

Church

REV. AND MRS. SAMUEL GRAHAM'S RENEWED LIFE HAS GIVEN NEW ASPIRATIONS, HOPE AND LOVE

Rev. Samuel Graham is the new pastor of Alpha and Omega Apostolic Deliverance Church. He became pastor in a different way as much of his life has also been different.

Rev. Graham was born in Tampa, Florida on December 6, 1937 to Rev. Raymond and Leola Graham. He is the fourth of six children. Because both his parents were preachers, and because his mother was almost always gone, his only sister was more of the mother. His mother most of the time pastored two or three churches. Rev. Graham feels that his life has always been in the church. As he puts it, "I was literally born in the church."

The Graham family was close. They did many things as a group. At age 14, Rev. Graham began to sing publicly. From that time on, all he wanted was to be a professional Gospel singer. He began early to organize groups. The first was called simply "The Graham Singers." He also organized the Gospel Revelators and others. He was the first Black group to have a TV program in Inverness, Florida.

Pastor Graham met his wife, Barbara, in Florida on one of his singing engagements. He stated that it was a small town that he never planned to return to until he met Barbara; subsequently he found

himself back there very soon thereafter. It was not long that they considered marriage.

The parents of Rev. Graham separated after thirty years of marriage. It was only then that the sibling began to scatter. Pastor Graham and his family settled in San Diego, California. It was there that they raised their five sons. Their youngest is now 20 years old.

Rev. Graham through the years owned his own record shop, was a manager and booked groups, was a member of the James Cleveland Association, hosted other T.V. Programs and sung professionally. But, then came his call to the

ministry during a time when he was separated from his wife. He said that it happened much like it did to the Biblical Samuel when he heard a voice calling him. He answered likewise "Here Am I, Speak Lord." When it happened he was in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Graham was in Florida and called to tell him that she wanted to come home. He was so happy that two days later he went to get the family.

It was through the late Deacon Payne that Rev. Graham was invited to Las Vegas to sing with the well known Millionettes. From that association, he met Elder Gaston, who under the direction of God, turned the

church over to him. It is being reviewed, members are being restored, departments are being reorganized and members are being claimed.

This pastor wants desperately to preach sound doctrine so he studies to show himself to be an approved workman unto God, that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. He wants that all would as the scripture says, "Let everything that have breath praise the Lord." Together with his beautiful wife, Evangelist Barbara Gaston, they daily praise the Lord.

COLOR ANALYSIS

Baker Park Community School will be offering a four-week course in Color Analysis. Learn the colors that enhance your looks, life, and career. Class will be held on Mondays, Oct. 14 through Nov. 4. There is a \$15 fee for this class. For more information, call 733-6599.

Announcements

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Reflections of Life Photography

Exhibit On Display At West Las Vegas Library

Bridging the gap between past, present and future generations is the goal of Las Vegas photographer Don Walker whose still-life and portrait exhibit, "Reflections of Life," is now on display at the West Las Vegas Library, 1402 "D" Street.

Walker refers to his photographs as time chambers and says that they are designed to capture more

than just physical characteristics. They capture fleeting moments of a lifetime.

"As a boy, my life was ideal and I thought all its wonderful ingredients would remain constant forever. As an adult, of course," Walter relates, "I know life is a continuous change and at the same time, how unreliable our memories can be."

As a portrait photographer, he views himself more as a communicator whose most

important piece of equipment is not the camera, but his ability to convey emotions onto the film that say not only how the person looked but how he felt.

After studying art at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, and photography at Winona International School of Professional Photography in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, he moved to Las Vegas where he has continued his studies at UNLV.

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