

BLESSED 13TH YEAR

Anniversary Celebration for

Pastor T. Allen Bethel & Wife Daphne

Please Join Us Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Emmett Wheatfall,

Pastor of Remember The Hope Church, Portland, Oregon

At

Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Avenue, Portland, Oregon

(Rev. Daphne Brown, Stockton, CA

will be the Speaker at the 10:30 a.m. service)

Theme: "Supporting God's Anointed" -- Exodus 17:11-12

RELIGION

Candidates Seize Moral Mantle

Reach out to faith communities

(AP) -- The invitation appeared one Sunday in Joanna Chase's church bulletin: Come to a "faith

forum" and join a conversation about the intersection of religion and politics.

Living in New Hampshire, Chase is accustomed to pitches from presidential hopefuls, especially those focusing on values-voting Republicans. But this one came from the team of a Democrat, Sen. Barack Obama.

The candidate himself wasn't on the bill. But about 50 people showed up to talk about the war, poverty and trying to seize back the moral mantle some in the GOP claim. The night also featured an Obama video and a campaign altar call—an invitation to become a "congregation contact" and rally support for the candidate.

The leading Democratic contenders for the White House all have made a point of talking about religion



Sen. Barack Obama

this campaign season. They discuss their faith journeys and how their beliefs influence their policies. The campaigns of Obama, Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Edwards all are doing outreach to religious communities.

But Obama, the junior senator from Illinois, has made religion a signature part of his campaign through his own public appearances in places where Democrats rarely venture, and a faith-based voter mobilization, topped by forums in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina that could prove key to organizing.

A member of the liberal United Church of Christ, Obama has said he was raised in a nonreligious home and had a conversion experience after doing community organizing in Chicago churches. He spoke last year — before announcing his candidacy — of a desire to tackle "mutual suspicion" between religious and secular America.

He invokes biblical imagery, saying that because government alone cannot solve problems, "we have an individual responsibility."



CALLING ALL MEN TO PARTICIPATE IN GOSPEL MUSIC WORKSHOP

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting a Citywide Men's Gospel Music Workshop and Concert Wednesday – Friday, October 17th – 19th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM each evening. The workshop choir will be in Concert Saturday, October 20th at 6:00 PM. Guest Conductor is singer, musician, composer and recording artist, Minister Eugene Blackmon. New Hope is located at 3725 N. Gantenbein. Rev. Robert C. Jointer, Pastor. For information, please call 503-281-0163, 503-665-6845 or 503-698-5447.



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Fifty Years



Wednesday October 24th. Civic Night, will kick of the 2007 Holy Convocation with a Banquet at the Downtown Hilton Hotel, 921 SW 6th Avenue. We will be honoring Bishop Artice L. Wright, DD., a member of the first black church constructed in Oregon; Bishop Wright is one of the last surviving pioneers of the Black Church in the State. Come; join us in celebrating his 85th birthday and 50 plus years of faithful ministry and service to Portland.

Donation for the ticket is \$40 each in advance. There will be a limited amount of tickets at the door for a donation of \$45 each. Please RSVP by October 20th by calling (503) 473-6551.

God will demonstrate His love, grace and power though this year's theme: "Be Ye Holy". Come and be part of these powerful spirit filled nights, as the speaker's minister to you through the word of God.

Thursday the 25th is International Night with Bishop, James Feltus, Jr. PhD, D.D., from New Orleans Louisiana.

Friday the 26th is Women's Night. Traditionally this is one of the high points of the Convocation as the Lord ministers through the Regional Women's Department.

Saturday the 27th is "Youth Explosion" where the youth of the city will have the opportunity to share in the ministry with singing, preaching, fellowship and more.

We will close with our "Official Day Service" on Sunday, October 28th at 3:00 P.M.

Gospel Music Leaders Honored

The 63-year-old African-American congregation of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., will host a special, surprise tribute to Ernest Hill III and Eva Nell (Young) Miles on Sunday, Oct. 21 during the congregation's 10:30 a.m. praise

and worship service. Rev. J.W. Matt Hennessee will preside over the event and will bring the sermon. The occasion will honor two people with a long-standing dedication and contribution to the gospel music scene in the Portland area and the Pa-

cific Northwest. Hill and Miles are longtime residents of north and northeast Portland. They began their personal crusade in the gospel music ministry under the Late Rev. Dr. O. B. Williams, founding pastor of the Vancouver Avenue Church.

