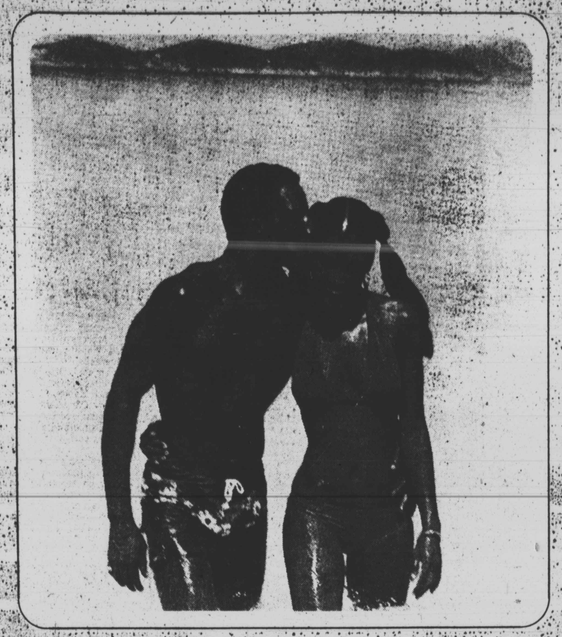

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THE LIVING CHURCH

Installation services held for Rev. Antoinette Phillips

There was standing room only Feb. 14 at New Bethel Christian Community Church, 3900 Dorchester Rd., where friends, relatives and church members of the Rev. Antoinette Phillips were attending installation services.

Rev. Phillips, 51-year-old former associate minister of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church on Park Heights Ave., is now the assistant pastor of New Bethel Church. The Rev. Earl E. Tucker is the pastor.

Rev. Phillips, who is the founder of the We Need Prayer Headquarters and the annual prayer in the park services says, "It is a good feeling God chose me. I just feel I am a needed force."

The Rev. Theodore C. Jackson Jr., pastor of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church said, "Rev. Phillips has been an ardent worker at Gillis and is exemplary of Christian discipleship.

"She has served in almost every capacity at this church. She organized the first youth choir and held the first Youth Day services at Gillis.

(AFRO Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

NEW BETHEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH — The Rev. Earl E. Tucker (left), pastor of New Bethel Christian Community Church, 3900 Dorchester Rd., is shown with the Rev. Mrs. Antoinette Phillips, assistant pastor of the church. Installation services foc Rev. Phillips were held Feb. 14 at the church.

Rev. Philips is also a poet, composer and song writer. She can be heard every Sunday morning on Gospel Grace on WEAA. She has received numerous awards for her community service and is known to always find time to volunteer at nursing homes.

As assistant minister of New Bethel, Rev. Phillips said, "I plan to broaden my ministry in the community and my work will never be completed."

She is a graduate of Virginia Seminary and a candidate for a master of divinity degree. Rev. Phillips is the mother of four children and six grandchildren.

She was formerly employed as a deputy court clerk in Superior Court. The doors of We Need Prayer Headquarters, 912 N. Gilmor St., are open 24 hours a day.

Rev. Phillips says people call her daily for prayer over the phone or come to her home for prayer. Rev. Tucker described Rev. Phillips as a "dedicated church worker."

Lenten services held at Providence Baptist Church

Lent is a religious season observed by Christian churches. It began on Ash Wednesday, 40 days before Easter and ends on Easter Sunday.

The term Lent comes from the old English word lencten, which means spring time. Lenten services will be held every Wednesday, 12:05 p.m. to 1 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, Lafayette and Pennsylvania Avenue.

The services are being sponsored by a group of local ministers. The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church was the speaker on Feb. 24.

Other ministers who will be preaching at the Lenten services are the Reverends John W. Coleman, William W. Payne, Lyman Farnham, Vernon Dobson, Marcus Wood and Yusef Ahmed. Worship leaders will be the Reverends David Malone, Ipon Lockman, Marion Bascomb, William Calhoun, Phobe Coe and Lorenzo Handy.

Many Christians observe Lent by fasting, performing penance, giving alms and abstaining from amusements.

The season originated as one of the spiritual preparation for Easter in remembrance of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

It also symbolized the mourning of the church, the bride, for the departure of Christ, the bridegroom.

GUEST SPEAKER — The Rev. Charles Booth, (right) pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio was the guest speaker for the Christian Family Outreach Banquet on Feb. 12. Rev. Booth is shown with Pat Kelly, who presided at the banquet.

Creationism theory hits legal road block

By John W. Frece

A proposed law that would have required "creation-science" to be taught in Maryland public schools along with the theory of evolution is unconstitutional, attorney General Stephen Sachs ruled this week.

Sachs said the price Americans must pay for religious freedom is "religious neutrality" on the part of the government.

In an opinion issued just two days before a hearing is to be held on the creationism bill introduced by Del. Patrick Scannelo, D-Anne Arundel, Sachs said the proposal fails three tests applied by the U.S. Supreme Court involving the first amendment's guarantee of religious freedom.

"The lack of scientific authority and the inherent religious nature of 'creation-science' has led us to conclude that requiring its teaching in the public schools would not have the effect of advancing religion, but would promote one religious belief over and over," Sachs said.

"One might also ask: How could we justify mandating the teaching of 'creation science' in our public schools and not, for example, also mandate the counterpart teachings of traditions such as hinduism, confusicanism and Islam," Sachs said.

In a nation of diverse and frequently conflicting religious faiths, Sachs said, "We can better understand that the bond that unites us all is our agreement that government should be neutral in matters of religion. The price of religious liberty, in short, is official neutrality."

