

# CHURCH NEWS

By Lathaniel Dilligard

## Christmas Prayer

Good Shepherd of Love, help us together about us all that is kind and good and innocent and loving. Help us to hear the chours of the angles of Bethelhem in our hearts today. We live in a chaotic world, help us to believe in thy devine fatherhood and in the brother hood of men despite these disorganized days of despair. Reveal thy plans of peace to us and use us in the accomplishment of thy purpose, that we may spread the glad tiding of thy graciousness and mercy to all men everywhere, in Christ name, Amen.

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### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A pattern for living. Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year, more than a season of joy and good cheer. Christmas is really Gods pattern for living, to be followed all year by unselfish giving for the holiday seasons awakens Good Cheer, and draws us closer to those we hold dear. And we open our hearts and find it is good to live among men as we always should. But as soon as the tinsel is stripped from the tree, the spirit of Christmas fades silently into the background of daily routine and is lost in the whirl of life's busy scene, and all unawares we miss and for go. The Greatest blessing that mankind can know. For if we lived Christmas each day as we should and make it our aim to always do good, we'd find the lost key to meaningful living that comes not from getting, but from unselfish giving. John 3:16; For God so love the world, that he gave his only begotton son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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The Community Federated Choirs will convene at the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 1100 North "D" St. Dec. 27th at 3 p.m. The President, Mrs. Jerry Atkinson and members extend an invitation to the public to attend.

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The City Wide Mission and Open Air Workers extend their appreciation to the many persons who participated in the Lap Quilt Project. The quilts were to be presented to the patients at Desert Retreat and El Jen Medical Center Monday, Dec. 27 by the workers and their pastors.

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Christmas services will be held at Victory Baptist, 1305 North "E"; Bethel; 400 Adams and Pleasant Grove on Hassell at 11 a.m. Christmas morning. The public is invited to attend the church of choice. At Victory, Rev. A. J. Thompson will speak on Signs and Seasons; Pastor I. W. Wilson will speak from the First Chapter of St. Matthew the 18th verse, subject: "The Birth of a King."

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The youth of Bethel will sponsor a Youth Revival (Community Wide) which will begin Sunday evening. Local young ministers and youth choirs throughout the community are expected to participate in the Revival which ends Christmas Day. The public is invited. Rev. I. W. Wilson host pastor, Sis. R. L. Brewere is Bethel's Youth Supervisor.

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Rev. I.W. Wilson Pastor of Bethel for the past 11 years was recently appointed to the State Personnel Advisory Board by the Governor-Elect Michael O'Callahan. Wilson will be the First Black Minister to serve in such a capacity.

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The Deborah Circle of Bethel will meet in the home of Douglas Dilligard, Friday, Jan. 8, 1971. Mrs. A. Diggs is President of the Bible study group.

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The writer of this column wishes to thank the community for the opportunity of serving them through this column, for without you, the column would not have been. Also to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, both spiritually and physically. May God Bless and Keep you all. Lathaniel Dilligard.

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## Xmas "Eye-Witness" Travel Pictures At Seventh-Day Adventist Church



Pastor N. S. McLeod

"The Holy Land" in color pictures on the screen will be the theme of a special Christmas Holiday travel talk by Norman S. McLeod at 11 a.m. this Saturday in the Highland Square Seventh-Day Adventist Church 1720 North "J" Street (near Doolittle Ave.), Las Vegas.

Norman S. McLeod, minister and international traveler-photographer, will take the audience with him on a personal tour of the Holy Land, visiting sacred sites near and dear to the Christian in this fascinating land of the Saviour of mankind. Among the Holy places to be visited in the travelogue will be Old Jerusalem, the Mt. of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, Bethlehem, the traditional spot in the River Jordan where Jesus was baptized, Gordon's Calvary and the Garden Tomb.

Although Mr. McLeod has visited the Mediterranean area several times, he promises to keep aloof from the rampant political turmoil now transpiring in the Middle East. His travel talk will be calculated only to strengthen and renew one's confidence in the reliability of the Biblical record of the days of Christ. Minister and believers of all faiths are invited to attend. There will be NO admission charge.

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