THE LIVING CHURCH

Upper Room patrons get spiritual high

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP — The Upper Room gospel club at 5133 Park Heights Ave., is open every Saturday from 7 to 11:30 p.m. where local gospel groups sing and dinners and fruit punch is sold.

AFRO Photos by Mark Gall

Among those seen at the Upper Room last week were Steve Turner, Sharon Turner, Valerie Turner and Tommy Duckett.

There's a new club in town. It's not a disco or jazz club, but a religious gospel club where shouts of "amen, and praise the Lord," can be heard every Saturday night when local gospel groups sing.

The Upper Room, at 5133 Park Heights Ave., opened last month. Ernie Boston is the owner and Julius Brockington, a former singer is the manager. Brockington, who is also president of Spirit Concept Productions Company says the club has a "Christian fellowship atmosphere."

Brockington, who has produced two gospel albums said he felt there was a need for a gospel club in Baltimore where people of all ages can come eat and drink non alcoholic beverages and hear good gospel music.

"This city is filled with talented gospel groups and we invite them to sing at the club on Saturday nights. The club is open from 7 to 11:30 p.m. and for a $4.50 admission, you are served a full course dinner," said Brockington.

The Upper Room was a former private club, Brockington says, "People have tried everything and when nothing works they always turn to God because they see a need in their life.

"The club is still growing and we are still in an early stage. The Upper Room is also available to all churches for wedding receptions, prayer breakfasts, Christian movies, gospel concerts and church meetings.

"This is Baltimore's first gospel club where food is served and you can see and hear the top local gospel groups. Every second Saturday is known as "Quiet Times" when a minister will be invited, to speak," said Brockington.

Gospel concerts are scheduled for the first and third Saturday of every month. Vashti Hunt is the club's emcee and her son Gary Hunt, 14, has been playing as the organist.

Earl Potts, 19-year-old member of New Christian Memorial Church says he found the club an interesting and exciting place to be on a Saturday night. "I have experienced going to disco but I seem to enjoy the gospel club better."

Potts and a group of New Christian Memorial Church youth said they sing together on Sunday in church and decided to have fellowship together at the Upper Room.

Last week the Baptist Ministers Conference had their Monday meeting at the Upper Room. Brockington says he hopes other local churches will decide to have their meetings at the Upper Room.

BIBLE CLASS — Joseph Colbert and Anthony Steele were seen attending a Bible class last Saturday at the Upper Room gospel club.

THE DYNAMICS, a local gospel group were special guests last Saturday at the Upper Room club on Park Heights Ave. Members shown are Sherman Clayborne, Carl Page, Douglass Howell, Melvin Lowery and Wayne Cockrell.

ORGANIST AND EMCEE who participated in the Saturday night gospel program at the Upper Room club shown are Daryl Hunt, 14 and his mother Vashti Hunt. Daryl is also the organist for New Fellowship Christian Community Church.

AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz

APPRECIATION PROGRAM was held recently for Mrs. Marie Bellamy at Saint John Baptist Church, 2929 Dupont Ave. Shown from left are Mrs. Katie Jackson, Evangelist Esther Melcher, Mrs. Bellamy and Mrs. Marguerite Richardson, sponsor. Special guests were the Starliters of Kings Mountain, N.C., the Alpha and Omega Singers. The Rev. L. Washington is acting pastor of Saint John Baptist.

Metro Church Briefs

The Rev. Porter W. Phillips Jr., pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street will be honored on Sunday, June 21, 5 p.m. at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave., Mrs. Christine Fenderson is chairperson and Mrs. Angela Franz is co-chairperson.

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The Senior Ushers of Mount Calvary Baptist Church, 1725 Milton Ave., will celebrate their 20th anniversary on Sunday, June 21. The Rev. Alex Young is pastor.

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A Father's Day extravaganza will be held June 21, 3 p.m. at the Civic Center. Special guests will be the Gospel Keynotes, Slim and The Supreme Angels, the Swanee Quintet, Tommy Ellison and the Five Singing Stars.

The 59th annual Men's Day will be observed June 21 at United Baptist Church, 932 Broadway. The Rev. Douglas Wilson of Fulton Baptist Church will be the 8 a.m. speaker and the Rev. Richard Harriston of Erie Pennsylvania is the 11 a.m. speaker.

