THE LIVING CHURCH

Ames Memorial Methodist honors 81 members

There was standing room only last Sunday at Ames Memorial United Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Street, when the O. St. Clair Franklin Friendship Club honored 81 members of the church who have attended Ames for 50 years or more.

"The Golden Years of Friendship and Service to God," was the theme for the special recognition day services. The honorees who received certificates and citizen citations from Mayor William Schaefer were presented to Mrs. Annie K. Bolden, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Annie K. Thomas and Mrs. Mary Wesley for their outstanding service in their church and community.

Other honorees were Mesdames Gladys A. Adams, Gladys Allen, Blanche Austin, Hattie Bailey, Ethel Bell, Pearl Bolling, Ida M. Briscoe, Mary Briscoe, Loretta Brown, Ruby M. Brown.

Also, Mesdames Alice T. Carroll, Pearl Casterlow, Anita Clark, Ida Coates, Grace Coates, Martha C. Davis, Beatrice Davidge, Mabel Dare, Catherine Dixon, Gladys Dixon, Helen Dorsey, Maude K. Dorsey, Cecilia Fells, Essie Frazier, Aiken Gaskins.

Also, Mesdames Youngie Gray, Coddie Hackett, Anita Hall, Martha Harmon, Catherine H. Jackson, Alice L. Johnson, Viola Johnson, Cornelius Jennings, Adelaide Jenkins, Elizabeth Lane, Pauline Lee, Katharine E. Lewis.

Other honorees were Mesdames Marie J. Lewis, Joseph Mebane, Mary Montgomery, Bernice Mullen, Mildred C. Newton, Grace Raiff, Hattie Richardson, Anna Ringgold, Rachel Roberts, Edith Tazewell, Annie K. Thomas, Sarah E. Thomas, Viola Tilghman, Mary Wesley, M. Olivia Watkins, Viola Q. White, Susanne K. Watkins, Elaine C. Welch, Annie Williams, Beatrice Yoes, Listina Scribner, Annie Smith, Nena.

Also, Earl Bolden, James Bowie, William Bristol, William H. Curtis, Youngie Gray, Leon Gross, Ernest Hughes, Ernest Johnson, Paul Jenkins, Herbert Lane, Alto Lomax, Joseph Mebane, Charles H. Montgomery, Isaiah Molock, Henry R. Morsell, Reggie Ray, M. Olivia Watkins, Judge Watkins, James Shaw.

The Rev. Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin is pastor of Ames and Mrs. Lilyan Nottingham was chairperson. Following the program, honoress and their guests were served lunch.

MAYOR'S CITATION — Among members of Ames who received the Mayor's citation for their community service and church work shown from left are Mrs. Annie V. Bolden, Mrs. Thelma Kendrick, vice-chairperson; Mrs. Mary Wesley, Mrs. Annie Smith, Mrs. Alice T. Carroll represented her mother, Mrs. Annie K. Thomas and Mrs. Lilyan M. Nottingham was chairperson of the affair.

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50 YEAR MEMBERS OF Ames Memorial United Methodist Church who received awards for 50 years of service shown from left are Mrs. Hattie Bailey and Mrs. Gladys Adams Mrs. O. St. Clair Franklin wife of the pastor and the Rev. Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, pastor of Ames.

Calvary Baptist Church observes 60th anniversary

"Be the Best, Be like Jesus," is the theme for the 60th anniversary of Calvary Baptist and the 23rd anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves, pastor of the church.

The 16-day celebration will continue until May 18. Two weeks of spiritual celebration will feature guest ministers preaching 7:30 p.m. every night at the church.

Burning of the church's mortgage will be held on May 17, 7 p.m. at the church and a banquet is scheduled to be held May 18, 6:30 p.m. at The Forum.

After a meager beginning, numerous setbacks and relocations, Calvary Baptist was able to acquire its present location at Garrison Boulevard for $175,000. The first services were held at the church on April 14, 1968 with the cornerstone being laid on May 15, 1971.

