THE LIVING CHURCH

ADULT USHER of the year who was honored June 26 at the third annual ushers fellowship banquet was Mrs. Corrine Saunders, an active member of John Wesley United Methodist Church. Shown from (L) are the Rev. Reginald Kennedy, Mrs. Saunders and the Rev. Mathew R. Silver, president, United Baptist Missionary Convention.

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40 Baptist churches participate

Ushers sponsor annual banquet

Nearly 800 ushers, members and friends from 40 churches attended the third annual ushers fellowship banquet June 26 at Martin's West.

Mrs. Marjorie R. Green, coordinator and founder of the Ushers Fellowship stated the banquet is held once a year so that all ushers might have the opportunity to fellowship together.

Mrs. Green, who is very active in several religious organizations and has served as an usher at Concord Baptist Church for nearly 10 years, received a plaque from the committee in appreciation for her efforts toward the upbuilding of the Maryland Ushers Fellowship committee. Mrs. Pearl Blake of Timothy Baptist and Mrs. Pauline Brunson, also assisted Mrs. Green in organizing the Ushers Fellowship.

No one church received any proceeds or recognition, said Mrs. Green. This year's recipients who received $300 each were the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, N.M. Carroll Home and the Maryland Baptist Aged Home.

Others who received a citation from Mayor William Donald Schaefer and special recognition from the committee were the Rev. Douglas Wilson, pastor of Fulton Baptist Church, who was honored as minister of the year.

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FULTON BAPTIST PASTOR — The Rev. Douglass Wilson, pastor of Fulton Baptist Church is shown with his wife, Mrs. Mary Wilson. Rev. Wilson received an award from the ushers honoring him as minister of the year. He also received a citation from Mayor Schaefer.

JOHN WESLEY UNITED Methodist ushers seen at the banquet held at Martin's West shown from (L) are Mrs. Everdean Jackson, Mrs. E. Jackson and Mrs. Thelma Counts.

CHAIRPERSON of the annual ushers fellowship banquet was Mrs. Marjorie R. Green, an active member of Concord Baptist Church.

N.M. CARROLL REPRESENTATIVE — Mrs. Florrie Stevenson, a member of the N. M. Carroll Auxiliary accepted a check from the ushers to be used for the new home at Harlem and Arlington Avenues.

MRS. MABLE WATERS accepted the check from the ushers for the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind during the banquet.

HOSTESSES shown about to enjoy their dinner June 26 at Martin's West are (L to R) Mrs. Elaine Greene, Mrs. Eleanor White and Mrs. Carrie Johnson, members of Southwestern Baptist Church.

THE REFLECTION OF TRUTH, a local gospel group have been singing gospel music for three years and recently recorded "Moving On Up." Members shown are Saul Bridges, Michael Thomas and Eddie Green. Not shown is James Mason. This was the group's third year to sing at the Ushers fellowship banquet.

SOLOISTS — Miss Terri Walker, a member of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church is shown with Franklin Crockett, a member of New Psalmist Baptist Church, who were soloists at the ushers dinner.

SAXPHONE PLAYER — Harold Porter was on the program June 26 at Martin's West, where ushers from 40 churches had an evening of fellowship and dinner.

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Guyanese missionaries continue cultural bond

By Sue williams

The recent visit paid to Bethel AME Church by missionaries from Georgetown, Guyana was but a continuation of a project begun three years ago to strengthen cultural, spiritual and educational bonds between the two countries, according to church spokesperson Mrs. Delores Winston.

The Guyanese missionaries were in Baltimore from June 27-30 and took part in activities ranging from an ecumenical service to a cultural arts fair and a private reception held at Gallery 409.

"Bethel's missionaries visited Guyana in 1977 to begin a cross-cultural, spiritual and educational exchange that we vowed we wowould continue," Mrs. Winston told the AFRO. "It seemed to us that there were many things going on in our sister countries that we needed and wanted to be a part of."

