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THE LIVING CHURCH

Educator seeks religious training for students

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Religious Editor

"Children with no knowledge of Christ are destined for destruction. We must meet their spiritual needs as well as other needs. Violence, vandalism, crime and disruptive behavior are ruining our educational programs."

Those were the words of Mrs. Fannie B. Poulson, a retired public school guidance counselor. Mrs. Poulson, who was employed with the city school system for 36 years, said after working with students, "There is a strong need for Christian education, especially since students are not allowed to have prayer in school."

As a concerned Christian and community worker, Mrs. Poulson and several other citizens are planning Christian rallies for 125,000 public school students.

"The rallies will expose students to a spiritual atmosphere of music, prayer, Bible reading and an invitation to accept Christ," said Mrs. Poulson.

Mrs. Poulson says that thousands of students receive very little religious training in their homes and do not attend church. The first rally was held Wednesday at First Apostolic Church on Caroline Street near Dunbar High School.

Two rallies are scheduled for March 31, 12:30 at First Apostolice Church and Heritage United Church of Christ, Liberty Heights and Dennlyn Road. All students are invited to attend.

Mrs. Poulson has met with members of the school board, ministers and community leaders. She said, "The expected outcome of the Christian education rallies is for students to improve their behavior and be motivated to become more actively involved in the Christian Community." The rallies will be held at churches located near junior and senior high schools.

Mrs. Poulson is an active member of Macedonia Baptist Church and was a guidance department supervisor at Forest Park High School when she retired last month. She is a former junior and senior high school teacher.

According to Mrs. Poulson, public schools are restricted from including any religious activities during the school day, because of the separation between church and state.

Mrs. Fannie B. Poulson

"However, the church is weaker in both areas than it should be, and individual believers are reluctant to do mission work while being afraid of evangelism. The general challenge to leadership is that the church be sent forth into the harvest by exciting, stimulating, and directing individual believers in both mission and evangelism."

Prayer conference March 6

The Prayer Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland will sponsor a prayer conference on March 6, at the Church of the Redeemer, 5603 Charles St.

The Rev. Paul F. Everett, executive director of the Pittsburgh Experiment and Guideposts will be the speaker. Communion will be served at 10 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:15. Workshops are also scheduled from 12:15 to 2:25 p.m.

Volunteers in Christian Evangelism meet at Sharp Street Church March 6

The first meeting of Volunteers in Christian Evangelism (VICE), will be held Saturday, March 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, 502 Dolphin Street.

The Rev. Douglas B. Sands, founder of VICE and pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church in Pimlico, said, "If you care about helping the poor, needy and the handicapped, you will not want to miss the meeting.

"Many people are out of touch with the church. They represent a reserve of resources for mission work. VICE provides the opportunity for believers to witness to such persons as they are involved in tasks for the church," said Rev. Sands.

VICE recruits church members with several features calculated to overcome obstacles which hinder mission and evangelism. Members of VICE volunteer one hour of their time to do evangelistic work, help the needy or any type of volunteer work that might help another citizen.

The objectives of VICE is to spread the gospel message, increase people power in the church's mission and to raise level of awareness of the church's mission.

There is no age limit for VICE members. According to Rev. Sands, everyone can donate an hour of their time to help the needy. VICE was organized at St. John's United Methodist Church in Pimlico in March 1981. Vice proposes that the requested assistance would be used to inform all United Methodist Churches of the VICE program and to involve all who want to participate.

Rev. Sands said that "Mission and evangelism are often treated separately as concerns of the church. Yet, they are inseparable as concepts and as functions of the Christian body.

"While missions connotes the notion of works, evangelism connotes the notion of faith. Both are necessary to the function of the church and to the life of each believer."

Metro Church Briefs

Members of the Bennett College Choir will be singing Sunday, March 6, 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd. The concert is being sponsored by the Inspirational Ensemble of Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor.

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The 15th anniversary of the Rev. William Brown, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 922 East Preston St., will be observed March 8-14 at the church.

Services will be held every night at 7:30 p.m. A banquet will be held at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St., on March 15.

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The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be the speaker at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive on March 7, 3 p.m. The Rev. Charles M. Franklin is pastor of Ray of Hope Baptist Church.

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The women of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will sponsor a trip to Englishtown, N. J. on April 5, at as part of their Women's Day activities. Mrs. G. Wheatly is chairman, Ms. S. Rheinheart is co-chairman and the Rev. Clifford M. Johnson is pastor.

