

# Church

## CHURCH NEWS

By Mary Wilson  
Church Editor

The Lord, with his indefinite wisdom, allowed us to have Sunday's on our calendar. Sunday is a day we set aside the regular hustle and bustle of the week to worship Him. And that's just what I did this past Sunday. I was fortunate enough to visit three churches that were really worshipping and praising God.

First I went to my church the St. John Church of God in Christ, 2301 Comstock, Elder O.L. Jefferson, Pastor, where they were in their monthly Women's Day Service. I left there and visited the Power-house Church of God in Christ, 1216 Adams, Elder J.W. Logan, Pastor, where they too were having a grand old time. And to top off this special day I went next door to the Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church for the Federation of Choirs.

The Federation was founded in 1947 by Maggie Pearson. Mrs. Pearson was present that day looking well and energetic. The program opened up with that super-energetic young man, Wallace Broadnax directing the thirteen choirs that make up the Federation. There was the installation of eight new officers for the next two years. They were as follows: President, Retha Hawkins, Evergreen Baptist; Vice President, Vera Monroe,

New Morning Star Baptist; Recording Secretary Bessie Carter, Pilgrim Rest; Treasurer, Irene Parker, St. James Baptist; Financial Secretary, James Jones, New Jerusalem; Chaplain Mary Tatum, New Morning Star, Sgt. of Arms; Lassie Burnes, Pleasant Grove, Director of Choirs; Tyrone Smith, New Jerusalem, Announcing Clerk; Doretha Jenson, Community Baptist, Assistant Secretary Leatha Prinse.

The Rev. McKinley Hardman gave the new officers fervent instructions in the duties and responsibilities of holding an office in the service of the Lord. Then we returned to the music, with each choir rendering one or two selections. The New Jerusalem choir featured a seven-year-old drummer, Terry West, a young man to keep an eye on. The Children of Unity from the Community Baptist Church of Henderson sold the show with their sweet, innocent voices, after which the pastor Hartman was moved to open the doors of the church. Each church was well represented with their respective choirs. I returned home feeling revived with enough vigor to face another week of whatever obstacles are to come my way. Thank God for Sundays.

Unity Baptist Church, 4200 E. Bonanza, presents a dinner and Spring Fashion show Sat., April 5 at 5:30 p.m. For more information please contact Hazel B. Lowery, 878-3599. The Rev. Fletcher Harris, Pastor.

The New Jerusalem Baptist Church presents "Recruiting for Christ Workshop" Monday, March 31 at 6 p.m.; Missionary Isabelle O'Neal, Mission President, Evang. J.M. Cooper Program Coordinator, Rev. F.N. Addison, Pastor.

The First Church of God presents a Community Outreach Program. Get help in the following areas, reading, writing, improving grammar, typing and other office skills, preparing for a job interview, creating self-esteem, overcoming fear, spiritual counseling, learning how to handle problems of all kinds, special classes in music and singing, and forming church choirs. Remember, "Improving the community starts with improving self first. For more information call 648-5248, 646-2826 or 399-1632.

The Easter Program of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church will be Friday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Asking all to attend.

The Greater New Morning Star Baptist Church will have a Fashion Show "Spring Fling," Easter Sunday,

March 30, at 11 a.m.

The Nurse's Guild will have their Annual Program, Sunday, April 6, at 3 p.m. They will present a skit, titled "The Good Samaritan." Please come out and help make this program a success.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church and other churches throughout the city. Please attend the church of your choice this Sunday.

The Pride of the West District Association will present its 8th Annual Seven Seals Program. This program will be held March 28, 7 p.m. at the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church.

The St. John Community Club and The Friendly Stars are having a benefit program for Sis. Catherine Earl to be held at the St. John B.C. March 29, 7 p.m. We are asking support from all churches.

To the pastor and youth director, the Nevada and California Interstate Baptist Convention will hold its Second City-Wide Youth Rally Saturday, April 19, at 7 p.m. at the Greater New Jerusalem M.B.C.

The Union Baptist Church of Las Vegas, Pastored by J.A. Lucas will be presenting an old time Gospel Review at the Pilgrim Rest Church featuring Hazel Jones, Barbara Witkins, and the Pilgrim Rest Choir, April 18, at 7 p.m. Asking for your support.

Beginning March 24 through 27, the ministers of

## Palm Mortuary To Hold First Sunrise Service

A non-denominational service will be held Easter morning at 6:30 a.m. on the grounds of Palm Valley View Memorial Park, making the first time for an Easter sunrise service at the park, announced Ned Phillips, community relations director for Palm.

"In keeping with our continuing program of community involvement, we intend to hold a sunrise service each Easter from here on," Phillips said.

The service will last about 45 minutes and will be held outdoors, weather permitting, or in Palm's spacious chapel.

This year Pastor Harold McKellips of the First Church of the Nazarene and Father Thomas Long of St. Thomas More Catholic Community will conduct the service. The Clark High School Madrigal Singers will perform three musical selections during the service.



Pilgrim Rest will be conducting a Spring Revival. Asking all members to attend.

The Carver Baptist Church Choir, would like your presence at the Annual Pre-Musical and Choir Day, Saturday, April 12, at 7 p.m. Each guest choir is asked to render an A & B selection.

## A LOOK—JAMES CLEVELAND

As the internationally acclaimed "King of Gospel," Rev. Cleveland is often called upon to put true "gospel" into any situation where gospel singing is very essential. He collaborated with Quincy Jones in arranging some vocal renditions for the soundtrack album for the famed "Roots" series, for which he was nominated for a Grammy. Rev. Cleveland received a Grammy, along with Aretha Franklin, for Ms. Franklin's multimillion selling "Amazing Grace" album. In 1975, Rev. Cleveland was awarded the Grammy for his 1974 album, "In The Ghetto."

On February 23, 1978, Rev. Cleveland won a Grammy for his 1977 "Live at Carnegie Hall" album, as well as performed one of the songs from that album on the nationally televised Grammy Awards Presentation in Los Angeles -- a "first" for gospel singing and singers.

In November, 1980, Rev. Cleveland, along with Natalie Cole, starred in the television special "IN THE SPIRIT", filmed in North Hampton, England for Granada Television (B.B.C.)

Rev. Cleveland arranged, trained the choir, and directed some of the choral background for several albums as well as guest appearances for Superstar Elton John, the Ray Charles-Cleo Lane album release, the films "The Idolmaker" and "Blues Brothers," and wrote two of the songs for Gladys Knight in her movie, "Pipe Dreams."

In November, 1970, Rev. Cleveland organized and founded the Cornerstone Institutional Baptist Church in Los Angeles, CA. The charter members numbered approximately 60. Today, the membership rolls have names in excess of 7,000. In April, 1984, Rev. Cleveland and the Cornerstone membership marched into their new church facility, a converted huge supermarket which underwent over \$1,500,000 worth of remodeling and conversion into a magnificent church sanctuary, complete with marble entrance and choir stand, imported marble alter (Italy).



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#### WEEKLY SERVICE

Sunday School -- 9:30 a.m. Midday Service -- 11:00 a.m.

Training Union -- 6:00 p.m.

Monday Mission -- 7:00 p.m.

Usher Board -- 1st & 3rd Monday

New Member Class -- Tuesday -- 7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Class -- Wednesday -- 7 p.m.

Brotherhood -- Thursday -- 6 p.m.

Saturday--3 p.m.--Teachers Meeting & Easter Program Rehearsal

4 p.m.--Senior & Junior Choir Rehearsal

EASTER PROGRAM - March 30, 1986

9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.