In the 13 years of residence, new roofing along with other improvements have been made including acquisition of a baptismal pool, carpeting, a piano and an organ and public address equipment. New plans include renovations, installation of new pews and carpeting.

The Rev. Lorenzo Graves

Since Rev. Dr. Graves has been pastor, the church has continued its history of serving the needs of the community. Services include a licensed day care facility with emphasis on spiritual development and a summer program that provides remedial tutoring and recreational activities for youth.

Rev. Graves has served as chairman of the Fire Renovation and Expansion Drive of the Maryland Baptist Aged Home and more than $500,000 has been raised since he as served as chairman.

Among ministers who will be preaching at the anniversary services are the Reverends Harlie Wilson, Israel Baptist; Leroy Fitts, First Baptist; Lawyer L. Swinson, Metropolitan; William Rivers, Bethlehem; Jessie Halsey New Pilgrim; William King, Simmons Memorial; Wendell Russell.

The Rev. Dr. Eddie Wilson, pastor of Leadenhall Baptist will be the speaker for mortgage burning service and the Rev. Arthur Jones, pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist is the May 18 banquet speaker.

Metro church briefs

Revival services will be held at St. John's Baptist Church, 2828 Dupont Ave., May 13-15, 7:30 p.m. Services are being sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Isaiah B. Clarke.

Special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Curtis L. Williams, pastor of North Star Baptist Church; the Rev. Douglas Wilson, Fulton Baptist and Bishop Edward Stancil, Temple of God Pentecostal Church.

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The Gospel Chorus of City Temple Baptist Church will have its annual concert on May 17, 5 p.m. at the church, 317 Dolphin St., The Rev. W. W. Payne is pastor, Mrs. Karen R. Moody is chairperson of publicity; Ray Sutton, group leader and Mrs. D. Jenkins is chairperson.

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The New Horizon Singers will sponsor a play, "The Old Ship of Zion" on May 10, 3:30 p.m. at Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd and Alto Rd.,

Family night will be observed today (Friday) 6 p.m.at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Street. The Rev. John Wesley Coleman is pastor.

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An international tea featuring foods of all nations will be held May 16, 2 to 4 p.m. at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church.

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The Junior Missionary and Flower Circle of Berean Baptist Church will celebrate their third annual banquet on May 9 at Arlington Baptist Church, 5213 Belvedere Ave. The Rev. John A. Lunn Sr. is pastor, the Rev. Jerome McNeill Sr., is youth minister, Ms. Laura Sneed is director and Ms. Scarlett McNeill is secretary.

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"Working With God to Build and Strengthen Unity Through Church, Community, Youth and the Family," is the theme for St.Gregory the Great Church convention May 15-17.

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St. Mark's United Methodist Church will sponsor "An Evening to Remember" on May 15, 6 p.m. 3900 Liberty Heights Ave., For tickets contact Wilveria L. Riddick 542-0355.

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Members of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Streed will celebrate the 88th anniversary of their church on May 16-17.

On May 16 at 12:00, there will be noon day prayer service and breakfast will be served at the church on May 17, 8 a.m. The Rev. Baxter L. Matthews will be the 11 a.m. speaker. Mrs. Alice V. Christopher is chairperson; Mrs. Ulla W. Austin, co-chairperson, the Rev. Porter W. Phillips is pastor and the Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Payne is pastor emeritus.

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The children of Ray of Hope Baptist Church will have their annual May festival on May 16, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lake Clifton Park. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

Presbyterians file suit to gain entrance to church

Two warring factions of a Baltimore County Presbyterian Church have filed suit to try to gain entrance to a church padlocked since March 23.

One group, calling itself the Merritt Boulevard Presbyterian Church of Dundalk, Inc., filed suit May 4 in County Circuit Court asking the court to eject the Presbytery of Baltimore, saying it is an interloper at the Babcock Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery, the official United Presbyterian group, has filed suit in Equity Court to establish ownership of the property.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Robert Louthan, is allied with the Merritt Boulevard goup but is still living in official church property. He led a walkout in March that led to the closing of the church by the Presbytery.

