THE LIVING CHURCH

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BANQUET COMMITTEE members who were seen at the affair last Sunday for the Rev. Wooten shown from (L) are Mrs. Louise Conner, chairperson; Mrs. Ann Wilson, secretary; Mrs. Nannie Vaughn, president of the Usher Board and Mrs. Thelma Wooten, financial secretary.

Friends honor Rev. J. Wooten

Friends and relatives of the Rev. James H. Wooten, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church honored their pastor Dec. 7 at an appreciation banquet held at the Holiday Inn downtown.

Rev. Wooten, who has been pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist since 1971, is also a supervisor with the state Juvenile Services Administration.

He was described as "A man of God who has touched many lives." He has worked with youth in trouble, seeking to redirect their lives during their formative years and sees his work with you as an extension of his ministry, since in this role he reaches so many youngsters devoid of moral and ethical standards.

Rev. Wooten, who is very active in the community preached his trial sermon at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church in 1946, when the late Rev. G. M. Edwards was pastor.

A native of Tarboro, N. C., he is a graduate of Morgan State College and received his master of divinity degree from Howard University School of Religion.

He was first assigned pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Clarksburg, West Virginia and came to Baltimore to become pastor of Milton Avenue Methodist Church in 1961, where he served as pastor for 11 years.

Friends of Rev. Wooten say he is called "the visiting preacher" because he visits so many other churches of different denominations during revivals and musicals.

Rev. Wooten is a member of Delta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha and William P. Taylor Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall Affiliate.

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HONOREE — The Rev. James H. Wooten, pastor of Cherry Hill United Methodist Church was honored Dec. 7. The affair was held at the Holiday Inn downtown. Rev. Wooten is shown with his wife, Mrs. Lois V. Wooten.

He is the husband of Mrs. Lois V. Copeland Wooten and father of one son, Darryl. His mother is Mrs. Dollie Wooten.

Among friends of the honoree who participated on the program were Mrs. Mary E. Graves, Mrs. Ann Carter, Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church; Miss Ann Wilson, Albert Davis, Eastern United Methodist; Mrs. Bernice Gordon, Dr. Beryl Williams, Milton Avenue United Methodist Church; The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Payne, pastor emeritus of Enon Baptist Church; Mrs. Ann Carter, Steve Wooten, Darryl Wooten.

Also the Rev. Kirk Monroe, Union Street United Methodist Church; the Rev. Agnes Alston, associate minister Gillis Memorial Community Church; Albert Davis, Ramesh Gandotra, Miss Nixcole Martin, Mrs. Nannie Vaughan, and the Rev. Irvin Lockman, Metropolitan United Methodist Church.

Committee members were Mesdames Louise Conner, Nannie Vaughan, Rhoda Shields, Ann Wilson, Thelma Wooten, Veater Whitaker, Mary E. Graves, Selma Milburn, Annie Mae Hudson, Dorothy White, Eva Braxton, Dorothy Dailey, Charles Gordon, Marie Davis and Matthew Tisdale.

First United Apostolic celebrates 15th anniversary

A testimonial dinner honoring Bishop Monroe R. Saunders Sr., and a special celebration of the 15th anniversary of First United Church, was held Dec. 5 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Clarence Mitchell Sr., was the speaker. Bishop Saunders is the senior minister of First United Church Apostolic and is the presiding Bishop of the United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) in Washington, D. C., which is the official headquarters for a network of churches in England, Africa, the Caribbean, Canada and the United States.

Since Bishop Saunders has been at the church, First United Church has purchased 22 acres of land at the west entrance of Baltimore city on Route 40 and formerly known as the Samuel Ready School.

Dinner music for the anniversary and testimonial dinner was by Mark Payne and Mary Brown and program coordinators were Verna Robinson and Monroe Saunders Jr.

