The living church

New events and personalities in the Metropolitan Baltimore religious community

Baptist clergy action group announce '78 plans

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Representatives of 45 Metropolitan Baltimore churches gathered Arpil 10 at the First Annual Scholarship Banquet sponsored by the Baptist Clergy in Action and, to standing applause of the 400 guests, announced the group's 1978 program.

Dr. Vaughn said membership is still open for volunteers to forward the "watch dog" program in education, food and clothing for the needy and "anything else for our people so they will have a better life."

Their non - partisan register - to - vote campaign begins soon.

Main speaker, Dr. Homer E. Favor, dean of Morgan's School of Urban Studies and Human Development, charged the organization with responsibility to speak out with eloquent voice for our people and "work out the human problems that face us today." He accented needs of teenagers and persons in trouble.

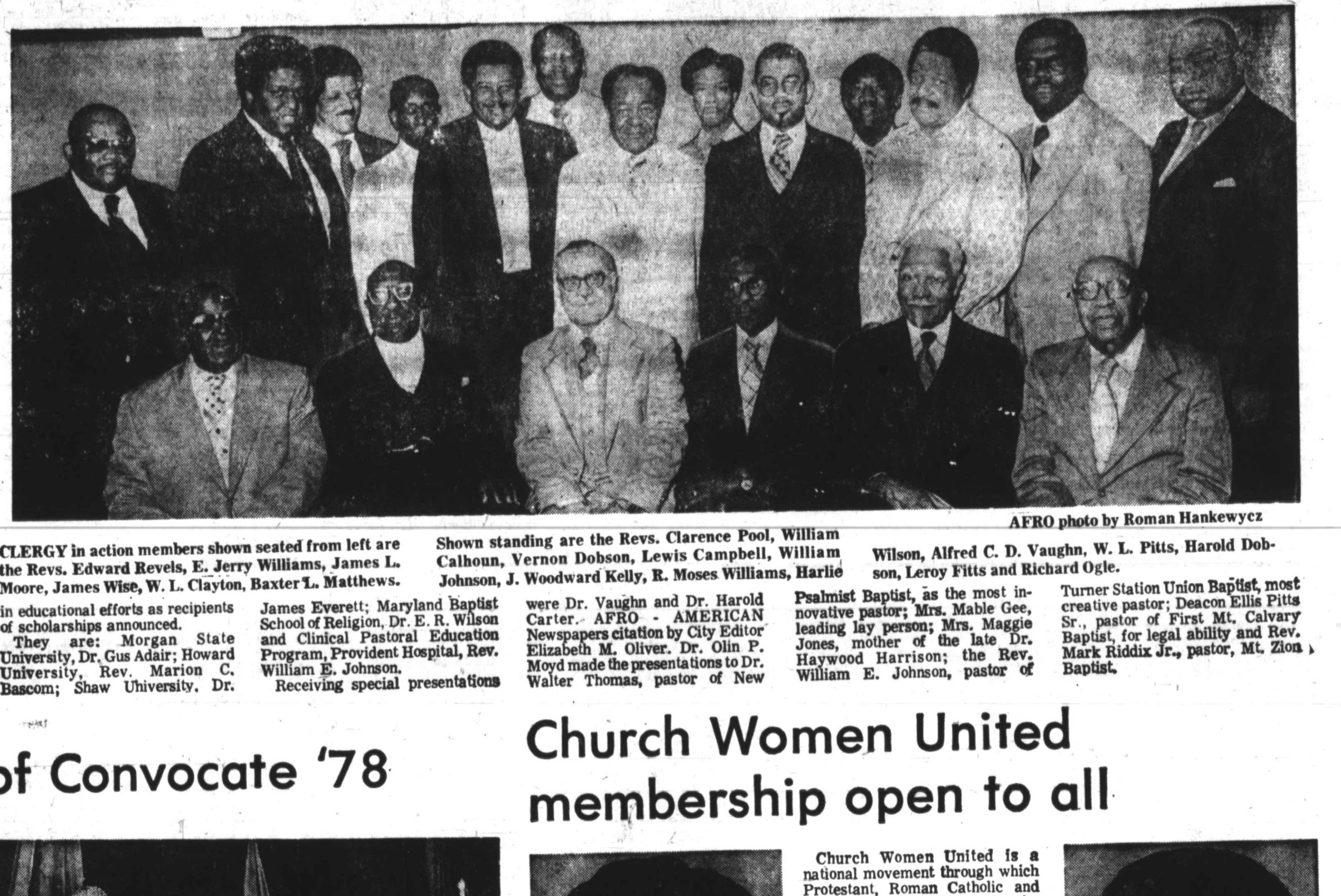
Flaying Rev. Jesse Jackson, once on the national civil rights front "in beads and turtleneck," as a man now "in a three - piece suit," Dr. Favor expressed regret over Jackson's current role, "seeking to destroy your children and mine."

