Library Happenings

Music

"Music at the Library", a free chamber music concert featuring selections by Beethoven and others performed by Little Camarata, a string trio composed of Paula Francis, Joseph Bykov and James Francis, will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31 in the Wheeler auditorium of the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St. The Concert is sponsored by the Baltimore Symphony Associates and the library.

Films

Admission to all film programs is free.

"Cheyenne Kid", 1940 western in which a cowboy is charged with murder, will be screened at 6 p.m. on Monday, (Feb. 1) at the Canton Center, 1030 S. Ellwood Ave.

"Cosmos" (Part 5), an exploration of the planet Mars, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1 at the Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.

"Emperor Jones", starring Paul Robeson as the Pullman porter who becomes a king, will be screened at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch, North and Pennsylvania Aves.

"The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman", starring Cicely Tyson as the 110 year old civil rights marcher, will be screened at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Pennsylvania Avenue Branch, North and Pennsylvania Aves.

"I Heard the Owl Call My Name", story of a young priest's adjustment to the idea of death in a remote Indian village, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at the Hamilton Branch, 5910 Harford Rd.

"Jack Johnson", biography of America's first black heavyweight champion told through contemporary film footage, will be screened at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Walbrook Branch, 3203 W. North Ave.

"In This House of Brede", with Diana Rigg as a sophisticated Londoner adapting to convent life, will be screened at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Govans Branch, 5714 Bellona Ave.

"The Wages of Fear", starring Yves Montand, Charles Vanel, and Peter Van Eyck is a Clouzot-directed drama involving the transportation of high explosives, will be screened at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.

"Blacks Britannica", a controversial, anti-establishment documentary on racism in Great Britain, will be screened at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Central Library, 400 Cathedral St.

Black Stamp Collection

A postage stamp collection which tells the history of the black contribution to the American Revolution will go on display on February 1 in the second-floor corridor of the downtown Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St., as a feature of the library's celebration of Black History Month.

The collection was lent for the occasion by Milton E. Stanley, retired school principal, who has prepared notes describing the often heroic part played by individuals such as Salem Poor, who distinguished herself at the Battle of Bunker Hill and at Valley Forge; Crispus Attucks, who was killed in the Boston Massacre; and Hernri-Christophe, later king of Haiti, who fought among hundreds of Haitians serving with the French Army during the Battle of Savannah.

Approximately 5,000 black patriots took part in the Revolution, while others supported the American cause through non-military efforts.

Also displayed will be stamps relating to leaders involved in the anti-slavery movement.

The exhibition will remain on view through February 28 during regular Central Library hours, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Films for Black History Month

Black interest films have been scheduled in many Pratt Library Branches during February in honor of Black History Month. Admission to all is free.

Pennsylvania Ave. Branch

Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m.: "Emperor Jones", starring Paul Robeson.

Feb. 3- 3:30 p.m.: "Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman", starring Cicely Tyson.

Feb. 10- 3:30 p.m.: "Jack Johnson", biography of an early heavy-weight champion.

Feb. 23- 3:30 p.m.: "The Joe Louis Story".

Feb. 24- 3:30 p.m.: "Black Music in America".

Walbrook Branch

Feb. 3- 3:30 p.m.: "Jackson Johnson".

Feb. 11- 3:30 p.m.: "Angela Davis: A Portrait of a Revolutionary".

Feb. 18- 3:30 p.m.: "Now Is the time", black history told through poetry and music, and "Aretha Franklin, Soul Singer".

Feb. 25- 3:30 p.m.: "Black Music in America: The Seventies" and "Body and Soul: Part 2— Soul".

Edmondson Ave. Branch

Feb. 10- 4 p.m.: "Jazz Hoofer", life story of Baltimore-born tap dancer Baby Laurence.

Feb. 17- 4 p.m.: "No Maps on My Taps", featuring tap dancers Sandman Sims, Bunny Briggs and Chuck Green.

Forest Park Branch

Feb. 10- 6 p.m.: "Almos' A Man", starring LeVar Burton.

Feb. 24- 6 p.m.: "Beware", early musical with an all-black cast.

Lafayette Square Center

Feb. 24- 4:30 p.m.: "Emperor Jones".

