

**RELIGION**

**Conference Addresses City Challenges**

A Portland congregation is passionate that Portland is in need of spiritual renewal and has scheduled a five-day conference with special speakers to address the city's many challenges.

Sponsored by the Cathedral of Praise ministry, "His Glory Conference 2002" is scheduled June 3-8, with services at 7 p.m. nightly at 1821 S.E. 39<sup>th</sup> and Stephens.

Services and seminars during the event are free, but a reg-

istration fee of \$10 will be requested to receive a conference packet.

Evening services will consist of transforming worship and praise; anointed musical guests; dynamic and Spirit-filled speakers from across the country, such as international preacher and author Apostle Jonas Clark of Florida.

Clark, with his message of divine impact and reform, calls on nations of the world to feel the power of God.

Other special guests include

Prophetess Nona Parker of Illinois, Prophetess Julia Currence of North Carolina; and local speakers Apostle T. Chiles Sr. of Better Life Ministries, and Pastor Bernard of Greater Faith Christian Center Church of God In Christ.

All area residents are invited to come and experience the manifestation of God's glory and its impact on the city of Portland.

The conference host is Pastor Levell Thomas of Cathedral of Praise. For more information, call 503-235-2127.

**Planning a Future for St. Johns Neighborhood**

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Opdyke would like to see Lombard accommodate "a commercial district that serves young people and the elderly who don't have access to a car."

Perhaps a more important goal is to preserve the ethnic diversity of the area, with its mixture of whites, African-Americans, Hmong and Latinos, to preserve affordable housing and boost home ownership.

"We want people who live here to feel, 'This is my home, this is where I belong,'" Opdyke says. "It makes for a much stronger community."

St. Johns residents Bud Logan and Trevor Nelson see a need for better infrastructure.

"We have 100 year old sidewalks that need to be brought up to date and a lack of curb cuts and crossings," Logan says. "It needs to occur as quickly as possible. St. Johns is one of the last places where you can still

afford to buy a home, but it's going through tremendous changes."

There's a need for business revitalization, Logan says, but "there's no point in pushing the neighborhood as a business place until you clean it up, make it attractive, and give people a reason to come out here."

Nelson promotes the creation of a new truck route and removing truck traffic from the center of town.

"Your transportation system is your pulmonary system," Nelson says. "We need to be able to get people in and out quickly and reliably on a daily basis, with as few blockages as possible."

Jean Estes Hoops of Friends of Cathedral Park said the St. Johns business district needs more thriving enterprises and less vacant storefronts.

"We have the St. Johns Cafe, which is the best breakfast place in the city," Hoops says. "We need one or two more eating places

like that." Hoops is somewhat cynical about the planning process, noting, "Everyone knows there's no money to do the things we plan for."

One asset St. Johns has in abundance in community loyalty and identity.

Until 1912, St. Johns was an independent village, and many old timers still see it as a world apart from the rest of Portland.

Longstanding annual events are the St. Johns Parade and the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival. The latter celebrates Cathedral Park, created through the help of many public jurisdictions at the behest of local volunteers. It is also a memorial to one of them, the late self-styled "mayor of St. Johns," Howard Galbraith.

The former shipyard worker used to say, "There are two kinds of people: Those who live in St. Johns, and those who wish they did."

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Tickets are now available for In God's Image Productions' Redeemed!

The theatrical musical will be performed May 31, June 1 and June 2 at Maranatha Church, 4222 N.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. at 7 p.m. each night.

Redeemed! is the story of Sherrice Wilson, a 22-year-old woman sharing a rundown Los Angeles apartment with her 14-year-old brother, Hakiem. Given a once in a lifetime opportunity, she abandons her faith and family to pursue musical stardom, however, this decision comes with a tragic cost.

The performance features the music of Kirk Franklin and the Winans. The musical is written and directed by Sandra Joan Brown.

A donation of \$11 is suggested for tickets, available at Hook-Ups, 2536 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; Reflections Bookstore, 446 N.E. Killingsworth; the Women's Resource Center on the PCC Cascade campus in north Portland; and Higher Ground Coffee Shop in Newberg. For more information, call 360-258-7170.

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**Mt. Hood Jazz Fest Ends 20 Year Run**

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profit sponsors.

But in the past decade, the festival struggled to attract as many

people. It faced competition from other outdoor concerts. It alienated some mainstream jazz fans in the late 1990s by trying to incorporate pop-inflected "smooth"

jazz acts. It also suffered from the death of many legendary artists who became household names when jazz's popularity was at its peak.

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