The LIVING CHURCH

The Rev. Dr. Marcus Wood honored at banquet

400 at dinner for Provident Baptist Church pastor

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION — Roscoe Herring, an assistant to Mayor Schaefer presented the honoree Rev. Marcus Garvey' Wood with a certificate from Mayor Schaefer. The mayor proclaimed Dec. 11 as Marcus Gravey Wood Day in Baltimore.

More than 400 friends, members and relatives of the Rev. Dr. Marcus Wood attended a banquet recently in his honor at the Blue Crest North to pay tribute.

Rev. Wood was celebrating his 30th anniversary as pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Lafayette and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mrs. Gloria Redd and John Campbell presided and the invocation was given by Aaron Stansbury. Roscoe Herring, represented Mayor Schaefer and presented Rev. Wood with a proclamation.

A pictorial presentation of the life of Rev. Wood, his activities in civic, religious and educational and family life, was portrayed on a screen.

This had been compiled by Dr. Maxine Wood, Stansbury and Jacob Shorter. It was presented under the caption "A Tribute to a Man For All Seasons.

Musical selections were by Cynthia Bentley and Wanda Covington. Mrs. Edna O. Campbell, daughter of the founder of Providence Baptist Church introduced Rev. Wood.

Mrs. Bessie Wood, the first lady of Providence was introduced by Elizabeth Craig. Making presentations were Erika Hawkins and Alice Stubbs, Fatelle Harris, Frank Chase, Monica and Melissa Wood.

The family was represented by a cousin, Ann Marie Hewlett of Melrose Park, Pa., who presented Rev. Wood with a fountain and plaque, The Tree of Life, to be placed in the prayer tower of the church.

Rev. Wood a native of Gloucester, Va. was licensed to preach, by the Union Zion Church, Ware Neck, Va., when he was 18-years old. Three years later, he was ordained into the ministry by the same church.

He pastored the Wainwright Baptist Church in Charlestown, West, Va., and Zion Baptist Church in Johnstown, West Va., from 1945 until 1949 and the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Woodbury, N. J. from 1949 until 1952, when he was called to Providence Baptist Church..

He attended Morgan State College and earned his B. A. degree from Storer College in West Virginia.

He studied at Crozier Theological Seminary from 1948 to 1951 and earned the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

He is married to Bessie Pendleton of Charlestown, West Va., They have two children Jeanetta Wood Brown and Captain Marcus Granville Wood; four grandchildren, Kevin, Darryl Brown and Monica and Melissa Wood.

FIRST LADY — Alice Stubbs is shown presenting a gift to Mrs. Bessie Wood, wife of the Rev. Marcus G. Wood.

PROUD GRANDFATHER — The Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church is shown at a banquet in his honor with his two granddaugnters, Melissa and Monica Wood. They presented their grandfather with bronze prayer hands.

PARADE OF 30 CAKES — Members of Providence Baptist Church's Hospitality Committee proudly present cakes, one for each of Rev. Wood's 30 years as pastor, at the banquet. The members are right to left, Delores Fields, Rosalie James, Ethel Hudson, Iona Hutton, Thelma Cook, Bernice Rochester, Mary Rose, Gloria Wood and Juanita Tillery.

AN AFRICAN CHRISTMAS at St. James Episcopal Church — Carmen Pickens, the mother; Melanie Matthews, a child; Nicole Washington, commentator; Julie Adams, a child; Raymond Sias, the father; John McCargo, drummer; seated, John H. Murphy III, the Oba; and Camay Murphy.

An African Christmas

The St. James Episcopal Church Sunday School Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Around the World," included a skit, "Christmas in Africa," performed by the junior high class and their teacher.

The playlet depicted a small village in Nigeria, West Africa, where the Oba, played by teacher, John H. Murphy, III, visited the home of Tunde, played by Raymond Sias and his family, to bestowe gifts to the most productive and hard working family in the village.

The visit of the Oba ended with African singing and dancing in celebration of the birth of the Baby Jesus.

