

Rev. Johnson Wins Minister's Popularity Contest



CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH
Rev. L. M. Relf, Pastor
Edna Pankey, Reporter

Sunday school open the day's services on last Sunday of the old year, with a very interesting lesson, subject "Christian Concentration."

At 11:30 our pastor preached an inspiring sermon found in Exodus 14:15. The sermon was enjoyed by all that were present.

BYPU was held at 6 o'clock with a splendid attendance and under the leadership of Mrs. Ester Dixon and Mr. Edward Goodwin, president, with the aid of the young people's chorus. The young people were very pleased to have as their sponsor, Mrs. Edward Goodwin, honor graduate of Technical high school, as mistress of ceremonies.

MORNING STAR CHURCH
Rev. Wm. F. Pitt, Pastor

Sunday school opened at the usual hour with a large attendance present. The general subject was, "Christian Concentration."

At 11:30 a. m. the sermon was preached by the pastor. The subject was, "Where is Jesus," text Matt. 2:2.

Visitors in the morning services were Rev. N. C. Cannon, Rev. Reagins and Rev. Newby.

At 6 p. m. the pageant "The Enchanted Candle," was rendered to a large audience.

The next night the boys played a very welcome. Mission Circle meets every Thursday at 2 o'clock. Visit our prayer services on Wednesday night at 7:30. Several Christmas baskets were distributed under the auspices of the Mission Circle. We are glad to have Mrs. Pruitt back with us after having a long visit with her father and friends in Memphis, Tenn.

ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH
"The Friendly Church"
Dr. R. A. Adams, Pastor

Christmas season has been very impressive at St. John. All services have been very good. The Sunday school is to be commended for the fine spirit shown for the children.

Mrs. Eliza Turner and her department's little Christmas pageant was very good for the time they had to work it up. Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Wiley handed the gifts very commendable.

The young people's chorus under the direction of Mrs. Alice Wilson, shows a promise of some fine work. The old English corals they sang were well rendered.

Dr. Adams took for his text last Sunday, "Thanks be unto God for His unsearchable gift." He said that every gift should carry with it a real spiritual value. It should show that it comes from the spirit of God, the All Mighty.

The sick of the church are Mrs. R. K. Lawie, Mrs. Joe Wasmack, Mrs. S. M. C. Baker and Brother P. W. White, who is very much improved. We all pray for their comfort.

The choir's programs, under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Gibson, were very much enjoyed during the Christmas season. The choir hopes to build up its membership as well as put more interest in those who are new claiming membership.

The Trustees are in a rally to close on January 16. See your favorite trustee and see that he gets his \$25 to turn in on this date.

The visitors last Sunday were, Miss Christine Lofton of Tulsa, Okla.; Mr. John A. Daniel of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. J. D. Barksdale of Kansas City, Kas.; Mrs. Genevieve Elaine of Grand Island, Neb.; Miss Eloise Jones of Dallas, Texas and many Omaha friends, too many to name but we are always glad to see them at St. John.

St. John takes this method of expressing its thanks to the Omaha Guide for the fine way it has tried to keep its readers informed on all church news.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. C. C. Fetis, Acting Pastor
Minnie Bryant, Reporter

Services were very good at Salem Sunday. The Sunday school had a large attendance. Each class seemed to receive much from the lesson. At 11 a. m. Rev. Fetis brought to us a wonderful sermon. His subject was, "Jesus Christ Is Set for the Rising and Falling of Israel." Text found in St. Luke 2nd chapter and 40th verse.

The BYPU opened at its usual hour with a very lively session.

The choir rendered a most splendid musical cantata at 8 p. m. It was enjoyed by all. The members of Salem wish to express their appreciation to Mrs. Elma Porter, the pianist for working so hard in putting this splendid program over.

The young people's choir rendered their cantata Friday night. It was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mr. Young for his splendid work. Visitors at Salem were Mr. and Mrs. Chambless from Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson of Council Bluffs; Rev. L. R. Bragg and Mr. W. G. Lambert. The Missionary society held its regular fourth Sunday meeting Sunday afternoon. The Holy Spirit seemed to prevail at the meeting.

Salem wishes its members and friends a Prosperous New Year.

PLEASANT GREEN CHURCH
Rev. J. H. Reynolds, Pastor
Willie Mae Ross, Reporter

The Sunday school rendered a very fine program Christmas eve. The Sunday services were well attended. The pastor delivered the morning service, text Matt. 1:2.

At 3 p. m. the Pick-Up club gave a program and rally at which time a good sum was realized.

The evening service consisted of a song service by the choir, which was highly spiritual. The officers for 1938 were installed by the pastor assisted by Rev. St. Clair and Brother Green. The out of town visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson and Mrs. Clyde Gordon and baby, Arvin of Council Bluffs. Miss Simmirly, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Ashby, and Mr. Saunders of Omaha were also visitors.

If you want to enjoy good services come to Pleasant Green for visitors are always welcome.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. P. Mosley, Pastor
Lenora Parker, Reporter

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The Sunday school is growing rapidly.

At 11:30, Rev. Adams preached a wonderful sermon for us. His text was found in St. John 15:4. His subject was "Christian Growth."

At 6 p. m., BYPU, Bro. Elmer Collins, president, has grown rapidly. The Usher Board is having a Donkey Tail pinning contest, January 10th. Come one and all. 8 p. m. regular service. The pastor preached an interesting sermon. He preached the Holy Ghost showed upon us. Text found 2nd Tim. 4:7-8 verse. Subject, "I have fought a good fight and I have finished my course. On Friday night, December 31st, there will be an old fashioned watch meeting here at Mt. Olive. All our sinner friends and visitors are welcome to come and worship with us on that night.

