

# From The Pulpit

by Rev Donald M. Clark

## THE BREAD OF LIFE

"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." (John 6:35).

The figure of speech, "I am the Bread of Life", is not difficult to understand. As the Father gives the grain to become the loaf, in order to satisfy hunger and sustain physical life, so Jesus is the gift of God to men in order to satisfy their spiritual hunger and sustain the spiritual life.

ALL OF US KNOW what it is to sustain ourselves at times upon the lives of others. That's what good parents and friends are for. Then, too, we have noted how the mood of a gentle sufferer in a household has nourished the lives of other members of the family.

Jesus is the ultimate source of the spiritual life. This is not unreasonable doctrine. The proof is to be found in partaking of Him. . . . when one finds he cannot live without this man Christ Jesus! That is the experience of all who have gone to Him for the satisfaction of their soul-hunger.



REV. D. M. CLARK

SOME OF US are insensitive and obtuse to spiritual things.

SOME OF US try to satisfy our hunger with the husks of tradition. The manna which our fathers ate in the desert is not the true bread.

SOME OF US get stomach satisfaction from filling our stomachs with that which is not bread.

We are like the Chinese famine sufferers who died with their stomachs full of bean cake from which every trace of nourishment had been extracted. They starved with their stomachs full. Thus, many spiritually die.

But some eat of the True Bread unto eternal life. "To receive the living Lord into the soul so that He becomes life--is to live forever."

THE REV. DONALD CLARK, the VOICE newspaper's "From the Pulpit" columnist, is undergoing treatment at the Veteran's Hospital in Sawtelle, California. Rev. Clark would appreciate a line of cheer from his VOICE readers who, we know, share our wish for the Reverend's speedy recovery.

### Meet Rev. Jefferson

The Rev. O. L. Jefferson, Pastor of the St. John Church of God in Christ on Carlton Square, Las Vegas, has recently acquired a franchise from The Continental Oil Company for the Conoco Service Station located on the corner of 'E' and Jackson Street and has named it simply The Westside Conoco Station.

A resident of Las Vegas for two and a half years, Rev. Jefferson is employed by the Clark County School Transportation Department as a School bus driver; a job compatible with his great interest in Youth.

Rev. Jefferson, who has held the Pastorship of the St. John Church of God in Christ for the past 8 months, is extremely active in the Church of God in Christ under Bishop C. C. Cox. He is President of the Church District Union (the 11 Churches in Las Vegas combined with others in Southern Nevada), and is Public Relations Officer for the Church of God in Christ for the entire State under the Bishop.

In Richmond, California, the community-minded Minister's home, where he was Junior Pastor of McGlothorn Temple, Rev. Jefferson was extremely active politically, as well.

Rev. Jefferson is married and resides with his wife at 1408 Helen Street, North Las Vegas. There are two youngsters; a 7-year-old girl, Bunnie El and five-year-old Alex G. who are still attending school in Richmond. Rev. Jefferson expects they will continue their schooling, after this semester, in Las Vegas.

## BAPTIST CHURCH IN UNUSUAL COMMEMORATION



DEACONESS BOARD of New Jerusalem Baptist Church shown with Church Pastor, Rev. F. N. Addison, (l-r) seated are: Sisters Elizabeth Jackson, Hazel Smith, Alice Moore, Kattie Ann Young, and Mariah Jackson. --Standing (l-r): Sisters Isabell Washington, Ann Lee Davis, Isabell O'Neal, Jessie M. Cooper, Lothania Delagard, and Geraldine Addison (the Pastor's mother). Not pictured is Deaconess Bertha Banks.



CHURCH DEACON BOARD pictured seated (l-r) are: Brothers Ezra Davis, Jessie Jackson, Dave Harris, Judge Smith--Standing (l-r): Brothers Charlie Banks, Rufus Hawkins, Pastor, Rev. F. N. Addison, and Bro. Alex Washington.

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THEME--"Hands and Hands"

"Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me so they strengthened their hands for this good work"--Nehemiah 2:18.

The following Guest Churches will participate in the Commemorative Services:

Greater St. James Baptist, Rev. J. L. Simmons; Zion Methodist, Rev. Marion Bennett; New Hope Baptist, Rev. J. C. Coleman; Macedonia Baptist, Rev. T. C. Cole; Bethel Baptist, Rev. I. W. Wilson; Greater Faith Baptist, Rev. P. S. Walker; Evergreen Baptist, Rev. N. Whinley; Carver Baptist, Rev. J. Proby; Pilgrim Rest Baptist, Rev. E. C. Kline; Victory Baptist, Rev. A. J. Thompson; Second Baptist, Rev. V. C. L. Coleman; Grace Emanuel Baptist, Rev. C. L. Alexander; Church of God in Christ, Bishop C. C. Cox; New Morning Star Baptist, Rev. A. B. Carr; and Pleasant Grove Baptist, Rev. J. L. Kemp.

Rev. A. J. Thompson is scheduled to deliver the sermon for the commemoration services with the Rev. V. C. L. Coleman announced as an alternate.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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