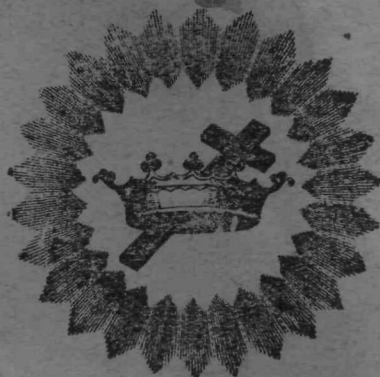

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Sunday, Dec. 21 - Metropolitan Meth. Church - Carrollton and Lanvale
Sunday December 28 - Whitestone Bapt. - 1100 block Franklin St.

MEETINGS - TIME AND PLACE

The Interdenominational Ushers Union meets on the First Friday in each month at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Carrollton Ave. Lanvale Street.

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Mad. 4662-J.

CHORUS - The Ushers Union Chorus of Maryland meets every Wednesday at St. John's A. M. E. Church at 8 P. M. Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, Pres. Mrs. Johnson, Dir.

The Publicity Committee - Third Wed. in each month at 1723 McCulloh St. Vance Knight - Editor 1419 W. Mulberry St. Gi. 8385-J.

Nurses' Unit - Fourth Thursday in each month at 1723 McCulloh St. Mrs. Harriett Carter, Supervisor - 1224 Madison Avenue.

The Junior Ushers Union 2d. Friday in each month at the Emmanuel C. C. Church - Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St.

Rev. JAMES TIMOTHY BODDIE, B. D., D. D.



**"THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE
STILL UNREALIZED"**

Luke 2:13-14, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

As we face Christmas of 1947 the question raised in our minds as Christians, is whether or not the angel's message over nineteen hundred years ago is realized. Do we find peace on earth?

For the past five years frequent attempts have been made in the interest of peace, but all so far are of no avail. We defeated Germany when our facilities of production surpassed hers. But this realm of peace does not depend upon a production or overproduction of matter, but upon a superb quality of soul and spirit.

The angel's message will not be realized until equality in every sense of the word is universally accepted. Not equality in Russian Communism, but equality in American democracy and in every nation under the sun. If democracy means anything at all, it means equality. Hitlerism and Nazism were not social philosophies of equality but totalitarianism at its

zenith. Democracy means political equality, economic equality, educational equality, equality of opportunity, social equality and spiritual equality.

The angel's message will not be realized until the color myth is thoroughly exploded. The impression today is to make white pure or perfect and any other color impure or imperfect. God didn't place any curse on different races of color, otherwise He would not have made such a variety. We have variety in the heavens, in vegetation and nature, in the animal kingdom and in every form of life. Character is the supreme factor—not color. It's what's within and not without which matters.

The angel's message will not be realized until brotherhood is seriously accepted. Brotherhood was very definitely illustrated in the horrors of war; white and colored, yellow and brown fought side by side in the thickest of battle. Men of different races received medals of honor for heroic deeds merited, fighting side by side. If we can fight together in the thickest of battle on the battlefield, we ought to live together in peace and amity at home. Brotherhood is the strongest word to express the ties and bonds of human relationships. We are brothers!

The angel's message will not be realized until peace is enthroned within the hearts of men. There will be war within your life and mine, within nations, between nations until peace is enthroned within the heart. There can be no peace until we take the roots of war out of the heart. Peace must be enthroned in the hearts of parents, in the hearts of executives, legislators, men who make and shape the destinies of our nations. Peace cannot be secured by force. No atomic bomb can guarantee peace. Science cannot promise peace. Wealth cannot buy peace. Language cannot talk peace. Education cannot define peace. Peace is not something upon which you attach your signature. Peace is something that's written on the table of your heart. It's something that's signed upon something within. Peace is not external; it is internal; it is eternal; it is God.

USHERS' UNION NEWS

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love.

MARION L. HARRIS.

President of the Interdenominational Ushers Union of Maryland, Inc.

