Religion In Modern Life

Minister visits Ethiopia

By Susan Baumel
AFRO Staff Writer

The Rev. Frederick C. Harrison, Secretary of Missions for the African Methodist Episcopal Church has been in Ethiopia meeting with church and government officials since November 19, 1984, according to representatives from his office.

People there, he said, are not only dying from hunger and starvation but also from exposure.

"They have to walk many, many miles through the heat of the day to get food, but when night falls and the freezing cold sets in there is no shelter and they die from

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AME MINISTER — The Rev. Frederick Harrison has visited Ethiopia and is now in South Africa meeting with religious leaders.

Jehovah's Witnesses to hold meeting

Hundreds of Jehovah's Witnesses from the Baltimore area will convene in their Assembly Hall on Sunrise Beach Road off Route 178 in Crownsville, Md. for the semi-annual two-day circuit assembly on December 8th and 9th.

Featured at the assembly will be timely Bible discourses, practical demonstrations on how to apply Bible counsel and principles in daily life affairs, and the baptism of new members who have dedicated themselves to the doings and teachings of Jehovah's Witnesses.

The theme of the assembly is: "Repudiate Ungodliness and Worldly Desires," which will be emphasized throughout the two - day assembly program.

The highlight of the assembly is the public address at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Theme for that address is "War at Armageddon—Is It Near? What Will It Mean?" The speaker will be Russell A. MacPhee, district overseer for Jehovah's Witnesses in the Baltimore-Washington area, a representative of the Watch - tower Bible and Tract Society, who also served as a missionary in Korea for many years.

Jehovah's Witnesses are embarking upon their second century, having begun as a small group of Bible students in the late 1870's. Despite national differences where their work is done, they have maintained international unity and peace among themselves. Languages, customs, cultures and political boundaries have failed to divide them.

These semi-annual circuit meetings continue to help reinforce that strength and unity.

The public is cordially invited to attend. There is no collection taken.

GIVE A BASKET FOR CHRISTMAS — Senior Ushers at Friendship Baptist Church, 346 Denison St. prepare for their second annual Christmas food baskets give-away. Pictured (L to R) are Edward Bank, Marion Fleshman, Lawrence Tanner, Betty Perkins, Maggie James and Carrie Gee. Churches and organizations are encouraged to send in information about their food or toy baskets give-away programs.

Church musical planned

Women of Ezra Baptist Church, 3800 Glenmore Ave., are presenting a musical program on Saturday, December 8, 7:30 p.m., in benefit of their upcoming 4th Annual Women's Day.

Now in a brand new home, the women are committed to new financial responsibilities that allow them to carry out successfully programs of the church.

Organized by Amanda Hodges and Juanita Holmes, along with other women of the church, the affair will bring together some of the city's notables in music.

Guests will include Elder Ronald Muse, Selector Voice Choir of Pentecostal Holiness Church, Madlaine Randall and Choir, Angelettes Gospel Singers, Voices of Praise, The Morean Milburn Ensemble, Sundra Jones and Ronald Huff and the First Charity Ensemble.

Emcees for the occasion will be Brother Keith Baily and Brother Lee Michaels.

The theme for this year's planned Women's Day festivities is "Working Women in Perilous Times."

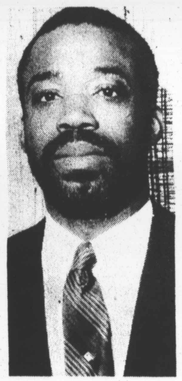
"It will be a good program," said Miss Hodges. "We have some great singers, and we are just so excited about it."

Ezra Baptist members have just moved from 5718 Bowleys Lane in September. This affair will be the first for the approximately 150 women at the church.

Women at Ezra, attempting to live up to the church's slogan, "A church dedicated to the community and its people," have been responsible for many services provided to some citizens in the city.

Rev. Dr. H. Marie Robinson is the pastor of the church.

T. Jackson preaches trial sermon



Tommy Jackson

By Pam Widgeon

Tommy Jackson says, "Being a Christian causes you to walk circumspectly and live a different kind of life style."

The 30-year-old executive assistant to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services preached his trial sermon last month at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

"It is my intention to continue my career in the criminal justice arena. I do hope I will be in a position one day full time in the ministry."

Jackson was the 46th person to preach his trial sermon at New Shiloh Baptist, since the Rev. Harold A. Carter has been pastor.

He is very active in the community and the former director of the Mayor's Criminal Justice Council.

"People don't expect you as a Christian to have frustrations. All that we are going through Jesus went through. Jesus was tempted by Satan, that is why we must take it to the Lord in prayer," said Jackson.

Jackson plans to attend theology school. He says today there are more young people in the church because "people are coming to realization regardless of education and material goods, there is something more to the person than your mind and body, that is the spiritual being of the soul.

"It requires something more than education, a house, a car and good jobs. The soul requires a relationship with God. I don't think you can be fullfilled in this world without a spiritual relationship with God.

