The living church

New events and personalities in the Metropolitan Baltimore

New Shiloh singing touches the heart

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RAP SESSION — Teenage members of New Shiloh Baptist Church and their friends gather every week at the Saturday Church School to discuss various issues. Students shown are Carl Wilson, Gary Betts, Wesley Sullivan, Kevin Burgess, Harold Carter Jr., Stephen Thomas, Rev. Harold A. Carter, pastor; Rev. Melvin Fox, Anita Gaskins, Darlene Bethea, Jonathan Mohammed, Michael Pullan, Gadsie Jenkins, Schnestha Walker, Liza Bennett, Lynell Phillips, Shelly Bush, Twila Mohammed, Stewart Marshall and Craig Claiborne.

By Pam Widgeon

If you are not at the church by 10:45 a.m. on Sundays, you stand a chance of not getting a seat in the main sanctuary.

You probably will have to sit in the balcony or the lower auditorium and participate in the service through closed circuit television.

The name of the church is New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, a church that is "determined to live with Christ."

The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter had just concluded his thirteenth year as pastor of the church.

New Shiloh Baptist is one of the few Baptist churches in the city where you can hear the old Baptist hymns sung every Sunday.

The 41 - year - old minister says all of our movements that have had any power had to reach back for those Baptist hymns.

Dr. Carter uses his vibrant voice as vital support in the proclamation of the word and the ministering to the people of God.

The Shiloh ministry is noted for fervent singing that touches the heart, lifts the spirit and points the soul to Christ.

Among some of the old hymns you will hear at New Shiloh are: "I Want Jesus To Walk With Me," "Oh, Didn't It Rain," "I'd Rather Have Jesus" and "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?"

By the time Rev. Carter had completed his sermon on May 7, taken from the first chapter of John 48 to 51st verse, members were shouting "Amen, Praise the Lord, preach Dr. Carter, preach!"

He told his members, "We got a whole lot of Christians with past - tense religion. Some folks are hung up on what it used to be.

"The best is yet to come. Don't ever get so old you don't want to live any more . . . Anytime a church talks about what it used to be, that church is dead."

Rev. Carter says that the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is one of the living personalities in his life.

Dr. King was the first person to hear of his call to the Christian ministry in October, 1955.

One of the first sermons Dr. Carter preached was in the historic pulpit of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala. where Dr. King was pastor.

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27 students graduate from school of religion

New Psalmist Baptist Church at Franklin and Gathedral Sts., was filled to capacity May 8.

The occasion was graduation for 27 students from Maryland Baptist School of Religion, 1434 McCulloh St.

The Rev. Eddie R. Wilson is president of the school, which is an extension of Virginia Seminary. Dr. M. C. Southerland was the speaker.

Speaking of the graduates, Rev. Wilson stated, "The students must now go out and let their work speak for them."

Rev. Wilson, an instructor at the school, is also pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church.

Students who received certificates for a two - year course in special ministerial were Fletcher Miller, Dwight Smith, Clarence Terry.

Those who received their Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian education were Ms. Betty Durham, Gilbert Glascoe, Ms. Edna Isaac, Sharon Knight, Ms. Carolyn Moorehead, Wilhelminia Spears, Hughetta Whitaker and Golia Wright.

Students receiving their Bachelor of Arts in Theology were Lewis Campbell, Alvin Gwynn, John Mooring, Avery Penn, Michael Rice, Alex Young.

To receive a Bachelor of Arts in church administration, Rev. Wilson stated the student must have 15 successful years in the ministry.