Metro Church Briefs

The Ry of Hope Baptist Church invites you to come and reflect on God's blessings through the year during their Watch Night Service on Friday, Dec. 31. Services will begin at 10:30 p.m. in the Church which is located at 3000 Parkside Drive, (Harford Road and Parkside Drive), Dr. Charles M. Franklin, Pastor.

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The Daniel Payne Scholarship Committee of Bethel A.M.E. Church will present its Second Annual Talent Show in the spring of 1983.

The Committee is in search of persons, ages 6-20, with talent in music (instrumental and vocal), dance (individual and group) and oratory.

For additional information, call 523-4273 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, or write Vivian Ferguson, P. O. Box 27309, Baltimore, MD. 21216.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 8.

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An appreciation Banquet for Rev. Mrs. Ida Williams Torsell will be given at Grace A.M.E. Church on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m.

The Church is located at 67 ½ Winters Lane, Catonsville, Md.

For further information call Estelle Bacon at 747 - 4675 or Rev. Reginald Boston at 744 - 4775.

The Ray of Hope Baptist Church will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a week of services beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 3 — Rev. George Crawley, Pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, choirs and congregation.

Tuesday, Jan. 4 — Rev. Arthur Jones, Pastor of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, choirs and congregation.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 — Rev. Robert Farrow, Pastor of Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, choirs and congregation.

Thursday, Jan. 6 — Rev. Mark Riddick, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, choirs and congregation.

Friday, Jan. 7 — Rev. Clifford M. Johnson, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, choirs and congregation.

On Sunday, January 9 at 4 p.m., Rev. John Pettiford, Pastor will speak at Greater Harvest Baptist Church.

Jubilee Day - The celebration of the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation will be Sunday, Jan 2 at 2:30 p.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

The guest speaker is Dr. James Cheek, president of Howard University.

Under the theme, "Lest We Forget...," Community Groups and leaders from all walks of life will gather in observance of Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation to free the slaves (January 1863) and to reaffirm support for the N.A.A.P., America's oldest civil rights organization.

Jubilee Day is being planned by a broad base representation of religious, civic, education and business groups.

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 728-8300 Monday through Friday afternoon.

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Send me a copy of your church bulletin and newspaper.

Area Obituaries

Rufus James, bank employee, dies

Funeral services for Rufus James were Thursday, Dec. 23, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was the next day at Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. James died Monday, Dec. 20, at Church Hospital. He was 51.

A native of Camden, S.C., Mr. James was the son of Simon James and Mitti Jo-Anna Drakeford James and was born Jan. 5, 1931.

He moved to Baltimore as a child with his family and attended the city's public schools.

On Aug. 4, 1955, Mr. James married the former Dervie Ann Bynum. The couple had two children.

He attended The Second Baptist Church.

As a young man, Mr. James worked at the University of Maryland Hospital. At the time of his death, he was on long-term disability employment from the Maryland National Bank, where he had worked 20 years before his health failed.

Among Mr. James' survivors are his wife; children, Rufie Retness and Kurt Fitzgerald James; a step-daughter, Katrina Bynum of Lane, S.C.; a sister, Ethel Gipson, of Skysville.

He also is survived by four brothers, George and Luke James, both of Baltimore, Simon James, of Philadelphia, and Joseph James, of Florida.

Hallie English

Funeral services for Hallie English were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church. Burial was at Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mr. English died Friday, Dec. 17. He was 45.

Mr. English was the son of Hallie English Sr. and Fannie Williams and was born Sept. 3, 1937 in Sumter, S.C.

He attended Baltimore city public schools. Mr. English served in the U.S. Army five years and nine months.

After leaving the service, he worked at the Al Rubin Supermarket.

Among his survivors are his wife, Estelle English; a son, Antonio English; three sisters, Shirley Watson, Geraldine Heggins and Arlene Carter; seven brothers, Tillman, Henry, George, Bernie, and James English, Hezekiah and Mordecai Williams; his mother and two grandchildren.

Willis M. Hooker, 83 was an Elk

Funeral services for Willis Mayshek Hooker were Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Payne Memorial AME Church. Burial was at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Hooker died Friday Dec. 17, after a lengthy illness. He was about 83.

A native of Kingston, N.C., he was one of six children born to Willis and Roseanna Hooker. After attending school in his hometown, Mr. Hooker moved to Maryland.