DINNER

The Educational Department of the Ushers Union, headed by Mrs. E. Lane, is extending a sincere and cordial invitation to all of our members and friends to dine with them on Sunday, December 14, 1947, 4 P. M. until —, at 1709 Calhoun Street. Wait! Keep on reading. While you dine you will be entertained by one of Maryland's outstanding and accomplished piano artists, and that's not all, the price of all of this fine service and culinary excellence is not \$5.00, not \$3.00, not \$2.00. Yes, believe it or not, the contents of your envelope is the price of your dinner.

MRS. AUDREY WHITING,
Chairman of Arrangements

MR. MARION L. HARRIS,
President of Union

THANKS

Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, president of the Union Chorus, extends profound appreciation to all of the choirs and choruses, who so enthusiastically contributed both financially and vocally to the success of their Musical Feast on Wednesday, November 19, 1947, at St. John A. M. E. Church. The high-



MARION L. HARRIS

est amounts were donated by the chorus and Usher Board of Perkins Square Baptist Church, and the chorus of Mt. Hebron Baptist. Mrs. Lane also thanks every single person and organization for their wonderful response on this occasion, for without your wholehearted cooperation this affair would not have been the brilliant success that it was. Again I thank you, each and everyone.

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USHERS' UNION NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Under the capable and efficient leadership of our president, Mr. Marion Harris, the Ushers Union of Maryland, established another precedent in the history of the organization in their attendance of the memorial service in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, November 9, 1947. Four 37-passenger buses were loaded to capacity and through the kindness of the California Club we were able to seat eight persons who held tickets, after the buses were loaded. This does not include those who went by train. The chorus has grown to such proportions that soon instead of one bus it will be necessary to give them two when we go to Pennsylvania next April. All of this very fine progress adds up to only one thing, the interest, integrity and ability of the head of this organization has permeated through the membership so thoroughly that cooperation is assured. Every member is proud and justly so, of the accomplishments of every part of our Union.

CHORAL MUSICAL FEAST

On Wednesday, November 19, 1947, the chorus gave its first musical feast. Choirs and choruses were invited from all over the city, and the response was very gratifying both financially and spiritually. Mrs. Hattie Burston, chairman of arrangements, with the assistance of Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, chorus president, and Mrs. Lillian M. Johnson, chorus directress, did a splendid job. Mrs. Mary ("Even Me") Boone was superb as mistress of ceremonies. To give the absentees some idea of what they missed, in addition to some of the best singing in the world, a gospel choir from Perkins Square Baptist Church was accompanied by a very talented gentleman who emphasized their singing on a tuba or bass horn. This alone was worth seeing and hearing. Don't miss the next one!

NURSES' UNIT

The Nurses' Unit of the Ushers Union of Maryland will give their first tea on Sunday, December 28, 1947, at 912 Harlem Avenue, from 4 P. M. 'til ?. Refreshments will be on sale. We know that most of our members have been to teas sponsored by committees of the Union before, but this will be the first musical tea that you have ever been invited to sponsored by the Nurses' Unit. The tickets are 50c, almost a give-away. So come out and give our nurses a boost and maybe some day they will give you a helping hand.

JUNIOR USHERS UNION ACTIVITIES

The Junior Ushers meet on the first Friday in each month at Emmanuel C. C. Church, Carrollton Avenue and Lanvale Street, at 8 P. M.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

On January 16, 1948, the Junior Ushers Union will present a Tom Thumb wedding at Mt. Olive Christian Church, Division Street, near Laurens. The officers and members of the Junior Union are respectfully requesting the wholehearted cooperation of every Senior Usher in the Union, because this is the only way that we can be assured of success in this project.

ATTENTION SUPERVISORS!

The Junior Union president, Mr. Fleming James, is imploring and requesting all local junior supervisors to please attend the meetings with your juniors because we have made some very extensive plans for the coming year, and we feel every Junior supervisor will want their Junior Ushers represented. Mrs. Lane, our educational advisor, has made plans for starting a Junior Ushers Union Chorus, and this is just the beginning, so come out and help make our Junior Union what it ought to be.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

ON A POEM

The editors of the Bulletin submit the following poem for the consideration of our readers. This poem is being printed through the courtesy of Mrs. BEATRICE G. IMES, of Mt. Hebron Papt. Church, who recited it during League Hour at Immanuel C. C. Church, Sunday, Nov. 2, 1947.

