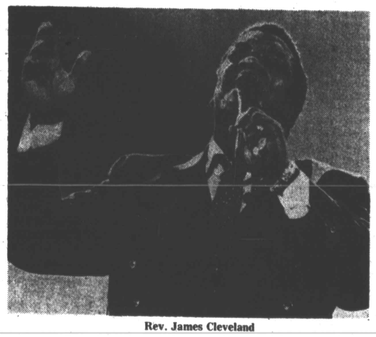
Religion In Modern Life

All star gospel concert comes to Baltimore local theatres



Rev. James Cleveland

By Eddie King
AFRO Staff Writer

Next week beginning Fri., Jan. 27, Rev. James Cleveland along with Evangelist Shirley Caesar, The Clark Sisters, The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Walter Hawkins and other gospel greats will bring their electrifying tour to Baltimore at the Mayfair and Reisterstown Plaza theatres.

Deemed as one of the nation's most rousing musical concert films, "Gospel" is an attempt to capture all the energy and excitement that explodes during performances given by some of our country's top gospel stars.

It is an effort put together, written and produced by David Leivick and Frederick Ritzenberg.

"Gospel" has been doing exceptionally well in various areas of the country while in others not so good, but Baltimore's turnout is expected to be extremely high due to the high religious concentration on here," said Ross Wheeler, head of Wheeler Film Company.

And a success it might be. Already church groups have planned church nights to attend one of the showings.

Estimated to cost little over a half a million, the making of the film came about as Leivick and his wife coincidentally bought tickets to a gospel show in California.

"It was an amazing experience for us," said Leivick. "If local gospel groups were that exciting, a film featuring the top gospel stars seemed like a natural."

Immediately a search for exactly who would be electrifying enough to thrill a national audience began. It wasn't long before The Mighty Clouds of Joy, Shirley Caesar, Walter Hawkins and the Hawkins Family, The Clark Sisters, and James Cleveland were all gathered together at the Paramount Theatre in L.A. ready for rehearsal and filming.

"Coincidentally, in terms of record sales, these acts are consistently at the top of the charts. When we were considering the talent, we knew that a film called "Gospel" would have to include James Cleveland," said Leivick.

"One concert we saw with Twinkie Clark and The Clark Sisters really convinced me that this project would be a success. They had the Oakland auditorium dancing and shouting in a way that was hard to believe. It seemed ed that the whole building was going to take off and rise toward heaven. It was a high I never expereinced before."

wanted to recreate the gospel concert experience for the movie audience. "We wanted the film to put the viewer right in the middle of the excitement."

To achieve that affect, a surround sound system was used so that the audience found it difficult to tell where the on screen audience stopped and the theatre audience began.

Leivick argued that one of the main goals of the movie is to bring the music to a much wider audience, saying that for a number of reasons, gospel music has not had nearly the exposure as some other kinds of music.

Over 3000 people attended the live filming of the movie while hundreds of others lined outside the theatre hoping to get a ticket to the all-star gospel concert.

Shirley Caesar belted out her hits like "No Charge" and " He's Got It All In Control" while James Cleveland talked about "I Don't

Walter Hawkins

The Clark Sisters

Ritzenberg said that they really Feel Noways Tired" and that "Can't Nobody Do Me Like Jesus."

"Name It and Claim It" was the cry of the Clark Sisters asking "Is My Living In Vain." Meanwhile, The Mighty Clouds of Joy talked about a "Walk Around Heaven" and how "I Came To Jesus."

Walter and Tramaine Hawkins together brought standing ovations with "He Brought Me" and "Until I Found The Lord."

Each artist sang three or more songs.

The entire film was shot in one night, June 12, 1981, and the entire filming process took five and one-half hours.

Leivick said the technical rehearsal was a total disaster, but the concert itself went off without a hitch. There were no mechanical failures.

"Artistically, the talent all knew that this was the time to go for it and they all put on a fantastic show. People who know say that James Cleveland hadn't performed like this in years. It was quite a night."

Metro church briefs

Good Tidings Baptist

The Sunday School of the Good Tidings Baptist Church, 1401 Edison Highway, will hold its First Quarterly Award Day on Fri., Jan. 20 at 8: p.m.

Tindal's Chapel

Tindal's Chapel F.B.H. Church, 13 E. Eager St., will conclude its New Year's Revival services tonight at 8: p.m. Evangelist Eugie Watkins will be the speaker.

Bethel A.M.E.

A Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., on Sat., Jan. 21 at 8:00 a.m. Rev. P. M. Smith of Huber Memorial United Church of Christ will be the speaker for the occasion.

Emmanuel Baptist

It's a Joy Night service to be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 7400 Linden Ave. in Overlea on Sun. Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. For further info. call 235-2672.

Mt. Calvary Holy Temple

Rev. Hansel H. Henry will be installed as the pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Temple, 1911 Bloomingdale Rd., on Sun., Jan. 22 at 4: p.m. For further info. call 383-1545.

Campfield A.M.E.

Campfield A.M.E. Church, 7140 Walnut Rd., will be having a Men's Day Revival service on Tue., Jan. 24 at 7: p.m. Rev. P. Smith of Huber Memorial United Church of Christ will be the speaker.

Simmons Memorial

The King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., will be celebrating their fifth anniversary on Fri., Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Bethel A.M.E.

The Museum Committee of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. is sponsoring a special program called "A New Song in a Strange Land.' It will be held Fri., Jan. 27 at 7: p.m. featuring an oral history of black music with audience participation, a semi-concert by Linda Poulson Bethea of St. John A.M.E. Church and an unveiling ceremony for an 1847 Harmonium, one of the oldest such instrumenis still existing in this country. Admission is free.

The Christadelphians

A Bible study of the prophet Hosea will be held Sat., Jan. 28 hosted by The Christadelphians at their home location, 2606 Gwynndale Ave. in Woodlawn. William Link from Amherst, MA. will be the speaker. For further info. call 747-2915.

Baltimore Baha'i Center

Members of the metropolitan Baha'i communities of Maryland are invited to hear a vibrant talk by Theodies Washington at the Baltimore Baha'i Center, 5301 Gwynn Oak Ave., on Sun., Jan. 29 at noon. For further info. call 542-6930.

Martin's West

The Baptist Congress of Christian Education will hold its Annual Fellowship and Awards Banquet on Fri., Feb. 3 at Martins West. Subscriptions are $20. For further info. call 327-0337 or 426-0428.

Randallstown Library

A celebration of Black culture through a theater - arts festival of gospel music, dance, stories, etc. has been planned for Thurs., Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Randallstown Area Branch Baltimore County Library, 8604 Liberty Road. For free tickets call 655-6600 or visit the library.

Harlem Park Community Baptist

An afternoon of hand-clapping, toe tapping, inspiring gospel music and prayer will be sponsored for the benefit of Men's and Women's Day at the Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, 612-18 N. Gilmore St., on Sun., Feb. 5 at 4: p.m. sharp. Adult admission is $2.50. Featured guests will include The Mighty Gospelaires, Mary Frances Polk and her Gospel All Stars and The Welcome Travelers.

Shiloh Christian Community

The Octettes will be celebrating their 21st Anniversary on Sun., Feb. 5, 3:30 p.m. at Shiloh Christian Community Church, 2500 W. Lombard St., Dr. Violet Fisher will be the speaker.

Bethel Bible Institute

Bethel Bible Institute, 1301 Druid Hill Ave., will begin its Spring semester of classes on Feb. 6. A wide range of Old and New Testament classes, family living, money management, Sunday School, G.E.D. and Religious doctrine courses will be offered. Classes are $5 each except for the free Old and New Testament classes. For further info. call 523-4273.

Joy and Devotion

Joy and Devotion is seeking new members to help expand its Christian Ministry. The group needs singers, musicians and technicians. Interested persons should call 433-3130 between 5 and 9: p.m.

Berea Temple

Elder John Trustee of York, Pa. will be the guest speaker at Berea Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sat., Jan. 21 at 11: a.m. Berea Temple is located 1901 Madison Ave.

Community Baptist

Community Baptist Church in Joppa, 303 Philadelphia Road, will be having a Tom Thumb wedding on Sun., Jan. 22 at 4: p.m.

Morning Star Baptist

A Prayer Breakfast will be held at Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 W. Fayette St., on Sun., Jan. 22. For further info. call 727-5515.

Ezra Baptist

The Junior Missionaries of Ezra Baptist Church, 5718 Bowley Lane, will be celebrating their anniversary on Sun., Jan. 22 at 5: p.m.

10,000 mourn DC's Petey Greene's death

CONGRESSMAN WALTER FAUNTROY, pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church, praises the work of "Petey" Greene during funeral services last Monday at Union Wesley AME Zion Church.

COUNCILWOMAN CHARLENE JARVIS DREW joins the many celebrities during final rites for the popular Ralph "Petey" Green.

