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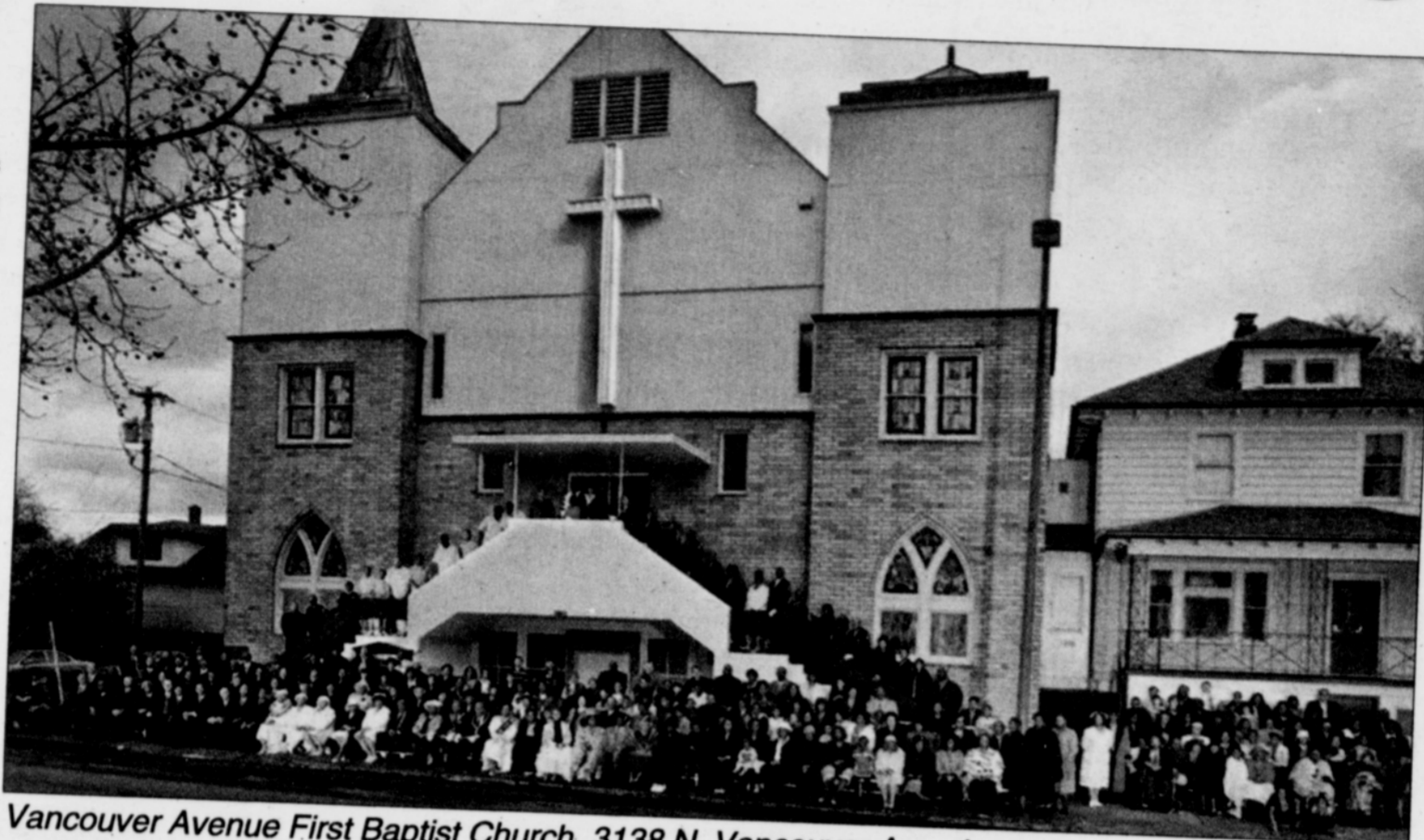
Vancouver Avenue's Home Coming

Historic church to celebrate 70 years

On Sunday, April 27, at 2 p.m., the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., will commemorate its 70th anniversary with a diamond home-coming celebration that will capture the authentic essence of the message, the music and the memories of this historic church.

Vancouver Avenue is known for its African American and multi-cultural experiences through family and community driven programs and annual events that enhance the spiritual, social, civic and academic well-being of the Portland community.

According to the organizers of the anniversary event, you should prepare yourself for an amazing episode of empowerment, reflection and total transformation as the celebration promises to be one



Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., is commemorating its 70th anniversary with a special home coming celebration, Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

of the shimmering events of the year.

The event is scheduled to kick-off with a special city proclama-

tion from Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, plus inspirational keynote speaker, Pastor Johnasen L. Pack of Grand Prairie, Texas; Pastor

George Merriweather of Northeast Community Fellowship Church; and an amazing up-lifting 90-plus voice Gospel choir backed by a

seven piece Gospel band that features the musical talents of Patrick Lamb, Janice Scroggins, Bobby Garnett, Megale Roberts, Pamela Mitchell and Ken Berry.

An instrumental ensemble that is directed by fame jazz and funk musicians, Kirk Green and Gaylord Warren, and a host of other gospel singers and musicians will also join the rostrum.

Recollections of the church's past will be shared by a host of long-ago members who have returned for a moment in time. A post reception will showcase "70 diamond delights" of homemade cultural desserts.

The event is open to the public. Raymond Burell III and Felicia Pool are co-chairs of the celebration and J.W. Matt Hennessee is senior pastor. For more information, contact Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church at 503-282-9496 or visit vafbcpdx.com or the church's Facebook site.

Easter Meals at Union Gospel

Preparations are underway at Union Gospel Mission to provide over 700 meals for the homeless and people in need on Easter Sunday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Union Gospel Mission is seeking donations of coffee for the meal. The Easter brunch menu consists of eggs Benedict, hash browns, fruit ambrosia, orange juice and coffee. In addition, guests will receive hygiene kits with such essentials such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant and more.

The meal is free and open to

anyone in need.

"We try to make this meal a great Easter brunch for people who come to this event. Coffee is a huge need for us. We are looking for donations of coffee from anyone who can help out," said Lori Quinney, Food Service Coordinator at Union Gospel Mission.

If you would like to make a donation, contact Union Gospel Mission at 503-274-4483 or drop off donations at 3 N.W. Third Ave. Financial donations can be made online at ugmportland.org.

In Loving Memory

Janet Brown

Janet Ruth Brown was born Jan. 31, 1924 to Arthur and Jennie Brown of Buffalo, N.Y. She peacefully departed this life on March 19, 2014 in Portland.

She received her education in Buffalo public schools, and Buffalo is where she committed her life to Jesus Christ at an early age. Her favorite Bible passage was the 23rd Psalm.

In her early 20s, she moved to Portland. She joined New Hope

Missionary Baptist Church and served faithfully on the usher board. She moved to Maranatha Church in the 1970s serving on the usher board for over 30 years. Janet took her post as a doorkeeper in God's house seriously. Known as "Sister Janet" and "Auntie Janet," she helped to ensure that all attendees and guests felt welcomed and comfortable.

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Good Friday Service

SEVEN LAST WORDS

7:00 pm – Friday, April 18th

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