While in Guyana, the Bethel missionaries not only conducted religious and educational workshops, but also took the time to learn the country's cultural practices, as time would permit, including the language and food preparation.

Before they left, the Bethel group donated medical and educational supplies, and also $1,000 for the country's Sylvia Talbot Youth Center.

The Guyanese missionaries continued this project in their Baltimore visit. Aside from the many tours 2nd activities planned for them, the Guyanese took time to attend a cultural arts fair held at St. John AME Church, at which local photographer Cary Beth Cryor and the Baltimore Dance Theater were featured.

Funds from that fair were donated to Bethel's Outreach Center, which gives food, clothing, housing and job assistance to people in need.

The two missionary groups plan to work further together, according to Ms. Winston, although there are no specific plans at this time. She also said that the people and missionaries of Guyana are very enthusiastic about their relationship with Bethel and have a desire to share as much of their culture as they can with their Western friends.

(Photo by LaVerne Gray)

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT of Bethel AME Church recently hosted missionaries from Georgetown, Guyana in what has been called a "cultural, educational and spiritual exchange." Shown here are missionaries from both countries, including (first row, L - R): Mrs. Cecelia Bryant, supervisor of the Bethel missionaries; Mrs. Juretha Maiden (Bethel); Mrs. Lois Gilliam (Bethel); Mrs. Pearline Chase (Guyana); Mrs. Gloria McFairlaine (Guyana); Mrs. E. H. Walker (Guyana); Mrs. Thelma McPherson, president of the Bethel missionaries; Mrs. Vera Wharton (Guyana); Mrs. Desiree Linda (Guyana); Mrs. Joan Goodluck (Guyana); and Ms. Joan Wharton (Bethel).

—Ushers banquet

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Mrs. Corrine Saunders, described as a "hard worker" at John Wesley United Methodist Church was the usher of the year and Ms. Barbara Miller was the youth usher of the year.

For three years the theme for the banquet has been "love." Charles Stills, an usher at Faith Baptist Church was the toastmaster and greetings were extended by the Rev. Ms. Ella Garay, former usher and assistant minister at Solid Rock Pentecostal Church.

Franklin Crockett, 13-year-old active member at New Psalmist Baptist Church, where the Rev. Walter Thomas is pastor, received a standing ovation when he sang, "The Shepherd of My Life." Other soloists were Miss Terri Walker of Jones Tabernacle Baptist and Mrs. Gertrude Barrow, Northeast Baptist. Other musical selections were by the Reflections of Truth Singers.

Other program participants were Mrs Theresa Cousin, Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist; Mrs. Sandra Brice Ferguson, New Pilgrim; Harold Porter, the Rev. Reginald Kennedy, former usher and associate minister at Timothy Baptist.

Also, Mrs. Felicia Toulson, Simmons Memorial Baptist; Mrs. Marie Jackson, Fulton Baptist; the Rev. Mathew R. Silver, pastor of Concord Baptist and president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention.

Honorary chairpersons were the Reverends Robert Hurte, Arthur E. Jones, Fletcher Miller, Douglas Wilson, Alex Young, Chilean Smith and Harley Wilson, all former ushers.

Mrs. Dorothy Lainier of Community Baptist Church was pianist and committee members were Mesdames Louise Smith, Meredith Lucas, Corrine Saunders, Pauline Brunson and Pearl Blake.

Participating usher boards represented the following churches: All Saints; Bibleway Free Will; City Temple, Concord Baptist, Community Baptist, Cookley, Ebenezer, Faith, First Baptist, First Baptist of Guilford.

Also, Fountain, Fulton, Gillis Memorial Christian Community, Israel Baptist, Jones Tabernacle, Leadenhall, Little Ark, Mt. Carmel Baptist, Mt. Calvary Star, Mt. Calvary Free Will, Mt. Pleasant Baptist.

New Friendship, New Metropolitan, New Pilgrim, New Psalmist, Northeast, Ray of Hope, Solid Rock Pentacostal, Southern, Southern Friendship, Shepherd Community, Sweet Hope Free Will, Simmons Memorial, St. Phillips, St. Paul, Timothy, Unity and Waters AME.