He and many members of the congregation are part of a national rebellion against the church leadership, believeing it is too liberal.

The rebel groups lawyer charged this week that the official church is trying to take power away from the Babcock congregation by taking over ownership of the building.

A lawyer for the Presbytery countered with a charge that the Merritt group is nothing but a "holding corporation masquerading as a religious organization."

How to get church new in the AFRO

For coverage of any church events, mail your announcements to Ms. Pam Widgeon, religious editor, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201 or call 728-8200 Monday through Friday afternoon.

There is no charge for news or photographic coverage. Publication of any church news is contigent upon factors of time and news space available and organizations from all religious denominations, as space permits.

Send a copy of your church bulletin and newspaper. Send news of pastor's anniversary, Women's Day, Men's Day or any other club organization in the church.

THE MILLENIUMS SINGERS — There was hand calpping and foot patting at the first anniversary celebration of the Millenium Singers on April 26 at Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church. Members of the group are Vernella Trail, Delores McCrae, Mildred Hooper, Sarah Newsome and Sheila M. Jessup. Special guests were Our Father's Children. The group will be singing next month at a church in Washington.

Rev. Leslie Dyson retires as pastor of Union Memorial

The Rev. Leslie A. Dyson, pastor of Union Memorial United Methodist Church retired last week after 54 years of service as a minister.

At the time of his retirement, Rev. Dyson had been serving as pastor of Union Memorial for six years. The Rev. Leonard Felton has been appointed as the new pastor of Union.

Friends of Rev. Dyson attended a retirement banquet last Sunday at the church in his honor. The honoree, who received numerous gifts from the church, his friends and ministers, said "This celebration provides me with a unique opportunity to extend my personal greetings and sincere thanks to the wonderful people of Union.

"You have always worked as a unit to accomplish the many golas of the church. Success is the companion of those who plan well their work and work well their plans."

Chairpersons for the affair were Edward V. Tildon, Brenda Kopro and Kim Bunch.

RETIREMENT TESTIMONIAL — The Rev. Leslie A. Dyson has retired after 54 years of service and pastor of Union Memorial United Methodist Church. Shown from left are Mrs. A. Dyson and the Rev. Dyson receiving a gift from Edward V. Tildon, chairperson of the banquet.

Raise money for your church

The AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper is now offering you a chance to raise money for your church. The AFRO circulation department is conducting a drive for new readers.

Groups in your church have the opportunity to solicit orders and earn a fixed fee for each one. The orders must be sold for a period of three months and the cost to subscribe is $9.00.

Of this amount, the church will receive $3.00 in the name of the group member. Also, for 100 orders or more, an extra bonus of $50 will be given to the church.

It is suggested that since the subscription drive is indefinite, you encourage your organizations to compete to determine which group will earn the most money for the church with the largest number of new subscribers. Enthusiasm on the part of your members could result in an increase in your church treasury.

You may secure the subscription forms by calling Robert Rea Sr., at 728-8200 ext. 265.

Women's Day at St. John

Annual Women's Day will be observed Sunday, May 10, 11:45 at St. John Baptist Church Interfaith Center, Wilde Lake Village Green, Columbia, Md.

Mrs. Cecelia Williams Bryant, supervisor of the 300 members Missionary Department of Bethel AME Church will be the morning speaker.

Music will be provided by the Special Women's Day choir directed by Mrs. Yvonne Bronner. Mrs. Delores Eaton and Mrs. Goadys McCullough are chairpersons. The Rev. Herbert H. Eaton is pastor of St. John.

If You Ask Me

Black brass

By Bettye Moss

An appreciative crowd attended the Sunday afternoon reception at Gallery 409 opening the one-man exhibit of works by Glenn S. Tarter.

On display were 37 unique pictures in brass done on black velvet-very eye-catching and innovative.

