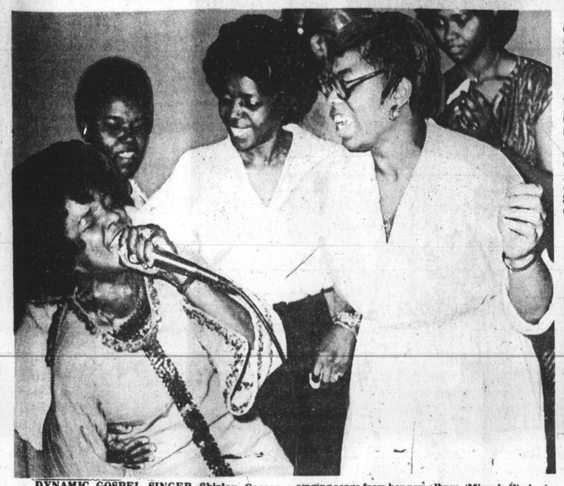
THE LIVING CHURCH

600 attended Shirley Caesar show

Queen of gospel rocks audience at Lemmel



DYNAMIC GOSPEL SINGER Shirley Caesar had the audience on their feet last Sunday while singing songs from her new album, 'Miracle Worker' and 'Follow To Salvation.'

LOCAL CHOIRS from various churches in the city participated last Sunday at the gospel show held at Lemmel Junior High school. The Christian women of Bethel AME Church was one of the well known choirs who sang at the show.

AFRO photos by Mark Gail

Shirley Caesar, one of the most dynamic gospel singers told her audience last Sunday at Lemmel Junior High School, "Until Jesus takes a seat at the conference table, there will be no peace."

The petite gospel singer had the audience rocking and shouting out loud, "Praise The Lord." Nearly 600 citizens attended the gospel show with local choirs participating. Among other choirs singing were The Women's Christian Ensemble of Bethel AME, The Soul Stirrers, The Keys of Faith, The Southland Mission Singers and St. Bernardine's Church Choir.

Ms. Caesar was the winner of a Grammy in 1971 for her rendition of "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man From Galilee." She began singing at the age of eight as a member of the Charity Singers in Durham, N.C. She toured churches throughout the south, appearing with gospel singers like Clara Ward, Mahalia Jackson and Sam Cooke.

St. Bernardine's Church Choir, directed by Roger Holliman, did choreography while singing I Won't Turn Back. The 45 members of the choir were dressed in black robes and are 16 to 30 years old. They have traveled as a singing group and will be singing at the midnight Christmas mass at St. Bernardine's Catholic Church on Edmondson Avenue, where Father Edward Miller is pastor.

Gospel music is changing, basically because people are discovering that you can make a living at it now. Once upon a time, people would hug, kiss and shout with gospel singers, then forget it, there was just no money involved.

Gospel music is essentially happy music, even though it might start out with trouble or problems, it always comes back to carry out the theme: "There is something better coming after a while." Gospel music is closely related with religious beliefs.

A lot of clapping and shouting out loud, "Praise the Lord," could be heard at Lemmel Junior High School last Sunday, when nearly 700 citizens attended a four hour gospel show with Shirley Caesar as special guest.

$7,000 raised at Moses Clayton memorial heritage luncheon

The Moses C. Clayton memorial plaque committee raised $7,000 at their black heritage luncheon on Dec. 1 at the Blue Crest North with 500 guests attending.

An out door plaque is being designed and sculptured by Dr. James Lewis of Morgan State University. The plaque will be placed in an odt door garden next to First Baptist Church, 525 N. Caroline St., and will represent all of the black Baptist in Maryland.

The late Rev. Moses C. Clayton was born a slave in the tidewater section of Virginia in 1783. He was clalled and ordained into the Christian ministry in 1835 and The First Colored Peoples Baptist Church of Maryland was organized with Rev. Clayton as pastor in February 1836.

Guests attending the luncheon were dressed in colorful African outfits and tried to recapture their heritage. The menu consisted of corn bread, collard greens, semi-boned caponette, sweet potato puffs and strawberry short cake. can be sent to First Baptist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts is pastor. The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME was the speaker.

Exhibitors that participated were Seleh's Tailoring and Designining Company, Dr. Samuel Banks, Mrs. Mary Carter Smith, Rev. Leroy Fitts and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

Chairpersons for the luncheon were Mrs. Aurora B. Chambers, Mrs. Victoria B. Burch, Mrs. Geraldine S. James, Rev. Dr. George A. Crawley and the Rev. Leroy Fitts.

Dolphus Livingston of First Baptist president and the singing of spirituals were directed by the Rev. William Johnson, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Turners Station.

