngsters in youth sports leagues, and hosts nearly 5,000 campers each year at YMCA Camp Collins.

## Briefs

### World Leadership Conference 2000

Who: Bishop TD Jakes (one of the speakers)  
Where: New Beginnings Christian center  
7600 NE Gilson  
Portland, OR 97213  
503-256-6050

When: August 13 - 17th 7PM nightly  
August 13th 11am and August 14-17th 9am-12noon workshops, break, main speaker

Doors open 1 hour prior to service  
Childcare services available at all evening services and Sunday 13th 11am.

No registration required for the general public.  
Free registration for ministers attending the full week of Conference.

### Spiritual Poems Sought

A \$1000.00 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$3,000.

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less: Free Poetry Contest, PMB70, 103 N. Wood Ave., Linden,

NJ 07036. Or enter on-line [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com).

The deadline for entering is August 24, 2000. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

### A Guide to Planning a Funeral

When a loved one dies, grieving family members and friends often are confronted with dozens of decisions about the funeral - all of which must be made quickly and often under great duress. Compounding the stress is the fact that funerals rank among the most expensive purchases many consumers will ever make.

The new booklet, *Funerals: A Consumer Guide*, addresses many of the issues involved in planning a funeral. It "walks" consumers through the planning process, informs them of their legal protections, and encourages pre-need planning. For more information on this booklet, go online to [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) under

"Consumer Protection." In addition, copies of the brochure are available free from:

Federal Trade Commission  
Consumer Response Center  
600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20580  
Toll-free: 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357)  
TDD: 202/326-2502

### Choose one:

#### 1. The Book of Revelation, with Rev. James Coleman

*Confused about all the different theories? Come get a common-sense view of an exciting book. N.T. Elective, 3 credit hours.*

#### 2. Introduction to Bible College

*Designed for students entering college, valuable for anyone hoping to succeed in higher education, required for new ACM students*

*Includes: How to succeed as a college student, Origin and authority of the Bible, How to study and interpret the Bible, Goal-setting and Course selection, Using the Library, and several other key topics, each presented by an expert in the field. 3 credit elective. Beth Nance, Coordinator.*

#### 3. Computer Classes, with Ms. Barbara Blincoe

Tuesdays: Introduction to Windows 98  
Thursdays: Introduction to MS Word

Computer classes are held at New Hope Baptist Church, 3725 N. Gantenbein, 6 - 9 p.m.

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