

# RELIGION

## Church News

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Church Reporter



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The New Light Missionary Baptist Church, 1165 Lawry, Las Vegas, extends a welcome to all to attend their 26th Church Anniversary on Friday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, February 16 and Sunday, February 17 at 3:00 p.m.

This year's theme will be: "A Church With A Mission To Make Disciples" Matthew 28:19-20. Church pastor is Rev. John Henry, Jr.

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The Chancel Choir of the Zion United Methodist Church will present its annual Slave Dinner and Skit on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. For ticket information call the church at 648-7806.

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The Pastor's Conference of Southern Nevada, Inc. will present a Lifestyle Evangelism and follow-up in the church workshop; Saturday, March 2, 1991 at Second Baptist Church, 500 West Madison Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada. The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. until 3:15 p.m., the registration fee will be \$15.00 per person. The registration fee includes: a video presentation, work book, other materials and lunch.

Pre-registration is requested so we will know how many to prepare for. Please register with your pastor or you may register at Second Baptist Church.

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The Beautification Committee of the Greater New Jerusalem Baptist Church will host its second annual Fashion Show Fundraiser on Saturday March 9, 1991, at the Addison Fellowship Center, 1122 N. D. St. at 7 p.m. For further information call 648-8438.

## SUPT. & MRS. C. H. PARSON HONORED AT 25TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY



The Vegas View Church of God In Christ membership is pleased to announce the 25th Pastoral Anniversary Services for Supt. and Mrs. Claude H. Parsons, Feb. 20-24th, 1991. Supt. and Mrs. Parsons are long-time residents of Las Vegas. They were teachers in the Clark County School District. They have both retired and have devoted themselves to the ministry of God. Supt. Parson has been blessed to develop them-

selves to the ministry that serves the needs of the Las Vegas community. The church has a Food Bank for the hungry, a Thrift Store to provide inexpensive clothing, a Book Store for the distribution of religious information, a Day Care Center for the caring of young children, and a Counseling Center, directed by

Mrs. Stella Parson. The church also is headquarters for the C. H. Mason Bible College system for the Churches of God In Christ, Nevada Jurisdiction.

Supt. and Mrs. Parson are the parents of three children: Mrs. Jacqui Barker, a teacher in the Clark County School system; Dr. Naida Parson, a Clinical Psychologist for the State of Nevada; and Mr. Claude Parson, a Carpenter apprentice. All three of the children have followed their parents in the ministry of God, and are all involved in the ministry of the church.

The anniversary services will be held at Vegas View C.O.G.I.C. Wednesday through Thursday, beginning each night promptly at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner banquet in their honor, held at the Hacienda Hotel, Friday February 22, at 6:00 p.m. The church was successful in securing Bishop Ithiel Clemmons of Brooklyn, New York as the keynote speaker. Bishop Clemmons is world renown, he has preached in South Africa; West

Africa; Athens; Rome; Berlin; Mannheim, Germany; London, England; Central America. He has a Master of Divinity, he is also a Ph.D. (candidate), and well versed in biblical doctrines. Bishop Clemmons will be accompanied by his wife, Missionary Clara Clemmons, National Chairlady for the Youth Department of the Church of God In Christ. Donations for the banquet tickets are, Adults \$20.00, and Children 12 years and down \$16.00. Services will be held at Vegas View C.O.G.I.C., Sat. Feb. 23, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday Feb. 24, at 3:00 p.m.

Saturday night Feb. 23, 1991, has been designated as Homecoming Night. The membership of Vegas View will be looking forward to seeing and hearing from our former members.

On Feb. 24, 1991 at 3:00 p.m. will be the concluding service for the anniversary and Bishop E. N. Webb, Jurisdictional Prelate, for the State of Nevada, Churches of God In Christ will be our official speaker.

## GOSPEL MUSIC KING JAMES CLEVELAND DIES AT 59

The Rev. James Cleveland, revered by the music world as the "king of gospel" who taught a 9-year-old Aretha Franklin to sing gospel and inspired countless other artists, died Saturday. He was 59.

The three-time Grammy winner was hospitalized Thursday at Brotman Medical Center with respiratory problems and died of heart failure, said his manager, Annette Thomas.

Cleveland, a pianist, singer, composer, arranger and producer, was widely regarded as the world's foremost gospel musician.

He also was a Baptist minister and founding pastor of the Cornerstone Institutional Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

The baritone, who often described his voice as a fog horn, has ranging more than 400 gospel songs, including "Everything Will Be All Right," "The Love of God" and "Peace Be

Still."

Sixteen of his albums went gold. Cleveland is the first gospel artist to receive a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

Cleveland had worked with Franklin, Quincy Jones and Edwin Hawkins.

"We've all been influenced by him," Hawkins said recently. "I grew up with his music... We all bought his records as children. That's how we learned to sing gospel music."

Cleveland was born Dec. 5, 1931, and grew up on the South Side of Chicago. Later, he moved into the home of the Rev. C.L. Franklin, father of soul legend Franklin. He taught the 9 year old Aretha how to sing gospel.

He later produced her Grammy-winning gospel album, "Amazing Grace."

Cleveland was nominated this year for a Grammy for "Having Church" in the best

gospel album by a choir or chorus category. He won Grammys for "In The Ghetto" in 1974, "James Cleveland Live at Carnegie Hall" in 1977 and "Lord, Let Me Be An Instrument" in 1980.

He regarded the Gospel Music Workshop of America in Detroit as his greatest accomplishment.

In the last two years, Cleveland suffered various health problems.

He could not perform at a tribute concert to him at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in October because of a tracheotomy. Earlier in 1990, he was rushed to a hospital in Washington, D.C., with a severe respiratory problems.

He is survived by a daughter, LaShone, three sisters and a brother.

A funeral was scheduled for February 16, at Cornerstone Institutional Baptist Church.

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