

# Church

## REV. SYLVESTER PARKS FEELS OBLIGATION TO BECOME FULLY INVOLVED IN WESTSIDE COMMUNITY AND CHURCH

By Louise H. Jordan  
SENTINEL Church Reporter

Rev. Sylvester Parks is an active member of the Las Vegas Community and the pastor of the Grace Immanuel Baptist church, 805 Bartlett Ave. He considers that his job and purpose as a church pastor does not stop at the confines of the four walls of the building. Therefore this pastor deals daily with the total individual. How? "Through the feeding of the poor, the search for jobs on the behalf of the unemployed, keeping tabs on the legal system to aid in the search for justice for those that are victims," says Pastor Parks. "You can't preach the joys of the hereafter to a man who

cannot provide for his family. Give physical assistance and then they will be ready to listen to the spiritual."

The president of the Local Ministers Alliance along with its members are seeking a resurgence of the fight for the rights that were fought for and have now apparently been lost again. Jobs that were once assured for Black people are now being given to non-citizen immigrants. Rev. Parks feels a strong sense of need for the community to band together as it was in days past. "The church has always been the focal point of the unity of Black people. Let us therefore return to those days and regroup for the survival of this community," he said.

Rev. Parks is assisted totally in his ministry by his wife, Essie, who is a popular woman and local beautician. They depend upon each



Rev. S. P. Parks

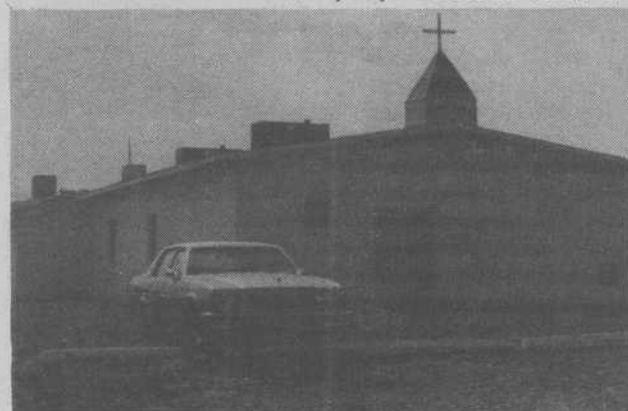
other for friendship as well as love for one another, as well as the community.

Rev. Parks organized the Community Baptist Church for the Black people in Henderson so they would be able to assemble together. It was from that beginning that Rev. Sam Roberson has continued and his congregation has now built a facility where they can worship and have their own local meeting place.

Rev. Parks is an innovative pastor who reaches out to all, but especially to the young and the elderly. He encourages progress through education, doing for oneself and self determination. He wants things to happen but let's all of us know that you must

strive to make them happen, not just hope that they will. This pastor knows the pains of many of the problems that the community suffers for he has suffered them himself,

therefore invites all to help. Be interested, care. It does not matter who you are or where you hold a church membership, it matters that you join forces on behalf of



Grace Immanuel Baptist Church

but one cannot prosper if he does not continue to fight. He

the community. Anyone may become a member of the Ministers Alliance. Pastor Parks, its president, invites you to do so. The Alliance meets each Saturday at Grace Immanuel at 8 a.m.

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## BLACK MINISTER EXPOSES PSYCHIATRIC PLAN AGAINST RELIGION

By Alexander R. Jones

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Paige, Executive Vice President of Shaw Divinity School, the oldest black divinity school in America, is emerging as one of the key leaders in the fight for religious freedom in this country and throughout the world.

### Church News

Rev. Flemmon Henry, pastor of The New St. Paul Baptist Church in Oakland, California will be the featured speaker at the Greater Faith Baptist Church on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. and the 11 a.m. service at the New Light Baptist Church on Sunday, Nov. 24. Rev. Earl Henry and Rev. John Henry are the pastors, respectively.

Pastor Riol of the French West Indies, Martinique will close out his preaching services at the Victory Baptist Church on Friday evening, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m. The services are in French and translated to English. Rev. A.J. Thompson is host pastor.

The New Life Tabernacle Church is in revival during this week. Elder William Jones is pastor.

Just days ago, Dr. Paige, recent founder of the World Council on Religious Freedom, an organization dedicated to protecting religious liberty throughout the world, made a startling submission to the United Nations' Commission on Human Rights.

At a meeting with the Deputy Director of the Commission, held in Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Paige and a representative of the Los Angeles based Religious Freedom Crusade, delivered a report which revealed a coordinated psychiatric attack against religion in five countries around the world, including the U.S. The trip was founded by a grant from the International Association of Scientologists.

In an exclusive interview, Dr. Paige charged, "There is a disturbing pattern to these attacks. In all of these, in each of the countries involved, the same American psychiatrists are quoted in an attempt to give credibility to what are clearly gross attempts to institute psychiatric controls over religious beliefs, and to invalidate spiritual revelation, and religious practice. These attacks must be stopped!"

The report, which was prepared by the Religious Freedom Crusade, pinpoints American psychiatrists Dr. John Clark, Dr. Jolly West, and psychologist Dr. Margaret Singer, as world leaders in the anti-religious movement. All three have consistently used their positions in attempts to invalidate certain religious beliefs and practices. All three have checked backgrounds.

Dr. Clark has been reprimanded on at least one occasion for improperly diagnosing a person as mentally ill simply because of the person's religion.

## CHURCH NEWS

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