

Sunday Baccalaureate Opens Reynolds High Commencement

"There is tomorrow—it is inevitable. It cannot be denied nor delayed. Whether we are prepared to meet its issues or not, tomorrow will come." Rev. Claude Lane of S. M. E. A. Bible Institute, Transfer, told members of the Class of 1969 last night during the ninth annual baccalaureate service at Reynolds High School.

Continuing, Rev. Mr. Lane said that youth has always been the hope for a better tomorrow and, consequently, is ever the target of both the criticism and advice of its elders.

As a representative of a generation which has failed to give today's youth a world of peace and happiness, Rev. Mr. Lane issued a plea to his listeners to choose a better way of life. "This is a question for the individual," he said. "In the final analysis change for the better or worse comes to nations only as individuals change for better or worse."

Rev. Mr. Lane asked the parents of graduates "Wherein have we failed? . . . Have we forgotten that children are spiritual beings and that the spiritual nature must be nurtured?"

He also challenged his adult audience to profit by past mistakes and mend their ways. However, "It is our youth that must change the world for better or for worse," he said. "The Class of 1969 can make its contribution to this desperately needed change."

"Whether you choose to believe the Bible or not, you cannot deny that it holds the answer to the needs of men," he advised the graduates. "No set of laws or principles of any religion have ever surpassed the Ten Commandments as a moral code," he said, and "the Sermon on the Mount is the epitome of social justice, racial equality and the brotherhood of men."

Through his evangelism work in various churches, Rev. Mr. Lane said he had noted many young people at services, responding to the challenge of the gospel. "Young people want a creed to live by, a cause to champion", he added.

He concluded by borrowing a slogan of a certain financial institution, "The future belongs to those who prepare for it".

Also participating in the service were Rev. Vincent F. Pomeroy of Greencrest Park Community Baptist Church, invocation and benediction; Rev. Clemens Farver of Maysville Community Church, scripture and prayer.

Two choral selections by the baccalaureate choir, directed by Mrs. Anice Perkovic, were featured. Trudy Horton was accompanist for "Blessing, Glory and Wisdom", Bach-Thach, and "Cherubim Song No. 7", Bortniansky - Mattering.

Two hymns, "Come Thou Almighty King" and "Holy, Holy, Holy", also were included in the program.

Organists for the service were Debbie Ohle and Tim Allen.

Commencement exercises for 189 members of the Class of 1969 will be held at Reynolds High School Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. Admission will be by ticket only.

Director of commencement activities is Raymond J. Bost, high school principal.