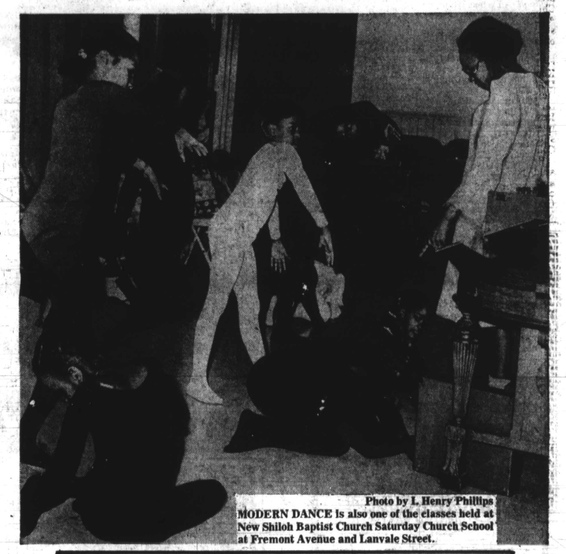
The church administration program is a new course being taught at the school by Dr. Weptamonah Carter.

The first to receive their Bachelor of Arts in church administration were the Revs. Collins Cleveland Alexander, Montague Brackett, Lorenzo Graves, John Leary and Walter Paige.

The Revs. Matthew Braxton, Willie Chambers, John Lewis, James Tucker and Cornelius Washington received their Master of Divinity degree.

Instructors at the Baptist school are the Revs. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, Edward Dowdy, Lyndsai Pitts, Olin P. Moyd, Maxwell Johnson, Douglas Wilson, Walter Thomas.

Also Dr. Weptamonah Carter, Mrs. Brenda Green, Mrs. Cynthia Leonard, Cleveland Alexander, Mrs. Shirley Ammons, Mrs. Carolyn Green, Mrs. Joyce Hancock.



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MODERN DANCE is also one of the classes held at New Shiloh Baptist Church Saturday Church School at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street.

Gillis Memorial observes pastor's 8th anniversary

Members and friends of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church celebrated the 31st anniversary of their church and the eighth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson Jr. on May 4.

The banquet was held at the Blue Crest North. Gillis Memorial, 4016 Park Heights Ave., was one of the first churches in the city to open its doors for some of the nation's most outstanding singers such as the late Mahalia Jackson, Roberta Martin Singers, James Cleveland and the Harmonizing Four.

Gospel music has been sung at Gillis since 1933 when the late Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Sr., served as pastor. The church was then located at Stockton Street near Baltimore Street and was then known as "The Friendly Church around the Corner."

The late Rev. Jackson was the first of his race to broadcast on radio with Chuck Richards as narrator along with Mrs. Sylvia Person and Ms. Pauline Wells Lewis (Aunt Pauline). The group was called the Gospel Duet.

Gillis moved to Calhoun and Mulberry Streets in 1947. The church was originally known as Gillis Methodist Church, later Gillis Memorial Church and now called Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church.

In December, 1968, Gillis moved to its present site on Park Avenue after the church on Calhoun and Mulberry Streets was demolished by the city to make way for the planned expressway.

It was July 3, 1970 when Rev. Jackson Sr., died and was succeeded by his son Rev. Jackson Jr.

Rev. Jackson's pastoral experiences started in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and Conference under the leadership of the late Rev. James Fleming.

For 15 years, he has been employed as a teacher in the Baltimore Public Schools. He has taught at Houston Wood Junior High School; William Patterson Junior High, Joseph C. Briscoe and Francis Wood Schools.

He is now an instructor at Eastern High School and has pursued graduate courses in science education at Morgan State University and graduate courses in special education at Coppin State College.

He is also active in numerous civic clubs and organizations.

Rev. Jackson is married to Mrs. Marlene Young Jackson and is the proud father of two daughters, Ms. Patricia Ann Jackson and Ms. Carla Rae Jackson.

Rev. Jackson has rendered a life of service to mankind and directed many lives into channels that proved to be meaningful lives of service and devotion.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

EIGTH ANNIVERSARY celebration of the Rev. Dr. Theodore O. Jackson, Jr., was held Family members shown from left are Melvin Jackson, Sr., Mrs. Patricia Jackson, Rev. Dr. Jackson, Mrs. Marlene Jackson and Miss Carla Jackson.