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The Ratliff Gospel Singers will observe their anniversary March 7, 3:30 p.m. at Second Shiloh Christ Disciples Church, 4 N. Broadway. The Rev. R. Johnson is pastor.

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The Henry McKenzie Davis and Company will be singing March 21, 4 p.m. at Morning Start Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St. The Rev. Samuel Ray is pastor.

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Maryland Suburban Mass Choir will be in full concert on March 7, 4 p.m. at St. Bernardine's Church, 3812 Edmondson Ave. The Rev. Evora Robinson is director of the choir and the Rev. Edward Miller is pastor of St. Bernardine's Church.

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Waters AME Church, 417 Aisquith St., will have mortgage burning service on March 7, 2:30 p.m. Bishop John Hurst Adams, presiding bishop of the Second Episcopal District will be the speaker. The Rev. John W. Duckette is minister.

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The men of Mt. Zion AME Church will sponsor Men's Day service on March 6. James Myers is chairman and Roger Harris is co-chairman.

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Church Women United will sponsor World Day of Prayer services on March 5. Mrs. Betty Johnson is president.

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

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The Senior Ushers of Ezra Baptist Church, 5718 Bowleys Lane, will sponsor a shopping trip to Pennsylvania on March 20.

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The Rev. John R. Bryant will be the speaker at Greater St. John Baptist Church in Dundalk, Md., on March 5, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Lewis is pastor.

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The Four Soloists of Grace United Methodist Church, Charles Street at Belvedere will be in a concert on March 7, 7:30 p.m.

YAHYA B. A. MUHAMMAD is the new imam of Masjid As'Salaam. He has served as an administrator with the American Muslim Mission and formerly with the Nation of Islam for more than 20 years. Muhammad believes that the religious community must put aside its differences and work together. Muhammad said he will be working in Baltimore to strengthen families, eliminate juvenile delinquency and, work with parents, children and the school system.

BENNETT COLLEGE CHOIR will be singing Saturday, March 6, 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd. The concert is being sponsored by the Inspirational Ensemble of Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Lorenzo Graves is pastor of Calvary.

WORKING CITIZENS have been spending their lunch hour at Providence Baptist Church Lenten services on Wednesdays. The services are held from 12:05 to 1 p.m. and more than 400 people are seen at the services. The services are being sponsored by a group of local ministers. The Rev. William W. Payne, pastor of City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church will be the March 9 speaker. Providence Baptist is located at Lafayette and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion observes Women's Day

By Marjorie R. Green

"I considered it somewhat of a challenge," said Ms. Phyllis Scroggins, when she referred to her role as chairperson of the Women's Day celebration Feb. 28 at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street.

"It was a very successful day both spiritually and financially, she said, and very rewarding because during the months preceding Women's Day, I established some very meaningful relationships."

This was the first time Ms. Scroggins accepted the challenge to lead the annual Women's Day service since she joined the church in 1968.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Florence Sessoms and the late Rev. William H. Sessoms. She was formerly employed with the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. In June, 1968, she started working with the Social Security Administration and later became employed in September 1975 with the office of Disability Operations, where she is now working as a critical case claims examiner.

A dedicated church worker, Mrs. Scroggins serves as the president of the Zion Echoes Choir, treasurer for the Young Adult Choir and is a member of the church bowling league. She has also been a delegate for the annual church conference.

She is a student at Morgan State University. She presided at the Women's Day prayer breakfast. Speakers for Women's Day were the Rev. Miss Diane Gwynn and the Rev. Mrs. Cynthia Jones and Mrs. Myrna Powell. The Rev. Marshall Strickland is pastor.

Guests seen at the prayer breakfast were Mrs. Cecelia Washington, Mrs. Hughetia Whitaker, A. Bagley, Mrs. Phoebe Webster and Mrs. Julia Penny.

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Subscriptions for the FRED banquet sponsored by the United Baptist Missionary Convention are still available at Calvary Baptist, Faith, City Temple, Eastside and Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church. The banquet will be held 7 p.m. March 18 at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

The Baltimore branch of the NAACP will have its general membership meeting on March 9, 7 p.m. at Israel Baptist Church, 1220 Chester St.

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A panel discussion on Economic Development will be the topic. Among those participating in the panel discussion will be Leonard Blackshear, president, Associated Enterprise Development; Ms. Dorothy Brunson, president, WEBB Radio; Daniel Henson III, director Minority Business Development of Greater Baltimore; Raymond Haysbert, Terry Addison, of HUB Inc. and Douglass Sands, director of Maryland State Office of Minority Affairs.

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