NO GRUMBLERS THERE

1
In every town and city some people
can be found,
Who spend their time in grumbling
at everything around.
Especially of holiness, some curious
things they say,
But if we're true to Jesus, we're sure
to win the day.

2
They grumble at the preaching, they
grumble at the prayer;
They grumble at the singing, they
grumble everywhere;
They grumble at the workers, and say
it's all display,
But if we're true to Jesus we're sure
to win the day.

3
They grumble if we speak to them,
they grumble if we don't.
They grumble if you visit them, they
grumble if we don't;
They say that in a year or two our
work will all go down,
But if we're true to Jesus, we'll
surely wear a crown.
being printed through the courtesy of
Mrs. Beatrice G. Hines, of Mt. Hebron
Baptist Church, who recited it during
League Hour at Emmanuel C. C.
Church, Sunday, November 2, 1947.

4
We know they'd never grumble if
they could understand,
The precious truth of holiness, the
theme of Beulah Land;
But some lack of knowledge will turn
them away;
And still keep up their grumbling
while here on earth they stay.

5
Dear Jesus knows we love them, and
want to do them good;
And we would love to pray with them,
if they would say we could;
We'd tell them of our Saviour, and of
His precious love,
And how He died to save them, to
live with Him above.

6
Oh, grumbler, come to Jesus, and

yield to Him your will,
I know you're tired of grumbling,
you've surely had your fill,
Oh, come and seek the Saviour, He'll
wash you white as snow;
And take you home to Heaven, where
grumblers never go.

ON THE UNION CHORUS

We are not infering that the Union Chorus members are magicians, but they certainly pulled a surprise out of the hat in their rendition of the hymn "Even Me." The first time we heard them sing it was during the anniversary service of the ushers of Emmanuel C. C. Church on Sunday, October 12, 1947. We have never heard our chorus sing anything that upset an audience as completely or as quickly as did their arrangement of this number. Everything in Emmanuel shouted except the seats in the balcony. Request for repeat renditions have been pouring in so fast that the chorus is unable to fill all of them. Mrs. Lillie M. Johnson is doing one fine job. Under her efficacious direction this group has attained a position comparable with any other gospel singers in the city. Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, chorus president, manipulates the business end of the chorus with the precision of a veteran. On Sunday, Noveber 9, 1947, the Ushers Union Chorus went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and every single person in the Bridge Street A. M. E. Church knew that they were there, especially when they sang "Even Me." From where the editors of the Bulletin were sitting, it was quite amusing to see the changing expressions on the faces of some of the other visitors, from polite interest, when Miss Wilson started to sing, and changing to rapt attention, to amazement, and then the shouting started. We are so thankful that when God touches your heart through a song or a prayer, it makes no difference who does the singing or praying, you are going to show it, and they really showed. To revert to the vernacular of the street, the Maryland Chorus "knocked them out and laid them in the aisle" of the Bridge Street A. M. E. Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. Just for the records, the soloists for this selection was Miss Maxine Wilson, Mr. James Mobray and Mrs. Mary Boone, in the order named. We also offer our felicitations to Mr. Thomas Hines for the splendid way in which he took the bass lead in the selection, "I Thank You."

**THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE AT
MT. OLIVE CHRISTIAN**

On Sunday, November 2, 1947, the Ushers Union of Maryland worshiped with the ushers of Mt. Olive Christian Church in their anniversary service. In addition to being the church home of our very capable Junior State organizer, it is also pastored by the publisher of our Bulletin, the Eminent Rev. C. L. Whitfield. In the light of these facts, it is needless to say that the bond of fellowship between this church and the Ushers Union of Maryland is one of perfect harmony and Christian understanding. In spite of Dr. Whitfield's innate modesty, his shining accomplishments as an orator and personal achievements as a leader were accentuated in his powerful message to the ushers in this service. The editors of the Bulletin have heard very authoritative rumors that this church is going to start the building of a new edifice on or about the first of next year, which is further

evidence of the progressive leadership of Dr. Whitfield.