"People are looking for something to satisfy the soul. The answer to it is Jesus. Jesus said in John, 14th chapter sixth verse, "Jesus saith unto him. I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the father, but by me.'

Jackson stated "It is becoming increasing more important to me how I live, what I say and how I do it. In life we all have expectations. When you say I am a Christian, people expect something more of you."

Jackson received his bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and his law degree from the University of Baltimore. He attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. He is married to Dorye Jackson and has one daughter, Erwin.

City quartets compete for best

The Mayor's Office and ARK Productions are sponsoring "Baltimore's Best Gospel Quartet Contest" on Friday, December 7, 8 p.m., at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave.

One of five of the city's most noted quartets will be selected as Baltimore's leading quartet.

The groups are the Nu Stars, Southern Silvertones, Wings of Faith, Christianaires and Mighty Wonders. Special guest for the occasion will be Little Cedric and the Hailey Singers.

Winner of the city's first activity of the kind will receive a cash prize of $150, a certificate and other fringe benefits which include an introduction to three producers, 10 hours of artist development, a recording presented to 10 major gospel labels and an autograph signing party at the Upward Way Church Supply Store.

Second place winner will receive $75 and third place winner, $50.

Judging each of the groups that has been singing over 10 years and who has made at least one recording are four area activists in the music industry.

Participants are being judged on their performance, delivery, appearance and audience appeal.

Some of the recording labels that have agreed to give a listen to the winning group include Light, Word, Benson, Myrrh, Savoy, Sound of Gospel and others.

"I feel this contest is going to do something great for Baltimore artists," said Jean Alston, an associate of ARK Productions. :'It will give local talent a chance to be on a major label and be recognized."

Little Cedric and the Hailey Singers

Metro Church Briefs

Mt. Zion A.M.E.

Faith, Hope and Charity Missionaries of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Long Green, Md. are sponsoring a Joy Night on December 8, 5:30 p.m. featuring choirs from around the city and county areas.

Brooklyn U.M.

A sacred music concert will be held at Brooklyn United Methodist Church, Fourth St. and Pontiac Ave., on Saturday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Ray of Hope Baptist

Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3000 Parkside Drive, will celebrate its annual Man of the Year program on Sun., Dec. 9, 4 p.m. Special guests will be the King Specials of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church.

Harlem Park Community Baptist

Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, 612 N. Gilmor St., will present an afternoon with dramatic artist Mary West Miller on Sunday, December 9, 3 p.m. The occasion will feature sermons by James Weldon Johnson

Gillis Memorial Christian Community

Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., will celebrate its 8th Annual Homecoming on Sunday, December 9. The 8:30 a.m. speaker will be Bishop Leroy Cannady (Refuge Way of the Cross); 11 a.m., Rev. Theodore Jackson (Gillis); 4 p.m., Rev. Elder Henry Thorne (Charity Community Church). All present and past members of Gillis are encouraged to attend.

Mt. Moriah Church of Christ

Mt. Moriah Church of Christ, 1119 N. Gay St., will present the Angelic Choir of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in concert on Sunday, December 9, 5:30 p.m. $3.50.

Catonsville's Women Aglow

Catonsville's Evening Women's Aglow will sponsor Tom Younger as guest speaker at Howard Johnson's restaurant, Ingleside Ave. For further info. call 945-3038.

Sons of Light

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

Centennial U.M.

Centennial United Methodist Church will be celebrating its "212th Bicentennial Awards Banquet" at the Forum, 4210 Primrose Ave., on Thursday, December 13. For further info. call 276-2870.

Highway Christian Apostolic

Missionaries of Highway Christian Apostolic Church, 1100 Homewood Ave., are celebrating their anniversary, the 27th, on Sunday, December 16, 3:45 p.m.

Mt. Pisgah C.M.E.

A night of miracles will be held at Mt. Pisgah C.M.E. Church, 1034 N. Fulton Ave., on Friday, December 21, 7:30 p.m. Rev. Christine Stimpson will be the speaker.

New Rehoboth Baptist

Hanlon Improvement Association, Inc. will have its monthly meeting at New Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2504 N. Hilton St., on Friday, December 21, 8-10 p.m. For further info. call Leonard Saunders, 383-9024.

St. Bernadine

Come and spend a day in New York with St. Bernadine Catholic church as they journey to see play musical "Mama I Want To Sing" on December 22. For further info. call Alease Gray, 466-6467.

St. James U.M.

An annual Christmas concert by the Mass Choir of St. James United Methodist Church, 1901 W. Lexington St., will be held on Sunday, Dec. 23, 6 p.m. William Sydnor will be the guest organist

Morning Star Baptist

Morning Star Baptist Church of Christ, W. Fayette St. near Carrollton, will present their annual Christmas Contata featuring "Down From His Glory," as composed by John Peterson on Sunday, December 23, 3:30 p.m. under the direction of James Peterson.

St. James U.M.

Officers and members of St. James United Methodist Church Children's Choir invite you to attend their first anniversary on Sunday, December 30, 3:30 p.m., at the church. Lexington and Monroe Sts. Interest groups should call Shelia Spruill, 233-2370 before Dec. 16.

