THE LIVING CHURCH

Area worshippers celebrate Sunday School anniversary

YOUTH CHOIR of Leadenhall Baptist Church, where the Rev. Eddie Wilson is pastor sung Jan. 20 at First Baptist Church for the Sunday School anniversary.

There was standing room only at First Baptist Church, 525 Caroline St., on Sunday, Jan. 20, when the kickoff program for the 200th anniversary of the Sunday school was held.

The program was sponsored by the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. Coordinators were Mrs. Mae F. Moody, Miss Mary Davis, Mrs. Bernice B. Lewis and the Rev. Dr. Leroy Fitts is pastor of First Baptist.

Mrs. Moody told the AFRO, "The celebration was indeed a success. We were showered with God's blessing and so many churches came to celebrate the anniversary of the Sunday school. As we continue the year long celebration, may God continue to bless all of our endeavors."

Guests participated in playing a game, while Mrs. Lewis directed the audience in singing songs with the choirs. Each person attending received a red and white tag indicating the 200th anniversary of Sunday schools.

The history of the Sunday school was read by Mrs. Moody. The modern Sunday school movement did not begin with the church. Robert Raikes, a publisher of a weekly periodical in Gloucester, England became concerned about the neglected children of the slums who worked all day in a pin factory and on Sunday were juvenile delinquents.

Raikes, loved children and had much compassion for them. Occasionally citizens complained to him about the rowdiness of these young people. He realized that somehow, the children had to be controlled or eventually they would be incarcerated. Raikes was determined to help them. He called a friend, discussed the problem, then rented his kitchen for a classroom, hired a teacher and there in that kitchen in Gloucester, England July 1780, the first Sunday school class was held.

In the beginning the classes were called Sunday Schools because there was no other day the children could attend. They began with the fundamentals of reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. It was soon discovered that the subjects taught did not change character. Raikes remembered that the missionaries on foreign fields had success in changing lives through Bible instruction.

With faith and hope that he could help these young people, Bible instructions were offered. As the classes increased, more teachers were hired and the salaries were paid by Raikes. Two sessions were held each Sunday

Program participants were James C. Poney, Anthony Miles, The Choralettes of Wayland Baptist; Miss Marcia McClean, Youth Choir of Leadenhall; Miss Mary Davis, Miss Pat Vick, Rev. William McCoy.

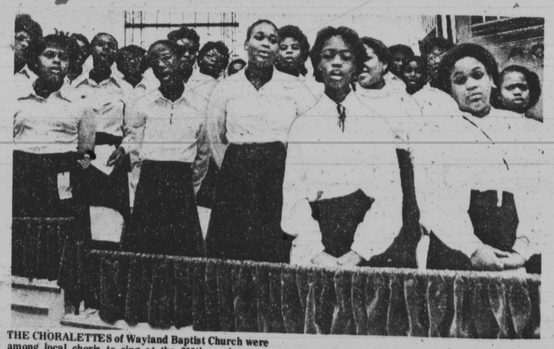
Remarks were made by the Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, Mrs. Jacqueline Brooks, Mrs. Mable S. Gee, state director Christian Education of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland.

A birthday celebration of the Sunday school will be held on Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. at Eastwind.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION — Guests at the 200th anniversary Sunday School kick off shown were among those who took part in a game that was played at First Baptist Church.

AFRO photos by Roman Hankewycz

ACTIVE MEMBER — Mrs. Bernice B. Lewis, an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church, is shown with Paul Pearson, a Sunday School teacher at First Baptist who lead the audience in singing several songs.



THE CHORALETTES of Wayland Baptist Church were among local choirs to sing at the 200th anniversary celebration of Sunday Schools.

Metro church briefs

Senator Paul Sarbanes will give the principal address at the third annual "Evening With Catholic Charities" on Jan. 25 at the Belvedere Hotel. Awards for outstanding volunteer service to the work of the agency will be given to Paul Schaefer, Mrs. Florence Dogan and the Ladies of Charity and to the Catholic High School Alumnae.

Prior to presentation of the awards and Sen. Sarbanes' talk, Pierce Flanigan 111, president of the Catholic Charities board, will introduce new board members and Harold A. Smith, the agency's director, will given the annual report on its operations during the past year. Archbishop Borders will welcome the guests and give the invocation for the 7:30 p.m. dinner.

The annual state rally sponsored by the Senior Choir of Eastside Baptist Church, 2519 Preston St., will be held Jan. 27, 3:30 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Helen Steward is president and the Rev. Dr. C. C. Alexander is pastor.

The youth and young adults of Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., will show a film, "Troubled Waters" on Jan. 26, 2 p.m. at the church. Ms. Dehma Harris is chairperson and the Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

Family and Friends Day will be observed Sunday, Jan. 27 at Bethlehem Church of God, 3201 Garrison Blvd. Bishop Elijah Dingle is pastor.