Dance Managerie winter program

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Weekend TV Watching

By Vanessa Johnson

Friday

3-2-1 Contact: The theme of speed is illustrated. 6:00-6:30 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

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Sha Na Na: Guests The Coasters sing "Charlie Brown". 7:00-7:30 p.m.-Ch. 45.

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Peoples Court: Cases-labor practices; and the responsibilities of being a neighbor. 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Evening Magazine: Segments on a Maryland amateur boxing team: the cube-puzzle craze. 7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Old Houseworks: Ways to remove paint from radiators; a sawed wood ornament. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 22 & 67.

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Cassie & Co.: Angie Dickinson plays private eye Cassie Holland, an ex-cop who's assisted by her secretary, a reformed shoplifter. Starring Robert Hooks. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Tonight: Guests include boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard. 11:30-12:30 a.m.-Ch. 2.

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Saturday

Sugar Ray Leonard's Golden Gloves: This 26 week series presents regional teams of young amateur boxers in a series of elimination bouts. 2:00-3:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

Black Horizons: Guests unknown at press time.-7:30-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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One of the Boys: Parents Weekend at Sheffield University induces Jonathan to dream about a romance involving his mother and Oliver. Starring Scatman Crothers. 8:00-8:30 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Walt Disney: "The Cat From Outer Spaces", crash lands on Earth and has just 36 hours to repair the spacecraft or be stranded forever. Part 1. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Golden Gloves: The Foreign Press Association honors outstanding achievement in film and TV at the 39th annual ceremonies in Beverly Hills. 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Billy Crystal Show: Share an exciting, hilarious hour with Billy and special guests The Pointer Sisters. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

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Sunday

NBA All-Star Game: The starting fives for this 32nd annual renewal were selected by the fans. And for the sixth year in a row, Julius Erving of the 76ers starts for the East team. 1:00-3:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

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Sunday Live!: Guests unknown at press time. 1:00-2:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Superstars: Superstars Preston Pearson heads the list of veteran competitors in the seconds men's preliminary, taped at Key Biscayne, Fla. 2:00-3:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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U.S.A. vs the World: The first in a series of 12 programs featuring U.S. amateur athletes competing in dual meets against international teams. 3:00-4:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

AFC-NFC Pro Bowl: Six rookies and 25 first-time participants pack the squads for the 12th annual game, telecast from Honolulu. 4:00-8:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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Today's FBI: One from the headlines: Mideast expatriates are being assassinated by a mercenary hired by their homeland. Starring Harold Sylvester. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 13.

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They Cry Alone: A program documenting the efforts of the Siloam Christian Mission. 8:00-9:00 p.m.-Ch. 20.

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The Jeffersons: George gets a jolt when his insurance company aims to prosecute whoever installed the wiring in a store that went up in flames. Starring Sherman Hemsley. 9:30-10:00 p.m.-Ch. 2.

Trapper John, M.D.: A social worker running a controversial prostitute-rehabilitation program is brutally beaten by a pimp. Starring Madge Sinclair, Brian Mitchell and Philip Michael Thomas. 10:00-11:00 p.m.-Ch. 11.

A reporter snoops around, checking out rumors of polluted ground water, and Pvt. Sims (Damita Jo Freeman) is one of the people he interviews, on "Private Benjamin," Mon., Feb. 1 at 8:30 p.m. on CBS stations.

This is not a new method of checking bood pressure. But temperatures rise when guest star Shirley Hemphill comes aboard ship and falls for Isaac (Ted Lange) who is trying to duck the annual company physical exam in "Isaac Gets Physical" on "The Love Boat," Saturday, Jan. 30 on the ABC Network.

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Week of January 31

Monday, February 1 - 10:30 p.m. - ONLY THE BALL WAS WHITE looks back at a time when black baseball players, denied stardom in the big leagues, blossomed in the Negro leagues.

Tuesday, February 2 - 10 p.m. - I REMEMBER HARLEM explores the nearly 400-year history of this New York community which has nurtured virtually all of the city's ethnic groups.

Week of February 7

Monday, February 8 - 10:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL premieres a weekly series addressing the concerns and issues of black Americans.

