# THE LIVING CHURCH

GUESTS who attended the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance of Baltimore's annual Christmas party shown from left are Mrs. Irene Riley, Mrs. Gertrude Barrow and Mrs. Pauline Brunson.

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## Ministers wives elect officers

Mrs. Mary Gray, wife of the Rev. James Gray pastor of Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, was recently elected as new president of the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity.

Following the election of officers, the ministers wives held their annual Christmas party at LaFontaine Bleu on Dec. 6, with ministers, their wives and friends attending. "Instead of having a guest speaker, we decided to have dinner, exchange gifts, sing carols and play games," said Mrs. Gray.

"Christian Fellowship," is the motto for the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity and their theme is "Forty fifth Christian Fellowship in Love Faith and Prayer." The Baptist ministers meet monthly at the Baptist Center on McCulloh Street.

Mrs. Gray stated the ministers wives plan to have a workshop in 1980 all new young ministers wives and will be attending the National Association of Ministers Wives convention in New Jersey in June.

Other officers are Mesdames Theothra Silver, first vice president; Mary Wilson, second vice president; Sallie Scott, recording secretary; Luriena Johnson, assistant recording secretary; Fairella Mooring, corresponding secretary.

Also, Lina Toyer, financial secretary; Mattie Perkins, assistant financial secretary; Dorothy Johnson, treasurer; Marie Moyd, parliamentarian; Mary Benn, pianist; Janet Blackmon, assistant pianist; Maggie Harris, directress; Elizabeth Waters, assistant directress; Bertha Wilson; reporter; and Christine Nance, assistant reporter.

BAPTIST PRESIDENTS — Mrs. Mary E. Gray, president of the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity, is shown looking at a plaque with Mrs. Pauline Logan, former president of the organization, at the annual Christmas party.

## New Shiloh revival crusade Dec. 30

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MINISTER AND MEMBERS of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, are shown calling citizens and inviting them to attend the revival crusade on Dec. 30 at the Civic Center. Shown from left, the Rev. Harold Carter, Mrs. Minnie Jackson, Mrs. Brenda Greene and James Myers.

"Something good and powerful will happen in the Civic Center that cannot possibly happen in our individual churches. A meeting will take place. A foretaste of glory will be revealed and a mighty sense of the power of people will be felt. Above all that, the moving power of God's spirit will be made known."

Those were the words of the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street. He was speaking of the annual crusade sponsored by New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Last year, 13,000 people from all walks of life attended the Sunday crusade with Rev. Carter speaking and the mass crusade choir of New Shiloh Baptist singing. "Entering the Eighties with Christ," is the theme for the revival crusade." scheduled for Dec. 30, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Rev. Carter stated, "We see the revival crusade as an opportunity to witness our Christian faith at the end of one decade and into the beginning of another decade." The crusade is free and Rev. Carter states bus loads will be coming from Virginia, Delaware and the Eastern Shore. The church will take care of all the expenses.

## Metro church briefs

The seventh annual festival of Christmas carols and songs for the benefit of the Baltimore Jaycee's Santa Claus anonymous fund will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Charles Street at the Washington Monument. The event is sponsored by Mount Vernon Place Church will feature performances by The Baltimore County Youth Orchestra, Douglas Memorial Community Church Choir, The Chamber Chorus of Dunbar Senior High School, Handbell Choir of Grace Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon Brass Players, Mount Vernon Place Singers and vocalist Charles Thompson.

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The Youth for Christ Youth Guidance of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will celebrate their annual day at Bethel AME on Sunday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. The Rev. Douglas I. Miles, pastor of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church will be preaching and Ms. Pat Pride will preside. The youth choir of Bethel, The Thornes Trio and The Inspirational Ensemble of Calvary Baptist Church will be singing. The Rev. Dr. John R. Bryant is pastor.

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The Rev. Joseph T. Martin, international evangelist, will be the guest speaker Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. at Doswell Cathedral Church of God in Christ, 620 Whitmore Ave.