ON MRS. ELIZABETH LANE

Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, chairman of the Educational Department and president of the Chorus, is in addition to being a prodigious worker, has one of the sweetest dispositions that we know of. We are especially cognizant of her magnanimous hospitality in the use of her home for many Union activities. On Saturday, Nov. 8, 1947, while waiting for the bus to take the Chorus to New York, Mrs. Lane served coffee and doughnuts for two and one-half hours and absolutely refused any payment whatsoever. As a matter of fact, when one person tried to pay her, Mrs. Lane commented "you are my guests and I would not think of taking money from guests in my home." This is a typical example of the generosity of the dynamic Mrs. Lane. Orchids to you, Mrs. Lane!

*Local
Happenings*

METROPOLITAN METH. NEWS

REV. ELY L. LOFTON

Pastor of Metropolitan Meth. Church

Subject: Good Shepards

Text: John 10:1. Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

Jesus the good shepherd, the life of Christ is a life of selfless service. An example for those who would be leaders in the Christian life. This tenth chapter of John is allergic and the words are meant to be interpreted figuratively.

Three word pictures are drawn, 10:1-6, Jesus as the true shepherd, 10:7-10, Jesus as the door of the sheepfold, 10:11-18, Jesus as the good shepard.

The figure of the shepherd is a familiar one in the Old Testament as we would expect from a pastoral people. "The Lord is my shepherd" is typical (Psalm 23). The "door" is a

familiar Old Testament word. John uses the metaphor very freely. At one time Jesus is the shepard contrasted with the false leaders, at another



time He is the "door" leading into the fold in contrast to other ways of entering which robbers use.

This 16th chapter of John continues the conversation which arose out of the leading of the blind man. Jesus has pointed out to the Pharisees that they are afflicted with a more deplorable "blindness" than the beggar who was born blind. He now proceeds to contrast their harsh treatment of the blind man, with his own treatment of him, and uses this contrast as evidence of the illegitimacy of their usurpation of authority and the legitimacy of his own claim. It has been related that the Jews had excommunicated the blind man, because he had presumed to think for himself, and acknowledge the Christ, regarding whom they had quietly enacted the law that if anyone acknowledged Christ he should be banished from the synagogue. Very naturally the poor man would feel that this was a heavy price to pay for his eyesight. Brought up as he had been to consider the ecclesiastical authorities of Jerusalem as representing the divine voice, he would feel that this excommunication cut him off from following and from fellowship with all good men, and from the sources of a hopeful and Godly life. Therefore in pity for this poor sheep, and in indignation at those who had thus assumed authority, Jesus explicitly declares "I am the true shepherd, I am the good shepherd, I am the door. Not through the word of men who tyrannize the flock to serve their own ends, are admitted to or debarred from the real sources of spiritual life and fellowship with the true and good. Through me only can you find access to permanent security, and the free enjoyment of all spiritual nutriment." "By me if any man enter in he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture," the primary object of this allegorical passage, is to impart to those who believe in Jesus the truest independence of spirit. This our Lord accomplishes by explicitly claiming for himself the sole right of admission or rejection from the true fold of God's people. He came into direct collision with the ecclesiastical authorities. Denying that they are the true spiritual guides of the people, and presenting himself as the supreme authority in spiritual matters, Jesus Christ here claims to be the sole means of access to security and eternal life.