Tuesday, February 9 - 10 p.m. - LEARNED IT IN BACK DAYS AND KEPT IT visits Dicreaty Clark, a Jefferson County, Florida basket weaver.
10:30 p.m. - WERE YOUR THERE? returns to the days of the Wild West and the experiences of a black cowboy, rodeo star and frontierswoman.

Saturday, February 13 - 6:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL (Repeat)
11 p.m. - NON-FICTION TELEVISION "No Maps on My Taps" features three black jazz tap dancers: Sandman Sims, Chuck Green, Bunny Briggs.

Week of February 14

Monday, February 15 - 10:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL
Tuesday, February 16 - 10 p.m. - MARVA COLLINS: EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION presents this acclaimed educator's remedies for what she calls an American epidemic of "miseducation."
10:30 p.m. - WERE YOU THERE? profiles unsung black athletes.
Wednesday, February 17 - 8 p.m. - A HOUSE DIVIDED: DENMARK VESEY'S REBELLION tells the story of a prosperous black carpenter who led an abortive rebellion to free slaves.

Saturday, February 20 - 6:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL (Repeat)

Week of February 21

Sunday, February 21 - 9:30 a.m. GETTIN' TO KNOW ME begins a weekly series of dramatic stories about black history and folklore with "Momma Violet's Arrival."

Monday, February 22 - 10:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL

Tuesday, February 23 - 9 p.m. - AMERICAN PLAYHOUSE presents an adaptation of Ntozake Shange's Broadway hit "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/ When the Rainbow is Enuf."
10:30 p.m. - WERE YOU THERE? presents "The Days When Animals Talked."

Saturday, February 27 - 6:30 p.m. - TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL (Repeat)
10 p.m. - AMERICAN PLAYHOUSE (Repeat)

Sunday, February 28 - 9:30 a.m. - GETTIN' TO KNOW ME presents "The Naming of Kwame."

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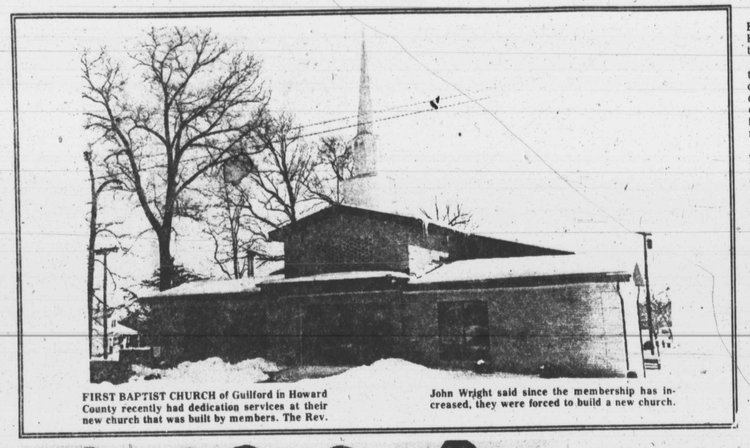

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Guilford in Howard County recently had dedication services at their new church that was built by members. The Rev. John Wright said since the membership has increased, they were forced to build a new church.

It took members of First Baptist Church in Guilford, Howard County five years to build their new church

The Rev. John Wright, pastor of the church told the AFRO, "The church was built on tithes and offerings. We did not build the church with the help of public funds. It was on the strength of its membership."

According to Rev. Wright, there was a need for a larger church. We had outgrown the church and decided to build a new one. Members of the church laid their own foundation, basement floor and the church auditorium.

The seating capacity in the old church that is approximately 60 yards from the new church is still being used by the members. "People would come to our church and by 11 a.m. could not get a seat," said Rev. Wright.

Dedication services were held recently in the new church that has a seating capacity in the main sanctuary for 500 and close circuit in the lower auditorium for 300. The new First Baptist also has a trustee conference room, deacon board room, nursery, minister's office and other offices.

"We are still using the old church as an educational center and a multi purpose community center. Senior Citizens also have their meals there during the week and the church school meets every Sunday at the church," said Rev. Wright.

The Rev. John Wright

First Baptist was founded in 1903 and Rev. Wright succeeds the Rev. A. D. Webb as pastor. Rev. Wright is the former president of the Evening Baptist Conference, president of Maryland Ministerial Alliance and first vice president of the Howard County Branch of the NAACP and chairman of the executive board.