Favor stated, "The black church must discover means to save our youth. Feed the children. Don't curse them. There are no jobs. Education is in trouble. We must find a way to their survival."

The banuqet marked a milestone in educational efforts as recipients of scholarships announced.

They are: Morgan State University, Dr. Gus Adair; Howard University, Rev. Marion C. Bascom; Shaw University, Dr. James Everett; Maryland Baptist School of Religion, Dr. E. R. Wilson and Clinical Pastoral Education Program, Provident Hospital, Rev. William E. Johnson.

Receiving special presentations were Dr. Vaughn and Dr. Harold Carter. AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers citation by City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver. Dr. Olin P. Moyd made the presentations to Dr. Walter Thomas, pastor of New Psalmist Baptist, as the most innovative pastor; Mrs. Mable Gee, leading lay person; Mrs. Maggie Jones, mother of the late Dr. Haywood Harrison; the Rev. William E. Johnson, pastor of Turner Station Union Baptist, most creative pastor; Deacon Ellis Pitts Sr., pastor of First Mt. Calvary Baptist, for legal ability and Rev. Mark Riddix Jr., pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist.



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CLERGY in action members shown seated from left are the Revs. Edward Revels, E. Jerry Williams, James L. Moore, James Wise, W. L. Clayton, Baxter L. Matthews. Shown standing are the Revs. Clarence Pool, William Calhoun, Vernon Dobson, Lewis Campbell, William Johnson, J. Woodward Kelly, R. Moses Williams, Harlie Wilson, Alfred C. D. Vaughn, W. L. Pitts, Harold Dobson, Leroy Fitts and Richard Ogle.

The spirit of Convocate '78

Michael Howie photo

CONVOCATION '78 — The Ghanaian Dance Company performed on Saturday afternoon at the Global Awards Luncheon hosted at the Hilton Hotel, downtown. The luncheon was one of the highlight events of Convocation '78, a weekend affair dealing with the concerns of the black woman sponsored by the Missionary Society of Bethel AME Church.

Church Women United membership open to all

Miss Lillie A. Ross

Church Women United is a national movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith.

The organization is open to all Christian women who wish to show their unity through fellowship, study and cooperative action.

Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith, state president of Church Women United and Miss Lillie A. Ross, first vice president of Church Women United of Baltimore, were selected to represent the state unit as a member of the Urban Causeway Traveling team.

Church Women United have traveled the world on causeways to better understand the lives of people from different nations and backgrounds.

Mrs. Smith is a active member of Metropolitan United Methodist Church and a member of the national board of directors for the Urban Causeway.

Miss Ross is an elder at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church and active in several clubs and organizations.

Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith

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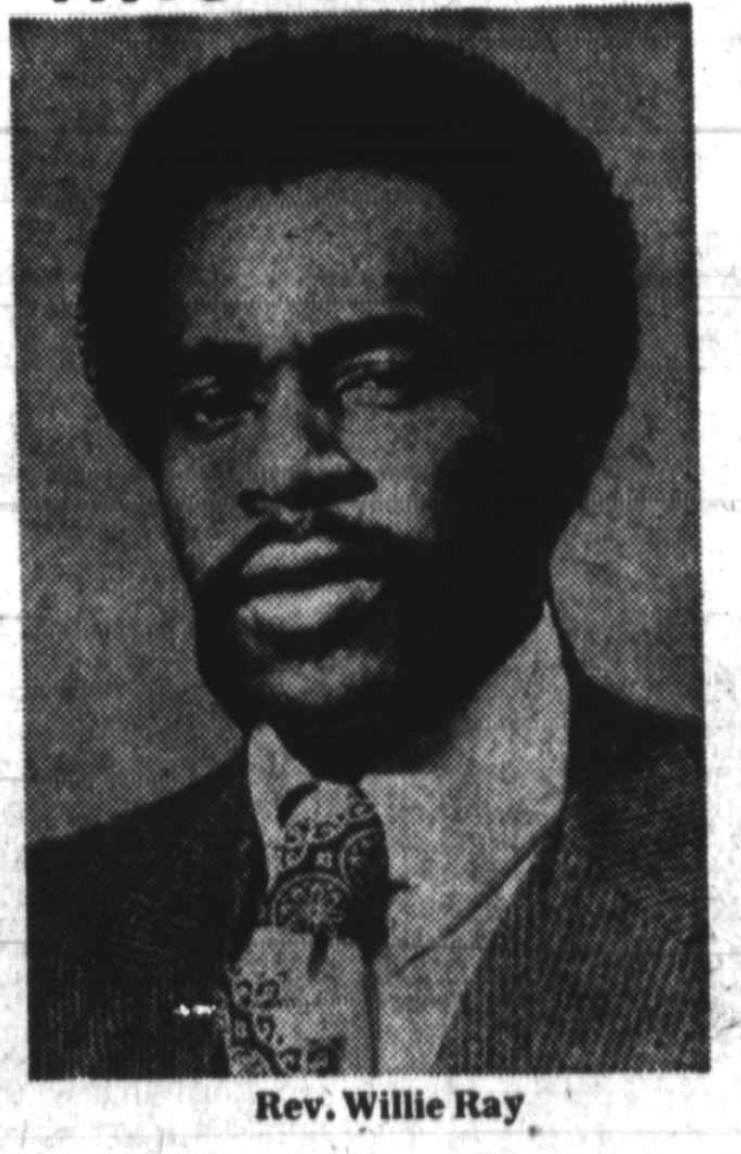
Redemmer's Palace 'hits the street'



Rev. Willie Ray

The Rev. Willie Ray, former associate pastor of Union Baptist Church, believes that a "few faithful teenagers are returning to church but the majority are still roaming the streets."

Since 1969, the 29-year-old minister has spent most of his time working with young people at Redeemer's Palace Inc.

Redeemer's Palace Inc., is now being housed at 220 West Saratoga St.

"It is a place that deals mainly with crime, alcohol and drug prevention and an outreach center for youth in the community," said Rev. Ray

Bible study, karate, music, modern dance and other activites are offered to youth daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

"We try to encourage youth to attend church, stay in school and assist in finding them jobs," said Rev. Ray.

The first site of Redeemer's Palace was in a three-story red brick building located at 811 West Saratoga St.

The old Pine Street police station was also formerly used as the outreach center.

According to Rev. Ray, the station is now being renovated and will soon be used as the new home of Redeemer's Palace Inc.

Spiritual activities such as Bible study, prayer and ministry in music are part of the activities held daily.

"Our doors are open to everyone and the approach used to guide the youth is love, concern and dedication to each individual in the program."

Young people who are involved in Redeemer's Palace usually leave the program with a greater social awareness than when they began.

Last Sunday Rev. Ray had dedication services at his new church home located on the second floor of Redeemer's Palace.

"Our services are very informal at the church and my deacon and trustee boards consist of young people."

Rev. Ray, a bachelor, says he will use his choir members and church band to attract youth and bring them back into the church.

Members of the choir and gospel band group are Michael Payne, Anthony Hayes, Leonard Johnson, Michael King, John Brooks, Phillip King and Maurice Delay.

Metro church briefs

Members of Israel Baptist Church, 1220 Chester St., are sponsoring a banquet for thier new pastor the Rev. Harlie Wilson Jr., April 15, 8 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

The senior choir of Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St., will present the Hiram Grand Lodge Glee Club in concert on April 16, 8 p.m. The Rev. William McCoy Jr., is pastor.

The Adult Fellowship of Doguläs Memorial Community Church, Madison and Lafayette Avenue will sponsor a fashion show featuringispring and summer fashions by Pauline Brooks Boutique on April 16, 4 p.m.

Proceeds from the fashion show will be used for Camp Fathest Out, Inc. Ms. Gladys Nelson Ms. Elizabeth Moaney are chairpersons; Ms. Henrietta Jones, president; Ms. Queen E. Williams, secretary. The Rev. Marion C. Bascom Sr. is pastor.

The Rev. David Mims Jr. of Pottstown, Pa., will be the speaker for revival services at New Hope Baptist Church, 116 Alice Anne St., in Bel Air Md., April 24 - 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Day will be observed April 16 at Shiloh AME Church, 2601 Lynhurst Ave.

Evangelist Roslyn Ashury will be the 11 a.m. speaker with a musical scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Thelma Coles is president; Mrs. Suzett Joyner, vice president; the Rev. Edward C. Wilson is pastor.