His first job was as an aide to disabled veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Perrysville. Mr. Hooker taught himself to cook and later was transferred to the Food Service Department of the hospital.

His thirst for knowledge led him to enrolling in evening classes at Douglass High School. During the day, Mr. Hooker worked as an insurance agent for Mutual Benefit Insurance Co.

Mr. Hooker also worked for a time as a general aide to two doctors in a small East Baltimore clinic. His major assignment was driving the clinic's emergency car.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Hooker worked for the Robert Garrett family, of Charles St. and later for their son, Harrison Garrett. He retired in 1977.

Mr. Hooker's hobbies included flower and vegetable gardening, ballroom dancing, bridge and people. He was a member of the Monumental Elks Lodge.

For many years, he was a member of Douglass Memorial Church. He later joined Payne Memorial Church where he was a class leader and a member for more than 18 years.

Mr. Hooker was married to Mary Hooker.

He is survived by his second wife, Lelar Grace Pinkney Hooker; a sister, Elizabeth Hooker, of Kingston and a stepdaughter, Mary Wheeler Chapman.

Hoover Goodman Sr., Bethlehem Steel worker

Funeral services for Hoover Goodman Sr. were Thursday, Dec. 23, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Western Star Cemetery.

Mr. Goodman died Sunday, Dec. 19. He was about 54.

A native of Greenwood, S. C., he was the son of Timothy and Ida Goodman.

He married the former Emma Mae Byrd on July 3, 1948. The couple moved to Baltimore a year after their marriage.

Mr. Goodman worked for Bethlehem Steel for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife; six children, Dorothy Locus, Phyllis Goodman, Valerie Goodman, Kathie Goodman, Roslyn Hall, Hoover Goodman Jr three sisters, Beatrice Hill, Fannie Greene, and Grady Butler.

Mr. Goodman also is survived by three brothers, Timothy Goodman, Theodore Goodman and Lester Goodman; and six grandchildren.

William D. Brown, was a truck driver

Funeral services for William D. Brown were Thursday, Dec. 23, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was Monday, Dec. 27, at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Crownsville.

Mr. Brown was born Dec. 29, 1921 in Waterbury, Md. He was the only son of Isaac Brown and Rachel Parrott.

He married Irene Brown in 1943 and the couple had two children.

A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Brown was honorably discharged from the service in 1945. He was a truck driver for 30 years and retired on disability in 1987.

For several years after his retirement, he participated in many community activities and received several citations for his contributions.

Among Mr. Brown's survivors are his wife; father, a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Sanders; a son, Merris Brown; sister, Genevieve Gross; stepmother, Mrs. Sloane Brown; four grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Theodore R. Farrell, World War II veteran

Funeral services for Theodore Roosevelt Farrell were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at St. Paul Baptist Church. Burial was the next day at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville.

Mr. Farrell died Saturday, Dec. 18. He was 65.

Mr. Farrell was born Aug. 29, 1917 in Dover, M.C. and was the son of William and Emma Farrell.

He received his early education in Mt. Olive, N.C. and graduated from the A&T College in Greensboro, N.C. After his college education, he moved to Baltimore to find work.

Mr. Farrell entered the U.S. Army in 1941. He was honorably discharged in October, 1945.

In 1943, he married the former Maggie Lee Campbell.

Mr. Farrell worked for the U.S. Postal Service for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1976.

He was a member of the St. Paul Baptist Church.

Among his survivors are his wife, a brother, the Rev. Levi Farrell, of Baltimore; two sisters, Pearlie Mae Lee, of North Carolina and Odessa George, of Boston.

Luther Nixon, 58, dies

Funeral services for Luther Nixon were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Nixon died Saturday, Dec. 18. He was 58.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Mr. Nixon was born May 18, 1924. He was the son of Richard and Victoria Nixon.

He lived in Charlotte until the age of 28, when he entered the service. Mr. Nixon was discharged on July 22, 1919.

After the World War I, Mr. Nixon moved to Pottstown, Pa. Several years afterwards, he moved to Baltimore.

