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Epiphany solemnized at Consecrated Sanctuary

Communicants celebrate Divine Service at sunrise

Second Advent Epiphany was observed Thursday, January 6, in celebration of God's New Covenant.

The promise of the ultimate transformation of the universe to Spirit via the Redeeming Light of the Sun of Righteousness was observed with solemnity at sunrise by Ministers and Consociates of The Church of the Second Advent.

A Divine Service was performed at the newly constructed Church of New Epiphany, at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary.

The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy officiated the Divine Service, assisted by The Right Reverends Phillip W. Snyder, Elena Baugh, and Sylvia Ontaneda de

Savoy. The litany was accompanied by sacred music played on handbells. The music repertoire included *Jubilate*, a new composition by Reverend Buchanan, who conducted the Jamilian Handbell Choir.

The liturgical observance of Epiphany also commemorated the second anniversary of the Divine Manifestation witnessed at the Sanctuary two years before on this date.

The Manifestation of 1981 confirmed the authority of The Church of the Second Advent of God and the mandate to establish the cycles of holiness and liturgical dates of the Sacred Calendar of God's New-Age Ministry. Thus, The Church continues with the dissemination of The Sacred Teachings of Light as it follows the revealed register of times, with its Canonical measures of weeks, solar quarters, and jubilees.

A series of services and sacraments surrounded the 1983 celebration of Epiphany.

Beginning on December 22, the Winter Solstice, and continuing throughout the Twelve Days of Christmas (First Dispensation Calendar), events included a wedding; Communion Services on interim Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays; the Dedication Service of the Apostolic Chancellery Bell Tower; Christenings, Anointings, and Ordinations; and a Community assembly at the Rectory-Abbey.

Epiphany, the original Covenant Day, is the subject of the opening chapter of the *Prophecy of the New Covenant*. From *God's Appearance at Epiphany*, we read:

In the twenty-first year of The Great Work, The Man, in company with the Companions of The Way and the general Community in assembly at the Rectory-Abbey, awaited the coming of the sun on the morning of January 6th at Epiphany.

On this twelfth night after Christmas, following a midnight meal of fellowship,

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Apostolic Bell Tower christened

Steeple bells peal Christmas Day

The Apostolic Bell Tower of The Second Advent Church was dedicated on Christmas Day at 11:00 A.M., following Saturday morning worship at the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child.

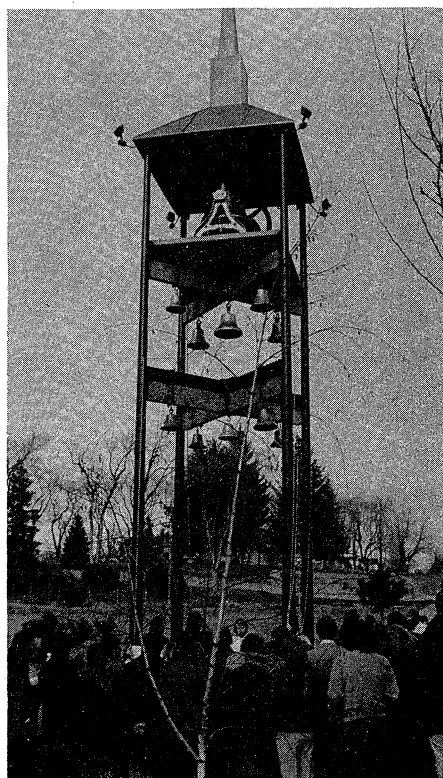
The Tower and the bells it houses were consecrated and christened during sacred services conducted by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy. He was assisted by The Right Reverends Phillip W. Snyder, Carol Salverson, and Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy.

Vergemeister Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan conducted the Jamilian Hand-

bell Choir. Assistants to the vergemeister were The Reverends Jacklynn Carrothers and Stan Fortmeyer. Sextants assigned to the campanille were Masters Gene Savoy, Jr. and Sean Savoy, and Misses Erica Snyder and Jalayne Grady. The Reverend Roger Weld supervised the J.J. Verdin-Paramount 4000 carillon which sounded from atop the Chapel.

A most inspiring musical moment was afforded by the combined polyphony of the campanille, carillon, handbells, and oratory. Music during the service of dedi-

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Ministers-in-training celebrate eucharist

Liturgical Practicum

Ordained ministers-in-training perform Communion services every Sunday of the year following sunrise Divine Service.

