

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

## THE NEVERTHELESS OF PRAYER

Text: "And Jesus prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me; Nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." Luke 22:41, 42.

The circumstances under which these words were spoken. "Father remove this cup from me." That was the natural cry of human weakness. But swift upon that prayer came this cry of submission and surrender: "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

PRAYER IS supplication. There are some people who would make prayer consist entirely and solely in submission. It is not a case of asking God for things; it is a case of bringing ourselves into tune with the mind and will of God. But we will not have supplication and petition ruled out of our idea of prayer.



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"In everything," says St. Paul, "by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." "In every circumstance of life, let your requests be made known." There ought to be no reserves between a father and his children. To try to eliminate petition from prayer is to empty it of its content.

But this "Nevertheless" reminds us that petition is not the whole of prayer; submission is part of prayer too. Indeed this "Nevertheless" must condition all our petitions. It is right to ask Him to give us things, but when we have told Him what we want, we must add the words: "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." God is infinitely wiser than we, and every request must be made subject to His approval.

IF WE CAN truly say, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done," then no prayer of ours will ever go unanswered. The petition may be refused, but the prayer will be answered. The cup was not taken away from Jesus, but an Angel came down from heaven to strengthen Him, so that He marched to His Cross like a conqueror.

The thorn was not taken away from St. Paul, though he besought the Lord thrice for its removal, but sufficient grace was given to enable him to bear it. The petition was refused but the prayer was answered. And if we have the heart to say, "Not as I will but as thou wilt," we may not always get what we ask for but we shall get our answer.

WE SHALL get new strength and courage. We shall face our tasks and bear our burdens with quiet and happy minds, convinced that our Father rules and that He knows best. As Paul puts it, "the peace of God will come and garrison our hearts."

There is this "Nevertheless" in all true prayer. "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

# Student A Two-Time Winner



WINS SCHOLARSHIP--Jerry Lockhart, second from left, receives check to cover expenses for one semester at Nevada Southern University from Mrs. Edna Rose Walker, President of the Coterie Club of Las Vegas, a social service organization interested in promoting higher education... Jerry, a Senior Accounting Major, previously attended Grambling College in Grambling, La. Club members (from left) are La Venia Harper, Planning Chairman; Sarah Ray, Financial Sec'y; Vastine Gosey, Lottie Miller, Assistant Sec'y; and Lois Robinson... Seated (from left) are Mary Russau, Treasurer, Nota Williams, and Katie B. Perry, Vice President. Jerry previously won the Coterie Club Scholarship for the '66 Spring Semester, and the Club has already agreed to sponsor his tuition also for the '67 Spring Semester.

## LEAGUE WOMEN'S CANDIDATES NIGHT

On Wednesday evening October 26 at 8 p.m., the voters of Clark County will have an opportunity to question their Legislative candidates.

The League of Women Voters are sponsoring a MEET YOUR LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES night. The meeting will be held in rooms 15 and 16 of the Convention Center and will begin with an introduction of all the candidates present. As they are introduced the candidates will present a short speech in answer to the questions "If elected, what do you hope to accomplish during your term in office?" After the formal response the candidates will be grouped by district around the room for informal and individual questioning by members of the gathering.

The League of Women Voters does not endorse candidates. However, it is the practice of the leagues across the country to provide meetings where candidates may discuss the issues of a campaign. Available at the meeting will be voter service information, biographical material, and information submitted to the League by the candidates in answer to a questionnaire put out before the Primary Election.

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. MAGGIE TUBBS

Funeral Services were held Monday morning for Sister Maggie Tubbs at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of which she had been a faithful member and given dedicated service during her lifetime. Pastor Rev. E.C. Kline delivered the Eulogy.

Mrs. Tubbs who died on October 10 is survived by a son, Carson White, a sister, Janie Whitehead, both of Tallulah, La., and a brother, Carson Dunbar of Port Gibson, Miss.

Also left to mourn her loss are three daughters, Bennie Dennie, Naomi Marquez and Alice Couyette; 15 grandchildren and great grandchildren, all of Las Vegas.

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