The exhibit at the gallery, located at 409 N. Charles St., continues through May 27. Hours are 12 noon to 6 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday and Sundays (Closed Saturday and Monday).

Many who know Mr. Tarter and his wife, Gwen, as two of Baltimore's kindest residents and friends to many, will rejoice with them on this latest achievement.

Their home in west Baltimore has a number of appointments which also reflect his decorating skill.

Mr. Tarter, a native Baltimorean, retired from the Postal Service in 1975.

Exhibits

Since then, he has devoted his time and talents to visual arts. He has exhibited his works in the Baltimore, Washington, Va. and N.J. areas.

In the city, they have been displayed at Fidelity Federal, Westview and at St. James Episcopal Church's 155th anniversary. The Tarters are members there.

Cuff notes: The Tarter works are unique because they offer an artistic as well as ornamental expression.

Plus, Mr. Tarter is self-trained.

When he decides on a subject for a photo, he drafts a design on paper and transfers it by cutting and shaping desired lengths of brass onto the black velvet.

Mr. Tarter admits he likes best his work entitled, "The Golden Gate Bridge." Go and see the exhibit and pick out your favorite. You'll enjoy it.

93 years old

Birthday greetings to Dr. T. Henderson Kerr. He was 93 years old on May 7.

Despite his advanced age, he keeps active and loves to walk.

Older residents will remember Dr. Kerr owned and operated Kerr's Drugstore at 723 George St., near Myrtle Ave., for 41 years — from July 1919 to August 1960.

In our growing up years, it was a treat if you had parental permission to walk the block and a half to Kerr's for a soda.

Today, the George Murphy Homes occupy the Kerr Drugstore site.

Cuff Notes: Dr. Kerr was not only a well-known pharmcist and businessman. He has been noted through the years as an accomplished musician.

Son, Thomas H., inherited his father's musical talents. When he retired in 1972, he had served for 33 years as head of the Howard U. music department. He is still active as a composer. His wife, Hortense, is still on the Howard music faculty, heads the music ed department.

Banner

At Heritage United Church of Christ on Sunday, Dr. Kerr's daughter, Louise Kerr Hines, presented a banner to the pastor, Rev. Wendell Phillips.

It memorializes deceased family members including her mother, Mrs. Geneva L. Kerr; sister, Margaret F. Kerr; and honors her father and other living kin.

They included Thomas H., mentioned above and his wife, mentioned above, son, Judson H. Kerr, Sr., and his wife, Delores Parker Kerr, and Mrs. Hines' husband, Clarence Morsell Hines.

During the presentation, Mrs. Hines noted: "This gift is being presented in humility and in gratitude for God's goodness for such a wonderful family and for the love and support of my beloved church and its inspired pastor . . ."

Cuff note: Heritage is celebrating anniversaries this month.

Getwell

Thinking-of-you cards to Mrs. Robert W. Matthews (Vashti), wife of the AFRO editor. She remains bedridden at their Granby Rd. home and vows that with God's help and prayers she will overcome the illness which forces her confinement. As her sister and one who knows her inner strength, we believe with her all things are possible.

And cards to Delma Milbourne, the retired school principal, ailing at his Dorithan Rd. home.

And to Joseph DeLeaver, the longtime Union Baptist member. He is in Sinai Hospital (298).

Due home from the hospital (Hopkins), by the time you read this is Melvin Callaman, the businessman.

More good news — Leroy Carroll, the retired school principal, who had surgery several months back, is much improved at his Pasadena, Md. home.

People

New president of the Baltimore City League of Women Voters is Mrs. Norman V. A. Reeves (Iris).

Monthly family worship service found us Sunday at St. James Episcopal Church, which holds its main service at 10:30 a.m.

On the altar beautiful bouquet of white mums, glads and carnations given by Joann Jones in memory of her mother, Dr. Gladyce Bradley Jones.

St. James pastor, is Father Donald O. Wilson.

