THE LIVING CHURCH

32 Baptists honored at fellowship dinner

MILES W. CONNOR AWARD was presented to Rev. Montague Brackett, pastor of Central Baptist Church. Shown from left with Rev. Brackett are Rev. Charles Coger, Mrs. Mabel Gee, Rev. Brackett, Mrs. Jacqueline Brooks and the Rev. Matthew R. Silver.

The annual fellowship and awards dinner sponsored by the Church School and Baptist Training Union was held Feb. 28 at the Eastwind with 800 guests attending.

Mrs. Elnora Fullwood, an active member of Concord Baptist presided at the affair. Following dinner and a skit directed by Mrs. Mae Moody, with members of First Baptist Church, 32 people were honored for services in their church. The Rev. Montague Brackett received special recognition for his services in the community and the church. He received the Miles W. Connor Award.

Other honorees were Miss Geneva France, Fulton Baptist; Deacon Elder Alston, First Baptist Cherry Hill; Mesdames Laura Austin, Wayland; Anna Barber, Mount Ararat; Evaughn Bryant, Concord; Elaine Cottman, Jones Tabenacle; Dalmatha Damon, Enon; Romell Green, Mount Moriah; Ernestine Hill, First Baptist, Back River.

Also, Medford Blake, Mount Lebanon; Mesdames Lillie Hines, Morning Star; Selma Johnson, First Mount Calvary; Naomi Julius, First Baptist; Mary Kearney, New Antioch; Bessie Keel, Perkins Square; Lillian Maith, Macedonia; Ruth Martin, Mount Hebron; Lurray Utsey, Faith; Annie Yarborough, Fountain Baptist;

Also, Andrew Hopkins, Leadenhall; Jim Ivey, City Temple, Michael Jamison, Zion; Perlie Jones, New Shiloh, Turner Station; James McLean, Calvary; Charles Mooring, New Psalmist; Richard Mosley, Whitestone; Joseph Streeter, Central; Will Sullivan, Southern and Johnson Whitehead, Gospel Tabernacle.

Hosts and Hostesses were Mesdames Brenda L. Haynes, Inez Ross, Rosie Holly, Donnie Green, Betty Craddock, Margaret Elvic, Irene Ray, Doris Water, Nora Banks, Goldie Wright, Mary Clark, Doris Holt, Margarite Cain, May Hamm, Mary Robinson, Matilda Whirley, Shirley Muldrow, Lois McLaughlin, Jewel Jessler, Vera Coleman, Dorothy Polk and Vernon Lynch.

Mayor Schaefer donated a 250 pound birthday cake for the 200th anniversary of the Sunday school. After singing happy birthday, each person received a slice of cake on received a slice of of cake.

Mrs. Jacqueline G. Brooks is president of the church school and Baptist Training Union and the Rev. Matthew R. Silver is president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention.

Others who participated on the program were Mrs. Doris Collier, Miss Mary Davis, Mrs. Hilda Brown, Joseph Kearney, Mrs. Frances Robinson, Albert Cooper, Rev. Thomas Teal, Lionel Jiggetts, Mrs. Mabel Gee, Roscoe Herring, who represented Mayor Schaefer.

Also, Mrs. Bernice Lewis, Rev. Charles Coger, Mrs. Mary Gwaltney, Mrs. Rose Coleman, Clarence Barber andClinton Agnew.

DEACON JOHNSON WHITEHEAD, was one of the honorees at the annual awards dinner on Feb. 28 at the East wind. Deacon Whitehead is shown with James Stovall and Rev. Matthew R. Silver who presented thenaward.

ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP DINNER — Mrs. Geneva France, an active member of Fulton Baptist Church is shown receiving her award from the Rev. Matthew R. Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention. Shown with Mrs. France is James Stovall who assisted in presenting the awards.

Metro church briefs

Members of the United Baptist Junior Choir will celebrate their fourth anniversary on Sunday, March 9, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Jeanette Fitzgerald of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church. The 3 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Dwayne Simmons of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church. Ms. Darlene Jones is president and Ms. Ernestine Williams is secretary. The Rev. G. E. Vanderford is pastor.

The 65th anniversary of the male and female ushers of Memorial Baptist Church, Caroline and Preston Sts, will be observed on March 9, 3 p.m. The Rev. Clifford Johnson of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Deacon and Deaconess Day will be observed Sunday, March 16, 3:30 p.m. at Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd. The Rev. Eddie Wilson, pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church is the speaker. Mrs. Bethel Marrow is president of the Deaconess Board and Simon Jarvis is chairman of the Deacon Board. The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson is pastor of Wayland.

