THE LIVING CHURCH

Pastor honored for devotion to children, church

77TH BIRTHDAY PARTY — The Rev. George Edward Vanderford, pastor of United Baptist Church, was honored June 22 at his church. The party was sponsored by the Pastor's Aide. Family members and friends shown are Ralph Vanderford, Mrs. Zeda Jackson, Carlos Jackson, Daryl Jackson, Kiva Jackson, Lonra Godds, Delano Jackson, Wanda Bold and Jessica Jackson. Not shown is Mrs. Minnie Vanderford.

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Pastor for 30 years; adopted father to 17 children

The Rev. George Edward Vanderford, pastor of United Baptist Church, 932 North Broadway was honored Sunday, June 22 at a birthday party sponsored by the Pastors Aide Society of the church.

Rev. Vanderford, who celebrated his 77th birthday has been pastor of United Baptist Church for 30 years and an adopted father to 17 children.

Before going to United Baptist Church, he served as pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist Church at Fulton and Walbrook Avenues.

He says, "The children help keep me young and if they were not around I don't know what I would do. His wife, Mrs. Minnie Vanderford, who is fondly called Mrs. Minnie or Mama, has opened their home to children in the neighborhood and is known for serving the neighborhood fried chicken.

Recently, Rev. Vanderford and members of his church organized a scholarship fund and a committee as an aid to high school and college students.

He says the major purpose of the fund is to provide financial assistance to deserving high school graduates who are members of the church, a church worker in organizations and a resident of the city.

Fundraising activities have been sponsored to raise money for the scholarships and the church has set a goal of $5,000. Ms. Barbara Thompson is president of the scholarship committee.

Rev. and Mrs. Vanderford say they believe in playing the role of parents to neglected children. "I have never had any children and I adopted one boy and been the mother to 17 other children who have lived in our home," said Mrs. Vanderford.

Mrs. Vanderford, who has two artifical legs says, "Our children are not problem children. We take care of children who have problems at home and are not looking for the money."

Mrs. Sarah Fleming, president of the Pastor's Aide described her pastor as "a devoted father." Other members of the Pastor's Aide who assisted in sponsoring the party were the Rev. Charles H. Peaker, Mrs. Beverly Simpson, Joe Elnora, Mrs. Lucille Manison and John Hatchett.

A minister speaks out

A message to all graduates

By The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter
Pastor, New Shiloh Baptist Church

Rev. Harold A. Carter

"Work never killed anyone. If you want to eat, you must also do some work. If you want to survive and get ahead, you must be willing to do some hard unpleasant things in order to enjoy better things later on."

All these preceding words were common place teachings given by parents and teachers of yesterday's generations. Then it was expected that the chief duty of all persons was to do meaningful and redeeming work.

Over the years the work ethic of American life style seriously eroded. We quit talking about the early bird gets the early worm. We lost sight of the wisdom of the words, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a person, strong, healthy, wise."

Television, fast cars, endless shopping centers, for a while created a false utopia in American life. The "pepsi generation" talked about life devoid of struggle, happiness unrelated to pain. Many students coming out of various educational disciplines walked into life with an attitude that the world owed them something, overlooking the basic fact they owed the world everything.

A tragic Vietnam war, spiraling energy costs, vast unemployment, seemingly insolvable social problems, have burst the false utopian dreams of our nation. To the extet that a return to basics is forcing us to look at ourselves, our strengths and our weaknesses; much good may come from our strugle.

Graduates, whoever you are, you are born squarely into that struggle. Your looks are important, but will not pay off without hard work. Nature has given all her creatures certain tools. Your feelings, your visions, your knowledge, have all been provided you for the helpful service of others.

In a word, education is not a luxury to be hoarded, it is a blessing to be shared. Those refusing to share the gift of knowledge are usually destroyed in the process.

I have just returned from Romania. Romania is an East European nation of 26 million where everyone by law must work. This communistic nation believes that man's dignity is tragically impaired when he fails to work. There is no choice, one works or goes off to jail. In our country, America, many want to work but apparently can find no work to do.

Here is why you graduates must shine. You must be willing to find work, to create work until you arrive at the goal you seek. Under the hardest of times, some have always been able to do something to keep life strong and hope alive.

Park a car and leave it and all systems will go down. Lock up a house and leave it and spiders, dust and decay will take over.

Find your joy in your work. Find your true recognition in your work. If only a disco record can turn you on, your life's vision is far too low. If only endless strings of dates get your blood pressure up, your real burdens are far too light.

Roll your sleeves up, and wipe sleep from your eyes and keep on learning, keep on growing. Our world needs what you have. Our people are dying for your services. Now before the quagmire of life bogs you down, decide that hard work, for the good of others will be the guiding force in your life.

Your decidion will please the face of God who will cause showers of mercy and light to fall endlessly along your pathway.

BALLOON ASCENSION — In keeping with a series of events marking the Centennial year celebration of the founding of Grace United Presbyterian Church, the Westminster Guild United Presbyterian Women sponsored a balloon ascension and family and fun day on June 14 at the church. Members of the guild are shown with their balloons. Prizes were given for balloons traveling the greatest distance.

