

# The Church Page News

## BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethany will be presenting a Musical Extravaganza Sunday, September 16, 1979 at 7 P.M.

The Bethany Celestial Choir will have their first Concert and also they will be dedicating their uniforms. There will be many guests. The Gospel Choir of The Second Baptist Church where Rev. W. Davis is Pastor, will be there. The Greater Faith Baptist Church where Rev. G. Turner is Pastor and many other distinguished guests from the city, will be there. The Famaia Gospel Singers, originally from Oakland, California, will be there. Evangelists Lucy Davis is coordinating this program. Rev. Jimmy Davis is musician. Sister J. Atkinson, Director, Sister L. Knighten, President. Rev. Harding Atkinson, Pastor. Please come out and help us Glorify the Lord in song.

## FAMED WARD SINGERS LOCAL SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Royal H. Bryon, Voice Religious Editor, is acting as coordinator for the Las Vegas appearances of Mother Gertrude Ward and the world famous Clara Ward Gospel Singers, and has released a schedule of the group's appearances here in Las Vegas next week.

- \* Sunday, September 16 - True Love Baptist Church, 1941 North "H" Street at 3:00 p.m.
- \* Sunday, September 16 - First A.M.E. Church, 2540 North Revere, North Las Vegas, 7:00 p.m.
- \* Monday, September 17 - Pilgrim Baptist Church, 1240 West Adams Street, 8:00 p.m.
- \* Tuesday, September 18 - Second Baptist Church, 1209 North "E" Street, 7:30 p.m.
- \* Wednesday, September 19 - Pentecostal C.O.G.I.C. 1217 North "F" Street, 8:00 p.m.
- \* Thursday, September 20 - Goodwill C.O.G.I.C., 976 Hassell Avenue, North Las Vegas, 8:00 p.m.
- \* Friday, September 21 - St. John C.O.G.I.C., 2301 Comstock Drive, North Las Vegas, 8:00 p.m.
- \* Saturday, September 22 - Greater New Morning Star B.C., 2344 Webster Avenue, North Las Vegas, 8:00 p.m.

Byron has issued a call to all lovers of gospel music to take advantage of this opportunity to see and hear this group who is so close to all gospel singers because Mother Gertrude Ward has helped so many. He urges church pastors to stress the importance of attending these gospel sessions and make it a real "Appreciation Week" for the Clara Ward Gospel Singers and Mother Gertrude Ward.

## NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

"Oh, foolish Galatians who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth."

Thanking and praising the Lord for my change today, praising God for my pastor, Elder A. Burks, I am happy to announce that we began Bible classes September 12th and 13th where we studied and searched the Word followed by a question and answer period. These Bible classes will continue to be held at 7:30 p.m. so if you want to know more about Jesus Christ and his Word, come and join us. The classes are so interesting.

On Friday, September 15, Missionaries Sister Mamie Harper, Sister Ethel Jones, Sister Bertha Hooper, Sister Irma Davis and Sister Mary Hicks will have the floor bringing the Word.

We are also pleased to thank Missionary Jessie Traylor from Pilgrim Rest for her marvelously delivered and inspiring message on last Friday night. Praise the Lord, Saints. Love and Peace.

Elder W. Burks, Pastor  
Sister Nancy Hall, Reporter

## VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH

It's that time again! Time for "the Banquet of the Year", presented by the Education Committee of Victory Baptist, pastored by Rev. A.J. Thompson. The Dynamic Elder Willie Wynn, from Reno, Nevada will give an inspirational message on: "The Church in Community Education." Scripture Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the Voice

of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

Everyone is invited to the Silver Nugget, Saturday, October 6, at 8:00 p.m. to enjoy an evening of song, good food, and good Christian fellowship.

Call 649-2996 or 648-2286 for your tickets - Tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds go to the church's scholarship fund.



Rev. Sam Roberson  
Linder Moore

Rev. Tyronne Seals &  
Ms. Patty Wright



## PHOTOS FROM REV. SAM ROBERSON'S AWARDS NIGHT



## GREAT MOMENTS IN GOSPEL GOSPEL SCENE

By Rev. Sam Roberson,  
Religious KLAU and KCEP [FM] Radio

In the long and rich heritage of Black people, our music has been one of our greatest treasures. The music of Black people - in gospel singing, spirituals, jazz - and all our musical forms is meaningful in many ways. We, as Black people, have communicated by music the history of our people - our centuries of slavery, our struggle for freedom, our bold and profound assertion of ourselves as a people.

As Black people, we discover ourselves in our music. We take comfort in it today and in yesteryear. We cried out, musically, of our agonies, love, sorrows, joys, and our indomitable spirit. Black people created the only authentic, original musical tradition in America.