Soloist were Ms. Margaret Lindsay of Enon Baptist and Mrs. Mary Brown of Leadenhall Baptist, who received a standing ovation after singing Oh Freedom.

Toastmaster for the luncheon was the Rev. Vernon Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist. Special acknowledgements were paide to Mrs. Betty Johnson, president of The Women's Auxiliary of The United Baptist Missionary Convention; Mrs. Thelma Culp, president of The Women's Auxiliary of the Maryland Baptist Convention; Mrs. Harriett Johnson, president of The Women's Auxiliary of the Progressive Baptist State Convention; Mrs. Laura C. Whitifeld moderator of the American Baptist Women of the South; Mrs. Mary Clark, president of the American Baptist Women of the South and the Rev. Wendell H. Phillips, president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance.

GUESTS seen at the Moses C. Clayton Memorial luncheon shown from left are Mrs. Laverne Pitts, Mrs. Gertrude B. Pitts and Mrs. Holbwork Cohn.

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Edwin Hawkins and family sing at Convention Center

The largest benefit gospel concert ever in Baltimore will be Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center, when by popular demand Walter and Edwin Hawkins and the Family will headline the show for Provident Hospital Inc. and the Student Government Association of Coppin State College.

Also appearing on the show will be the Imani Messengers of Bethel AME Church and the Faithful Few of Bolton, N. C. Walter Hawkins, his sisters, brothers and cousins join together to make his albums 'Love Alive' Jesus Christ Is The Way,' and 'Love Alive II' burst forth with the joy of the gospel. Their emotions run high and sweep the listener into a time of jubilation and praise. Some 5,000 persons, including leading laypersons are expected to fill the Convention Center for this special event.

Hosting the program will be Mary Clayburn, Aunt Pauline Wells Lewis and Pastor Naomi Durant. The concert is being coordinated by Provident Hospital Inc., office of public relations and development, Carrol I. H. Hynson Jr., assistant vice president and Ms. Michele McRae, special assistant and the Student Government Association of Coppin State College

Metro church briefs

The Women's Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will have special services at Fulton Baptist Church on Sunday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m. at 1630 Fulton Avenue, when local ministers will speak on The Seven Seals. The Rev. Douglas Wilson is pastor of Fulton.

Top local choirs, gospel groups and quartets will compete in a gospel extravaganza Saturday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m. at Morgan State University, to determine which groups will be rated as the top three gospel groups in the city.

Among participating groups will be the Penitentiary gospel choir, A. G. Gospel group, The Starlighters, The Brotherhood Choir, Northern Senior High School Choir, The Ebony Reflections, Taylor Singers and several other groups.

Judges for the show are Pastor Naomi Durant, Tommy Roberts and Charles Watson. Prizes to be awarded include a recording contract, trophies and money.

A man of the year program will be sponsored on Sunday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m. at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The program is being sponsored by the Church sick committee and the King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church will be special guest. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

The choirs of Grace United Methodist Church will have their annual Christmas program featuring Josef Rheinberg's "The Star of Bethlehem" on Sunday, Dec. 16, 4:30 p.m. Soloists are Gladys Callahan, Dorothy Lofton Jones, John Tyler and Paul Redline. Grace is located at Charles and Northern Parkway.

The men of Bethel AME Church, where the Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant is pastor raised $50,000 for their annual Men's Day. They plan to give $20,000 to AME colleges. According to Ray Banks, chairman of the Men's Day Committee, the men made an initial pledge to give $10,000 of all earnings to the colleges. That sum was matched by a major corporation, allowing the total to be given to climb to $20,000.

Bethel opens a prayer line

People in need of prayer may call 523-4273 from 8 a.m. until 10 a. m. on Sundays and 10 p.m. until 11 p.m. Sunday evenings. The announcement was made by the Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street. The lines will be answered by counselors and members of the church's evangelism committee. People who need special information or assistance will be referred to the proper source. "You may call to discuss problems or to simply pray," said Rev. Bryant. All requests for prayer received will be prayed over by the evangelism committee during the regular altar call on Sundays.

Ms. Patricia Matthews, chairman of the prayer line committee, said the line is open to everyone and the committee plans to extend the time that the prayer line is open.

THE FAITHFUL FEW of Bolton, N.C., will be singing at the Convention Center Dec. 8, 8 p.m., at the Edwin Hawkins gospel show sponsored by Provident Hospital Inc., and the Student Government Association Coppin State College.

Mrs Santa's Helpers

By Ida Peters

Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, Iota Chapter made a $100 contribution to Mrs. Santa. Mrs. Marie Dowell, Basileus and Ms. Vivian Jackson, Community Relations Chairperson made the presentation.