Ms. Caroiyn Smith, soprano member of the Ruth E. Ragler Memorial Ensemble of Baltimore, will be featured in a gospel and spiritual concert on Sunday, March 9, 5 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave. The concert is being sponsored by the Sunshine Group, William Johnson and the Willing Workers Circles of Union Baptist.

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be the guest speaker for a three night revival March 12-14, 7:30 p.m. at Fountain Baptist Church, 1215 Monument St. The theme is "Are We Seekers or Servants ?" The Rev. Herman A. Ford is pastor of Fountain Baptist.

The Harris Family Singers will be singing March 9, 3 p.m. at First Christian Community Baptist Church, 4116 Groveland Ave.

A revival will be held at Mount Calvary Freewill Baptist, 1807 Oliver St. Services will start each night at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Alvin Gwynn Sr., will be the speaker and the Rev. Robert Farrow is pastor of Mount Calvary.

Friends Day will be observed March 9, 5:30 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, 2440 Old North Point Road. The Rev. Shirley Ransom is pastor.

MEN'S DAY — The Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker Sunday, March 9, for the annual Men's Day at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street. The Rev. Porter W. Phillips is pastor, the Rev. Arthur J. Payne is pastor emeritus and Deacon William Handy is chairman, Dr. Maurice Doles, co-chairman.

JAMES POWELL, a member of Knox United Presbyterian Church, 1300 Eden St. will be the first black Presbyterian ordained as a missionary in Maryland. Ordination services will be held Sunday, March 9, 5 p.m. at the church.

The Ever Ready Circle of New Psalmist Baptist Church will present The Swinson Jubilee Singers in a recital on March 9, 5 p.m. at New Psalmist Church, Cathedral and Franklin Streets. The Rev. Walter Thomas is pastor. Mrs. Margaret Cottman is president; Mrs. Zell Hooper and Mrs. Mazzie Johnson are chairpersons.

Men's Day will be observed March 9 at Mount Zion Baptist Church, 520 Lewis St., in Havre de Grace, Md. The 11 a.m. speaker will be the Rev. Harold Dobson, assistant pastor of St. Mark Institutional Baptist Church. The 3:30 p.m. speaker will be the Rev. Lee Paul Wasington, pastor of Mount Zoar AME Church, Conowingo, Md. and the Rev. H. M. Williamson is pastor of Mount Zion.

Dedication Services at New Bethlehem

Dedication services will be held March 3 -16 at New Bethlehem Baptist Church, 1354 Carey St., where the Rev. Dr. William Rivers is pastor and founder.

Members of the church will march from the 1100 block of Laurens St. where the church was formerly located to 1354 Carey St. Services will be held each night at the church at 7:30 p.m. with guests ministers speaking.

The Rev. E. L. Webster, pastor of First Galilee Baptist Church will be the speaker today (Friday). The Rev. Rivers will be speaking at the 11 a.m. services on Sunday and the Rev. Allen Jones, of New St. Mark Baptist Church is the March 10 speaker.

Other speakers are the Reverends Dr. T. E. Williams, Wayside Baptist Church; John L. Wright, First Baptist Church of Guilford, Md; J. H. Reynold, Bethany Baptist and Gregory Perkins of St. Paul Baptist. Officers of New Bethlehem Baptist are William Davis, chairman of the Deacon Board; William Mcelveen, chairman of the Trustee Board; Mrs. Hannah J. Robinson, church clerk and the Rev. James L. Carter, assistant pastor.

Circuit preacher celebrates 92nd birthday

By James M. Abraham

Over 75 well-wishers gathered Sunday, Feb. 17 to celebrate the 92nd birthday of the Rev. Frank Handy, a well-known area circuit preacher.

The crowd of enthusiastic friends and supporters of the popular minister filled the United Methodist Church, Magothy in Pasadena, Md. to hear speeches and testimonials to the good works of Rev. Handy.

According to one of his daughters, Rev. Handy "didn't have a church of his own, but used to go around the area preaching at different churches."

Rev. Handy received commendations for his community service and his longevity from Gov. Harry Hughes, Anne Arundel County administrator Robert Pascal, President Jimmy Carter and various other dignitaries.

Rev. Handy's wife is deceased, but members of his family, including four daughters, Mary, Jesse, Annie Mae and Carrie, were present.

The minister has performed a variety of work during his years in the Maryland area. He has been a stevedore, a farm worker and a shoemaker and had been employed by the Davis Chemical Company of Maryland.

He is currently retired, but, according to his family, still active.

"He can't walk so good," said his daughter Mary. "But his mind is still active." The good Lord is the reason for him living so long."

Rev. Handy has 14 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren, according to his daughter Mary.

Christian Education Institute at Trinity

The second annual Christian education institute will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave., March 17- 21 at 7 p.m.

The study courses to be provided are accredited by the Progressive National Baptist Convention's Congress of Christian Education, for those who attend four of the five days. Certificates of instruction will be given. The Rev. William C. Calhoun is pastor of Trinity.

