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Metro church briefs

Bethel A.M.E.

Myrna Summers and the Refreshing Springs Choir will be at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lanvale St. and Druid Hill Ave., on Fri., Dec. 9 at 7:3 p.m. Other local choirs are scheduled to appear on the program including Charles Watson and company and the Recording King Choral Ensemble.

New Psalmist Baptist

A Single's Fellowship at New Psalmist Baptist Church, Franklin an Cathedral Sts., will be held on Dec. 9 at 7: p.m. The theme for the occasion will be "Singles on a Christian Walk." Dr. Walter Thomas is the pastor of the church.

Ray of Hope Baptist

The Missionary Society of Ray of Hope Baptist Church will present a musical extravaganza on Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Charles M. Franklin is the pastor of the church.

Coppin State College

"Love's Gift," a musical play featuring the best in local gospel talent will be held on Sat., Dec. 10 at 8: p.m. at Coppin State College, 2500 W. North Ave., in the James Weldon Johnson Auditorium. The $7 event will star Julia Mae Price Williams, Katie Jackson and Ronald Huff.

Huber Memorial United Church of Christ

Huber Memorial United Church of Christ, 29th St. at the Alameda, will be having a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 10 at 11: a.m. until 6: p.m. Events include movies, Kiddie Corner, crafts, dinners and more.

Christ United Methodist

Langston Hughes' play "Black Nativity" performed by the New Gospel Arts Coalition of Wilmington, De. will be presented Dec. 10 at 5: p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 2001 E. Chase St. Tickets are $5. For further info. call 732-5600.

Sts. Stephen and James Lutheran

The women of Sts. Stephen and James Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hanover and Hamburg Sts., will have a Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 10 from 10-2: p.m.

Mt. Pisgah C.M.E.

Sun., Dec. 11 will be the First Anniversary of The Hyman Gospel Singers at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, Fulton and Riggs Ave., at 3:30 p.m Special guest, along with other local choirs, will be Katie Jackson. Some others expected are The Miller Specials, Stroman Singers, Phifer Family, Inspirational Singers and Penny Jones.

Simmons Memorial Baptist

The Reliable Gospel Singers will celebrate their 23 Anniversary on Dec. 11 with Rev. Allen McDaniel and The Emmanuel Temple Choral Ensemble of Bronx, N.Y. The anniversary will be held at Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., at 7:30 p.m. Rev. William King is the pastor of the church.

Gospel Tabernacle Baptist

The Voices of Tabernacle Choir of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave., will have their 10th Anniversary on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. Rev. Edgar L. Reid is the pastor.

Gloria Temple

Greater Penn Nursing Home

A Christmas concert for the patients of The Greater Penn Nursing Home, Pennsylvania Ave. and St. Mary's St., will be Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.

St. Edwards Catholic

A Christmas Bazaar and spaghetti dinner will be given at St. Edwards Catholic Church, 2848 W. LaFayette Ave., on Dec. 11. Father Maurice Blackwell is the pastor of the church.

Union Baptist

Directed by Mrs. Janice Forest will be "Handel's Messiah" at Union Baptist Church on Sun., Dec.18 at 6: p.m. Union is located 121 Druid Hill Ave. Rev. Vernon Dobson is the pastor of the church.

Grace United Methodist

A service of carols from many nations will be held on Sat., Dec. 17 at 4:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 5407 N. Charles St.

St. Joseph Freewill Baptist

The United Male Chorus will be in concert on Dec. 18 at 7: p.m. at the St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church, 1601 Rutland Ave. Bishop Austin Barnes is the pastor of the church.

Antioch Church of God

The Antioch Church of God and Bible School Apostolic will be honoring the pastor, Mother Alice Phillips, on Dec. 17 at 8: p.m. at the church, 5023 St. George's Ave.

Historical Society

The Choir of Men and Boys of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels will perform at the Maryland Historical Society on Sun., Dec. 18 at 2: p.m. Admission is $2. The Historical Society is located 201 W. Monument St.

New Shiloh Baptist

Deacons Conference of Baltimore of Vicinity will sponsor its annual revival on Jan. 2-6 at New Shiloh Baptist Church, Freemont and Lanvale St. For further info. call 435-1071.

Smithsonian Institute

At the Smithsonian Institution in D.C., the songs of gospel music composer Lucie E. Campbell (1885-1963) will be the focus of a three- part program of discussion and performance to be held Dec. 17 at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in the Carmichael Auditorium.

United Methodist Communications

A 30 minute film which celebrates the work of the United Methodist Church in today's society is being produced by United Methodist Communications as part of the church's bicentennial festivities to be released in April 1984.

Miss Christian Teen

The first Miss Christian Teen Pageant to be held in Maryland will be sponsored on March 11 at the Hyatt-Regency in Baltimore by Gloria Temple and Royale Modeling Studio.

