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CHURCH NEWS

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Church Reporter

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churches are urged to send their services and program announcements, typewritten, to the Las Vegas Sentinel-Voice Church Reporter, Mary Wilson, at 1201 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104. Articles must be mailed or delivered to the above location no later than Monday noon of each week.

The Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ, 1117 "F" Street, is holding a mid-night revival from Sept. 8, through Sept. 13 each night at 11:30 P.M. On Saturday night, September 13, there will be a youth musical and baptism. Asking all to come and witness this great move of God. Bishop E.N. Webb, pastor.

The Greater St. James Baptist Church is seeking a pastor. All interested persons may send their resume addressed to the Pupil Committee, 316 Madison Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106, before September 30.

The Triumph Family Atwater, California, will be in concert Saturday, September 20, at 7:30 at the Community Baptist Church, 245 Foster Avenue, Henderson. Looking to see you there.

Final arrangements are being made for a trip to Universal Studios by the Community Baptist Church. The date of departure is October 18. Deadline for deposit is September 20. For more information call 648-8180.

The Greater St. John Baptist Church, 1439 Lawry Avenue, presents the Gospel Soul Train and the Gospel Invaders of Los Angeles, California, Saturday, September 13, at 7:30 P.M. The Gaston Five will be in charge. Rev. Tom Jenkins, pastor. Be there won't you.

On September 14, the Gospel Soul Train and the Gospel Invaders will be in concert at the New Light Baptist Church, 1165 Lawry, at 7:30 P.M. If you miss them on Saturday night, be sure not to miss them on Sunday. The Gaston Five will also be in charge. For more information call 646-5982 or 642-5124.

The next meeting of the Professional and Business Association of the Churches of God in Christ, will be held at the Vegas View C.O.G.I.C. on September 7, at 7:00 P.M. Elder C.H. Parson, Pastor; Sister Jean Morris, president.

Fall Garden Festival at Lorenzi Park

You're invited to a party!! The Nevada Garden Clubs, in conjunction with the City of Las Vegas, invite you to their First Fall Garden Festival to be held on Saturday, September 20, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at Lorenzi Park located at Washington Avenue and Twin Lakes Drive.

FREE admission will afford plenty of family fun. The Honorable Bill Briare, Mayor, will be kicking off the festivities at 10 a.m. During the days, Smokey the Bear, McGruff the Crime Dog, and Cactus Coyote will be appearing. Come hear the barbershop quartet "20 and Holding" and the bluegrass band, The Isoms. These are only part of the FREE, hourly entertainment planned for your enjoyment.

Like to pitch horseshoes? Enter the tournament starting at 10:30 a.m. Adults: \$3 per person/\$6 per couple.

Kids: \$2 per person/\$4 per couple. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded. Besides horseshoes, many other FREE games for both adults and children will be held.

Blacks Assuming Life-Giving Responsibility for Blacks

Leaders of nearly 90 Black-led organizations in the Assault On Illiteracy Program (AOIP) today announced their determination not only to vanquish illiteracy in the Black community by the year 2000...but also to work in "affective-oriented" or "community-building" ways on 11 agreed-upon goals to see that illiteracy will never be likely to occur again after the year 2000. The 88 groups joined together in AOIP represent a broad coalition of Black-led civic, social, fraternal and civil rights organizations. Their joint and unprecedented effort on the part of Black American leadership is called the Year 2000 Campaign.

AOIP representatives met this morning with Secretary of Education William Bennett, Under Secretary Gary Bauer and other senior federal officials to discuss what the Secretary termed "AOIP's bold initiative." AOIP called attention to the "tragedy of illiteracy" and cited a U.S. Department of Education/Census Bureau survey which found Black American adults to be functionally illiterate at rates up to two or three times that of all other American adults.

In a statement issued by AOIP, the coalition said: "Illiteracy undermines progress in combating a host of serious concerns--crime, drug-dependency, unemployment, out-of-wedlock pregnancy, and high school dropouts. We make real strides to overcome all these ills when we battle illiteracy."

