# THE LIVING CHURCH

## Wayland Baptist honors John Ward

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HONOREE AND MINISTERS — Deacon John Ward (seated) is shown at a banquet held Sept. 19 at Wayland Baptist Church with the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., (L) pastor of Wayland and the Rev. J. Edgar Henson, assistant pastor.

GUEST seen having dinner at Wayland Baptist with nearly 300 friends and relatives of John Ward, shown are Deacon and Mrs. James Saunders.

Nearly 300 family members and friends gathered to pay tribute to John Quincy Ward Sept. 19. The affair was sponsored by the Wayland Baptist Church Sunday School adult department and was held in Wayland's all-purpose room, that was decorated in the honoree's favorite colors, blue and white.

Conversation pieces included the huge blue and white cake on a revolving table and the five-foot portrait of John Ward which hung majestically behind the head table.

Mr. Ward, a deacon for Wayland for 13 years, was born Feb. 17, 1885 in Gloucester County, Va. For 55 years, he was married to the former Miss Lucy Little. They have five sons.

Other members of his immediate family include 14 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Minerva Jackson, 106-years-old and Mrs. Clara Allen, 97 of Washington.

The tribute to the 93-year-old honoree was the "This Is Your Life" format, with participants revealing interesting facts about his life. Memoirs included were Mr. Ward had helped erect the Montgomery Ward building on Monroe Street. He still uses the treadle sewing machine to make repairs and adjustments to his clothes. He mows the lawn and cleans and cooks for himself.

Participants in this segment included his sons, Theodore Pinder, Plantabb Corporation and now retired James, a retired steelworker; John, assistant

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*Dr. Cooper takes new post*

## Friends pay tribute to Dr. Quincy Cooper

Friends and relatives of Dr. Quincy D. Cooper, former director of Morgan Christian Center and associate professor of religious studies at Morgan State University, spent an evening with Dr. Cooper Sept. 18 at LaFontaine Bleu.

The occasion was a recognition banquet honoring Dr. Cooper, who resigned his position at Morgan as of Aug. 1 to accept the pastorate of the Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan, one of the leading churches in that city.

The Rev. Nathaniel Milton of Grace Presbyterian Church was the toastmaster and musical selections were by the Morgan State University Choir.

For four years, Dr. Cooper gave to the Morgan community as well as to the Baltimore community his tremendous talents, energy and intellect.

He succeeded the late Dr. Howard L. Cornish at the Christian Center in 1976. During his tenure he carried forward an effective and dynamic ministry, serving not only at the university but in the community as well.

Before coming to Baltimore, Dr. Cooper held posts in the New York area, including chairing the mayor's task force on urban affairs and as executive secretary and president of the Brooklyn, N. Y. Council of churches.

He was the founder of the early childhood learning center at St. Mark's United Methodist Church and he spear-headed the renovation project at the Christian Center by bringing together people from the university community and the city to sponsor two very successful fund-raising events.

During his tenure at the Morgan Christan Center, Dr. Cooper served as a member of the board of directors of the Baltimore Urban League, the Advisory Council of the Salvation Army and the United Methodist Church Board of Missions.

Dr. Cooper is married to the former Ellen Carter and is the father of two daughters, Deborah and Montenegro.

Among those who participated on the program were Dr. Clayton Stansbury, Mrs. Barbara Muller, Travis Vauls, David L. Parker, Dr. Mary Alice D. Edwards.

Also Marion H. Spann, the Rev. Richard Hicks, former chaplain of Wesley Foundation; Dr. Forrest Stith, council director Baltimore Conference United Methodist Church, Ernest Murphy, and Mrs. Louise G. Murphy.

Committee members were Mesdames Louise Murphy chairperson; A. Berni Bernice S. Hunley, Jewel Moseley Marsan, Ruth Brett, Lota Howard, Susie Fikes, Bettye Eubanks, Lucretia Whitten, Bertha Goodman, Lucia Hawthorne, Nathan Carter, Margaret Lindsay and Richard I. McKinney.

DR. MARY ALICE EDWARDS, president of the Board of Trustees, Morgan Christian Center was one of the honoree's friends who participated on the program. Shown seated next to Dr. Edwards is Dr. Quincy D. Cooper.

COOPER FAMILY members seen at the banquet for Dr. Quincy D. Cooper shown seated (from L) are: Willard Cooper, Mrs. Ella Cooper, Ms. Bobbie Cooper, Ms. Merriel Cooper Mosley, Ms. Lyda M. Cooper Gray, John Watkins, Thomas Miller and Mrs. Barbara C. Miller. Shown standing is the honoree Dr. Cooper, with Mrs. Cooper.

