THE LIVING CHURCH

Waters AME celebrates opening of educational center

RIBBON CUTTING — Melvin Chester Swann Jr., and Mrs. Swann, wife of the late Rev. Melvin Chester Swann, former pastor of Waters AME Church are shown cutting the ribbon at the new Melvin Chester Swann Educational Center on July 13.

AFRO Photo by Mark Gall

"The dream of our predecessor has become a reality. Today, we celebrate the completion of the dream of Rev. Melvin Chester Swann."

Those were the words of Mrs. Arnita E. Woodlon, chairman of the educational center dedication committee on July 13. She was speaking of the late Rev. Swann, who was pastor of Waters AME Church.

Mrs. Woodlon stated Rev. Swann was very fond of children and had talked about the church building an educational center. Following his death in 1974, Wendell Wright, a member of the church proceeded with the plans to have the building completed.

The Melvin Chester Swann Educational Center is also open to residents in the community for meetings. The Baltimore Electronics Company, an East Baltimore business contributed $10,000 to the educational center that has been paid for.

The center is open five days a week and provides facilities for preschool age children and teenage members of the church. Waters also has an eat - in program. The Waters Tower, a senior citizen home at Caroline and Madison Avenue and other activites for citizens in the community.

The Rev. John W. Duckette is pastor of Waters. Program participants at the dedication services were the Rev. Reginald Boston, pastor of Grace AME, The Melvin Chester Swann Choir, Perry Wainwright, Sen. Robert L. Douglass, Clarence "Du" Burns, vice president of City Council, and Bishop John Hurst Adams.

Mrs. Sarah Harley is the director of the day care center and Mrs. Florence Kidd is the administrative assistant. Members of the board are Mesdames Arnita E. Woodlon, Marie Berry, Mary B. Lee, William Lee, Margaret Turner, Verdene Hawkins, Joyce Lomax, Dorothy Swann, Gwendolyn Stathem, Mary Johnson, Patsy Hayes, Brenda Parker, Odell Majors, Barbara Bennett, Carolyn Williams, Jacqueline Brown and Clara Fooks.

Also, Rodney Wilmore, Theodore Colclough, Mr. and Mrs. William Lynch. Teachers at the center are Mrs. Gwendolyn Wheeler, Josephine Steel, Margaret Watson and Alice Dutton are teachers aides.

Members and delegates of the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ, Inc., are meeting this week at the Cornerstone Church of Christ, 4239 Park Heights Ave., for the 55th annual session. The Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, pastor of Cornerstone and second vice president of the northern council is host pastor.

Delegates from all sections of the United States, Ghana, West Africa and the Islands are attending the meeting. The theme is "Let Us Re- dedicate Our Lives to the Upbuilding of God's Kingdom on Earth."

The workshops, seminars and general sessions will hold the congress theme at the center of the overall programming. Among the highlights of the session was the annual banquet on July 21 at the Hilton, a sermon featuring the Rev. Russell Hill, pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Danville, Va., the young people's program with the Rev. Eugene Gray of Chicago supervising and the annual foreign missions programs with Dr. Kearse presiding.

The main highlight of the 1980 session will be the election of a new president filling the vacancy left by the death of the late Rev. Clarence H. Cobbs in 1979. The election is set for today (Friday) followed by the installation.

The service of ordination authorizing new ministers and the annual communion are to claim wide spread interest also. Outstanding visitors to this congress expected to make contributions to the session are the Dr. Louis Rawls, senior pastor, Tabernacle Baptist in Chicago and Dr. Theodore Charles Stone, managing editor of the New Crusader.

19,000 attend Baptist World Alliance in Canada

By Marjorie R. Green

Approximately 250 people representing the membership of churches affiliated with the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, attended the international Canadian session of the Baptist World Alliance in Toronto, Canada July 7 - 13, to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The congress theme "Celebrating Christ's Presence Through the Spirit" was based on John 16:13.

The alliance is a fellowship founded as an expression of the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service and cooperation among its members.

Most of the world's 34 million Baptists are associated through their national conventions with the Baptist World Alliance.

This international fellowship currently consists of 15 autonomous Baptist conventions, unions and conferences around the world. It serves as an instrument for conventions to work together on those things which they choose to do cooperatively.

The alliance has no authority over its member bodies and all its activities are on a voluntary and cooperative basis.

A general meeting, or a congress, is held every five years. In addition, its general council and study commissions meet annually. Regular programs include communications, evangelism, world relief, lay development, and a worldwide witness for religious liberty.

A president is elected to a five - year term at each world congress. There are 12 vice - presidents elected to represent the various regions and the top staff executive is the general secretary.

The work of each division of the alliance is supervised by an associate secretary.