These eucharistic observances are in accord with cyclic rotations dictated by dates given in Second Advent Scripture.

The services, which are open to the public, take place in the Northland and Southland of The Community's desert sanctuary, at the open-air Churches consecrated to God.

Sunday mid-morning communion services are held, alternately, at one of four of the Seven Churches of Revelation located in the Northland. Shortly after this liturgical observance, the communicants move on to the Southland Basilica, the site of one of the Seven Churches of Prophecy, where a second Communion service is performed.

At each Church the communion table

is set for a meal of fellowship. The chalice is served in memory of the Teachers of times past who came to assist humankind in God's name, and the shewbread is uncovered to God's Light for a symbol and a blessing. Following a prayer of invocation and thanksgiving, all partake in a meal of bread and water.

The purpose of a common ministry is reflected in the Communion prayers. At the Churches of Revelation ministers pray that all Christian Churches of the First Dispensation under Jesus, who are separate, unify under God's Sun of Righteousness in the Second Advent as announced by His Messenger Jamil The Child. At the Seven Churches of Prophecy, ministers pray that all religions revealed of God may be united together as one, regenerated and restored by God's Image and Word manifest in the Sun of Righteousness,

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EPIPHANY

they turned to the reading of scripture. Towards dawn they celebrated a Communion Service and liturgical expression of the breaking of bread and the taking of the cup. The Man officiated in the dress of his office, a vestment of white linen with golden insignia of God's Cross of Enlightenment, reading the litany to the accompaniment of sacred music played on handbells.

While breaking bread and taking water, The Man asked that God prepare the celebrants to receive the True Bread and the True Water of Heaven - at the rising of the Spiritual Sun - and that God endow the material bread and water with special blessings to give them health of body, peace of mind, and spiritual strength by which to do God's Will in His Divine Plan for human Salvation in the Second Advent.

Following the Service, The Assembly went outdoors to meet the rising sun. While anxiously waiting for the sun to emerge out of the shimmering mist enshrouding the sky, each remembered this sacred day of the year before [1981].

On that day, when all had gathered at the Sanctuary, they had observed a display of brilliant light while the sun assumed strange and wondrous shapes. All had observed the transformation of the sun into geometric configurations: from a circle to a square, to a shape of six sides and then to one of eight sides; and, finally, to a pinched or trefoil figure, a clover-

ORDINATIONS

Eleven Reno Consociates were ordained into the Ministry of The Church of the Second Advent between December 25, 1982 and January 1, 1983. Ordinations were performed in private by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy.

Those ordained were: Harry R. DeSilva, Theodore P. Ahlberg, and Trisa de la Cruz, on December 25; Paul A. Squillante, Robert G. Roy, and Larry D. Coesens, on December 30; Billie J. Walker, Tom Rees, and Gail Fosbury, on December 31; and, Pieter and Maria van Klaveren, on January 1. ♦

ANOINTINGS

Four children of ordained ministers of The Church were anointed by The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy at a special ceremony conducted in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child on January 1.

Anointed were: Christopher Sean Savoy, son of The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy and The Right Reverend Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy; Erica Shea Snyder, daughter of The Right Reverend Phillip W. Snyder and The Reverend Barbara Snyder; Jalayne Erica Grady, daughter of Mr. Gerry Grady, of Iowa, and The Reverend JoAnn Hainline; and, Thomas Chauvin, son of The Reverends Robert and Belinda Chauvin. ♦



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leaf of three lobes progressing to a four-lobed shape. The eyes of the beholders filled with awe at this phenomenon. And they described the event as the Sun of Epiphany, for this was the handiwork of God.

It is also stated in the prophecy that the Old Covenant, lost to the world with the passing of Christ Jesus, has been re-established by the Second Coming of Christ: the manifestation of the Light of God come as The Image and The Word, called Christ, dictates a New Covenant. God's Law is written in Heaven and manifests in the new Sun of Righteousness which rules the universe.

The New-Age Ministry of the Second Advent Church has inherited this New Covenant and, being unified under The Image and The Word, must hold to it within a Community of Light living The Way. Ministers of Light shall go forth into the world speaking with New Authority come from God and from within the Light of their own beings, as confirmed by the Epiphany Manifestation.

