

CHURCH NEWS

CHRIST TEMPLE CHURCH

Rev. L. M. Relf, Pastor
Edna Pankey, Rep.

Sunday school opened at 9:30 A. M. with a good attendance. The lesson was found Psalms, 4:1-8. Many good thoughts were brought out. At the 11:00 A. M. service, we had the pleasure of listening to a sermon from Rev. Burton who has just returned from the front. His text was found St. Luke, 24-29 and was enjoyed by all. The evening lesson was preached by our Ass't pastor, Rev. J. W. Goodwin who will have the service in charge in the absence of our pastor who is attending our National Convention at Los Angeles Calif. Come out and worship with us.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Reynolds, Pastor
Willie Mae Ross, Reporter

Sunday School at 9 o'clock with Mrs. Oliver Supt, presiding. Promotion of classes were held and a lovely discussion had. Morning worship 11 o'clock. Devotional service by the deacons, Prayer for the sick by Rev. St. Clair. Song by the choir. A lovely and inspiring covant meeting held. Lovely remarks by Rev. Contee. Song and arjourment B. YPU opened at 6:00 with vice president presiding. Instructor taken charge of their classes for about 20 minutes.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. D. Nicholson, Pastor
CLARINDA, IOWA

Sunday school open at the usual hour with a nice attendance. Morning service was in high

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spirit, the Pastor brought forth a devocional topic. It was enjoyed by all.

Evenging service was the spot light service in spite of the rain. There was a large group present. The Pastor brought forth another powerful sermon full of the spirit.

Sunday August 14th The Second Baptist Church will hold its 59th Anniversary and a wonderful program will be had at three P. M. Come and enjoy the day in Clarinda. Dinner will be served on the church ground.

Monday the 15th there will also be a great celebration and we are planning to have a great time. Visitors are always welcome to Clarinda, Iowa.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

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

Th. Sunday school opened at its usual time 9:40 with a large school present.

After 30 minutes discussion the school was called to order by the superintendent. The lesson was reviewed by Rev. S. Stafford after which he offered an invitation for exception of members.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Stafford selected his text from James: 4-8 "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you cleanse your hands ye sinners and purify your hearts.

All enjoyed his wonderful message. We were very pleased to have Rev. Rome and Rev. W. M. Hall to worship with us in the morning service. We regret very much to say out pastor Rev. P. J. Sandford is in the Hospital and is very ill. We pray for his speedy recovery.

A special prayer was held for him Sunday at 1:45 P. M. at the Church conducted by Rev. Rome and Rev. D. W. Bass.

Our Union service was held at Cleaves Temple. Rev. Stafford took his text from Joshua 14:8-9. "Have I not commanded thee be strong and of good courage for the Lord thy God is with thee whosoever thou goest." The holy spirit dwelled with us while he talked.

Our regular prayer and class Wednesday evening of each week.

ST. JOHN A. M. E. CHURCH

"The Friendly Church"
Dr. R. A. Adams, Pastor

The Sunday school had a very good attendance in spite of the hot weather. It opened at 9:30 a. m. Mr. A. R. Goodlett, assistant superintendent in charge.

At the morning worship, Holy communion was given. It is the custom of Dr. Adams, no sermon was preached on this day, but business collections and notices are looked after and as soon as communion is given we quickly go out.

There were two to be baptized, namely, Mr. James Gissard.

No new names were turned in as sick people, but brother L. M. Goodlett who has been sick for some time is still very ill.

As next Sunday, August 14 is set aside as youth day, the young people of the church will have charge of the service. The young people's chorus, of which Mrs. Alice Wilson is directress, Miss Florence Murrell, president, and L. L. McVay, sponsor, will sing for morning and night service.

It is the wishes of those in

charge, the parents and gardians, will come out and see what their children are doing. There are many who say they are very fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Wilson to help them.

The fourth Sunday will be men's day and the men are expecting to do great things.

At the morning service, the senior choir will be at its best in the afternoon. Rev. C. Q. Hickerson, choir and congregation will be our special guests. The Rev. will speak and his choir will sing. It is known that this is one of the best choirs in the city.

At the evening service of the same day, St. John's choir will close the day with its special request program. So you can bring your friends or guest to any one of the three services that day and be sure you will not regret taking them there.

The local church, fraternity and social news can always be found in your Omaha Guide each Friday and Saturday.

MT. CALVARY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. R. W. Johnson, Pastor
Mrs. Edna Mitchell, Reporter

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock, with superintendent, Sister Edna Mitchell in charge. Forty-five minutes were devoted to the lesson. There was an increase in our school and an adult class was added, which will be taught by Bro. Fred Forrest.

Eleven o'clock service was opened by the choir singing the "Lord Is In His Holy Temple." It being the first Sunday in the month, many testified to the Glory of God. There was a nice attendance

Illustration for the National Baptist Convention. It features a central scene of people gathered around a table, with a sign that reads "ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER 7-11 1938" and "SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF NEGRO FREEDOM". Surrounding this central scene are several portraits of prominent African American figures, each with a caption: S. WILLIE LAYTON (PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION); L. K. WILLIAMS, D.D. (PRES., NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, U.S.A.); GEORGE W. CARVER (CHEMIST); BOOKER T. WASHINGTON (EDUCATOR, FOUNDER OF TUZEGEE); FREDERICK DOUGLASS (ABOLITIONIST, STATESMAN); SOJOURNER TRUTH (CONDUCTOR, UNDERGROUND RAILROAD, ABOLITIONIST); JAMES WELDON JOHNSON (POET-NOVELIST); HENRY O. TANNER (ARTIST); and C. C. SPAULDING (BUSINESS). The background shows a church building and the Lincoln Memorial. At the bottom, it says "NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION".

