Religion In Modern Life

New leadership at Sharp Street UM concerned about people

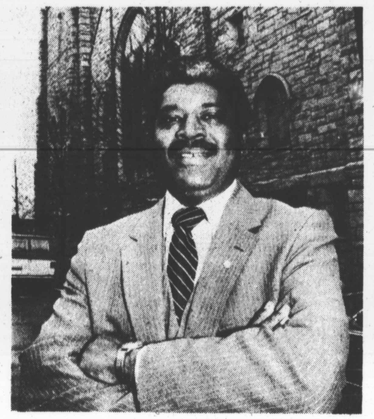
By Eddie King
AFRO Religion Editor

There are just certain things the church has to do, and one of those things is, it must address real issues that affect human needs. That means, of course, there is going to have to be some involvement with politics.

Rev. Eugene William Matthews, the new pastor at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church at Dolphin and Etting Streets, is real confident that his philosophies about the church are right.

In fact, it might be safe to say he is very confident about everything—at least, that's the image he projects to his congregation.

He is a man who has been through a lot, organized himself mentally and is ready to offer the knowledge gained over the years to his leadership capacity at Sharp Street.



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A CONFIDENT LEADER, Rev. Eugene W. Matthews, sees the role of the church in the community as one that is involved with all aspects of human concerns.

Part of that knowledge gained is knowing when to appear confident, even when there is some doubt about actual achievement.

Having been in the ministry for more than 20 years and having pastored several churches in and out of state, he is not new to the idea of offering leadership.

A graduate of Bowie State College and the Wesley Seminary, the 46-year-old minister is married to Jane Matthews and has three daughters and a son: Alvera, Charlene, Eugenia and Reginald.

Knowing that he is a father, husband, brother, son and a combination of many different personalities for many different people, the Reverend recognizes one of his most important roles as a leader.

He expresses concern over many things, among them the role of the church.

"The church is to nurture people spiritually with Bible study, worship services and all the likes, but it has another role too; that is, being concerned about what is happening to others.

"Those people who say the church should not be involved with politics have not captured fully the role of the church. It needs and must address real issues that affect human needs.

"It must make every effort to attempt to feed the hungry and clothe as many as possible. Jesus met the need of the people first, then he preached to them."

And a thought or two about Black America found the emotional side of the minister concerned about just how much has been gained.

"Lord knows strides have been made in the black community. I can remember when we couldn't ride on buses or have access to public businesses. But somewhere along the line it seems to me our movement has been caught up somewhere."

"Maybe in the midst of the women's movement, the gay rights movement and all those others, we lost our own struggle for our own movement. We initially made people look at themselves."

"Strangely enough, it seems blacks have either stood still or are regressing. Look at the campaign this year for the presidency. Boy, were we walked over. Look at unemployment figures. They are highest among black Americans. You know, no candidate running for president right now has spoken up for blacks.

"Look at what's out here. We are still disenfranchised. Stop, and take a look. We are not really progressing."

Rev. Matthews expresses some doubt about integrating. He says he is not sure if it is working for the best interest of the black American. "I think we just mostly want to be equal," he says.

The man concerned about so many things has gathered his thoughts, and he has not allowed any of them to interfere with the work he sees he is doing for God. He does not force his opinions on anyone.

"I guess my goal with Sharp Street United Methodist is to help it continue to grow. This is a fine church here with a fine congregation, and I want to keep them as progressive as they already are."

Satisfied with his appointment to Sharp Street, Rev. Matthews smiles at the mention of the church. "Gosh, we're a wonderful group of people over here," he says.

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— Metro Church Briefs —

Woodlawn Senior High

Eigth anniversary concert of Joy and Devotion will be delivered in form of a musical entitled "Upon This Rock" on Sat., Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. at Woodlawn Senior High School and Sun., October 28, 7:30 p.m. at Belvedere Baptist.

Wayland Baptist

Wayland Baptist Church, 3200 Garrison Blvd., will sponsor a fashion show on Sat., Oct. 27, 8 p.m., featuring Travis Winkey and his models. $6.

Metropolitan U.M.

Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Lanvale St. and Carrollton Ave., will hold its annual Prayer Breakfast on Sat., Oct. 27, 9 a.m. in the social hall. Guest speaker, Rev. Annie Perry Daniel.

Garden of Prayer Baptist

Men and Women's Day will be celebrated at Garden of Prayer Baptist Church, 1727 Carswell St., on Sun., Oct. 28, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. services.

Huber Memorial

Huber Memorial United Church of Christ, Alameda at 29th St., will be celebrating Homecoming and the church's 98th anniversary on Sun., Oct. 28, 11 a.m.

Apostolic Faith

Apostolic Faith Church, 112 Amity Street, will present Evang. Esther Melcher as speaker for the day on Sun., Oct. 28, 2 p.m. on behalf of Missionary Day.

Simmons Memorial Baptist

Male Chorus of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., will celebrate their 37th Anniversary on Sun., Oct. 28 and Mon., Oct. 29, beginning 7:30 p.m. nightly.

John Wesley U.M.

Women of John Wesley United Methodist, 3202 W. North Ave., will celebrate their day on Sun., Oct. 28, 11 a.m. speaker, Rev. Laura Edwards. The service, due to renovations, will be held at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Liberty Hts.

Rev. Clifford Johnson

Greater New Hope Baptist

23rd Annual Men's Day at Greater New Hope Baptist, Inc., 2720 W. North Ave., will be Sun., Oct. 28, 3 p.m. Rev. Clarence Yerby, guest speaker.

Christ Lutheran

Abyssinian Baptist Church Choir of New York City will be in concert at Christ Lutheran Church, S. Charles and Hill Streets, on Sun., Oct. 28, 3 p.m.

