THE LIVING CHURCH

SOULFUL RENDITION — Tommy Roberts is shown singing Put All Your Trust in God at his anniversary celebration held Sept. 9 at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church. (C) photo shows members of the Tommy Roberts Singers, who also participated in the gospel program. Photos at (L) shows Fernado Allen, director of the group who is also executive director for the T. R. Records and music publishers.

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Gospel performance recorded live

Soulful singing rocks Jones Tabernacle

sm1305p09s1100 There was standing room only at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St., on Sept. 9, when Tommy Roberts, The Gospel Leaders and the Tommy Roberts singers appeared with the Baltimore Workshop Choir for a live recording session at the church.

It was Roberts first live recording session and he recorded songs that he had composed especially for his new album. Under the direction of Fernando G. Allen, Roberts, the Gospel Leaders and Tommy Roberts singers performed with a stunning complement to the exciting songs and spirit that filled the night.

Guests were seen shouting, clapping and rocking in their seats, when Norman Dudley sung, "Jesus Is My Natural High." Roberts has sung with the Rev. James Cleveland, Mahalia Jackson, Rev. Jessy Dixon, Edwin and Walter Hawkins, Evangelist Shirley Ceaser and other nationaly known gospel groups.

He has been singing for more than 25 years and composing for 15 years. Members of the Tommy Roberts singers are Marie Griffin, Geraldine Griffin, Ernestine Hopkins, Venus Escumbise, Diane Anderson, Barbara Parker, Barbara Roberts, Diane Scott, Gloria Hawkins, Celestine Knight.

Also, Joyce White, Norman Dudley, Herbert Silver, Ralph Vanderford, Charles Stevenson, Lee Hawkins, Earnest Johnson, Benjamin Butler, Charles Ellis, David Davenport, Roland Joe Smith, Kemmitt Scott, Randy Roberts Jr., J.C. Scott, John Myers, Howard Smith Jr., Dwayne Ellis, Jeffrey Green, Freddie Fuller.

The gospel leaders have been singing 16 years. Members of the group are Norman Dudley, Charles Ellis, Benjamin Butler, Howard Smith, Roland Joe Smith and Tommy Roberts.

Emcees for the gospel program were Mrs. Pauline Wells Lewis, Mrs. Mary Clayburn and Isadore Ellis. The Rev. Arthur Jones is pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist.

The Tommy Roberts singers will sponsoring a gospel show on Saturday, Sept. 15 in Mount Union Pennsylvania and will be singing 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 16 at the homecoming services at St. Paul Baptist Church, where the Rev. George Crawley is pastor.

Gospel music is now changing, basically because people are discovering that you can make a living at it now. Gospel music shares the same experience that jazz music did a fall century ago.

SIMPSONS FAMILY — The Male Chorus of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Avenue will sponsor an evening with the Simpsons on Sept. 16, 5 p.m. The concert will include organ and piano selections by Ms. Mildred D. Simpson accompanied by Mack B. Simpson Jr., and Mack B. Simpson III, pianist. The Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor of Macedonia.

Metro church briefs

Annual homecoming services will be held Sept. 16, 11 a.m. at St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 416 East 23rd Street. At 3 p.m. the Johnson Family will sponsor a program. Ms. Alease Weems is president, the Rev. Y. Almed is pastor.

The Junior Ushers and members of the Children's Ministry of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church will be featured in a fashion show on Sept. 15, 6 p.m. at the church, Harford Road and Parkside Dr. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

Members of St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church, 810 Carrollton Ave., will celebrate their seventh annual homecoming service on Sept. 16. The Rev. Dr. B.L. Hagler, pastor of St. Mark AME Church in Durham, N.C., will be the 11 a.m. speaker.

At 3:30 p.m. the Rev. R.L. Jarman of Wilmington, Dela. will be the speaker. Mrs. Jacqueline Hardy is organist, Herbert E. Brown, minister of music, the Rev. Benjamin S Foust is pastor. St. John will be in revival services during the week of Sept. 17 - 21 with the Rev. B. L. Hagler of St. Mark AME Zion Church as guest speaker.

The Sanctuary Choir of Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edmondson Ave., will celebrate their anniversary on Sept. 23, 5 p.m. at the church. The Rev. W.S. Watson is pastor.

The Men of Christ's Church will sponsor a crab feast in the parish hall and garden of the church on Sept. 29, 1 to 5 p.m. T. Douglass Fleming is president.

A parish festival will be held Sept. 29 and 30 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Caroline and Oliver St., 2 to 10 p.m. on the church parking lot. The festival featuring games, rides, food and fun will be for the entire family and is being sponsored by the Men of St. Francis Xavier.

