THE LIVING CHURCH

St. Edward's parish has a new pastor

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APPRECIATION DINNER — Among those attending a dinner at Martin's West honoring Father Maurice Blackwell on Aug. 12 shown from (L) are Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, former Archbishop of Baltimore; Father Blackwell, Archbishop William D. Borders and the Rev. J. Francis Stafford, Urban Vicar.

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Fridnds, relatives and members of St. Bernardine Catholic Church spent an evening with Father Maurice Blackwell Sunday, Aug. 12 at Martin's West.

The occasion was an appreciation banquet and farewell dinner for the 33-year-old priest. Father Blackwell has served as CO-PASTOR OF St. Bernardine's Catholic Church, 3812 Edmondston Ave., for five years and is the first black priest to be named pastor in the archdiocese. He will begin his new 18 at St. Edward's PLOPLAR Grove and Lafayette Ave.

Aong the 320 guests attending the appreciation dinner were the Rev. J. Francis Stafford, Archbishop Willam D. Borders and Archbishop Lawrence Cardinal Shehan.

Following a full course dinner, firnds of the honoree gave him a special tribute and presented him with gifts. The young priest was described as "a successful young aspiring leader."

Just before dinner was served, members of St. Bernardine's Gospel Choir sang , "I've Got to Keep Moving, Great God Almighty and I'vw Been Touched." Rober Holliman is the minister of music.

Ms. Cheryl Young, an active member of St. Bernardine's and former president of the United Souls served a smistress of ceremonies.

Inintroducing the honoree, Ms. Young stated, "Father Blackwell all your children at St. Bernardine's remember when we were once the young and restless sitting on the edge of night searching for tomorrow, as the world turned.

"Then you, our guiding light made us aware that we had but one life to live here on earth. You gave us strength, you gave us hope, you gave us direction, you gave us love Father Blackwell you gave us pride. We shall indeed remember you all the days of our lives."

Father Blackwell expressed his appreciation to his family, friends and members of St. Bernardine's. Speaking of his mother Mrs. Priscilla Kelly, the young priest said, "My mother molded me, my grandmother converted me and St. Bernardine's instructed me."

He spoke of his ffriends, and said "So many people in my life and on our history have paved the way for me. This is not my banquet. This is our banquet."

Comottee members were Mrs. Carolyn Blackwell, Ms. Beverly Carroll, Mrs. Paulett Thorton and Mrs. Annie Young. Father Blackwell received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Mary's Seminary College and a Master of Divinity degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University. He was assigned to St. Bernardine's following is ordination in 1974.

Among others who participated in the program were the Rev. J. Francis Stafford, Archbishop William D. Borders, Archbishop Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, the Rev. Walter Barrett and Sists. Elaine Frederick.

Metro church briefs

The Missionary Society of Harlem Park Community Baptist Church will sponsor a trip to Busch Gardens on Aug. 25. For ticket information call 523-4361. Mrs. Mary Green is president, Mrs. Ruby Price and Mrs. Sadie Smith are sponsors. The Rev. Raymond Kelly Jr., is pastor.

APPRECIATION DINNER was held recently at St. Pentecostal Holiness Church for J.D. Fowler, musician for Rev. Edna Isaac and the Greene Sisters. The Voices of Divinity, Mrs. Katie Jackson and the O.J. Gospel singers were among groups who participated on the program.

The Rev. Henry E. Millier, pastor of Daniel's Chapel AME Zion Church will be the guest speaker on Aug. 19, at First Baptist Church of Guilford, 7504 Oakland Mills. At 3:30 p.m. the choirs of Daniel's Chapel will be featured in a concert. The Rev. John L. Wright is pastor of First Baptist.

The deacons and deaconess of Central Baptist Church, Baltimore and Pulaski St., will sponsor a musical program on Aug. 26, 6 p.m. with the Five Kings of Baltimore as their special guests. The Rev. Montague J. Brackett is pastor.

Members of Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ East 43rd St., and Old York Rd., will sponsor a trip to King's Dominion on Aug. 25. Bishop Leroy H. Cannady Sr. is pastor.

The Senior Missionary Society of Allen AME Church, 1132 Lexington St., is sponsoring a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Feb. 21-29, 1980. For more information call Marie Braxton, 944-2491 or Marilyn Lee, 664-7306. The Rev. Ronald E. Braxton is pastor.

The Male and gospel choir of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church wil observe North Carolina Day on Aug. 19, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. A.D. Lyon, pastor of Greenwood Baptist Church in Warrenton, N.C. will be the speaker. The Rev. Dr. William King is pastor of Simmons.