The Tommy Roberts Singers are holding auditions for their 1980 season. Interested vocalists should contact Tommy Roberts or Ferando G. Allen for an audition appointment at 243-3636. Audition deadline is Feb. 4.

A gospel concert to benefit the American Heart Association will be held on Feb. 24 at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church on Vernon Place. The proceeds will help the Heart Association in its fight against heart disease.

Mrs. Joan Phillips, a registered nurse at Provident Hospital and coordinator of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church Hypertension program, will be speaking on hypertension Jan. 27, 5 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

The 29th annual one act play contest will be held Feb. 24. It is sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry and is open to all parish youth groups in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The contest will be held in the Catholic Center Auditorium. Ms. Alice McMahon Bender encourages parishes to take advantage of this opportunity to show off the talents of their youth.

The Youth and Junior Choir of Ivory Temple Community Church, 4802 Liberty Heights Ave., will observe their anniversary on Jan. 27, 4 p.m. Special guest singers will be The Lunn Sisters of Maryland Church of God In Christ and the Rev. Alveria Baylor, associate minister of St. Timothy's Christian Baptist Church. Ms. Gloria Murray is advisor; Ms. Verleen Rogers, director, Reginald McClurkin, organist and the Rev. Kevin A. Rogers is minister.

Members of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, Liberty Heights and Wabash Ave., the 100th anniversary of the church. As part of its anniversary commemoration, Mount Zion is compiling its 100 year history. The committee needs old church programs, bulletins, photographs or other artifacts which depict the history of the Mount Zion United Methodist Church. If you have any artifacts or information about the history of Mount Zion, contact Curtis Marshall, 448-0191 or Rev. Zacarias Cardoso, 664-7490.

Prayer week at St. Lukes

Worship with prayer for Christian unity will be held at St. Luke United Church of Christ, 1301 Fayette St., on Jan. 27, 3 p.m. The worship is part of the National observance of the week of prayer for Christian Unity.

The worship with prayer is initiated by clergy of the Southwest Ministers Fellowship. Clergy participants are the Rev. Diana Hynson, Southwest Christian Parish United Methodist and the Rev.. Albert Bielenberg, St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

Also, the Rev. Father Howard Boyle, St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church, The Rev. Father Robert Hawkins, St. Peter The Apostle Roman Catholic Church; the Rev. Father Paul Kuppe, St. Martin Roman Catholic Church and the Rev. Bruce D. Wickkiser, Interim pastor of the host congregation. Refreshments will be served in the fellowship hall of the church after services.

Methodist sponsor old time revival

The black United Methodists will sponsor an old time revival every fourth Sunday with inspired singing by Mass Choirs and dynamic preaching.

The Rev. Walter Cox will be preaching Feb. 24 at Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church, Garrison Boulevard and Alto Road.

Sunday, March 23, the Rev. Sidney Sullivan will be speaking at Ames United Methodist Church Carey and Baker Streets. The Rev. James Smith is the April 27 speaker at Christ Edmondson United Methodist Church, 3600 Edmondson Ave.

Other speakers are the Rev. George Allen at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street on May 25. Also, the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin at Unity United Methodist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Stricker Street and open air services will be held July 27 in Druid Hill wpark. Services will begin each Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday services at Morgan College

Dr. Quincy Cooper

The schedule of speakers for the Sunday morning services of the Morgan Christian Center at Morgan State University has recently been announced by Dr. Quincy D. Cooper, director. Dr. Cooper stated that the 11 a.m. services are designed to bring to the campus community and other citizens of the area a high level of inspiration and challenge.

The music is offered by the Morgan Chapel Choir under the direction of Nathan Carter of the department of Music at Morgan State. In addition to Dr. Cooper, several speakers, invited many months in advance, are included in the schedule. According to Dr. Cooper, his planning for the program of the center for the academic year, 1980-81 is already under way.

Mrs. Eleanor Anderson, Social Security employee

Mrs. Eleanor Louise Reed Anderson, a veteran Social Security employee and active civic worker died Jan. 19 at Maryland General Hospital. She had been waging a battle against cancer since last October, when she was hospitalized two weeks after co-workers and friends salated her at a farewell dinner.

She was 57 and resided in the 2300 block Lyndhurst Ave., remains may be viewed at the Glover Funeral Funeral Home and funeral services will be held Jan. 25, 7 p.m. at St. Cecelia's Church, Hilton and Windsor Ave. The family hour is 7 p.m.

Born March 20, 1922 in Huntington, West Virginia Mrs. Anderson was the only daughter of the late George and Lois Reed. She was a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, where she early exhibited leadership qualities and participated in many school projects. Earlier, she had studied at Hampton Institute.