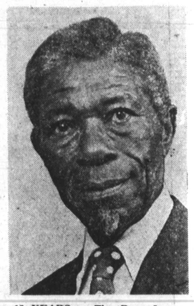
A prayer breakfast will be held Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St. The Rev. Clifford Johnson of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will be the speaker.

The Missionary Society of Wayland Baptist Church will present Mrs. Beatrice Burgess is recital on Sept. 30, 6 p.m. Mrs. Alice Cooper is chairman, Mrs. Elnora Boykins is co - chairman.

Homecoming services will be observed Sunday, Sept. 16 at MorginStar Baptist Church where the Rev. Samuel Ray is pastor.

The President's Council of the Interdenominational Church Ushers Association of Maryland Inc., will sponsor the Suburban Mass Choir in a pre - memorial musical at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St.

The missionary society of Morning Star will sponsor a bus trip to Skyline Drive on Sept. 29 and the publicity committee for Women's Day at Morning Star will sponsor a program entitled "Cooking With Class" on Sept. 14, 7 p.m. Mrs. Joan L. Dudley is chairman of the committee. Women's Day will be observed on Oct. 28.



16 YEARS — The Rev. James Wise, pastor of First Emanuel Baptist Church, 2209 Park Ave., was honored on Sept. 9 at a banquet. The affair was held at the Holiday Inn downtown with the Rev. Luns C. Richardson of South Carolina as guest speaker.

The women of Church of God and Saints of Christ, 906 Calhoun St., will observe Women's Day on Sept. 23 at the Walter P. Carter Recreation Center, 820 East 43rd St., Evangelist Joseph Stephenson is pastor. Ms. Oprah Winfrey will be the speaker.

99th annual Baptist convention held in Ohio

By Marjorie R. Green

"The Task of the Church in the Struggle for Domestic Peace," was the theme for the 99th annual session of the national Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., Parent Body and the 78th annual session of the Women's Convention Auxiliary.

More than 30,000 delegates attended the convention held in Cleveland Ohio last week. Counted in the number were 300 delegates from Maryland.

The Reverend Matthew R. Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland headed the delegation that began arriving Saturday, Sept. 1, by car, airplane and bus. Most of the delegates were housed close to the convention center while others were housed as far as 20 miles away. We were fortunate enough to have secured accommodations in the Parent Body Headquarters hotel.

Upon arrival we couldn't wait to put our luggage down and start exploring the town. It was Labor Day and to our dissapointment the town seemed to be in mourning. Everything was closed for the holiday. The only activity was the constant arrival of delegates from across the United States.

Early Tuesday morning, shortly after sipping a hot cup of black coffee, we headed for the registration desk in the Cleveland Convention Center to pick up our delegates kit. We had been informed that the registration would begin at 9:00 A.M. We were in line at 8:30 a.m. — The registration window opened at 11:00 A.M., Thus, the convention began in typical Baptist style. There wasn't any time to fret about inconviences because we were soon engulfed in good music, preaching and lectures by some of the most talented messengers in the country.

The official opening of the 78th Annual Session of the Women's Auxiliary, NBC, USA, INC., took place on Wednesday morning when the Women of the Ohio Baptist State Convention and the Ohio Baptist General Convention presented the state flower of red carnations to convention delegates. Mrs. Clara M. Banks, a former Marylander and Mrs. Lucille Pauley, presidents of the two Ohio state conventions extended welcomes.

Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan was back again charming the women with his unique presentations on "The Bible" during the early morning study classes.

Wednesday evening we were seated in the balcony when President Mary O. Ross arrived to give her dynamic Annual Address that was inspired by the general theme: "Domestic Peace — Christian Women's Charge and Challenge."

In her address Dr. Ross recommended that National Baptist Women, being channels of peace themselves, shall set their hearts, heads and hands, firmly, to the business of the promotion of things which go to make for Domestic Peace." In addition to the recommendations, Dr. Ross announced that Dr. E.A. Freeman President of the National Sunday School and Baptist Training Union, has been nominated to serve as First Vice President by the Baptist World Alliance Committee.

Reflecting on the International year of the child, she recommended that there be a renewal of concern for children in our nation and around the world." She spoke out against the use of "black English;" and further recommended that the celebration of the International Year of the Child be extended beyond 1979.

HOMECOMING — Mrs. Cecelia Bryant, wife of the Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be the 11 a.m. speaker Sept. 16 for the 11 a.m. homecoming services at St. Paul Baptist Church, 3101 The Alameda where the Rev. George A. Crawley is pastor.

