

CHURCH NEWS

By Lathaniel Dilligard

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

If you were lost in the darkness and night with no one to show you the way, would you want someone to bring you a light? And wouldn't you want it today? If no one had told you of Jesus at all, his love, his compassion, his death. Oh wouldn't you want the message to come, before you had drawn your last breath?

If sinking in evil traditions, you were bound by what you believed. Helpless and hopeless, Oh, wouldn't you want a chance at least to be freed? Would you want them to wait while they built new homes, and paid for a "still better" car. Or while making the home base an elegant place, before sending the message afar. Would you want to table the plans that were made. To expand on Mission this year because of conditions around the world, and the days of uncertainty here? Would you want them to wait with the message of hope, while you were dying and lost? Oh, I know that your answer would ring through the gloom. Please send it at any cost.

So Let's send it out to the millions in need, the light that will show them the way! For if it were you in the darkness and night, you'd want it and you'd want it today.

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The Federation of community choirs will be held at the New Morning Star Baptist Church, Sunday July 26, at 3 p.m. The president of the choirs, Sis. Jerry Atkins along with the members extends an invitation to the public to come and enjoy an afternoon of music.

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The Spiritual Clouds Singers of Las Vegas will render a concert at the New Temple Baptist Church, 87th and Broadway in Los Angeles, Calif. Sunday, July 26, at 3 p.m. The Rev. Sam Robinson, associate minister of New Jerusalem Baptist, is Booking Manager. Rev. C. L. Burton is host pastor.

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The Deborah Circle of Bethel Baptist Church will meet in the home of Sis. Maggie Love, one of the instructors of the group, 2425 Delheart St. at 7:30 p.m. Friday night. Anyone interested in studying the Bible with the group is invited to attend. The lesson will continue from the 18th chapter of Revelation. Sis. Audrey Diggs is president, Rev. F.W. Wilson, pastor.

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Want to do some service for God, yourself, the shut ins, and your community? Join the small group of dedicated workers at Desert Retreat Convalescent Center each Saturday morning at 9:30. The group takes the word of God to the shut ins out there and bring a ray of sunshine in their lives. The group headed by Sisters Mary Harris, Lathaniel Dilligard, and Mary Burton is pleading for more workers, so that the club can expand and take the word of God into the prisoners behind prison bars. If you are interested in the works of the group but would like to know more about it, contact the writer of this column at 642-0799 on Saturday morning before 9 a.m.

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The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., will convene in Kansas City, Mo., September 9 through the 11th.

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The Constitutional Baptist State Convention of California and Nevada, will be held at St. Stephen Baptist Church, 330 West 61st Street in Los Angeles, California. The Rev. I. W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel Baptist, is president. The services for the convention will be held August 3, through the 9th. Anyone interested in attending the convention may contact Rev. Wilson at Bethel.

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Please pray for the sick and shut ins, and visit them, too. Sick List: Sisters, Callie Gipson, Mary Dubin, Mary Williams, Ida Hick Louise Hilderand, Mary Burton, and brother Akins Paul and Perry Rose. Bro. Bud Davis as returned home from the hospital. We pray for a speedy recovery for Mr. Davis and all the sick ones.

NLV GIRL WINS HULA HOOP CHAMPIONSHIP

Cynthia Edwards, 12, of Jo Mackey Elementary School Playground reigns as the North Las Vegas and Nevada State Hula Hoop Champion, following North Las Vegas competition at J. D. Smith Junior High School, and state competition held at Dula Center in Las Vegas.

Cynthia's North Las Vegas All-City victory came over twenty-two other contestants, the youngsters having survived competition which began at individual North Las Vegas Department of Parks and Recreation facilities on July 2.

The original field of entrants was soon trimmed to the finalists, who gyrated and twisted before a panel of judges which included Levester Carter, Dave Johnson, and Sara Farthing of the North Las Vegas Recreation Department.

Cynthia, as All-City Champion, and Kimberly Henderson, also from Jo Mackey Elementary School Playground, as All-City runner-up were eligible to compete for the State Championship.

The State Championship contest was held July 14. Cynthia and Kimberly competed against the Las Vegas All-City Champion and runner-up.

As the Nevada State Hula Hoop Champion, Cynthia will compete against champions representing all 50 states. The contest will be held in Southern California. The date will be announced at a later date. The Recreation Department is hoping to see Cynthia become the National Hula Hoop Champion.



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