THE LIVING CHURCH

Traditional watchnight service has historic significance

It is possible that the traditional midnight "watch-night" services have an important historical significance, the AFRO learned this week.

According to myth, slaves were not legally "free" under the terms of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Lincoln until one minute after midnight of the new year, 1864.

While it is reported that slaves often held religious services on New Year's eve, that particular year for them had, of course, added significance.

One slave reported that the day was filled with prayers of thanksgiving, and the evening was anticipated with great excitement. A great deal of pomp and circumstance was planned for the evening religious services, including the appearance of some of the Union army officers, and slaves in full military regalia, all to take part in special celebration ceremonices.

According to the slave account, the free (or soon to be free) slaves were dressed in their best garb, with "colorful headwraps" and "bright faces." Food was plentiful.

When the evening fell, the slaves gathered for the traditional religious services. According to the myth, the feeling was tense as the slaves waited for the midnight hour to approach. The name "watchnight" is derived from the fact that the slaves "watched" for midnight to appear.

When the hour came, of course, there was much celebration. With the coming of January 1, 1864, the slaves were legally free. The sounding of the midnight hour brought not only tears of joy, but prayers of thanksgiving.

The religious service has reportedly been held with the memory of that first "watchnight" in mind ever since.

(Note: If any AFRO reader can help us find facts to verify this mythical account of watchnight services, we would appreciate your sharing your knowledge with us. Send your contributions to the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Maryland 21203.)

TRIAL SERMON — Eric Billups, 15 - year - old active member at Allen AME Church, where the Rev. Ronald E. Braxton is pastor, preached his trial sermon recently. Shown from left are Edward Billups, father; Eric, and Mrs. Delores Billups, mother.

2,000 young adults will attend Washington '80

The Washington '80 conference will be a historic event, with more than 2,000 young adults, college students, pastors and lay persons attending, who will come together and take a substantive look at major urban issues in ministries.

The conference will be held Dec. 30 - Jan. 3, 1981 at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington. In addition, 400 Christian leaders and leaders in the Christian community will come together to dialogue and exchange views and information relative to cooperative address of the issues.

The conference will seek to attract most of the participants from 10 major metropolitan areas which are: Boston, New York, Newark, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Atlanta, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Siego and Dallas.

Conference leaders include Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, Pete Hammond, Edward Ellis, Samuel Escobar, Dr. Yvonne V. Delk, John Staggers, Barbara Benjamin, Hoover Wong and James Ward.

Washington 80 will not be one religious, ethnic or professional group talking to itself alone. It will be a coming together of a diverse group of people from a variety of ethnic, socio-economic and denominational backgrounds. It will be the initiation of a continuing involvement in city life.

Time will be spent in prayer and Bibly study. Watchnight service will be held Dec. 31, 11 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and Emancipation service will be held Jan. 1, 12:30 p.m.

Washington 80 is designed to help equip you to serve Christ better in your church and local community. It will be a coming together of people who love God and other people and who want to get a sharper focus on how to deal effectively with the real problems of this life.

'Lift Every Voice' is a new religious program

"Lift Every Voice," the new Sunday morning religious program on channel 2 is drawing favorable response from viewers.

Each week on the program, the pastor of a host church deliver an inspirational message and the choir from the featured congregation sings two religious selections.

Guest chours also appear on each edition of the series. Prior to the first program the Rev. William C. Calhoun Sr., president of the Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland, said, "This series will give everyone an opportunity to share in our Lord's ministry by sharing in the black Christian experience."

He added "It will also serve a special need in bringing the word to those who, because of age or sickness are unable to attend a Sunday service."

Viewer comments indicate that "Lift Every Voice" is reaching the goals mentioned by Rev. Calhoun, executive producer for the series.

The following host churches, pastors and chours have appeared on "Lift Every Voice": Trinity Baptist, Rev. William C. Calhoun; New Psalmist Baptist, the Rev. Dr. Walter S. Thomas; Brown's Memorial, the Rev. Douglas I. Miles.

Also, Grace Memorial Baptist, the Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn; Union Baptist, the Rev. William E. Johnson; New Hope Baptist, the Rev. James J. Fuller and St. Paul Baptist, the Rev. George A. Crawley.

While all of these churches are members of the Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland, other churches from Baltimore's interdenominational religious community will be featured as host churches on future programs in the weekly Sunday morning series.

Metro church briefs

The Rev. Harley Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church will be the 5 p.m. speaker on Dec. 28 at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Dr.

