

# RELIGION

## Obituaries

### "Man About Town" Remembered

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 8 at 1 p.m. at Kingdom Hall, 6836 N.E. 7<sup>th</sup>, for Nathaniel Johnnie Baker Sr., who died recently at the age of 69. A celebration to eat, greet and reflect will follow the service at 3:30 p.m. at Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby.

He was born Jan. 6, 1934 to Eddie Baker Sr. and Allean Lowe, the eldest of nine children. He was raised in Tampa, Fla.

He was a hardworking man who was never without work. He loved to cook and many knew him as "Slim Daddy" "Mr. Baker" and "Man About Town". His "Baker's Sauce Supreme" was marketed and sold in local markets.

He loved tap dancing and received many awards and certificates. He also loved baseball and socializing with his friends and family. He was a member of the Reno Bowling league for many years. He loved to fish and he loved to laugh and tell jokes. He was an active community member.

He loved family life and shared his love with many. He left a favorable impression on



Nathaniel Johnnie Baker Sr.

people and was laden with words of wisdom. He was a free spirit, proud and a man of integrity.

He leaves to mourn his wife, Minnie Hughes-Baker, his extended children, Monique, Danita, Nakia, and Joanne and 12 loving grandchildren.

He is also survived by his children, Nathaniel Johnnie Jr., Denise, Tamara, Keith, and Kevin; adopted daughters, Cynthia Baker and Michelle Landers; stepchildren Michelle King and Jerry Brooks; 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and a wealth of friends and in-laws.

### Laura Mae Brown

Funeral services were held Monday, March 3 in First AME Zion Church in Portland for Laura Mae Brown, who died Feb. 24 at age 84.

Laura Mae Brown was born June 8, 1918, in Brummitt, Ark. She moved to Portland about 1960. She was a housekeeper for Emanuel Hospital and Health Center. In 1948, she married Homer L.; he died in 1980.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary L. Kelly and Margaret L. Moore; sisters, Novella Jackson and Bethel L. Green; 4 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Remembrances to Providence ElderPlace. Arrangements by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

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 ALL FORMER MEMBERS  
 AND THE COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

Thursday March 6, 2003 7:00 pm  
 Guest Speaker: **Rev. Andre Young**  
 Highland United Church of Christ II

Friday March 7, 2003 7:00 pm  
 Youth Night  
 Guest Speaker: **Rev. Willie Hurst Jr., Admin. Asst.**  
 New Generation Revival

Saturday March 8, 2003 6:00 pm  
 Banquet  
 Dining Hall in  
 Vancouver Ave. First Baptist Church Basement  
 Guest Speaker: **Sis. Della Frazier, VAFBC**

Sunday March 9, 2003 3:30 PM  
 Official Day Service  
 Guest Speaker, **Pastor Johnasen Pack**  
 New Generation Revival Church

Deacon Michael R. and Sis. Antoinette Booker, Chairperson  
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**Services**  
 Sunday School 9:45 A.M.  
 Morning Worship 11:30 A.M.  
 Evening Worship 7:00 P.M.  
 Wed. Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

"Where there is no vision, The People perish."

For more information please call  
 (503) 284-5171

Everyone's Welcome.....

## Turning Lives Around



Sanford Washington calls upon the inner presence of the Lord to guide the faithful down the rocky road of recovery. Washington turned his own life around with the help of victory outreach. "When God steps in your soul the wheel is strong and you can't help do what he asks of you."

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Street location 11 years ago. He was sent out from the church in Fresno, Calif. to spread the church's teachings northward.

He arrived in Portland with his wife and two children and bought a house in southeast Portland. He and his family occupied the top floor. Services were held on the main floor and Garza shel-

tered over 20 men in the basement.

He eventually purchased the building on Alberta and has become a patriarch of this tight community.

"They like Pastor Max," Mayfield said. "He's a very good teacher."

Parishioners work side jobs for a year to help pay for costs. After that time they are assisted in finding permanent employment and a

safe place to live.

"Our ministry believes that we reach people, teach them, and send them," Mayfield said.

For Washington, his goal and motivation is continuing the mission God has laid before him.

He said it comes down to reaching out to those less fortunate because someone reached out to him.

"Have you made an impact in someone else's life?" he asked the

congregation on a recent Sunday. "I'm not messed up any more because someone made a difference in my life. I know the presence of God has been with me. I should have been dead."