FRIENDS OF DEACON John Ward seen at the banquet at Wayland Baptist Church shown (from L) are Mrs. Luvenia Johnson, William Dixon and Deacon E. Johnson.

## Metro Church Briefs

The women of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls Parkway and Longwood Street, will present The Voices Of Faith, of Hartsville, S.C. in a concert on Sunday, Sept. 28, 5 p.m. Mrs. Mae Solomon is sponsor and the Rev. Samuel B. Redd is pastor.

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The Lee Family will be singing Sept. 28, 3:30 p.m. at St. James AME Church in Havre de Grace, Md. George Bishop is chairman of the program.; Mrs. Ruth Holmes is cochairman and the Rev. G. Anderson is pastor.

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The Tones of Faith of Knox United Presbyterian Church, 1300 Eden St. will celebrate their Eighth Anniversary on Sept. 28, 5 p.m. Guest gospel choirs will be participating on the program. Mrs. Jean Johnson is president and the Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver is pastor.

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The Norman Muldrow Male Chorus will be singing at Shiloh Baptist Church in Maxton, N. C., Nov. 2. For tickets call 362-8019.

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The Pastor's Aide of Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., will present Donald W. T. Cary and his mass choir from New Jersey in recital on Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m. at Northwestern High School, 5600 Park Heights Ave. Ms. Laura Sneed is chairperson and the Rev. John A. Lunn is pastor.

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Ms. Barbara Whipple of Faith Baptist Church will be the Women's Day speaker on Sept. 28, 11 a.m. at Church of the Holy Covenant, 560 Broadway. The Rev. Charles W. Fox Jr., is pastor.

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The women of St. Luke, Mt. Zion and Garrison United Methodist will sponsor a program on Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p. m. The Rev. Bernard Keels will be the speaker.

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The Clifford M. Johnson Chorale of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be singing at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 1142 Fulton Ave., on Sept. 28, 4:30 p.m. The Rev. W. Lyndsai Pitts Sr., is pastor.

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The Lutheran Church women of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grindon and Mainfield Ave., will have an oyster roast on Oct. 22, 3 to 7 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Jeffrey H. Rickards is pastor.

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First Baptist Church of Guilford will be presenting Panorama-N-Block, a musical and dramatic production by the Queen's Chapel Players on Sept. 27, 7 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Rd., in Columbia.

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Revival services will be held at First Baptist Church, 525 Caroline St., Sept. 28, Oct. 3 with the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy as guest speaker. The Rev. Leroy Pitts is pastor.

## How to get your church news in the AFRO

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## Last rites held for Rev. Basha Jordan Sr.

Funeral services for Rev. Basha P. Jordan Sr., were held Sept. 24 at Centennial United Methodist Church. Rev. Jordan, 80, died Sept. 20.

Born in Fort White, Florida, he was the son of the late Elder Jordan Sr., and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jordan.

Rev. Jordan was the former pastor of Centennial United Methodist Church. He attended Bethune Cookman College, Garrett Biblical Institute, Drew University Theological School and Gammon Theological Seminary, which is now the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Basha P. Jordan Sr.

Rev. and Mrs. Jordan were married in 1946. He also served as pastor churches in Leesville, Va; Lincoln Va.; Waynesboro, Va.; Crosche, Md.; Campton, Pittsburgh; Cumberland, Md.; West Virginia; Roanoke, Va.; Prince Frederick Md.; Broadneck, Md.; and Aberdeen, Md. He retired in 1963.

Rev. Jordan is survived by his wife, Mrs. Doresthe Jordan; two sons, Werner L. Jordan and the Rev. Basha P. Jordan Jr., of Beltsville, Md. one daughter, Mrs. Mary F. Atkins-Afful and a son-in-law, Joseph T. Atkins-Afful and two grandchildren Eunice and Anita.

## Mrs. Gertrude Randle was a beautician

Funeral services for Mrs. Gertrude Bertina Randle were held Sept. 9 at St. Mark United Methodist Church. Mrs. Randle died Sept. 5 in St Agnes Hospital.

Mrs. Randle was an active member of St. Mark Church and attended the church Sunday School. At the time of her death, she was a contestant in the AFRO churchwoman of the year contest and worked as a cosmetologist at Woodard's Beauty Salon at Lafayette Avenue and Bentalou Street for 20 years.