Among those who participated on the program were John M. Lewis, Mrs. Ruth Bond Mickens, Alpha Johnson, Michael Mitchell. Committee members were Carrie Barnes, Debbie Boone, Karl Boone, Marjorie Brockington, Katie Brooks, Mary Brown, David Carroll, Esther Faulkner, Betty Fossett, Daisy Greene, Desree Johnson, Jacquelyn Johnson, John Lewis.

Also, Frances Marshall, Mae McLain, Lois McMillan, Ruth Mickens, Curzell Parker, Nesbit Parker, Verna Robinson, Alberta Saunders, Monroe Saunders Jr., Winsome Saunders, Bernice Shelton, Ardonia Snowden, Bessie Spence and Roy Spence.

Bishop Saunders is a member of Provident Hospital Board of Trustees, executive committee and grants committee of the Area Agency of Aging, Board of Directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, executive board of the NAACP, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Baltimore.

Bishop Saunders is also president of the Board of Directors of First United Maryland Federal Credit Union and president and founder of the Center For Creative Learning. He also directs the Center for More Abundant Life which is the personal and corporate outreach for the housing development and other human service oriented ministries of the First United Church.

BISHOP MONROE R. SAUNDERS is shown with his wife, Mrs. Alberta Saunders at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, where the anniversary and testimonial dinner was held Dec. 5.

DINNER GUESTS who attended the anniversary and testimonial dinner for Bishop Monroe R. Saunders Sr., shown seated from (L) are Mrs. Morris Sessomes, Morris Sessomes and Mrs. Cheryl Heggins.

Mother Ruth Neal cited for community services

She is a minister, a mother, a missionary and a person who believes in helping those less fortunate.

Her name is the Rev. Mrs. Ruth Neal, pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1116 Gilmor St. Rev. Neal, who is fondly called "Mother Neal" by her family, friends and church members, was one of the 12 citizens honored Dec. 8 for her outstanding contributions to the community.

The honoree was selected by a panel of judges who are members of the Commission on Aging. Every year a special ceremony is held at City Hall, during which each honoree receives a citation from Mayor Schaefer, a gold pin (courtesy of Gino's Inc.) and a corsage from Allied Florist.

Others who received citations were Mrs. Jerri Gosnell, Thomas Miskmon, Sister Mary Pheresine Stabb, Solomon Gudis, Joseph Mountney, Jack Horn, Charles E. Whitfield Sr., Mrs. Mildred Polski, Mrs. Lucille Montague, Mrs. Marguerite Kunkel and Mrs. Estele Carpenter.

Mother Neal has been the pastor of Pentecostal Holiness since 1945, when there were only four members. She believes in faith healing and has done a lot of faith healing. She has been a volunteer worker at City Hospitals and prepares home cooked meals at her home to serve to patients at the hospital.

Mother Neal is also known to wash and iron clothes in her home for those less fortunate. She believes a woman's place is in the home.

MAYOR'S CITATION — The Rev. Mrs. Ruth Neal, pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1116 Gilmor St., was one of the

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honorees who received the mayor's citation on Dec. 8 for her outstanding services in the community.

Metro Church Briefs

Installation services will be held Sunday, Dec. 14, 5 p.m. for the Rev. Miss Bernice Warren at Knox United Presbyterian Church, 1300 Eden St. Rev. Warren will be the first black female Presbyterian minister in Maryland.

The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver is pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church. While in seminary, she served as the vice president of the Johnson C. Smith Fellowship and was elected to serve as a seminary delegate to the 1979 General Assembly.

The Children's Chorus of City Temple Baptist Church will have their annual concert on Dec. 14, 5 p.m. at the church, Dolphin St. and Eutaw Pl. Mrs. Sylvia M. Staples is director, Kenneth Dean, minister of music and the Rev. William W. Payne is minister.

The Edgar A. Love Circle of Christ United Church, Washington and East Chase Street, will present Joy and Devotion in recital on Dec. 14, 3 p.m. Herbert Mitchell is chairperson and the Rev. Kenneth H. Green is pastor.

The parish of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Catonsville has invited Opus X, the Catonsville Community College choral and the public to rehearse and perform the "Messiah" on Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.