MSU to hold convocation

Morgan Christian Center will sponsor consecration convocation on Sept. 19 at the center. The purpose of the convocation is to encourage students to dedicate and rededicate their lives to Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be the speaker and music will be by the Imani Messengers of Bethel AME.

Student leaders who will participate are Sherman Moore, Renee Gaters, Timothy Smoot, Gerry S. Scott, Nancy L. Johnson, E. Adam Jackson, Glenda Simpson, Sher Thornton, Thomas Davis.

Also, Vanessa Chappel, Reggie Landers, Pamela Ferguston, Janice Clark, Kenneth McCoy, Patrice Little, Carolyn Frazier, James Paton and Denise Dunn, Marjon Harris Spann is the student minister at Morgan.

Anger workshop to be offered

A two-part lecture workshop on anger and violence and their effects on separated, divorced and widowed persons, will be offered Sept. 19 and Oct. 3 by the division of adult and family ministry of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Dr. Dennis Madden, a priest-psychologist who is director of the Violence Clinic of the University of Maryland, will conduct the workshops. Dr. Madden was ordained a priest of the Baltimore archdiocese in 1967.

Classes will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. at St. Lawrence Church, 5801 Security Blvd. Registration is $3 for both sessions and may be made by calling the Division of Adult and Family Ministry, 547-5424.

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URBAN SERVICES AGENCY PRESENTS AWARDS — Chairpersons and steering committee members of the Concerned Citizens Committee for "An Evening with Sam Lacy" were presented plaques for outstanding service by Lenwood Ivey, executive director of Urban Services and Elva Edwards, associate director. Shown are (L to R): Suzan Harrison, publicity; Cathy Pope Smith, souvenir program; Robert Barnett, coordinator of officials for Project Survival; Edward Goldman and Dorothy Jordan, ticket operations; John Murdock, Project Survival coordinator; Dorothy Tyler, ticket operations; Vernon Wolst, director of Project Survival; Catherine Jasmin, hostess; Lenwood Ivey; Bernice Walker, ticket operations; John J. Oliver Sr., president, AFRO, program and entertainment; Gertrude Steele, hostess, and Alvin Steele, coordinator for the affair, who received a special award from the director and associate director in addition to a framed photo of himself. Award recipients not shown are John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board, AFRO and vice chairman of the affair; Ruth Kirk, chairman of the East - West Advisory Council; Arthur Murphy, souvenir booklet and Dorothy Bishop, business and industry. Coach Earl C. Banks was chairman.

Provident receives grant to develop hypertension project in churches

After 18 months of propsoal writing and negotiating with the Maryland Hypertension Coordination Council, the state of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, Provident Hospital was finally funded for a hypertension control demonstration project.

The hospital, participating with the Urban Cardiology Research Center and the Institute for Community Development, received a two - year $150,000 grant from the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute from the State of Maryland Health Department to attempt to control hypertension in the black community through black churches.

The three groups have organized as the "Maryland Consortium for Hypertension Control in Black Communities."

Dr. Roland Smoot, president of the new group said, "The medical community has been frustrated by the inability of traditional medical approaches to control high blood pressure in the black community and so we are tuning to more innovative ways to accomplish this, by controlling high blood pressure we will lower the incidence of heart attack, stroke and kidney failure among our people."

Dr. B. Wayne Kong, director of grants and contract development for Provident, stated at a press conference on Sept. 12 "Our contract is to organize 100 churches in two years as hypertension control centers in black communities."

Dr. Kong says as part of the project, "We will be targeting churches in high risk areas of the state and soliciting the support of the church nurses organization, the clergy, the deacon and trustee boards where possible."

Volunteer church nurses will be trained to take blood pressure and orienting them to the elements of community hypertension control.

Those church nurses who successfully complete the American Heart Association certified blood pressure measurement course will be certified.

The "United Nurses of Various Churches" organization, Ms. Sarah Lamb president, will beworking very closely with the project as well as the various ministerial alliances, deacon and trustee boards.

If the project succeeds, it is likely to be adapted elsewhere in the United States as the recommended approach to combat this terrible health problem for the black community.

Churches interested in participating should contact Dr. Wayne Kong, project director at 225-1215.

Baltimoreans taking train to Pope's mass

About 4,000 people will board an Amtrak passenger train and 70 buses leased by the Baltimore Archdiocese Oct. 7 to attend Pope John Paul II's special mass on the Washington Mall, officials said.

The Rev. John Geaney, a spokesman for Archbishop William Borders, said, "We have already arranged for a train to go over, a 1,000 passenger train and 70 buses each carrying 40 passengers."