Following the example of the good shepherd, or keeping faith with Christ. Mutual recognition existing between the shepherd and the flock,

like spiritual fellowship between Jesus and the Father. Jesus knew God and God knew him, because he was obedient to his vision of God's moral purpose. Thus he was at once with God. Similarly, the sheep become one with the shepherd in a moral and spiritual mutuality. The sole concern of the good shepherd is the well being of the flock. Never will he save his own life when his flock is in peril. Hence, everybody of his flock should be interested in people, ministers, apostles, teachers, young men, young women, missionaries, stewards, trustees, ushers. The ushers of all of the churches should be number one evangelists. They are the promoters of the sheepfold, they are the doorkeepers of the Temple of God. Have you faced your obligation, and your opportunity to be an assistant shepherd. Are you too much like a sheep, too blindly imitative of the hireling, rich oppressors of the poor? What can you do to help other sheep, help your leader, minister, teachers and your fellow usher? Will you keep your eyes open to know the people of your church, the strangers, the people in need? Will you minister to their every need, make them welcome and comfortable in the fold? Ushers should sit down and study together how they can become truly good shepherds in your own church and community.

Note the contrast between Jesus, the good shepherd, and the leaders of the blind guides. The hirelings flee because they are hirelings. The contrast is sharply drawn between the true and false teacher. Jesus permits entry into an area of security and peace and also an exit into the pasture and by still waters. His spirit is continually crying: Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest"; then he leads straight the way, the gate is narrow but it leads to endless day—a liberty of the fullness of life.

The thief comes but to kill, to steal and to scatter. Let every usher say that Christ and not man is my example. It is this mutual recognition of sheep and shepherd, which decisively exhibits the difference between the true shepherd and the robber.

The good shepherd is like wood full of buoyancy, he floats and carries the load on the surface of the water. The hireling is full of iniquity, and is like iron—he sinks.

Rev. Ely L. Lofton.

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Seventh Anniversary Celebration of the Women's Society of Christian Service, 1940-1947, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Carrollton Avenue and Lanvale Street, on Sunday, December 7, 1947, at 11 A. M. We shall have a very inspiring speaker, as well as excellent music by the church choir. The public is invited to help us make this day a success.

Mrs. Lillian G. Donaldson, Pres.
Mrs. Lillie Alexander, Chr.

W.S.C.S. MEMBERSHIP- FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The W. S. C. S. Membership Committee has planned a very interesting program to be held in our church chapel on Sunday, December 7, 1947, at 3:30 P. M. Come and bring a friend!

Mrs. Fannie Cornish, Chr.
Mrs. Mary Valentine, Sec.

GOOD NEWS!

The "Back Home Hour" will open Sunday, December 7, 1947, at 9:30 P. M. sharp. A great program will be sponsored by Rev. Mrs. Margaret Gray Allen. Special guest, Rev. Mrs. Rose Marie Fletcher, pastor of Rose of Sharon A. M. E. Zion Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Come one! Come all. Come early to the "Back Home Hour."

"PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL

TOWARD MEN!"

On Sunday, December 21, 1947, there will be two Christmas plays presented in our social hall by our upper and lower church schools, the lower church school at 1:30 P. M. and the upper church school at 8 P. M.

Everyone is invited.

Dr. C. M. Lawrence
Gen. Superintendent
Miss Alverta Dyson
Supt. of Youth Div.
Mrs. Bessie Harmon
Supt. Lower Ch. Sch.

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST NEWS

The Junior Ushers of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 1617 W. Saratoga Street, will present a religious drama entitled "Twelve Gates to the City" on Sunday, December 21, 1947, at 8 P. M., in the church. With our invi-

tation goes a reminder that these young people are the church of tomorrow, and it is up to us to show these young folk that we are behind them 100 per cent. We are, therefore, asking for the prayers and cooperation of all ushers, friends and members.

We thank you in advance.

Mrs. M. McClenan
Mrs. B. Hines

Instructors
Miss Irene Strayhorne
President
Miss Katherine Bradis
Secretary
Rev. J. H. Mathews
Pastor

ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH

We the ushers of St. Paul Methodist Church are thankful to our great and merciful God, that we are yet alive. We extend grateful thanks to the Sick Committee of the Ushers Union for their aid and comfort to our sick members, Mrs. Annie B. Downs, sick five months; Mrs. Rachel Thompson, in City Hospital six weeks has been an ardent disciple of the Union, attending most of their conventions, and Mr. Charles Peck, who has been broken in health for more than a year. We are glad to say that despite these handicaps, our sick members are still keeping the faith. We ask everyone to help us to pray for our sick members.

