Cassandra Smith weds Reverend Edward Young

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REV. AND MRS. JAMES E. YOUNG beam radiantly following their marriage at St. Francis Xavier Church on Saturday, April 11. The bride is the former Miss Cassandra Smith.

Cassandra Smith, 4400 block Craddock Ave., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith (Mable) was wed to the Rev. James Edward Young, 3900 block Woodridge Rd., son of Robert Young and Mrs. Mary Young Nixon on Saturday, April 11.

The bride is a graduate of the College of Notre Dame and Coppin State College School of Nursing.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Fremont High School, Los Angeles and attended Los Angeles City College. (Cuff note: He is a former AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper New Year's Baby - 1950)

The double ring ceremony was performed at St. Frances Xavier Church with Father William P. McKenna officiating.

The church wa: decorated with white carnations, green fern and pink and green ribbons with baby's breath.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white chiffon dress with train, white and pink headdress and carried red roses interpersed with baby's breath.

Matron of Honor Mrs. Linda Green wore a green floor - length dress with a high neckline and matching jacket, a round pill-box white mesh hat and carried one long-stemmed red rose.

Bridesmaids Leslie Jones and Viola Maisor wore pink gowns with white veils and hats.

Junior bridemaid little Viola Maisor wore a pale pink full-lenth dress and baby's breath in her hair.

Best man was the Rev. Ronald Muse, 3900 block Liberty Heights Ave.

Musical program, organist was Mrs. Alice DeShaze, with William Maisor, soloist.

The reception, held at the church following the wedding, was a buffet with assorted meats, salads and cheeses.

Three hundred guests attended. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Smith and daughters, Tina and Sarah and son Jay, of Boston, Mass.

For her honeymoon at a Baltimore hotel (not named) the new Mrs. Young chose as a departing outfit a pink suit with a flowered blouse.

Coming Events

Spring gardening workshop

A Spring Gardening (how - to - do program) will be held at Cylburn Park, 4915 Greenspring Avenue on Wednesdays, beginning April 1, through May 20, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

The course will teach how to start your own vegetable or flower garden, as well as soil preparation, pest control, light, water, and mulch requirements, etc.

For more information, call 396 - 5642 or 5649. Mrs. Elizabeth Long.

Open House at Goucher

Women interested in resuming or beginning their college educations are invited to attend an open house at Goucher College on Wednesday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Alumnae House.

The open house will introduce Goucher II — a two - year program designed to meet the educational needs of women past traditional college age.

Goucher II offers a curriculum which has been developed for women with little or no college experience. Classes meet one day a week (Thursday).

During the first year the curriculum includes an introduction to computers, a writing course, Spanish I, and a humanities seminar.

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Goucher II is open to any woman who wants to pursue a bachelor's degree after a five to thirty year absence from school. Depending on prior college work, completion of the program qualifies women for sophomore or junior status.

For more information or to make a reservation for the open house, call 825 - 3300, ext. 434 or 410.

Basic Photography workshop

A basic photography workshop will be held at Cylburn Park, 4915 Greenspring Avenue on Mondays and Thursdays, April 27 through May 14, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Participants must furnish their own equipment and use an adjustable camera, which must be brough to the first class.

Mrs. Anneke Davis will be the instructor, and the fee will be $12.00. Min. 8 people - Max. 12 peiple.

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The story of Easter

This week is the last week of Lent and is called Holy Week. This week honors the events of the last week of Christ's life on earth. It started on Palm Sunday (last Sunday) named for the palms that people spread before Jesus as he entered Jerusalem in triumph. On the Thursday of the last week of Lent, Maundy Thursday, Christians recall Jesus' last supper and the time he washed his disciples feet.

They observed Good Friday, the day of Christ crucifixion in a somber manner. Most Christian churches hold Good Friday services from noon to 3 p.m. On Easter Sunday, Christians in all parts of the world unite their feelings of joy in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is the most important holy day of the Christian religion. The name Easter may have come from Eostre, a teutonic goddess of spring or from the teutonic festival of spring called Eostur.

The story of Easter comes from the Bible. The gospel tells that the body of Jesus disappeared from his tomb on the third day after his crucifixion. An angel appeared to his followers and announced, "He is risen."

