

Masjid Muhammad Services Scheduled

*In The Name of Allah,
The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful*

- Masjid Muhammad begins Jumah Prayer promptly at 12:00 p.m. Friday.
- Sisters class starts at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday (for women of all ages).
- Taleem & The Jr. Taleem Program (ages 3-15 years old) commences on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
- Masjid Muhammad is open every night for The Isha Prayer.

All Praise is due to Allah (The Creator)

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CHURCH ANNIVERSARY HOSTED

The 1987 Anniversary Program for Zion United Methodist Church will highlight seventy (70) years of the church's history and contributions to community life in Nevada. The Anniversary Program will span three days with worship services, musical renditions, sermons, and recalling church history. The theme for this church celebration is "Seven (7) Decades of Growing and Serving."

In 1917 the church was begun as part of the Methodist Church Circuit and met in one of the other Methodist Churches. Zion's first church was built in 1947. In 1967 the church built the first phase of its present structure in North Las Vegas. The Education Building and Formal Dining Room were added in 1976. The current sanctuary was erected in 1979.

Zion Church has been led by seven ministers who each contributed to the long and productive history of the church. This celebration will bring several of them and the widows of several others together in recalling the growth and service rendered by the church. The Rev. Robert W. Kelley, Mrs. Verlene Stevens (widow of Rev. William H. Stevens) and Mrs. Dorothy Kenard (widow of Rev. Masie L. Kenard) will be in attendance. Rev. Henry E. Cook and Rev. A. C. Austin will not attend because of

illness. Rev. H. B. Gant is deceased. The Rev. Marion De. Bennett is the present minister of the church.

Friday Night, 7 p.m., Nov. 20: The service will consist of a "Celebration in Song" with music from the Women's Plus Choir and the Ambassador Choir of Zion. Special Guest Choir will be the Mass Choir of the Federated Choirs of Las Vegas.

Saturday, 7 p.m., November 21: Church Dedication Services will feature greetings, recognition and reminiscences of Former Ministers and/or their widows who have ministered at Zion during its vast history. There will also be a ceremony to dedicate and name several rooms in the Church Education Building after former ministers. A Fellowship Hour will follow these events.

Sunday, 11 a.m., November 22: Morning Worship Services will be conducted by the Rev. Robert W. Kelly, who served at Zion from 1949 to 1951. The Chancel Choir will render musical selections.

Rev. M.D. Bennett and Mr. J. David Hoggard, Sr., General Program Chairman, invite community residents and friends of Zion Church to attend these Anniversary Program Activities and celebrate another year of church history with Zion Members.

Grace Immanuel Combined Choirs To Present Fall Musical Workshop and Concert

The Combined Choirs of the Grace Immanuel Baptist Church will present their Annual Fall Musical Workshop and Concert under the direction of Birdell Gilbert of Kansas City, Missouri, beginning November 23 at 7:00 p.m. and culminating in the concert on Sunday, November 29, at 3:00 p.m.

Guest soloists will be Jackie Mackeral of Kansas City, Missouri and Edi Aikels of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The public is invited to come and be a part of this great celebration!

For more information contact Zephyr McCoy 648-8127, Tony Williams 647-5797 or Sonya Jordan 384-5900.

American Gospel Music

by Hilary Clay Hicks
The American Gospel Arts News Service



Malaco Records Triples With Savoy and Muscle Shoals Labels

Among Savoy's current successes are "From The Ship" by Rev. Clay Evans and The Fellowship Choir, "Caught Up In The Rapture," by Bishop Jeff Banks and The Revival Temple Mass Choir and new releases by The Georgia Mass Choir, Donald Mulloy and The Jenkins Brothers.

But that still wasn't enough for Malaco. They also had to buy the world-famous Muscle Shoals Sound Studio of Sheffield, Ala. and open up the Muscle Shoals Gospel Sound label under the direction of Gospel pro Butch McGhee. Already on the album charts for this label are Vanessa Bell Armstrong ("Following Jesus") and Keith Pringle ("All To You").

"Muscle Shoals Gospel is primarily a contemporary Gospel label," says McGhee. "We have a more urban and pop sound and want to minister to non-Christians and Christians alike."

"We know we're gonna do good business," says Malaco's Couch of his three labels. "We're going from ten albums a year to 30 or 40. We believe the demand is there. "We don't expect any million sellers but then we wouldn't be surprised at success, either."

In The News: Light/Lexicon of Newbury Park, Calif. has sold its Lexicon Distribution arm to a Nashville-based group who have formed Lexicon/Spectra Distribution. Light Records continues on with artists like Vickie Winans, The New Jersey Mass Choir and Commissioned...

...The Winans last album, "Let My People Go," sold over 150,000 and paved the way for the new album, "Decisions," on Quincy Jones' Qwest Records, which features the duet between Marvin Winans and Anita Baker, "Ain't No Need To Worry"....

....And Jesus is still the King of Glory and worthy to be praised!

Possibly the biggest news in Black Gospel music this year is the near tripling in size of the Malaco Records machine, which signals great growth in the Gospel music field.

"We're a little bit bigger than last year," says Malaco President Tommy Couch with a smile.

Malaco, of Jackson, Miss., is owned by Couch, Stewart Madison and Will Stevenson. Although Malaco already has many of the biggest names in Gospel, they chose to buy another major Gospel record company and a studio to add two full labels to their system.

The Malaco label features the music of The Williams Brothers, The Jackson Southernaires, The Florida Mass Choir, The Gospel Keynotes, The Sensational Nightingales, Louise Candy Davis, The Pilgrim Jubilees, Robert Blair and The Violinaires, The Truthettes and many others.

Most of these artists are produced for Malaco by the award-winning producer Frank Williams, eldest brother of the Williams Brothers and a member of the Jackson Southernaires. Among the albums under his direction currently riding high on the popularity charts are "Hand In Hand" by The Williams Brothers, "Hear Our Prayers, Oh Lord," by the Jackson Southernaires and "Live In Miami" by The Florida Mass Choir.

"Our artists are getting more exposure through television, radio and the Black press," says Williams. "Malaco's recording stars are reaching more people. As a result, I think that there's a growing audience for the kind of Southern, traditional Gospel we offer."

One would think that this was enough, but the mighty men of Malaco bought the huge Savoy Records of label of New York to grace their holdings. Giant, forty-year-old Savoy had been on rough times in recent years and had gone through a couple of owners. They immediately put long-time Savoy producer Rev. Milton Biggum in charge with a mandate to gear up for production.

"With our commitment to excellence, we expect to see the Savoy label regain its prestige and again be the leader in urban traditional Gospel. Our dark days are over," says Rev. Biggum. "The label has also added promotion man Sam Williams to help out."

'HOT-LINE' RADIO PROGRAM OFFERED FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Citizens of Southern Nevada will have their own radio program. J J (Cronan) brings on the senior Citizens' "Hot-Line" program Saturday mornings from 8 to 9 on KLVV-1230 on your AM Dial.

The "Hot-Line" is not a call-in show but it will have information and innovative news, guests of interest, discussions of problems, advice, suggestions and hopefully solutions. It plans to become the "mouthpiece" for the Golden-Ager.

Seniors who wish to send letters with their information and/or gripes, etc., will have their items discussed on subsequent programs.

A senior citizen himself, J J has had his own radio and television programs, published newspapers and magazines and has written columns on various subjects. He has also produced radio and television shows.

J J states, "Listen to the 'Hot-Line' every Saturday morning because it plans to be the 'Voice of the Seniors.'" He further urges that you send your letters to him.

Mail can reach J J at P.O. Box 15477, Las Vegas, NV 89114 or by calling 733-6072.

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