

# CHURCH NEWS

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## THOUGHT FOR TODAY

### SOME REFLECTIONS ABOUT MOTHER'S DAY

The origin of "Mother's Day" and the name of it's originator are well known and it is not necessary to recall that information. What is necessary, we feel is to try to interest our readers in what we call "Mother Spirit." The "Mother Spirit" is the desire to have for all people and especially for the young an intense feeling of tenderness, helpfulness and concern which is translated into constructive action. The physical act of giving birth to a child does not necessarily make a woman a mother. Many aunts and friends are the real mothers of many children. Neither is the "Mother Spirit peculiar to women, many men have "mothered" their own children and the children of others in many instances. Total strangers, both men and women have shown the "Mother Spirit" to children whom they taught, counseled or advised. Adoptive parents show their "Mother Spirit" by being willing to take into their homes and hearts the child or children of usually unknown parents. The adoptive parents who finances the feeding and upkeep of thousands of homeless children in foreign and war torn lands exhibit the "Mother Spirit." The true "Mother Spirit" knows no barriers of race, sex, age, religion or nationality and works in individuals and though altruistic causes the kingdom of God to become a reality on this earth. May we on Mother's Day rededicate and enlarge the scope of our "Mother Spirit" and find new avenues of service to the people who need us all over the world. Then Mother's Day would indeed be a blessed day.

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The writer of this column extends a Happy Mother's day wish to all mothers and prays that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you in his loving care. The happiness I pray that you all have is more than words can express.

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Good NEWS classes throughout the community under the directions of Missionary Mary Harris, have been discontinued through the summer. Classes will begin again in September. Teachers, hostesses and open air workers of Child Evangelism wish to thank the many thoughtful ones who helped with the nearly 300 children teaching the Word of God and refreshments and transportation during the past nine months. We could not have had such a successful affect, had it not been for the Lord's word through you. Many donated time as well as materials to work with for the children. Again we say, thank you all and may the Good Lord continue to shower his blessing upon you.

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A Women's Day program will be held at the Victory Baptist Church, May 30, at 3 p. m. Missionary Phyllis Jackson will be the guest speaker. Theme: Women with courage, Esther 4:16. The public is invited. The church pastored by the Rev. A. J. Thompson is located at 1305 North "E" St.

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Members of the Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, 815 Bartlett St. will honor their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. Alexander on their 10th anniversary, beginning May 5 through the 9th, at 7 p. m. each evening and at 3 p. m. Sunday, the 9th. The theme for the occasion is "Master, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; Knowing that ye also have a master in Heaven." Col. 4:1. An invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

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Anyone interested in having the Angelic Superiors render a program may do so by contacting Mrs. M. C. Terry, manager of the group at Bethel Baptist Church, 400 Adams and "D" St. on Thursday evenings.

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Rev. I. W. Wilson, pastor of Bethel Baptist is reported doing fine in Southern Memorial Hospital, while recuperating from surgery. It has been requested that visitors be limited to his immediate family, as the doctors have prescribed, much rest for a complete recovery. The prayers of the righteous have been asked for this minister and the others in the various hospitals.

# Washington - Smith Wedding



Miss Anita Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levell Johnson, 1201 G. Street Apt 7, West Las Vegas, became the bride of Mr. Jerry Smith the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shed Smith Jr. 604 Leonard Avenue, on April 24, 1971. Rev. A. J. Thompson officiated the ceremonies. The bride wore a floor length gown of white chiffon over satin with Bishop sleeves and a pearl crown. She carried a bouquet of white and yellow carnations. The matron of honor, Beverly Smith was the sister of the groom the best man was Andre Richardson. There was a reception at the home of the groom's parents following the wedding ceremonies.

## Kindergarten Entrance Age Moved Up

Kindergarten students must be five by November 30 to enroll in school this fall, according to a bill passed by this session of the legislature. Previously students were admitted to kindergarten if their fifth birthday fell before December 31.

In 1972, children must reach their fifth birthday by October 30, and in 1973 by September 30 to enroll in kindergarten.

Students enrolled in kindergarten now will be eligible for first grade this fall, but in 1972 they must be six by November 30, October 31 in 1973 and September 30 in 1974 to enroll in first grade.

Parents are required to present proof of age at the time their child is registered for Kindergarten (or for first grade if they are new to the District). Birth certificates are the best proof, and parents who have lost the original may get a duplicate from the District Health Office for children born in Clark County. The price is \$2.00.

Persons from out of state should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the capital of the state where their child was born.

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