Born in Harman Md., Mrs. Randle, 56, was a member of the Maryland State Cosmetologist Association, The National Hairdressers and Cosmetologist Association and president of Baltimore Affiliates Hairdresser Association Inc.

She was also a member of the Senior Usher Board, United Methodist Women, Music Committee and a former member of the Chancel Choir. Her civic affiliations include membership in the NAACP and the Harmain Improvement Association.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mabel H. Matthews; three sisters, Mrs. Frances Williams, Mrs. Emma Hebron and Mrs. Mabel Williams; four brothers, Garfield, Alphonso, Herman and Harry Matthews.

Pallbearers were Richard Eldridge, Ellsworth Gaither, Donald Queen, Marion Simms, Michael Simms and Dolan Turner. Funeral arrangements were handled by Nutter Funeral Home.

## Memorial services for Dell Kjer

A memorial service for Dell C. Kjer, local educator, will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, in the Fine Arts Building auditorium on the Towson State University campus.

Mr. Kjer, who died July 12, 1980, moved to Baltimore in 1965. He worked with the State Department of Education to establish public school, kindergarten curriculum.

From 1966 to 1968, Mr. Kjer trained teachers and aides for the Head Start program in West Virginia and the Maryland region.

His wife, Mrs. Alice Kjer, said his philosophy was deep respect for each human being and the right of a child to be a child.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kjer is survived by two sons, Timothy John and Daniel Edwin.

The Dell C. Kjer Parent Lounge memorial fund has been established with the Towson State University Foundation.

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REVIVAL SPEAKER — The Rev. Ralph David Abernathy, civil rights leader and president emeritus of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will be the guest speaker Sept. 29 through Oct. 3 at First Baptist Church for revival services. The church is located at 525 Caroline St. and services will start at 7:30 p.m.

MRS. MYRNA POWELL is now in second place in the AFRO church woman of the year contest. She is a member of Ebenezer AME Church. The contest is open to all churches.

## Pupil nominations welcomed

All six regions of the Baltimore City public schools are currently accepting nominations for admittance to the systemwide gifted and talented elementary center located at the Harford Heights Elementary School. Students from grades two to five may be nominated for the program and the deadline date for applications for the 1980-1981 school year is Oct. 31.

Program officials explain that the center is "a mini-school within a larger school where children identified for Project GATE do not attend classes with children of the host school but do share various integrating experiences through peer tutoring, hobby clubs, student council, school choir, athletic programs, special activities and schoolwide community projects."

Special GATE programs include Great Books for verbally gifted, college and university based mathematics such as health statistics, projective geometry and computer science for math gifted, independent projects for gifted science, and daily instruction in areas such as art and music for creatively gifted, along with opportunities to exhibit work and participate in recitals and other programs.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Office of Gifted and Talented or the Regional Specialists listed on the attached sheet.

SOUTHWEST REGION, Mrs. Verna Mistel, 1329 S. Charles St. 21230

CENTRAL WEST REGION, Mrs. Leoner Pye, 1114-1150 N. Mount St. 21217

SOUTHEAST REGION, Mrs. Fruma Freeman, 5001 Sinclair Lane 21206

NORTHWEST REGION, Mrs. Marie Fortune, 6101 Old Harford Rd. 21214

NORTHWEST REGION, Mrs. Thelma Hamilton, 4829 Pimlico Rd. 21215

CENTRAL REGION, Mrs. Nicey Lipsey, 100 S. Caroline St. 21231

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superintendent Baltimore County Schools; Joseph, steelworkers union negotiator; Miss Greta Ward, granddaughter and member of the Chancel Ensemble of Wayland and George Allen of Washington, a nephew. The fifth son, Robert, a security officer at Morgan State Uniterrsity was recently hospitalized and unable to attend.

Also his neighbor and friend, Robert Hayes; Joseph Chester, deacon board; the Rev. Ellwood Foster, W. J. Winston Bible Class; Mrs. Louvenia Simpson, Willing Workers; Mrs. Doris Wheeler, Fuel Club, all representatives of organizations in which Mr. Ward is active.

Ministers on hand who attested to the fact that Deacon Ward is a Christian gentlemen included the Rev. John Lunn, pastor of Berean Baptist; the Rev. Edmund Meade, pastor emeritus, Israel Baptist; the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson Jr., pastor, Wayland Baptist and the Rev. J Edgar Henson, assistant pastor, Wayland.

Members of the Sanctuary Choir, that is directed by Mrs. Janette Campbell sang one of Mr. Wards's favorite Way My Saviour Leads Me." Guests, which included members from City Temple and Israel Baptist, joined in the singing of two other favorites, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior."