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A mid winter Apostolic unity revival will be held Jan. 6-13, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Church of Christ, 1249 East North Ave. The Rev. Perry J. Hull is the assistant minister and services will be sponsored by the building fund.

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The Missionary Society and Young Adults of Allen AME Church, 1130 West Lexington St., will sponsor a senior citizen holiday dinner on Dec. 27, 2 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Ronald Braxton is pastor.

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The Senior Male Chorus of Mt. Calvary Freewill Baptist Church, 1607 East Oliver St., will celebrate their anniversary Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m. The Male Chorus will sponsor a concert on Dec. 28, 7 p.m. at the church.

Samuel Cousin is president; James Phillips, secretary; Elder Daniel Green, coordinator and the Rev. Robert Farrow is pastor.

Christian Life Fellowship Baptist Church, 8136 Liberty Rd., will have watch night services Dec. 31, 10 p.m.

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Members of St. Edward Catholic Church, 901 Poplar Grove St., will have their centennial dinner dance Dec. 26, 9 p.m. at the Regency Terrace. The Rev. Maurice J. Blackwell is pastor.

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A holiday party will be held for children Jan. 3, 12:00 at Church of All Saints, 4408 Liberty Heights Ave. The Rev. Ronald W. Belschner is pastor.

All Saints boys won the annual basketball tournament by defeating St. Mark's in a championship game. Individual trophies were awarded to Dewayne Burroughs, Charles Richardson, Rodney Holloman, Michael Manns, Willie Wilson, Luke Durant, Jesse Owens, Anthony Sorrilo and Garland Thomas.

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The Voices of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church will celebrate their anniversary on Dec. 28 and 29, 7:30 p.m. at Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland St. Mrs. Mary Madden is president; Mrs. Laura Pye, secretary; Carter Robinson, musician and the Rev. William King is pastor.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION — The Rev. Dr. Samuel Ray recently received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Virginia Theological Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. Shown from (l) are Mrs. Alice Roseberg, the Rev. Matthew Silver, Rev. Ray and the Rev. Dr. Eddie Wilson, who presented Rev. Ray with his degree at the 90th anniversary celebration of Morning Star.

Maryland Bishops establish legislative priorities

The Maryland Catholic Conference recently met at the Marriottsville Spiritual Center to establish its priorities for the 1981 Maryland General Assembly.

Aware that the economy is in a slump and that Governor Hughes has called for state budget cuts across the board, the bishops established one of their priorities as an effort to increase the present public assistance grant levels. Another priority was expressed in the hope that the General Assembly will eliminate all state funding of abortion in Maryland.

Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, legislative liason for Associated Catholic Charities, reminded the bishops that the state standard of need, established in 1969, was only met this year. That means, she said, that Maryland is about 11 years behind in raising the standards by which a poor family lives, to an acceptable level.

The most recent standard of need as defined by a commission established by Governor Hughes in 1970 is $600 per month. A mother of three may receive up to $326 a month on aid for dependant children.

When food stamps worth $161 are added to that sum, the family of four receives $487 per month, far short of even the '79 standard of need.

Mrs. Lynch said that a report published by Maryland Maryland's Department of Human Resources indicates that in order to live adequately and decently the level of public assistance currently should be $696 per month.

Last year the General Assembly raised the public assistance grants by 11 percent, but those increases proved inadequate to meet the needs of the poor. Faced with budget cuts and rising inflation, the poor are finding it even more difficult to live decent lives and the bishops thus established further assistance to the poor as a legislative priority.

The Maryland Catholic Conference is the legislative arm of the Catholic bishops of Maryland. Archbishop William D. Borders is chairman. The leaders of the Archdiocese of Washington and the diocese of Wilmington, Archbishop James A. Hickey and Bishop Thomas J. Mardaga respectively, were also in attendance, as were the auxiliary bishops of Baltimore and Washington, Bishops T. Austin Murphy, P. Francis Murphy, J. Francis Stafford, Eugene Marino and Thomas Lyons.

On MLK's birthday

Pastor urges work boycott

WASHINGTON

The Reverend Goodwin Douglas, pastor of Turner Memorial A.M.E. Church announced in a press conference this week that the black community should "boycott" work January 15, in a demonstration of "protest" of the continued failure of Congress to enact legislation making January 15, Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, a national holiday.

All persons other than those who work in jobs that are essential to public health and safety will be urged to once again stay away from work and school and to participate in the many activities scheduled for Dr. King's birthday. Douglass maintained in a written statement.

