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Local Convocation Hosts Renowned Church Scholar

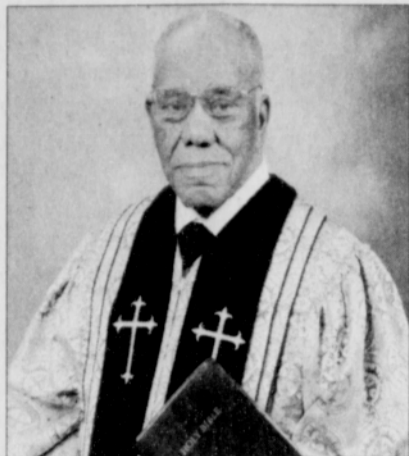
Bishop James Feltus, son of pioneers of the Pentecostal movement, was born in Glester, Miss. He and his wife, Hazel Luter Feltus, International Supervisor Emeritus of the Women's Department, have a lifetime history in the Church of God in Christ.

Bishop Feltus is a renowned Bible scholar and an interpreter of sacred literature. His academic background includes, but is not limited to Xavier University, Southern University, American Bible College, Baptist Theological Seminary, Campbell College and University of Bible Studies. His life theme and motto is "Knowledge is the Key to Success."

Bishop Feltus' call to preach the gospel came when he was 16 years old. He succeeded his father as pastor of the First Church of God in Christ United in Louisiana at the age of 25, and is the current pastor at the age of 87. The Church of God in Christ United is an outgrowth of the Church of God in Christ.

In 1953, Bishop Feltus was ordained as leader of the COGICU of British Honduras. Also, he has organized and planted numerous churches in Louisiana with new growth in Jamaica, England and Oregon. Outreach is currently in process in Hawaii.

Despite the obliterating impact of



Bishop James Feltus Jr.

Katrina, destroying COGIC United Headquarters, loss of churches, pastors, and members, Bishop Feltus has

forged ahead. The strength of his leadership skills was demonstrated at the International Convocation in August 2008 where 6 new Bishops were commissioned.

Bishop Feltus and his wife will visit Portland for the 32nd Regional Holy Convocation. The first family of the COGICU is expected on Wednesday, Oct. 22. Bishop Artice L. Wright and International Supervisor of the Women's Department, Maggie Foxworth-Wright, will host the event.

Bishop Wright, a native of Waverly, Fla. moved to Oregon in 1956. His higher education includes degrees from Portland State University, Portland Community College, as well as

Feltus Theological Seminary where he was awarded the Doctor of Divinity.

Bishop Wright is a pillar in the Portland Community. He has pastored for 54 years, and on Tuesday, Oct. 21, he will be 86 years of age.

He is currently 2nd Assistant to International Presiding Bishop James Feltus, Jr. Four of the six recently commissioned bishops are from the Pacific Northwest Region under the leadership of Bishop Wright.

Bishop Wright and International Supervisor of Women's Department will host the 32nd Regional Holy Convocation commencing Wednesday, Oct. 22 through Sunday, Oct. 26.

Church Celebrates 21 Years

BY MARETHA HART

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church was in high spirits on Sunday as they gave praises to God for this momentous time in the life of their church. For 21 years Fellowship has been witnessing to the goodness of God.

Rev. Dr. Johnny Pack IV is the founding pastor and organizer of Fellowship; and due to his organizational skills, experience and being led by the Lord; the church has been blessed in many ways.

Fellowship was so named by Dr. Pack when he received a vision to organize this church on Oct. 14, 1987 as he and a group of believers met for a prayer meeting in a Masonic Lodge Hall.

The weekend anniversary celebration theme was "Wait upon the Lord." (Isaiah 40:31) Friday's message, "Who Are You Waiting On?" was preached by Rev. Terrence Scott. Sister Linda Ellerby spoke at the church banquet on Saturday. Bishop A. A. Wells preached the closing message "The Several Dimension of the



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Rev. Dr. Johnny Pack IV, pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, 4009 N. Missouri Ave., and his wife Angela, celebrate the church's 21st anniversary.

Church" on Sunday. Out of all the things that Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor Pack have

been through, they can say they made it to this point because they were leaning and depending on the Lord.



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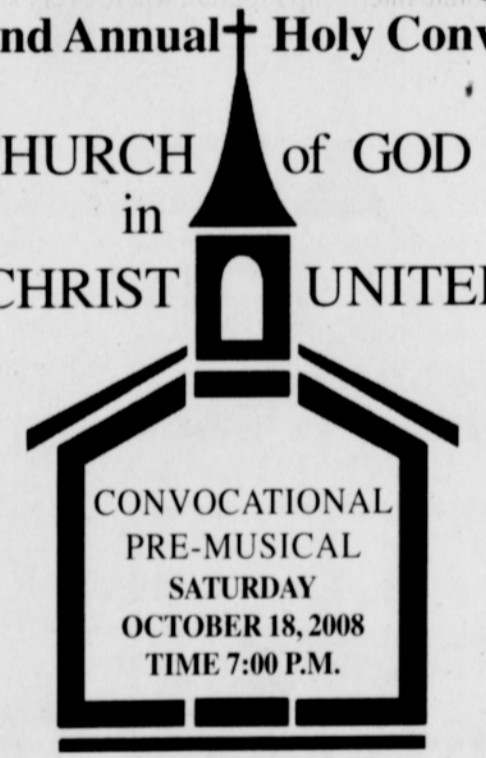
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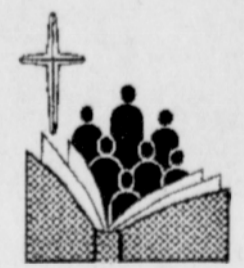
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in
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CONVOCATIONAL
PRE-MUSICAL
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 18, 2008
TIME 7:00 P.M.

This Celebration will Commence October 18th with a Pre-Convocation Musical and Continue October 22 through October 26, 2008


WORKSHOPS, WORSHIP, & PRAISE
Workshops 6:00-7:15 PM
Praise & Worship: 7:30 PM Nightly

Host Church: **Emmanuel COGICU**
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Bishop L. Tellis, Co-Pastor
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