He joined the Upper Room in July, 1979 and formerly was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Mt. Holly, N.C.

Mr. Nixon is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bernice Hammond; three sisters, Mildred Smyres, Olive Broom and Carry Broom; a brother, Percy Nixon; six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Inez Lewis

Funeral services for Inez Lewis were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was the next day at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis was the daughter of Lucinda Brooks and Luther Phelps and was born Sept. 9, 1927 in O'Connee County, Farmington, Ga.

Mrs. Lewis attended school in Bishop, Ga. After she moved to Baltimore, she married Alfonso Lewis on Nov. 26, 1946. The couple had three children.

Mrs. Virginia Miles

Funeral services for Virginia Miles were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Grace Memorial Baptist Church. Burial was at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Mrs. Miles died Saturday, Dec. 18, at home after a lengthy illness. She was 49.

The daughter of Charles and Dorothy Jackson, Mrs. Miles was born Feb. 20, 1933. She was educated in the Baltimore City public schools.

Known as "Little Girl," Mrs. Miles was a warm person who was a devoted wife and loving mother.

She is survived by her husband, George A. Miles; three sons, Tony A., George and Eric; three daughters, Elaine, Cora and Virginia; four brothers, Raymond, Calvin, Roland and Melvin.

Plez Hudson

Funeral services for Plez Hudson were Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Maryland Church of God in Christ. Burial was the following day at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

Mr. Hudson died Sunday, Dec. 19, at University Hospital. He was 80.

A native of White Spring, Fla., he was the son of Annie Dorsey Hudson and Thomas Hudson and was born Feb. 26, 1902.

Mr. Hudson received his education at Hampton County High School in White Spring.

He married the former Ruth Boyd on Nov. 24, 1925 in Ocala, Fla. The couple had three children.

The Hudsons moved to Norfolk, Va. in 1941. Two years later they moved to Baltimore, where they joined the Ebenezer Church of God in Christ in Fairfield.

In 1956, at Bishop Deswell Cathedral, Mr. Hudson was ordained into the ministry. Three years later, he opened his own church.

Among his survivors are his wife; a son, Thomas E. Hudson; a daughter, Barbara Ann Hudson.

Leon Thompson

Funeral services for Leon N. Thompson Sr. were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the Union Baptist Church. Burial was the following day at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Thompson died Sunday, Dec. 19 at the age of 42.

The son of Edna Chase and Herbert Thompson, he was born in Baltimore on Dec. 7, 1938 and attended the city's public schools.

After completing his formal education, Mr. Thompson met Charlotte Mae Johnson, who now is deceased. The couple married on April 11, 1959 and later had a child, Leon Nathaniel Jr.

Mr. Thompson worked for the City of Baltimore for several years. He was a member of Sharon Baptist Church and later attended Union Baptist Church.

Among his survivors are his son, mother, and father.

Sylvester 'Yogi' Jones Sr.

Funeral services for Sylvester "Yogi" Jones Jr. were Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Bethel AME Church. Burial was at Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died Sunday, Dec. 26, at his home after a lengthy illness.

He was married to the former Sharon Williams.

Among his survivors are his wife, mother, Doris Carenezie, of New Haven, Conn.; five children, Aaron Williams, Paynell Lucker, Denise, Frederick and Jelaine Jones.

Elder Sister Queen Davis, church builder, dies

Funeral services for Elder Sister Queen Davis were Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Old Prince Chapel Holiness Church in Loris, S.C. Burial was at Flag Patch Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis died Friday, Dec. 17 at Bon Secours Hospital. She was about 83.

The daughter of Silas and Susan Hayes, Mrs. Davis was born in Charleston, S.C. She attended the state's public schools and at an early age was converted as a missionary.

Mrs. Davis later moved to Lynchburg, S.C. She met and married Henry Davis and the couple had 12 children.

In 1945, the family moved to Loris. There Mrs. Davis joined the House of God Holiness Church. She was ordained Elder and helped build three churches.

Mrs. Davis was pastor of Old Prince Holiness Church until her health failed. She moved to Baltimore in 1980 and joined the All Saints Baptist Church as a Watch Care member.

