

# Church

## ELDER C.L. MURRAY —UP FRONT

Elder C.L. Murray, pastor of the Goodwill Church of God in Christ, 976 Hassel Ave., is perhaps best depicted as a

ing of four brothers and four sisters, C.L. Murray was early recognized as an individual with unlimited energy. If there

Mississippi during 1958. They have three children—all boys, Patrick, Michael and Tyrone. Presently Patrick works

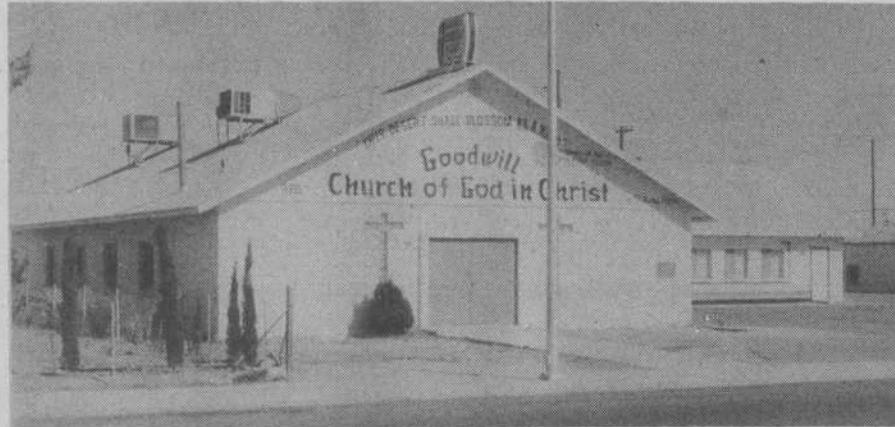
responded Elder Murray.

Here he can be seen daily moving like an excited gazelle. He is a man of action—one who makes every moment count. Despite this hectic daily schedule, he always has a moment to share for those who either need counseling or a word of wisdom. He is truly a miracle man.

But this is not all. He pastors the Goodwill Church of God in Christ. As a matter of fact, he saw the church grow from the first nail driven into its structure. He had a vision for Goodwill. He saw a need. He saw its potential for growth and development from the time of its inception during 1973 to completion in 1979.

While the church was under construction, Elder Murray held services with Elder Lawrence Daniels at the Trinity Temple COGIC.

Elder Murray started his ministry during 1964 under the leadership of Elder Joseph Prodhomme at the Vegas



human whose body moves practically every moment of every day in rapid perpetual motion grinding at 20 m.p.h. — there's never any let-up. To catch him at a dull moment is truly a miracle. He has boundless energy and is never ruffled for a single moment. He is truly symbolic of a miracle man—one who makes every moment of his life meaningful.

Born 48 years ago near Pine Bluff, Arkansas in a family consist-

ever developed situations in his early life where gainful ventures were employed, he was always at the head of the line.

He came to Las Vegas during 1957 seeking a new direction, new goals. He lost no time gaining employment during that year at Foxy's restaurant on the strip. He worked at Foxy's for approximately 10 years.

He married Jerelene Pernell of Jackson, Mis-

at the Southern Memorial Hospital; Michael is a high school student while Tyrone is in junior high. Patrick and Michael also work regularly at their father's business.

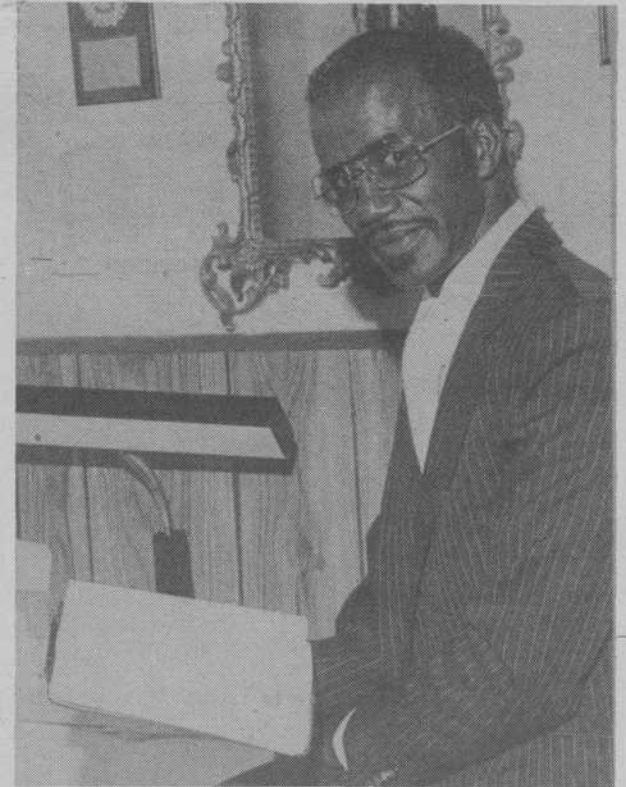
Elder Murray worked during the period 1967-69 at Jack Carson's Service Station washing cars. From 1969 to 1977 he advanced his skills at AAMCO Transmission plus drove a school bus at other hours.

He made the big decision later during 1974 and set up his own transmission business at 2028 North Commerce.

1982 became the banner year for Elder Murray's growth and development. He seized the opportunity of moving his transmission enterprise to the present location at 400 W. Owens Ave.

How does he like the transmission work? "I really enjoy it—love it,"

Heights COGIC until 1968. From there he moved to the Prayer



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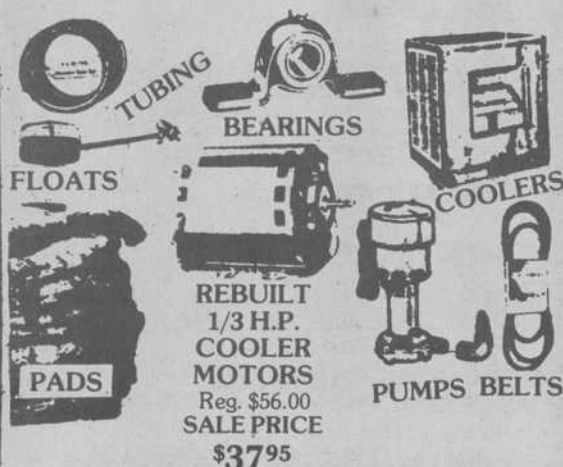
House COGIC under the direction of Elder Willie Shaw for a period of three years.

Presently at the Goodwill COGIC the Associate Ministers are Michael Hardwick and Walter Whatley. Minister Whatley is an airman

Is this enough for the Murrays—positively NO! Mrs. Murray is also presently raising six foster children (one girl and five boys ranging from 8 to 14 years of age). They have experienced no problems to date in this gratifying venture.



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from Nellis Air Force Base and also works parttime at Murray's Transmission. His wife, Linda Whatley works at the Transmission front office ably assisted with Elder Murray's wife, Jerelene.

Earvine Charmers, 25, is another skilled craftsman on the staff—one who also serves faithfully in the Nevada National Guard Reserve.

Well, one would say that this should fulfill their charitable contributions. Their church sets aside every Friday to feed the hungry, the underprivileged. There's free home-cooked food given from 12 noon until.

What is the church's next big planned program? April 28 is set aside as Pastor and Wife Day—a moment of rejoicing and gratitude.