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Members of Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ, East 43rd Street and Old York Road will have mortgage burning on Dec. 23, 11 a.m. Bishop Leroy H. Cannady Sr., is pastor.

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The Childrens Ministry and the music department of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church will present a drama entitled, "The Story of Christmas," 5 p.m. Dec. 16 at Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Dr. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

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The Doorkeepers of Trinity AME Church, 240 Hoffman St., will sponsor a candlelight service on Dec. 16, 5 p.m. for the benefit of the ushers of the church. The Rev. W. K. Woods is pastor.

Members of Christ's Church, 1110 St. Paul St will sponsor a bake sale on Dec. 15, 12:00 until 6 p.m. at the church. Christmas services will be held at the church on Dec. 24, 11 p.m.

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The annual choral candlelight communion Christmas service will be held Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. at St. John AME Church, 810 Carrollton Ave. The music will feature Hallelujah from "Mount of Olives" solos from Handel's Messiah and other well loved familiar seasonal music. Herbert E. Brown is minister of music, Ms. Jacqueline Hardy is organist and the Rev. Benjamin Foust is pastor.

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The tenth anniversary celebration and open house of Redeemer's Palace Inc., will be held Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m. at 212 Pine St. The Rev. Willie E. Ray is pastor and director.

THE REV. EDNA ISAAC, president and founder of the Citywide Evangelistic Interdenominational Organization, is shown center with (L) the Rev. Nathaniel Higgs, pastor of Southern Baptist Church and (R) the Rev. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker, pastor of New York's Canaan Baptist Church, guest speaker at the awards program.

## Perkins Square observes Ladies Guild anniversary

The 25th anniversary banquet of the Ladies' Guild of Perkins Square Baptist Church was a great success. The main ballroom of the Holiday Inn downtown was filled with people who had come to honor the ladies of the guild.

Special honor was being given to the 11 charter members who organized the guild Nov. 19, 1954. Mrs. Ineg L. Lucas, organizer and founder of the guild and a trustee in the church, organized the group for the purpose of keeping the ladies together through the years and planning consistently from year to year for greater fellowship among the women and for more successful events.

Their first motto was "Forward in Faith:" and the ladies have continued to go forward for more than 25 years. The organization has grown from 11 members to 85 members and has been a great help to the church.

Chairman of the banquet was Mrs. Ella S. Harrison, first president of the Ladies Guild. Other charter members who were honored were Mesdames Madeline H. Taylor, Mary Cheatham, Irene Crew, Bessie W. Wilson, Patsy Branch, Ruby Ward, Florence Johnson, Jerrie Wilkins and Inez Lucas. Committee members were Mesdames Ella Harrison, Irene Crew, Hazel Smith, Vertina Inman, Betty Haywood, Juanita Matthews, Mildred Harriday,.

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CPA'S ADVICE

## What to keep in safe deposit box

Gold and rare coins, jewelry and precious gems. . .

More and more, Americans are buying such items as investments or hedges against inflation.

But where to keep such valuables safe? How best to protect them from theft?

If that's your quandry, the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants say you should definitely consider renting a safe deposit box, one of those lidded drawer - like metal containers that are kept under lock and key deep in the vault of your bank.

Don't think, though, that safe deposit boxes are exclusively for the use of those wealthy enoughbto collect costly baubles. Not at all. They can be used to safeguard many things — real estate deeds, for exampple, or automobile titles, or important family papers.

Ofcourse, a safe deposit box shouldn't be thought of — or — used — as a catchall. According to the Maryland CPAs, a rule of thumb for what should go into and what should stay out of a safe deposit box is this: Put in only those items which you could never replace, or those whose replacement would be expensive or extremely troublesome.

Contrary to what many people think, you don't need to keep income tax returns, social security cards or copies of insurance policies in safe deposit boxes. Those things can be replaced readily. Instead, sav the CPAs, space in the box should be reserved for items such as birth certificates, marriage certificates, citizenship records or adoption papers.

