

# Church

## PASTOR NATHANIEL WHITNEY REVEALS NEW LOCATION SOON FOR EVERGREEN BAPTIST

By Louise H. Jordan  
SENTINEL Church Reporter

Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, a quiet, soft-spoken giant of a man has lived, worked hard and has become more and more dedicated in the spiritual realms during his tenure as pastor of the Evergreen Baptist Church, presently located at H Street near Madison. The location will soon be moved to a new edifice on Lexington and Doolittle.

The Tallulah, Louisiana native, born June 6, 1927 to the late Rev. Dave and Louise Whitney, was the eleventh child in a family of fourteen (eight boys and six girls). He remembers his growing up as being anything but fun because of the Great Depression. The youthfulness in Pastor Whitney's appearance would not cause one to realize that he was even born during that time. Being near the youngest in the family did not help in his situation. Everyone had to carry their share of the load.

The closeness of the family was one of the positive phases of the Whitney situation. His father, Rev. Dave Whitney, was not only a Christian man, but he was a builder of churches. He founded and built New Bethel

Baptist Church and King Solomon Baptist Church in Tallulah. Both churches still stand today. It is no wonder then, that Rev. Nathaniel Whitney is presently in the process of building a new edifice. When he knew that their congregation had outgrown the building wherein they are now housed and knowing they did not have any modern conveniences, he had no difficulty convincing his people to begin construction.

During this construction everything has not been easy, for the building project was set back approximately two years because of the arson by a young person, who destroyed the then existing building and the congregation had to start over again. But perseverance has been adequate and the project is nearly completed.

Pastor Whitney came to Las Vegas in 1951 with his wife Carolyn. They subsequently had six children, three boys and three girls. Rev. Whitney stated without hesitation that he was married to Carolyn thirty years, five months and four days. She is now deceased. He stated that their life was happy then and it does not cause him to be unhappy to talk about that phase of his life, because as

he said, "I am happily married again" to the former Loretta Graham. Loretta understands that part of his life and is not in competition with the past for she must live her life with her husband. As she puts it, he is a very special person and she will endeavor to work progressively in his life and ministry in a positive and non-threatening way, carving her own place as she goes. They have been married for two months.

Pastor Whitney believes that if one lives according to the scripture which says "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," one's life will be able to conquer obstacles.

The pre-opening services for entering the new

structure will be highlighted with sermons by Rev. David Durham, pastor of the Travelers Rest Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, and Pastor Whitney's brother, Rev. S. Leon Whitney, pastor of the New Prospect Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Evergreens' membership, under the leadership of Pastor Whitney has grown from 37 members to over 450. His vision is to become more involved as community servants; for as Paul stated in Philippians 3:14, says Pastor Whitney, "I will press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Nathaniel Whitney's prize is that of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ.

### ICS Cooks In NLV Fair Show

All chili cooks who are members in good standing of the International Chili Society are invited to participate in the Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff scheduled for the North Las Vegas Fairshow, Oct. 25, 26, and 26 at the Clark County Community College. If you think you have the best chili recipe ever, let the judges decide — you may be right!

If you want to enter the

contest but don't currently belong to ICS, you can join along with your registration fee: \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members. Contestants in official cookoffs win points toward the World Championship Chili Cookoff, an official ICS title.

Get the family together to help build your booth. Prizes will be awarded for the best and most original decorations. Themes can range from chili peppers to railroaders to whatever your imagination can come up with! Also each chili team receives two free tickets to the Fairshow Toga Party hosted by the Showboat Hotel on Saturday, Oct. 26.

While the judges taste and decide the fate of the chili chefs, there will be a "Miss Chili Pepper" contest and the "Chili Pepper Shoot and Holler" event to entertain you. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Deadline for entering the Bowls of Fire Chili Cookoff is Oct. 15. Contact Betty McGreless, Fairshow Manager, at 642-1944, to get applications and details.

## Ministers Attack Anti-Religious Conference

By Alexander R. Jones

A conference on minority religions recently held by a group of controversial psychiatrists and the so-called "American Family Foundation" became embroiled in even more controversy when a coalition of religious leaders vehemently attacked the meeting as a dangerous threat to religious freedom in America. The three day meeting was held at Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, Wisconsin on Sept. 7-9.

Among the vocal critics of the conference were Dr. Joseph Paige, Vice President of Shaw Divinity School, the oldest black divinity school in the U.S., Dr. Don Sills, President of the Coalition for Religious Freedom, Dr. David Rodier, Associate Professor of Theology at American University, and Rev. Heber Jentzsch, President of the Church of Scientology International. In addition, the conference center was deluged with calls and letters from concerned members of the religious community who also objected to the conference.

The religious leaders were correct to be concerned, for this conference was nothing more than a professionally cloaked exercise in discrimination and bigotry that if unchallenged would

only lead to a worsening climate for all religions in the U.S.

Among one of the more infamous organizers of the conference was Louis Jolyn West, M.D., widely known for his radical theories and experiments on human behavior. By his actions West has demonstrated a belief that man is nothing more than an animated piece of meat who can be controlled with drugs and other bizarre psychiatric methods.

In the early 70s, West made an abortive proposal to secure federal funding for a research facility to alter the behavior of prison inmates in what could best be described as a chamber of horrors. However, funding for the proposal fell through when a furor arose over the nature of the experiments.

The American Family Foundation has historically come under attack for promoting "kidnapping for profit" where a person is illegally abducted and subjected to mental torture in an attempt to force them to recant their religious beliefs.

America was founded on the principle of religious freedom. It is much too precious a right to fall prey to the bigotry of a handful of psychiatrists and anti-religious people. And it won't.

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