

# CHURCH NEWS

## CLAIR CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH

Rev. C. D. Hancock, Pastor  
 Sunday School 9:30 a. m.  
 Preaching 11:00 a. m.  
 Epworth League 6:30 p. m.  
 Preaching 8:00 p. m.

Sunday School opened at the usual hour with a very good attendance. There was an increase in number and we are praying that this will continue.

At eleven o'clock Rev. H. C. Bailey of St. Peter's CME church of Kansas City, Kansas, delivered a powerful sermon to an attentive congregation. The subject being, "Some Lessons From the Transfiguration of Jesus." Judgments from the expression of the listeners they were elevated to the higher planes brought out in the sermon. May the Lord watch over Reverend Bailey and send him to visit us again. A large number of visitors were present and we are always happy to have them.

Instead of the regular evening service, a program was rendered by the children of the church which was well received by all.

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Chair, and Mrs. Campbell. BYPU was held at 6:30 with a very interesting lesson.

At 8:30 Rev. Campbell again brought us the message from Exodus 14:15. The subject was, "Go Forward." Many visitors were present for the evening service. Come again. We are always glad to have visitors worship with us.

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. P. Mosley, Pastor  
 Lenora Arker, Reporter

The Sunday school is growing rapidly with Mrs. Clara Protter as Supt.

At 11:00 A. M. the Pastor preached on the subject of Baptism. A large number were baptized at Mt. Moriah B. C. The BYPU was opened at 6:30 o'clock under the direction of Brother Collins, president. There was a splendid attendance.

At 8:00 P. M. the pastor preached a wonderful sermon on the subject, "Jesus Lived and Died." Text 2 Timothy 2:11 Many good thoughts were brought out.

We enjoyed the presence of Deacon Thomas and wife with other friends from Mt. Nebo B. C. Visitors are always welcome to Mt. Olive.

Come to our big picnic July 4th at Jettors Grove and enjoy a splendid program.

## PLEASANT GREEN CHURCH

Rev. Reynolds, Pastor  
 Willa Mae Ross, Reporter

Sunday school opened at 9 o'clock with the superintendent presiding. Eighty four persons were present and a lovely topic was discussed.

Morning services began at 11 o'clock a. m. with a deacon in charge of the devotional services. Prayer for the sick was offered by Rev. Tiramp. A lovely sermon was preached by the pastor. Visitors were, Mrs. Wade of Pilgrim, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Clifford. Collection was taken and the services were adjourned.

BYPU was held at 6 o'clock p. m. with Mrs. Buxton presiding. Song service was held for fifteen minutes then the instructors took charge of their classes. The subject was "Making Up Our Minds intelligently." The attendance was numbered at 64.

Evening worship began at 8 o'clock p. m. with deacons in charge of the devotion. There was a prayer by Mr. Pickett and a song by the choir. Rev. Green presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. E. Beasley, who rendered a lovely and inspiring sermon.

Visitors were Mrs. Holmes, Kansas City, Mo., Miss Mattie Owens, Morning Star Baptist church, Mrs. Jackson and Miss Bowles.

You are always welcome to visit any part of the services.

## BETHEL AME CHURCH

Rev. T. J. Sanford, Pastor  
 J. S. Jefferson, Reporter

Sunday school opened at its usual hour of 9:45 a. m. with all teachers present and a large attendance. The lesson was well discussed for thirty minutes, after which a splendid review was given by Sister Maggie Smith.

At 11 a. m., Rev. Sanford selected his text from John 9:4— "I must work for him that sent me, while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work." All enjoyed the wonderful message. A large number of visitors were present. They are always welcome to Bethel.

Our third quarterly conference will convene at Bethel Sunday, July 1. Rev. J. W. Williams was present with us in our morning service and gave us a splendid talk for which we thank him.

The A. E. League meets at 6:30 p. m. The president urges the young people to attend.

Our prayer and class meets Wednesday of each week.

