The living church

New events and personalities in the Metropolitan Baltimore religious community

United House of Prayer holds 52nd convocation

BISHOP 'SWEET DADDY' W. McCOLLOUGH, leader of the United House of Prayer from Washington was here last week for the 52nd Annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer, 600 W. Preston St.

Approximately 3000 people attended the 52nd Annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer last week August 18, 19, 20. Elder W. E. Howell is pastor.

The church, located at 600 W. Preston St., was the setting for prayer services each night with elders from various states preaching.

Here from Washington, D.C. to serve as the leader of the convocation was Bishop "Sweet Daddy" W. McCullough, official pastor of the United House of Prayer, Mother House in Washington, D.C.

Bishop McCullough succeeded the late Bishop "Sweet Daddy" Grace as leader of the United Houses of Prayer in more than 30 cities.

Sunday was the highlight of the three - day convocation when thousands of people, both members of the congregation and onlookers gathered for the long awaited baptismal services.

Hundreds of persons entered the pool on the church grounds to be baptized. Old and young persons alike made commitments to renew their faith while many others accepted Christ in their lives for the first time.

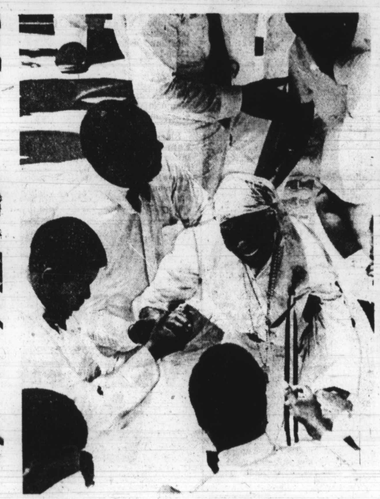
Though the temperature soared on Sunday, women and young girls who were candidates for baptism wore traditional white dresses with white head coverings. The men and young boys also in white, wore slacks and long sleeved shirts with ties.

It was an afternoon devoted to giving thanks to the Lord. Choirs sang, bands played the old time spiritual hymns and people shouted and cried out in joy.

Onlookers were amazed to see such a large number of people making a spiritual commitment, but being spectated upon didn't turn anyone back!

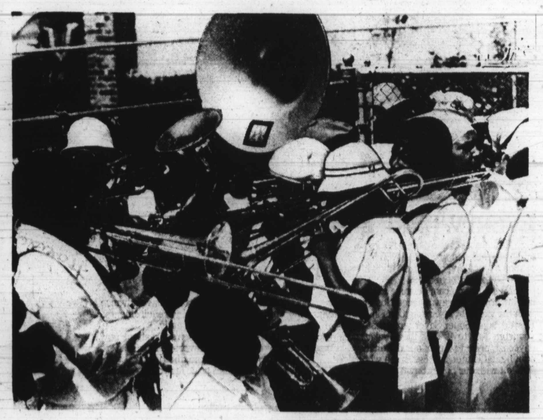
THEY ENTERED WATERS — Highlight of the week of convocation activities last week at the 52nd Annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer was baptizmal services on Sunday. Shown are members of the congregation entering the waters.

WATCHED, LOOKED AND LISTENED — These are just a few of the thousands who came out on Sunday to the United House of Prayer baptizism. The yearly event i s looked forward to by the congregation as well as neig hbors of the church.



JOY! JOY! JOY! — This woman stood a long time in line to enter the holy waters for baptizism, but she didn't mind. Here you can see the glory in her face following immersion.

REJOICING IN GLORY — Members of the congregation along with thousands of onlookers rejoiced in glory as persons were baptized.



BAND PLAYED ON — The United House of Prayer Band played glorious religious spirituals as the congregation participated in the services.

AFRO staff photos by Roman Hankewycz

Metro church briefs

On Saturday, Aug. 26, Miss Joconda Barnes will sponsor a Joy Night Service at the Faith Temple Church, 2301 Edmondson Ave., 7:30 p.m.

The program is to benefit the church's Women's Day and will feature Reflections of Truth, the Dynamic Voices of Divinity, the Ratliff Gospel Singers, the Sounds of Joy and the Young Adult Choir of First Charity Baptist Church.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

Elder James Norris is pastor.

For more information, call 669-8467.

St. James AME Church, 615 Green St., Havre de Grace, Md. is holding a Talent Show for Christ, Friday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m.

Appearing on the program are Browns of Harmony, Mrs. Florence Bowman, Mrs. Margaret Copeland, Community Baptist Senior Choir, Hosanna Junior and Senior Choirs, St. Matthews Junior Choir, Mr. and Mrs. Fields, James Hope, Rev. and Mrs. Eugene McKinney and Edward Brooks.

The show is to benefit Men's Day.

Rev. Earle M. Brooks is pastor.

