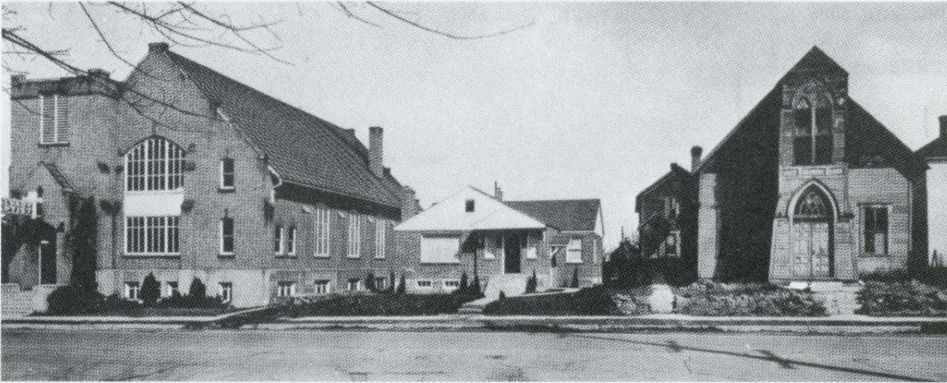


Many of the soldiers in later years would become introduced to the black community through its churches. From the earliest times here, black settlers felt a need for a place of worship of their own. Thus, two black churches at the



*Calvary Baptist Church*

100-year mark, Calvary Baptist Church and St. Paul's African Methodist Church, later to become Bethel A.M.E., were born.

Feb. 16, 1890, six blacks left the First Baptist Church to form Calvary. The new church's first pastor was the Rev. J.P. Brown and it was located on Pine

at the southwest corner of East Fourth Avenue. In 1895 members met at S. 168 Howard, in 1897 at E. 426 Third where they acquired a house and chapel, and in 1912 at E. 213 Third. The present church, at E. 203 Third, has been at that location since 1927. Two prominent black pioneers were among its pastors, the Rev. Peter Barnabas Barrow, from 1895 to 1904, and the Rev. J. Gordon McPherson in 1906.

One of Calvary's longest-term ministers was the Rev. Emmett B. Reed, who came to the church in 1919 and remained for more than 40 years. Rev. Reed was also one of the first founders and the president of the Spokane branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which was chartered April 14, 1919.



*Rev. Emmett Brennan Reed, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church*

The church whose name became Bethel A.M.E. in 1900 was organized in April 1890 by 10 members at a house at S. 168 Stevens. Presiding elder the Rev. A.O. Augustus was sent from California to help establish the church, meeting at Broadway west of Monroe under the direction of its first pastor, the Rev. George W. White. A church building was constructed