Flanked by other civil rights activists from the sixties, Douglas said that "Congress continues to drag its feet, on the issue of making King's birthday a national holiday, and that "such failure is due to racist reasons.

"Dr. King's birthday should be a holiday because his nonviolent principles and methods of social change are crucial at a time when the nuclear mistake of one person could cause virtual world destruction, Douglass said.

"As has been so widely demonstrated during the past twelve years, holiday activities on Dr. King's birthday have a uniting effect on the black community and people of goodwill," he said. "This nation is a better place because of Dr. King."

Currently, 13 states and most major cities honor King's birthday through public holidays or days of observance.

Since 1974, legislation has been introduced in congress each year in an attempt to have the day become a legal, national holiday.

Earlier this year, the bill came within five votes of passage in the House of Representatives. The bill will be introduced again next year by Michigan Congressman John Conyers, who was responsible for introducing it in past years.

The main argument cited for opposing creating the national holiday is cost to the federal government in terms of doling out funds for a paid day off.

The Congressional Sub-Committee on Census and Population has widely varying figures on how much such a holiday would cost the federal government.

The higher figures range from $97 million to $127 million. But a staffmember in that office maintained that calculations project a cost of only $23 million when indirect factors are taken into account such as utility costs being saved by closing down federal buildings for the day.

Currently, King's birthday is a holiday in the District of Columbia.

CHURCH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY — St. James Episcopal Church had its annual Christmas party and program Dec. 21 at the church. Robin Donaldson and Danielle Brown are shown holding their box of candy they received at the party as a gift.

Theology courses at St. Mary's

During the 1981 spring semester the School of Theology's "Education for Christian Ministries program will present "Theology for Health Care Ministry," a 14 week course offered annually in conjunction with the Division of Health Affairs of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The health care course, directed to those interested in parish or institutional-based health care ministry, offers the theological component necessary for certification by the United States Catholic Conference.

Open to pastoral care personnel, church workers, and lay and religious persons wishing to pursue theological foundations in health care ministry, the philosophy behind the course maintains that caring for ill persons involves more than treating their physical illness.

According to Eleanor Lewis director, "Christian caring involves mediating the healing and saving power of Jesus Christ so that whole persons may be restored to health or creatively resigned to limitations."

Topics which will be examined in the course include suffering the problem of evil, theology of lament, sacraments and their ministry and prayer and spirituality.

Classes in the "Theology for Health Care Ministry" course will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 27 to May 12, 1981 at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Roland Park.

For completion of the course, attendance, active participation in sessions and completion of a project are required. Registration deadline for "Theology for Health Care Ministry" is Jan. 16, 1981.

Last rites held for Joseph Wynn

Funeral services for Joseph Wynn, 39, were held Dec. 20 at Leroy Hyett Funeral Home. Mr. Wynn, died Dec. 16 at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a lengthy illness.

A graduate of Carver High School, he was employed at the News American in the maintenance department at the time of his death.

He enjoyed playing tennis and baseball in his spare time. Mr. Wynn is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bernadette Wynn; one daughter, Miss Bernadette Wynn; two sons, Rodney and Charles Wynn; his mother, Mrs. Willia Mae Cain.

Also, a brother, William Roland Langely of Cherry Hill; five sisters, Mrs. Gloria Evans of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Carolyn Ann MacDonald, Mrs. Betty Lou Cain, Mrs. Jean Maxie Hawkins and Mrs. Barbara Joe Cain and grandmother, Mrs. Annie Wynn.

Christmas Joy

May you celebrate this special season in the true tradition of love

COMMITTEE MEMBERS who assisted in making plans for the 25th anniversary celebration of the Rev. Donald O. Wilson, pastor of St. James Episcopal Church, shown from left are Mesdames Elaine Howard, Beulah Fogle, Cleo Diggs, Vernice Reynolds and Ida M. Swanson.

AFRO photo by Mark Gail

Tom Johnson heads Masons

Thomas L. Johnson was recently elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia. As Grand Master, he is the leader of an organization of Masons and affiliates totaling more than 8000 members.

He has pledged to continue the numerous charitable contributions made by his organization, including more than $32,000 donated as scholarship assistance to deserving students.

Johnson, an electrical engineer with the Federal Communications Commission, is a graduate of Howard University and continued studies toward a Master's degree in telecommunications.

THOMAS L. JOHNSON

from George Washington University of Washington, D.C.

He and his wife, Audrey, have one son, "Tommie."

