

# Religion

## Church News

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Church Reporter



The United Voices of Victory of the Victory Baptist Church will be presented in concert in their Annual Fall Musical on Sunday, November 11, 1990 at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Voices—Making a Joyful Noise." James Smith is Director, Philip Collins is Minister of Music and Rev. A. J. Thompson is Pastor. The Victory Baptist Church is located at 500 W. Monroe Ave. Everyone is welcome!

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The Children of Unity of the Community Baptist Church, located at 245 East Foster Ave, Henderson, Nevada, will have their Annual Choir Day on Sunday, November 18, 1990 at 3:00 p.m. Special guests will be Unity Baptist Church, Rev. Fletcher Harris, Pastor; Tri Stone Baptist Church, Rev. C. C. Smith, Pastor; New Jerusalem Baptist Church, Rev. James Rogers, Pastor; and Grace Immanuel Baptist Church, Rev. S.P. Parks, Pastor. "Come to Community where theres unity." Sister Jackie Wilburn is the Youth Supervisor and Rev. Sam Roberson is the Pastor of the Community Baptist Church.

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The Adult Choir of Second Baptist Church is very pleased to present a Week of Pre-Harvest Celebration during the week of November 12 through November 18, 1990.

They will begin their week of celebration with a City-wide Gospel Music Workshop beginning on Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m. and ending on Thursday, November 15. The workshop will feature the renowned recording artist, composer, and nationally acclaimed musician, Mrs. Doretha Wade-Wilkerson, of Las Angeles, California.

On Friday, November 16, the table is being set for the "Feast of Harvest" at the Gold Coast Casino and Hotel, 4000 West Flamingo Road. A social hour well commence at 7 p.m., dinner will be served at 8 p.m., and a fashion show will follow afterwards. Mrs. Doretha Wade-Wilk-

erson will give an inspirational message.

On Saturday, November 17, you partake in this celebration by coming out to hear the Gospel Music Workshop Choir and the Angelic Wilkerson Singers of Mt. Mariah Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California. And on Sunday, November 18, at 7 p.m., they will culminate this extravaganza with the 30th Annual Harvest Musical by the Second Baptist Adult Choir and their very own Minister of Music, Bro. Roscoe Corner.

Banquet tickets are \$25, and can be purchased from any choir member or the Church office. Registration for the workshop is \$10 and to register call Second Baptist Church at 648-6155. Gladys R. Palmer is the Banquet Chairperson, and Rev. Willie Davis is the Pastor of Second Baptist Church. They look forward to seeing you there.

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The Vegas View Church of God In Christ is collecting food for the hungry from now thru November 21, 1990. If you can give a donation please contact the church at 1906 Glider Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada. The Church's Annual Harvest Feast will be held Nov. 17, 1990 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Supt. Claude H. Parson is Pastor.

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Evening Women's Aglow

Fellowship will host a dinner meeting on Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 P.M. at Port Tack, located on 3190 W. Sahara. Dinner is \$10.00 and the guest speaker is Jane Shunney. For reservations call 870-0752, 438-5572 or 645-2360 before Friday, November 9.

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Crank it up with the Altar Boys. This band is a hard rock group. They have a message of hope in their lyrics that are different from other rock bands. Come and rock out on Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m. at Hallelujah Fellowship. We are located at 800 N. Rancho Dr. (1/2 block north of the expressway). Admission is \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Nursery is also provided.

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November Luncheon Meeting will be on Tuesday, the 13th of November. It will be held at the Denny's Restaurant, located at 3031 South Maryland Parkway (directly across the street from Humana Sunrise Hospital). The meeting begins promptly at 12:00 noon and ends at approximately 1:15 p.m. Bring a friend and let's share the glory of our Lord.

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**HOT CONCERTS AND FILMS PRESENT CONCERT - S.F.C.**

Bust a move and check this concert out. S.F.C. is a bumpin' rap group with a jammin' sound. These guys have a different message in their lyrics that can make a difference in your life. Come and pump it up with us on Friday, November 2nd at 7:30 P.M. at Hallelujah Fellowship, located at 800 N. Rancho Dr. (1/2 block north of the expressway). Tickets are available at all the local Christian bookstores; \$5.00 in advance, \$7.00 at the door. Also, nursery is provided.

## FORMER SLAVE FIRST AFRO-AMERICAN PROPOSED FOR SAINTHOOD

**NEW YORK** — It was no accident that officials of the Roman Catholic Church picked last Thursday, All Saints Day, to unearth the bones of a former slave who is the first Black American proposed for sainthood.

Cardinal John O'Conner turned the first shovel of dirt at the small cemetery at Old St. Patrick's Church in the Little Italy section of New York City. That's where Pierre Toussaint was buried in 1853 when he died at age 87.

Born into slavery in Haiti, Toussaint is now considered the founder of Catholic Charities because he helped the needy for 66 years before formal services for aid existed.

"It would be magnificent if it could eventually be determined that he deserves to be a saint," O'Conner told about 100 spectators pressed against police barricades.

Toussaint was born in 1766 and brought to New York at age 21 by his French owners. Still enslaved, he became a leading hairdresser in the city and was allowed to keep some of his income.

When Toussaint's owner died, he left an impoverished

widow and child. In a typical act of generosity, Toussaint secretly supported them for 20 years. The widow freed Toussaint from slavery just before she died in 1807.

Once free, he bought the freedom of slaves and lavished money on charities, including an orphanage and the city's first school for black children. He also entered guaranteed sections of the city to help yellow fever victims. O'Conner described Toussaint as "an extremely holy man, a great humble man, who made a considerable amount of money. He used that money for the poor, wherever they were....He gave away all his money."

Church officials say the case for sainthood is boosted by one reported miracle: the recovery of a young Haitian with cancer who refused medical care and relied solely on prayers to Toussaint.

In 1989 the church began investigating and examining Toussaint's life, the first formal step if he is to be canonized. The process can take years.

Identifying Toussaint's remains is part of that process. If he is made a saint, his bones may be distributed to churches

and other holy places.

Though sainthood may be far away as workmen dug deep into the graveyard, people darted past the barricades to pocket fistfuls of earth as keepsakes.

Only a few bones were unearthed in the first day of digging. A church spokesman said the project could go on for days.

Workmen had found a portion of a jaw with teeth, said Dr. Victor Tcherkoff, head of the Department of Pathology at New York Medical College in Valhalla. Other small bones appeared to be from human ribs.

The remains will go to an anthropological pathologist, he said.

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