This is the promise of the New Covenant, celebrated at Epiphany, and is the hope of humankind during the New Age of Light. ♦

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BELL TOWER

cation included a special *Peal of Changes* and *Tolls of Dedication* executed by the Handbell Choir in combination with the Chapel carillon. The *Peal* and *Tolls* were composed for the occasion by Reverend Buchanan.

The singular open-air campanile is located on the grounds of the Apostolic Chancellery in Reno. The Bell Tower, which will serve both the Chancellery and the Memorial Chapel, rises forty-five feet high. Four steel beams with criss-cross braces stand on a seven and one-half ton concrete foundation. A copper-clad steeple, adorned with Church crosses, crowns the three-tier structure.

In the steeple hangs a large bell, forty-two inches in diameter and weighing one ton. Christened the *Call to Worship and Sermon Bell*, its peal will announce sermons and worship services.

The center tier holds five bells christened *Canonical Hours Bells*. These range from eleven to eighteen inches in diameter.

A second set of five bells, ranging in diameter from twelve to fourteen inches, form the lower tier. They were christened *Liturgical Service Bells*.

These ten bronze ship bells, which vary in weight from 30 to 175 pounds, have come to The Church from all over the world. The large sermon bell was originally installed in the Bell Tower of the Mission

at Fort Wadsworth, Nevada, in 1897.

The open-air belfry was constructed by The Church Building Guild under the supervision of The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau. The tower, bells, and carillon were purchased and built at a cost of \$56,000. This project was funded by The Church through contributions from associates, ministers, and benefactors.

Bells serve an important function during services and liturgical activities of The Church of the Second Advent. The campanile bells announce Chapel services,

communion, sermons, and events such as weddings, christenings, funerals, and fixed dates of the Sacred Calendar.

Bronze bells mounted on tripods announce Sunday Divine Service and communion held at the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. The full Jamilian Handbell Choir, sixty-one bells strong, accompanies the litany during the eucharistic service. The delicate sounds of the handbells and tripod bells during the out-door services can be heard at great distances in the clear desert air. ♦



Church of Second Advent Epiphany consecrated on Sanctuary height

A new outdoor Church was inaugurated during The Community's celebration of Epiphany, January 6.

The new place of worship, named Church of New Epiphany, is located on the Southland of the Red Rock Consecrated Sanctuary. It presently accommodates up to 1500 worshipers and is used for the performance of Divine Service at sunrise on Sunday, and other liturgical services and observances dictated by the Sacred Calendar of the Second Advent.

The initial preparation and layout of the Church were completed by November 7, 1982. An expansion project is planned for this Church and is to be completed next June, in time for the Annual Councils Convocation.

The erection of the new Church was under the oversight of The Reverend Nelson Duchesneau, Building Director of The Second Advent Church.

The Church of New Epiphany is situated atop the summit of a ridge. It is oriented towards the eastern horizon where the sun ascends in a magnificent panorama formed by distant mountain ranges.

A 24-foot communion table is suspended at the ends by massive 14-foot-high walls of laminated timber topped with bronze replicas of the Cross of Enlightenment, the insignia of righteousness. A stepped backdrop, rising to 27 feet in the center, forms the apse which is also crowned with a golden cross.

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CHRISTENINGS

DeEtta Fosbury, and Bradley and Amy Buchanan were Christened at 12 noon on traditional New Year's Day, January 1, in the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child in Reno.

DeEtta is the daughter of The Reverend Gail Fosbury. Both DeEtta and Gail arrived recently from Portland, Oregon, and are making Reno their home. Godparents to DeEtta were The Reverends Jacklynn Carrothers and Robert Petrovich.

Bradly and Amy are the children of The Reverends Gary and Amanda Buchanan. Godparents to Amy were The Reverends Judith O'Neal and Stan Fortmeyer. Godparents to Bradley were The Reverend Elizabeth Brooks and The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy. The Most Right Reverend also officiated at the Christening.

The traditional *A Baptismal Hymn* and *Music for a Christening* were played during the service. ♦

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CHURCH

Additions to be completed by June include low running walls about the communion area, a stepped platform for easy access to the communion table and chancel area, a preliminary vestry hall, and several improvements to the apse and communion table.

The overall design accentuates the natural beauty of the landscape with its towering rock formations, juniper trees, and variety of desert plants.

The new liturgical facility stands in sight of other Southland Churches, the Basilica, the Consolatorium, and other planned structures. It offers a splendid view of the distant Northland of the Sanctuary lying some seven miles across the bed of an ancient inland sea.