Courses that will be offered and instructors are Evangelism, Mrs. Gladys Jones; Spiritual Dynamics, Mrs. Brenda Greefe; Techniques in Church Leadership, the Rev. Darryl Greene; Understanding the Bible, the Rev. Douglas I. Miles; Missions Among Baptists, Mrs. Laura Whitfield; Youth Rap-in, Mrs. Philathia Calhoun; Church History, the Rev. Leroy Fitts. Miss Evette Struthers is dean of the institute.

Gospel Show March 9

Some of Baltimore's best gospel groups and soloists will be participating in a gospel show on Sunday, March 9, 7 p.m. at Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2100 Baltimore St. The show is being sponsored by Deacon Tommy Roberts and admission is free.

Local groups scheduled to sing are The Vashti Gospel Singers, Baltimore Echoes, Mable Malone Sandlain, Drayton Gospel Singers, Ms. Katie Jackson, Ms. Sylvia Person, Victory Specials, Ms. Julia Mae Price Williams, Amanda Specials, Odell Bailey, The Gospel Leaders, Francis Jefferson and the Spiritual Harps. The Rev. Arthur Jones is pastor of Jones Tabernacle.

Another gospel show will also be held on Sunday, 3 p.m. at the Electric Eye, 6307 Reisterstown Rd. The Rev. Ronald Armstrong and Sherwood Lake will serve as emcees.

Local groups participating at the Sunday Gospel Best show are The Four Gospel Ensemble, Chosen Gospel Singers, Silver Leaf Gospel Singers, Mrs. Lizzie Ikart, The Southern Travelers. For ticket information call 764-1266.

R. Harris, 79

Funeral services were held Thursday, Feb. 21 for Ralph Harris, a native Baltimorean, in Mizpah, N.J. He was 79.

Born in Baltimore, the Rev. Harris attended Douglass High School, and upon graduation joined the Navy, where he served for four years.

After his tour of duty was completed, he moved to Delaware, where he became the firstblack police officer of the city of Wilmington.

Following his police service, he joined the ministry, and headed the First Baptist Church of Mizpah, N. J.

Services were held in his church.

The Rev. Harris is survived by his wife, Thelma; three brothers, Joseph, Harold and Rudy Ellis; and two sisters, Elaine and Margie.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE choir members will be singing March 13, 8 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, Lanvale and Lafayette Ave., The Rev. Donald O. Wilson is pastor.

CONCORD BAPTIST MEMBERS at the annual awards dinner on Feb. 28 at Eastwind, shown seated (from L) are the Rev. Fletcher Miller, Mrs. Emma Bryant, Mrs. Betty Braye and Deacon Fleming Saunders. Shown standing, Deacon James Smith, Deacon Rollin Weeks, Mrs. Helen Beverly, Mrs. Frances Robinson and Mrs. Marge Green.

Dr. Alvenia Fulton to speak at Union Baptist

Dr. Alvenia Fulton, world renowned nutrition and health consultant will speak at Union Baptist Church on March 22, 5 p.m. 1215 Druid Hill Ave.

The program is being sponsored by Earth, Wind-Fire-Rain Health Center. Dr. Fulton will prepare and present a community feast and conduct a question and answer session. For ticket information call 685-9821.

An author, Dr. Fulton has written extensively about the benefits of natural foods and fasting. Her two best known are Vegetarianism, Fact or Myth and the Fasting Primer.

Dr. Fulton's secret fasting formula has been successfully used by people of all walks of life, including famous personalities such as Dick Gregory, Ruby Dee, Bill Walton, Gloria Swanson and Ben Vereen.

DeWitt Howard Sr., dies after long illness

Funeral services for Jacob DeWitt Howard Sr., 81, head of a well-known West Baltimore family, were held Thursday, March 6 at Herbert Nutter Funeral Home.

Mr. Howard died March 2 after a lengthy illness.

He won widespread acclaim for the annual Christmas gardens he designed and constructed in the family's long-time residence in the 500 block of Robert St.

The son of the late Susie and Jacob Howard, he joined Sharp Street Methodist Church at an early age. He married Lillie M. Matthews on September 8, 1918.

Mr. Howard served as chauffeur and caretaker of the summer and winter homes of a prominent wealthy family for most of his working life. Upon his retirement from the above position, he went to Rice's Bakery as a mechanic helper.

For numerous years, he used his creative skills by setting up and displaying annual Christmas gardens. These were viewed by classes from the nearby elementary school as well as neighbors and friends. For these outstanding efforts he received plaudits through publications in the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper.