The cross represents the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It has special meaning to Christians as a symbol of Christ's victory over death. The Roman soldiers mocked Jesus for claiming to be king of the jews. They dressed him in a red robe and put a crown of thorns on his head and a reed in his hand. Then they beat him and spat on him. They forced him to carry his own cross like a criminal.

Since he was so exhausted, they ordered a man named Simon from Cyrene to take the cross and carry it part of the way. The Romans nailed Jesus to his cross outside the city on a hill called Calvary.

John says that they wrote on the cross the words Jesus of Nazareth, king of the jews. This inscription was written in Latin, Greek and Hebrew.

They set the cross up between two thieves. Before Jesus died, he called out, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. (Luke 23:34) During his suffering he cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Matthews 27:46).

After three hours Jesus died. Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus took his body to a new tomb which they sealed.

The gospel tells how Mary Magadalene went to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning. She fouhd the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After that Jesus appeared to her and to Simon Peter. Two disciples saw him on the Road to Emmaus. The gospel says that 11 faithful disciples met with him first in Jerusalem and then in Galilee. He taught them during the next 40 days then he rose to heaven.

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BLACK HERITAGE BANQUET — Members of the Baptist Ministers Conference sponsored a banquet on April 6. The black heritage banquet was held at Coppin State College. Shown from left are the Reverends William Johnson, Leroy Fitts, president of Baptist Ministers Conference; Dr. Samuel L. Gandy, professor at Howard University School of Divnity, who was the guest speaker and the Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn.

St. John Baptist sponsors a weekend family conference

By Pinnie L. Ross

The Church and Family Life Commission of St. John Baptist Church will sponsor a weekend family conference April 24-26 at Wilde Lake Interfaith Center and Harpers Choice Middle School in Columbia.

The theme for the conference is "The Black Church Bulwark for Strengthening and Reclaiming Families for Christ"

The Church and Family Life Commission will examine the history between the black family and the black church. In this regard, the conference will concern itself with the history of the black family in America and obstacles to developing a strong family life.

It will consider the nature of the current political economic influences on black family life and ways by which the church may be helpful. The conference will start at 8 p.m. April 24 with remarks by the Rev. Herbert H. Eaten, pastor of the church and the Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington will be the guest speaker.

Registration will be held from 8 p.m. to 8:55 April 25 at Harpers Choice Middle School, 5450 Beaverkill Rd. Dr. Andrew Billingsley, president of Morgan State University, will be the 9 p.m. speaker on April 25.

Workshops will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 11:50 p.m. Dr. John McAdoo, professor at University of Maryland will conduct a workshop on "Father Child Interaction in Black Columbia Families." His wife, Dr. Harriet McAddoo will be the leader of a workshop on "Single Mothers and Their Coping Approaches."

Others participating in the workshops will be Dr. and Mrs. Richard Tyson, "Human Sexuality," Dr. James Cooper and Mrs. Rena Clay, "The Psychodynamics of the Black Family and Dr. Alease McElroth, "Consumer Education Cooperatives."

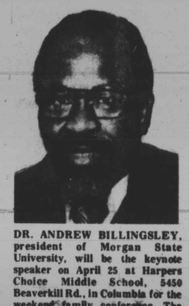
Mrs. Mary Carter Smith will be the 12:00 luncheon speaker on April 25. Workshops will also be held on April 25 at 2 p.m. Workshop leaders will be Attorney Marion Wright Elderman, a civil rights leader and founder of the Washington Research Project. She will be discussing "Discrimination and Racism in Education."

Others participating are Sen. Clarence Mitchell and Dr. Vernon Gray from Morgan State University who will be speaking on "Socio, Political Influences on Black Families."

"The Financial Networks Available to Blacks" will also be a workshop with Rodney and Cassandra Lloyd as leaders. Clark Gordon will conduct "The Family Crisis" workshop and "Black Male Female Relationships" leader will be Dr. Leonard Simmons, Phyllis Diggs, Gilbert Caldwell and Audrey Sutton.

If you are interested in attending the Church and Family

If you are interested in attending the weekend conference, for ticket information call 730-9064 or 997-8835. Mrs. Esther S. Vines is chairperson for the Church and Family Life Commission and Mrs. Ardalio Talefuerro is conference chairperson.