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Episcopalian leader speaks at St. James Church

SPECIAL GUESTS — Dr. Charles Lawrence, president of the House of Deputies of the National Episcopal Church, was the speaker at St. James 165thanniversary celebration. Shown (from L) are Mrs. Charles Lawrence, Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Clarence Monroe, exchanging greetings following the Sunday services.

There are some persons whose appearances personify their station in life. Such is the case of Dr. Charles Lawrence, president of the House of Deputies of the National Episcopal Church.

"I saw Dr. Lawrence for the first time at the General Convention in Minneapolis when he was elected president," explained Elaine Ms. Elaine Howard, vestrywoman and altar guild member of St. James Episcopal Church, and he looked so handsome and regal presiding.

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Metro church briefs

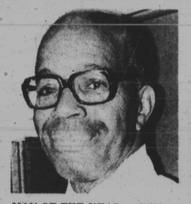
The men of Leadenhall Baptist Church will have a fellowship banquet on June 27, 7:30 p.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St., Judge Robert M. Bell will be the speaker. Norman Brailey is chairman and the Rev. Dr. Eddie R. Wilson Jr., is pastor.

The Rev. and Mrs. Ernest P. Clark will be presented in a musical concert on Sunday, June 29, 4 p.m. at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue.

The First Baptist Church of Guilford is sponsoring a county wide gospel soul saving revival. The Rev. Hosie Robinson, pastor of New Jerusalem Church in Greenville, Miss., will be the speaker and services will start at 7:30 p.m.

The Columbia Gospel Messengers Choir, a community organization of young people, is looking for a gospel pianist who can play for the group. For more information concerning the position call 596-6654 or 730-8946.

By popular demand, the Singing Disciples of Baltimore will again be in concert at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, where the Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor. The concert is sponsored by the Laymen's League of the church and will start at 5 p.m.



MAN OF THE YEAR — William W. Freeman, an active member of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, was honored June 15 at his church and received a plaque. He is president of the United Methodist Men's Organization, a member of the Commission on Evangelism, Communications Committee, Adult Bible Class and the mid week Bible study group. Mr. Freeman is also a member of Chi Psi Sigma Fraternity, where he is now serving as secretary.

CONCERT — Ms. Pearl Williams Jones, pianist and vocalist of Washington, D.C. will be singing Sunday, June 29, 3:30 p.m. at Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street, Ms. Jones is a recognized music educator, lecturer and consultant in black American gospel music. She was a recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts for research and development of curricula in Black American gospel music.

James E. Duncan served in U.S. Army

Services for James E. Duncan, a Knoxville, Tenn. native, were held at March Funeral Home, 1101 E. North Ave., Thursday, June 26.

Burial will be held Friday, June 27 at Arbutus Memorial Park, 10 a.m.

He died June 21 at Veterans' Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Duncan, son of the late Connie and Alex Duncan, was educated in Tennessee and attended Knoxville College for one year on a football scholarship.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and received an honorable discharge and several decorations.

Before his retirement, he worked in a Tennessee hospital.

After his retirement, he came to Baltimore to live with his sister, Mrs. Mary Kent, in the 2900 block Riggs Ave. and enjoyed watching football games on television.

He is survived by his sister; one brother, Thomas Duncan, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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"A SERVICE WHICH INSPIRES CONFIDENCE"

Photo by Joseph Ayares

LIFE MEMBERSHIP — Ms. Catherine J. Raheem presents a check to Dunbar Brooks, president of the Dundalk-Sparrows Point Branch of the NAACP. The check is for her first annual payment on life membership. Ms. Raheem is a native of Turner Station community and also an active member of the NAACP.

Parents sponsor spiritual program

The first annual spiritual program for exceptional and handicapped students was held recently at Mount Ararat Baptist Church.

The program was sponsored by members of parent groups of School 177 and 310 and was co-chaired by Mrs. Thelma Gilmore and Mrs. Ossie Lee. Mrs. Louise Lassister served as mistress of ceremonies and introduced the youthful performers whose renditions of solos, musical group presentations and instrumental selections each merited standing ovations.

Dr. Samuel B. Redd, pastor of Mount Ararat church gave the invocation and was the recipient of a plaque presented by member of the parent group.

Students who participated were Gail Lucus, Earl Stanley, Terri Gilmore, Byron Smith and Camilla Winfield.

Plaques were presented to principals of the schools, Mrs. Patricia Talley and Mrs. Margaret Carter for their support in promoting the efforts of the parents and the students.

Dr. John L. Crew, superintendent of schools extended greetings and remarks were made by several members of the staff of local schools. Plans are now being made for the second spiritual program for exceptional children.

Mrs. Martha Eaton was a private nurse

Services will be held for Mrs. Martha Ann Eaton on Friday, June 27, 7 p.m. at Zion Baptist Church, 1700 N. Caroline St.

Mrs. Eaton died Monday, June 23 at her home in the 3900 block the Alameda after a brief illness.

Mrs. Eaton, the daughter of the late Mary and Billy Young of Littleton, N.C. was born in 1914. She received her education in North Carolina public schools and came to Baltimore in 1932.