Shortly after settling in Baltimore, 33 years ago, she became involved in organizations affiliated with her work and those dedicated to improving the community.

When she retired from Social Security on Aug. 24, 1979 she had to her credit 27 years as a career. At an Oct. 15 testimonial in her honor, Social Security officials and other co-workers hailed her for her honesty, integrity, leadership and devotion to duty.

Mrs. Eleanor L. Anderson

At Social Security, she had worked her way up to clerk GS 12, where she was a writer, special projects, but more importantly, she had been a leader in the Federal Government Employees Union, where she won a reputation as a fair and skilled negotiator.

She had served the local No. 1923 as its fourth president, was chairman of the J.F.K. Scholarship Fund, editor of the in-house publication report, was national women's coordinator for the Fourth District and representative in arbitration and EEO hearings.

At her testimonial, union spokesmen alluded to her ability to be insistent but pleasant and to maintain her point until she won desired goals for co-workers.

In the Baltimore community, Mrs. Anderson was active in the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society; was a former past president of the Alpha Wives, a member of the Town and Country Club and served as chairman of the board of directors of Echo House.

In her church, she was first president of the Ladies' Guild. Mrs. Anderson is survivied by her husband of 35 years, Charles K. Anderson, the Baltimore city housing executive and their twins, 21-year-old Lois, a student at Coppin State College and Charles, with the Army in Germany.

Other survivors include, aunts and uncles, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Washington Jr., and Mrs. Luther Washington Sr., all of Ironton, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Price, Cleveland.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Harlow Fullwood Jr., president of the Miles W. Connor chapter of the Virginia Union University Alumni Association presents a $100 check to Mrs. Enolla P. McMillan, president of Baltimore NAACP towards the group's life membership.

George H. Hilson, 73

George W. Hilson, a long-time employee of Bethlehem Steel, died Jan. 18. He was 73.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 21 at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was Tuesday, Jan. 22 in Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park.

Mr. Hilson was born Jan. 12, 1907 in South Carolina. He was the son of William and Connie Hilson.

He was educated in South Carolina and came to Baltimore in the late 1920s.

Mr. Hilson was employed at Bethlehem Steel and had worked there 41 years when he retired in 1969.

He was a former member of the Elks and attended Union Baptist Church.

His wife, Mrs. Carrie L. Hilson, said her husband was an Oriole fan and enjoyed baseball games at Memorial Stadium and on television.

He is survived by his wife; one sister, Marshall Davage; one brother, Booker Hilson; one stepdaughter, Mrs. Dorothy Johnson; one nephew, Robert Hilson, and a host of other relatives and friends.

William A. Grayson

Funeral services for William A. Grayson, 73-year-old retired school custodian, were held today (Friday) at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave.

Mr. Grayson, of the 1100 block McKean Ave., died Jan. 20 at Bon Secours Hospital after a long illness. He retired in 1974 after working for more than 30 years as a custodian in city public schools. Before his retirement, he also worked at School 452 at Biddle and McCulloh St.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson A. Grayson and neices and nephews.

Mrs. Laurie Parker taught school

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Mrs. Laurie G. Parker, 84, who was fondly called "Laurie" died Jan. 22, at Mercy Hospital after a brief illness. The family will receive friends Jan. 26, 7 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church on Druid Hill Avenue. Last rites will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Parker, of the 300 block of McMechen St., was born in Savannah, Georgia and was the daughter of the late Alfred and Addie Green. She attended public schools in Baltimore and continued her education at Atlanta University.

For several years, she taught school in Savannah, Georgia and later came to Baltimore and worked at the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, the Office of Price Administration and the Federal Power Commission in Washington.

Mrs. Parker retired in 1960. She was a member of the membership council of the YWCA; Strozella Club, Business and Professional Women and wrote for the Waxter Center newsletter.

She was an active member of Immaculate Conception and a member of the Ladies of Charity and Willing Workers Club. During World War 11, she was cited by President Truman for her work with the Red Cross.

Last Rites held for William Davis

Funeral services were held for William F. Davis, Monday, Jan. 21 at William C. March Funeral Home.

Burial was Tuesday, Jan. 22 in the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park.

Mr. Davis died of a coronary in Bon Secours Hospital.

He was born in Maryland on July 18, 1935, the son of Mrs. Annie Davis and William Beal.

Mr. Davis, of the 1700 block N. Lanvale St., attended School 125 and a local college. He served in the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Davis worked at Jacobs Tire Company and as a water meter reader for the city Department of Public Works.

He is survived by two sisters, Emma Monroe and Anna Davis; one brother, Lawrence Davis, all of Baltimore; one aunt; two uncles, and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. Alexander reappointed to review board

The Rev. C.C. Alexander, a prominent area clergyman, was recently reappointed to the Disabled Person's Review Board for his third consecutive term by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

Rev. Alexander, who was first appointed to the board in 1978 will be charged with helping to review the cases of elderly and disabled city residents to help them determine what types of public assistance would be best suited for them.