DR. ANDREW BILLINGSLEY, president of Morgan State University, will be the keynote speaker on April 25 at Harpers Choice Middle School, 5450 Beaverkill Rd., in Columbia for the weekend family conference. The conference is being sponsored by the Church and Family Life Commission of St. John Baptist.

Metro church briefs

The women of Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., will sponsor a prayer breakfast on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. Mrs. Minnie Washington, advisor for the Youth Department of the Maryland United Baptist Missionary Convention will be the speaker.

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The Courtesy Committee of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland Street will feature the King Specials in recital on Sunday, April 19, 8 p.m. at the church.

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Good Friday services will be held today (Friday) 12:00 at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd. Ministers who will be preaching on the Seven Last Words are the Reverends Clarence Poole, Ebenezer Baptist; Lawyer L. Swinson, New Metropolitan Baptist; Willard Clayton, Macedonia; W. W. Payne, City Temple; William King, Simmons Memorial; Montague Brackett, Central Baptist and Lorenzo Graves, Calvary Baptist.

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The third anniversary of North Star Baptist Church, 4321 Belview Ave., will be observed on April 26, 11 a.m. The Rev. Curtis L. Williams will be the 11 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Dr. Eugene V. Carter will be the 4 p.m. speaker.

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A memorial concert for the children of Atlanta will be held April 24, 7:30 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 105 Main Street. The Rev. William E. Johnson is pastor.

The Adult Choir of Holy Temple Holiness Church of Deliverance, 2016 Pratt St., will sponsor a grandmother rally on April 18, 4 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Julia Williams Moody is pastor.

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Easter sunrise and baptismal services will be held April 19, 6 a.m. at Christian Community Church of God, Baltimore Street and Franklintown Road.

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The Flower Circle of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave., will sponsor the Kaye Burke Chancel Alumni Choir in concert on April 26, 5 p.m. Mrs. Dorothy Banks is president; Mrs. Dorothy Harrison, Mrs. Earline Ford, coordinators and the Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor.

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The Voices of Inspiration Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., will sponsor a flea market on April 18 at the Cross Street Market, Light and Cross Street. The Rev. John A. Lunn is pastor.

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The Rev. Dr. James H. Reynolds, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church will be the 6 a.m. speaker for Easter sunrise services on April 19 at Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 2720 North Ave. The Rev. Leonard E. Hicks is pastor.

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Members of Mount Calvary AME Church will sponsor a fashion show on April 26, 4 p.m. at 300 Eudowood Lane. The Rev. William A. Gray 3d is the pastor.

The Church representatives of the Lillie Carroll Jackson Museum are sponsoring a free concert at City Temple Baptist Church, Eutaw Place and Dolphin Street on April 26, 3 p.m. The Rev. W. W. Payne is pastor.

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The Rev. P. A. Kearney, pastor of First Charity Baptist Church will be the 4 p.m. speaker on April 26 at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church on April 26, 4 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor of Ray of Hope

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The Billy Graham Crusade Women's Prayer Rally will be held April 21, 7:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Senior High School, 1801 Woodlawn Drive. Mrs. Myrtle Hall will be the guest soloist.

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The annual AME Conference will be held April 21-24 at Waters AME Church, Aisquith and Orleans Street. Bishop John Hurst Adams is the presiding bishop.

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Pilgrim Lutheran Christian Day School is now accepting applications for the 1981-82 school year for pre-kindergarten through six grade. The school is located at Liberty and Latham Road in Baltimore County. For application enrollment call 484 - 8240

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The Greater Macedonia Ebenezer Church of God In Christ adult choir will celebrate its anniversary on April 21, 7:30 p.m. at 429 Robert St. The Rev. Clarence E. Powell is pastor.

Christ Temple honors Rev. Dr. Levester Waddy

The Rev. Dr. Levester Waddy, pastor and founder of Christ Temple Church, 2117 Pennsylvania Ave., says 16 years ago he felt there was a need for a church in the 2100 block of Pennsylvania Ave., because of the crime in the neighborhood.

Since Christ Temple Church has been on Pennsylvania Ave., "We have very little crime in our neighborhood," said Rev. Waddy. The building we purchased was formerly the Lincoln THEATER. Today, we have nearly 400 members and we are active in the community," said Rev. Dr. Waddy.

