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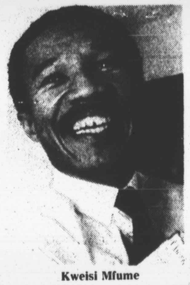
Campfield A.M.E.

Norman Muldrow Male Chorus will be in concert on Sunday, Dec. 2, 3 p.m. at Campfield A.M.E. Church, 7140 Walnut Ave., as part of Men's Day celebrations.



Kweisi Mfume

Greater Harvest Baptist

Rev. Earnest Jackson, interim pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church, will be the Men's Day speaker at Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Aves, 11 a.m.; 3:30 p.m., a choir fellowship presenting Christian Music from various groups

Miracle Deliverance Center

Doris Neal's gospel anniversary will be held Sun., Dec. 2, 3:30 p.m., at Miracle Deliverance Center, 3108 Ellamont St. $5.

Morgan Christian Center

Morgan Christian Center is featuring its Sixth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service, a festival of Scripture lessons and carols, on Sun., Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Sharp Street U.M.

Handel's "The Messiah" at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., will be presented on Sun., Dec. 2, 5 p.m.

Brooklyn U.M.

A sacred music concert at Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 4th St. and Pontiac Ave., will be held Sat., Dec. 8, 7 p.m.

Mt. Moriah

Mt. Moriah Church of Christ, 1119 N. Gay St., presents the Angelic Choir of the Good Shepherd Baptist Church in concert on Sun., Dec. 9, 5:30 p.m.

Sons of Light

Sons of Light Campus Ministry will be showing the film presentation "A Thief in the Night" on Dec. 10, 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the campus of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, University Center Ballroom.

St. Bernadine's Roman Catholic

St. Bernadine's Roman Catholic Church will be sponsoring a trip to New York, all day. Tickets for "Mama I Want To Sing" will be purchased. Shopping and visitation allowed. For further info. call Alease Gray, 466-6467.

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Mt. Zion A.M.E.

Faith, Hope and Charity Missionaries Society of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Long Green, Md. are sponsoring a Joy Night on Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m.

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Today

By Joseph A. Carter, Jr.

THE WORD:

Psalm 20.6 - "Now I know that the Lord saves His anointed; He will answer him from His holy heaven with the saving strength of His right hand."(NKJ)

John 20: 30-31 - "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, th Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."(NKJ)

One of my favorite hymns begins with a lyric that never fails to lift me up. Very familiar, it says simply: "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" It is the sure knowledge of the certainty of this basic truth on an individual level that is essential to our growing well being, and going on — Today,..IN CHRIST.

What a blessed, comforting, wonderful assurance to know that JESUS IS, and that HE IS MINE! How do I KNOW that He is Mine? How can I rest upon this blessed assurance? Is it because I can "feel" something" down inside? No, not at all. While I am grateful to God that I DO feel something stirring and moving way down deep inside, and that it DOES bring joy to my very soul, I, none-the-less realize that this feeling is just a "bonus" attesting to God's gracious goodness, and not the source or basis of my assurance.

I am assured that Jesus is mine, simply BUT solidly, because God's Word tells me so! Don't take lightly the sage message of the little song that says: "Yes, Jesus loves me... FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO!" Jesus loved me (and you) so much that He gave His life for us, that we might have eternal life through Him.

It is for this purpose that He left His home in glory — the loving vessel of God the Father's love. How do I know? The Bible tells me so. Check our John 3:16.

You know, Brothers and Sisters, this is where Satan so often attacks us with the intent of shaking our faith or creating doubt. He trys to tell us that coming to Christ and being assured of salvation through calling on Him in faith and inviting Him in to our lives is just too easy to be true. You see, it's the enemy's style to work one " to death," for the WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH!! But I admonish you to stand firm and assured on the Word of God. We are saved because the Bible tells us so, and this beyond the shadow of a doubt. Read (and write down) REVELATIONS 3:20 and ROMANS 10:13.

Then read, write down, and memorize I JOHN 5: 11-12, which says:

"And this is the testimony that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life, and he who has not the Son of God does not have life."

Meditate on these Scriptures. They will make you strong, and they will make you "feel" wonderful — and that's great. But know that they are yours with assurance because GOD'S WORD SAYS SO — no by "feelings" know, too, that nobody or nothing can take their provision away from you- not even, and especially not, Satan.

PRAISE THE LORD!

Susie Carr, 84, dies

Funeral services were conducted at Third Baptist Church last Saturday for Susie G. Carr with the Reverend Henry Miles officiating.

