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congregation, prayed for her and the doctors [her family doctor included] reported her cancer was gone. Thanks be to God!

Rev. James Cleveland said this dream of some 12 years ago is slowly becoming a reality. Gospel singers are uniting all over the country. He said the best singer hasn't been born yet, the best musician hasn't been born, and the best director or directress has n't been born yet, and that there are plenty of people better than he is. But you need someone to sing and they won't call him. He said "I'll sing until someone better comes along."

The Charles Fold Singers received a gold record from their album "Tomorrow". The Salem Inspirational Choir of the Salem Baptist Church received a gold album for "I Don't Feel Noways Tired." Donald Vial and the Choraleeks received a gold record for Album "He Decided to Die".

The East St. Louis Gospellettes were voted the number one female group and Walter Hawkins as the best producer of the year and Love Alive No. 2 took all the Awards. We, as Gospel announcers, had a chance to vote and because of your requests, many of our artists made a mark for themselves in Gospel Music. Dorothy Norwood received a gold record for her album "A Mother Cried". Mrs. Pat Wright received a plaque for the Best Gospel Announcer and for her contribution to Dorothy Norwood's gold record.

There are many radio stations doing 24 hours of religious broadcasting of Black Gospel. I encourage you to support our Las Vegas Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. Our first Concert will be October 20, 1979. Be There! Take an active part! Don't sit on the sidelines, get into the main stream. Get involved! We need you!

The Board Meeting for the GMWA of America will convene in San Diego, California the third week in March next year. Let's represent Las Vegas, and the State of Nevada. All for one and one for all.

Rev. Sam Roberson
Gospel Scene Reporter
Announcer of Great Moment
in Gospel.

GRACE IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace Immanuel Baptist Church presents Minister Annie Jackson in Concert, Sunday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m., with the Senior Choir at 805 Bartlett Ave. The public is invited. Come expecting to receive a blessing from God.

Philippians 4:7 - "And the peace of God, which passeth



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all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

On Saturday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Grace, the Senior Mission will sponsor a program with Missionary Jackson from Second Baptist Church, 400 West Madison Avenue, as our guest speaker. Theme of the meeting is "Work while it is day" - St. John 9:4.

For reasons unknown to this church reporter, some seem to think Sunday School is for children and Mission is for little old ladies. Sunday School is for the education of Christians of all age groups. Mission is the very heart of Christianity. To be a Christian involves being a part of a great missionary program and sharing of its responsibilities. Christ says to each and every Christian, male and female alike, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. Go ye therefore." - St. John 17:18 - St. Matt. 28:9.

Missionary A. Galtney
Mission President

The Youth of Grace will be ministering all day Sunday, September 16. At 3:00 p.m., the Youth and Junior Choirs will present their annual musical with guest choirs of the City. For a spirit-filled day, meet us at Grace...Sister Marion Scott, Youth Choir President...Bro. R. Tolson, Sisters A. Scott, Henson, D. Robinson, and D. Bell, supervisors.

REVIVAL TIME -- The Reverend C.C. Claibourne will be conducting our annual revival September 30 through October 5. Rev. Claibourne is pastor of the Star Bethel Church of Oakland, California.

SEED THOUGHT - "Trouble may drive you to Prayer, but Prayer will drive away trouble."

Rev. S. P. Parks, Pastor
Mrs. E.M.B. Parks, Reporter

REV. AND MRS. C.C. SMITH HONORED

The Tried Stone Baptist Church is honoring Pastor Rev. C.C. Smith and his wife on the occasion of their 17th Anniversary with a four-day gala observance at the Church located at 621 West Carey in North Las Vegas.

Guest churches participating in the celebration, which began Wednesday [September 12] and will continue through Saturday, September 15, are Zion Methodist, Rev. Marion Bennet, Pastor; St. James, Rev. D. Horn, Pastor; New Jerusalem, Rev. Addison, Pastor; Pilgrim Rest, Rev. J. Jefferson, Pastor; Macedonia, Rev. Richardson, Pastor; Carver Baptist, Rev. Richards, Pastor; Second Baptist, Rev. Willie Davis, Pastor; True Love, Rev. I. W. Wilson, Pastor; Bethel Baptist, Rev. Jessie Wesley, Pastor; and Evergreen Baptist, Rev. N. Whitney, Pastor.

Other participants are Pleasant Grove, Rev. J. L. Kemp, Pastor; Palestine, Rev. Frank Davis, Pastor; Pentecostal, Elder Walter Burks, Pastor, Rosehill, Rev. John Henry, Pastor; New Hope, Rev. J. C. Coleman, Pastor; Grace Immanuel, Rev. S. P. Parks, Pastor; Greater Faith, Rev. George Turner, Pastor; 1st Church of God, Elder Daniels, Pastor; St. John, Rev. Tom Jenkins, Pastor; and Greater New Morning Star, Rev. W. Wheaton, Pastor.

NOTES FROM GOSPEL
MUSIC WORKSHOP

The Gospel Workshop of America was organized twelve years ago by Rev. James Cleveland and has since become the largest Gospel Music in the world.

The Las Vegas Chapter has gotten off to a good start.

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THE BLACK PROPHET SPEAKS:

RACISM: FALSE GODS

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Rev. Albert L. Dunn

We are challenged once again to listen to the heartbeat of blacklife as reflected in the song and speech of Black people in particular and all people in general.

God has blessed us with the opportunity to serve in the heart of the Black community and if we truly have the love of God in our heart and love for our fellowman, we will serve with gladness and thanksgiving.

The problem of the Black community. There is no Black problem in the Black Community. The problem of racism in Las Vegas is a white problem and in order to solve that problem, we must seek its source. Not in the Black community but in the white community. This problem will continue as long as white churchmen moralize and misinterpret Christian love, suverting justice in this community.

This problem is further heightened by the failure of enough Black Churches to recognize their role on a day to day basis of working with and for the people who are disinherited. The Black community and Black people absorbs abnormal amounts of stress and strain daily from the white community. This increases the Black on Black crime in our community. While the white community boast of their economic successes, the Black community exists on a lonely

island of poverty. While the white churches who are partners with big corporations are singing "praise God from whom all blessings glow," going to jail, unemployment and prison has become a way of life for our youth. While we are in the church on Sunday our youth are dying of drug overdoses.

The white church has failed because it ignores and passes by the other community that's beaten and stripped of its dignity and left to decay. It is not enough to answer that intergration is the solution, for it is precisely the nature of the operation of power under some forms of intergration which is being challenged. Without the capacity to participate with power, intergration is not meaningful.

Historically, the Black church has been the only source of inspiration for the social ills of the Black Community. Lerone Bennett Jr., said the Black man went down to the doors of hell and experienced the bottomless cruelty of man. He was stripped, literally stripped of every prop and every defense.

The Black preachers must come to understand that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a gospel of liberation a gospel of freedom now. Not by and by when the morning come but now in the present. Living good on earth right now. Black preachers must quit postponing Black aspirations into some uncertain future. We must realize that the traditional white racist Jesus Christ cannot liberate Black people from the bondage of physical slavery or the sin of physiological slavery. Traditional theologian preachers have not in the past presented an adequate message for Black men, nor have they been able to cleanse their churches of racism and liberate it from the sin of white supremacy.

The Black church must be willing to tackle the stubborn realities of slum captivity. The business of the Black theologian is with the other America, that is Blacks and poor whites and other ethnic groups on the other side of the tracks. The Black preacher must preach the good news of the gospel of liberation and freedom. He must let Black people know that God is not a white man and that Jesus his son is not a white boy.

The Black preacher must tell Blacks and whites that to worship a white christ is worshipping a false God.

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