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MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Sunday school attendance was exceptionally good. During the period a talk was given by Dr. Wesley Jones. Some real good pointers on the lesson was brought out by Dr. Jones. I am sure every one enjoyed his talk.

Sunday being the first Sunday, speaking meeting was in order and communion observed. These meetings are spiritual food strength for the Christian. Also there was one addition to the church.

The sick are Sis. Juanita Burton, Sis. Wade, Sis. Julia Heary and Sis. Wright.

A number of visitors were pre-cordially welcome to all visitors and worship with us. We extend a sent at the morning worship. We are glad to have these persons an invitation to attend services whenever you wish.

The Willing Workers club is sponsoring a TransAtlantic flight

Thursday, August 18. Take-off will be from the church at 8 o'clock. everyone is invited to attend and have a good time.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. G. E. Stevenson, Pastor
Mrs. M. S. Dixon, Reporter

Sunday school at the usual hour. Devotions were conducted by Rev. Caldwell, after which Rev. James Dean of the National Baptist Training school Nashville, Tenn., was introduced by Rev. Stevenson. He spoke from the 16th chap. of Matt. 18th verse.

Mrs. Amelia Holloway united with the church. Visitors were: Mrs. Addie Holmes of the Presbyterian church; Mrs. Amie Thomas, Popeka, Kas.; Mrs. Robertson, California; Mr. and Mrs. Sundry, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. J. M. Goff, 2924 Burdette.

Group No. 1 had charge in B. Y. P. U. The choir rendered a request program for evening services.

PLEASANT GREEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Reynolds, Pastor

The Pleasant Green Baptist Church opened its financial drive, for the purpose of completing its building program and its indebtedness. We are asking the general public as well as our many christians to help us. We need your aid. We are presenting as a feature a musical program every night, "The Imperial Jubilee Sacred Soul Saving and Financial Drive Company of Greater Kansas City Mo.," Mgr. Rev. W. B. Countee. This drive is continued 30 days.

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Gibbs, Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. J. J. Heath, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dr. Archie Gregg, president Shorter college, Dr. O. Sherman and D. W. Miller, Little Rock, and Rev. E. C. Hatcher, Donnan, Ala., secretary to Bishop David H. Sims.

Bishop Gregg preached ably at the opening general assembly, he and Bishop Grant alternating with Bishop Tookes in presiding at the various general gatherings. Mayor J. K. Jordan of Fort Smith and C. P. Byrnes, editor of the two local dailies delivered welcome addresses as did young women representatives of every colored denomination represented in the city. Particularly striking was the interest manifested and the warmth of welcome evidenced by the representatives of white Fort Smith.

The congress had a three-fold objective: first, to serve as an education project in various phases of church, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor and missionary work; second, as a clinic where pastors might study modern methods and approaches toward making the church more effective as a social, economic and spiritual unit in the community; and third, in integrating young people more definitely into church activity.

It was a highly spiritual occasion and served to direct attention upon the growth of appreciation for the work which Bishop Tookes is doing in the area. The bishop now serving his second year has demonstrated a vital interest in his men, in the school and various auxiliaries as well as an unselfish interest in the welfare of the church, which is binding the people firmly to him.

"It is probable, Editor J. H. Clayborn said, "that no bishop who has presided over this district has done more in practical Christian statesmanship or striven harder for the church than has Bishop Tookes." That sentiment was corroborated by numerous pastors and workers throughout the meeting. They described Bishop Tookes as a financier, scholar, great pulpiteer, statesman and leader, but most of all as a dependable Christian brother.

Built upon the most approved methods in religious education, the congress under Dean Blakely attacked such problems as "How to Teach in the Church School." "Planning a Young People's Society Program," "Improving the Adult Class," "Guiding Youth's Approach to Religion," while for the ministers there were courses in Bible, Pastoral Theology, Homiletics and Administration. Under Mrs. L. M. Hughes, who paused on her way to study mission in Africa, the missionary women studied more effective procedure.

This has been a great gathering," said Bishop R. A. Grant. "I am happy to have come all the way from Florida," he continued, "just to participate. Bishop Tooke's success is close to my heart, and I congratulate him." Bishop Tookes, Grant and Gregg had been friends for twenty-five years, ever since they all set forth together down in Florida, and since that time have striven side by side for the church and each other.

"I am grateful for this great gathering," said Bishop Tookes, "because the spirit has been with us. It has been a blessed occasion and gives me strength to go forward even great achievement for African Methodism and particularly in the 12th district. The people of Arkansas and Oklahoma are among the finest in all America. We are engaged in Christ's work and are determined to carry on to a victory which will help our people socially, economically and as Christians." The congress closed Saturday night.

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