NORTHWEST VOICE OF CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

"The Voice Speaks"



Rev. H.L. Hodge, Ph.D. Pastor/Teacher

A new door has been opened. Northwest Voice For Christ Community Church is now worshipping in the New Jerusalem building at a new time.

"The Faithful Church" (Revelations 3:7-13)

"Keeping It Real Jesus' Way"

Join us each Sunday!

Time: 9 A.M.

1637 NE Killingsworth St., Portland, Oregon

You are welcome to join us in worship and praise; we are the obedient, faithful church speaking the WORD- God's way!

Obituaries

In Loving Memory Gwendolyn Smith

Funeral services were held Monday at New Song Community Church for Gwendolyn Smith who passed away Oct. 6, 2007 at a local hospital due to unexpected complications of an illness.

She was born on Sept. 26, 1951 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the daughter of Glancy McKneely and Geraldine Jones Bell.

She became a Christian at an early age and was baptized at St. John Baptist Church. She graduated from Capital High School in Baton Rouge and moved to Portland in 1980 to attend Marylhurst and Portland State Universities. She became an active member of the New Song Community Church in Portland.

She was strong advocate of education and admonished those under her influence to maximize every opportunity to have a good life. Her love for music and dance was apparent as well as spending time with her grandchildren, Joseph Jr., Jamal Smith and godson, Kalavina Johnson.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a sister Sheila D. Thompson. She leaves to mourn her passing, a son, Joseph Smith and daughter-in-law Tiffany Smith; her father; and siblings, Rhonda McKneely Jones, Billy McKneely, Sharon Y. Thompson, Jackie M. Netter, and Glancy McKneely Jr.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Syreeta Chanay Mosley



Sunrise:
April 6, 1973
Sunset:
Oct. 13, 2007
Services pending.

52nd Wedding Anniversary

Oct. 15 1955 – 2007



Portland Miracle Revival Church
Standing for Family and Marriage



The children of Walter SR & Doris Scott are having a Celebration October 18-21 At Portland Miracle Revival Church 4828 N. Williams Ave. Portland, Oregon 7:00 P.M.

The 52nd Wedding Anniversary Dinner will be Oct. 20 2007 on Saturday at the ST. John Community CTR. :8427 N Central Portland OR. 97203

Time: 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Potluck Dinner will be served.

Sunday Service 6pm Guest Speaker Pastor Lonnie Hosley
Everyone is "Welcome" but we are highlighting 52 couples, friends of the Scott's.

For more information email: wanddscott@msn.com or Iris at 503-309-8967.

They've started a New Business and you can visit their Website: goyeblessedtravel.com
Monetary contributions for the honorees will be accepted.

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Pressing Towards The Mark

The Greater Faith Baptist Church Family would like to faithfully invite you to a week of Praise and Worship, Monday, October 29th thru Sunday, November 4th, in Honor of our Pastor and First Lady, Rev. Byrone and Sis. Marvia Bolton's 2nd year Pastor's Anniversary Celebration.

Theme: Pressing Towards The Mark (Phil. 3:14).

The celebration will be held in two locations: Beginning at Greater Faith Baptist Church, 931 Skidmore Street, Portland OR, Monday thru Thursday, October 29th thru November 1st. Celebration will consist of four nights of preaching, singing and praising. Celebration will continue at New Hope Baptist Church at 3725 Gatenbein Avenue, Portland, OR. Friday thru Sunday, November 2nd thru 4th. Services will consist of a 1st Lady's Banquet on Friday at 7: p.m.; a Gospel Musical Concert on Saturday at 6:00 p.m., featuring the one-and-only Bolton Brothers of Hattiesburg, MS, and Pastor's Bolton's Anniversary on Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us in this Honorable Celebration!!!

For more information call 503.710.2000 or 503.247.2992