THE LIVING CHURCH

St. Veronica's Parish opens new headstart center

TASHA HILL, 5, is shown in the recreation area of the new day care center of Saint Veronica's Church in Cherry Hill. The new center is a large open area divided by landscape furniture and includes a kitchen, three offices a small laundry and other areas for children one to five years old.

Archbishop William D. Borders, along with administrators of Associated Catholic Charities, community leaders, members and friends of St. Veronica's Church attended the dedication services Sept. 14 in Cherry Hill for the new headstart program at St. Veronica's.

Since its inception 13 years ago, the headstart program utilized space in the basement of the church. The new headstart program at 3820 Joseph Ave., is the largest program in the state and will be the first center in the state built especially for day care services.

The services available at the new facility include a mental health consultant; proper medical, visual, dental, speech and hearing screening; assistance in developing parenting skills; nutritional planning, consumer education, budget management, social programs and trips and family counseling.

A new nursery program for two-year olds and a program for expectant teenage mothers is also planned.

The Rev. Jim McLinden, pastor of St. Veronica's stated, "The parish programs today sustained by a prayerful faith exhibit the concern to assist all residents of the community in actualizing the full potential of spiritual and full human gifts.

"In striving to be of service to others in the building of community, no distinction is made between Catholic and non Catholic in the sharing of our gifts. This is true of feeding the hungry through the emergency food center; consulting the anguished and troubled, providing facilities and encouragement for community groups and the ministry of healing; educating the young by means of the headstart and offering social and recreational activities for the people."

The cost of the new center was nearly $200,000. The center is a large open area divided by landscape furniture and includes a kitchen, three offices, a small laundry and bathrooms.

Ms. Patricia Ruggin is director of the new center. Following prayer services at the church, Archbishop Borders blessed the new center.

Among those who participated in the dedication services were the Rev. Carl A. Fisher, Rev. John L. Fillippelli, Hal Smith, Pierce Flanagan, the Rev. James E. McLinden, Mrs. Patricia Ruffin, Willard Pinkney, Mrs. Lillie Peterson and Mrs. Rena McCoy.

Headstart is based on the premise that all children share certain needs and that children of low income families, in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive meet those needs. The program is designed to maximize the strengths and the unique experiences of each family.

Head start recognizes that in order for a family to be the very best parent that he she can be, the family may need the help of many community agencies. The headstart program works closely with other agencies such as hospitals, family service agencies, health clinics, schools and housing in order to assist the family in getting the help if needs.

The education component is a partnership between parents and staff. It provides a learning environment exposing children to many experiences to help them develop fully. There are also parent education sessions to help support the parent as the primary educator of the child.

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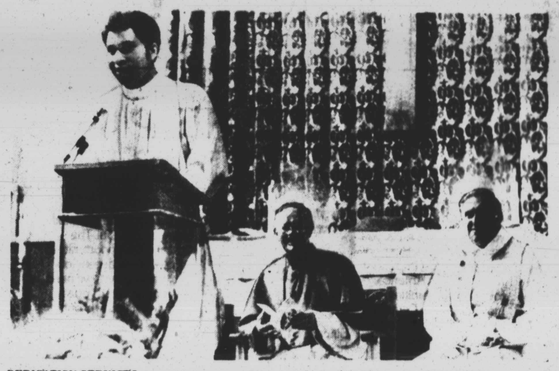
ALTAR BOYS are shown leaving Saint Veronica's Church following prayer and dedication services for the new headstart program at St. Veronica's Parish. Shown are Mark and Jason Dalton and Freddie Lucas.



DEDICATION SERVICES were held Sept. 14 at Saint Veronica's Church for the new headstart center for children one to five years old. Shown (from L) are The Rev. Carl A. Fisher, Archbishop William D. Borders and the Rev. John C. Filippelli.

Mini revival held at Macedonia

Pre-homecoming services and a mini revival will be held Oct. 1 - 5 at Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave. The Rev. Willard L. Clayton is pastor.