During the July session, Dr. Duke K. McCall, an American was named to succeed David Y. K. Wong of Hong Kong as president, and after a three hour session on Tuesday afternoon, the general council members overwhelmingly defeated an attempt by the board of directors of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., and its president, Dr. Joseph H. Jackson to have the name of the Rev. Leroy Bowman of Maryland substituted in the list of vice - presidential nominees for Edward A. Freeman.

Both Bowman and Freeman, who is the president of the Congress of Christian Eduation, NBC, USA Inc., were listed as members of the general council.

The chief executive of the American Baptist Churches, explained the election procedures by informing the disgruntled NBC delegation that it is the practice for member denominations to be consulted when its members are elected to the Baptist World Alliance General Council, but that the alliance elects its own officers.

In defense of his objections to the Baptist World Alliance selection of Freeman, Dr. Jackson responded that the Baptist World Alliance is concerned with fellowship and it is not expected that the alliance will determine policies within conventions. He added, "We cannot sacrifice freedom for fellowship."

Less than 10 of the 185 general council members voted for the change. Freeman's name remained on the list of nominees and the 12 vice - presidents were unanimously accepted by the delegates.

The new general secretary is Gerhard Class of Hamburg, Germany. In addition, Dr. Joseph Jackson was one of three persons named to represent the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. on the 1980-85 general council.

Fellowship, music and pageantry combined with preaching, Bible study and prayer, prevailed during the Baptist World Alliance anniversary celebration.

The week - long conference featured nine keynote speakers from seven countries. Another 150 persons representing 60 countries offered testimonies, prayers and scripture readings during the week.

A historical drama, "The Tie That Binds," portraying Baptist World Alliance's past accomplishments and a look toward Baptist World Alliance's future goals was presented on opening night to 19,000 delegates, family members and friends.

The 500 Canadian voices constituted the congress choir for the first four evening sessions. On the final evening, this choir was combined into a 5,000 voice festival choir under the direction of Cliff Barrows, of one of the Billy Graham evangelistic teams.

A total of 60 choirs participated in presentations at Maple Leaf Gardens, the congress hall and in civic centers in and around Toronto.

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FORMER STUDENTS, who attended the day car center at Waters AME Church, seen at the dedication services for the new Melvin Chester Swann Educational Center, are William B. Hayes Jr., and Ronald Keith Douglass Jr.

Metro church briefs

Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, 2000 Fulton Ave., will have their third annual open air services in Druid Hill Park on Sunday, August 3, 9:30 a.m. Signs will be posted in the park giving the exact location for the service.

Church choirs will be singing and the Rev. Douglas I. Miles will be preaching.

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Members of the Senior Missionary Society and the Organ and Piano Committee of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland Street will observe Virginia Day on August 3, 3:30 p.m. at the church.

The Rev. William Morris, pastor of St. James Freewill Baptist Church will be the speaker.

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The United Christian Fellowship of Chapel Hill, N. C. will be the special guests at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday, July 27 for their annual Youth Day.

The Fellowship Choir, Deaf Ministry Choir and Instrumental Ensemble will be presented in concert at the church on Saturday, July 26, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Samuel R. Cole of Wadesboro, N. C. will speak at the 8 a.m. service and the Rev. Ariee Griffin, pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville, N. C., will be the 11 a.m. speaker.

Raymond Wise and the Community Ensemble of Baltimore will be presented in concert at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive on July 30, 7 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

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Are you a Christian single, never married, separated, divorced or widowed or single parent? Do you want to know Christ better and want to share him in fellowship with other single Christians?

Join the Christian Singles at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street, where the Rev. John R. Bryant is pastor.

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More than 1,000 delegates and members of the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ Inc., will convene at the Cornerstone Church of Christ, 4239 Park Heights Ave., July 21-25. Hosting the 55th annual convention is the Rev. Dr. Logan Kearse, second vice-president of the Metropolitan Spiritual Churches of Christ Inc.

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The fifth altar call in the park will be held August 2, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. in Druid Hill Park. The all day service is being sponsored by We Need Prayer Headquarters, 912 N. Gilmor St., The Rev. Mrs. Antoinette Philips is founder.

At 12:00, the Rev. John R. Bryant pastor of Bethel AME church will be preaching and the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is the 10 a.m. speaker. Other local ministers and choirs will be participating.

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Bible school held at Gospel Tabernacle

"Learning About What Jesus Taught," was the theme for Vacation Bible School at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave., where more than 100 children attended the two week session.

Students attended Bible class, arts and crafts and recreation. For the last five years, Deacon Wallace Poole, 76-year-old active member of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist has served as supervisor of the recreation area. Deacon Poole assist the children in playing games. He was assisted by Charles Smith and Frederick Edemy.