Parishioners will pay $9 for a roundtrip train ticket and $7 for roundtrip bus fare, he said.

A special telephone number has been installed in the offices of the Archbiocese of Baltimore to answer questions about the visit of Pope John Paul II.

The number — 547-5593 — will be manned from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, said the Rec. Michael Schleupner, chancellor of the archdiocese.

Its primary purpose, Rev. Schleupner said, is to provide interested persons iwth information about attendance at the Mass which the Pontiff will celebrate on the Mall in Washington.

Cardinal Lawrence Shehan, the oldest living American Cardinal, Archbishops Borders and Bishops T. Austin Murphy, P. Francis Murphy and J. Francis Stafford will be concelebrants at the Pope's Mass, which is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of Roman Catholics from across the country.

Rev. Geaney said no decision had been made on whether Archbishop Borders will persent a special gift to the Pope on behalf of Maryland Catholics.

"There is a survey being conducted at the present time to determine just how many parishioners will be going to Washington," Rev. Geaney said. "We've also appointed a committee to deal with all of this."

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SICKLE CELL MONTH — The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease has designated the month of September as national sickle cell month. City Council Vice President Clarence H. "Du" Burns presented members of the central Maryland committee on sickle cell with a proclamation on Sept. 12. Shown from (L) are Miss Sonya Ross, Mrs. Irona Pope, Burns, Miss Edith Evans and Cleveland Jones, executive director.

Mrs. Goldia Wright to preach trial sermon

Mrs. Goldia Demory Wright will preach her trial sermon on Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, 2035 Baltimore St. The Rev. Montague J. Brackett is pastor.

Mrs. Wright is an active members of Central Baptist and the mother of one child. Under her leadership the church family of Central Baptist Family Bible study program has grown spiritually and numerically.

To better equip herself for work in the church, Mrs. Wright obtained her bachelor's degree in Christian Education and is now working on her master's degree.

She says, "My goal is not to obtain the highest degree in education for man, but my goal is to get the highest degree for saving souls for Christ."

St. James Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square

THE CLERGY
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
The Rev. Richard Shaw, Associate Rector
The Rev. Robert T. Ford, Deacon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1979

8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
10:30 A.M.—Choral Eucharist & Sermon

Coming Events

Saturday, September 22, 1979
Guild Hall—6 P.M. to 10 P.M.

FUN NIGHT
Young People's Program
Drama, Dance, Refreshments
For All Ages

Sunday, October 7, 1979
Homecoming

Metropolitan United Methodist Church
Ernest P. Clark, Minister
HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Friday, Sept. 14—"Slabtown District Convention," presentation by Metropolitan Players.
Sunday, Sept. 16—Homecoming Services.
8:30 and 11:00—Rev. Clark, Choirs, Metropolitan Family.
12:30—Luncheon served by Methodist Men.
3:00—Rev. Charles Johnson and Choir, Hughes Memorial Chapel, Washington, D.C.
Chapel Exhibit—Black Heritage in Methodism.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1979
WHITE CROSS NURSES UNIT DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship
Sermon by the Pastor
9:15 A.M.—Church School
New Members Class
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon By the Pastor
3:30 P.M.—White Cross Nurses Unit Anniversary.
Program and Awards with Special Guest. The Sanctuary Choir of St. Paul Methodist Church
6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members Class
Young People Night
All Are Welcome
REV. RICHARD H. OGLE IV

ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH
4317 North Avenue
Richmond, Va.
Rev. L. B. Kizzie, Pastor St. John will be fellowshipping with the First Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md. on September 16 at 5 p.m.
The Rev. Leroy Fitts is Host Pastor.

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, D.D. Minister
James S. Hammond

Sunday, September 16, 1979
Women's Christian Fellowship Day
8:00 Dr. Bascom, preaching
11:00 Rev. Sally Newhall, Y.M., Trinity Presbyterian, Arlington, Va.

Rejoice, the Lord is King —Henry Plohl, arr.
Roll, Jordan, Roll —Nathaniel Dett, arr.
Thou Wilt Keep Him —S.S. Wesley
Walk Together, Chilun! —Hall Johnson, arr.

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH
"The Church of the Burning Heart"
Corner Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 16, 1979
11:00 A.M.—Worship Sermon By Dr. Marshall H. Strickland
Theme: The True Test Of Your Religion.
Music By Zion Echoes, Men—Women Chorus.
3:00 P.M.—Anniversary of the Alabama Assc. Guest Minister Dr. Charles H. Mack, St. James AME Zion Church, Salisbury, Md. and Congregation
A Friendly Welcome To All
LEON HALL II, SUPERINTENDANT Pastor

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