Benjamin Hill belonged to Kaye Social Club

Funeral services for Benjamin "Budd" Hill will be held Friday, July 11 at Vernon Bailey Funeral Home, 1348 Calhoun St., with Family Hour at 7 p.m. and services at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Hill died suddenly at his home in the 1300 block McCulloh St., Monday, July 7.

He was born July 24, 1924 in Greenville, N.C., the son of the late Hattie and Benjamin Hill Sr.

Mr. Hill moved to Baltimore as a child and received his education here in public schools.

He was active in the Kaye Social Club.

Bethany Baptist honor members at banquet

A tribute banquet honoring deacons, deaconesses and members of Bethany Baptist Church, Mt. Winans, for 25 to 50 years service was held recently.

The Rev. James H. Reynolds, pastor of Bethany for the past 10 years, was also honored.

Distinguished guests included toastmaster, the Rev. George Smith, pastor of First Baptist, Mt. Winans; the Rev. Robert Savage, First Baptist Church, Pimlico; the Rev. Darrell Greene, New Shiloh Baptist Church, and the Rev. Agness Fields, Bethany Baptist Church.

Other honored guests were: Mother of the Church, Mary Shorts; Deacon and Mrs. Warren Brown; Deacon and Mrs. Clinton Savage; Deacon Lloyd Cook:

Also, Deaconess Hattie Hancock, Deacon and Mrs. Samuel Robinson; Deaconess Marie James; Thomasina Ware; Deaconess Eunice Tribble; Marguerite Lloyd; Deaconess Martha Wright; Ida Mae Wright; Deaconess Helen Johnson; Alice Moore; Deaconess Hannah Johnson;

And, Marion Fleet; Deaconess Frances Snell; Drucilla Jordan; Deaconess Lila Brown; Ollie Henderson, Bulah Cooper, Rebecca Gaither; Lillie Casey, Jimmie Lee, James Elliott and Mary Cooper.

Music was provided by various groups of Bethany Baptist and Cathrine Johnson and Calvin Knox were at the piano.

Services held for William Tilliett

Funeral services for William Anthony Tilliett were held Wednesday, July 9 at Second Shiloh Church of Christ.

Mr. Tilliett was born Oct. 20, 1904 in Mantio, N.C., the son of the late Elder C. Levi and Bertha Tilliett.

He attended public schools in Mantio and was baptized in Free Grace Disciple Church, also in Mantio.

Mr. Tilliett served in World War II in the armed forces.

He is survived by one son, James Scarborough; one sister, Elsie Caldwell of New York City; one sister-in-law, Myrtle Tilliett; two grandchildren, two nieces, Eleanor Holmes and Delores Morris; one nephew, Delano Tilliett, and other relatives and friends.

Bertha Thomas enjoyed gardening

Funeral services for Bertha Viola Thomas, 85, were held June 29 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church. She died June 26 at Stella Maris Hospice following a long bout with cancer. She is buried in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mrs Thomas, one of 11 children, was born Sept. 21, 1894 in Grasonville, Md. She moved to Baltimore at the age of 12.

The former Bertha McDaniel, she was married to Walter Thomas for over 20 years. She had been a widow since 1949.

As a homemaker, Mrs. Thomas enjoyed working with flowers and was very successful in growing African violets.

She was an active member of Metropolitan Church and received a certificate for being a member for more than 30 years and she also was honored as an over 80 member.

Mrs. Thomas is survived by two nieces, Mrs. Helen Beverly and Mrs. Dorothy Ayers, and a nephew, James McDaniel.

—Walter Dixon

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He served as dean, instructor, counselor and educational adviser for 39 years, until his retirement in 1963, and opened educational and employment opportunities for thousands of young people.

Walter Dixon was an active Episcopalian for 77 years and was a member of St. James' Episcopal for 36 years where he was a member of the choir, a member of the Associate Vestry, Sunday school teacher and a charter member of the board of trustees of St. James' Terrace Apartments for the Aged.