Dorsey's gospel, "good news, good music, a good heart" was aimed to lift the spirits of poor Blacks during the depression. It wound up inspiring a generation of singers who might easily have conquered jazz or blues, but, like Mahalia Jackson who succeeded Sallie Martin as Dorsey's chorister, they preferred sticking with "the Lord's despised few."

This year, the Co-ordinating Committee for Great Moments in Gospel planned a three day activity with Rev. Sam Roberson. Friday, August 31 was designated for competition of soloists, groups, choirs, musicians, etc. Saturday, September 1 was set aside for an Awards Banquet, and Sunday September 2 for a Gospel Music Festival. We report that all events were well attended. Participants for Friday night's competition were Ms. Linda Moore, 1st place in female soloists; Ms. Dallene Canty, 2nd place, and Ms. Francis Major, 3rd place. Male soloist winner was Rev. T. L. Seal. Best female group was Angels of Joy and in the best mixed group category, Voices of Praise emerged the Victor.

Saturday night, we awarded Mrs. Emily Mead from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Mr. William "Jr." Parker from St. James Baptist Church. Sunday afternoon [3:00 p.m.] we crowned, for the second time, Ms. Jerene Jensen as Queen for Great Moments in Gospel, 1979-1980. We also acknowledged Mr. Tony Wright of Penecostal Temple for his contribution to Gospel Music and Ms. Loyce Hall for her contribution to Gospel Music throughout the State of Nevada. She serves as President of the Music Department of the Churches of God in Christ, and also works faithfully at St. Paul C.O.G.I.C.

## GREATER NEW MORNING STAR M. B. CHURCH

Frances Monroe reports: It was a busy week again; one filled with blessings at the Greater New Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in North Las Vegas where Rev. Willie C. Wheaton is pastor.

Guest speaker on Sunday was Minister Milos Thompson, son of Rev. A.J. Thompson, pastor of Victory Baptist Church with a dynamic message taken from Galatian 6:1. His theme "Restore" was from Verse 1.

As the Church was the guest at Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church's Anniversary observance, there were no services at Morning Star Sunday night.

Led by Pastor Wheaton, the Morning Star congregation, in the spirit of fellowship, accepted an invitation from Rev. Donald Horn, Pastor of the Greater St. James Baptist Church to bring the evening message for Holy Communion.

An inspiring message from St. Mark 6; 47-50 and Revelations 1:8-18 "I Am Just Jesus" was given by the pastor who was as much in the spirit as everyone despite the fact of his son being in the hospital.

The Church continues to pray for all the sick and shut-ins everywhere.

## EVERGREEN M. B. CHURCH

We are still thanking the Father for leading and guiding and bringing our members safely back home from vacations. Our deacon Caleb Hootbell, his wife, Maxine, and their daughter, Gayle are safely back from their trip to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. Also Sister Savannah Mills is back from a convention she attended in New Orleans and Sister Willie B. Brown went on a tour of South America. We are all thankful that one and all had successful and happy trips.

We have had our young converts in the wilderness for training, and they are being brought out Thursday at 7:30 p.m. to take their places in the Church and work out their own soul salvation. We pray that God will strengthen and guide them in all walks of life.

We also wish to thank all of our sisters and brothers for coming to our rescue and joining us in our 24th Church Anniversary. Your kind thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Our Anniversary was a great success because of your wonderful cooperation.

We are thankful that we all are enjoying a reasonable portion of good health and strength. The hours and days before us are rich with promise; they will be whatever we make them. We are thankful for the privilege of prayer that gives us the opportunity to experience oneness with God. For we know that God is our help in every one of our needs.

Sister Bertha S. Hawkins, Reporter

## G.M.W.A. CONVENTION

The Gospel Music Workshop of America held its 12th Annual Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana August 18 through the 24th. The theme this year was "Touch Somebody's Life In Song... You May Never Pass This Way Again."

Our portion of the Gospel Workshop of America convened August 19 with the Gospel Announcers Guild. We had 150 Gospel announcers in attendance from all over the country. We greeted each other with hand shakes, hugs, and kisses. We were really glad to see each other and to meet new announcers. Our President of the Gospel Announcers Guild, Al "The Bishop" Hobbs, gave us our theme "Facing the Challenge of the 80's in Gospel Broadcasting."

The Tomato Record Family and Mr. John Daniel presented us a beautiful Luncheon that featured the number one female gospel group "Frances Moore and East of St. Louis Gospellettes". The lunch was fine but the singing was better. They touched our souls - and the shouting began. Also we listened to the James Johnson Ensemble.

During our GMWA convention we had 28 persons to unite with the church. Out of that number, there was one with cancer. Rev. Dr. James Cleveland, along with the

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