Santa's Children Inc., gives away 400 gifts

Santa's Children Inc., joined hands with the student government association of Coppin state College Dec. 13 and had a program for more than 400 children. The program was held in the auditorium at Coppin.

The program was hosted by Ralph Hughes, president of Santa's Children Inc. and Benjene Harper, Miss Coppin College. It consisted of dancing by Coppin Dancers, the Kilfridge Elementary School Dance Club from Columbia, a solo by Leonard Ballentine and a puppet show presented by Kevin Clash and puppets.

Santa's Children Inc. is an organization that tries to meet the Christmas wishes of many of the city's children by providing presents for children who might not receive anything for Christmas.

The concept of Santa's Children Inc., was initiated in 1975 by Ralph Hughes, who believes every child should receive some type of gift on Christmas.

Children who attended the program left with a smile on their face and a gift under their arm. The children were recommended by the Department of Social services, Welfare Rights Organization, Coppin state College Student Government Association and local churches.

Hughes, said the first year there were only 10 children attending the Christmas party and each year it seems to grow.

Members of Santa's Children Inc are Jenitry McDonald Jr., Joan Washington, Anita Haskins, Cassandra McDonald, Randi Baxter, Mary Bouie, Avis Drake, Sidney Drake, Embress Haskins, Loretta Hughes, Michael Montell Hughes.

Also, Patricia Diane Hughes, Sheila Hughes, Patricia McNeal, Margyerite Walker, Pamela Walker, Dawn Washington, Allen Wilson and Rosemary Wright.

Members of Coppin's Student Government Association are Leonard Ballentine, Cheryl Bailey, Percy Mack and Reginald Cole. Organizations and individuals who donated gifts were the Department of Social Service, Sen. Clarence Mitchell, Groove Phi Groove Social Fellowship Inc., Mitchell Properties Inc., Really, The Block Buxton Concerned Neighbors, Concerned Neighbors Action Organization and employees of the Statory Revision Division of Legislative Reference.

Rev. Ben Chavis speaks on crime and blacks

"Criminal Justice Issues and Citizens Involvement" was the theme recently when Rev. Ben Chavis, Wilmington 10 leader an director of the Washington Field Office of the United Church of Christ, spoke to citizens of the Sixth District.

The ocassion marked the area's second annual "Crime Prevention Education Month." Residents of the Sixth Police District, Ward 7 are observing Crime Prevention Education Month in an effort to combat the seasonal surge of crime and violence in their area.

Under the leadership of the Sixth District Police Citizens Advisory Council, the Sixth District Police and the Crime Prevention Education Month Task Force, citizens are being encouraged to use more common sense be alert, speak out and reach out when necessary to counter those forces which seek to overtake the people and things which seek to overtake the people and things they hold dear.

Chavis targeted the issues of black on black crime, drugs, the black family and stresses the need to involve young people in the struggle for social and political justice as well as stabilization of neighborhoods.

REV. BEN CHAVIS

Funeral services held for Cpl. Victor Hall

For more than six months, Lance Cpl. Victor Maurice Hall had complained about being harassed by another Marine who at one time shared the barracks with him at Camp LeJeune, N. C.

Relatives told the AFRO Hall would write us letters and said he was having problems with his former roommate and nothing had been done. He told his family he did not like Camp LeJeune.

Mrs. Patricia Hall, wife of Hall stated when her husband was home Dec. 8, he told her he had gotten into a fight with another Marine. Hall was killed Dec. 12 and a fellow Marine Pvt. Jerry E. Nicholson, 23, of Wilson, N. C. was also killed in the barracks.

A spokesman for the Marines stated circumstances to the shooting are unknown at this time pending the results from the Naval Investigative Service Investigation.

Funeral services for Hall were held Dec. 20 at First United Church of Christ. Born in Baltimore, Hall was a 1978 graduate of Lake Clifton Junior High and had been in the Marines for two years.

His wife said he was planning to come home for the holidays for 10 days. Hall was working as a diesel mechanic in the Marines.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Bessie Harris, father, Jerry Hall, stepson, Sturdivant, six sisters, Paulette Alston, Darlene Alston, Deborah Hall, Vanessa Hall, DeCeral Hall and Sandra Harris, one brother, John Harris, grandmother, Mrs. Lena Nichols, grandfather, David Nichols and one aunt Mrs. Sara Nichols from Hurlock, Md.