The Dennis Golphin Singers will be presented in a festival of gospel music on April 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Redeemed Church of Christ, 2616 Harford Rd. The Rev. Clarence Weston is pastor.

The Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert series of St. Katherine of Alexandria Church, Presstman and Division Sts., will present Ms. Alma Bethea in concert on April 16, 4 p.m. at the church.

The purpose of the concert is to aid young local artists in their quest of musical career and to give them adequate exposure to the community.

The Fells Point United Methodist Parish will sponsor an afternoon of spiritual music with five choirs participaing on April 16, 4 p.m. at Caroline Street United Methodist Church, 10 South Caroline St.

Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, Bridgeview and Round Road, will sponsor the Rev, Ms. Marie Walker Robinson in a recital on April 16, 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Bernice Gordon is sponsor, the Rev. James H. Wooten is pastor.

An old fashion revival is being held this week at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 2720 North Ave.

Services will start each night at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. Clifford M. Johnson speaking. The Rev. Dr. Leonard Hicks is pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist.

The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., pastor of Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., will be honored April 14 at a banquet being sponsored by the church.

The banquet is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn, Lombard and Howard Sts.

Youth Day will be observed April 30 at East Baltimore Deliverance Center, 1001 - 05 Caroline St.

The Christian Men's Fellowship of Mt. Olivet Christian Church will have a banquet April 15, 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 301 Lombard St.

Sen. Clarence W. Blount will be the speaker and proceeds from the affair will benefit the church mortgage. The Rev. Donald A. Gibbs is pastor.

The Youth Fellowship of Harlem Park Community Park Baptist Church, 612 - 18 Gilmore St., will have their first worship on April 30, 3 p.m.

Their theme will be "Youth Blossoming In God's Kingdom," Miss Michelle Dew is president; Miss Janet Betts, advisor; Mrs. Bernita Conaway, advisor and the Rev. Raymond Kelly Jr. is pastor.

Members of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., are making plans for the 31st anniversary of their church and 10th anniversary of their pastor the Rev. Theodore Jackson Jr.

The anniversary celebration is scheduled for May 4, 7:30 p.m. at Blue Crest North.

For ticket information call the church. Mrs. Hattie Allen is chairperson; Ms. Sheron Matthews, publicity chairwoman; Ms. Celestine Knight, co chairwoman.

After 19 years of meritorius service to his parishioners, at John Wesley United Methodist Church, the Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison will retire on May 31.

A banquet will be held in his honor on April 23, 7 p.m. at Martins West. for tickets call William Parrish at 542 - 5689 or John Simms, 578 - 1876.

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Rev. Lawyer L. Swinson and Congregation of
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Tuesday, April 18th—7:30 P.M.
Rev. Leroy Fitts and Congregation of
First Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 19th—7:30 P.M.
Rev. W. H. Thompson and Congregation of
White Stone Baptist Church

Thursday, April 20th—7:30 P.M.
Rev. Edgar Reid and Congregation of
Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church

Friday, April 21st—7:00 P.M.
Rev. W. W. Payne and Congregation of
City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church

Sunday, April 23rd—11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Rev. Alfred C. Vaughn
Grace Memorial Baptist Church
Rev. Walter E. Paige, D.D. and Congregation of
Faith Baptist Church

Monday, April 24th—7:00 P.M.
Banquet at La Fontaine Bleu
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Fellowship Baptist Temple holds dedication services

The Fellowship Baptist Temple, where the Rev. L. M. Starks is pastor at 3602 Rogers Ave., recently had dedication services.

The services were held with the assistance of the Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd, pastor of Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, who gave the dedication sermon.

Dedication prayer was given by Rev. Raymond Kelly, pastor of Harlem Park Community Baptist Church.

A colorful basket of flowers were donated by Rev. Samuel T. Redd, associate minister of Grace Memorial Baptist Church. The church was filled to capacity with representation of other ministers and members.

Fellowship Baptist Temple has been at its present location since November, 1977. Still a young church, it was given words of encouragement and continued faithfulness by ministers who attended the service.

Rev. Starks stated, "As one recalls the 12 disciples, so can Fellowship Baptist Temple recall the 12 ministers seated on its rostrum who came to be a part of the dedication service."

Ministers seated on the rostrum were the Revs. Dr. James D. Ross, Parker Memorial Baptist Church and president of Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland; L. M. Starks, pastor of Fellowship Baptist.