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Metropolitan Pastor Acclaimed Most Popular

Monday, December 27 marked the close of the Omaha Guide's first annual Minister's Popularity and Christmas Gift Contest with the Rev. R. W. Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Spiritual church, being acclaimed the most popular minister by popular vote in Omaha.

Rev. Johnson through his unaltering service and his many fine achievements, notably of which was the building of a church on Grant street and through superb business tactics paying for same as it was built, has endeared himself in the hearts of his congregation who rallied to his support and placed him on the enviable pedestal of the prime place in ministerial popularity with 1,125,000 votes.

Running a close second was Rev. D. C. Stephenson, pastor of Allen Chapel A.M.E. church and proprietor of the new establishment known as Don's DeLuxe Cleaners, located at 208 N. 24th street, with 799,000 votes.

The pastor of St. John A.M.E. church, Rev. R. A. Adams, with 80,000, was third.

Final Standing
R. W. Johnson 1,125,000
D. C. Stephenson 799,000
R. A. Adams 80,000
J. S. Williams 59,000
M. K. Curry 20,000
W. S. Conwill 20,000
G. E. Stephenson 10,000
F. P. Jones 10,000
T. J. Sanford 5,000
W. B. Brewster 5,000

MT. NEBO BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. J. G. Gates, Pastor
Helen Bradshaw, Reporter

The Christmas spirit was truly in Mt. Nebo Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Gates, preached from the second chapter of Matthew. His text was "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy." His subject was "When You Have Found Him, Bring Me Word That I Can Go and Worship Him." The spirit of Christ and giving was in the souls of everyone who attended the services.

The BYPU was full of the Yuletide spirit also. There was a very interesting lesson taught by Rev. Renfrow.

The evening services were conducted by Rev. Renfrow. He used as his text "Loose him and let him go," and his subject was "Loose." It was a soul stirring sermon.

Mrs. Bradshaw wishes to thank all for the lovely Christmas gifts.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH
Rev. T. J. Sanford, Pastor
J. S. Jefferson, Reporter

Sunday school opened at the usual time with good attendance.

The pastor delivered a good sermon from the 13th chapter of the first Corinthians. The subject was "Faith, Hope, and Charity."

One person united with the church at the morning service.

We had several visitors, among whom was Brother Bishop Pearl of Pleasant Green Baptist church.

The junior choir turned over to the trustee department of the church, \$10.00 raised from the Tea which they sponsored on Sunday December 19. And they awarded a prize to Mable Richardson for selling the highest number of tickets which was 21. They also presented a Christmas basket to Mrs. Minnie of the church.

The Sunday school program was given on Friday night. Special thanks was extended to Mrs. J. D. Thornton and Mrs. Buchanan for their splendid work in helping with the program.

Prayer and class meeting Wednesday nights. Everyone is welcome.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH
Rev. R. W. Johnson, Pastor

After a very merry Xmas, Sunday morning found another group of merry people sitting in the church, enjoying the service and praising the Lord. Sunday school, conducted by the Supt. Sis. D. Mitchell, was full of instructions. The children were very attentive and seemed quite happy. Golden Text—"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil. 1:21. The 11 o'clock service was quite a service. The sermon by the pastor was certainly a message from God. His subject, "A New Day, Why Not a New Heart?" was indeed food for thought.

The trouble with Christians is that they try to talk their religion instead of living it, but what they really need is a new heart, so that their lives will be able to stand out and talk for them.

Mrs. Moore from Kansas City sang for an open door of the church.

The Union was as fine as usual and the lesson was well instructed and explained by all. The evening service was very uplifting to the soul. The sermon by our pastor was one of his best, taken from St. John, 12th chapter 21-21 verse. Subject, "I Want to See Jesus."

After a wonderfully preached sermon, two people joined our Christian family. There were eight visitors who were strangers present. Their will be no service Wednesday night because the pastor wants us to check up on our own lives instead of checking up on the other fellow's life. Also because of the Watch meeting Friday night.

The church will be open at 9 p. m. Since it will be the beginning of a new day and year, why not a new heart. Bring all your friends and come to Metropolitan, 25th and Grant streets. May God bless the universe.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 30 (AP).

The Coptic Synod last Monday excommunicated Abuna Abraham, 75-year-old blind prelate, whom Italy had designated patriarch of the Ethiopian Coptic church. Italy separated the Egyptian and Ethiopian churches in November; the churches having been united since the fourth century. The separation precipitated a hot controversy and became the subject of diplomatic negotiations between the two countries.

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This Week in Thought and Religion

By Robert L. Moody

The Acceptable Year of Good—1938

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me—to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." Isa. 61:1-2. We are now passing on into the time as we go to the press 1937 is fading and 1938 is beginning to dawn. So we may say as did the Master, "It is finished."

Since there are only classes of us, saints and sinners, those who do right and are Christ's and those who do willfully wrong unrepentantly thereby being sinner. Let us religiously and thoughtfully consecrate ourselves to God for this year. Remember that "ye have not passed this way hitherto," so we have a chance to begin anew. Do not make resolutions that you know you will not keep. You can "condense your long list" of resolutions by "presenting your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Romans 12:1-2. By doing this your new year will surely be more prosperous and joyful.

With words of R. H. Whitney let us resolve: I'll not turn back to past mistakes And dwell on them again; But onward press to future tasks With strength renewed and sane.

No matter what the past has held The future days are mine; To plan, to work to build anew, With guidance more divine.

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