The men of Christ's Church, 1110 St. Paul St., will sponsor a crab feast on Sept. 29, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. The menu will consist of crabs, watermelon and soda. T. Douglas Fleming is president of the group.

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HONOREE AND FRIENDS who participated on the program honoring the Rev. John Lunn, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, shown seated from left are the Rev. William Johnson, Darneal Johnson and Alfred Vaughn. Shown standing from left are Miss Alberta Lunn, the Rev. John Lunn, Ms. Joan McDaniel and Mrs. Charlotte Dudley.

GUESTS attending the anniversary banquet for the Rev. John Lunn shown seated from (L) are the Revs. William Johnson, Darneal Johnson and Alfred C. D. Vaughn. Shown standing from (L) are Miss Geraldine Lunn, the Rev. John Lunn and Ms. Joan McDaniel, chairman.

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Friends honor Rev. John Lunn

The Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church was the guest speaker for a banquet honoring the Rev. John Lunn, who celebrated his third anniversary as pastor of Berean Baptist Church on Aug. 3.

The affair was held in the multi-purpose room of Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St., where the Rev. Samuel Ray is spastor.

Speaking to the guests, Rev. Vaughn spoke on "What I t Takes To Be A Good Minister." He told the guests, "You can have all the material things you ant and that really does not make you a preacher.

"There is more to being a preacher than having a flow of words to say. It is more than a collge education or seminary degree ... If you are going to preach you must know God first. If you are on the Usher Board God must convert you first. Before God can use you and you must be converted.

"The ministry is not a profession like so many people call it. A real preacher must have the calling... Rev. Lunn was described as a "devoted and dedicated preacher."

The 31-year-old ministers is also employed with the Howard County Board of Education and has taught history for eight years. He is the son of Mrs. Theola Lunn and has five sisters, Mrs. Thelma L. Stokes, Miss Alberta Lunn, Mrs. Geraldine L. Floyd, Mrs. Clemtine L. Watkins and Mrs. Helen L. McDonald. His four brothers are the Rev. Roosevelt Lunn, associate pastor of North East Baptist Church, Woodrow, Richard and Andrew Lunn.

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FINAL RITES — The body of Howard Murphy, comptroller of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper who died last Saturday, Aug. 11 in Massachusetts of a heart attack, is carried from St. James Episcopal Church following funeral services Thursday. Pallbearers include (l. to R) John Ward, Wellington Ross, Cecil Bray, Pierre Davis, Paul Beckham, Lloyd Alston (both hidden) Marvin Davis and Charles Tildon.

BEREAVED WIDOW — Mrs. Louise Murphy, widow of the late Howard Murphy, is led from St. James Episcopal Church after her husband's funeral by funeral director Herbert Nutter (L) and her father and followed by her daughter.

Baptists make record foreign mission gifts

The 82nd annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and its allied bodies will meet in Washington Monday, Aug. 27, through Friday, Aug. 31.

Lott Carey's headquarters will be the Shoreham Americana Hotel, 2500 Calvert St., N.W., with the Rev. J. D. Bussey, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, 1806 Capitol Ave., N.E., as host.

Organized in Washington in 1897 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Lott Carey has over two million members representing 2,000 black Baptist churches. More than 5,000 messengers are expected to participate in this year's homecoming to the District of Columbia.

This year's session will mark the third time that President Bussey has presided and he is expected to be succeeded by the Rev. George L. Bodwick of the Rodman Street Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. No contest is expected in keeping with the rule of tenure as is adopted by the convention.

According to Dr. W. C. Sommerville of Washington, executive secretary of Lott Carey and dean of black foreign missionaries in America, a total of 230 black ministers have led their congregations in contributing $1,000 each for missions. Several have given over $5,000, his report shows. This is a record for black Baptists in mission giving, Dr. Sommerville said.

Lott Carey is the oldest black organization in America whose work is distinctively foreign missions. With headquarters in Washington at 1501 11th St., N.W., the activities of the organization extend to Liberia, Nigeria, Ghana and India.

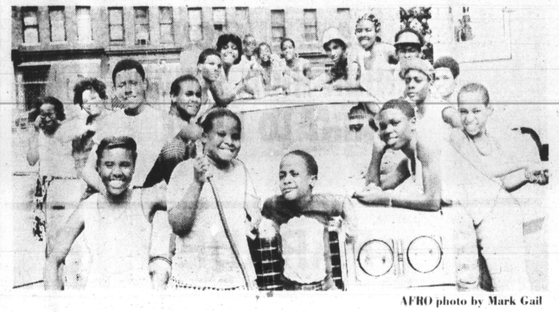
Extensive renovations have been made in Liberia during the past year as will be reported by the Rev. Jeremiah Walker, a native Liberian. Rev. Walker is a product of the convention who was trained at the Missions School in his native land and completed his education in the United States.