Also, the Revs. Dr. Olin P. Moyd, Mount Lebanon; Claude W. Lambert, Mount Lebanon Baptist; John A. Parker, also of Mount Lebanon; James Hardy, Gillis Memorial; Raymond Kelly, Harlem Park Baptist; Elder J. Turner, Hallelujah Holiness Church of God; Elder James G. Reeve, Fellowship of Jesus Association; William Crutchfield, Semion Green, associate minister of Fellowship Baptist Temple and Elder Robert Campbell, Fellowship of Jesus Association.

Rev. Starks is a graduate of theology from Virginia Seminary Maryland extension and is now serving on the executive board of Hampton Ministers Conference.

She is the daughter of the late Dr. Joshua Henry Green, founder of Metropolitan Baptist Church and Mrs. Goldie Green, who served as a minister of music for over 35 years.

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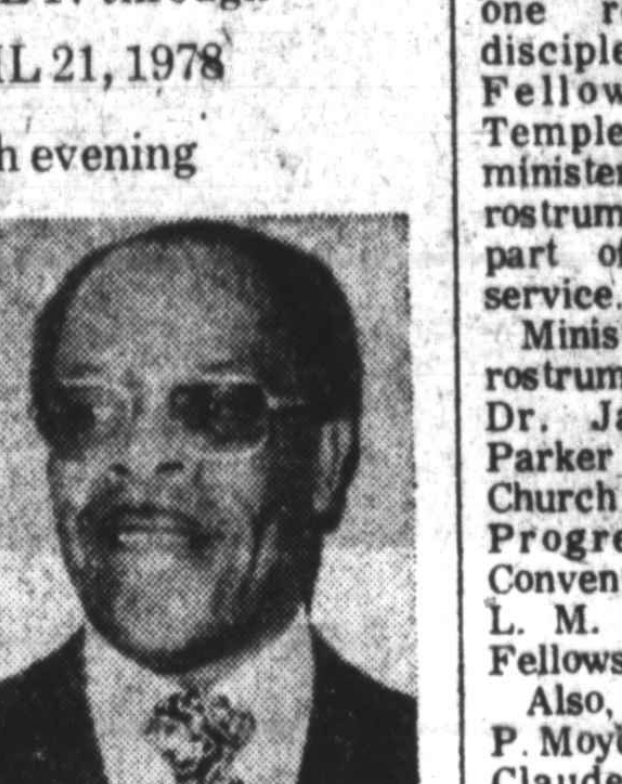

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St. Martin's youth to hold skating party

The youth department of St. Martin's Church of Christ, 2118 Madison Ave., is sponsoring a roller skating party April 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Columbia, Md.

The bus will leave 12:30 p.m. from Madison Avenue and Gold Street.

Proceeds from the affair will be used to purchase a mini bus for the youth.

For ticket information call 523-0055 or 669-1964.

Recently the youth department had revival services at the church with various churches from the city participating.

Among ministers and churches that participated in the services were the Voices of Payne Memorial AME, the Rev. Jimmie Baldwin, youth pastor of St. Martin's Church.

Also, the Rev. Welton T. Smith III, Pilgrim Baptist Church Youth and Young Adult Mass Choirs.

Members of Mount Calvary Holiness Mass Choirs and the Youth Choir of Mount Hebron Baptist Church were among guests at the revival services.

St. Martin's Youth Choir is directed by Miss Elizabeth Fair and Ricky Ellis as organist and the Rev. William Dancy, pianist.

Minister speaks out

(EDITOR'S NOTE: **This is the second part of a three part series on new horizons for women in ministry by the Rev. Miss Agnes Alston. Rev. Miss Alston is associate pastor of Gillis Memorial Community Church and a counselor at Greenspring Junior High School.**)

There are women today who would welcome a hidden service but are called to that personal witness which is the core of every message.

Another point, in considering Jesus's attitude toward women, is the fact that he talked with them on questions of theology.

John's gospel records a long private theological conversation of Jesus's with a woman he was meeting for the first time, one of another race. He initiated it, and when his disciples returned, they were dumbfounded to find that he had been talking with a foriegn woman who, moreover, had had a series of husbands.

The woman left with a mission to her city. She did what so many of us, both male and female are afraid to do, too coward to do.

She went back to the city of Sychar where she had made a mess of her life. Then and there she begins to walk in the newness of life. In the joy of her amazing discovery she forgets her errand. She is no longer interested in the water of Jacob's well. Therefore, she leaves her pitcher to hurry to the city to tell its inhabitants to come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: Is not he the Christ?

