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Pastor Lonnie L. Hosley outside his HeavenBound Deliverance Center church in northeast Portland.

Sharing the Gospel

Faith leader elevated as bishop

A northeast Portland church leader will be recognized and celebrated during a special consecration service to elevate him as bishop and presiding prelate of HeavenBound Fellowship of Churches International.

Lonnie L. Hosley, the pastor of the HeavenBound Deliverance Center church, has been sharing and declaring the Gospel in Portland for nearly 25 years. He accepted his call to preach in 1991, and in September of that year delivered his trial sermon, "Have You Yielded, The Right Way" at Portland's Greater Solid Rock Church of God in Christ.

After serving for more than seven years at Solid Rock, Hosley founded the HeavenBound Deliverance Center Church in the living room of his home with his family and five charter members. The congregation currently is housed at 84 N.E. Killingsworth St, the former Ark of Safety church.

The goal of the ministry has been to bring people of all church denominations, socio-economic backgrounds, and ethnicities together to praise and magnifying God.

Hosley credits the divine directives of God for building the HeavenBound Fellowship of Churches. This is an interdenominational group of ministries united under Hosley's leadership with one common goal: to effectively advance the agenda of the Kingdom of God.

Hosley has made a significant impact in our community and beyond with his church outreach, including the 1994 production of a live CD recording entitled "Our Story" which featured gospel legend Pastor John P. Kee at Maranatha Church in Portland. Each year he hosts "Hold On, Help Is On the Way" benefit concerts and community feedings, the annual "Voice of Deliverance Conference" and the "Voice of Deliverance" broadcast, currently airing twice a week on the Internet's Freedom Radio. He has made several appearances on the Trinity Broadcasting Network as a host and guest minister.

The community is invited to join Bishop-Elect Hosley for his consecration service, officiated by The Right Rev. A.L. Willis, on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at Emanuel Church, 1033 N. Sumner St. All are welcome.