Metro church briefs

The Voices of Payne Memorial AME Church, Madison Avenue and Laurens Street, will observe their fifth anniversary on May 14.

Ms. Yvonne Bailey is president, Joan Weaslow, secretary; Ms. Carol Paul, business manager; the Rev. W. P. Mitchell is pastor.

The Gold Leaf Circle of Emmanuel Christian Community Church, 1210 Lanvale St., will present Purcell Taylor in recital on May 21, 4 p.m.

Myrna Powell, members and friends of Ebenezer Baptist Church will present a recital, "Thus Far We've Come: A Black Experience," at New Trinity Church, 2100 Edmondson Ave., on May 13, 6 p.m. Ms. Sylvia E. Wright is sponsor, Rev. M. D. Norton is pastor.

The women of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1546 Fremont Ave., will observe Women's Day on May 21 at their 12:30 p.m. mass. Mrs. Marguerite Campbell is the speaker.

The women of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will sponsor the opening night of the Lou Rawls show for the benefit of Women's Day and renovation of the church.

The date is May 23, 8:30 p.m. For ticket information call 523-4278 or 542-6379. The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant is pastor.

The Christ Church Concert association will present the Christ Church Choir in concert on May 14, 4 p.m. at Charles and Hill St.

Members of St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1000 Saratoga St., will present an employment seminar on May 20, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rev. George R. Allen is pastor.

The division of health services of New Psalmist Baptist Church, Cathedral and Franklin Sts., will sponsor a spring health fair on May 13, 12:00. The Rev. Dr. Walter S. Thomas is pastor, Ms. Mable Palmer, chairperson.

A Mother's Day bake sale will be held May 14, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Mondawmin Mall near Pantry Pride. The Missionary Circle of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church are sponsors.

Mrs. Claudine Snowden, chairman, Mrs. Beryl Smith, co - chairman; Mrs. Carmella Jones, president; the Rev. Edgar L. Reid is pastor.

Mrs. Ida Wells will be the speaker for the Women's Day luncheon of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Walbrook and Ellamont Sts., on May 20.

The women of Trinity Presbyterian Church will observe Women's Day, May 21, with Mrs. Cornelia Lake Smith as the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Edna M. Coleman is president, Mrs. Bernice White is president of the United Presbyterian Women.

Annual Women's Day will be observed May 28 at Greater Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edmondson Ave., the Rev. Wilbur S. Watson is pastor.

The Rev. David E. Gaines of Olivet Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the Porter Singers will be presented in concert at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Louise Thomas is chairman.

The senior male ushers of Shiloh Christian Community Church will sponsor a trip to Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 20. For ticket information call William Earl Smith, 362-8012.

The Youth Council of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 3050 Liberty Heights Ave., will sponsor a summer day camp June 26 until July 21. The Rev. Zacarias J. Cardoso is pastor.

Members of the St. Luke Choral Ensemble will present the Baltimore Fellowship Choir in concert on May 21, 6 p.m. at Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street. Ms. Deborah Fields is chairperson, Ms. Joyce Owens is president.

Women's Day will be celebrated May 28 at New Bethel C.C. Church. The Rev. Miss Ruth Young and the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jarman of Philadelphia, Pa., will be the speakers.

Ms. Olivia Stevens is chairperson, Ms. Patricia Randall, co - chairperson, Ms. Constance Lee, secretary. The Rev. Earl Tucker is minister.

Cherry Hill Elementary School No. 159 is holding Thomas R. Vincent Appreciation Day, Friday, May 12 noon.

The day is to give recognition and thanks to Rev. Vincent for his work and unselfish loyalty to the school.

The Thomas R. Vincent Recreation Center will be dedicated at this time and luncheon will be served.

Rev. Vincent is a member of Christ Temple Apostolic Church, 827 Cherry Hill Road, District Elder Willard E. Saunders is pastor.

The school is located in the 800 block of Bridgeview Road and the event is free and open to the public.