Members of The Second Advent Church may delight in this beautiful addition to the growing number of Churches and facilities within the quiet desert retreats of The Community's Consecrated Sanctuary.

A Consecrated Church Ordinary: According to Second Advent Canon Law, such a Church is a sacred place dedicated to divine worship for use by ministers, the ordained, students, the faithful, guests, and the general public. A Church is sacred because of the blessed acts that take place within it following consecration: these acts being the performance of the solemn Liturgy in accordance with Second Advent Calendar as provided by the Constitution of The Church as a divine institution of God created for the practice of religion of the faithful, either privately or publicly, as may be determined by the Canonical Hours and Calendar, as specified by Canon Law and the Rubrics of the Litany.

Conditions For The Building Of A Consecrated Church Ordinary: Such a Church is defined in the Canon Law of The Second Advent Church as a place of worship properly consecrated and dedicated for approved and licensed Liturgical services. The patterns of a Consecrated Church must conform to the Canon Law regulating Churches, Chapels, Oratories, Adoratories, Shrines, Crypts, Mounts, and Sanctuaries. A Church built of wood, metal, brick, stone, or concrete, if roofed, cannot be consecrated.

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Front: *The Reverends Gary Robert Buchanan and Penny Amanda Gossert.* Back (Left to Right): *The Right Reverend Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy, Officiating Minister: The Most Right Reverend Gene Savoy, and The Reverend Robert de la Cruz.*

Reverends Buchanan and Gossert exchange vows

Wedding ceremony in Chapel of Holy Child

In the Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child, Penny Amanda Gossert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Miles Gossert of Boulder, Colorado, was married on Wednesday, December 22, 1982, at 12:30 P.M., to Gary Robert Buchanan of Sanford, North Carolina.

The ceremony was performed by The Most Right Reverend Douglas Eugene Savoy, Head Overseer and Bishop of The Second Advent Church. Assisting were The Right Reverend Sylvia Ontaneda de Savoy and The Reverend Robert de la Cruz.

The Right Reverend Carol Salverson was matron of honour and The Reverend Stan Fortmeyer was best man. The bride was escorted down the aisle by The Right Reverend Phillip W. Snyder. Flower girl and ringbearer were the bride's two children, Amy and Bradley.

Reverend Buchanan (nee Gossert) received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and has undertaken graduate studies in Business Administration at the University of Nevada in Reno.

Amanda has been a member of The Church since 1978. She works with Reverend Salverson in Public Services and in the Jamilian Libraries, and lends her professional assistance in the preparation of many convocational dinners sponsored by The Community.

The Reverend Gary Robert Buchanan received his high school diploma, certificates and undergraduate degree in Music Composition from the North Carolina School for the Performing Arts, and graduate degrees and certificates from the University of North Carolina and the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy. He undertook doctoral studies at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Reverend Buchanan was Lecturer in Writing Techniques and Composition at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music in Brisbane, Australia, prior to his move to Reno in 1979. He has been a member of The Church since 1975.

Gary is Music Director for The Church, composes and performs liturgical music as Chapel Organist, and conducts the Jamilian Handbell Choir. He is a member of the faculty of the Jamilian Parochial School and the current Editor of the Community Communique.

Amanda and Gary have been studying in residence since 1979. They are third-year postulants in the Divinity School and will be entering their fourth year of evangelical and liturgical training as interns in the Jamilian University of the Ordained.

The wedding ceremony included a Service of Communion and a sermon by The Most Right Reverend Savoy, who
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OFFICIATING MINISTERS OF CHURCH SERVICES FALL AND WINTER SEASONS

RED ROCK SANCTUARY

Seven Churches of Revelation

Sunday 9:00 A.M.