A word of caution here. There is one document which you should never place in a safe deposit box and that's your will.

As the Maryland CPAs explain it, your surviving spouse may not be able to gain immediate access to the box upon your death, even though the box is registered in joint names.

That's because banks, when they receive news of a death, seal the deceased's box. Once sealed, it cannot be reopened until a tax officer arrives to take inventory of its contents. Not having your will in hand for that length of time could cause your family many unsettling confusions and delays.

There's another point to keep in mind about safe deposit boxes, according to the Maryland Association of Certified Public Accountants Association. If you use one to store documents from investment properties, you can claim the rental as a deduction for income tax purposes. Note, however, that the deduction may not be claimed if the box is used exclusively to hold personal effects or tax - exempt securities.

And remember this, too: Banks do not keep a master key for their safe deposit boxes. Therefore, if you pose your key, it's usually necessary to destroy the box's lock by drilling into it. Depending on the bank, you may be held liable for that cost.

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TAKING TIME — Ivette Mitchell, of Douglass High School, one of the students who took time this week to donate blood to the Red Cross, is shown here with nurse Rudy Wyche. This was the blood drive's fifth year at Douglass.

## Garfield Bennett, 46, was counselor

Garfield D. Bennett, 46-year-old counselor at Lombard Junior High School, died Dec. 10 at his Laurel Drive home after a brief illness.

Funeral services were held today (Friday) at William C. March funeral home. At the time of his death, Mr. Bennett was the coordinator of counselors at Lombard Junior High.

A graduate of Morgan State College, Mr. Bennett received his master's degree from Johns Hopkins University and served in the Army from 1957 to 1959. He also taught special education and physical education in city schools.

Garfield D. Bennett

He was a member of Phalanx, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Phi Delta Kappa. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Flora Bennett; wife, Mrs. Gwendolyn Bennett; three sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Mason, Mrs. Florine B. Braxton and Mrs. Jessie Wingate; three brothers, James, Charles and William Bennett.

## Funeral services held for Benjamin Claiborne

Funeral services for Benjamin Philip Claiborne were held Dec. 10 at William C. March funeral home. Mr. Claiborne, 62, died Dec. 6.

As a young man he developed a keen interest in photography. He took courses at the Eastman Kodak School of Photography and attended seminars at Morgan State University.

For more than 40 years, he worked as a photographer and operated photographic studios in Annapolis and Baltimore. His studios in Baltimore were located on Pennsylvania Avenue, North Avenue and in the Old Town Mall.

He is survived by his son, Timothy P. Claiborne; a granddaughter, Timi Annette; grandson, Mark Renard; two brothers, James Clinton and Clay J. Claiborne; four sisters, Mesdames Gladys C. Baird, Arnetta R. Hart, Helen C. Thomas and Doris I. Claiborne.

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TRYING TO SEE EVERYTHING — Two rapt fans of the Edwin and Walter Hawkins group were among many at Saturday's concert who tried to get as close as possible to the stage.


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9:15 A.M.—Church School
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Sermon By
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Noel: Noel, A Boy Is Born —Natalie Sleeth
The Little Cradle Rocks Tonight in Glory — David Walker, arr.
Let The Song Begin —Leroy Yarborough
Send a Joyful Song of Christmas —Randall Kaufmann
Glory to God in the Highest —Randall Thompson
Come, Sweet and Lovely —Stephen Pressling, Arr.
Behold The Star —William Dawson, arr.

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Garrison Blvd. United Methodist Church
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Garrison Blvd. and Alto Road
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Visitation Sunday
We will worship for Sunday School and 11:00 A.M. morning service at the St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1100 West Saratoga Street. Our Sanctuary Choir, Ushers and Officers will serve. Rev. Williams will preach. Rev. George R. Allen is the Pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church.
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