## MOUNT MORIAH CHURCH

Rev. F. P. Jones, Pastor  
 F. Burroughes, Reporter

It was a full day for the church. Rev. S. C. Clay of Little Rock, Arkansas brought the message for the morning worship which was spirit filled and inspiring.

BYPU attendance was better than it has been for several Sundays. The Junior group rendered an interesting program.

The pastor delivered a hort discourse for the evening worship from the 37 Psalms. After this he gave place to a former school mate, Sister Carrie E. White, Evangelist, of the Chicago Conference AME church. Her lecture from the subject "Peace" was timely and many thoughts to think over were brought to us.

Friday, July 1st, the Helping Hand club is sponsoring a Womanless Wedding and Style Revue. The public is invited.

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## The Talk of the Two Men Rule



Rev. James S. Anderson

## CLARINDA, IOWA NEWS

Rev. D. Nicholson, Pastor  
 Mrs. Creola, Griggs, Reporter

The Sunday school opened at the usual hour. The morning services were the highlight of the day. One candidate was baptized at the close of the service.

Brother Clifford Washington is improving nicely.

The community was shocked Friday evening by the sudden death of Mr. Joe Beard. Death is believed to have been caused by acute indigestion. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at the AME church.

## This Week In Thought And Religion

—Robert L. Moody—  
 The Birthday of the Church

Aside from the birthday of our Saviour's birth on Christmas, there is no greater birthday than Pentecost—the day upon which the church was visibly born of the Spirit of God.

There seems to be an outstanding appreciation for celebrating birthdays of the notable persons known to many.

So much fanaticism has been and events in American life. We never forget Lincoln's or Washington's birthdays nor the glorious fourth of July. But to the Christian world, the most outstanding birthday is often unnoticed or unlinked with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and Pentecost, that many well meaning Christians blush at the mention of either name. Many miss the blessing of being baptized in the Holy Ghost because of their false demonstrations. Be that as it may, in order to be a genuine Christian of the church you must receive the Spirit of Christ—he is none of his.

The church that was born in Pentecost was an example of what the church really is, and each congregation must be. Though we fail to celebrate Pentecost in a special way its experiences may be enjoyed every day or Sunday, if we are "on one accord."

The early church was (1) praying, (2) united, (3) benevolent and (4) Spirit filled church. Since each one of us constitutes a part of it we must be this kind of individual, then the present day church, as a whole and congregations in particular will be power-stations in this wicked generation.

## Victory After Defeat

Everyone of our group feels elated because of the victory of Joe Louis over Brinsford. I am of us—Christians—who are not interested in prize fighting, rejoice because of this prize. But there is something more profitable than this. There is a great lesson in "victory after defeat."

We are taught that, "if you don't succeed at first, try, try, try again." After apparent defeat last year Louis came back stronger than ever. We must do the same thing when we meet temptation, trials and difficulties. The prize fight was fleshly and earthly, but "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to pulling down of stronghold." II Cor. 10:4 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph. 4:12.

Though we seem to be overcome by our adversary, let us resist him and he will flee. The victory is ours if we count it so.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Watch for the beginning of Negro Short Stories. Title "Tangle Threads."

## A FRIENDLY CRITICISM CONCERNING THE NEW ERA BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA

By Rev. James S. Anderson  
 National Evangelist and General Secretary—Treasurer; National Baptist Evangelical Board Inc.

My first visit to an Annual Session of the New Era Baptist Association of Nebraska was Friday June 17th 1938. This is due to the fact that during the few years I have been in Omaha; each year at the time of the annual session, I have been out of town. Because of some absurd errors that were made; and some unbaptistic things that were done, I have nothing to offer but love toward all; and malice toward none with the following "friendly criticisms".