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The Gospel Chorus of Providence Baptist Church will have a state rally on June 28, 3:30 p.m. The Rev. Calvin Thomas of Community Baptist Church will be the speaker. Mrs. Minnie Edwards is president, Mrs. Juanita King, chairperson, Mrs. Nancy Respass is co-chairman and the Rev. Marcus G. Wood is pastor.

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The Rev. Dr. Raymond Kelly Jr., founder and pastor of Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, will be honored on July 3, 7:30 p.m. at Martin's West. Mrs. Bernita K. Conaway is chairperson.

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A musical will be held Sunday, June 28 at Walbrook Auditorium, 2000 Edgewood St. Proceeds from the choir festival are for the building fund of Miracle Baptist Church. The Rev. Frank Murphy is pastor.

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Family Day services will be held June 28 at Greater New Hope Baptist Church. The Rev. Silas Holmes from New St. John Baptist Church in Kilmonck, Va. will be the speaker. Greater New Hope is located at 2720 North Ave.

FASHION SHOW — Ms. Joyce B. Dixon, a music educator with the Baltimore county schools and a model will direct a fashion show on June 27, 4 p.m. at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 5601 Pimlico Road. Proceeds from the show will be donated to the church building fund. The Rev. David Rimbach is pastor.

Women ministers will sponsor a seminar June 27

The Interdenominational Women's Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a seminar June 27, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Monroe R. Saunders Center For Creative Learning, 5151 Baltimore National Pike. The Rev. Constance Diggs is president of the group.

The Women's Ministerial Alliance consists of approximately 25 women who have been called and are serving as ministers in local churches.

"Getting Into Shape Spiritually," is the theme for the seminar that is open to the public.

The Rev. Agnes M. Alston is founder of the organization. Among topics that will be discussed are Dynamics of the Holy Spirit, Bishop Monroe R. Sanders will be the lecturer. Also, Body Soul and Spirit, Sermon Preparation, Ethics for the Ministry, Preaching With Power Preparation, Shaping Our Lives Through Fasting and Prayer.

Other topics to be discussed are Accepting Your Gifts in the Midst of Opposition, Apologetics of the Bible and Songs with a Message.

Participants will be the Rev. Edward Miller, Ruth Young, Maggie Artis, O. Sinclair Franklin, Annie P. Daniel, Wynora Cook, Benjamin Foust, Antoinette Phillips, Maggie Artis.

Also, the Reverends George Crawley, Eva Sapp, Wilhelmina Young, Alfreda Wiggins, Constance Diggs, Agnes M. Alston, Maggie Artis, Marie Robinson.

Registration fee is $10 and includes admission to the seminar, as well as lunch, coffee and donuts, reference materials to be distributed at the seminar.

How to get church news 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 contingent upon factors of time and new space available and organizations from all religious denominations, as space permits. Send news of your church vacation Bible school and summer programs.

Concert series at St. Katherine

The Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series at St. Katherine of Alexandra has scheduled seven concerts for the 1981-82 season.

The concerts will feature Joel A. Martin, painst on Sept. 27, 4 p.m. The John Lamkin Concert Jazz Quintet will follow on October 25, 4 p.m.

The first concert in 1982 will be on February 28 when Ben Holt, baritone, will give a concert. Others scheduled to appear are Irene Lumpkin and Sylvester Graves.

If you ask me

By Bettye Moss

Love note

If you like love stories here's one for you. It involves two young Baltimoreans who met at a graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana.

The two are Leda Anne Fuller and Kevin Eli Favor.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Ann Fuller and the late Edward L. Fuller. And he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Homer Favor.

Mrs. Fuller announced the couple's engagement this week.

The bride-to-be is a graduate (master's) in labor and industrial relations and is now employed as an employment and training supervisor for General Cable Co. in Monticello, Ill.

The bridegroom-elect is a doctoral candidate at the University and is majoring in counseling psychology. He is a clinical intern at the Champaign County Mental Health Clinic.

$50,000

Morgan State College Board of Regents recently received $50,058.73 in securities, bequeathed by Dr. Martin D. Jenkins for 22 years president of Morgan.