Those making presentations were Alfred E. Chesk, Sharon Baptist; Ricky McCormick, board of trustees; James Saunders; board of deacons; Mrs. Marie Shaw, Sanctuary Choir; Mrs. Vera Bagwell, Gospel Chorus; Mrs. Carolyn McCamey, Senior Ushers; Ellis Reynolds, Fuel Club; Mrs. Odessa Coates, Sunday School; The Morning Choir; Albert Cooper; Mrs. Alice Cooper, Deaconess Board and the Rev. Darneal Johnson Jr.,

Presentations included framed citations from Mayor William Schaefer, Governor Harry Hughes: Cong. Parren J. Mitchell, President Jimmy Carter; a resolution from Wayland; a lounge set; a plaque, donation to Maryland Baptist Aged Home; tape recorder and a tape of the entire proceedings.

The honoree in his response said, "I don't need any money. God told me if I behaved myself, he would take care of me." His secret to long life he added is, "Trusting in God and being faithful to my obligations."

The proceeds from the affair will be donated to the newly formed John Q. Ward Scholarship Fund, to be given to a deserving Wayland student.

The Rev. Ronald Braxton, pastor of Allen AME and former pastor of the honoree's deceased wife, served as toastmaster.

Alvin Steele was general chairman of the Adult Department Committee. Other members were Herbert Lewis, Mrs. Gertrude Steele, the Rev. Elwood Foster, Mrs. Joan Cooper, Mrs. Yvonne Willis, Mrs. Gladys Dozier and Mrs. Janette Campbell.

## Dr. Jackson speaks at convention

By Marjorie Green

Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., stated recently in his 36th annual address that the biggest handicap for blacks as a race "is our inability or refusal to organize money and use it as an economic tool for self promotion and for opening new doors of opportunities.

The 100th annual session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc., was held Sept. 9-14 in Birmingham, Alabama.

In his annual address, Dr. Jackson told the 20,000 delegates attending, "In future years we should learn how money can be hired to work and make a wise and more creative use of it.

"Our future must be erected by builders and not by begars. We can earn money in spite of low wages, although we must do all we can to get our wages as high as possible."

He urged the delegates not to wait for gifts from their white neighbors bu to make some sacrifices of their own. In reiterating his philosophy of turning protest to production, Dr. Jackson reminded those present that the "day of the blacks monopoly over the fields of protest is over. There are other groups from the Third World and from the islands of the sea who are now marching not only in our streets,but in our business enterprises, buying banks and controlling them, and these new people are fast joining the ranks of the majority.

"In Miami, Florida there is a section called Little Havana. The signs on the billboards are written in Spanish. The people living there are refugees from Cuba, and many of them have learned how to organize money and they are fast taking their places among the economic leaders of the state and nation."

Dr. Jackson urged the delegates to take a more active role in improving themselves. "If we would make our nation more pure, in addition to protesting the wrongs that exist, we must as a people do more within ourselves to create better homes and better communities and hence help to lay the foundation for a better nation as a whole.

"It is a sad mistake for us to think that when we have protested the wrongs against us and the hindering evils in our society, that we have done our full duty."

Dr. Jackson says, "Blacks should become more responsible for themselves rather than watching and demanding from others. All of us must remember that we carry the cross of the crimes and failure in our American community. It is true that we have a right to demand equality, justice and fair play, but we must not accept for oueselves an easy way out.Let us put at least as much time in teaching, tutoring, correcting and lifting our own race as we have spent trying to make other races and people honest, just and good.

"Opening new doors for ourselves is important, but setting more the past and present opportunities and using them more creatively and more fully is just as important."

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SHARP ST. MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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9:30 A.M. Church School
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Rev. John W. Coleman, Minister
Rev. Arthur White, Assistant Minister

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8:30 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 and New Members Class
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ANNUAL MEN'S DAY
of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church
Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St.
Sunday, September 28, 1980
7:00 A.M.—Rev. Wallace Price, Preaching New Mt. Zion of Catonsville, Md.
FREE BREAKFAST
11:00 A.M.—Bishop Milledge Golphin, Preaching Pastor of New Galilee Church of God
FREE DINNER
3:30 P.M.—Rev. John Bryant, Preaching Pastor of Bethel A.M.E.
FREE COLLATION
8:00 P.M.—Male Soloists and Choruses Singing Reunion
Mr. James P. Thornton, Chairman
Deacon Buck Sprewell, Co-Chairman
Mr. Carter Sebastian, Program Chairman
REV. WILLIAM KING, Pastor