Madison Ave. Church celebrates Men's Day

Dr. Wiley A. Branton, an of Howard niversity's School of Law, was guest speaker at the morning services May 7 when Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church celebrated Men's Day.

In recalling the struggle for integration, he told the congregation of his experiences with Governor Faubus and President Eisenhower during the showdown with Little Rock High School.

He related the irony of two recent news items, one that former Governor Faubus, once a millionaire, had just taken a job as a bank teller in a small Arkansas bank, and the other about Ernest Green, one of the Little Rock nine, who is now the Assistant Secretary of Labor at a salary of $50,000 a year.

Dr. Branton added further that black teenage unemployment is one of the nation's top problems, but that the black middleclass has to be a shining example for black youths.

Parents, teachers and clergy, he said, have to hold standards high and emphasize a sense of purpose and excellency. He closed with a quotation by Frederick Douglass, "Character, not color . . . is the measure of a man."

Breakfast speaker the same day was Del. Arthur Murphy who talked to a full house on "The Church's Responsibility in the Political Arena."

The Rev. Reginald J. Daniels is minister.

(AFRO photo by John H. Murphy III)

MEN'S DAY speaker at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church on May 7, was Dr. Wiley A. Branton (R) shown talking with the Reg. Reginald J. Daniels, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Dwight M. Jefferson

Funeral services for Dwight Maurice Jefferson were held May 7 at Union Memorial United Methodist Church.

Mr. Jefferson, 29, died May 3. He attended University of Maryland and Montclair State College, where he received his Master's Degree in health education.

He was listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges 1968-69 as vice president of the Physical Education Club, junior class vice president; Beta Kappa Chi, Eastern Province Achievement Awards and several other organizations.

Mr. Jefferson was a resident counselor at Kose Kamp, Koosherem, Utah. He was a participant in the Intercollegiate Training Institute and a graduate intern for the Urban Institute of Montclair State College.

He was also director of student activities and acting director of education for the Urban League of Essex County, Newark, N.J.

Mr. Jefferson also taught at Walbrook High School and served as assistant and acting director of financial aid at University of Maryland.

And at the time of his death, he was employed as civil rights investigator for the department of Revenue Sharing.

He is survived by a son, Dwight Maurice Jr., parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex W. Jefferson Sr.; two brothers, Alex W. and Leland C. Jefferson and a former wife, Mrs. Pamela Jefferson.

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6:00 P.M.—Rev. Claude Lambert will be speaking

ANNIVERSARY WEEK

54th Anniversary Of The Church

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MONDAY, MAY 15th

Rev. Richard Tyler & Congregation of Perkins Square Church

TUESDAY, MAY 16th

Rev. James Wise and Congregation, Immanuel Baptist Church

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th

Rev. Mark Riddix and Congregation of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

THURSDAY, MAY 18th

Rev. Theodore Jackson and Congregation of Gillis Memorial C.C. Church

FRIDAY, MAY 19th

Rev. William Johnson and Congregation of Union Baptist Church, Turner Station

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8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion

9:00 A.M.—Church School in Guild Hall and Undercroft

9:00 A.M.—Holy Eucharist and Sermon (In Church)

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9:15 A.M.—Church school and new members' class

10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor Holy Communion

6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members' Class Mini Workshop, "The Bible — What's In It For Me"?

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Echo House to hold open house

The Echo House Foundation, located at 1705 West Fayette Street, is holding Open House ceremonies on May 20 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. The theme of the ceremonies is "Pulling Together To Strengthen Our Community."

ELDER C. GREEN'S BIRTHDAY SALUTE

ELDER GREEN

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1978

6:00 P.M.

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He is the founder and during this time he has been working laboriously to save men and women.

Needless to say, it is the desire of our Christian family to let him know how much we appreciate him.

Feel free to come and join us as we celebrate our pastor's birthday.

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11:00 A.M.—Sermon by: Rev. Marshall H. Strickland

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Music By: Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir and M. H. Strickland Symphonette

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