Miss Christian Teen

Registration forms for the second Miss Christian Teen Pageant are now being accepted until January 1. For further info. call Gloria Temple, 687-4905.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

The Parents Club of St. Paul's School will sponsor the Fourth Annual Christmas Mart & Greens Sale on Saturday, December 15, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the school's Kinsolving Gymnasium.

Among the 25 dealers represented will be the Butler House General Store, Favorite Things, Julia Frazier's Stuffed Bears, Parkton Valley Mills, Snappy Turtles, The Valley Shop, Vicki Soble's Handmade Sweaters and Yorktowne Sports.

A variety of handcrafted items will be on sale including pottery, baskets, tree ornaments, jewelry, exotic spices and wooden reindeer. Live trees, fresh greens and assorted grapevine, box and pinecone wreaths as well as traditional bookstore items will also be sold. Lunch and refreshments will be available.

St. Paul's School is located on Falls Road (Rt. 25) in Brooklandville, one and a half miles north of the intersection of I-83 and the Baltimore Beltway at Exit 23. For further information, call 825-4400.

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Dr. Levi Watkins speaks at St. James Church

Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. was the speaker at the Brotherhood of St. Andrew annual Advent Sunday breakfast at St. James Episcopal Church, Lafayette Square, on Sunday, December 2.

Addressing nearly 125 guests, Dr. Watkins spoke of humanism as being the overriding factor that makes a better Christian.

"One should be judged by their character, not the color of their skin or the wealth of their pocket," said the visiting doctor.

He said that the present conservative political party is cutting the humanistic programs that affect the poor people of the nation.

"When business and finance become more important than humanism, we're in trouble."

Dr. Watkins encouraged the youth to stay away from drugs, hinting to some of the detrimental affects they can have. "If you commit your life to God, humanism will work for all of us. You see, the spirit of humanism and brotherhood can't be compromised."

With big emphasis on "We are our brother's keeper," Dr. Watson concluded to an overwhelming accepting audience.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew began at St. James Church in Chicago, Ill. in 1883 as 12 young men, with the approval of their Rector, the Rev. W.H. Vibbert, D.D., and inspired by James L. Houghteling, agreed to follow the example set by St. Andrew in bringing men to Christ.

In order to accomplish this purpose effectively, they adopted three rules: the Rule of Prayer, Rule of Study and Rule of Service. Soon they became a spiritual force in the St. James Parish.

Their action was emulated by groups of young men in other parishes of the church and by 1886, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had become an organized, dynamic force in the life of the church.

It was incorporated by an Act of Congress, and now functions as a national organization under a charter signed by President Theodore Roosevelt dated May 30, 1908.

Brotherhood chapters are now all around the world.

The pastor of St. James Episcopal in Baltimore is Father Donald O. Wilson.

Guests at the Brotherhood of St. Andrews Annual Advent Breakfast held at St. James Episcopal Church on Sunday, December 2 included (L to R) George Jude, Nathaniel Jackson Jr., Raymond Boone Sr. and son, William Adams and guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. Levi Watkins.

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exposure," he said.

"There is a great need for blankets to protect them from the freezing cold during the night and for medical supplies," Harrison added.

Harrison has advocated air transport for supplies which he confirms will cost about $6,000 per flight, an estimate that is in agreement with figures other relief organizations and church alliances have quoted.

Harrison claims that the AME church is the first Black Denominational to respond to the crisis in Ethiopia.

During his stay in Ethiopia, Harrison met with the African Director for Church World Service, Willis Logan, which is the social arm of the National Council of Churches.

After leaving Ethiopia, Harrison has travelled to South Africa. He is expected in the United States soon.

Today in Christ

By Joseph A. Carter, Jr.

The Word

Psalms 37:23-24: - "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And he delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with his Hand."

I John 1:9 (NKJ): - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Sometimes the Word of God is like a cool, smooth ointment, soothing in spiritual parts — Today . . . In Christ.

Spiritual soreness and bruising are brought on by, and serve as chief complications of sin and unrighteousness. Hey, wait a minute, before you jump, as if you were immune. Isaiah 64:6 tells us that our righteousness is as filthy rags, and Romans 3:23 reminds that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. The wonderful stationing that we enjoy as "somebodies" in Christ is unmerited - Ephesians 2:8-9:

("For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.") reminds us of this, and is a good scripture to commit to memory and call to mind whenever we would get "bigheaded".

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11:00 a.m...Rev. Vernon Bascom, Pastor, Union Baptist Church

5:00 p.m. Service of Recognition & Praise

MUSIC
8:00 a.m. Men's Choir

Gospel Trumpet arr. Buryl Red

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9:50 A.M. — Church/Community Hour
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MUSIC The Anthem - "Rejoice In The Lord," - Clark
The Spiritual - "Dere's No Hidin'-place Down Dere," - Johnson
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Wednesday, December 12, 7:00 p.m., The Martha W. Preston Bible Class

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