On Saturday, Aug. 26, The Christian Community Church of God, located at the corner of West Baltimore Street and Franklintown Road will have a Bazaar and Fair on the church lawn, 10 a.m.

Food, games and prizes will be included.

The public is invited.

Elder Conway Green is pastor and Ernest Pretlow Sr., is chairman.

The Western Avenue Baptist Church, 39th Street and Greenmount Avenue, is sponsoring a bus trip to Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Newark, N.J., Sunday, Oct. 1.

Rev. L. J. Westbrook is pastor and Deacon Melvin Richardson is chairman.

Call 886-8860 for more information.

The overseer and members of the Church of God and Saints of Christ will hold a Fellowship Service at the Emmanuel Christian Community Church, Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Levi S. Plummer, leader of the Church of God and Saints of Christ, Bellville, Va.

Rev. Sidney Daniels is host pastor and Howard Byrd and Elizabeth Patterson are chairpersons.

Evangelist Joseph Stephenson is overseer.

The opening of Holy Comforter Lutheran School, 5513 York Road, will be celebrated at a dedication service, Sunday, Sept. 10.

The celebration begins with a vesper service at 7 p.m.

Miss Melissa James, a recent graduate of Loyola College, will be installed as a teacher by Rev. Carol H. Youse, pastor of Holy Comforter.

Ms. Norma L. Pilot, principal, will serve as the school's other teacher.

Following the service, a fellowship hour with refreshments will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

Louis O. Peters Jr. is chairman.

The Committee for the Preservation of Orchard Street Church is sponsoring a Bull Roast at Martin's West, Saturday, Sept. 2, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information call 396-4887 or 655-1638.

Dr. Quincy D. Cooper will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. services Sunday, Aug. 27 at the Morgan Christian Center, Hillen Road near Cold Spring Lane. The Morgan Chapel Choir will participate in the service.

The public is welcome.

Professor Nathan Carter is the director of the Chapel Choir and Miss Margaret Lindsay is the assistant director.

Dr. Quincy Cooper is the director of the Morgan Christian Center.

Mount Lebanon's new church site, 2812-14 Reisterstown Road, is the location for the fourth annual Bazaar, Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Operation Champ will be there until 4 p.m. and free rides, free music and refreshments on sale will be included.

An added attraction will be art work on display by Mr. Bowers, a senior citizen member of the church.

The Bazaar is to benefit Women's Day.

Bessie McKnight is chairman and Lenora Johnson is co - chairman.

Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd is pastor.

The Helping Hands of Highway Church of Christ, 3413 Hayward Ave., are holding a bake and rummage sale Saturday, Aug. 26, 10 a.m.

Va. State offerings

PETERSBURG — Virginia State College has listed two graduate level public administration courses during its evening schedule.

Richard L. Hedrick, Prince George county administrator, will teach public administration Mondays from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Sept. 11.

Theodore E. Thornton, director of personnel for Richmond, will teach personnel administration in government organizations on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., beginning Sept. 6.

Ex-shopkeeper must repay in $1,000 theft

RICHMOND

A former clothing store owner has been ordered to repay $1,000 to the city's Church Hill Model Neighborhood Program.

Richmond Circuit Judge James B. Wilkinson accepted a plea bargain by William Johnson.

Johnson pleaded guilty in May to stealing model neighborhood funds but there was confusion about how much he stole.

The plea bargaining agreement kept the man out of jail.

Kenya President Kenyatta mourned

NAIROBI, Kenya — Condolences pured in from around the world this week in tribute to President Jomo Kenyatta as Kenyans — many openly weeping in public — mourned the death of Kenyatta who was known as "The Burning Spear" of the bloody Mau Mau rebellion that delivered black Africa from the cruel yoke of white colonialism.

Kenyatta, who rose from a boy goatherd to become black Africa's elder statesman, "passed away peacefully in his sleep at 3:30 a.m. (8:30 p.m. EDT, Monday, Aug. 22 at Statehouse" in Mombasa overlooking the Indian Ocean, an official announcement said.

Vice President Daniel Arap Moi immediately was sworn in as acting president and decreed a 30 - day period of official mourning.

Condolences poured in from around the world, including messages from President Carter, Queen Elizabeth and British Prime Minister James Callaghan.

A statement telephoned to the AFRO from the White House said the death of Kenyatta "is a very sad occasion" and described the freedom fighter as "a giant of the African independent struggle and a revered leader of his country."

The White House statement also noted that Kenyatta stood for African independence, majority rule and peace and equality among nations and added that "his voice will be missed in the councils of Africa and the world.

Israel President Yitzhak Navon called Kenyatta "a great leader and statesman and father of free and independent Kenya."

Clutching a Bible in his right hand, Vice President Moi appealed to the nation's 16 million population to remain calm during the 90 - day period until a permanent successor can be named.

The government said Kenyatta's body would lie in state at Statehouse in Nairobi for 10 days.