Mrs. Carr died after a lingering illness on Saturday, November 17 at the Wisconsin Avenue Nursing Home. A native Washingtonian, she was born February 22, 1900 and died at the age of 84.

Educated in the District of Columbia, Mrs. Carr graduated from the old "M" Street High School, now the new Dunbar High, before employed by the U.S. Government.

In 1917 she wedded the late Emanuel G. Carr and gave birth to two children, Allene and Emanuel G. Carr, Jr.. Her devotion to children and love for the care of the newly born led her to be acclaimed one of the most effective nurses in the city caring for more than 400 young babies.

Her religious training started early at Third Baptist Church where she was very active in many organizations. She was a member of the senior choir and founded the Industrial Club and was its president from 1927 to 1973.

She also was a charter member of the Nurses Unit and served as co-chairperson with the 110th anniversary of the church.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1984
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Sermon
The public is co. dially invited to attend.

At Howard U.

'The Prophecy Fulfilled'

By Susan Baumel
AFRO Staff Writer

"The Prophecy Fullfilled" is the perfect Christmas play and should be seen in every church in the city this season.

The play made its debut at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall last year. This performance was their first anniversary celebration at Crampton Hall at Howard University.

That theater afforded the dramatic lighting and orchestra space that the script demands but the play is written with economies in mind and could withstand a more frugal staging arrangement.

It is a Gospel love story casted with a score of talented singers. The script is very close to the spirit of the scripture it is built upon.

Performed by a group known as the Immanuel Ensemble, with Jesus Christ billed as the executive producer, they could not seem to go wrong.

For one thing, the narrator's description of Herod, which opens the play, could make your blood literally freeze. Playwright Joseph Dennie reads that part.

The play opens with a brief history of Herod's regime, his mad obsession with himself and his ruthlessness, exhibited by the fact that he had one wife and two of his own children executed.

Yet, as the discourse is read, Herod, "He was king of the Jews."

Dennie, a graduate of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts , originally created the play for his Sunday School class at Holy Temple Church of Christ.

The musical uses a choir of eight back-up singers along with a score of musical instruments including: flute, piano, guitar and drums, congas.

Dennie does well with the character development, showing on one hand the tyrannical nature of Herod and so the fear of his slaves.

Contrasted with that is the bravado of the Roman who proclaims loudly, "I am a Roman and fear is not of Rome."

Sondi Dorsey is excellent as Mary and Charles Harris adequate as her mate, Joseph.

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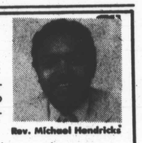

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Preaching 8:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Marion C. Bascom
at 7:00 p.m.
The Men's Choir, assisted by Dorothy Lofton Jones and Corine Anderson will participate in the Candlelight Service at Morgan's Christian Center.

MUSIC
8:00 Anthem
Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
—J. S. Bach
11:00 Anthem
O Thou The Central Orb
—Charles Wood

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9 a.m. — Church School
10:00 a.m. — Baptismal Service
10:50 a.m. — Morning Worship - Holy Communion
MUSIC:
The Anthem - "Holy Art Thous," - Handel
The Spiritual - "My Lord Is So High," - Ryder.
Preaching - "The Soft Winds of Life," - Dr. Ray
7:00 p.m. — Wednesday, December 5, 1984, The Martha W. Preston Bible Class
Come Worship With Us
DR. SAMUEL RAY, Pastor

Former AFRO employee is banquet honoree, is cited for 30 years as Sharon Baptist administrator

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The banquet at the Fountaine Bleu last week honored Mrs. Esther Patterson Brooks, the secretary, clerk and administrative assistant to Dr. James L. Moore, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church. Mrs. Brooks who was secretary to Dr. Furman L. Templeton, the late AFRO personnel director during the 1940's, was cited for over 30 years service at the church. She also operated the AFRO lineotype machine during WW II.

A lifelong member of Sharon, she was a Sunday School teacher under the late Dr. Miles W. Connor, president of Coppin State College and superintendent of the Sharon Sunday School.

A graduate of Douglass High School and Cortez Peters Business School, Mrs. Brooks continued study at Community College of Baltimore and Morgan State University. At one time she was employed with the U.S. government, received honors as a supervisor and served as secretary at Fleming Elementary School.

In addition to being a Sharon trustee board member, Mrs. Brooks is a charter member of many of the church's organizations and the President's Committee for the Morgan State University Choir.

She is secretary-treasurer and trustee for the Constance Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund which yearly gives over $2,000 to worthy college students.

During the banquet which saw the capacity guests giving standing ovations, Mrs. Brooks received many gifts and citations, "for faithful longtime service to the church and community."