She was a homemaker and a private nurse.

Mrs. Eaton was a member of Zion Baptist and the church's Missionary Circle.

She is survived by her husband, Otis Eaton; two sons, Theodore and Albert; two daughters-in-law; three grandchildren; one brother, William Young of North Carolina; one sister, Mary L. Commedore of McKeesport, Pa.; one sister-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial will be Saturday, June 28, 11 a.m. in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Bible school held at Bethel

Bethel AME Church will open its Vacation Bible School beginning July 14 and continuing through July 25.

Classes will be held at the church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. All classes are free and open to the public.

Classes will include Christian educational programs, arts and crafts and recreational activities. Students must be at least 3 years old.

The missionary department of Bethel AME Church will host visitors from Guyanese missionaries June 27-29. You will have an opportunity to meet with the guests on June 27 at a special program at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

The Guyanese will be special guests at a cultural arts fair at St. John's AME Church, 810 Carrollton Ave., 2 p.m. June 28. Other events planned for the South American guests include a tour of Provident Hospital, Morgan State University and City Hall.

According to church spokesperson, Lois Gilliam, the purpose of their visit is to "strengthen the educational, spiritual and cultural ties between Guyana and the United States."

PASTOR AND FIRST LADY — The Rev. Montague J. Brackett, pastor of Central Baptist Church, 2035 Baltimore St., is shown with his wife, Mrs. Helen R. Brackett, who was recently honored at the church. The banquet was sponsored by the Helena Nurses Unit of the church. The honoree received a piece of jewelry from her husband.

Ms. Mary Green, 21

Funeral services for Ms. Mary Christine Green, 21, were held June 26 at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1546 Fremont Ave. Ms. Green died June 21.

Born in Baltimore, she lived on Bolton Street and attended Forest Park High School and was a member of St. Peter's.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Mary) Green; four sisters, Diane, Monica, Marie and Gloria Green and one brother, David Green. She is buried in church cemetery.

Friends honor Rev. W.E. Hamilton

The Star of Bethlehem Spiritual Temple members will honor their pastor, the Rev. Dr. William E. Hamilton on his 14th anniversary as pastor on June 27, 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn downtown.

Lucius Hall, of the First Church of Deliverance in Chicago will be the speaker. Through Rev. Hamilton's outreach ministry, hundreds of citizens have been fed. He started preaching when he was 8-years-old and received his license when he was 14. He was installed as second pastor of the Star of Bethlehem Spiritual Temple on June 12, 1966.

Rev. Hamilton is a member of the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ International, a gospel singer and pianist and former executive secretary to the Monumental City Florist Association.

The God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?

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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 The Pastor
6:00 P.M. — BTU New Members Class

REV. RICHARD OGLE

Church Social
REV. RICHARD OGLE IV, Pastor

Episcopalian leader speaks

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Truly, there was no mistaking Dr. Lawrence as a leader among men when he arrived at St. James 165th anniversary of the founding of the church. His half-moon mixed gray goatee gave just the right touch of softness to his rather powerful face.

He and Mrs. Lawrence warmly greeted the church dignitaries of the Episcopal churches throughout the city, including Cannon Ted Bennett, Dean and Mrs. Peabody, Father Patterson and Vestry members of St. James, Aletha Quarles, Sam Jackson, Ms. Barbara Dungee, Prentiss Nolan, Ms. Elaine Hooward, John H. Murphy III and Dr. Clarence Monroe at a Saturday tea prepared by the Altar Guild.

Altar Guild members Eula Daves, Elaine Nolan, Elaine Howard, Tom Harris, Alice West, Yvonne Williams, Olivia Dixon, Beulah Togle, Gladys Walker, Robin Terry, Bessie Proctor, Alice West, Brenda Strong and Jeanette Christmas had prepared a colorful tea table.

Dr. Lawrence presides over the bicameral House of Deputies. He holds the highest position of any lay person in the Episcopal Church. His duties include appointments to Commission which include State of the Church, Venture in Mission and a commission in which he has particular interest, the church and City Coalition of Urban Bishops Coalition of Human needs.

The Rev. Donald O. Wilson reminded the congregation of the honor in having Dr. Lawrence's presence at the celebration. Dr. Lawrence spoke in his sermon of the historical significance of St. James Church being one of two Anglican churches in the country, which were at one time African Protestant Episcopal Churches and founded by former slaves.

He felt that this heritage should not be forgotten but instead should be continued by erasing lines of [illegible] a helping hand to the less fortunate black brother. The church is attempting to raise $100 million for work in the cities and overseas.

Dr. Lawrence was also present for the presentation of plaques to those confirmed 50 years: Messrs C. Leroy Carroll, J. Steadman Greig and Newman B. Reavis. Mesdames Iola W. Lyles, Ida M. Peters, Bessie D. Reavis and Alice B. Williams

Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence, who reside in Nyack, N. Y. ended their visit by attending a concert by Dr. Albert Wagner dedicating the newly renovated $40,000 organ at St. James.

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Treasures in Heaven
— Joseph Clokey
How Pleasant Thus To Dwell Below
— Alice Parker, arr.