Mrs. Sallie Herring was superintendent of Bible School and Mrs. Elizabeth Skeeter, secretary. Teachers were Mrs. Carmelia Jones, Mrs. Diane Simons, Mrs. Margretta Hall, Mrs. Margaret Allen, Mrs. Ella McCaskill.

Also, Mrs. Mary Reese, Mrs. Sirliriar Williams; Mrs. Beaufort Stokes handled refreshments. The Rev. Edgar Reid is pastor of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR — Deacon Wallace Poole, an active member of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church has served as supervisor for the vacation Bible school playground for 40 years. AFRO photo by Mark Gall shows Deacon Poole surrounded by teenagers who attended the two week Bible school.

CORNERSTONE CEREMONY — This was the scene Saturday at Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church, 1283 East North Ave., when members joined with members of Hiram Grand Lodge in laying cornerstone for the church. In left photo, Grand MASTER John V. Thornton (back to camera) leads the solemn Masonic ritual. Raight, memebers of the order stand with historic items deposited in church landmark.

Photos by Moss

Jeanne P. Henry, 60, was UDC professor

WASHINGTON

Jeanne Pearlson Henry, 60, a professor and chairperson of the Business Economics and Finance Department at the University of the District of Columbia, UDC, died Sunday, July 13, at Howard University Hospital, following an extended illness.

Henry, widely known in academic and business circles in the D.C. area, chaired UDC's scholarship and awards committee yearly, within the College of Business and Public Management, which planned and promoted an annual awards banquet.

Last April, Henry's committee organized a recognition dinner at which thousands of dollars in scholarship money was awarded to UDC business students by well-known firms in the Washington area.

A specialist in labor economics, Henry was a charter member of the business faculty of Federal City College, one of UDC's predecessor institutions. She became chairman of the Business Economics and Finance Department in 1974.

Born in Cambridge, Mass., Henry did her undergraduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned graduate degrees, including the Ph.D. at Radcliffe College and Harvard University.

Henry was a member of All Souls Unitarian Church, where she served as president of the Women's Alliance. She was also affiliated with the American Economics Association, the National Association of Business Economists and the Asatiation of California Consumers.

Henry is survived by her husband, Warren E. Henry, professor of physics at Howard University; a daughter, Eva R. Henry; her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pearlson of Boston; two sisters, Eleanor Pearlson of Martha's Vineyard, Frieda Rabinovitz of Los Angeles; a brother, Paul Pearlson, of Livingston, N.J. and a host of other relatives.

Services were held Thursday, July 17, at the All Souls Unitarian Church, with the pastor, Rev. David Eaton, officiating.

Mrs. ELLA J. Banks of Fairfield

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella J. Banks, 3210 Fairfield Road, were held July 2 at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Fairfield. She died June 27 at South Baltimore General Hospital.

Mrs. Banks, the daughter of the late Douglass and Mary Etta Rawles, was born Dec. 18, 1907 in North Hampton County, N.C. She attended the public schools there and later moved to New York.

In 1934, Mrs. Banks, who loved cooking and working in the garden, moved to Baltimore. She married William Banks, a native of Gloster County, Va. in 1940.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church in Fairfield where she served as a missionary, on the usher board and was a member of the deacon's wives' committee.

Mrs. Banks is survived by her husband, William Banks; daughter, Mrs. Helen T. Maxwell; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Sedka and Mrs. Patricia Blackman; and two brothers, Waverly A. Rawles and Ned Rawles, Bellesville, N. J. She is buried in cedar cemetery.

MINISTER — The Rev. Matthew Marcus is pictured center. At left, is the Rev. Henry Eden, an assistant minister of Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church and right, Harold Thomas, active church member.

(Photo by Miss)

Ernest Lingo worked in Baltimore schools

Funeral services for Ernest W. Lingo, 71, retired Baltimore city public school teacher, were held July 5 at Mt. Calvary AME Church in Concord, Del. He is buried in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lingo, a Baltimorean who moved to Delaware 12 years ago, died at his Delaware home after a long illness.

He retired from the Baltimore city public schools after serving as an instructure for over 10 years and his last assignment was at Dunbar Senior High as an English teacher.

Born Sept. 6, 1908, the son of the Rev. E.T. and Elsie Lingo, Mr. Thomas was educated in the public schools in Concord, Del. He is a 1950 graduate of Morgan State College and took several coourses at Temple University.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Lingo; a daughter, Charlene Breckenridge, Baltimore; a son, Tennyson Lingo, enlisted in the U.S. Army; and one grandson.

—19,000 attend

Each day's program opened with President David Y. K. prayer groups in hotels throughout the city. Plenary sessions featured Bible study, business sessions and reports of Baptist work in various parts of the world.