ACTIVE MEMBERS and officers of First Baptist Church shown who assisted in building the new church are David Moore, Franklin Knight, Mrs. Diana Frye, the Rev. John Wright, Ulysses Moore, Mrs. Mary Frances Moore, John Wesley, Robert Coleman, Silas Craft and Roger Dorsey.

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Rev. Dexter Wise to become pastor of Ohio church

By Linda Megathlin

The Rev. C. Dexter Wise 3rd, pastor of the largest black church in Providence Rhode Island, who became known for his community activism, said he will resign Feb. 5 to become pastor of a Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio with over 1,300 members.

Rev. Wise said he is leaving the 98-year-old Ebenezer Baptist Church because "I want to go to a place where people don't have to be convinced that the church is a viable institution."

While the Ebenezer Baptist Church is one of seven black Baptist churches in Rhode Island, the Shiloh Baptist Church to which he is going is one of 46 in the city of Columbus, according to Rev. Wise. That situation creates "a certain climate," he said, "where church is much more important in the lives of the entire community."

Although he said he had mixed feelings about his decision to leave his church and Rhode Island's minority community, Rev. Wise said he had reached a plateau in terms of what he could accomplish there and felt it would take a major amount of energy to continue to make progress.

"If I stayed, I would not grow. The congregation would grow, but I would not grow," he said.

His congregation, Rev. Wise said, learned of his decision to resign during a service Nov. 15. He said the church will be looking for a replacement.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Harvard Divinity School, Rev. Wise became pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in September 1977, at the age of 23.

During his tenure, church membership grew from 538 members to as many as 1,200 members. The present membership is currently between 900 and 1,000 according to Rev. Wise. He also helped establish the only black newspaper in Providence, The Ebenezer Grapevine, a monthly publication filled with news about the church, world and community problems and stories of black heritage.

He also at one time had four weekly radio broadcasts and wrote and produced several television specials. He now delivers three weekly radio messages.

Over the years, he has emphasized what he calls an "outreach ministry," bringing church services to people in parking lots and playgrounds and revitalized church affiliated clubs, auxiliaries and choirs.

Rev. Wise also became known over the years as a spokesman for blacks and other minorities in Rhode Island as he became involved in housing issues, the black protest of a three month prison sentence

When he assumes his post in Columbus in the third week in February, he will succeed the Rev. Dr. James W. Parrish, who is retiring after 35 years at the Shiloh Baptist Church. He will be the 12th pastor at the church in its 112 year history.

Although he also originally planned to spend more time in Rhode Island, Rev. Wise said the state's small minority population made it difficult to get things done.

"You get to a point where you are no longer making trends, but you are bringing trends back to people. I think change can be made here, but it is a very slow process," he said.

Eighteen percent of the population in Columbus is black, Rev. Wise said, compared to about 10 percent in Providence. It is also a much larger city than Providence with about a half-million residents.

CENTRAL BAPTIST MEMBER —The Rev. Dexter Wise 3rd, is a member of Central Baptist Church, where the Rev. Montague Brackett is pastor. Rev. Wise, 27, is leaving Providence Rhode Island to become pastor of a church in Columbus, Ohio. Rev. Wise formerly lived in West Baltimore before attending Harvard Divinity School.

Editor's Note:

Rev. Wise formerly lived in Baltimore and attend the city public schools. He is the son of C. Dexter Wise Jr., and the Rev. Mrs. Virginia Wise, pastor of New Rose of Sharon Church. He preached his trial sermon at Central Baptist Church, where the Rev. Montague Brackett is pastor and he is a member. Linda Magathlin is a reporter with the Journal Bulletin.

Metro Church Briefs

The King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Cumberland Street will observe their third anniversary on Jan. 29, 7:30 p.m. at the church.

James P. Thornton Jr., is director and advisor; Carter Robinson is musician and the Rev. William King is pastor.

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Members of First United Church and S and S Productions will present an evening of music with Jacqueline Saunders Johnson on Jan. 30, 7 p.m. at First United Church, 5150 Baltimore National Pike.