First Charity Baptist

Senior Ushers of First Charity Baptist, 611 N. Aisquith St., will celebrate their 26th anniversary on Sun., Oct. 28, 3:30 p.m. Rev. Calvin Monroe, speaker.

Mt. Zion Baptist

Courtesy Guild of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2000 E. Belvedere Ave., will be celebrating its 2nd anniversary on Sun., Oct. 28, 4 p.m. Rev. Clifford Johnson will be guest speaker.

First Baptist

Men of First Baptist Church, 525 N. Caroline St., will celebrate Men's Day on Oct. 28. Guest speaker, Rev. Heber Brown.

St. Paul U.M.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 1000 W. Saratoga St., will have its annual Women's Day Celebration on Sun., Oct. 28. 8 a.m. speaker, Ms. Elva Tillman; 11 a.m. speaker, Evang. Gladys Joyner; 3 p.m., Rev. Joan Whaton.

Centennial U.M.

Senior Citizens of Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 E. Monument St., will have their annual day on Sun., Oct. 28. 11 a.m. speaker, Dr. Levi Miller, Jr.; 3:30 p.m., Waxter Center Inspirational Choir in concert.

Central Baptist

Central Baptist Church, 2035 W. Baltimore St., will celebrate 3rd combined annual Men and Women's Day on Sun., Oct. 28; 11 a.m. speaker, Dr. Leroy Bowman; 3 p.m., Mt. Pleasant Vocal Choir in concert.

Mary Our Queen

The Nanzetta Trio, Douglas Wolters, cello; Haskell Small, piano; Virginia Nanzetta, flute, will be in concert on Sun., Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 N. Charles St.

Central Baptist

Rev. Cleveland Mason will be the 7:30 a.m. speaker at Central Baptist Church on Sun., Oct. 28, in celebration of the church's combined Men and Women's Day. 11:30 a.m. speaker will be Dr. Bowman of First Baptist, Annapolis; 3:30 p.m., combined choirs of Central in concert.

Sharon Baptist

Women of Sharon Baptist Church, Stricker and Pressman St., will observe their 57th Annual Women's Day on Sun., Oct. 28. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, 11 a.m. speaker; 5 5 p.m., Women's Chorus in concert.

St. John U.M.

Welcome Travelers will be in concert at St. John United Methodist Church, Glen Ave. and Highgate Drive, 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 28.

Christ Edmondson U.M.

Sanctuary Choir of Christ Edmondson United Methodist Church, 3600 Edmondson Ave., will celebrate their first anniversary on Sun., Oct. 28. 11 a.m. speaker, Rev. Alfreda Wiggins; 3 p.m. speaker, Rev. John Bryant.

Hyatt Regency

Bishop Winfield Showell will be honored with a testimonial dinner on Friday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency, 300 Light St.

Mt. Zion U.M.

Morgan State University Choir will be in concert at Mt. Zion United Methodist, Liberty Heights Ave. and Wabash Ave., on Sat., Nov. 10, 7 p.m. $5.

St. David's

On Sunday, November 11, 4 p.m., Langston Fitzgerald and Randall Mullin will present a program of virtuoso music for trumpet and organ at St. David's Church, 4700 Roland Ave. $5.

Rev. Clarence Yerby

Ebenezer A.M.E.

Men of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church, 18 W. Montgomery St., will celebrate their day on Nov. 11.

Trinity Baptist

Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave., will celebrate its pastor's 10th Anniversary on Nov. 14, 15, 16 and 17, 7 p.m. nightly. For further information call church.

Emmanuel C.C.

A Prayer Breakfast and Rally, Saturday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. at Emmanuel Christian Community Church, 1210 W. Lanvale St., featuring Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, Natl. Pres. of SCLC.

St. Mark's U.M.

Wintley Phipps, the singer at the Democratic National Convention, will be at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Sun., Nov. 18, 5 p.m. for the Chancel Choir's concert engagement. Other guests will include flutist, Jackie Blake; violinist Dr. Lafayette Singleton. $5.

St. Matthews

The Young Peoples' Pentecostal Union of St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle, 1907 Rosedale St., will celebrate their 2nd Anniversary on Sun., Nov. 18, 4 p.m. Guest speaker, Elder Dennis Golphin.

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9 a.m. — Church School
9:50 a.m. — Baptist Training Union
10:50 a.m. — Morning Worship
MUSIC — The Women's Day Chorus
The Anthem — "The Heavens Are Telling" — Beethoven
The Spiritual — "Down By the Riverside" — Gardner
Preaching — Reverend Dr. Prathia Wynn
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3:30 p.m. — Dr. Cynthia Morton, Guest Speaker
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St. John A.M.E.

Senior Missionary Society of St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., will sponsor a revival on Oct. 31, Nov. 1 and 2, beginning 7 p.m.

Ezra Baptist

Ezra Baptist Church, 3800 Glenmore Ave., will be featuring the T&T Baltimore Steel Orchestra on Sat., Nov. 3, 7-9 p.m. $5.

Fountain Baptist

St. Francis Xavier Gospel Choir will be in concert at Fountain Baptist Church, 1215 E. Monument St., on Sun., Nov. 4, 4 p.m.

Harlem Park Community Baptist

Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, 612 N. Gilmor St., is presenting the Morgan State University Choir in concert on Sun., Nov. 4, 6 p.m.

Mt. Tabor Baptist

Women's Day at Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, 1719 E. Oliver St., will be Sun., Nov. 4, 3:30 p.m.

St. John Baptist

St. John Baptist Church, Wilde Lake Village Green, will hold three evangelistic services from Nov. 7-9, 8 p.m. and Sat., Nov. 10, 9 a.m.

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