Lambda Kappa Mu members are business and professional women who accept as one of their grave responsibilities that of leadership within the organization and the community.

Iota Chapter over the past several years has been actively involved with and made contributions to several community agencies including Anna Mae Hunter Home, NAACP, House of Ruth, Provident Hospital, Girl Scouts of America, AFRO Clean Block, Montrose School and the Urban League.

Fino's Inc. contributed $100 to Mrs. Santa. Organized in 1932 as an Athletic Club with a membership of 125, they fielded many Maryland Championship softball teams in the thirties and fifties. Reorganized in 1977 as a social and pleasure club, Milton Tankard is president; Herman Gray, treasurer; and George Young, advisor.

The Frontiers Auxiliary of Baltimore, an arm of the Coordinational Council, Women's Auxiliary of Frontiers International contributed $50 to Mrs. Santa.

Their primary donation goes to the Vivilago Foundation at Howard University Hospital. Sickle Cell is their local project along with nursing homes, and other organizations.

Mrs. Carlene T. Gundy is president; Mrs. Glaudine Snowden, vice - president; Mrs. Althea Cornish, secretary and Mrs. Buena Vista Prettyman, treasurer.

Members are Mesdames Palatine Jowers, Muriel Fulton, Lillian Marlow, Beatrice Pitts, Beatrice Parker, Thelma Moore, Pearl Johnson, Irene Dodson, Ethel Davis, Ethel Harris, Sara Howell, Florine Camper, Catherine Brown and Mildred Wheatley.

Paul Young worked at Lexington Market

Paul H. Young, 67, died suddenly Nov. 19 at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

A Baltimore native, Mr. Young resided in the 3900 block of Penhurst Ave. He was educated in Baltimore City public schools.

Mr. Young worked as a delivery truck driver for Marsiglia Produce in Lexington Market for 35 years.

Services were held at William C. March Funeral Home and burial was in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Young is survived by two daughters, Shirley Pate and Dorothy Jordan; one sister, Irene Young, and 14 grandchildren.

Stephen R. De'Shields was skillful milliner

Funeral services for Stephen Russell De'Shields were held Dec. 2 at Homestead United Methodist Church. Mr. De'Shields died Nov. 28 at Loch Raven Veterans Hospital after a brief illness.

Mr. De'Shields was the son of the late James Lawrence De'Shields. He was a skillful milliner and was employed at this trade for many years.

Mr. De'Shields served in the Army from 1943 to 1946 and was a lover of music. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucy B. De'Shields; a son, Stephen Russell De'Shields Jr. and a daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Scott; eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren, his mother Mrs. Elizabeth Reed; one sister, Mary Hines; three aunts and four cousins.

Iota Phi Theta frat helps

Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc. and Mid - Atlantic Region 2 is collecting food on all their campuses for the benefit of the AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

Decorated boxes in the fraternity colors, gold and brown, are set up at Coppin State College, Morgan State University, Towson State University and U. of Md. Baltimore County.

Brothers of Alpha Omega, the graduate chapter are also conducting a drive for Mrs. Santa. Project coordinator is Kevin Walker at Towson State 542 - 8370.

Head of Alpha Omega graduate chapter is Maurice Williams. Towson State University, Pho Chapter Paul Brooks, Polaris.

Psi Chapter, Coppin State, Tyrone Lyles, Polaris. Alpha Sigma Chapter, UMBC, Perry Alexander, Polaris. Alpha Chapter, Morgan State University, Andre Wickham, Polaris.

Get the most lighting from the electricity you use. Keep lamps and lighting fixtures clean — dirt absorbs light.

Colt Corral No. 34 party for Mrs. Santa

The Second Annual AFRO Mrs. Santa party given by Colts Corral No. 34 will be held Thursday, Dec. 13 from 7 p.m. until at the Sportsmen's Lounge, 4723 Gwynn Oak Ave.

There will be munchies and disco music provided. Admission at the door will be canned goods, a usable toy or $1 for Mrs. Santa.

Brenda J. Roberson is president; George McKinney, vice - president; Clyde Richardson, treasurer; Grace Brown, corresponding secretary; Dianna Jones, recording secretary and Joseph Jones, sergeant - at - arms.

NAPFE helps

Thanks to the National National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees for their contributions of $50 to Mrs. Santa.

The only black controlled union in the country, founded Oct. 6, 1913, Robert L. White is national president with national headquarters at 1644 11th St. N.W. Washington.

BaltimoreLocal 202 is the only Postal and Federal union in Baltimore that owns its own home office, 2025 W. North Ave.