CLAYTON GREENE, brother of Ralph W. "Petey" Greene, is escorted from the church following funeral services by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Greene.

WASHINGTON
By Pee Wee Covington
AFRO Correspondent

Final rites were conducted for one of Washington's most popular radio, television, master of ceremony and well versed men about town, Ralph "Waldo" "Petey" Greene Monday at Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church.

Almost 2,000 friends and admirers joined the family in paying respect to the sometimes controversial figure, despite the extreme cold weather.

Approximately ten thousand persons viewed the body "Petey" on Sunday at Union Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church, 1860 Michigan Avenue, N.E.

Lines began forming around the church at 1 p.m. some three hours prior to the schedule reviewing time of four in the afternoon. When the first viewer entered the church there were some two thousand persons lining from two sides of the church and around streets on both sides of the church.

Despite the freezing cold, they came making this day largest turnout for a reviewing in the history of the city. According to Norman Jarvis, of the Jarvis Funeral Home, the crowd could only be compared to the funeral of the late J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted ruler of Elks.

At the scheduled time of 9 p.m. there were several hundred still waiting entry to the church. Finally at 11, the last of the crowd moved into the church.

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If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Salute of the week to Hugh W. Carey Jr. He is the 26-year-old musician who directs Baltimore's newest singing group, Citizens Celebrating Baltimore (CCB for short).

It is the brainchild of Mayor Schaefer and Community College of Baltimore President, Charles G. Tilden.

The 103 members are representatives of the city range in age from 16 to 86, men, women, students, all races and minorities, including two with hearing impairment.

They thrilled the 1,500 persons at the ninth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Friday at the Hyatt. This is the event sponsored by the YMCA of Baltimore and the King's landing Women's Service Club.

The group's rendition of the national anthem, "Lift Every Voice," was a special arrangement by Hampton Institute's Roland Carter. Narrator for this number and the other presentations was Mrs. Gloria Still.

She is a CCB grad who went on to Goucher to get a degree in English, is now on the faculty. What a pleasant voice she has!

Her dad, Timothy Wright, is a member of the chorus.

The other crowd pleasers, were, "You'll Never Walk Alone;" with the tenor solo by Reginald Holmes, a 26-year-old Army vet, who has a magnificent voice; "Climb Every Mountain," and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Wow! and hats off to them, too!

More hats!

For this last number, most of the breakfast guests followed the lead of Mayor Schaefer and stood during the closing bars of this number—a much deserved tribute to glorious singing.

More talented musicians performing: Those who accompanied the singers:-Miss Corine Anderson, a Peabody grad now working on her doctorate at Catholic U., was at the piano.

Trumpet players were David Russell, a student, and Rodney Waters, the Morgan U. grad, who recently became director of communications at Provident Hospital.

Trombone player was Charles Funn, the Polytechnic teacher. Michael Spittle, the Morgan U. music student was the guitarist who played the chimes.

It was grand to watch and to hear these musicians. Their beautiful sounds showed they had spent long hours in rehearsal. So, hats off to them, too. They did a superb job!

On Carey

Hugh W. Carey is a native of Snow Hill on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He is a 1967 graduate of Morgan U., and has pursued studies for his master's at Boston University.

He has taught music at Patterson High and headed the performing arts department at Dunbar High before assuming his present post. Remember when he took the Dunbar Singers on a European tour and how they won national recognition for their Paris performance back in 1977?

Cuff notes:— Mr. Carey says he spent some of his happiest childhood years at the Baltimore YMCA camp — first called Druid Hill, later Mohawk, and King's Landing.

The breakfast, was co-sponsored by the King's Landing Women's Service Club, organized originally to support the effort of camp director, A. Paul Moss, who originated the MLK breakfast idea. Small world!

Dr. Carey's family—his wife, is the former Dernallyn Mishoe, (daughter of Delaware State's Dr. and Mrs. Luna Mishoe).

She is a Morgan U. and Columbia grad and health exec with the city.

JAMES H. HILL — Author of Douglass High School son, memorialized. See If You Ask Me.

Their children are Lynne, 13, Hugh 3rd, and Adrienne, 5, all enrolled in Baltimore city public schools.

The Careys reside in northwest Baltimore. Mom and kids attend Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. Dad belongs to St. Katherine Episcopal Church, and is organist at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church.

This and that

The music mentioned above was a hard act for the MLK breakfast speaker to follow.

In this writer's opinion, Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, did a creditable job.

But, you had to listen to him — as he recounted the historic trip he and Dr. King took to India, and you had to understand the importance of what he said.