The Rev. Mrs. Virginia Wise will be speaking on Oct. 1 with music by the Senior Choir of Macedonia and Sanctuary Choir of Gillis Memorial Community Church.

The Rev. Arthur J. Benn, pastor of Mount Moriah Baptist Church is the Oct. 2 speaker and music will be by the Mount Moriah Baptist Church Choirs.

Prayer and praise services will begin each night at 7:30 p.m. and the Rev. Leander G. Brown Sr., pastor of New Carmel Star Baptist Church is the Oct. 3 speaker.

Homecoming services will be observed Oct. 5. The theme is "A Day of Unity to Honor Christ." The Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Cynthia Gwynn and Mrs. Ella Morris are chairwomen.

The men of Macedonia Baptist Church will hold their annual father and son banquet on Sept. 27, 6 p.m. in the lower auditorium of the church.

The guest speaker will be Deacon Martin J. Capehart, president of the Deacons Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity. Deacon Warfield Rich is president of the Men's Club.

Willie Durham preaches his trial sermon at Gillis

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

"The churches today are full of religious people but very few Christians." The above statement was made by Evangelist William D. Durham, who preached his trial sermon Sept. 10 at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church on Park Heights Avenue.

Durham, 40, has been an active member of Gillis for more than 20 years. He says, "I feel there are enough churches and a lot of the churches are not being fed the true gospel.

He told the members and friends of Gillis, "As we look at the conditions of the world around us, we become aware that most of the world is full of darkness. When we see the decadence of our cities, our states and our country, we realize we are living in the dark ages."

His trial sermon topic was "O Say Can You See." In his trial sermon, Durham stated, "When we observe the hypocrisy in our churches, we are shamefully aware of our sightlessness. This sightlessness is not the result of any freak accident. It did not occur as the result of any physical illness.

"We were just plain born blind. Not a physical blindness but a spiritual one. We could see the mighty eagle, majestice in its flight, but we were unaware of the power that was lifting it to its lofty heights. We could see the sky hovering over the earth like a mother over her child, but we were not aware of the artist that painted it blue. We were born spiritually blind."

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NEW EVANGELIST — The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., pastor of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, is shown with William D. Durham, (R), an active member of the church who preached his trial sermon on Sept. 10.

20,000 delegates attend National Baptist convention

By Marjorie Green

A large delegation of Maryland Baptist men, women and children were among the more than 20,000 delegates attending the historic centennial session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., held in Birmingham, Alabama Sept. 9-4, when Dr. J. H. Jackson, president, preached the Centennial sermon.

Every hotel, motel and many private homes in and around Birmingham were filled with delegates from various state conventions throughout the nation.

Alabama Governor Fob James along with Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington Jr., extended greetings during the opening session.

Mayor Arrington, in his address, cited the many improvements and advantages in Birmingham in recent years. He stated that Birmingham is a city where "All people of all races, of all socio-economic and all religious backgrounds participate in every facet of city government."

He asked the prayers of delegates for the city, its people and efforts, while noting that much of the good accomplished has been due to the fact that Birmingham is a "city of churches."

Birmingham's mayor praised Dr. Jackson for his commitement to progress and presented to him a key to the city during the opening ceremonies.

In opening the convention, Dr. Jackson, president of the world's largest black religious body, emphasized that the group had returned to Birmingham without anger, bitterness or threats of violence. "We have the feelings of brothers who have come to brothers and citizens to citizens."

Believing in the constructive elements of free enterprise with freedom and justice to all, president Jackson has been distinguished as one who has worked for programs and for procedures that would make for the betterment of individual, social and economic life.

During the week long session, the Rev. Willie Chambers, pastor New Antioch Baptist Church and the Rev. Clifford Johnson, pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church were presented certificates for meritorious services.

In his remarks during the presentation, Dr. William J. Harvey III, corresponding secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, cited the contributions and dedication of both men in the area of foreign mission.

Rev. Chambers is a staff member of the Foreign Mission Board and can be seen at each national convention manning the foreign mission booth in the exhibition hall.

Rev. Johnson was a member of the National Baptist Preaching team that visited missions throughout Africa.