Among her survivors are two daughters, Elizabeth Bennett and Susan Bease, of Baltimore; four sons, Robert Lee Davis, of Barto, Fla, Roosevelt Davis, of New Haven, Conn., 1st Sgt. Wilbert L. Davis, of Germany and Edgar C. Davis, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Davis also is survived by a brother, the Rev. E. C. Robinson, of New York; 35 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Robert H. Ragin

Funeral services for Robert H. Ragin were Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was the following day at King Memorial Park.

Mr. Ragin died Friday, Dec. 18, at the Seton Manor Nursing Home. He was 60.

A native of Summerton, S.C., he was born May 7, 1922 and was the son of Ludie and Amanda Ragin. Mr. Ragin was educated in the public schools of South Carolina. He attended Scott Branch High School.

At an early age, he married the former Louise Jones, who now is deceased. The couple had a son, Robert Jr.

Mr. Ragin married his second wife, Netter, in 1949.

Among his survivors are his wife; a son; 11 sisters, Lillie McKnight, of Summerton, Rose Lee Lambright, Rachel Washington and Grace Bennett, all of New York, Hattie Powell, Minnie Smith, Mamie Carter, Mattie Green, Esther Berry, Janie Hall, and Mary Moson, all of Baltimore.

Mr. Ragin also is survived by two adopted sisters, Mary Lucus and Pearl James; five grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Remember Jubilee Day 1983

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Wayland Baptist Church
3200 Garrison Blvd.
Pastor Darneal Johnson & Family

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 31, 1982
Watch Night Service

SUNDAY,
JANUARY 2, 1983

Rev. Darneal Johnson

9:30 A.M. — Sunday School
10:45 A.M. — Morning Worship Sermon by the Pastor
Church-wide Communion & Installation of Officers

WEEK OF PRAYER
JANUARY 8, 1983
9:00 A.M. — Prayer Breakfast
Speaker, Rev. Ford of Fountain Baptist Ch.
ALL ARE WELCOME
REV. DARNEAL JOHNSON, Pastor

ST. JAMES
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lafayette Square,
Arlington & Lafayette Aves.
The Reverend Donald O. Wilson, Rector
Dr. Robert T. Ford, Deacon
Maurice Murphy, organist — Choirmaster
8 A.M. — Holy Communion
9 A.M. — Holy Eucharist
Church School
11:00 A.M. — Holy Eucharist
The Public Is Cordially Invited To Attend

CLERGY ON CALL
HOLIDAY PRAYERS for your:
Home, Babies, Apartment
also
Weddings Performed
Call: 578-1200
Daily until Jan. 1, 1983
7-10 A.M. - 7-9 P.M.

Friday, December 31, 1982
Season's Greetings
From

Elder C. Green
and his
Congregation of
The Christian Community
Church of God
BALTIMORE ST. & FRANKLINTOWN ROAD
Watch Meeting Night Service
at
9 P.M.
Music will be rendered by:
The Radio Choir
SERMON BY THE PASTOR
ELDER C. GREEN
Pray The Old Year Out
and
The New Year In

"Wise Men Still Seek Him" Jesus Christ
Happy New Year
From The
CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH FAMILY
Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves and Family
2011 Garrison Boulevard
FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 31, 1982
10:30 P.M.
Watch Meeting Service
Sermon by the Pastor
Subject:
"Which Way Are
You Going"
Music by the Choirs

REV. LORENZO GRAVES
Sunday, January 2, 1983
9:30 A.M.
Bible School
11:00 A.M.
Morning Worship Sermon
By the Pastor
"Christ Makes The Difference"
ALL ARE WELCOME

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL
COMMUNITY
CHURCH
"The People of the Way"
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom,
Minister
Jerman S. Hammond, M. Mus.
Juanita Hall Davis,
Organist

Sunday, January 2, 1983
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Marion Curtis Bascom
preaching
Watch Night Service
Friday, December 31, 1982
11:00 p.m.

8:00 — Praise the Name of the Lord
— P. Ivanoff
11:00 — Beautiful Savior
— F. Melius Christiansen
In Thee, O Lord — Haydn
Ain'a That Good News! — Dawson