Dr. R. G. Williams will preside over the executive board at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 28. Other convention activities during the week will include the pre-convention musical directed by Mrs. Juanita David of New York City on Monday evening in the Regency Room at the hotel.

John W. McQueen, president of the Layman's League, is programmed to deliver his annual address on Tuesday evening; the executive secretary's report is to be Wednesday morning at 10 a.m.; and Dr. Bussey's annual address will be delivered on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Vera M. Slade, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, is programmed to deliver her annual address on Thursday evening, and Mrs. Michelle Felton, president of the Youth Department is to report on Thursday afternoon.

Mayor Noel C. Taylor of Roanoke, Va. and pastor of High Street Baptist Church, is inspirational speaker on Tuesday evening, along with the Noel Taylor Choir.



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CAR WASH — The youth members of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church sponsored a car wash Aug. 11 to raise money for new choir robes for the King Special Choir. Shown are members of the group with their president, Kevin Carter.

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ROUND AND ROUND — Games were part of the annual sidewalk sale on Aug. 11 at the Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria. Mrs. Clarice Patterson and several younger members of the church watch the spinning wheel and hoping they will win a prize. Shown from left are Mrs. Patterson, Dondra Coates, Wade Seaton, Yolanda Holmes, Calvin Johnson, Keyaraana Wilkeson.

Takes new retirement home post

Rev. William P. Harris, administrator of the Baptist Home of the District of Columbia, has been appointed as administrator of the Washington House, a Methodist retirement home in Alexandria, Va. The appointment is effective in September.

A graduate of William Jewell College, Mo. and the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Harris' professional experience includes the pastorships of the First Baptist Church of Gem and the First Baptist Church of Pratt, both in Kansas.

He was assistant administrator of the Indiana Baptist Home in Indianapolis from 1964 to 1965. Harris received his master of arts degree in long term health care administration from the George Washington University in 1974. He is a member of the National Baptist Memorial Church in northwest Washington.

Harris came to the Baptist Home in 1965 and since 1976 has served at the Baptist Home's Thomas House Retirement Community on Thomas Circle.

Under his administration the Baptist Home has grown from a one-program, 64-bed facility to a three program facility — the Baptist Home at Ward Circle, the University Fellowship Club Daycare Center for senior citizens and Thomas House — with a total capacity of 400 beds.

The value of the Baptist Home has risen from $1.1 million in 1964 to $8.9 million today, with a net worth increased $2.7 million in the same period.

Outside this application he has provided management consultant leadership for two HUD-financed projects for the elderly, Friendship Terrace in the District of Columbia and Culpeper Garden in Arlington, Va.

Harris has also collaborated on a project sponsored by the National Capital Housing Authority to provide a multi-phase living facility for D.C.'s low income senior citizens.

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SWEET POTATO PIE — Mrs. Alice Nixon, an active member of the Church of St. Katherine of Alexandria is shown with a slice of pie she purchased Aug. 11 at the annual sidewalk sale. The all day affair was sponsored by the Episcopal Church Women.

Counseling service extends hours

The Information and Referral Service of the Health and Welfare Council of Central Maryland recently extended its telephone service hours to include evenings, weekends and holidays.

Persons with a problem or a question now can reach a counselor from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekends and holidays. At other times messages are taken by an answering service, which locates a counselor as soon as possible for emergency calls.

The telphone number for persons living within the Baltimore metropolitan calling area is 685-6525. Other residents of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard Counties can dial the toll-free number 1-800-492-0618.

Information and Referral counselors give callers information about existing community services in their area or assist them in getting in touch with the nearest service organization that can help them. Callers need not identify themselves, and all problems are treated confidentially.

Henry Hall worked at Provident

Funeral services for Henry Hall were held Aug. 14 at Herbert Nutter Funeral Home, 3035 North Ave.

Mr. Hall, of the 400 block Mosher St., died Aug. 11 at Provident Hospital. He had been employed with Provident Hospital as an engineer before he retired for nearly 25 years.

He was also a member of the National Association of Power Engineers and donated $20,000 worth of rare fish to the Aquarium.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Electra Hall and five nieces.

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8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist Sermon
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8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship Sermon By Rev. Wesley Veney
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 Rev. Wesley Veney
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Sermon By:
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Theme "The Best Of A Bad Mess"
Music By Zion Echoes and Gospel Choruses I & II
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