Funds will be used to support the Martin and Elizabeth Jenkins Memorial Lectures.

Constant Care

You feel a sense of pride when you walk into Constant Care.

This is the black-owned community health care center located at Division and Mosher Sts. in west Baltimore. Dr. Harvey Webb is director.

What we admired on our Thursday visit was the unusual courtesy and the unusual courtesy and professionalism.

It began with the friendly guard (Nathaniel Bridges) who directed us to the receptionist (Mrs. Dorothy Deshazo) who in turn pleasantly showed us the office we sought.

Even the patients were friendly. A teenager held the door for us as we followed him to the office area.

Ben Mason, associate director of marketing took us on tour.

In all area employees were busy. They acknowledged the introduction and smiled. We saw no desks with coffee cups, Coke bottles, food or ash trays. (Smoking is not permitted in working areas.)

People

People met on tour: Dr. Eliza Taylor, medical director; Mrs. Barbara Wylie, assistant and her husband William Wylie administrative assistant to Dr. Webb.

Also met Mrs. Andii, administrative assistant to Dr. Webb.

And Dr. Adrian Dixon, director of lab and her assistant, Mrs. Inee Cherry.

Medical physicians on duty include Dr. Gerard Romaine, Dr. Laura Miranda, Dr. Shomarka Keita and Dr. Samuel R. Owings, who gave us a warm greeting — he's always so pleasant.

More Constant Care staffers met: Administrative in charge of nursing, Mrs. Gwendolyn Hill (her husband is Dr. Claude Hill).

Pharmacist in charge, Dr. Carroll Lee.

More people

In the dental lab section, Miss Lettie Carey, chief of dental service and her assistant Miss Gail Tate.

Dentists on duty are Dr. William Alexander and Dr. Wilson R. Dickerson Jr.

Assistants in this department include Mrs. Karen Taylor and Frances Jefferson.

Cuff note: The Dr. Dickerson referrred to above is noted as a painless dentist — at least in our book.

We had not seen him since he was a youngster. Now he's an able young man with grown-up children of his own.

Older AFRO employees may remember that as a toddler Dr. Dickerson frequently visited the office. His aunt, the late Susie H. Clark was for year's this newspaper's "hello lady with the pleasant voice" and the originator and editor of the Lonesome Hearts column. In those days we referred to her nephew as "WR".

Open to all

Cuff notes: Constant Care is an HMO (Health Maintenance Organization).

Anyone residing in the west Baltimore area is welcome to take advantage of its medical, dental, pediatric, home health care, podiatry, psychiatry, health education, dentistry, nutrition, pastoral counseling and other related subjects.

Organized in 1968, it was formerly located in Mondawmin and at 907 Edmondson Ave., Constant Care's present site, near the old Provident Hospital location, was occupied in July 1980. The modern structure is equipped with the latest in facilities. It cost over $2 ½ million.

Over 100 persons are employed. All the persons we saw on our visit were appropriately dressed and looking good.

Visitors are welcome each week. You can tour Constant Care on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 383-8300 for further information.

A first

Dr. Gwendolyn Cooke has set another precedent.

She is the director of the Gifted and Talented Program for Baltimore City Public Schools.

Recently she was elected to the presidency of the Public School Administrators and Supervisors Association (PSASA). She is the first female to hold this position.

Dr. Cooke is well-known for her civic and political leadership.

In February 1980 she received the AFRO's citation as one of Ten Women to watch in the 80's.

Her activities have won for her the title of "Miss Social and Political Action Lady" by her fellow sorors in Delta Sigma Theta.

Arena

Arena Players, Inc., now in their 28th year, have become our town's top black theatre house because of dedicated people.

On Friday evening at Blue Crest, over 400 persons turned out for the 15th annual awards dinner.

It was a glorious and inspiring affair.

First of all, co founder Camilla Sherrard did a nice thing. She presented a special thank-you to another charter member, Mrs. Ethel B. Day, who has been the group's only treasurer.

More nice gestures: Samuel H. Wilson, another charter member, led the gathering in paying tribute to two other pioneers — George E. Simms, the organization's secretary and Mrs. Eleanor Welch, the Channel 67 employee who was a longtime performer. Both died last month.