## First: The Talk of the Two Man Rule

Prior to this first visit, I had heard of the two men rule in the Association. It had been said that Rev. M. K. Curry, the moderator, and Rev. G. E. Stevenson, the recording secretary of the Association, had arrogated to themselves the right, and the authority to dominate, or rule the Association. That is, without the voice, the vote, or the assent of the Association, or its Boards assembled; they would make debts for the Association to pay, and transact other important business without constitutional authority, or orders to do so. If this is true, it is wrong, and it is an illogical assumption of power, and it is unbaptistic in every sense of that word. Baptist churches, and Baptist organizations have no Popes, no Czars, whose words or commands laws per se. But all things must be decided by a majority vote of the church or organization assembled in a proper meeting.

## Second: In Associational Minutes, Without the Association's Constitution.

In examining the printed minutes of the last (1937), annual Session of the aforesaid association; I could not find the Constitution of this Association printed in connection with its proceedings. This is the first time I have ever seen the minutes of an intelligent Baptist organization printed without its Constitution. Neither have I seen a printed history of the United States; to be taught in our schools, and colleges with the constitution of the United States inserted therein. It is a preposterous to compile the minutes of a Baptist organization without inserting its constitution therein. Because the constitution of any Civilized Democracy is the fundamental law, and it is the standard of government for guide, and direction, in all procedure. But in this instance it is apparent that no one knew its Constitution but Rev. G. E. Stevenson; and his quotations in reference to what the constitution said was expressed verbally, without a visible Constitution; and the Moderator, Rev. M. K. Curry ruled accordingly. Why keep the people in ignorance about the Constitution of the Association?

## Third: The Withholding of Some Necessary Information

During the same session of this Association, Rev. L. H. Hervey asked for some information in regards of the expenditure of some money and the legal side of the transaction concerning the Association's property in the Norfolk Nebraska.

It is reported that Rev. M. K. Curry; and Rev. G. E. Stevenson without vote or the assent of the Association, or board, volunteered and assumed the power to defend the rights of the Association in the transaction and failed to report to the Association, giving the desired and the necessary information touching the financial and the legal sides of the transaction.

In details. If this is true, it has the appearance of an absurd error. If the property belongs to the Association and the Association must pay all the debts incurred and furnish all the money to complete the task. Then the Association in session has the unlimited right to be informed about their own. Why keep the people in the dark about their money and their property. Let them know all about it.

## Fourth: The Endorsement of a Woman Preacher

In the same session of this Association, the Committee on enrollment submitted their report and named Mrs. A. B. V. Truxon along with other preachers as a preacher of the gospel, and had received her money as such. Dr. M. K. Curry was presiding and he put the motion to adopt the report without any clarifications. No one raised an objection to the passage of the motion. I thought Rev. G. E. Stevenson would oppose it because he and I had talked so friendly, and agreeably against women as preachers. But he too sat in hypocrisy as still as a knot on a log and as mute as a flint rock. Thus the Committee's report was adopted without a dissenting voice and he Association thereby recognized the woman as a gospel preacher. Such an act is unscriptural, and unbaptistic in the Superlative degree.

After it was all over both Dr. Curry and Dr. Stevenson told me in the presence of others that they would not allow a woman to preach in their pulpits. And I told them to their faces that played the part of coward hypocrites to not state their position when such a question was before the Association. I do not believe that God has ever called a woman to preach.

## Fifth: The Condition of Our Churches

Now may I come to a "Friendly Criticism of our Churches." I believe all true Christians will concur with me in saying that our churches are in a deplorable condition. A few of these conditions may be outlined as follows: (a) Baptist Churches are Weak in their Faith.

The Faith and doctrines of Baptist Churches according to the Scriptures are set forth in their "Twenty Articles of Faith" adopted by them as a standard of their faith and practice. But the majority of Baptist Churches, and preachers have departed from their faith by practice, and cease to teach or contend for that they believe. He that is a part of every thing is not much of anything, and he that believeth and upholdeth every doctrine is not much, nor reliable in any faith or doctrine. Some Baptist Churches, and some Baptist preachers, are very weak, lax and hypocritical in Christain Doctrines. Brethren: "Ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the

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