Applications are being accepted now from young ladies between the ages of 14 and 18 who are interested in representing their churches in the pageant.

The winner will be crowned Miss Christian Teen 1984 who will receive a $1000 scholarship towards the college of her choice, a $200 wardrobe of her choosing and $300 to go to her church.

It is required that all participants be within the age range, a member of the church she represents, be or have been in a church auxillary club and be single.

Even though no auditions will be held, registrants must adhere to a strict deadline; that is, applications must be turned in by Jan. 28. A $150 entry fee is required of all entries which may come from churches, businesses or any legal source.

Miss Christian Teen will represent her church and Baltimore City at various local and national Christian events from concerts to conventions.

Participants will be judged on the bases of talent, appearance, and congeniality with trophies awarded to winners of each category.

Gloria Temple is the director and organizer of the event. For further information and applications, call 667-4905. Letters can be sent to 814 Cedar Ave., 21221 in Baltimore.

WAYE goes black gospel with 'The Pastor'

WAYE radio station is going black gospel. But that move will not be made without the talents of one of Baltimore's top gospel record spinners, Pastor Naomi Durant.

"It was inevitable. We had to get her," said Gig Henderson, general manager. "I would hate to be competing with her. She's very good."

Beginning Dec. 26, Pastor Durant will become the program director and music coordinator to WAYE as well as the D.J. for her own morning show from 6 until 10 a.m. WAYE is a locally-based downtown radio station which presently offers a broad range of Christian programs catering mostly to white audiences.

"Of course the complete change will take some time," said Henderson, "but we will gradually adopt more black programs whether they be in the form of musical selections, worship services or talk shows.

Pastor Durant is presently the gospel programmer of WEBB radio station where she has been the gospel D.J. for a number of years and has built up an estimated listening audience of over 30,000 compared to WAYE's estimated 10,000. She is also the host of WBAL-TV's "Gospel Variations."

She has become one of the city's most noticed gospel artists where she has done everything from hosting programs in her three-floored, 3,000 member church to emceeing national and local gospel programs.

A list of awards that seem endless will accompany Pastor Durant, as she makes her move to her new job. Among them will be the Best Gospel D.J. In American Award.

Upon the request of Pastor Durant, WAYE is considering relocating to a black community,

Naomi Durant

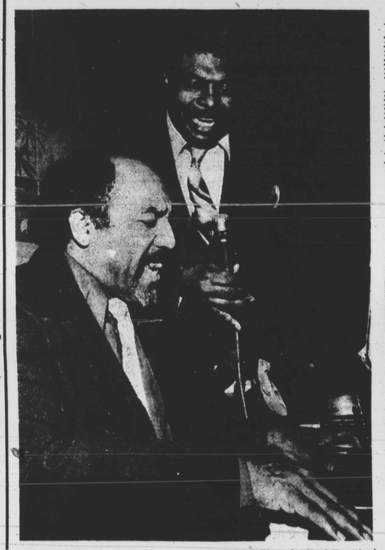
Lou Hankins

perhaps in one of the black community malls like Mondawmin.

Also coming to the station will be one of Washington's top gospel announcers, Lou Hankins of WYCB, who is scheduled to begin there in January.

Welcoming Lou and "The Pastor" to the station will be Pauline Wells Lewis, known to many as "Aunt Pauline", who already maintains reign holding position at WAYE.

Gospel Chorus at Wayland celebrates anniversary



(AFRO Photo by Karl Ferron)

Rolling Joe Smith (on piano) teams up with gospel artist Tommie Roberts in a duet sung at the Sixth Anniversary of The Gospel Chorus of Wayland Baptist Church held Saturday.

They were all there. Julia Mae Price-Williams, Tommy Roberts, The Singing Deacons, J.D. Fowler, Rev. Duane Simmons, Carter Robinson , Rolling Joe Smith and many many more.

It was the Sixth Anniversary of Gospel Chorus of Wayland Baptist Church and over 350 people attended the annual entertainment luncheon sponsored by the chorus on Saturday afternoon.

For some it was like an old time revival meeting, but even Lillian Martin, chairperson and organizer of the program, didn't expect such an event as happened Saturday.

What might have been a mediocre service turned into a shouting good time as people clapped, stomped and ran even to the sounds of artists bellowing out their best numbers.

A mini sermon was brought by Rev. Duane Simmons highlighting the meaning of such a gathering. An eloquent Simmons moved some to tears as he preached about being hungry in the wilderness.

Mary Jones, president of the chorus, animatedly explained that this was one of the best luncheons ever.

As Linda McNeal closed out the program with her rendition of "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," people marched out the door promising to return next year.

(AFRO Photo by Karl Ferron)

Rev. Duane Simmons explained that man shall not live by bread alone as he brought the message for the afternoon luncheon for the Sixth Anniversary of The Gospel Chorus of Wayland Baptist Church.