He is a past president of Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, past president of Frontiers International; Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight of I.B.P.O.E. of W., Past Exalted Ruler of Columbia Lodge 85, D.C.;

Also, a member of Chi Psi Sigma Business Fraternity, a Prince Hall Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows. He was a past board member of the Urban League and a member of the NAACP.

While a member of the City Council from 1955 to 1967, Walter Dixon worked hard for the new Provident Hospital and introduced resolutions for minimum wage and hour laws; vital records in the Department of Health; integration of mental health institutions; revision of councilmanic districts; and a public accommodations law.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Olivia Pierce Dixon; a son, Walter Jr., an adopted daughter, Ena Kane and one cousin, Betty Atkins.

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Metro Church Briefs

Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, 2000 N. Fulton Ave. is sponsoring a summer day camp, Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for four to nine year olds.

Young boys and girls will have fun participating in arts and crafts, field trips and films. The free summer day camp is given in conjunction with Baltimore's summer corps and lunches are provided through the city's summer lunch program.

To register your child call 383-0898 or stop by the church office, 2010 N. Fulton Ave. between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Mass Choir of Brown Memorial will be presented in its first annual concert Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m. at Douglass Senior High, 2301 Gwynns Falls Parkway.

Featured guest for the program is The Reflections of Truth and tickets for the program are $3 and can be obtained by calling 383-0898. The Rev. Douglas Miles is pastor.

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The "Chosen Generation" will be presented in concert at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 520 Lewis St., Havre de Grace, Md. Saturday, July 12 at 7 p.m.

This group of singers are members of the Susquehanna Job Corps Center stationed in Port Deposit, Md. The public is invited. The Rev. H.M. Williamson is the pastor.

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Second Faith Baptist Church, Walbrook Avenue and Denison Street, is holding a summer session of workshops in arts and crafts, Spanish and music for children between the ages of 5 and 15. A donation of $20 for church members and $25 for non-members will go to benefit the building fund of the church. For more information call 467-7198.

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The public is prayfully invited to participate with St. Mark's United Methodist Church in the celebration of the pastor's first anniversary Sunday, July 13.

In commemoration of the Rev. Bernard Keels' first year in the ministry, the Commission on Evangelism has planned a three-part program. A musical meditation will begin at 10 a.m with guest organist Dr. J. Jefferson Cleveland of Boston, Mass.

The morning worship service will begin at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Calvin Crosson serving as the speaker. The Rev. Leroy Perry, pastor of Foster Memorial AMEZ Church, White Plains, N.Y. is the liturgist.

A reception will immediately follow the morning service in Kriel Hall.

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Rev. Sister Edna Isaac of Mt. Moriah Baptist Church will be the 71st Women's Day speaker at Pleasant Zion Baptist Church, 4317 North Point Blvd. Sunday, July 13 at 11 a.m. The Rev. James B. Gray Jr. is the pastor.

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Israel Baptist Church, 1220 N. Chester St. will hold its 70th Annual Women's Day Sunday, July 13 and present in concert Donny Harper, formerly of the Voices in Majestics. Tickets are $2.

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On Sunday, July 13, the pastor's aides of Ray of Hope Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive will sponsor a Queen for a Day rally featuring women representing various organizations of the church. The rally will begin at 5 p.m.

On Monday, July 14, the board of trustees will sponsor a song and praise service featuring the combined choirs of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Charles Franklin is the pastor.

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The Pastor Aide Society of St. Timothy Christian Baptist Church will celebrate its fifth anniversary Sunday, July 13 at 3:30 p.m.

The church is located at 4007 Groveland Ave. and the Rev. Carl L. Washington is pastor.

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Waters African Methodist Espiscopal Church will dedicate the Melvin Chester Swann Educational Center Sunday, July 13 at 2 p.m. The church is located 417 N. Aisquith St.

The building will house the Waters Day Care Center which was organized and opened in 1972 by the late Rev

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