The results of her message; "Many believed in him because of the word of this woman. Somehow, when even the most umpromising become sure of God, they have that to share for which all the world dimly longs."

The last point in consideration is the most important. All four gospels make clear that women were the last at the cross and the first winesses of the resurrection.

It was to them that the good news was given. "Be not afraid, Go tell my brethern that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me. (Matt. 28:10). "But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. (Mark 16:7). "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend to my father, and your father; and to my God, and your God. (John 20:17).

"He is not here, but is risen." (Luke 24:16). Remember, it was to the men that Jesus said, "The son of man be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

But why should women have been the first witnesses?

I must agree with M. Madeline Southard, foundr of the American Association of women ministers, that Jesus knew had women not been the first witnesses, we should probably never have known that they were witnesses at all.

In any case, the news of Jesus' triumph over death, which is the root of all Christian preaching, was first carried by women to the world.

I ask you, do women need a further charter for the proclamation now? In the Acts of the Apostles (1:14), After ten days of persistent prayer, the Holy Spirit descended, in order that the followers of Jesus might have power to proclaim his word and do his work.

Women received this spirit and spoke under the same powerful influence that was moving men.

Moreover, this was in fulfillment of prophecy that included both sexes: Acts 2:17 - 18," And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughtes shall prophesy, and your young men shall see vision and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my spirit; and they shall prophesy."

Many people would define "prophesy" as the prediction of future events, but the word has a wider connotation in the New Testament. It refers to any inspred utterance which builds p the church. Ideally, isn't that what preaching is all about?

Today, there are thousands of women who have sensed the call of God in their innormost beings and have responded by entering the largely uncharted territory of a man's profession, the ministry. A ministry whose encounters to transform the face of traditional American religion.

Some years ago, I met the Rev. Druecillar Fordham, a black woman who pastored Harlem's only Southern Baptist Congregation, Christ Temple Church.

She gleefully shared some of her early encounters. She said that she had been asked to participate in a Good Friday service at another Harlme church. But she found when she arrived that the six male ministers who were also involved had decided to ignore her, apparently because they didn't approve of women preachers.

They didn't say a word to her in the waiting room outside the sanctuary. When the time came for the procession to the front of the church, they jumped ahead of her two - by - two, and she had to march up by herself.

Each of the seven pastors were assigned to speak on one of Jesus' last seven words as he died on the cross. Her word was the fourth word. "My God, My God, why hast thous forsaken me?"

Rev. Fordham said that when she stood on her feet, she surveyed the congregation for a moment. Then, in a clear decisive voice she began.

In those last few moments of severe pain and suffering on the cross, Jesus cried out to his Father in heaven, "why?" We know why Jesus died for us at Calvary, but let's apply that word "why" to our onw lives.

Ask yourselves — you who claim to be Christians - why do you hate people? WHY DO YOU DO SOME OF THE SHAME FUL THINGS YOU DO. Why do you snub your fellowman? Why don't you recognize the authority of God in your lives and treat people as Jesus treated them?"

By the time she had finished, several of the heads on the bench behind her had dropped sheepishly. As she took er seat again, she heard one of the male minister mutter. "Man, I'm glad I don't have to preach behind her."

The physicalsresitance that Rev. Fordham encountered during that Good Friday service is symbolic of what is happening today in many denominations in this country.

The oppositipn often materialize the moment that a women reveals she has received a "call" to the ministry and continues as she tries to prove that her ministerial abilities are equal to those of any of God's male servants.

If the female minister overcomes that opposition, she will find that qrejudice against women preachers controls the thinking of many church officials and congregations. Even if she becomes and ordained and gets a church, resistance from the local male ministers may hinder her from operating her church effectively.

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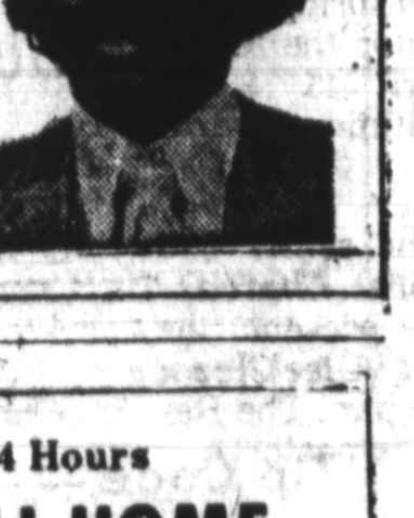

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