Mr. Howard was affectionately known as "Pop" to the neighborhood children. In his later years one of his greatest joys was the frequent visits of the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Minutemen's Club and was also affiliated with the Govans Manor Development in which he lived.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Howard; four sons, DeWitt, Harold, George and Jimmye; three daughters, Oricca, Doris and Lillie; 11 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; four sisters and one brother.

Morris Yorkman, lodge officer

Funeral services for Morris Kelso Yorkman were held Feb. 15 at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1031 Monument St.

Mr. Yorkman died Feb. 10. He was employed with the Hughes Catering Service and collected insurance for the National Benefit Insurance Company of Washington. He retired from employment with the federal government at Ft. Holabird on April 8, 1960.

Born in Baltimore, Mr. Yorkman was the son of the late William and Louisa Yorkman. He was a member of Old Centennial Methodist Church and served as church school superintendent, chairman of the finance committee, a lay leader and delegate to the annual conference. He later became the organist at St. Matthews Methodist Church, where he served for 35 years.

Mr. Yorkman was president of the Grand United Order of the Nazarites for over 50 years. He was president of the Judicial Council, member of the King Melchezdeck Pasture, treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, chairperson of the correspondence committee of the Grand Pasture, member of the Usher Board and served as Grand Worthy Shepherd for six years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Carrie E. Lightfoot Yorkman; one brother, Clifton Yorkman; a sister, Mrs. Gladys Edwards; 22 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren.

Phillip Wilson was a veteran

Funeral services were held in Scranton, Pa onFeb. 21, for Phillip "Stumpy" Wilson Jr. Mr. Wilson was the son ofthe Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Wilson of Baltimore.

Mr. Wilson, a native of Baltimore died suddenly in his home in Tobyhanna, Pa. on Feb 17, 1980. A World War II veteran, he moved to Tobyhanna in 1954. He worked for the Army Signal Depot in both Maryland and Pennsylvania for many years.

Active in Scranton, Mr. Wilson was a member of Bethel AME Church where he taught Sunday Shcool. He was also a Cub Scout leader and member of the Protective Order of the Elks of the World.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife Thersa E. Wilson, three daughters, four brothers and four sisters. John Wilson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson was killed in 1969 in Viet-Nam.

The burial was held at Dunmore Cemetery in Scranton, Pa.

HISTORY: THE NEW BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

In March of 1950, the Reverend William Rivers founded The New Bethlehem Baptist Church without any members. Our first building was located on Pine and Mulberry Streets. As our membership grew, we moved to a somewhat larger building located at 1109 Laurens Street. We worshipped at this building for several years. By the prayers and faith of our pastor and a few faithful members, the Lord blessed us to build a new building from the ground up. The Lord blessed our leader and membership to accomplish great victories. Upon payment of the mortgage for the old building, our pastor began to lead his people in the direction of where we stand today: On March 9, 1980, at 10:30 a.m., the Reverend Rivers and members of The New Bethlehem Baptist Church will march into a newly built sanctuary. Dedication services will be held at the new building, which is located at 1354 North Carey Street. This sanctuary will serve as the main building of worship. Under the direction of God, our pastor has overcome many storms, trials and tribulation. Through thirty years of constant prayer and fasting and with the faith of a grain of mustard seed that our Lord talked about, Reverend Rivers has led his people as a shepherd leads his sheep. Today, Reverend Rivers, supported by faithful members and by the grace of God, stands victorious. Today, a vision that was given of God thirty years ago has become a reality. Today, the pastor and founder, Reverend William Rivers, and members can stand in our new sanctuary and lift up holy hands unto our Lord and Saviour for all of the great things that He has done. Listed below are several of our city's dignitaries who have been invited to worship with us on this great day.

Mayor
William Donald Schaefer
George L. Russell, Jr.
Vernon R. Bailey
James A. Morton
Reverend B. L. Matthews
Doctor A. J. Payne
Delegate Troy Brailey
Senator Verda F. Welcome
Congressman
Parren J. Mitchell
Doctor W. O. Bryson
Pauline Wells Lewis
Mary Claibourne

Mrs. Alice Baker attended Faith Baptist

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Baker will be held Sunday, March 9 at Faith Baptist Church, Bond and Ashland Avenue. The family will at Faith Baptist Church, Bond and Ashland Avenue. The family will receive friends 7 p.m. at the church.

Born Jan. 14, 1888 in Lancaster County, Va., Mrs. Baker was the daughter of the late Isaac Williams. In 1905, she married Abraham Baker and moved to Baltimore.

Mrs. Baker was one of the founders of Faith Baptist Church and known as the "mother" of the church. She was the oldest living member of Faith and was active in several clubs and organizations.

She is survived by an adopted daughter, Mrs. Cornelia Baker Johnson; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Beatty; one half sister, Mrs. Georgia Knight.

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10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship
Sermon By The Pastor
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