Mrs. Thomasina B. Chase, Pres.
Rev. C. S. Harper, Pastor
Mrs. Dora Smothers, Reporter

PAYNE MEMORIAL AME NEWS

Flash! Flash! Flash!

A grand night in Payne A. M. E. Church, Friday, January 9, 1948, at 8:30 P. M., when the Gospel Choir of this church presents an oratorical and vocal contest, plus a coronation festival, featuring Mrs. Nancie Davenport and Mrs. Rosa McGowens, who will reap the reward of their battle in ticket selling. Buy your ticket now! All tickets must be sold by the 18th of December, 1947, for recording of names on program. Tickets \$1.00.

Mrs. Jean McSwain, Chr.
Mrs. Mildred Knox, Pres.
Rev. C. Baker Pearle, Pas.

**PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE A. M. E.
ZION CHURCH NEWS**

Monday night, December 1, 1947, our pastor, choir, chorus, ushers and congregation will render service at the new Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.

Thursday evening, December 1, 1947, our Gospel Chorus No. 2 will observe their first anniversary with a special program of gospel songs rendered by the Roberta Martin Male Gospel Singers of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Eleanor Simpson, Pres.
Monday, December 8, 1947, the stewards will hold a popularity contest. All of our members and friends are invited to attend.

Mr. John Cunningham,
Preacher's Steward

Thursday, December 11, 1947, our pastor, choir, chorus, ushers and congregation will render service at the Whatecoat M. E. Church.

Sunday, December 14, 1947, the St. John A. M. E. Church and their pastor, Rev. H. J. Bryant, will render service for the "Busy Bee Club" in observance of their anniversary.

Mrs. Ada Sloan, President
Tuesday, December 23, 1947, the Sunday School will have their Christmas exercises and Christmas treat. The general public is invited to attend all of these very fine services.

SOCIAL EVENT

Miss Jessie Wright will leave Baltimore for her Christmas trip to her native home in South Carolina on December 23, 1947. May God keep you on your journey, Sister Wright.

Mrs. Hattie Burston, Pres. U. B.
Rev. G. M. Edwards, Pastor
Mr. Marvin Wilson, Reporter

WHITESTONE BAPTIST NEWS

The Usher Board of Whitestone Baptist Church will hold their annual election of officers on December 9, 1947. All members are urged to be present in this important meeting. Remember this is your Usher Board' and the officers who lead it should be of utmost interest to every member.

Calder Jones & Elsie Dorsey
President

Our Sunday School superintendent is rounding out the final plans for her Christmas program. If the effort she is putting into this project is any indication this should be one of the most interesting programs of this type we have ever had.

Men's Day

The committee of the Men's Day program is taking this means of publicly extending our grateful thanks and appreciation to all of our members and friends who cooperated so splendidly in helping us to make this day a grand success.

Anniversary Service

The Interdenominational Ushers Union of Maryland will worship with the Ushers of Whitestone Baptist Church in their anniversary service on Sunday, December 28, 1947. Music by the Ushers Union Chorus and the church choir is your assurance of an inspiring service. Don't miss this treat!

Revival

The annual revival at Whitestone Baptist Church will begin January 11, 1948, and will last for two weeks. The Rev. Mr. Dickson, of Philadelphia, Pa., will conduct the services. If you enjoy good old-fashioned revival services don't miss this one.

Rev. W. H. Thompson, Pastor
Calder Jones, Reporter.

SHILOH BAPTIST NEWS

A Triple Celebration

The 45th Anniversary of the church. The 5th Anniversary of the Pastor. The rededication of the newly improved house of worship.

You are cordially invited to attend all or any of these services. The program for the two weeks beginning December 1, 1947, will be as follows:

Monday, December 1 — Preaching, Rev. G. M. Edwards, D.D., pastor of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Church.
Tuesday, December 2 — Preaching, Rev. B. F. Jackson, pastor of Fulton Baptist Church.