Clifton Harris is president; Frank Thorington, first vice; Mrs. Delmus Terry, second vice; Mrs. Shirley Maple, financial secretary; Mrs. Ardelia Carroll, assistant; Edward O. Hunt Sr., treasurer; Albert Franklin, Mrs. Helen Mayers, trustees;

Mrs. Clarice Bass, recording secretary; Mrs. Laura Wilson, editor; Mrs. Moses Canada, educational chairman; Mrs. Ethel Danley, GSA chairman.

Baltimoreans in the armed forces

Away From Home

Airman Alvin Willis Jr., son of Lula B. Bitmer of the 900 block of N. Glover St., has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colorado, after completing basic training. He is a 1979 graduate of Patterson High School.

Pvt. Stanley L. Thomas, whose wife Marsha lives in Baltimore, recently participated in "Constant Enforcer," a field training exercise in Germany. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Thomas, live in the 3600 block of Woodbine Ave.

Pvt. Clayton S. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton S. Evans Sr., 3400 block of Chessell Court, was recently assigned as a communications operator with the 72nd Battalion in Germany. He is a 1978 graduate of Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School.

Pvt. Larry J. Early, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Early, 4000 block of St. Monica Drive, recently was assigned as a rifleman with the 11th Infantry at Fort Polk, La.

Spec. 4 Napoleon Duff Jr., son of Mrs. Ann Rich, 3400 block of Edmondson Ave., recently participated in "Constant Enforcer," a training exercise in Germany. His father, Napoleon Duff, lives in the 1600 block of Edmondson Ave.

1st Lt. Herbert J. Duberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Duberry of the 800 block of Beaumont Ave., recently took part in an NATO Missile Firing Installation on the island of Crete. Duberry is a platoon leader with the artillery. His wife, Virginia, is with him in Germany.

Pvt. Andre R. Gibson, recently completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is the son of Mrs. Vivian E. Gibson of the 100 block of Albemarle St.

Airman Alvin Willis Jr.

Pvt. Warren T. Holly Jr., whose father lives in the 900 block of Pennsylvania Ave., recently participated in "Constant Enforcer," a field operation in Germany. Holly is a personnel actions clerk with the Third Armored Division.

Pvt. William E. Ford Jr. recently was assigned as a supply clerk with the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. He is a 1978 graduate of Forest Park High School. His parents live in the 4800 block of Belle Ave.

Spec. 4 Carroll L. Jones, son of Mrs. Violetta Jones of the 1500 block of McKean Ave., recently took part in "Constant Enforcer," a field exercise in Germany. Jones is an aircraft repairman with the Third Armored Division. His wife, Bonita, is with him in Germany.

Spec. 4 Lewis Clark is participating in a Canadian-U.S. Army engineer platoon exchange in Ontario. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Clark of the 2600 block of Ashland Ave.

Spec. 4 Gregory Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Minor, 1800 block McCulloh St., was assigned recently as a mechanic with the 10th Infantry at Fort Davis, Canal Zone.

Pfc. Charles Carey recently took part in "Constant Enforcer," a training exercise in Germany. Carey is a clerk with the Third Armored Division in Germany and his mother, Mrs. Irma O. Carey lives in the 2000 block of McCulloh St.

Pvt. Melvin B. Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Scott Sr., 4700 block of Old York Road, recently completed a food service specialist course at Fort Jackson, N.C.

Pfc. Samuel G. Bates Jr. recently participated in Brave Shield 79, the largest military maneuver to be held in recent years in the Pacific Northwest. Bates is a radio operator with the Fifth Cavalry at Fort Lewis, Wash. His parents live in the 900 block of N. Durham St.

Minorities get SBA contracts

The Small Business Administration has announced it has reserved seven Army contracts worth $ 35 million for small firms owned by socially and economically disadvantaged persons.

The move is part of a new pilot program by the agency, which now has the power to earmark major contracts from federal agencies and direct those contracts to disadvantaged firms. The new powers were granted by Congress in legislation passed last year.

Under SBA's so-called 8(a) contracting and business development program, the agency acts as a prime contractor for federal purchase of goods or services and subcontracts the work to minority owned firms.

SHARP ST. MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1979
9:30 A.M. — Church School
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship.
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

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9:15 A.M.—Church Schoo.
New Members Class
10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon By The Pastor
And Holy Communion
4:00 P.M.—Christmas Cantata
Entitled Night of Miracles
6:00 P.M.—BTU and
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And The Glory Of The Lord (Messiah) —George F. Handel
God Is My Shepherd —Gordon Young
E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come —Paul Manz

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