

# From The Pulpit

by Rev. Donald M. Clark

THE SACRAMENT OF BEAUTY  
(Continued from last week)

BY AN ordered logic of revelation, a world that holds so much beauty must be made for the triumph of the good and the true. By the same token, the whole duty and destiny of man is to make his life as lovely as the world in which he lives; where there is truth to seek, love to win, and beauty passes with the sun on her wings.

Beauty must prevail by its own energy and gentle impulse. At last, soon or late, man will yield to its spell and learn that the beautiful is the useful and the true. When the Kingdom of Beauty has come, we will join in the prayer of Socrates: "O God, make me to become beautiful in the inner man."

There is no likeness of Jesus, but it is a sure instinct that leads all artists to paint His face as one of supreme beauty.

Let us keep the Sacrament of Beauty. As beauty is a revelation of God, so it is a prophecy of the destiny of man. Man, pursued by Time, overtaken by Death, seems utterly lost, until he is redeemed by the beauty of the Lord his God.

THANK GOD for beauty! The drab and the dingy life of man, so far below his right and joy, will be redeemed by it.

Ugliness cannot always endure. At last every mother will hold in her arms a Son of God; every common duty will be a revelation of truth.

Our earth is more than a huge ball of dirt spinning in space. It is embosomed in beauty, and has sacramental meanings. It is the home of the soul, but not its tomb, hallowed by the presence of God, under whose persuasions man will yet learn to live in beauty and brotherliness, in vision and praise.



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## Evangelist To Broadcast



Evangelist Phyllis Jackson will broadcast from various local churches of Las Vegas beginning Sunday night, August 6, over radio station KENO from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m.

The public is urged to listen to this religious program of singing, teaching, and preaching. (The voice of deliverance)

## Church Group Officers



INSTALLED--From left, Mrs. McDaniels, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Bailey and Miss Crawford.

Newly-elected officers of Zion Methodist Church's Wesleyan Service Guild were installed into office following Sunday Morning Worship Service, July 30. Charging the officers with the responsibility of creating spiritual enrichment through Guild service was the Guild coordinator Mrs. Cora L. Woods.

Mrs. Verna Williams, President of the Women's Society of Christian Service, defined the varied challenges to the officers and led them in their individual and collective pledges of office. As each officer pledged herself to newly acquired tasks, she lighted a colored candle, symbolic of her responsibilities from "the white candle at the center burning as a symbol of the spiritual guidance essential for our lives". The ceremony was terminated with the singing of the Guild Hymn and Benediction.

Officers installed were Miss Margaret Crawford, President; Mrs. Ida Mae Crockett, Vice-President; Mrs. Lajuana Bailey, Secretary; Mrs. Coleen Wilson, Treasurer; and Mrs. Launell McDaniels, Membership Chairman.

Other elected officers are Social Relations Chairman, Mrs. Georgia Jones; Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett; Spiritual Life Chairman, Mrs. Bernice Moten, and Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor.

The Guild Officers anticipate a calendar year of meaningful religious activities.

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# ALTAR CALL

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## ACCEPTABILITY VIA CHURCH OR CHAOS

The Negro must face not only the open, direct and sometimes hostile acts of prejudice aimed towards him, but he is also faced with the effects of having his humanity and existence ignored by the majority and dominant white race.

The two-world existence--Negro and white--operating in society continues to reinforce the failure on the part of white society to recognize the existence of the minority society.

There's nothing more crushing than, for example, to get well groomed and all dressed up and have no one recognize the transformation with either a complimentary word or smile. This is the Negro's plight.

THOUSANDS of Negroes are grooming themselves intellectually and "getting all dressed up" in middle-class mannerisms, clothing and housing. Yet, hardly anyone white, that is, is recognizing the transformation.

Even worse is the plight of those Negroes locked in the ghetto whose condition needs the immediate attention and assistance of the majority race.

Recently, one of the more conservative Protestant denominations in the country--the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod--spent some time at its 47th regular convention taking a look at the Negro.

Less than one per cent of its ministry is Negro. One of the delegates, appealing to the convention to take some positive action against racial discrimination, said: "We want to be accepted as human beings...please."

Pleas frequently heard from the riotous battlefield in New Jersey were for recognition of existence. People seem to be saying, "Hey, you, look over here at us." And, like the delegate in the convention, these too were saying "We want to be accepted as human beings."

The reluctance on the part of white society to accept Negro humanity, particularly the ghetto Negro, is supported by their excuse before his humanity is recognized. This is one of the most vicious subterfuges at work today.

THE FACT IS, whites continue to refuse to recognize and accept the humanity of those increasing numbers of Negroes who HAVE achieved a dimension of status and sophistication that ought to be acceptable in any society.

The use of violent destruction and rioting to gain attention cannot be condoned, but when thousands of Negroes have used the saner approach and yet fail to achieve recognition, one begins to wonder.

There is an Altar of Honest Human Mutual Acceptability. Apparently it's not easy to find, but both Negro and white will have to keep searching.

## Red Cross Baby Care

Prospective parents who are concerned about the disruptions a baby may make in their lives may get answers to their questions from the Red Cross.

Baby Care classes are free and are taught by R.N.s trained specifically to help young parents. From the growth and development of the baby through the first year after the baby is born the parents learn what to expect. Actual practice of bathing, dressing and feeding the baby is given with lifesized dolls and real baby equipment.

The next class will begin August 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapter House at 212 Mesquite. Enrollment may be made by phoning 384-1225. Each class will be two hours in length and the course is a minimum of 12 hours.

## AME Church Name Change?

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--A change in name for the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church was advocated recently by the denomination's Southern California conference. A resolution, approved by 280 conference delegates and officials, at the close of a seven-day meeting at Martin Temple, called for the denomination to drop the word "African" from its official designation. Not only was the AME Zion urged to do so, but all other denominations having the word "African" or "Colored" in their official titles.