

From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

"DO WE GET TIRED OF DOING GOOD?"

Text: "Let us not get tired of doing good." Gal. 6:9.

It is important to notice that we are bidden not to get tired of doing good. We cannot help getting tired sometimes in doing good.

Even Jesus, strong though he was, was often weary. But he was never weary of doing good. His spirit was never fatigued. He never lost heart or faith. In point of fact, in the very act of helping people, there was a deep source of satisfaction that banished his physical fatigue. John 4:6, 31-34.

IT MAY SEEM that there is little need today for what is usually described as doing good. Jesus in his picture of the Last Judgment commended those who had fed the hungry, cared for the sick, visited people in prison.

There may not seem to be the same need for this kind of service today but spiritual needs remain and may become even more acute. Prosperity and material comfort can become as tasteless as the white of an egg, to use a Scripture phrase.

DOING GOOD in the ordinary sense of the word will not heal the plague of human hearts unless it becomes a vehicle for the love of God, like the bread and the wine of the Sacrament.

This kind of service is our Christian task. It will need patience. It may show no immediate fruit.

Doing good in Christ's way will need faith and prayer for it will demand resources beyond our own.

These are what Isaiah promised the Jews in Babylon as they looked with dismay at the task that lay ahead. God had summoned them to leave the shelter of Babylon, cross the desert, and rebuild the City of Zion.

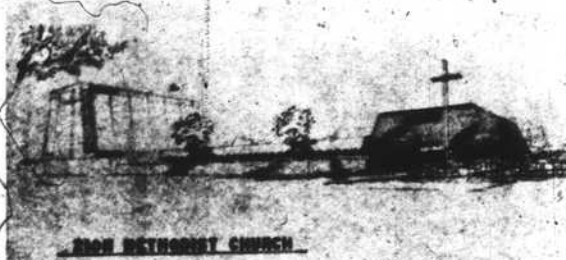
How would they find their way they wondered. They would find it, he assured them when their feet were on the road and their faces turned to their task.

"They that wait on the Lord," he said, "shall renew their strength. They shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint."



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BREAK GROUND FOR UNIT OF NEW ZION CHURCH



FORMAL GROUND BREAKING CEREMONIES for the first unit of the new Zion Methodist Church to be located at Gilday and Revere streets in North Las Vegas were held Sunday afternoon (Dec. 18) with many dignitaries and well-wishers in attendance.

Pictured here (from left) at the gratifying occasion are Brother Hetro Washington; Chairman of the Trustee Board, Alexander Johnson; Pastor Rev. Marion Bennett, Rev. N.W. Tigner, and Sister Gladys Smith.

The first unit to be built will cost over \$100,000 and will include a full time Child Care Center and Day Nursery and an Assembly Hall. Master Plan calls for a Sanctuary, Youth Center, Chapel, and additional education rooms to be built in the future. Edward B. Hendricks and Associates is the architectural firm for the project and the General Contractor is Claude Cook.

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EXCERPTS FROM AN IRREVERENT CHRISTMAS CARD

(Received from a friend, Dave Smith)

'Twas a Great year for religion,
(Heresy? Permit a smidgln!)
Many people had hysterics
Watching the affairs of clerics.

Rumors spread that God expired.
His replacement? Not yet hired!
Bishop Pike turned in his collar...
Shoulda heard his colleagues holler!

Men in robes... devout... deceitless,
Did away with Fridays meatless.
Breaking up an old tradition...
Lousing up commercial fishing'.

Birth control? (Oh no, not that again!)
Much preoccupied the Vatican.
Is the problem moral? Medical?
You be fertile... I'm heretical!

Who'll dissolve this issue loaded?
Not the Holy See has voted.
Though theologians at Hahvahd
Heartily endorse En-ovid!

Bill Graham kept on crusading,
Disbelievers kept upbraiding.
Norman Vincent Peale grew weary
Of attacking guys like Leary

Who, in psychedelic forays
Ran afoul of public mores.
Sought a new religious facet,
Built a cult on pot and acid!

Theists brows were knit with worry
When they thought of Mad'line Murray.
Dirksen offered legislation
Putting prayer in Operation

Rectors who were disenchanted
Frequently their vows recanted...
Emory Davis, Blackguard, Pharisee!
Guilty was of this gross heresy!

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