Wednesday, December 3 — Preaching, Rev. B. L. Mathews, D.D., pastor of Union Baptist Church.

Thursday, December 4 — Preaching, Rev. C. Baker Pearle, D.D., pastor of Payne Memorial A. M. E. Church.

Friday, December 5 — Preaching, Rev. James L. Moore, A.M., pastor of Sharon Baptist Church.

Sunday, December 1—11 A. M., the 45th Anniversary of the church. Services will be conducted by Rev. James E. Kirkland, D.D., pastor of Union Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

3:30 P. M., Rev. J. P. Stepney, of Psalmist Baptist Church.

8:00 P. M., the No. 2 Senior Choir will render a musical.

Monday, December 8 — Preaching, Rev. E. W. White, D.D., pastor of Providence Baptist Church.

Tuesday, December 9—Preaching, Rev. W. J. Winston, D.D., pastor of New Metropolitan Baptist Church.

Wednesday, December 10—Preaching, Rev. A. J. Payne, D.D., pastor of Enon Baptist Church.

Thursday, December 11—Preaching, Rev. E. A. Haynes, D.D., pastor of Ames Methodist Church.

Friday, December 12—Preaching, Rev. G. J. Garnett, D.D., pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church.

Sunday, December 14—11 A. M., the fifth anniversary of our minister. Services will be conducted by Rev. E. Luther Cunningham, D.D., pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

3:30 P. M., Rev. W. N. Stokes, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church.

8:00 P. M., the Rededication Service, Rev. J. Pius Barbour, D.D., pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Monday, December 15—Grand Reception.

All of the services will begin at 8:30 sharp except the Sunday services.

Rev. J. Timothy Boddie, Pastor
Mrs. Catherine Jackson
Reporter

TRINITY BAPTIST NEWS

Come one! Come all! And enjoy a turkey dinner given by the Pastor's Aid of Trinity Baptist Church, Druid Hill Avenue and McMechen Street. Thursday, December 4, 1947, from 5 P. M. until 7. Tickets 75c.

Mrs. Hanner Belle, President
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THE KEY TO HAPPINESS

By JOHN T. DARDEN

(Continued from October)

THIRD RULE

Don't borrow trouble. Never hunt for trouble until trouble hunts for you. Half of the things we live in dread of happening to us, never happen at all, and those that do happen are not half so bad as we thought they were going to be. It is anticipation that makes cowards of us. The reality we have the courage to bear.

Worrying is the most profitless thing in the world, yet half of us spoil the happiness we might have by dreading some ill luck that might some time possibly betide us. We can't enjoy our prosperity for fear

that some day we might be poor. We can't enjoy our children for fear they might turn out badly when they grow up. We can't enjoy a good dinner for fear it might give us indigestion. We can't enjoy a journey for fear the train might run off the track. It is borrowing trouble at compound rates of interest that bankrupts us.

WORK ONLY ANTIDOTE FOR UNHAPPINESS FOURTH RULE

Keep busy. Work is the only real antidote for unhappiness. The only happy people are those who find some congenial occupation and find such joy in it that they never notice the little pin pricks of fate. It is the idle who have time to hunt for the crumpled rose leaf under their forty mattresses of ease, and find out that they have temperaments and nerves, and that they have missed their affinities or are not appreciated or something.

(To be continued)

EMMANUEL C. C. CHURCH NEWS

There have been many queries regarding the whys and wherefores of the Christian Community Church. A very definite and concise answer is given by the vice-president of the National Association of Community Churches of America, Inc. Rev. Wilber H. Waters, pastor of Emmanuel C. C. Church. The distinguished Dr. Waters declares "that the why of the Community Church can be found in the crying need of a hungry and bewildered humanity in its feeble attempts to progress materially and spiritually in a world whose present chaotic condition is unprecedented in the history of man, and since the concepts of Christ are service to God, through service to humanity, and inasmuch as the Community Church has "no creed but Christ" it becomes our imperative duty to recognize and alleviate the material suffering of our fellowman as well as to lead him to the way of the Cross through ecclesiastical ministrations" the eminent cleric further points out "that even as Jesus served humanity day after day, it becomes the precept of the Community Church, in the light of these undeniable facts to form the nucleus of a well-balanced community life." Even casual observation will reveal that if Christianity and the