Afternoons were given to sectional meetings except for the World Fellowship Celebration held on Wednesday afternoon at the Canadian exhibition grounds.

During this gathering approximately 15,000 delegates from 85 nations, many in their national dress mingled together exchanging information about their different cultural heritages.

Mrs. Aurelia Downey, president of the Nannie Helen Burroughs school, Washington D. C., was a conference leader on prayer July 4 - 7 for the women's department.

Dr. Downey told the women how they might become involved in intercessory prayer. She said that such prayer for others is a way of responding to the cries of a hurting world. "Reading the Bible without prayer is bibliolatry," she said, "but prayer without Bible reading produces a fanatic."

The evening sessions were generally inspirational in nature. In addition to the Tuesday evening historical drama, delegates heard PresidenDavid Y K. Wong of Hong Kong speak on Wednesday night.

His message was followed by a sermon by the Rev. William A. Jones, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.

There were 300 women attired in traditional dress of the 83 countries they represented, who completely surrounded the platform of the Baptist World Alliance at Maple Leaf Gardens demonstrating their solidarity and unity as Baptist women of the world.

The youth department of the Baptist World Alliance sponsored a youth leadership conference at the Cedar Glen Conference Center for young delegates representing different countries.

Resolutions presented to the general body for adoption dealt with evangelism, religious freedom and human rights, family life, world peace and disarmament, world hunger, refugees, ecology and appreciation.

The Baptist World Alliance's diamond jubilee culminated with a dramatic roll call of nations, a parade of flags and evangelist Billy Graham, who encouraged the thousands of delegates to carry the lessons of the World Congress back to their home countries and apply them in their religious outreach.

Baltimoreans in the armed services

Pvt. Patrick M. Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ayers Sr., 1200 Union Ave., recently completed One station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Benning, Ga.

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SP4, Bryan E. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie E. Price, 900 Westbarre St., recently was promoted from Private First Class to Specialist Fourth in MOS 76X10.

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Pvt. Patricia J. Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Patricia J. Strosnider, 8000 Kimberly Rd., recently completed the Power Generation and Wheeled-Vehicle Mechanics Course at the U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Dix, N.J.

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Spec. 4, Robert A. Borkowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Borkowski, 8000 Bank St., recently graduated from the Seventh Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy in Bad Tolz, Germany.

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Spec. 4 William R. Patrick, son of Mrs. Nora Mooney, 800 S. Luzerne Ave., recently participated in the Army Training and Evaluation Program at the Hohenfels Army Training Center, Germany.

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Pfc. James D. Elliott, son of Mrs. Anna Wilkins, 1600 Harlem Ave., recently participated in the Army Training and Evaluation Program at the Hohenfels Army Training Center, Germany.

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Pvt. Michael J. Mercer, son of Mrs. Sadie Wilson, 1800 W. Lafayette Ave., recently completed a tracked vehicle mechanic course at the U.S. Army Armor School, Fort Knox, Ky.

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Pvt. Franklin Fullard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Fullard, 3500 Lucille Ave., recently was presented the Distinguished Soldier Award (DSA) at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Funeral services for Eddie Moore

Funeral services for Eddie Lee Moore, 40, 700 block E. 20th Street will be held Saturday, July 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the March Funeral Home, 1101 E. North Ave.

Mr. Moore who will be buried in Kings Memorial Park, died at his home July 22 after a brief illness.

For more than 12 years, Mr. Moore was lead singer and guitar player with the gospel group, Sons of the Cross and performed at various churches in Baltimore and other cities around the country.

Born April 4, 1940 in Wilson, N.C. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levy (Lillie) Moore. At the age of 12, he moved to Baltimore where he attended the public schools.

Prayers offered for ministers

By Betty Moss

Members of the Baltimore Baptist Pastors Association offered special prayers July 17 for three well-known Baltimore area ministers who are ill.

They are: The Rev. James Everett, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist, Turners Station, who is confined to Intensive Care Unit at Provident Hospital.

The Rev. James Green, pastor of New Mt. Hebron Baptist, confined to Lutheran Hospital and the Rev. Samuel Redd, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist, confined to Good Samaritan Hospital.

The Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, president of the Baptist Clergy, led the meeting in prayers for the stricken ministers at the meeting held at Little Ark Baptist Church.

The Rev. John Robinson is president of the Baptist Pastors Association. The Rev. Matthews Marcus is pastor of Little Ark where the meeting was held. Little Ark holds cornerstone exercises Saturday noon at the church in the 1300 block of

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9:30 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
5:30 P.M.—BTU New Members' Class
Family Night
7:00 P.M.—1st Anniversary Jerry Gear and Good News Gospel Singer.
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9:30 A.M. Church School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

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
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