The grandson of an African witchdoctor and son of a simple farmer, Kenyatta was about 85 years old at his death. Born in poverty and raised by missionaries, his exact birthdate was not recorded and never established. Kenyatta often joked, "I do not know when I was born."

Tens of thousands of Kenyans, many openly weeping, gathered outside the two statehouses in Mombasa and Nairobi. Shops, restaurants and bars closed down.

Nairobi Radio halted all regular broadcasts to announce the death repeatedly and play funeral music. Mombasa residents tore down gay bunting from their homes and offices, put up only a few days earlier to welcome Kenyatta to the coast.

Although he had suffered several heart attacks in recent years, the barrel - chested and bearded Kenyatta, the ever - present zebra tail fly whisk in his hand, had appeared in robust health in recent days. Only hours before his death he had conferred with Kenya's ambassadors on foreign affairs.

Kenyatta, once denounced by his British colonial masters as a "leader to darkness and death" for his alleged leadership of the Mau Mau terrorist guerrilla movement in the 1950s, became the country's first and only president on independence from Britain in 1963.

Kenyatta, who always denied he led the Mau Mau movement, was the last of the original black nationalist leaders such as Kwame Krumah of Ghana with whom he led the continent through the turbulent 1950s and 1960s to independence.

Perhaps his most masterful stroke was in inviting Kenya's former colonial masters, the British, to stay and help develop the country.

With British help, Kenyatta forced a thriving, capitalistic - oriented nation with one of the continent's only working parliaments and relatively free press.

Born Kamau Wa Ngengi, his family remembered him later as a "Lever boy" but who was given to running away and hiding in the bush whenever something upset him.

In 1909 he was taken under the wing of the Scottish missionaries who taught him reading and writing and carpentry. While at the mission as a boy he had a spinal operation which probably saved his life.

Five years later he was baptized Johnstone Kamau but later he battled with the church over its power in the colonies over the natives.

"When the missionaries arrived, the Africans had the land and the missionaries had the Bible," Kenyatta said. "They taught us to pray with our eyes closed. When we opened them, they had the land and we had the Bible."

Later he spent nearly 16 years in Europe and became a parttime actor. He once roomed with Paul Robeson, the American black singer - actor.

He visited Moscow and other eastern European capitals and turned to serious political writing through the help of C. P. Scott, editor of the Manchester Guardian newspaper.

With Nkrumah he organized the 5th Pan African Congress in Manchester and wrote his most famous work, "Facing Mount Kenya," a study of the Kikuyu tribe.

When he returned to Africa, he found the whites had all the best land and that blacks "had to step off the sidewalk in their own country to let whites pass."

He adopted the name Jomo, "Burning Spear," and formed the group that became the for runner of Kenyan African National union, Kenya's only political party.

But in 1953 he was arrested and convicted of leading the bloody Mau Mau rebellion. He was sentenced to seven years at hard labor.

When he was released he was hailed as a hero and in the rush to independence was chosen to be Kenya's interim prime minister and later its founding president.

Kenyatta was married four times — to three Kenyans and a white English schoolteacher — and had eight children. His daughter Margaret became mayor of Nairobi and was one of Kenyatta's closest confidants.

Baltimoreans in Armed Forces

Away from home

U.S. ARMY COMPLETED TRAINING

Reserve Spec. 4 Lewis O. Walden Jr., recently completed the 10th Special Forces Group Airborne School at Fort Devans, Mass.

The training included two - mile runs twice daily, rigorous exercise and 14-hour training days. Five jumps from C-130 aircraft culminated the school.

Cadet Alvin Brunson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Brunson, 1228 N. Dukeland St., recently completed six weeks of training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky.

The basic camp is designed to give junior college graduates and college sophomores who have not taken ROTC courses the chance to enter the program. The camp also qualifies high school graduates for the ROTC program at any of the nation's six military junior colleges.

A 1976 graduate of Southwestern High School, Baltimore, Brunson is a student at Hampton (Va.) Institute.

Cadet Levi P. Johnson, son of Mrs. Anna L. Johnson, 2609 Aisquith St., recently completed six weeks of training in fundamental military skills at the Army ROTC basic camp at Fort Knox, Ky.

Johnson is enrolled in ROTC at Morgan State University. He is a 1976 graduate of Northern High School.

Pvt. Gregory Allen, son of Bernice R. Allen, 1224 N. Spring St., recently completed training as an armor crewman under the One Station Unit Training (OSUT) program at Fort Knox, Ky.

OSUT is a 13 - week period which combines basic combat training with advanced individual training.

Allen entered the Army in April of this year. The private attended Morgan State University.

Reserve Spec. 4 Preston L. Goines recently completed the 10th Special Forces Group Airborne School at Fort Devens, Mass.