church are to survive the ravages of a world struggling to overcome famine, lack of clothing, and proper housing, it must take an active part in the struggle for existence of the people of our own particular community. We are convinced that a better person could not have been chosen to answer these queries than our own Rev. Waters. He is qualified not only from Gal. SIX the standpoint of intellect, but he is a living example of his doctrine. He is constantly helping someone whether a member of his church or not to raise his or her economic status to a level of normal living conditions. A man who does not know the meaning of the words defeat or quit, a fighter for justice, and equality for our people, we are proud, and justly so of our own Rev. Wilber H. Waters and our Community Church.

Usher Board

The presidents of the male and female usher boards of Emmanuel C. C. Church are requesting all members to be present in their next meeting, to be held the first Monday in December as well as the following meeting to be held on the third Monday in December. Most of our members know that during the month of December we are making important plans for the holiday season, as well as to summarize our activities for the past year. So members, don't fail to be present in these meetings!

- Clarence Wycoff
- Mamie Carwell, President
- Rev. W. H. Waters, Minister
- Philip Timberlake, Reporter

MORNING STAR BAPTIST NEWS

Theme: O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name.—Psalm 105; 1.

A DOUBLE CELEBRATION

The Morning Star Baptist Church, W. Fayette Street near Carrollton Avenue, celebrated their fifty-third anniversary of the church, and the twenty-third anniversary of the pastor, Rev. George J. Garnett, D.D.

The program was as follows, beginning Sunday, November 9th, through Friday, November 21, 1947:

November 10th—The church anniversary sermon was by Rev. J. H. Matthews, the pastor of Mt. Hebron Baptist Church.

November 9th—The pastor's anniversary sermon was by Rev. R. C. Williams, pastor of Labanon Calvary Baptist Church, at 11 A. M.

3 P. M.—Rev. Simon Williamson, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, with his choir and congregation.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. J. W. Morse, pastor of First Baptist Church, Westminster, Md.

Tuesday, November 11th, 8 P. M.—Rev. A. J. Payne, pastor of Enon Baptist Church, with his choir and congregation.

Wednesday, November 12th, 8 P. M.—Rev. B. L. Matthews, pastor of Union Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Thursday, November 13th, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. L. Moore, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Friday, November 14th, 8 P. M.—Rev. J. G. Reynolds, pastor of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Sunday, November 16th, 11 A. M.—Rev. Paul Pollard, assistant pastor of Fulton Baptist Church.

3 P. M.—Rev. J. D. Pair, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brentwood, Md.

7:30 P. M.—Rev. N. H. Wicks, assistant pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church.

Monday, November 17th, 8 P. M.—Dr. J. T. Boddie, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Tuesday, November 18th, 8 P. M.—Rev. I. T. Crawford, pastor of Abyssinia Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Wednesday, November 19th, 8 P. M.—Rev. W. H. Thompson, pastor of Whitestone Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Thursday, November 20th, 8 P. M.—Rev. James Green, pastor of Community Baptist Church, choir and congregation.

Friday, November 21st, 8 P. M.—Our pastor, Rev. G. J. Garnett, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church, with the No. 1, No. 2, Young People's, Boys' Choir and the Gospel Chorus.

He also had the Chariot Wheels and the Virginia Sextette.

Each group sing separately, then all groups sing together.

Two of the choirs was in the balcony facing each other. One choir was sitting in the choir loft, the other choir was seated on the lower floor.

Our pastor wishes to thank all of the pastors and members for helping him to make this anniversary a success.

He did not forget the organist who furnished the music that helped to make choirs sing from the bottom of their hearts. May God bless you one and all.

Vance Knight, Reporter.

APOLOGY

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Editors of the Bulletin did not carry the Payne AME anniversary in the Nov. issue. We therefore take this means to express our regret for the omission.

The Editors—

NOTICE

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—The Editors.

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