Music and soloists will be provided by Virginia Blair. An hour rehearsal with James Houston at the piano will take place first. If you are interested in singing with the group, call 455-4599.

Refuge Way of the Cross Church of Christ, East 43rd Street and Old York Road will sponsor a New Year's eve gospel program on Dec. 31, 7 p.m. There will be testimony service from 8 to 9 p.m., mini concerts by choirs of Refuge from 9 to 11 p.m., and a special watch meeting sermon by the Rev. Leroy H. Cannady Sr., at 11:10 p.m.

The King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church will be special guests for the annual Man of the Year Contest, sponsored by the church-wide sick committee of Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave., will have dedication service on Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. The church was recently renovated and services will include a litany of dedication and Holy Communion.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church will be the speaker. Tours and ribbon cutting ceremonies will start at 4 p.m. and the theme is "The Church and Church In Dedication." Waller. The Rev. William C. Calhoun Sr. is pastor and the Rev. William C. Bailey is assistant minister.

A teenaged gospel concert featuring The Ebony Voices will be held Dec. 21, 2 to 5 p.m. at St. Pius Catholic Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street.

Senior Citizens Day will be celebrated at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 Monument St., on Dec. 14, 11 a.m. The Rev. Yuseff Y. Ahmed of Strawbridge United Methodist Church will be the speaker.

Mrs. Florence Mebane Alcorn recently preached her trial sermon at Fulton Baptist Church. Mrs. Alcorn is the daughter of the late Rev. John A. and Mrs. Henrietta F. Mebane. She is now a student at the Baltimore School of the Bible.

Homecoming services will be held Sunday, Dec. 14 at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave. The Rev. Dr. Theodore Jackson Jr. is pastor.

The Rev. Mark Reddick, pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church will be the 8:30 a.m. speaker and Rev. Jackson will be preaching at the 11 a.m. service. Elder Henry Thornes is the 3:30 p.m. speaker and dinner will be served following the morning service. Carlton C. Douglass is chairperson.

The eighth annual festival of carols for the benefit of the Baltimore Jaycee's Santa Claus Anonymous appeal will be held on Dec. 14, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church, Charles Street and Washington Monument.

The program will feature performances by the Baltimore School for the Arts Chorus, Baltimore County Youth Orchestra, Douglas Memorial Community Church Choir, Handbell Choir of Grace Lutheran Church and the Mt. Vernon Place Singers.

The Senior Choir of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street, will celebrate their anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 14, 3:00 p.m.

Music will be provided by choirs from various churches in the city. Richard White is president of the senior choir and the Rev. James H. Smith is pastor.

Annual Christmas candlelight services featuring the mass choir of St. Luke United Methodist Church will be held on Dec. 21, 11 a.m. St. Luke is located at Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street.

Last rites held for Mrs. Marie Parker

Funeral services for Mrs. Marie Lucinda Parker were held December 4 at Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

Mrs. Parker, daughter of the late Thomas and Annie Hopkins died December 1 at University of Maryland Hospital. Born in Baltimore County, she graduated from the St. Paul School of Nursing.

She was a former member of Shiloh Baptist Church and later joined Sweet Hope Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Senior Usher's Board and Nurses Unit.

Mrs. Parker is survived by three sons, Monty Larry Parker, Millard Parker and Ballard Parker; two daughters, Mrs. Blannie Thomas and Mrs. Matilda Bennett; 16 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Emma Johns; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Mildred Hopkins; one son-in-law, Wilbert Bennett; three daughters-in-law, Mrs. Lillie Parker, Mrs. Mary Parker and Mrs. Madeline Parker.

Mrs. Ellen Allen was a foster mother

Mrs. Ellen Allen, 82, who was the foster mother for 238 children, died Dec. 8 at City Hospitals.

The family will receive friends Dec. 13, 11 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Avenue. A funeral will be held at the church at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Ellen Allen

Mrs. Allen was a longtime member of Macedonia and a member of the Social Committee. She was one of the official homemakers for Family and Children Society and retired as a foster mother in 1958.