Christmas dinner at Wayland Baptist

The spirit of peace and good will to men began last week at Wayland Baptist Church where the Rev. Darneal F. Johnson is pastor. Organizations and choirs gathered in fellowship to play games, exchange gifts and enjoy home cooked food.

Last Saturday, the youth of Wayland hosted a group of inner city youth at the church. Each child received a toy following a full course dinner. According to Rev. Johnson, a touching moment came when one of the children said, "It is as if this were not for this party, I would have gotten nothing for Christmas. He had been given a bicycle.

The combined choirs of Wayland, directed by Mrs. Janette Campbell were presented in a Christmas musical on Dec. 21 and included audience participation in caroling. Proceeds from this affair went to supplement funds already collected for the needy.

Members and friends received a full course dinner and those holding the lucky numbers received gifts.

Watch Meeting Service
9:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 31, 1980

Come Pray
The Old Year Out
and
The New Year In
With

Elder C. Green
and
The Christian Community Church of God
Baltimore St. & Franklintown Rd.

Music Will Be Rendered By
The Combined Voices
Sermon By The Pastor

January 1, 1981
11:00 A.M. Morning Service
Elder C. Green can be heard each Sunday morning over Station W.S.I.D. from 10:30 A.M. to 11 A.M.

SEASON'S GREETING
Southern Baptist Church
1701 N. Chester St.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1980
7:45 A.M. — Early Morning Worship
Music by the Early Morning Choir.
9:30 A.M. — Sunday School
11:00 A.M. — Mid-day Worship
Sermon By The Pastor
Senior Choir No. 2
Gospel Chorus - Male Chorus
and the Local Choir
DECEMBER 31, 1980
WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE
Music By The Combined Choirs
A Hearty Welcome To All
Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Biggs, Pastor
Mrs. Retty A. Craddock

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Worship with us each Sunday
Sunday, December 28, 1980
10:00 A.M. — Church School
11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship
Sermon:
"The Abundant Life" Part V

Rev. Olin P. Moyd, Ph.D.

Wednesday, December 31, 1980
10:00 P.M. — WATCH NIGHT SERVICE
Sermon by the Pastor
OLIN P. MOYD, Ph.D., Pastor

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
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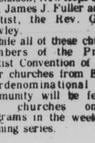
MARION CURTIS BASCOM D.D. Minister
James E. Hammond, M. MUS

Sunday
December 28, 1980
10:00 A.M.
MARION C. BASCOM, Preaching
December 31, 11:00 P.M.
Watchnight
Roun' de Glory Manger
Willie James
Star Carol
John Nutter
Cherry Tree Carol
Parker/Shaw

SEASON'S GREETING
Gillis Memorial Community Church
1016 Park Heights Avenue
Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., Pastor
Sunday
December 28th, 1980
8:30 A.M. — Sermon
Music by Choirs
11:00 P.M. — Sermon By
Rev. Anthony Muse
Grace A.M. Church
Catonsville, Maryland



REV. JACKSON

Watch Nite Service
December, 31st, 1980 - 9:00 P.M.
Sermon by Pastor
Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson, Jr.
Music by all choirs and special guest. Holy Communion —. Devotionals by Deacon Walker and the prayer meeting staff.
Sunday, January 4th, 1981
8:30 - Early Morning Service
Sermon by The Rev. Harold Carter, Jr.
Music by the choirs, New Shiloh
11:00 A.M. — Worship
Sermon by the Pastor
Music by the combined choirs
5:00 P.M. — Anniversary of Inspirational Choir of the Gillis Memorial Church, Guest Speaker — Rev. Carl Washington
ALL ARE WELCOME

NORTHWOOD - APPOLD
Lech Raven Blvd. and Cold Spring Lane
Minister: Hal T. Henderson
December 28th — 11 a.m.
1st Sunday in Christmastide Special Emphasis
New Growth — New Commitment for a New Year!
(No New Year's Eve Service)

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
2800 EDMONDSON AVE.
CORNER OF WARWICK
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1980
Baptist Training Union Day

REV. MICHAEL GREEN, Pastor

8:00 A.M. — Early Morning Worship
Sermon By the Pastor
9:10 A.M. — Church School
New Members Class
10:30 A.M. — Opening Heart Service
11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship
Sermon by The Pastor
6:00 P.M. — Baptist Training Union New Members Class
Family Night

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Ill. Ernest E. Jackson 32nd Degree Chairman
Ill. William I. Jackson 32nd degree Co Chairman
Ill. William T. Hill 32nd degree Secretary