Victory Outreach Church holds service every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and every Sunday at 10 a.m. The public is always welcome.

## The Responsibility of Parents



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— REV. ETHEL J. BATES

BY ETHEL J. BATES

FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

(Eph. 6:1-4) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," the first commandment reads. And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in training and admonition of the Lord.

The haunted face of the teenage boy who killed his mother a few weeks ago keeps flashing across my mind and disturbing my thoughts. This is certainly not the first child who has murdered his mother, and sadly, murder within the family has become a repeating frame of late. Fathers killing their families, mothers killing their babies, siblings turning against each other - all provoked by Satanic forces.

Perhaps what causes this incident to grip my heart and stand out is the fact that I have not seen any

family member come forth to show support or allegiance to this child, who by his own hands finds himself motherless and obviously alone. It epitomizes what the phrase "motherless child" embodies. The burden that I feel is heavy and every parent should share in that burden. The actions of our children represent our belief systems and they determine the future of the world. We are responsible for the values they embrace.

Sure, we live in a society that has heaped unmitigated evil and vile abuses upon children. For that the perpetrators should and will be punished. But we have thrown the baby out with the water. The most insidious abuse that a parent can perpetrate upon a child is to allow him or her to develop in an atmosphere that is lacking in principles of discipline and respect for family values. I like what Proverbs 13:34

says about discipline, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly."

Children need to be clear about parent's expectations and that they can depend on their parents to take care of them. Knowing that the boundaries are clear and stable gives them a feeling of security and well-being. They feel loved and valued. They are searching for the safety net of stability.

I watched TV in horror the other day as young boys 10 and 11 years old, threw tantrums, stole money, destroyed property and called their mothers names that are unmentionable. These children are lost. They are portraying the erroneous philosophy that saying "no" too often will cause irreparable damage to their psych, damage their self-esteem and impede their confidence. Therefore, when parents say "no"

at the wrong time, children express their displeasure, in an objectionable fashion - like killing someone.

I long for the good-old days when a child expressed his displeasure of a parent's denial by simply pouting or stalking out of the room. Recently my youngest son was unhappy about my decision regarding a request he had made. As I left the room I suddenly turned. I still smile as I remember the total look of terror in his eyes at being caught with his tongue sticking out at me. His face was frozen and he struggled to retrieve his tongue. I call it my "heavenly intervention!"

Eph. 6:4 says, "The purpose of discipline is to help children grow, not to exasperate and provoke them to anger or discouragement." Parenting is not easy - it takes lots of patience to raise children in a loving and Christ-honoring manner. But frustration and anger should not be causes for discipline. Instead, parents should act in love, treating their children as Christ treats the people he loves. This is vital to the development of children and to their understanding of what Christ is like. I wish I had understood this concept when I was a single parent, raising my own children.

Ethel J. Bates is a minister for the Allen Temple CME Church in Portland.

### Church Calender

#### AIDS Warship Service

As part of the Albina Ministerial Alliance project to educate Christian churches in the north and northeast Portland communities in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS, pastors, ministers, missionaries and health coordinators are invited to the annual Balm of Gilead Prayer and Healing of AIDS worship service Saturday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Allen Temple CME Church, 4236 N. E. 8th Ave. For more information, please call 503-281-5850 or 503-287-0261.

#### Red Cross Blood Drive

The Church of Scientology of Portland, 2636 N.E. Sandy Blvd., will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Friday, March 7 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you would like to donate blood, call 503-963-8121 to set up an appointment.

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**ALBINA MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE**  
 Balm In Gilead  
 HIV  
 Healing Worship Celebration

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 Project

**Join us in our war against HIV/AIDS, and help break the silence in our communities.**

The Albina Ministerial Alliance (AMA) is breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS in the African American communities. As part of AMA's project to educate Christian churches, in the North and Northeast community and fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS, AMA is inviting community members, pastors, ministers and missionaries to the annual Balm In Gilead Prayer and Healing of AIDS Worship Celebration. Please join us in our war against HIV/AIDS on:

**Saturday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Allen Temple C.M.E. Church**  
**4236 NE 8th Avenue, Portland, Oregon**

For more information, contact:  
 Bishop Grace Osborne, AMA Health Coordinator, (503) 281-5850,  
 or  
 Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Service Coordinator at (503) 287-0261.