

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark  
YOUNG PEOPLE . . . BE CAREFUL

Text: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Proverbs, 1:10

The world today makes everything attractive for young people. Large neon signs point the way to pleasures of the flesh. Attractive places of entertainment advertise their accommodations for the benefit of all, and make special appeal to young people. Flashy pictures, striking speech, sparkling music, and the array of many colors are used to attract young people. We who are a little older are told this is the modern way of life, and if we do not move with the stream we are "old fogey." If we misunderstand all of this attractiveness we are behind the times. If we despair of the future, we look through the dark glasses of middle-age philosophy. If we warn people, we are unaware of the technique of modern living.



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We must remember that all of this world's entertainment may not be called evil just because it is not sponsored by the church. And we must not forget that people may enjoy themselves in the right sense of the word. We cannot expect young people to have the same "slant" on life as their parents. A different age breathes a different spirit. It must also be said that God has given us a world to enjoy. While this thought can be carried too far, we may not avoid it in our thinking and our practice.

The enticement of sin is like the venom of a serpent; we are not aware of its danger until we feel its sting. The warning desperately needed in our day is the fact that while sin moves through individuals, it engulfs the many with its enticement. Victimized individuals become Satan's tools to deceive others. The objects of his enticing invitations become the subjects of misguiding others. Not only wicked angels but wicked men are used by Satan to destroy God's people by enticement and allurements.

No one can afford to make light of this warning. Solomon addressed this counsel to a "son." We sometimes think because we belong to God's spiritual covenant by faith that we are immune to the temptations of enticement. On the contrary, Satan makes his appeal to those who are inside the kingdom of God in order to mislead and ultimately destroy our faith. This text sounds a note of warning that temptation comes to God's children as well as to those who never know the faith.

It is time for young people inside and outside the church to open their eyes wide to the impending danger and the disastrous result of unwise thinking and living. All of these factors set the text of Proverbs out in bold letters, "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not." Young People....Be Careful.

You ask, how can we be careful? Does it mean that young people must lock themselves in a room and just read the Bible? Does it mean that one must surrender position, standing, influence and place in the community and become a hermit outside of modern life? Not at all. Jesus never intended that way for his followers. Jesus said, "I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil" (John 17:15). Jesus never wanted young people to stay out of the world; but desired his followers in the world to be real lights in position, standing, influence and testimony.

Do not mistake this interpretation. It does not mean that we must just walk into the world with the idea that we should taste and see everything. It does not mean that we can walk dangerously near temptation with the exalted view that we can keep ourselves spotlessly pure in our own strength or will. It does not mean that we must walk unnecessarily into the way of sin, even though we are convinced we can remain clear of evil. It does mean that we follow our

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### AT OUR CHURCHES

Deadline for church news and photographs is Friday noon preceding the next Thursday publication date at the Rev. Mr. Clark's home, 1676 N. 'E' St., telephone 642-1560. All items submitted must be accompanied by the sender's name, address and telephone number.

#### CHURCH of GOD in CHRIST

UPPER ROOM C. of G. in C.  
Bishop C. C. Cox, 385-1541  
1117 N. "F" St., Las Vegas

Bishop Cox has extended his revival through July 12.

POWERHOUSE C. of G. in C.  
Supt. J. W. Logan, 382-6187  
1216 Adams Ave., Las Vegas

Supt. Logan will celebrate his anniversary beginning today through July 12. Bishop Cox will deliver the anniversary sermon at 8 p.m. on July 12.

MOST HIGH C. of G. in C.  
Eld. J. Washington, 642-5675  
Henderson

PROGRESSIVE C. of G. in C.  
Eld. Jos. Prudhomme, 642-5556  
1155 Lawry Ave., Vegas Hts.

LIGHTHOUSE C. of G. in C.  
Eld. Willie Rawls, 384-5539  
E. Sahara Ave., Fourmyle

PRAYER HOUSE C. of G. in C.  
Eld. W. M. Shaw, 382-1743  
Blankenship St., Vegas Hts.

(All Churches of God in Christ)

- Tuesday 8 pm - - - - - Bible Band
- Wednesday 8 pm - - - - - \*Young People
- Friday 8 pm - - - - - Consecration
- Sunday 10 am - - - - - Sunday School
- Sunday 12 m - - - - - Morning Service
- Sunday 6:30 pm - - - - - YPW
- Sunday 8 pm - - - - - Evening Worship
- \*Progressive - - - - - Inspirational

#### CATHOLIC

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Msgr. W. J. Devlin, 382-9953  
"H" & Morgan Sts., Las Vegas

Msgr. Devlin again calls attention to the new schedule of services and confessionals as listed below.

- Sunday Mass--11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Week Day Mass--7:30 p.m. each evening
- Confession--Saturday 4 and 7:30 p.m.

#### METHODIST

ZION METHODIST CHURCH  
Rev. M. D. Bennett, 382-9900  
911 N. "G" St., Las Vegas

#### BAPTIST

GRACE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. C.L. Alexander, 384-7413  
815 Bartlett, Vegas Hts.

Dr. J. L. Simmons, Moderator of the Pride of the West District Association, will deliver his annual address, July 10 at 8 p.m.

EVERGREEN BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. A. B. Carr, 382-5682  
1113 N. "H" St., Las Vegas

NEW JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. F. N. Addison  
"D" & Jefferson Sts., Las Vegas

PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. J. L. Kemp, 642-5708  
1189 Hassell St., Vegas Hts.

Pride of the West District Association is meeting through July 10.

GREATER FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. P. S. Walker, 384-1248  
Balzar St., Vegas Hts.

Rev. Walker will preach on the theme, "The Ability of Man", at the 11 a.m. service on July 12.

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. E. C. Kline, 382-7263  
101 N. "A" St., Las Vegas

Rev. Kline is conducting a revival starting today and continuing through July 17.

VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. A. J. Thompson, 642-4001  
1305 N. "E" St., Las Vegas

The pastor's anniversary will be celebrated July 16-19.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. I. W. Wilson, 382-2632  
400 Adams Ave., Las Vegas

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. M. Carroll  
712 W. Owens Ave., Las Vegas

ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. J. L. Simmons, 382-2748  
311 Madison Ave., Las Vegas

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH  
Rev. V. C. L. Coleman, 384-3131  
1209 N. "E" St., Las Vegas

Annual picnic of the Daily Vacation Bible School is scheduled for today, July 9, at Lee's Canyon.

## WITNESSES HOLD CALIFORNIA MEET

A four-day assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Long Beach, Calif. will be held in the Municipal Auditorium, July 16-19. Plans have been made by members of the Las Vegas congregation to be in attendance at the Bible conference according to Harold Glover, presiding minister.

"The Long Beach gathering is only one of 64 such assemblies to be held in the United States and Canada this year," assembly manager Shield Halvajian stated. "This will include assemblies in Alaska and Hawaii with another 17 assemblies to be held in the British Isles. Besides the Long Beach gathering, California will host assemblies in San Bernardino, San Jose, Ventura, Santa Rosa and Yuba City."

Arrangements are being made for an advance meeting to be held for the benefit of the 125 or more congregations that will send delegates to the Long Beach gathering. This meeting will arrange for rooming accommodations, facilities for feeding and the assembly program.

The event will be sponsored by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York and will stress the theme, "Fruitage of the Spirit". Department heads are expected to be named shortly and many from the Las Vegas congregation will share in the assembly functions.

## Upperettes Offer Musical

Second annual Church of God in Teenage Musicals sponsored by the Upperettes will be held at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 11, at the Upper Room Christ, 1117 'F' St. Although the program will be offered by teenagers, the general public is invited.