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## Rev. E. G. Johnson, Man of the Hour, Has Deep Religious Convictions

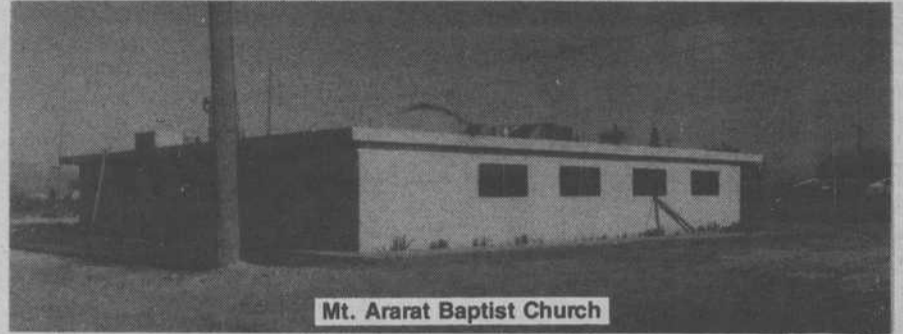
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A man of deep convictions both personally and religiously is Rev. E. B. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church located at 732 Miller Street in North Las Vegas. One

who believes in telling it like it is, Rev. Johnson has no illusions about being a popular man. He would rather be right than popular!

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on an Aug. 9 day to Stephenson and Octavia Johnson, Rev. Johnson has lived a varied life. He

moved with his family to Arkansas as a young child. He had two sisters and one brother. One sister is now deceased. Rev. Johnson recalls his growing up years as being 'very very poor'. They barely had food and wore very ragged shoes and clothes. He despised that existence

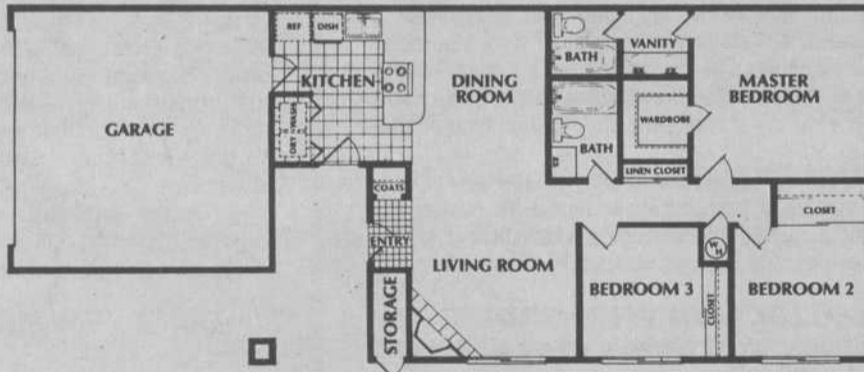
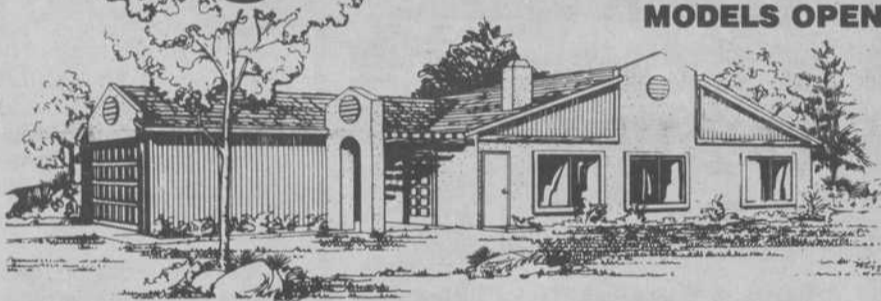


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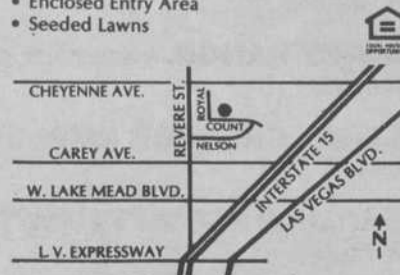
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and determined early on to get out. When he reached majority age he moved back to Wisconsin and Illinois. He spent several years as a professional boxer and as the fifth (5th) voice with the famous gospel group the Soul Stirrers when the late Sam Cooke was the leader.

He decided to move to Las Vegas in 1954. It was here that he met and married Clarice Turner who is now the mother of his five children. Rev. Johnson has two other children by a previous marriage.

After many denials to the call to the ministry, Rev. Johnson finally accepted the call after counseling and consultation with his pastor Rev. A. J. Thompson. Shortly afterward he was called to pastor a local church. Rev. Johnson faced difficulties and very soon was dismissed from his duties. He states that it was because of a sermon that he preached regarding every man having his own wife. After that, he stated, overnight the forces on the board got rid of him. He resolved never to pastor again, but some of the members of that congregation desired his continued leadership. He, along with them, organized the Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

Rev. Johnson's desire is to see the ministers of the

gospel working together rather than fighting. He wants to see them pool their resources and build a job place for young people and old alike to have jobs.



Elder E. Johnson

He doesn't like being dependent and knows that Black people no longer have to live that way. He thinks that too much money

is spent on new buildings and it could be used more wisely.

Rev. Johnson worked for many years with the State Highway Department. He is also a carpenter and painter. Just as he works for financial independence, he wants his congregation to do less shouting and more studying. He doesn't have all the education he desires, but he continues to grow and encourages without ceasing his congregation and all he meets to do likewise.

### Baby Contest set for Mt. Ararat Baptist

The Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, 732 Miller Street, North Las Vegas, will hold their Ushers Program at the church on Sunday, April 21 at 3 p.m.

Featured will be a Baby Contest and recognition of guest churches and pastors.

Elder E. B. Johnson is the pastor.

### Church Announcements

Churches are urged to send their services and program announcements, typewritten, to the Las Vegas Sentinel Church Reporter Louise Jordan, c/o Lil Angel Pre-School Plus, 1230 W. Adams, Las Vegas, NV. 89106, or to her in care of The Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice, 1201 S. Eastern Ave., Las Vegas, NV. 89104. Articles must be mailed or delivered to the above locations no later than Monday noon of each week. Approved announcements will be printed as near as possible to the scheduled date of the activity.

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