Mrs. Allen, who lived in the 800 block of Carey St., was known as one of the most "faithful foster mothers." When a child's mother was ill or deceased, she would take care of the child.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Quarles and Miss Bessie A. Anderson. Funeral arrangements were made by Herbert Nutter Funeral Home.

Church open house

People in Christ, Inc., will be presenting an Open House Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Wisdom Hut, located at 504 N. Paca St.

The program will feature a puppet show and an artist reception for A. Douglass, who does work in prints, photography and painting. Hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with the puppet show scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

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BAPTIST EVENING CONFERENCE of ministers held their awards and recognition banquet at Faith Baptist Church on Dec. 8. Honorees shown seated from (L) are the Reverends James Wise, Carrie Hopkins, Oscar Harley, Henzekiah Williamson. Standing from (L) are the Reverends Dr. Carl Washington, Charles Harge, James O. Neal, Dr. John L. Leary, Matthew Marcus and John L. Wright.

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NEW NAACP CHAPTER — Members of the newly formed NAACP chapter at the University of Baltimore received their charter during a ceremony Dec. 8 at the school. Shown from (L) are H. Melbane Turner, president of the school; James Jones, vice president of the chapter; Adam Van Landingham, president of the chapter; Dr. Wallace Gatewood, advisor to the chapter; Mrs. Enolia P. McMillan, president of the Baltimore NAACP and Dr. Emmett Burns, regional director of the NAACP who presented the charter.

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Pearlie Mae Corlie,

Mrs. Pearlie Mae Corley, 48, the retired teacher, was eulogized on Wednesday, (Dec. 10), at Bethel AME Church, where she was a charter member of the Altar Guild and sang on the Choral Choir.

Despite a long illness, she kept up her interest in the church and in people. She visited relatives in Philadelphia on Thanksgiving.

She was active in political organizations and served at one time as president of Alpha Wives.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin; sons, Caryl and Himan; and her grandmother, Mrs. Mary J. Taylor of Columbia, S.C.

And do remember the families of these neighbors who were buried this week:

Vincent Coleman and his wife, Mary, of E. 25th St., were given joint rites on Tuesday morning at March Funeral Home. A large crowd of neighbors, relatives and friends attended.

Pearlie Mae Corley
Former president of Alpha Wives

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Marie Coleman, N.J., 4 sisters and 3 brothers.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis; grandmother, Mrs. Dora Taylor; 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Rev. Emma Brown

Rev. Emma J. Brown, 33, was given last rites Dec. 8, at Bethany Baptist Church.

She was a lifelong member of the United Temple of God and active in many groups. Before being called to the ministry, she was a public school cafeteria manager.

Survivors, her husband, Deacon Arthur T. Brown; sons, Eric and Arthur 3rd;

Also, her mother, Mrs. Estelle Wiley; sisters, Portia Winkler, Maria Talley, Ramona Bailey, Teresa Wiley and Lucille Williams;.

And brothers, Walter Wiley and Norman Wiley. Dyett Funeral Home was in charge.

Bernard Palmer, former Acme worker

Services for Bernard H. Palmer, 79, were held Dec. 6 at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Mr. Palmer, of the 3100 block of Leeds St., died Dec. 3 at Universityy Hospital. Born in Baltimore, he was formerly employed for Acme Warehouse for 16 years and worked part-time in the catering business for more than 15 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Palmer; four sons Richard and Bernard Palmer, Arthur Tyree and Charles Baskerville; one sister, Mrs. Ernestine Robinson and two grandchildren. He is buried in Cathedral Cemetery.

Volunteers needed

If you have any free time on your hands, and want to use it to help a worthwhile cause, come join the Volounteer Program at Baltimore City Hospitals.

Volunteers are needed to help with nursing, clerical and many other duties throughout the 138-acre campus. Transportation is avaialble to some parts of Baltimore.

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