Dr. Harvey noted that there are 931 churches on the mission field around the world and over one million dollars was raised this year for foreign mission.

The Maryland delegation reported $3,200 to the Foreign Mission Board. The church making the largest contribution of $31,000 was the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. The Rev. Dr. John R. Wheeler is pastor.

The Vermont Avenue Church has been the leader for the last five years. Dr. Wheeler credits Mrs. Blanche Webb, president of the church missionary society with raising the spirit of the people and motivating the congregation to do greater mission work. Dr. Wheeler has served four times on the foreign mission preaching team.

Highlighting the Maryland participation was the late Thursday evening message by the Rev. Matthew Silver, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. Rev. Silver preceeded his message by singing the song he states was given to him by God, "Joy of the Lord." His wife, Mrs. Theophra Silver accompanied him on the piano.

His text was Acts 9:15-18. His subject was "Living With the Overflow From the Emptied Vessel."

Metro Church Briefs

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, Sept. 21 at St. Paul Baptist Church, 3101 The Alameda. Mrs. Betty L. Johnson, president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. The Rev. George A. Crawley is pastor.

The Celestial Gospel Singers of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary at the church, 520 Lewis St., Havre de Grace on Sunday, Sept. 21, 6 p.m.

A program of gospel music is scheduled to commemorate the occasion. Special guests will be the famous Harris Family Singers of the First Pentecostal Gospel Tabernacle, Elkton, Md.; The Celestial Gospel singers and other groups. The Rev. H. M. Williamson is pastor.

The women of St. Pius Catholic Church, Edmondson Avenues and Schroeder Street, will sponsor an evening at the Arena Playhouse on Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m. Women's Day will be observed Oct. 5, 12:15 and the Rev. Mrs. Edna Isaac is the speaker. Their theme is "The Christian Women's Responsibility to her Family."

The women of John Wesley United Methodist Church, 2500 North Ave., will celebrate Women's Day on Sept. 28. Their theme is "Christian Women Caring and Sharing." The Rev. Mrs. Edna Isaac of Mount Moriah Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Mrs. Mildred Coleman of Christian Community Church is the 3:30 p.m. speaker. The Rev. Calvin P. Crosson is pastor.

A piano recital for the benefit of Baltimore Clergy and Laity Concerned will be held at Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Charles Street and Mt. Vernon Place on Sept. 21, 3 p.m.

The Baltimore Ethical Society will begin its thirtieth season at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 with Michael S. French speaking on "The Ethical Society and Social Change." The society's meeting house is at 2800 Gwynn Oak Ave.

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Arthur Sharps, 82, retired AFRO employee

Arthur Sharps

Company, the J. R. Watkins Company and during the war years served with the War Department as a checker and later as a mail clerk.

His co - workers recall him as a cheerful, friendly person who never had his temper. He was honest, efficient and a most effective and dependable employee. Although he had retired in April, the AFRO family still calls him "Mr." Bill. John H. Murphy III, chairman of the board.

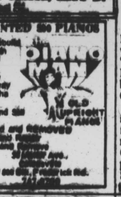
He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Christine Sharps; a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Brown II and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Ford. Herbert Nutter is the mortician.

Mrs. Lillian B. Lee rites

A funeral for Mrs. Lillian B. Lee was held Sept. 13 at New Elisabeth Baptist Church. Born in Rocky Point, N. C. She is buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Lee was known as the "mother of Corner Stone Christian Community Church. She is survived by 11 children: the Rev. Van Lee, Levie Lee, Mrs. Ethel Carroll, Nathaniel Lee, Mrs. Lillie Mae Armstrong, Miss Josetta Lee, Richard Lee, Mrs. Adele Brown, Leonard Lee, Miss Mary Jane Lee, Mrs. Minnie Jane Faulkner; four sons-in-law and five daughters-in-law, 83 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Willie Chambers ordained to preach Sept. 23, 1972. In the City Wide Ordained Church of Bodies and later join the AME Zion Church. Oct. 10, 1979 at the district conf. South AME Zion, Hagerstown, Md. He is now serving as Asso. Minister at Providence Tabernacle Baptist Church, 2211 Di-



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Last rites held for Nathaniel T. Peck

Funeral services for Nathaniel Tull Peck, 90, were held recently at Trinity AME Church. Mr. Peck died Sept. 6 and is buried in Arbutus Cemetery.