Winners

This year's awards went to three deserving supporters - Nancy Barrick, the teacher and actress who has worked as editor of the Arena Players Yearbook.

Also to a husband and wife team — Dr. Ernest Brown, the surgeon, who along with his wife, Mrs. Lorraine Gravatt Brown, the educator and actress, received the civic and artistic awards, respectively.

The $1,000 Lorraine Hansberry Scholarship Award went to Marty Brown, who was this year graduated from Woodlawn High. He plans to attend Towson State University this fall.

More nice gestures: Members of Mrs. Barrick's family presented with a special token.

Fellow members of Chums, that national women's club, whose husbands are called Hums, gifted Dr. and Mrs. Brown.

Surprise

Henry H. Parks Jr. and Joseph D. Minutilli of Commercial Credit, chair the fund raising campaign now underway, received a pleasant surprise. As Mr. Parks went to the mike to give an update, he was presented figures to show that the committee has exceeded its $150,000 goal — was able to report $172,000.

More people helping: Mrs. Catherine Adams, chair of the women's committee, has done a yeoman's job. She received a special salute.

Cuff note: In the audience, Mrs. Adams's husband, Dr. Maurice Adams. Also there, Dr. Adams' sister from D. C., Mrs. Jewell Randall. She was celebrating her 80th birthday.

More cuff: Fifteen years ago, Arena's first awards banquet was at Eastwind and netted only $38. Honorees that year were Langston Hughes and Dr. Richard Long.

This years's tab per person was $30.

Note: While Arena has met its goal for renovations for this McCulloh St. building, it still needs monies to operate staff, etc. The Reagan administration has cut funding in this area, so your contributions are welcome.

Dr. Greene

Few persons can be courageous when surgeons announce they are suffering a serious and possibly fatal illness.

Dr. Lonnie William Greene, the dentist, was the rare kind of individual who received the grave news with optimism two years ago.

He pledged to put his faith in the healing power of God and cooperated fully with physicians as they sought to contain his bladder cancer.

And through it all, he maintained a pleasant disposition, kept busy at his profession and active in numerous professional

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MEETING MEETING

For I. LL Members of Morning Star Baptist Church Baltimore City

Place:

Morning Star Baptist Church
1063 West Fayette St.
Date: June 20, 1981
Time: 4 P.M.

Please Be Present Business Of Importance

DOUGLAS COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sunday, June 21, 1981
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
MARION C. BASCOM, SR.
Preaching

8:00
Better Be Ready
— arr/Dett
Surely the Lord is in This Place
— L. Burnell
11:00
Sanctus
Gounod
Climbing Jacob's Ladder
arr/Dett

Welcome To The Fortieth Annual Men's Day of
GILLIS MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
4016 Park Heights Ave.
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Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson, Jr., Pastor
SUNDAY, JUNE 21st, 1981 — (All Day)
8:30 A.M. — Speaker Honorable Parren J. Mitchell Congressman
11:00 A.M. — Guest Speaker, Rev. Felton Williams Pastor of Second Baptist Church
4:00 P.M. — Rev. Samuel Ray, Pastor, Morning Star Bapt. Church, Choir & Congregation
Music by Men's Day Choir, under direction of Roland Joe Smith
Bro. Harry White, Chairman
Rev. William Durham, Co-Chr.
Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson, Jr., Pastor

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH
2300 EDMONDSON AVE.
CORNER OF WARWICK
SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 1981
Manns Memorial Circle Day
8:00 A.M. — Early Morning Worship Sermon By The Pastor
9:15 A.M. — Church School New Members Class
10:30 A.M. — Open Heart Service
11:00 A.M. — Morning Worship
6:00 P.M. — Rev. William W. Payne Pastor of City Temple Baptist Church, Choir and Congregation will worship with us.
REV. RICHARD OGLE Pastor

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lafayette Square, Baltimore, Maryland
The Reverend Donald O. Wilson, Rector
The Rev. Hugh R. Page, Jr., Assistant
Dr. Robert T. Ford, Deacon
Maurice Murphy, organist—Choirmaster
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.—Church School
10:30 A.M.—Choral Eucharist Sermon
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