Ms. Faye Bryant, one of the two national co-chairpersons of AOIP, said: "We are especially heartened by the strong encouragement given to our volunteer effort by Secretary William Bennett and Under Secretary Gary Bauer. It is gratifying to find they share so many of our key concerns."

Ms. Bryant then cited three broad areas of common concern with the Department of Education:

- The urgency of the illiteracy problem and the need to use the ego-strengthening tools like those prepared for minorities and proven phonics methods to teach reading so that students can enjoy a fair measure of early success;

- The need for safe, orderly, drug-free schools in

which all students will be free to learn;

- The need to restore a positive, uplifting environment in and around the schools based on the strong spiritual values which have historically sustained the Black and other communities.

In connection with the need for a positive, uplifting environment, Ms. Bryant thoroughly agrees with President Reagan that "God, the source of all knowledge, should never have been expelled from our children's classrooms: It's time we brought Him back."

The Honorable Earl Gray, Deputy Imperial Potentate of the Shriners (Prince Hall Affiliation) and the other national co-chairperson of AOIP, said: "Representing 88 Black-led organizations--groups which have diverse interests and constituencies--we recognize that we have had differences with the Administration. Being independent means having the freedom to criticize when we differ. But independence also means having the freedom to commend and to cooperate whenever the best interests of Black Americans require it."

Mr. Gray cites the goal areas to include such things as...

1. To completely eradicate all "functional illiteracy" within Black America.

2. To have 80 percent of our Black population give priority support (including tithing) to Black-run religious institutions and have 100 percent accountability from these institutions;

3. To have at least 80 percent of our community businesses and professional facilities owned by Black or other persons who live in or immediately adjacent to--and identify completely with the needs of--Black people;

4. To have all corporations and other entities which directly or indirectly benefit from the Black Community to deal equitably with the Black community as set forth in our Credo for Justice & Equity.

Copies of the full set of goals were set forth in the May issue of the National Black Monitor which was distributed to all present.

Mr. Gray said its literacy drive will "spark a revolution of rising expectations to emancipate millions of young people from the bond of dependency and despair. AOIP will work through

existing institutions within the Black community, which it identified as families, churches, fraternal organizations, businesses, schools and charities..."

Mr. Gray then summarized AOIP's goals as "transforming the communities of Black America into such secure, mutually-supportive, productive, and hope-filled environments so that illiteracy--and its resultant ills--will be unlikely to occur again.

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If a situation with an elementary student is so serious as to suggest the need for a program like Opportunity School, the county juvenile court system should become involved, Pughley said.

The survey was recommended by the policy committee after two junior high school principals brought up the issue of dangerous behavior to the committee earlier this year.

The principals, Marlin A. Nielsen of B. Mahlon Brown Junior High School and Frank Lamping of Lyal Burkholder Junior High School, said dangerous and potentially violent incidents involving elementary students have been on the rise, yet the disciplinary measures available do not adequately deal with the severity of the problems. Several junior highs in the district have sixth grades as well as seventh and eighth grades.

The principals mentioned one incident in which a sixth-grader brought a knife to school and told friends he was going to use it on another student. But because the offender was an elementary student, disciplinary options available to the principal was limited. The student eventually was transferred to another junior high school.

Nielsen said there was four instances of dangerous behavior by students at Brown last year. Two incidents involved knives, one involved a student selling drugs and in the fourth incident a student took a .32-caliber gun to school. Three of the incidents involved sixth-graders, he said.

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Looking For Love In All The Wrong Places?

Church Fellowship Is The

Perfect Expression Of Love

God is Love, and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in Him.

1 John 4:16b

Join Us In This Expression of Love

On

September 8-19, 1986
7:00 PM

Macedonia Baptist Church
2600 Clayton Street
North Las Vegas, NV 89030
Rev. J.E. Richardson, Pastor

Rev. Deaque Fields
Pastor, Teacher & Evangelist
Winnsboro, LA.
Preaching Sept. 14-19