Mr. Peck and his father shared the name of the first two black missionaries of the AME Church appointed by the president of the United States, James Buchanan to Monrovia, Liberia in Africa in the 1800's. Their names were Daniel Coker for whom the father of the deceased Daniel Coker Peck was named and Nathaniel Peck 1, after whom Mr. Peck was named and ancestor to father and son.

Mr. Peck was the son of Daniel Coker Peck of Baltimore and Hester Tull Peck. He was a graduate of Morgan State College and he taught on the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake Bay and Dunbar High School, a tenure of 45 years.

While teaching at Dunbar, he married the late Mary Ridgeway Allen, the sister of the late Dr. George Shaffer Allen, the first black coroner of the city.

Mr. Peck was a soft-spoken, kind, compassionate and understanding man endowed with great patience and an even temper. As a culmination of Mr. Peck's teaching career of 46 years, he was recently presented the award of merit for public service to the city by Mayor William Schaefer and the citation for outstanding services to the citizens of Maryland by Governor Hughes.

He was known as "Pop" to his children and called "Nat" by his wife and friends. He is survived by his children Mrs. Emily Allen Peck, Mrs. Claire Peck Parker and Dr. Frederick Allen Peck and one grandson, Frederick Allen Peck Jr.

Nathaniel Tull Peck

—Willie Durham

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The Rev. Theodore Jackson stated, "Evangelist teach Sunday School, attend prayer meetings, visit the sick, aid the pastor in public worship, assist the pastor in church activities, work in vacation Bible school and attend regular sessions of the United Council of Christian Community Churches. Durham, who is a florist, is also attending Baltimore School of the Bible. Speaking of the ministry, Durham says he feels that God planned for him to become a minister. "I tried to run from it. You can't escape what God has planned for you. All my life I have been in the church "he told the AFRO. Durham is the son of Mrs. Julia Durham and the late Valmore Durham. His special guests attending his trial sermon were his aunts, Mrs. Iola Eaton and Mrs. Beatrice Johnson of Smithfield, N. C., and John Tucker, from Philadelphia.

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At least 10 percent of the enrollment slots in headstart are available to handicapped children. Emphasis is placed on mainstreaming the handicapped child. It is the philosophy in the headstartrt that handicapped children are more like other children than unlike them.

The focal mothers program at the headstart is especially designed for pregnant adolescents under 17 years of age and their families. The purpose of this program is to provide pre-natal information. This program involves not only the expectant mother but the fathers and grandparents.

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Samuel T. Redd, 48, was a mortician

Samuel T. Redd, the well known mortician and assistant pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, died Sept. 17 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. He was 48 years-old.

The family will receive friends Sunday, Sept. 21, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Eden and Chase Street, where the Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn is pastor. Services will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Born in New Jersey, Mr. Redd worked at the Charles B. Law funeral home on Madison Avenue for 17 years, where he received his training. In 1974, he opened his own funeral home at 719-14 North Avenue and later moved to, 5300 York Rd., in November 1976.

Relatives stated, "He (Mr. Redd) never said no to anyone. He would pay rent for people, their gas and electric bills. Nothing was too good for him to do."

He was a member of the Funeral Directors Association and Baptist Clergy in Action, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and other organizations.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Guinever Redd; three sons, Samuel Jr., Charles and Jeffrey Redd; three daughters, Monica, Marsha and Donna Redd; one grandson, Michael Redd; father, the Rev. Samuel B. Redd, pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church; stepmother, Mrs. Ida Redd; three brothers, Bernard and Randolph Redd and Simon DeShazo; two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Wall and Ms. Greta DeShazo; mother-in-law, Mrs. Genevie Thompson.

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