Friends and members of Christ Temple honored their pastor at a banquet April 10 at St. Peter Claver Hall. A former home improvement contractor, Rev. Waddy used his creative genus to remodel the theater. He was assisted by the male members of his church.

Among those who participated on the program were the Rev. Dorothy Pearson, Miss Willie M. Scott, George W. Collins, Judge Robert Bell, City Councilman Kwesi Mfume, Lt. Col. Eddie Wood, Major Edward Tilghman, Mrs. Christine Hall and Randy Tilghman and John H. Gordon.

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HONOREE — The Rev. Dr. Levester Waddy, pastor of Christ Temple Church, 2117 Pennsylvania Ave., is shown with a friend, the Rev. Steward Turner at a banquet in his honor. The affair was held April 10 at St. Peter Claver Church Hall.

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Bishop denies racism

Declaring that racism is a sin and that any charges of racism must be directly met, Auxiliary Bishop J. Francis Stafford, Urban Vicar for the Archdiocese of Baltimore denied any racial motivation in the archdiocese's handling of the dispute between Lemko Housing Corporation and St. Casimir Church in the Canton area of East Baltimore.

"Such is not the case, he said, and he termed the charge "unjust."

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Rev. James E. Henson, 88, was assistant pastor of Wayland

Funeral services for the Rev. James Edgar Henson, 80-year-old assistant pastor of Wayland Baptist Church for nine years, were held April 6 at Wayland.

Rev. Henson had served as a member of the clergy for 30 years. He died April 2 at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Rev. Henson, a native of Anne Arundel County was born May 3, 1900 and was the son of the late Elijah and Annie B. Henson.

He was ordained at Wayland Baptist when the Rev. W. W. Payne was pastor of the church. He was active in the political process of Anne Arundel County and was honored by having the Henson Road named for him in Glen Burnie.

Rev. Henson retired from Harbison-Walker Refractories when he was 65. He spent years working on his farm and giving most of his vegetables to the needy and his friends.

He organized and constructed the Christian Youth Center near his home and was the founder of Fuel Clubs Number one and two, the Volunteer Victory Circle and the Youth Prayer Service Group at Wayland. He was also a member of the Rock of Gilbralter Homecoming Committee at Hall's United Methodist Church.

Singing his favorite hymns were more than 100 members representing Wayland's seven choirs including the Gospel Chorus of which he was an honorary member.

Mrs. Janette Campbell, church organist was assisted by James Peterson, Mrs. Carolyn Hunt and Mrs. Shirley Kimbrough. Soloists were Albert Cooper, Mrs. Rosa Taylor, Ms. Monica Douglass and Mrs. Valerie Fields.

The Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, pastor of Wayland presided at the last rites. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn, pastor of Grace Memorial Baptist Church and the Rev. J. F. Ford, pastor of Hall's United Methodist Church in Glen Burnie, where Rev. Henson joined at an early age and continued his fellowship there.

Visiting ministers expressing condolences were the Rev. W. W. Payne, the Rev. Dr. Dockery Thompson, the Rev. George White, the Rev. James Williams, the Rev. Matthew Silver, the Rev. Elwood Foster and the Rev. John Lunn.

Numerous resolutions were read by Mrs. Margaret Walker. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ada Spencer; stepson, Edwin Gaither and six nieces, Francis Washington, Carrie Turner, Elsie Smith, Arnita Williams, Audrey Spencer and LaVern Soddard. Rev. Henson is buried in Hall's United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Church group will help find homes for 50 Cuban refugees

A church group will help find homes and jobs for 50 homosexual Cuban refugees who are expected to arrive in Baltimore in May, the group's assistant director said.

Arlene Dubose assistant director of Project People which affiliated with the Metropolitan Community Church said the relocation effort will be financed by a federal grant provided through the churchs universal fellowship.

The resettlement program also will be conducted by groups in San Francisco and Chicago.

"The federal government agencies came to us with the problem," said John Chesteen director of the Cubuan refugee program for the fellowship. "They had no sponsors for the gays and lesbians."

Ms. Dubose said the Baltimore group will provide food, housing financial assistance and classes in English for the refugees.

"It will be a comprehensive program to help them survive culture shock" she said. "To my knowledge they are not skilled people. We have a job developer and it will be his responsibility to knock on every door and investigate every job possibility."

At least 700 Cuban refugees have settled in Baltimore through the help of area churches officials said.