Goines and his wife, Ruth, live at 5318 The Alameda. He attended the Community College of Baltimore and Towson University, receiving an associate degree in 1976. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Goines, lives at 4100 Floweron Rd.

ASSIGNED

Pvt. Errol M. Hughes, son of Mrs. Rose E. Hughes, 4 Spinner Court, Randallstown, Md., recently was assigned as a supplyman with the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood, Texas.

Hughes entered the Army in July 1977. He is a 1977 graduate of Woodlawn High School.

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11:00 A.M. "Climbing Up The Mountain" William Henry Smith-Arr

Rev. Ronald Armstrong

Busy in Havre de Grace

St. James AME plans dinners, show

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The following day, Saturday, Aug. 26, barbecue dinners will be on sale at the church. The menu includes barbecued spare ribs and chicken.

A smorgasbord dinner will be served at the church Sunday, Sept. 3, beginning at 1 p.m. This also is to benefit Men's Day.

The public is invited and $3 buys all you can eat.

The Rev. Earle M. Brooks is pastor.

For more information, call 939-9899.

Rev. Armstrong plans to honor pastor

Rev. Ronald Armstrong has been preaching God's word for 11 years.

Ordained at age 16, he has been active in the church his entire life.

Rev. Armstrong said he has been involved in music since the age of three and plays the piano, organ, guitar and percussion instruments.

He received his A.A. degree in 1976 and will be attending Baltimore Baptist Minister College this fall to earn his B.A. degree.

Rev. Armstrong is presently the minister of music at Mt. Oliver Baptist Church in Turner's Station.

He is the founder and organizer of the Armstrong Singers and the Armstrong Ensemble.

Rev. Armstrong is sponsoring a program called "This Is Your Life" to honor the pastor, Rev. Dr. Shelton A. Fleming at the church, Dundalk Avenue extention, Turner's Station, Sunday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m.

The public is invited.

AT THE COLISEUM—The Brothers Johnson will appear at the Richmond Coliseum Saturday, Sept. 2, at 8 p.m. Also appearing will be the Emotions and Shotgun.

VHSL upheld on exclusion of private schools

RICHMOND

A federal court says the Virginia High School League may legally exclude private schools — which are mostly white— from membership and participation in its scheduled athletic tournaments.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals says that exclusion of private schools from the statewide public school league was justified to prevent rival schools from exerting recruiting pressures on promising student athletes.

Currently, private schools are allowed to schedule regular - season athletic contests with VHSL members.

But those games do not count in the VHSL standing for member schools, and private schools do not participate in VHSL - sponsored post - season tournaments to determine state champions in various sports.

The Appeals Court ruling overturned U.S. District Judge Oren R. Lewis's injunction against the league's exclusion of private schools in a suit brought by Arlington's Bishop Dennis J. O'Connell High School.

Bishop O'Connell, a Catholic school with a reputation as a first - class basketball power, sued when its application for membership was refused in February, 1977.

The league, founded in 1913, noted that its constitution was changed in 1923 to exclude all but public schools, but Lewis agreed with the private school that there was no compelling reason for the ban.

The Appeals Court, however, found that such undesirable recruiting pressure could occur if private schools were admitted because a student athlete would then have his choice of high schools.

No such pressure exists under the current league constitution because students must attend their local public schools to participate in league - sanctioned major sports.

"At present a student who desires to engage in league - sponsored tournaments is not exposed to a potentially tempting choice of schools," the court said.

"If, however, private schools were admitted to the league, a student eligible to attend such schools could choose to attend any of them or to attend his public school, thus exposing himself to the potential pressures the league seeks to forestall."

Norfolk BTW class holds 25th reunion

NORFOLK — The Sherton Inn here was the scene of the three days of fun, frocliicking and renewing of old school friendship for 38 members of the January 1953 and one member of June 1953 graduation classes of Booker T. Washington High School.

The highlight of the three - day affair was a banquet and dance. Andrew L. Neal Jr. and Mrs. Patsy Fields Walden extended official greetings.

The Rev. Andrew Harold gave the invocation and offered a brief "In Memoriam" for deceased members, Mrs. Ann Callis Keys, Mrs. Wilhelmenia Haynes Saundlin, class sponsor Roderick R. Fox and principal, Winston Douglas.

A selection was furnished by the "53 Quintet", Ms. Estelle Rasberry Lee, Rosalyn Fields Wilkins, Lionel Bullock, Nathaniel Brooks and Andy Neal. The speaker was Mrs. Joyce Gilliam Brown, now a teacher in the public school system in White Plains, N.Y. She was introduced by Nathaniel Brooks.

Miss Delores R. Howard sang "Memories", dedicated to all members of the class.

Mervin O. McCoy presented gifts, to the sponsors of the class, Dr. Ruth N. Swann, director, faculty development center, Hampton Institute, and Miss Doris R. Howard, member of the the high school faculty.

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