

# Church

## PRAISES FROM VICTORY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*  
St. John 1:1

### WHAT IS MAN? ...MAN IS THE GLORY OF GOD...



Pastor A.J. Thompson

I Corinthians 11:7. Created to have dominion, created to invent and build. This ability is seen in man as early as before Noah's flood. Men created tents, used iron and brass, built string instruments and organs and built cities, Genesis 4:16-21. Please note that all these things were done by sinners - for these things were done by the offspring of Cain.

But it also shows the love of God, as it is written: I wisdom dwell with prudence and find out

knowledge of witty inventions, Proverbs 8:12. The ability to invent is given to all men. The gifts and calling of God are without repentance, Romans 11:29.

Man is created with a purpose. God endows each of us with some special gift and has given unto us, great and precious promises, that by these we might be partakers of His divine nature...and besides, give all diligence, add to your faith, virtue and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance;

and to temperance, patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things abide in you, they make you so that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

But he that is void of these things is near-sighted and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that the Lord has saved him from his old sins. Wherefore

brethren, give all diligence to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you shall never fail...

Therefore give careful consideration to make your calling and election sure, that each one should seek to know just what God's purpose was for creating you - for each person is special. You are not a copy of anyone, neither will you be copied. What you were born is God's gift to the world; what you become can be a gift to God.

## ALLEN

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made any public statements against him. I only signed the petition so we can get some things done in the organization."

RUBY DUNCAN: "He better come up with proof that I am getting payoffs from anybody or any place because if he don't come up with proof I am going to sue him."

DR. JAMES B. McMILLAN: "He does not understand how to run the NAACP. The President does not set policy for the NAACP. General membership can override those people. He must work within the framework of the organization. Rumor is that he has solicited money. He is a volunteer. He cannot solicit money for his own use."

STATE SENATOR JOE NEAL: "Me taking money from the white man? I have a job like other people. I work at it. I don't understand what he means. Is he crazy?"

ASSEMBLYMAN LONIE CHANEY: "I was concerned about the Branch of the NAACP and I think it is important to the community. I was in support of a strong NAACP. I did not think he was the right person in the first place. He is fooling the people. He is trying to fatten his own pocket. I am going to sue him, the National and the Branch if they don't do anything with him for calling us snakes. He is a very ignorant man and he assumes we are in the dark ages."

REV. MARION BENNETT: "I do know that Rev. Allen is a dangerous person to hold a responsible position. He's been in office a couple of months and he has just about destroyed what we have worked for during the past 25 years. Rev. Allen is a professional hustler and is using the NAACP for his own gain. There was \$100.00 set aside for office supplies. He used it for personal things such as gas, lodging, food, etc. We wanted him to go to Carson City and lobby in behalf of the NAACP. He did not go and used the money for his food, lodging and gambling."

NOTE: The original interview took place with Rev. Allen around noon this past Tuesday. Later in the day, I had need to

## CHRIS BENNETT ELECTED PRESIDENT- BILL LEE, JANE WOODS IN NNPA SLOTS

GARY, IND.-The 43rd Annual Convention of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association closed out three days of taking care of the business at hand with the election of new officers and board members to guide its destinies for the next two years. Christopher Harold Bennett, publisher of the Seattle Medium, the shoppers' guide Metro Homemaker and the Tacoma True Citizen, was the victor in the race for the top office of the Black Press organization. He defeated the astute Ophelia DeVore Mitchell, businesswoman and

publisher of the Columbus Times, and founder and owner of the Grace Del Marco Agency. A longtime board member and secretary of the NNPA, Mrs. Mitchell made a spirited bid to become its first female president.

William H. Lee, publisher of the award winning Sacramento Observer, the Stockton Observer and the San Francisco Observer, handily won in his bid to become first vice president. Jane E. Woods, publisher St. Louis Metro Sentinel, wife of the late Howard Woods who devoted time and energy to the

early building of the NNPA, was elected second vice president. She is the first female so elected by the body. The Milwaukee Community Journal's Patricia O. Thomas was elected secretary replacing Mrs. Mitchell. In surprise landslide, Dorothy Leavell, publisher of the Chicago/Gary Crusaders, was elected treasurer. She replaces Marjorie B. Parham, publisher Cincinnati Herald, who so ably handled the office for several years.

There were several surprises in the election of six new board members to round out the

NNPA slate of 15. However, two old guards who were returned to the board, Garth Reeves, publisher Miami Times, and Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, publisher San Francisco Sun Reporter and nine Bay area Metro Newspapers, dominated the vote getting in their bid for reelection. John B. Smith, of the Atlanta Inquirer, a former board member and vice president, was another returnee to the board. Others elected were James J. French, publisher Charleston Chronicle, Levi Henry, publisher Westside Gazette and Ernest Pitt, publisher Winston-Salem Chronicle.

contact Rev. Allen further relative to NAACP office matters. I reached him at the NAACP office around 4:45 p.m. My call was placed on "hold" by Rev. Allen as he was involved in a long distance call. Finally, he was able to get back to my call and revealed to me his call was with the National office who allegedly said about Rev. Allen's planned resignation: "Don't do it." Allen said he just received orders from the National office not to resign...that no one forced him to resign. Concurrently, Rev. Allen said his Bishop rescinded the order for him to relocate to New Mexico. As of Sentinel-Voice press-time, Rev. Allen still planned to go through an extended press conference with the newspapers and electronic media Wednesday afternoon and to lay out all details on the organization and individuals discussed in the Sentinel-Voice interview.

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