Baptist president causes controversy

By David E. Anderson

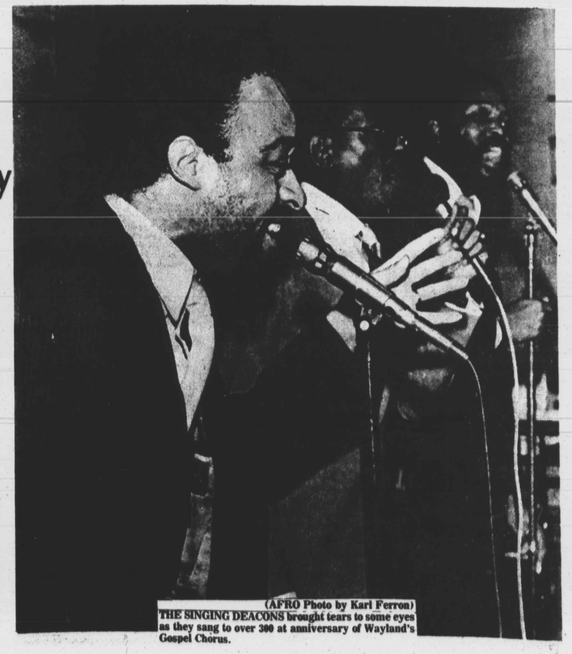
A proposal by President James T. Draper of the Southern Baptist convention that his church adopt some "guidelines of bedrock" baptist belief has generated a new debate in the controversy-ridden church.

Draper cited four things as "bedrock" to Southern Baptist belief: a belief in the full humanity and deity of Christ; substitutionary atonement by Christ for the sins of mankind; justification of God's grace through faith; and belief in the bodily resurrection of Christ.

Draper said, those "moderates" or "liberals" who could not accept the guidelines ought to leave the 13.9 million-member denomination.

The suggestion generated immediate controversy and some confusion among Southern Baptists as some news reports tagged the suggestion an effort to create a Southern Baptist "creed."

Draper, however, told baptist press, the denomination's news agency, that he did not use the word "creed" in his comments and, "I had no intention of suggesting we use this to beat people on the head with."



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THE SINGING DEACONS brought tears to some eyes as they sang to over 300 at anniversary of Wayland's Gospel Chorus.

If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

New prof here

Dr. Melvin D. Williams, the noted author, educator and athropologist, has assumed his new duties at the University of Maryland, College Park.

He is the professor of anthropology and Afro-American Studies and director of the University's Afro American Studies program.

He comes to Maryland from Purdue University, where he was professor and director of the Indiana University's African studies and research center.

Just 35 years old, Dr. Williams' resume shows a variety of meaningful experiences.

For example, he held the prestigious Olive O'Connor Chair in American Institutions at Colgate U.

His writings include, "On The Street Where I Lived." He has edited, "Selected Readings in Afro-American Anthropology," plus published articles in numerous journals.

IN NEW POST — Dr. Melvin D. Williams comes from Purdue University to take new Md. post. See details in If You Ask Me.

He's heavy-listed in Who's Who in America, and related publications:

Cuff notes: Dr. Williams' latest book is "Community In A Black Pentecostal Church,"

It gives insights into life in the Hill District of his native Pittsburgh.

He holds degrees from Pitt.

Dr. Williams and his wife, Faye, have established residence in College Park Towers.

Say hello to these newcomers.

The Williams' youngsters are Aaron, in real estate in Pittsburgh; Craig, 19, and Steven, 23, both students at Texas Southern University.

100 years old

Belated birthday greetins, please, to Mrs. Alene Grove. She was 100 years old on Nov. 18.

Representatives of five generations of her family joined in the celebration at Granada Nursing Home, 4017 Liberty Heights Ave.

Nursing home staff delighted in saluting her. Among gifts: framed certificate from President and Mrs. Reagan, Governor Hughes and Mayor Schaefer.

There were gifts of clothes, money and flowers. Among them, a floral arrangement from Rev. Mrs. Mamie Williams, Centennial Methodist, home church of granddaughter, Mildred Waddell, and family.

The magnificent birthday cake was gift of her three daughters, Mrs. Florence Montgomery, Mrs. Ella Harrison and Mrs. Cora Harrison. Prayer for the celebration was by great granddaughter, Olu Fumilaye Jomo-Johnson, the African dancer.

Cuff note: Mrs. Grove was reared in Boston, but spent most of her active life here in Baltimore. Blessings on her, her family, and her adopted family at Granada.

About people

Thinking-of-you-cards, please, to the family of Ann Wayne. She was the longtime Steelworkers Union secretary, who had retired and moved to Bay Harbor, Fla., where she died.