Banquet chairmen were Mesdames Virginia L. Brown, Christine Coleman, Viola Woodson, Josie Spellman and Deacons Alfred F. Cheek and Theron Quarles. Mrs. Coleman presided. Others on the program were Rev. Moore, Rev. James Lightfoot, Rev. C.C. Alexander, Rev. Jentry A. McDonald, Dr. Darrell M. Gray, Dr. Elizabeth P. Johnson, Theron Quarles, Miss Essie Hughes, Miss Clara Lancaster, Mesdames Lois Washington, Norma J. Faulkner, Josie Spellman, Lillian Taylor, Yvonne Patterson, Viola Woodson, Beatrice Golder, Geraldine Grimes.

Presentations from the church and its organizations were made by Mrs. Gussie Harris, Miss Clara Lancaster, Trustee Harris. Music was by the Senior Choir and Mrs. Gwendolyn Daye, soloist.

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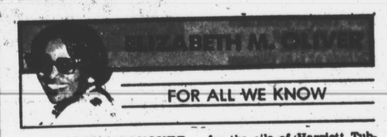
MRS. ESTHER P. BROOKS, Sharon Baptist Church clerk and administrative assistant to pastor, Dr. James L. Moore, over 30 years.

Baker photo

HER FAMILY — Bottom Row — L to R — Mrs. Marvin Brooks and daughter; Mrs. Louise Brooks, sister; Honoree, Mrs. Esther P. Brooks; Dr. James L. Moore, Sharon pastor; Mrs. Greta Patterson, Mrs. Yvonne Patterson, Miss Glendis Patterson. Top Row — Marvin Brooks, Malcolm Taylor. Mrs. Lillian Taylor, sister; Howard L. Brooks, Gail Patterson and Howard Patterson, brother.



ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

FOR ALL WE KNOW

FABULOUS BANQUET HALL, New Shiloh West, is set to open Dec. 8 with a seated dinner and a glittering list of 1,000 guests in formal attire.

The building at Clifton Avenue and Payson Street has been converted into a Fantasy Land by New Shiloh Baptist Church pastor, Dr. Harold Carter and Mrs. Carter and the 2,500 member congregation. Called New Shiloh West, the superb banquet hall's first affair will be long remembered.

Elegant is the word to describe the interior of the building already on the land which will also hold in the future the new $2 million New Shiloh Church (to be built from the ground up).

The setting for the debut of New Shiloh West Banquet Hall is scheduled to be the most elaborate and in Yuletide motif with the sumptuous menu to delight all done by a noted chef.

The keynote address will be by Dr. Albert Rowe, pastor and Councilman-at-large of Patterson, N.J. Among guests expected are leading citizens who will bring greetings and citations.

Mrs. Joan Harris is assisting Dr. Carter and Mrs. Carter is coordinating the extravaganza.

MASTER IN CHAUNCERY JOYCE MITCHELL, who serves as a Juvenile Court jurist and is scheduled to become the first woman Supreme judge, is off to Los Angeles to attend the National Conference of State Legislators 8th annual convention. The event at the Los Angeles Hilton is chaired by her husband State Senator Clarence M. Mitchell III, founder and president.

Following the three-day affair, Joyce and Clarence will jet to Hawaii and spend a small, quiet vacation on Maui, the most beautiful of all the Islands.

Also on the scene at the Los Angeles Hilton are Congressman Parren J. Mitchell who is one of the top banquet speakers; Michael Bowen Mitchell, the City Councilman and Attorney Juanita Jackson Mitchell.

KEIFFER MITCHELL, the physician, is opening his Art Gallery Jan. 15 not only to show off his own paintings that were on exhibit at Hopkins recently, but also for local and nationally famed artists. The gallery is located at 1238 Druid Hill Avenue.

Included in the brilliant collection will be portraits of Dr. Carl Murphy and the noted Civil Rights attorney, Charles Houston done in oils by Virginia Kiah of Savannah, GA.

BALTIMORE'S COURTHOUSE EAST is to be named for Clarence Mitchell Jr., the late Civil Rights advocate who was termed the 91st U.S. Senator in his lifetime.

Carroll Greene Jr., executive director of the Banneker-Douglass Museum owned by the state of Maryland Commission, reports that the Mitchell portrait may be done by Huey Lee Smith, the New York artist who is nationally known for the oils of Harriett Tubman, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and John H. Murphy Sr. and Dr. Lillie M. Jackson that now hang in the Maryland State House.