Seven Churches of Prophecy

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

*Officiating Ministers***1982**

Oct. 3 Rev. Robert de la Cruz
10 Rev. Gary Drake
17 Rt. Rev. Sylvia O. Savoy
24 Rt. Rev. Elena Baugh
31 Rev. Sung Cha Staver

Nov. 7 Rev. Tyrus Peace
14 Rev. Stanley Fortmeyer
21 Rev. Robert Petrovich
28 Rev. Vickie Hewlett

Dec. 5 Rev. Elizabeth Reece
12 Rev. Jacklynn Carrothers
19 Rev. Larry Coesens
26 Rev. Harry DeSilva

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Jan. 2 Rev. Robert de la Cruz
9 Rev. Roger Weld
16 Rev. Gary Huss
23 Rev. Michael O'Neal
30 Rev. Belinda Chauvin

Feb. 6 Rev. Gail Fosbury
13 Rev. Amanda Buchanan
20 Rev. Dave Arden
27 Rev. Robert Chauvin

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The Memorial Chapel Of The Holy Child

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Officiating Minister

The Most Rt. Rev. Gene Savoy

*Assisting Ministers***1982**

Oct. 2 Rt. Rev. Elena Baugh
9 Rev. Jacklynn Carrothers
16 Rev. Vickie Hewlett
23 Rev. Clare Mead
30 Rev. Roger Weld

Nov. 6 Rev. Barbara Snyder
13 Rev. Dave Arden
20 Rev. Arline Peace
27 Rev. Tyrus Peace

Dec. 4 Rev. Stanley Fortmeyer
11 Rev. Belinda Chauvin
18 Rev. Robert Chauvin
25 Rev. Amanda Buchanan

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Jan. 1 Rev. JoAnn Hainline
8 Rev. Theodore P. Ahlberg
15 Rev. Gail Fosbury
22 Rev. Maria Van Klaveren
29 Rev. Pieter Van Klaveren

Feb. 5 Rev. Trisa de la Cruz
12 Rev. Gary Huss
19 Rev. Richard Floyd
26 Rev. Randy Rogers

CHANCELLERY COMPLEX

The Memorial Chapel Of The Holy Child

Wednesday 12:00 M.

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CHURCH

A Church of the Second Advent as "the dwelling of God" is not a structure built by human hands, but those grounds of natural elements fashioned by the Hand of God, where the Liturgy revealed of God is performed, in keeping with the traditional scripture (Ex. xx. 25; Amos v. 21-25; Isaiah lx. 1-5; Revelation viii. 3, iix. 13) and with the Scripture of Second Advent Christianity (*Prophecy on the Golden Age of Light and the Nation of Nations*, Vol. V; *Prophecy of the Universal Theocracy*, Vol. VI; *The Book of God's Revelation*). A Church on Sacred grounds may be enclosed by running walls, the communion tables covered by a canopy with sides open to the elements, but may never be roofed. ♦

INVOCATION & INTERCESSION SERVICES

*The Memorial Chapel of the Holy Child***October**

Wed., 13 Anneta Gossert
Lucia Russell
Wed., 20 Claude Severance
Sat., 30 Adolf & Florence Whitney

November

Wed., 9 Grace Lusty
Wed., 24 Joe Strunka
Norman Lapp
Sat., Ralph (Jr.) & John Hewlett

December

Wed., 1 Taj Marie Walker

1983**January**

Wed., 12 George & Lee Strekow
Sat., 15 Kin Yong Hui
The Teymoorian Family
Irene Lavoie
Elvira Spohn

February

Sat., 5 Rev. Marion Wright
Wed., 9 Karen Haw
Mr. Salverson
Stephie Petrovich
Debbie Chase

*Upon request, services of invocation and intercession are held for names submitted to the Secretary of The Church.

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PRACTICUM

wherein is found God's Divine Presence and Plan for world redemption.

These Communion services serve as liturgical practicum. They initiate student ministers to the use of Second Advent liturgy and the responsibilities in their own public ministries to come.

Assigned ministers serve in groups of three men or three women, rotating throughout the year, so that all resident ministers-in-training have the opportunity to officiate a public service.

Duties are carried out by each minister in succession in the course of a three-week period — while one member of the group officiates the service, the other two serve as vestryman and sacristan.

This liturgical practicum was initiated on November 15, 1981. Since that time, notwithstanding inclement conditions and rough desert terrain, forty-four ordained resident ministers-in-training have performed officially in these Red Rock Communion services. ♦

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WEDDING

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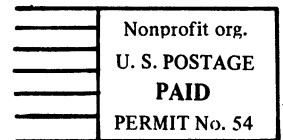
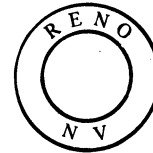
The Wedding Processional and Recessional were played at the organ by The Reverend Jacklynn Carrothers. Master Gene Savoy, Jr. conducted the Jamilian Handbell Choir.

A reception and dinner were held that evening at the Rectory-Abbey. ♦



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