There are currently nine members on the Disabled Person's Review Board.

Rev. Alexander is the founder and pastor of Eastside Baptist Church and isa past president of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity.

He also served as head of the United Baptist Missionary Conference and is responsible for the renovation of the organization's Baptist Aged Home.

A community leader and civic activist, Rev. Alexander is also active in the city's chapter of the NAACP and the Metro Baptist Association.

His church is located in the 2500 block E. Preston St.

John McCoy attended Berea Temple

Funeral services for John W. McCoy were held Tuesday, Jan. 21 at Berea Temple, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Burial was Wednesday in Baltimore National Cemetery.

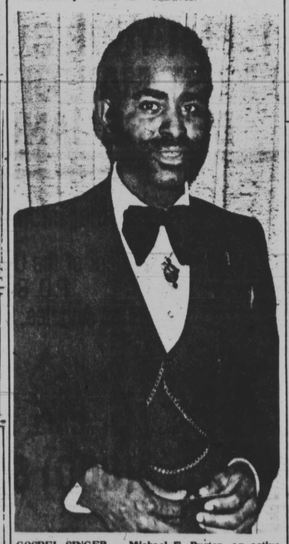
Mr. McCoy died Jan. 19 at Loch Raven Veterans' Hospital.

He was born July 28, 1890 in Virginia. He received his early education in Virginia and came to Baltimore as a young man.

Mr. McCoy worked for the railroad and in later years worked at a Baltimore crab house.

He was a member of Berea and he sang in the choir. A relative said he enjoyed gardening.

Mr. McCoy is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Louise Gregory; one son, Willie J. McCoy; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jennie M. McCoy; one son-in-law, Nathaniel Gregory, and other relatives.



GOSPEL SINGER — Michael E. Burton, an active member at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, will be singing Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m. at Southern Baptist Church joy night service sponsored by the youth of the church. Southern is located at 1701 Chester St.

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Saturday, January 26, 1980
Evangelist—The Rev. Edgar Reid
Choirs and Congregation
Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church
The Samuel Ray Revival Choir, Iona Rhodes Yough Youth Fellowship Choir and The Mass Youth Choir of Morning Star Baptist Church will also serve.
SPECIAL MUSIC: The Lee Family.
Sunday, January 27, 1980
9:00 A.M.—Church School Juanita Gaither, Superintendent
10:40 A.M.—WORSHIP
SERMON—"God's Agenda"
Rev. Samuel Ray
SPECIAL MUSIC—The Lee Family
The Iona Rhodes Youth Fellowship Choir
Mrs. Mary Brown, Directress
Mr. H. Peter Ray, Director-Organist
Mr. Norman Kenny, Director
Dinner served after Morning Worship
3:00 P.M.—Ushers Anniversary
Mr. Moses Gardner, Mrs. Mary Robinson, Presidents
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Rev. Samuel Ray, Pastor
"The Witnessing Church"

St. James Episcopal Church
Lafayette Square
Baltimore, Maryland
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. Church School
10:30 A.M. Choral Eucharist Sermon
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, Rector
Mr. A. Maurice Murphy, Organist
The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1980
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". . . and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God?"
ORDER OF SERVICES
8:00 A.M.—EARLY D ORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Frank Jordan, Pastor. Choir and Congregation of New Gethsamane Baptist Church to worship with us
9:15 A.M.—CHURCH SCHOOL
Member Orientation Class
10:45 A.M.—WORSHIP
SERMON: Rev. Robert M. Johnson, Associate Minister Faith Baptist Church
MUSIC: Youth and Young Adult Choir under the direction of Miss Linda Hardy
3:00 P.M.—WORSHIP
PRESENTING IN RECITAL—"The Blake Family Singers" of Wilson Park Christian Community Church
5:00 P.M.—SOCIAL HOUR
6:00 P.M.—BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
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Mrs. Cassandra Mclachin, President
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LADIES' GUILD DAY
8:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship Sermon By The Pastor
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 Pastor
6:00 P.M.—BTU and New Members' Class
FAMILY NIGHT
REV. RICHARD OGLE IV, Pastor
REV. RICHARD OGLE

SHARP ST. MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1980
9:30 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
MARION CURTIS BASCOM, D.D. Minister
James S. Hammond
Sunday, January 27, 1980
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
"On Getting Out of Gods Way"
MARION C. BASCOM, Preaching
MEN'S CHOIR
Welsh Choral
J. T. Reese
Little Last Sheep
—Richard Avery & Donald Marsh
Ev'ry Time I Feel The Spirit
—William Dawson, arr.
YOUTH CHOIR
The Lord's Prayer
—Arnold Strutts

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