Rites were held Friday at Nutter's. Baltimore relatives include, sisters, Mrs. Hilda Higgins, Mrs. Doris Brown and Mrs. Lillian Pinkney of Rockville.

Double tragedy in one week: Their brother, Harry S. Moseley, the musician, died the same day his sister, Mrs. Wayne, was buried. His remains were cremated in Los Angeles. Survivors there include his wife, Dorothy, and three daughters.

And do remember the Leslie Gundys (Carlene),

JOHN A. HAWKINS, Baltimore labor, fraternal and civic leader, memorialized this week. See more in If You Ask Me.

longtime Catonsville residents.

Their youngest daughter, Joyce Dellyne Gundy Sands 49, died suddenly last month (Nov. 24). She was the pulmonary technician at Montgomery County General Hospital and made her home in Cooksville, Maryland, where she was active in Full Gospel Tabernacle.

Rites were at her family's church, Macedonia Baptist. Mrs. Sands was a graduate of Morgan State University and taught in the Howard County schools for many years.

She was remembered as an accomplished homemaker, and one who showed unusual concern for the less fortunate.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by daughter, Mrs. Dellyne I. Monroe, and son, Douglas B. Sands Jr., sister, Mrs. Florence Henderson, and granddaughter, 3-year-old Patrice Monroe.

Sympathy to the family of John A. Hawkins. He was the labor fraternal and civic leader who died this week at the age of 77. He was eulogized on Thursday, (Dec., 8) at First Baptist Church in Elkridge, where he was a deacon and choir member.

AFRO files recall Mr. Hawkins' role in the early struggles to protect the rights of workers in the AFL-CIO, his support of civil rights drives, and his work in Prince Hall Masons. He held the 32nd degree, belonged to the Hiram Consistory, and was past potentate of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 of Shriners.

A 1971 testimonial in his honor at the Lord Baltimore Hotel praised his dedicated public service, including leadership of the Halethorpe Civic Association and the NAACP, of which he was a life member.

Troy Brailey, now Senator Brailey, Masonic Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, Douglas Memorial pastor, Rev. Marion C. Bascom, and late Urban League executive, Furman L. Templeton, were among speakers who saluted him.

Surviving Mr. Hawkins: His wife of 54 years, the former Amy Brooks; sons, John A. Hawkins, Jr., Cockeysville; Donald S. Hawkins, Halethrope; brother, Arthur Hawkins, Elkridge; sisters, Mrs. Jeannette Pinkney and Mrs. Lucy Thomas, both of Baltimore, and four grandchildren.

People doing nice things for others: Members of Baltimore alumni chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity did a nice thing last week:

They gave their first $100 contribution to Mrs. Patricia Beasley whose two daughters, ages 4 and 6, perished in that Duncan St. fire last week.

William Smith and John Patterson are co-chair of the frat's new charity drive committee initiated recently by newly elected polemarch, Robert G. Draine Sr.

Congratulations to former State Senator Verda F. Welcome. She received plaque for distinguished public service at Council of State Governments meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, this week. Other Marylanders honored were Sen. James Clark and Judge Robert Murphy. Citations were for 25 years or more service. Event was at the Hyatt.

Christmas gift ideas for disabled people

This holiday season, the Arthritis Foundation asks that you give some special thought to gifts for family and friends who suffer from arthritis or other crippling diseases.

Here are some suggestions for gifts to help disabled people make their lives easier and more enjoyable.

For the Sports Enthusiast:

— stadium seat. It gives the back-needed support to watch a game, sit on a bench or in a boat. The ones with hooks to attach to the bleachers are especially good.

— shuffleboard set. Playing shuffleboard helps maintain a range of motion in the shoulders and elbows. It can be played indoors or out, standing or sitting.

— retractable-hand bowling ball. The handle becomes flush with the ball's surface when released, eliminating the strain of stretching fingers into the holes in regular balls.

— front zippered swim suits. Swimming is an excellent exercise for keeping joints limber, and for women, swimsuits with long front zippers are easy to get in and out of quickly.

For the Cook in the Family

— two handled cookware. It reduces strain and better supports the joints.

— electric can opener. Units with a power cutting blade that do not require an initial manual cut are a welcome relief for sore, weak hands.

— food processor. This appliance does all the chopping, slicing and grating and in a fraction of the time.

Personal Care Items

— stationary nail file. This is an emory board with a suction cup on one end that fastens onto a table or an arm of a chair. It aids those who have trouble grasping small items.

— bath mit. It makes soap easier to manage. Add an assortment of soaps and toiletries for a nice gift.

Clothing

— front opening blouses. All clothing items that open in the front are easier to get in and out of, and if they have velcro or some other easy open fastener, they are even better.

— mittens. They are warmer and easier to get on and off than gloves.

— jewelry.

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