

RENO HAPPENINGS



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Rev. Thompson defends rights of Reno area's poor

The Rev. Vincent L. Thompson is more than a minister.

Thompson visits seriously ill patients at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, counsels families and upholds an active ministry at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church.

In his spare time, Thompson helps run the Martin Luther King Hall in Reno, a temporary shelter for the poor, and preaches at the

Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission.

Thompson's a champion of rights for the Reno area's poor. He puts his beliefs into action and initiates changes with an accent on compassion.

The soft-spoken, yet determined Reno minister could probably qualify for "Who's Who in America," but that's not what he's after.

"The Lord led me to do certain things," Thompson said of his active lifestyle.

Clarence Jones, director of household operations at the Martin Luther King Hall, said Thompson sometimes astounds him.

"I find it amazing that (Thompson) takes on everyone's problems — and they're serious at this stage," he said. "He's the type of person who's deeply concerned about the oppressed."

Jerry Johnson, public relations spokesman for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, met Thompson six years ago.

"The first thing he did was walk into my office and asked how he could be of help," Johnson said. "He's done a lot for the hospital because of his dedication to the less fortunate. He cuts across all lines to help people, not just blacks, by providing spiritual support and guidance for those who

need it.

"He probably doesn't have enough time to take care of himself because he's so busy taking care of others."

Kathy Cullen, public relations director for the King hall, has known Thompson for 10 years.



Rev. Vincent L. Thompson

"(Thompson's) attained a level of growth which most of us never reach," she said. "He cares for people immensely — it's evident in everything he does."

Thompson's past accomplishments are as impressive as his current responsibilities. Among them:

- Past president of the Northern Nevada Community Political Action Committee.
- Former chairman of the Nevada Blacks for Ronald

Reagan Committee.

- Former publisher of the Nevada Observer, president of the Washoe County Ministerial Association.

- Former assistant director of the Equal Rights Commission.

- First black to be commissioner to the City of Reno Parks and Recreation Department.

- Chairman of the Black Republican Council.

- Co-founder of the Nevada Council for the Religion and the Arts in Reno.

- Thompson was born in Atchison, Kan., raised in Lawrence, Kan., and spent 22 years in and out of the U.S. Air Force, where he thought about the ministry often. In 1960, after receiving his divinity degree from Saint's School of Religion in Sacramento, Calif., he was assigned as pastor of the St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Colusa, Calif., in 1960.

"It was through the ministry that I got involved with people," Thompson said. "Sometimes I think of individual needs — those that are really seeking help — above my own."

During the early 1960s he attended school in England and returned to the United States in 1965, when he practiced ministry in Stockton, Calif. In 1967, Thompson was assigned to the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Reno, where he is now associate minister.

After completing a three-year California teaching stint in 1975, Thompson returned for good to Reno, where he resumed a ministry at the Bethel A.M.E. church.

He also went to work for the Equal Rights Commission and became owner and publisher of the Nevada Observer — a weekly

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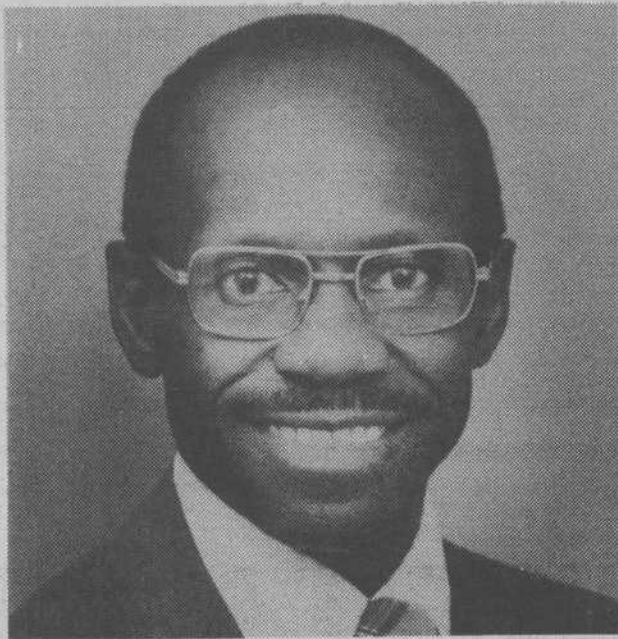
A Webb of Care

The Second Baptist Church on Montello Street has been a part of Reno for 40 years. It has over 400 members.

Rev. William Webb, class of 1956 at Philander Smith College of Little Rock,

He was ordained in Fordyce, Arkansas in 1959.

Second Baptist of Reno was involved in all the civil rights movements of the sixties and seventies including marches for public accommodations in 1963. It has five choirs.



Rev. William Webb

Arkansas, took over the pastorate in 1964. He has a Master's of Divinity Degree from Virginia Union at Richmond, Virginia. Before being called to Second Baptist in Reno, he was the Associate Minister of Second Baptist Church in Las Vegas working with Rev. Coleman.

The Interfaith Gospel Choir of Reno was started at Second Baptist Church by Dr. Jesse Hall. Second Baptist provides a primary place of practice for the group.

The Northeast Reno Outreach Council had its founding meeting at Second

Baptist. The Legal Aid Society met there in their early days.

Rev. Webb is on several Boards and Committees. He is on the Special Programs Board at UNR, the Sierra Pacific Power Company Advisory Panel, the Washoe Medical Center Ministerial Advisory Council, and the Reno-Sparks NAACP Executive Board.

He is the President of the Nevada-California Interstate Baptist Convention, a member of the National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A. Inc., and a member of the Congress of Christian Education Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention.

During my ten years in Reno, I have had two major hospital stays. Reverend Webb visited me both times indicating that he regularly makes hospital rounds.

Rev. Webb is married to

Violene Emerson of Arkansas, who graduated from Philander Smith College in 1958. They have two children, Yolanda Loweta and LaFayette.

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