The church has initiated an interesting program providing food for residents in the adjoining St. James Terrace Homes and the surrounding area.

Candles on the altar memorialized 49 members. The church bulletin listed 33 sick and shut-in members.

Among the hospitalized: Arnold Bailey, Union Memorial, Mrs. Cassie Gee, Keswick; Harry Roberts, Old Court Nursing; George Stevens, Montebello Center.

Visitors

Philomathians' 48th annual closing dinner was Saturday at Regency Terr. In attendance over 200 persons, including two college presidents — Dr. Andrew Billingsley, Morgan U. (wife, Amy's a member), Dr. Calvin Burnett, Coppin State; and a cross-section of the town's educators and civic leaders.

Here from Salisbury, Md., Dr. and Mrs. Oscar J. Chapman. N.Y. school superintendent Dr. Roland N. Patterson, was here.

Mrs. Patterson (Marian), is a member. Her mother, Mrs. Jommy Scott was here from Seattle.

Also in audience, Baltimore City's new school board president, David Danneker and Mrs. Danneker.

Evening's speaker was Mrs. Dorothy Brunson, new owner of Radio Station WEBB here in Baltimore.

She discussed the role she and other black women owners are playing in communications and discussed myths concerning blacks.

Mrs. Gloria Phillips is president of the study club.

Also present, retired judge, E. Everett Lane, looking hale and hearty and not a bit like he's 80 plus. His late wife, Kitty, was a Philomathian.

Coming up — The city's oldest study club, the DuBois Circle observes its 75th anniversary on Tuesday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at Blue Crest.

Flight 743

Want to spend some breathless moments? You can if you are up bright and early to accompany a daughter and her infant son to Baltimore-Washington Airport to return to their Atlanta home.

It happend on Saturday. We arrived in ample time to have them sign in. But the passenger first in line had some problems and it took awhile for the agent to fron them out.

Then came daughter Rachel's turn. She handed him the envelope and lo and behold there was NO TICKET inside.

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DEL. TROY BRAILEY

THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the Baltimore Community, as well as the state, for their cards, letters, phone calls and other acts of kindness during my recent illness. May God ever bless and keep you.

DELEGATE TROY BRAILEY & FAMILY

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Calvary Baptist Church
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60th Anniversary Jubilee
Pastor's 23rd Anniversary
4 p.m. Sunday, May 10 -Israel Baptist Church Rev. Harlie Wilson, Pastor
8 p.m. Monday, May 11 - Rev. Leroy Fitts, Pastor
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 -Metropolitan Baptist Church Rev. Lawyer L. Swinson
8 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 -Bethlehem Baptist Church Rev. William W. Rivers
8 p.m. Thursday, May 14 -New Pilgrim Baptist Church Rev. Jessie Halsey, Pastor
8 p.m. Friday, May 15 -Simmons Memorial Baptist Church Rev. William King, Pastor
11 a.m. Sunday, May 17 -Dr. Wendell Russell, Washington, D.C.
6 p.m. Sunday, May 17 -Mortgage Burning Leadenhall Baptist Church Dr. Eddie Wilson, Pastor
6:30 p.m. Monday, May 18 -BANQUET -Rev. Arthur Jones, Speaker
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9:15 A.M. Church School New Members Class
10:30 A.M. Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. Sermon By The Pastor and Holy Communion
6:00 P.M. BTU New Members Class

REV. RICHARD OGLE Pastor
Church Officer's Night

Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church
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KELLY L. JACKSON, Assistant Pastor
Garrison Blvd. United Methodist Church Banquet For Rev. Williams
Members of Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church are preparing to honor their pastor, Dr. Roscoe C. Williams at a banquet on Sunday, May 31, 1981 at the Baltimore Hilton Inn, Exit 20 at Reisterstown Road. Rev. Williams has been Garrison's pastor for 18 years. His assistant is the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson. Banquet subscriptions can be purchased from Mrs. Evelyn B. Smith, 3805 Cedardale Rd., 21215. Phone 664-1311.

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