

From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

WITH EYES WIDE OPEN

Text: "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God, I beg you, my brothers.

With eyes wide open, do this and this. We need this challenge in this busy life where the mercies are unnumbered; we so easily take them for granted--the very breath we breathe, the light that comes in when we ring up the blind in the morning.

IT IS SO easy to get used to all these and the thousand other mercies that come during the day; unexpected, many of them; undeserved, all of them.

It is even possible to mouth the ageless words of "The General Thanksgiving," without their meaning very much to us--one's sensibilities get so numbered with words till one falls into an unforgivable casualness. "We beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days."



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That is what Paul is appealing for in that wonderful opening of Romans 12; but it needs "eyes wide open to the mercies of God."

I THINK it is the central basis of all true offering. We need to "see" in the most true sense "with the eyes wide open." All too often familiarity robs us, casualness deprives us of the rich content of our common days.

He is a rich soul who has "eyes wide open to the mercies of God." Season has nothing to do with it; and position has nothing to do with it, nor does privilege; he is not touring the ends of the earth, but counting the mercies near at hand.

It is all a matter of eyes particularly, I think; in relation to people, because the mercies of God come to us through people; so many more than comes to us through things.

PILGRIMAGE TO WORSHIP WITH LOCAL CHURCH



THE REVEREND ROBERT DAVIS of the St. Peter's Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, is surrounded by members of his congregation who have accepted an invitation from Rev. F. N. Addison, pastor of Las Vegas' New Jerusalem Baptist Church to "fellowship" with the local church Sunday, November 20.

There will be a special program under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Groves at 2 p.m. Sunday, and Rev. Addison urges the public to come and worship with them at the New Jerusalem Church, 1100 North 'D' street. Theme of the program is "God Plans And We Build".

BISHOP ON HOUSING

WASHINGTON--(NPI)--Methodist General Board of Christian Social Concerns, he noted that residential segregation is still the chief barrier to creation of racially integrated churches.

Nine Contestants Vie For Harvest Queen Title

One of the nine young ladies listed here will be crowned "Harvest Queen" at Zion Methodist Church's "Harvest Tea" Sunday, November 20, from 4-6 p.m. at Doolittle Recreation Center.

Gwen E. Amie, Veronica R. Tyler, Vera Moore, Paloma Jones, Mary Daniels, Nellie M. Dawson, Dette Staton, Claudette Smith, and Doroi Smith are the popular contestants. Sponsors urge supporters to please vote for one.

Proceeds from the event are earmarked for the Church Building Fund.

YOUTH CHOIR PROGRAM

The Nevada Baptist District & State Youth Choir will offer a choral program Sunday night, November 20 at the Second Baptist Church.


Mrs. Annie P. O'Neal District and State Directress of the youth group, and Matrons Mrs. Hallie Wallace, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Irene Parker announced that this singing group holds rehearsals every Monday evening, 521 Wyatt at 5:30 p.m. and all young people between age 13 to 20 are welcome to participate.

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