

# 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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Think On These Things

It takes one kind of thinking to be an architect - another kind of thinking to become an engineer, a pilot, a carpenter or an artist.

To think is to regard.  
To think is to entertain.  
To think is to realize.

The ability to reason is the one thing God gave man which sets him apart from all else of Creation. The fall in Eden came as a result of thought, or rather the lack of it. The dialogue of Satan, about God, was calculated to create doubtful thinking. Yea, has God said, ye shall not eat every tree of the garden - a challenge to think of what God really said.

The Lord God commanded the man, saying Of ALL THE TREES of the garden, you may freely eat. Genesis 2:16;3:1.

The sharpest mind on this planet was what

Satan used to get us in jeopardy with God; for Satan appeared as a serpent. Serpents have no feet, yet they catch rabbits, rodents and other footed animals - no wings, yet they eat birds. They have no arms, but can climb trees; no fingers and can pick fruit. Without pole, boat or net, he catches fish. Without a barn, refrigerator or storehouse, lives through the winter - with no fire; does not freeze in sub-zero weather; catches without hands; holds without fingers and eats without the use of a fork or knife. Slides on the ground, but refuses to be



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dirty. Makes a track, but if you do not see him, you do not know which way he went. And Jesus challenges man to be that wise. Matthew 10:16.

To think that deeply,

Thinking makes the man -

- a king or a pauper;
- a queen or a wash woman;
- a plow-man or a poet;
- a fool or a professor.

It takes thinking to know. It takes knowing to do. It takes doing to make one great...Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister; And whosoever of you will be

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some of the reasons Blacks do not plan on Las Vegas, but subtle racism and snobbery from local Blacks rank high in persuading Blacks to choose Atlanta, Los Angeles, the Bahamas, etc. Affluent Blacks look for warm reception, genuine hospitality and good service. The Southern hospitality, warmth and friendliness shown elsewhere show the lack of same in Las Vegas.

This writer is not aware of any real determined effort to bring Blacks to Las Vegas. In the East, Eastern Airlines has a vice-president devoted to encouraging Blacks to go to Atlanta and the Bahamas and other Caribbean areas by running special airfares along with special lodging in participating hotels and even ball games, other group and convention affairs. Atlanta's Convention Bureau goes all out to secure conventions, reunions, etc. The Blacks in the Las Vegas Convention Bureau are apparently not being used to secure Black business. When I talked with Mr. Ralenkotter some time back, he said he was in good rapport with Blacks and that it was not necessary to send Blacks as emissaries for the Black dollars. While I was chairman of the local S.C.L.C. (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), I asked at the convention that they would hold their next convention in Las Vegas. They decided to hold it here, but dissension in the local branch stopped them from

the chiefest, shall be servant of all. Mark 10:43, 44.

There are no great men, but great service that men are caught up in and glorified.



CHILDREN'S CRUSADE PLANNED--Clowns, like Bruce Jones pictured above, will canvas neighborhoods this week passing out flyers to children (and their parents) about the 1983 Children's Crusade which will be held at Echoes of Faith Church, 1401 E. Washington, from Aug. 15 through Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. daily. The free program will include gospel music, puppet shows and surprise visits by live "biblical" characters.

## Drug Abuse Seminar Offered By LVMPD Crime Prevention Bureau

The use of Narcotics and dangerous drugs is on the increase among all socio-economic groups throughout the United States. In an effort to make the local community aware of the problems associated with drug usage, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Crime Prevention Bureau is offering a Drug Abuse Seminar.

This program is targeted at parents and concerned citizens to help them to identify drug use, and the possible effects on the abuser. The program will last 1 1/2 hours and is

free of charge.

Classes will be held at the South Substation located at Atlantic and St. Louis on August 10th and 24th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM both days, and for the people in the West area, at the Mirabelli Community Center at 6200 Elton next to the West Substation on August 17th and 31st at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM both days, and will be limited to 50 people at each class.

For reservations call the Crime Prevention Bureau, 386-3507 or 386-3508 from Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

coming. The convention bureau is wrong in assuming any white man can have the impact that a good Black can have in bringing Black groups and conventions to Las Vegas. Blacks are becoming more sophisticated and more united in working together with other Blacks to maximize the gain from their activities, whether they be commercial or local.

## HUGHES

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"Their willingness to explain crap rules was racial."

"Subtle racism."

"White folks were snobby."

"Bartenders overlook Blacks."

"Had stereotyped opinion about Blacks from Oakland."

"Snobbery from LOCAL Blacks."

"White waitress displayed a nasty attitude."

Las Vegas' Hilton's Henry Lewin said in a recent article that loss of patronage and business gains were tied to current high prices for podging, food and shows and poor service. Certainly these are

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