

Church



Church News

By Mary Wilson
Church Reporter

Evening Women's Aglow Fellowship will host a dinner meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m. at Port Tack located on 3190 W. Sahara. Dinner is \$10.00 and the guest speaker is Mary Villanueva. For reservations call 870-0753, 438-5572 (after 4 P.M.) or 645-2360 before Friday, Dec. 9.

the Grace Temple Church of God in Christ, 1130 North "C" Street will be in revival Monday, December 5 through Sunday, December 18, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Elder R.E. Obey will be the speaker. The pastor of the Grace Temple C.O.G.I.C. is Elder Alonzo McGree. The contact number is 648-1900.

The House of Holiness Church of God in Christ, 2301 North "H" Street will continue their revival with Elder J. Lewis of Pomona, California. The House of Holiness is pastored by Elder Melvin Sanders.

The Carver Baptist

Church, 1221 North "J" Street will sponsor a trip to the Los Angeles Garment District, Saturday, December 10. The price is \$29 round trip. For departing time and any other information call 870-9758 or 648-4111. The Carver Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. R. Wilson.

Levitus, that local group of young people dedicated to Christ and committed to sing until the spirit comes down, will be performing at the Annual Christmas musical at the Second Baptist Church on Saturday night, December 10. The Fish Project will also be distributing food baskets to the needy that evening. This activity will begin at 7:00 P.M. For more information call 648-6155. They are looking to see you there. The Second Baptist Church is sponsored by Rev. Willie Davis.

The St. John Baptist Church invites you to their Missionaries Monthly Program, Saturday, December

10, at 7:00 P.M. and Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 P.M. The theme is: What makes a good church. The St. John Baptist Church is located at 1439 Lawry and the information number is 648-2382.

The New Bethel Baptist Church, 400 Adams Street, is planning a trip to Flagstaff, Arizona, Sunday, December 11. For more information contact Sister Kay Willis. There will be Special choir rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 P.M. for the choir members going to Flagstaff. The New Bethel Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. Jessie Wesley and the information number is 648-8663.

The First A.M.E. Missionary Society is collecting blankets for the homeless. If you have any blankets that you do not need, they are asking you to donate them to this worthy cause. This project will run through Monday, December 19. Please bring

Special Programs Scheduled at New Light Baptist Church

The New Light Baptist Church Choir and Pastor's Aide are presenting the St. John Church of God in Christ Pastor and Choir on Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m.

The New Light Baptist Church Choir will also present its Christmas Musical on Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these events and help them.

Sister Greer is President, Sister Brewer is Vice President and Rev. J. Henry, Jr. is Pastor.

your donations to the church or call 399-1213. The First A.M.E. church also has firewood for sale. Interested persons please call Sam Smith at 647-4877 or Rev. Winn at 399-1213.

The Tried Stone Baptist Church, 621 Carey Avenue, will have their Youth Day Program Sunday, December 12 at 11:00 A.M. Show your support by attending this program. The Tried Stone Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. C.C. Smith.

the Victory Baptist Church, 500 West Monroe, will present a film on communicable

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WORDS OF LIFE

"There is forgiveness with thee."

—Psalm 130:4

I. Can forgiveness be onesided? When one party injures another, there may be no full or true reconciliation unless and until the injuring party at least recognizes some wrongdoing. Yet Jesus said: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Forgiveness, then, may be—and perhaps most often is—onesided. Hence the glory of the expression, "To err is human; to forgive, divine."

II. Forgiveness, then, need not involve restitution. One may forgive a wrong-doing or an injury by another and the injuring party may never know the depth of the hurt or wrong inflicted. But forgiveness means that the injured party understands the need to hold no grudge, even though the wrong may be committed again and even though no restitution may ever be made.

III. Forgiveness "balances the books." It involves the willingness of the injured party to pay the price for another's misdeeds. Listen, then, to these words: What glory is it if you are buffeted for your own wrong? But if you suffer wrongfully . . . (and forgive!) . . . this is acceptable with God."

Others, countless others, forgive each of us every day for unrecognized hurts. We can never fully repay for our wrongs; and, in the same manner, we must not expect 'a pound of flesh' for any weight of wrongdoing to us. Of us, as of God, it should be said, "There is forgiveness with thee."

The Church's Role in Economic Development

Leading Blacks to Prosperity

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Rev. Calvin Butts is executive minister of one of Harlem's premier religious congregations, the Abyssinian Baptist Church. Founded in 1808, it has a long tradition of community outreach. Under the pastorate of two outstanding ministers, Adam Clayton Powell, Sr. and his son, Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Abyssinian was in the vanguard of social activism, and is still deeply committed to improving the quality of life for blacks.

In September, editor Elizabeth Wright met with Rev. Butts to learn his opinions on what role, if any, the black church should now be playing in the economic development of black communities.

Issues & Views: When we met a couple of months ago, you had just spoken at an economic development program sponsored by the Muslims. You gave a strong talk on how blacks should start focusing on business development. From the research I do for the newsletter, I'm finding that there are churches all over the country that are really trying to do something to help blacks focus on developing capital for small businesses.

Do you see any advances in that direction? Do you think that maybe the church, which is called our strongest institution, might be making some inroads along these lines?

Rev. Butts: Certainly. I know there are many churches across the country which are becoming involved in economic development, I think it's the thing to do,

because our people suffer mostly from the lack of opportunity and lack of jobs. It is ludicrous for us to think that anyone is going to provide us with that opportunity other than ourselves. Historically, it seems to me that we should know that.

We also know that much of what has made America great has come from us, whether it's craftsmanship, or ingenuity, or our music. Or whether it's just the sweat of our brow. And it's been taken from us and used by others to make money. Now, what we have to ask is, why don't we take this same creativity, this same craftsmanship, this same sweat and put it to work for ourselves? The churches have enormous pools of talent in terms of black people. I see that here at Abyssinian.

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