JOSHUA JOHNSTON ENDOWMENT FUND of the Baltimore Museum of Art will be formally introduced at a gala dance and cocktail buffet set for Dec. 1 (Saturday) 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Museum board of trustees and the Endowment Fund Committee are sponsors with committee chairmen Dr. Claudia Thomas, Brooks C. Robinson, J. Paul Bright Jr., Irving Hamer, Mrs. Will Jackson, Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, Jan Rivitz, Mrs. Bishop Robinson and Otis Warren.

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COLUMBIA'S Tau Pi Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held Annual Founders Day and Achievement Week Program at an elaborate breakfast at the fabulous Columbia Inn.

Dr. Ruteena Blake, wife of Dr. Vincent R. Blake won the highest award and was cited as Citizen of the Year.

Omega Brother Wilbur McIntyre presented Dr. Blake and lauded her for community service from the year she held a birthday party for all needy Baltimoreans and presented her "Save the Children" a first at the Lyric Theatre, up to the present service for young people in ski parties and the new famous Bob Tillion, introducing young men to society.

Harlem Park Church presentation of The Messiah hears famed soprano Veronica Tyler as soloist

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

The Sunday evening concert by the Community Choir featured George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" as the second of three enrichment programs sponsored this year by the Harlem Park Community Baptist Church.

A surprise soloist was Miss Veronica Tyler, the internationally famed soprano who appeared as an unscheduled guest she termed, "as a gift to the church, a Christmas offering." A soloist for the New York City Opera Company 10 years, the Baltimore artist who has appeared in concert around the globe, is a relative of the Harlem Park church pastor, Dr. Raymond Kelly, Jr.

She was accompanied by her personal representative, Richard Scott and Michael Bennett, a student of hers.

Mr. Bennett, a recent Morgan State University Masters Degree graduate, sang the bass solo in the Messiah. He said he is featured in the chorus of the Metropolitan Opera Company's presentation of Porgy and Bess due in February.

VERONICA TYLER
Internationally famed soprano

Miss Tyler wore a stunning bronze and gold, flowing toga of organza set off by gold chains and matching earrings. In addition to standing ovations from the audience, she was eagerly greeted at the church reception which followed the concert.

In addition to Miss Tyler, other noted musicians took part in the presentation which was rated as superb.

Dr. Max Statham, Baltimore's noted organist is also internationally known. At the piano was Mrs. Audrey McCallum, the much-praised music, choral, voice and piano teacher at Western High School. The alto soloist was Mrs. Dorothy Lofton Jones, also a gifted singer. James Poney was the tenor soloist who received sustained applause.

Dr. Kelly, who is the church founder and pastor and science teacher at Northern Parkway, served as director of the choir.

Terming the unprecedented presentation of the Messiah "a faith venture" Dr. Kelly explained that the choir was composed of musicians, teachers of music and singers from many of Baltimore's greatest choruses such as the Morgan State University Choir and the Great Hymns Choir.

The first of his enrichment programs was the Morgan State University Choir presentation in October. The third will feature Mrs. Mary West Jones, the dramatist who will appear Dec. 16.

The Messiah concert was preceded by the church's annual Thanksgiving dinner for the community's needy. The church's reception for the Messiah Community Choir and the guest artists, followed the concert.

Among the top musicians in the Community Choir were James Coleman of Coppin State College; Gwendolyn Daye, Great Hymns Choir; Alice Deshazo, the St. Francis Choir; Delores Jessup, City College; Anne Tyler, Morgan Choir; Matilda Johnson and Evelyn Scott Great Hymns Choir; Wanda Tyler, MSU Choir; Mary Parrish, Northern Parkway Jr. High media specialist; Dwayne DeVance, Peabody student; Chester Ford, Sharon Baptist Choir; James Poney, organist at First Baptist Church; Dr. Thomas Terrell and James Coleman, Coppin State Teachers; Claud Lambert, Peabody; Alan Poulson, MSU Choir.

—Accused Douglass

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ing well mainly because of absenteeism."

Mrs. Owens' records show young Rainey was absent from his Class No. 606 as many as 24 times and from his homeroom seven times.

The principal describes Rainey's mother as an attractive, bright and very concerned parent" who arrived at Douglass High Wednesday morning to express her dismay."

In talking with the mother, Mrs. Owens said she learned she is a single parent who works at night. When she was told about her son's absenteeism, she attempted to monitor him. About a week and a half ago, the mother said she sent her son to his grandmother who was better able to keep an eye on him.

Mrs. Owens said the mother was very much upset since so many problems had come her way recently and her father died just last week here in Baltimore.

Mrs. Owens said attendance records show that Rainey was not at school Monday, the day of the shooting. He reported that he stayed out because he heard Douglass had water problems and was closed for the day.

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