Until that 1959 trip to India, where King discussed with Nehru the non-violent strategies he later implemented, the larger U. S. community had ignored him.

We remember how only the AFRO and other black newspapers headlined the early King efforts.

Dr. Reddick is the author and historian who taught here at Baltimore's Coppin State College. He is now Distinguished Professor at Dillard University in New Orleans.

By the way, Dr. Reddick published the first biography of Dr. King. Mrs. Reddick (Ruth), accompanied him here. There was reunion with former Winterbourne Rd. neighbors, James and Cardrienne Griffin, and longtime Coppin friends at a reception the KLW women sponsored on Thursday evening, also at the Hyatt.

The oldest breakfast guest was 91-year-old Mrs. Irene Jackson, a 70-year-member of Trinity AME Church.

She is the mother of King's Landing member, Mrs. Mary Upshur.

KLW president is Mrs. Gwen Clarke, who was general chair of the breakfast.

To new post

Anthony W. Robinson, the Baltimore attorney, assumes a new and important post in Washington come February 1, and you read it here FIRST.

He will take leave from his law firm- (Singleton-Dashiell and Robinson), to become president of the recently formed Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund.

This is the privately financed organization which will be a legal arm, as well as lobbyist, on behalf of minority business. It was initiated by Congressman Parren J. Mitchell because of the desperate need to protect and promote gains of minority businesses which have been eroded during the administration of President Reagan.

Mr. Robinson will head a staff of 60, with headquarters on Capitol Hill.

Cuff notes: This is the same Attorney Robinson, who ran an unsuccessful race for City Council from Baltimore's 5th District last fall.

He is also the same Attorney Robinson, who has represented black Baltimore policemen who won court suits to have promotional police exams thrown out.

In Federal court this week, he is representing policemen who allege the court-ordered fair test standards have not been implemented.

For example, they claim that the alleged invalid test for sergeant has resulted in promotion of 15 persons to sergeant in the last 3 months, only 4 of them black.

TO NEW POST — Anthony W. Robinson, Baltimore attorney, to head staff of 60. In his new post. See details in If You Ask Me.

SINGERS THRILLED — Citizens Celebrating Baltimore, shown with director, Hugh W. Carey, as they appeared at Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast, where they thrilled 1,500 guests. See more about them in If You Ask Me.

Sick list

Dr. Roland Smoot, the physician' is doing well at Hopkins Hospital, where he had a heart bypass this week.

Howard Brown, the Harlem Park junior High teacher and organist, has been confined to Provident Hospital since Dec. 2, with disc problems. He's in room 716.

So is David Wright, the recuperating from surgery.

Dr. Robert C. Lloyd, the retired assistant schoo superintendent, had surgery at Mercy Hospital, is now at home.

Cyrus Marshall, the retired principal, is back in University Hospital this week for tests, is due home this weekend.

Also on the mend, G. Luther Washington, the retired Carver teacher, released from the hospital this week.

W. Emerson Brown Jr., the attorney and court master, had brain surgery Tuesday at Hopkins, and is doing well.

James C. Smith Jr., the longtime Wheeler Ave. resident and St. James Episcopal Church member, is in University Hospital, Room 947

Another St. James member, David Turner who was hospitalized with a stroke last month, is recuperating at his Calhoun St. home. His pal, Shelton Coles of Atlanta, was here last week to cheer him.

New MVA

The Motor Vehicle Administration branch office, formerly in the Metro Plaza section of the Mondawmin Shopping Center, moved this week to new quarters a half block away, adjoining the shopping center on Gwynns Falls Parkway.

Heading this full service branch, with 54 employees, is Mrs. Eltra Nelson. She assumed the management post in October.

This MVA branch office offers a wide range of services—issues licenses, driver idents etc., is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays.

For convenience of customers, there are Saturday hours, too. On the first Saturday in each month from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (When office is open on Saturday, it is closed the following Monday).

For more info, call the MVA office at 383-5880.

Cuff note: Mrs. Nelson, the MVA manager mentioned above, has been employed by the agency for 22 years.

Her family-husband, Robert, is a printer. Their daughter, Lorren, is a cashier with a theatre chain. Mrs. Nelson's mom is Mrs. Mabel Chase.

Mrs. Nelson is a member of New Shiloh Baptist Church. She is a product of Baltimore city schools and a 1957 graduate of Douglass High.

About people

Deserting her native Baltimore for residence in Pittsburgh this week is Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, the retired Episcopal minister.