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The annual recital of the combined choirs of Ebenezer Baptist Church will be held on Sunday, Jan. 31, 5 p.m. at the Calvert Educational Center, 200 East North Ave.

Mrs. Myrna T. Powell is director; James D. Alston, organist; Michael Morris, pianist and the Rev. Clarence E. Poole is pastor.

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The women of Berean Baptist Church will sponsor a seminar on "Christ, The Family and The Church," Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Coppin State College. The Rev. John Lunn is pastor.

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The United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland Young Women's Alliance will sponsor a rally on Feb. 6, 1:45 p.m. at Berean Baptist Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave. The Rev. John Lunn is pastor.

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The winter meeting of the Church and Synagogue Librarians Fellowship of Baltimore will be held Feb. 10 at Our Savior Lutheran Church, The Alameda and 33rd St., at 9:30 a.m.

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Sunday School promotional weekend will be held Feb. 6 - 7 at

TRIAL SERMON — Michael S. Hendricks, 29, recently preached his trial sermon at New Shiloh Baptist Church, where the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter is pastor. Hendricks is a sales manager for North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and is a graduate of Morgan State University. He is the founder and president of Our Savior's Business, a non profit corporation.

RefugeWay of the Cross Church of Christ, East 43rd Street and Old York Rd., Bishop Monroe Sanders will be the speaker on Feb. 6, 6 p.m. Bishop H. C. Eggleston, pastor and presiding overseer of the Way of the Cross Churches, International will be the Feb. 7 speaker.

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The Renovation and Restoration committee of John Wesley United Methodist Church will celebrate its third anniversary during the month of February.

The Shiloh C. C. Church players will be presented in a play on Sunday, Feb. 14 at the church. Augustine Murray is program coordinator; Edward Alston is publicity chairperson, William D. Parrish is chairperson and the Rev. Calvin P. Crosson is minister.

Members of Israel Baptist Church, Preston and Chester Streets, have organized an outreach center, "Israel's Outreach Mission Center" to serve the needy in the city.

The center will be open Mondays and Fridays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesdays, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Rev. Harlie W. Wilson Jr., is pastor and Mattie Uzzle is chairperson.

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The Youth of the Maryland Church of God in Christ will have special services on January 30 and 31. David Bell is president and Bishop T. R. Young is pastor.

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The John Richard Bryant Study library will present a lecture series on various topics exploring religion and biblical research and study, begining Feb. February 1, 7:30 p.m. in the church library at 1300 Druid Hill Ave.

The lectures will be offered every Monday in February and the topic is "Disciplines of the Spirit." The Rev. Richard Phillips of Faith Deliverance Church is the speaker.

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The Senior Usher Board of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, Eutaw Place and Dolphin St., will present Mrs. Betty L. Johnson in recital on Feb. 14 at the church at 5 p.m.

Mrs. Johnson is president of Church Women United of Greater Baltimore and former president of the United Missionary Baptist Convention and parliamentarian of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention. Josephine Morton is group leader and the Rev. William W. Payne is minister.

The Sanctuary Choir of Shiloh Christian Community Church will sponsor a play on Feb. 20 at St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street. The Rev. James H. Smith is pastor.

Berean Baptist sponsors a women's seminar

The women of Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., where the Rev. John Lunn is pastor will sponsor a seminar on Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Coppin State College auditorium.

The purpose of the seminar is to create a forum for Christian women of Baltimore to air their views, explore solutions to their common concerns in the light of biblical principles.

A spokesman for the church said women who are concerned about strengthening their relationships with Christ, their family and the church are invited to attend.

There will be lunch and continental breakfast served and a scholarship is available.

Joy and Devotion to sing at St. Mark

Joy and Devotion is a musical ministry who shares the love of Jesus through songs and testimony. They are a group of singers and technicians who believe that Jesus can still change lives of the lost and the saved.

If you have never heard the group sing and are interested in attending one of their concerts, they will be singing Feb. 22, 8 p.m. at New Saint Mark Baptist Church, 3905 Springdale Ave.

Members of the group are Beverly Douglass, Celestyne Grace, Joanne Talley, Karen Paige, Ruby McLendon, Debbie Southern, Wayne Barnes, Kenneth Reddick, Bob Gaines, John Lewis and Perry Wainwright.

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