"Creation-science" is essentially the biblical version of the earth's creation, although Scannello attempted to remove the religious overtones by drafting the legislation to refer only to the scientific findings regarding the creation theory.

After Scannello, a Glen Burnie liquor store owner, introduced the bill, the state board of education immediately took a formal stand against it. Other legislators threatened to amend it to require that theories of creation from other religions also be taught.

A similar attempt by legislators in Arkansas was ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge in January and Sachs said his opinion was based in part on that ruling.

Scannello's bill, he said, "is substantially based upon and, in several aspects, virtually identical with" the Arkansas statute.

The preamble to the Scannello bill said it was designed "to guarantee academic freedom," but the attorney general said, "such lofty disclaimers cannot wish away what to us is the plain fact that religious conviction is the preeminent purpose."

Sachs also said the bill's attempt to mandate equal time for the teaching of both evolution and creation science, and the requirement of a "reasonably unbiased presentation" could thrust government into the sacrosanct area of religious freedom.

"Such legislation involves an enormous potential for government entanglement with religion and could force school authorities into conflicts among religious groups, with the school house as the field of battle," Sachs said.

THE CLARK CHORALIERS, is a new choir and will be singing Sunday, Feb. 28 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 1121 W. Lanvale St. at 4 p.m. Members shown from left are Melvina McClain, Doris Gaither, Dorothy Bryson, Lantha R. Clark, director; Esse Gould, Loraine Clark, Maxine Hardy. Second row from left, Ida M. Smith, Lonna Clark, JoEllen Lofton, Members shown on the third row are Frank Carr, Johnnie Poole, Cearney Smith, Ernest Clark Jr., Irvin Blackwell, Sammie Alston, Ernest Clark Sr., Raymond Hicks. Other members not shown are Danielle Tunstall, Cornelia L. Smith, Thelma Simms, Ronald Franklin and E. Blackwell.

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Bennett College Choir will sing at Calvary Baptist Church

Members of the Bennett College Choir will be singing at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., on March 6, 6 p.m. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

The 45 voice women's choir from Greensboro, N. C. is being sponsored by the Inspirational Ensemble of Calvary Baptist Church.

Few touring college choirs have the extensive repertoire of the Bennett College Choir. The choir is directed by Dr. Charlotte Alston and performs sacred, gospel and secular music of contemporary American composers as well as that of the classic masters. Magnificent voices combine for a variety of musical offerings for all age groups.

The choir has performed throughout the eastern and midwestern United States. Having gained the reputation of being one of the outstanding female choirs, the group is in constant demand by churches, social and civic groups in the North Carolina and Virginia areas.

Past performances include participation in the combined Greensboro Collegiate Chorus with the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra.

In its 57 year history, the choir has developed a repertoire of music written especially for the group. This includes compositions written and arranged for vefale voices by R. Nathaniel Dett who served as director of the choir.

Dr. Undine Moore wrote two songs for the choir in 1977. The director of the choir, Dr. Alston wrote an original piece, "In Him We Move and Have Our Being," which was presented by the choir during Bennett's 104th anniversary.

Dr. Alston received her master's degree from the University of North Carolina in music theory and composition and her Ph.D. in music theory from the University of Iowa.

Metro Church Briefs

The Rev. Marcus G. Woods, pastor of Providence Baptist Church and members will be worshipping with the Pastor's Aide Society of Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.

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The women of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 1801 Preston St., will sponsor a smorgasbord prayer fellowship on Feb. 26, 6 p.m. at the church as part of their Women's Day celebration. The Rev. Clifford M. Johnson is pastor.

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The Male Chorus of Little Ark Baptist Church, 1263 E. North Ave., will be presented in a recital at their church on Sunday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. The Rev. Matthew Marcus is pastor.

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The Social Action Committee of St. Mary's Seminary and University, 5400 Roland Ave., will sponsor a lenten series of evening prayers and presentations highlighting three Baltimore community organizations Feb. 28 through March 28 in the second floor chapel at St. Mary's.

Brenden Walsh will be the Feb. 28, 7 p.m. speaker.

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Members of Berean Baptist Church will celebrate their 65th anniversary March 7-14 at 5200 Denmore Ave. The Rev. John A. Lunn is pastor.

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The Rev. George Henry, pastor of New Union Baptist Church will be the speaker on Sunday, 4 p.m. at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor.

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The women of Union Memorial United Methodist Church, Harlem and Warwick Ave., will present The All Saints Singer in concert on March 14, 5 p.m. at the church. Mrs. Ellen C. Johns and Ms. Michele Fantt are co-chairpersons.

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The Grace Improvement Organization of Grace AME Church, 67 Winter Lane in Catonsville will sponsor its ninth a.m. prayer breakfast speaker on Saturday. The Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Jones, presiding elder of the Baltimore district of the AME Church will be the Feb. 28, 11 a.m. speaker. At 3 p.m. the Woodlawn Senior High School gospel choir will be in concert. Thomas R. Jones Sr., is president and the Rev. Reginald Boston is pastor.

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Nurses Day will be observed at the Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd., on Feb. 28, 4 p.m. The Rev. Douglas Miles, pastor of Brown Memorial Baptist Church is the speaker. Mrs. Jeraldine Jones is president and the Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

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Providence Baptist Young Adult Choir will be presented in a recital on March 7, 3 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 2001 Chase St.

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The four soloists of Grace United Methodist Church, Charles Street and Belvedere will be presented in a vocal concert on March 7, 7:30 p.m. at the church.

CONCERT — The Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert Series, Inc., will present Ben Holt, baritone in recital on Sunday, Feb. 28, 4 p.m. at the Church of St. Katherine, Division and Presstman Streets. The Rev. Peter Bramble is pastor.