Dr. Murray says she will be working on another manuscript and doing some parish work in the Pennsylvania city.

Dr. Murray is the noted author and minister who was the first black woman ordained to the priesthood by the Episcopal church. She marks her 73rd birthday Nov. 20.

Party with a purpose was the Twelfth Night affair two Sundays ago (Jan. 8), at the Forest Park home of Dr. and Mrs. Elroy Young, (Mabel).

Occasion was a gathering of members of Chi Delta Mu Fraternity and their mates who are called Chi Wives.

This group of pharmacists, dentists and physicians made plans for future reunions, reaffirmed their support of the fraternity's programs to provide health care for the black community.

Nice gesture: Joining in the gathering were widows of members who have remained active. They were: Mesdames Thelma Bando, Rita Ross, Seretha Greene, Eugenie Phillips and Octavia Venture.

Chi Wives officers are: Lorraine Brown, president; Bernice McDaniels, vice president; Barbara Owings, secretary; Mabel Byrd, treasurer; Frances Mitchell, chaplain; Mabel Young, corresponding secretary.

Cuff note: Chi fraternity holds its annual founders' banquet February 19 at Blue Crest.

Baltimore members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and their guests

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—Last rites for 'Petey' Greene

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Those in attendance at the funeral ranged from the very elite to the struggling man in the street.

Services were conducted by the Reverend W.W. Bowden, United Wesley Pastor, with tributes by Mayor Marion S. Barry, Jr., Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, Councilwomen Charlene Drew Jarvis and Wilhelmenia Rolark.

Tributes were also offered by Pete Ward, of the United Planning Organization, Melvin Robert, Community Spokesman, and Michael A. Graham, of the New Observer.

The scripture from the Old Testament was handled by the Reverend A. L. Gault, from Transformation Baptist Church, setting the mood for a very moving service. Apostle Robert R. Arbertha, from the United House of Prayer, read from the New Testament Scripture.

Mr. Greene was born in the District, attended the local public schools before serving the U. S. Army in Korea.

For almost twenty years Mr. Green had been in radio and television. He hosted WDCA-TV's "Petey Greene's Washington, "Rapping with "Petey" on radio both from the studio and night spots. He joined the United House of Prayers and became active in sponsoring programs to help the needy before becoming involved with the Union Wesley A.M. E. Church.

A community activist, he was really known for his frank and unpolished facts. He unnerved his listeners as well being very amusing with his constructing criticism. He was awarded two Emmys for his individual achievement by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He also was cited for his many civic accomplishments by many clubs including young athletic and sandlot organizations.

Pallbearers were Frank "Ango" Wilson, Calvin Lynch, Rudolph Yates, Charles Ramsey, Robert Hackett, Earl Boone, David Wellington and Norman W. Morgan.

Honorary Pallbearers were Dr. William Rumsey, Winston Chaney, Emanuel Harris, Dr. Vincent Reed, Hymie Perle, Leon Scales, Walter I. Ray, Jerry Washington, Dr. Dewey Wiseman, Montague Sheppard, Robert Sigholtz, Marty Tapscott, Harvey Chidel, Kenny Leonard, John Thompson, James Brown and Ron Sutton.

Musical selection were rendered by the United Wesley Choir and the 41 voice group from Petey Greene's ABC Family, WUST Radio, an organization "Petey" sponsored. The group was directed by Donna Preston.

He is survived by his daughters, Renee Freeman, of Newark, Delaware; and Petra L. Greene, of Miami, Florida; a son Ralph Waldo, III, also of Miami, Florida; three brothers Clayton Greene, of Yonkers, N.Y.; Bobby "ry and Clarence Greene, all of the District; two sisters Joyce Jones, of the District and Constance Bailey, of Philadelphia, Pa.; three grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

"Petey" leaves for all to remember his famous signoff saying:

"I'll tell it to the hot,
I'll tell it to the cold,
I'll tell it to the young,
I'll tell it to the old,
I don't want no laughin',
I don't want no cryin',
And most of all no
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Associate Minister — Faith Baptist Church
9:15 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL
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10:30 A.M. WORSHIP — Morning Message:
Rev. William Johnson Jr.
Union Baptist Church, Turner's Station
3:00 P.M. IN CONCERT:
The Chancel Choir of Wayland Baptist Church
Mr. Ronald Wells, President
Mr. Rodney Wittley, Director
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— Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit — William Dawson, arr.
11:00 — Jesus, Like a Shepherd Lead Us — Robert Lau
— Be Still — Hank Beebe

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