

# Church

## Church News

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Church Reporter

The Rev. Issac Douglass will be in worship, beginning December 10 thru 13, with a musical on December 14, at 3:30 p.m. This workshop will be held at the Second Baptist Church, 500 West Madison Avenue. The public is invited. Services will start nightly at 7:00 p.m. The rev. Willie Davis is pastor.

The Heavenly Places Church, 113 North "H" Street will host a service entitled "A Fall Harvest" beginning Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 and ending Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. The Heavenly Places Church is pastored by Evangelist B.T. Kilgor. All are welcome.

Friday, December 12 Dove Ministries will present Biggs Percy in concert. This is a popular local talent that has traveled the U.S. and is back with us for one wonderful night of gospel music. Don't miss it. Dove Ministries is located at 800 North Rancho Road, Rancho at the Expressway. Free admission.

The Vegas View Church of God in Christ, 1906 Glider Street, will be having their Christmas Banquet at the Hotel Continental, Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Mrs. Cathy Jackson at 642-3967. The Vegas View Church of God in Christ is pastored by the Elder C. Parsons.

## Special Christmas Performance at Trinity Temple

'AN EVENING IN DECEMBER' will be presented by the Worship Choir and Orchestra and Chancel Bells in four performances -- December 13 and 14 -- at Trinity Temple, 1000 E. St. Louis Avenue.

This special Christmas performance will also feature music of the season by John and Patty Hachquet, the Trinity Kids, Freedom Sound and the Chancel Hambells.

Concerts are at 5:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 13, and again at these times on Sunday, December 14.

## God's Trombones Comes To Las Vegas

Wesley United Methodist Church's Young Adults performed a rendition of James Weldon Johnson's God's Trombones at Zion United Methodist Church in Las Vegas for their 69th church anniversary on Saturday, November 15, 1986.

The production is the Young Adult's interpretation of James Weldon Johnson's book, "God's Trombones," a collection of seven Negro sermons in verse. This seventh performance evolved out of a Black History Month presentation in February of 1986 and other performances have been presented throughout Phoenix and surrounding cities.

Under the direction of Calvin Brown and the promotion of Kermit Clark, Jr., owner of Promotional Concepts, the program was fine turned to perfection.

The musical accompaniment of old-time spirituals by a combined Chancel/Gospel Choir, under the direction of Thelma Sparks with piano accompaniment by Clarice Davis, added the realism of a folk-time church service that our ancestors used to have.

In addition to "God's Trombones," members of Wesley remained in Las Vegas for Sunday morning worship service, during which Wesley's choir set the stage for a spiritually dynamic message to a congregation of over 700 by their new pastor, the Rev. Harold E. Palmer, Jr., the son of Harold, Sr. and temple Barnwell of Queens, New York, and a graduate of The Interdenominational Theological Seminar in Atlanta, Georgia.

Rev. Palmer's message reminded the saints of Zion that "though they have a number of things to celebrate in terms of a new sanctuary and educational wing, they must look to create new ministries for the future and not let negative forces get in the way. The title of the message was "Don't Let The Devil Catch You Sleeping."

The choir's rendition of Turn It Over To Jesus, led by Charlesetta Lee, a talented contralto with the spirit of Mahalia Jackson, touched the heart of the congregation. They were

further moved by Jonnise Smith who set the house on fire with Jesus Will.

Members of Wesley's congregation who were unable to travel by bus came by car or airplane to celebrate with Zion on Sunday morning. Even though the pastor, choirs, and most of the members were in Las Vegas, those who could not attend carried on the worship of the Lord at Wesley in Phoenix. Rev. Rollins Winslow, a retired and former pastor of Wesley, was the "ram in the bush" in order that the celebration of Christ could go on and God's children could be ministered to.

The Las Vegas performance was the last one for the year; however, the Young Adults and Wesley are looking forward to more interstate travel and a possible new production to share the love of God and Jesus Christ with others in the family of faith.



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## --Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Proposal Rejected--

Wednesday, December 3, will go down in history as an infamous day in Las Vegas City Hall. This is another way of saying that this was a sad, sad day when the city council failed or refused to act upon an issue before them, namely the changing of the name of Highland Drive to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. An unusually large number of people appeared for this public hearing. Among the speaking proponents were Booker Burney, Josh Elliott Jr., Minister Jesse D. Scott, Assemblyman Elect Wendell Williams, Rev. I.W. Wilson, Rev. McKinley Smith, J. David Hoggard, Sr., a representative of Stevie Wonder, Rev. Danny Murray and Bob Bailey. Collectively, the speaker made their appeal to honor the memory of Dr. King because of the positive impact he made in life for all people on the social, political and economical conditions of America. In response to the complaint about the cost to the Highland Drive merchants, J. David Hoggard reminded the council that when the names of Second and Fifth Streets were changed to Civic Center and Las Vegas Blvd., respectively, there was no such opposition as we have

here and there were many more merchants on these streets than we have on Highland Drive. Finally, we said when we honor Dr. King conversely, we honor ourselves as well. In Dr. King we see a symbol of hope in the future for Black people in America. The opponents were all white and about ten in number. Generally speaking their opposition was based on the inconvenience of the name change and the cost to them.

## --City Council Offered Voice But No Vote--

After all the speakers for and against the street name change had spoken, Mayor Bill Braire announced that the public hearing was closed. Subsequently, the mayor declared a ten minute recess before the vote was tallied.

When the hearing resumed and the mayor began saying that Dr. King wouldn't want the community to be divided on how it was going to honor him, we knew then that the decision had been made before the hearing began. Instead of calling for a vote, the mayor suggested that a committee be appointed to find an appropriate way to

honor Dr. King. Councilman Bob Nolen said that he was till in favor of changing the name of Highland Dr. A vote was called for to establish a committee which was passed 3 to 1 with Councilman Nolen voting against the committee. Where upon the mayor asked councilman if he would serve as a co-chairman and he accepted. The mayor asked Booker Burney if he would serve as co-chairman of the committee. Burney said that he was terribly disappointed that the council did not name Highland Drive for the name change. Then he informed the council that he had to speak to the leadership of the community before he could accept the co-chairmansh. of the committee. It was now very clear to one and all that there was absolutely no good reason for not changing Highland Drive, except it did not meet with the approval of someone who had the power to change the council vote. The community is determined that the fight is not over, it has only just begun. As the late Congressman from New York, Adam Clayton Powell would say, "Keep the faith baby."

## --NAACP Election Day--

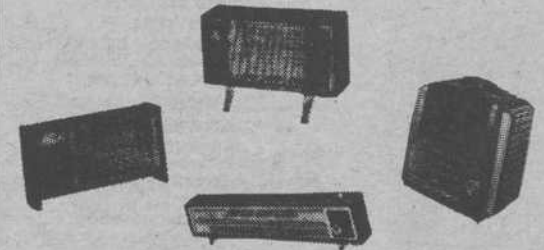
Remember NAACP Election Day is Saturday, December 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the branch office, 940 W. Owens and Emancipation Proclamation Day "NAACP Jubilee Day" will be held Sunday, January 11 in the Artemus Hall, on UNLV campus at 3:00 p.m.

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