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Metro Church Briefs

Bethel A.M.E.

Christian Singles of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave., will be sponsoring a bowling party on Saturday, January 5, 7 p.m. For further information, call Martin at 433-8959.

Northeast A.M.E.

Free problem cigarette smoking treatment needs assessment and referral will be sponsored by the Northeast A.M.E. Church congregation, 1111 E. Coldspring Lane, immediately following 11 a.m. worship service beginning January 6 and continuing.

Catonsville Women

Catonsville Evening Women Aglow Fellowship invite you to an evening of Christian fellowship at the Howard Johnson Restaurant, Rt. 40 at Ingleside Ave., on Monday, January 7, 7 p.m. Speaker for the occasion will be Jacelyn Whitfield. For further info. call Ernestine, 945-3038.

New Rehoboth Baptist

United Baptist Ministers Evening Conference will hold its installation service on Monday, January 7, 7:30 p.m., at New Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2504 N. Hilton St.

Hope Baptist Church

Ray of Hope Baptist Church, 3060 Parkside Drive, will celebrate the seventh anniversary of its pastor and church beginning January 7 through 13. Speakers throughout the week are: Mon., Rev. George Crawley (St. Paul Baptist); Tue., Rev. Arthur Jones (Jones Tabernacle); Wed., Rev. Theodore Jackson (Gillis Memorial); Thurs., Rev. Mark Riddix (Mt. Zion Baptist); Fri., Rev. Clifford Johnson: Sun., Rev. Clifford Johnson (Mt. Pleasant Baptist). All services start at 7:30 p.m. except Sunday service which begins at 4 p.m.

St. Paul Baptist

Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, 3101 The Alameda, on Saturday, January 12, 9 a.m. Speaker for the occasion will be activist Bob Cheeks of the Baltimore Welfare Rights Organization.

Enon Baptist

Enon Baptist Church's (Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St.) eighth celebration of a dream, a tribute to Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., a freedom luncehon, will be held Saturday, January 12, 1 p.m. in the church's Christian Center.

There will be a panel discussion; theme: "Martin Luther King, Jr. vs. the 80's." Panelists include Boyse Mosely, Bob Cheeks, Michale Mitchell and Dr. Levi Watkins. Moderator for the occasion will be Rev. Wendell H. Phillips. $6.

St. John A.M.E.

St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., will feature activist Dick Gregory as guest lecturer on Saturday, January 12 at a lecture and health seminar in honor and celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. The event will begin at 3 p.m. For further info. call Dr. Russell Johnson, 235-2125.

New Psalmist Baptist

Rev. Donald Vails of Detroit, Michigan and the D.C. Chapter of the James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop of America will be in concert at New Psalmist Baptist Church on Sunday, January 13, 5 p.m. Other guests will be Kenneth Louis and Phase I and Henry Davis and Company. For further info. call church office, 837-4616.

Huber Memorial United Church of Christ

Second annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast will be held at Huber Memorial United Church of Christ, The Alameda and 29th St., 8 a.m. Theme for the occasion will be "The man, the method and the movement."

St. Mary's Seminary

Clergy, laity concerned and the education committee of the Progressive Economic Development Corporation will present a seminar/panel discussion on liberation theology as it concerns women, blacks and third world countries on Sat., February 23, 7 p.m., at St. Mary's Seminary, 5400 Roland Ave. For further info. call Father Fred Ruof, 467-3212.

Miss Christian Teen

Miss Christian Teen Pageant will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center on March 9. For further info. call Gloria Temple, 587-4905.

Upward Way caters to local churches

By Eddie King
AFRO Religion Editor

Rev. Clay Burston and his two Upward Way Church Supply stores at 459 Old Town Mall and 3226 Liberty Heights Ave. seem to have been around forever.

Actually, the stores have been able to service the city's entire religious community within the last three years only.

Much of the appearance of a long established completely operational business emerges from those years since 1976 when Upward Way first began around the corner in the mall at a much smaller location.

They then sold only a limited amount of Sunday School supplies and for much of that beginning year had only one regular customer—Southern Baptist, then the home church for the reverend and his 18-year wife, Maryanne.

As has become the tradition, gospel music was played to attract strolling shoppers along the mall inside the store. It was perhaps this special extra touch that served as the catalyst for progress for Upward Way Church Supplies which was to later become incorporated.

"As usual, we opened for business and began playing gospel records on our outside speakers," recalls Rev. Burston. "A customer came in to buy one of the records they heard, and we said we did not sell records. The customer encouraged us to begin selling them."

Shortly afterwards, record sales began to comprise 80 percent of total business sales.

"It was not until three years ago that Bibles and other supplies began to surpass the sales of records," said the reverend.

Within these last three years, Upward Way has become one of the largest black-owned church supply centers in the city with claims of having everything a church desires.

"We even sell pews, pulpit furniture and robes," boasts Rev. Burston who now pastors Mt. Hattin Baptist Church in the 1700 block of Chester Street.

Rev. Burston see his business as a ministry and as with any ministry it delivers a message.

"Oftentimes," he remarks, "people come in to be prayed for. We even open up every morning with prayer and people meet us here usually every morning to join in.

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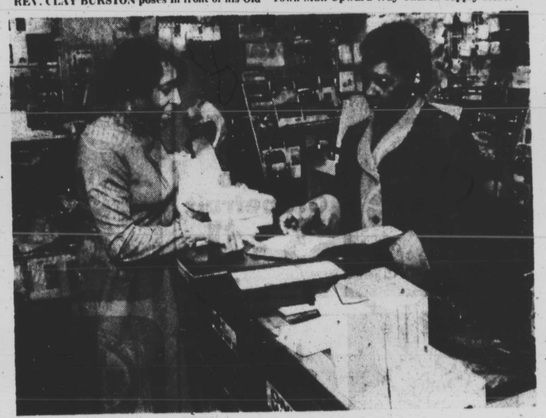
REV. CLAY BURSTON poses in front of his Old Town Mall Upward Way Church Supply store.



MRS. MARYANNE BURSTON co - owner of Upward Way Church Supplies, explains to customer Ruth Jennings (right) the features of a new Bible she is interested in buying.

RECORD-HUNT — Ms. Irene Young browses for records at Upward Way.

Today ... In Christ

By Joseph A. Carter, Jr.

The Word:

Psalm 37:7 - "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise."

Ephesians 6:13 - "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

In this first column of the new year '85, in lieu of the usual lengthy lists of resolutions, I invite you to join me in making just one committment. Let us resolve together - TODAY...IN CHRIST, and with him all throughout this year, to claim victoriously the instruction of Ephesians 6:13, and "having done all, TO STAND"!

To stand... To stand... and having done all...To stand. It must be understood and never forgotten, that we as Christians are engaged in a relentless and neverending battle against Satan and the legions of evil forces that heed his beck and call. There is never a time day or night that his "wiles" or schemings are not in operation against us - this is a part of "the evil day" cited in Eph. 6:13 , the text above.

Read Eph. 6:13, and see the magnitude of the enemy forces that we "wrestle against". It's not an ordinary enemy, it's no ordinary battle. We can not "withstand" the enemy's seige - which will surely come - on our own or by ourselves. Check out Eph. 6:11.; To stand against the devil and his schemes, we must put on "the whole armor of God: the waistband of truth; the breastplate of righteousness; the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace; the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit - the Word of God; and above and covering all - the massive shield of faith to quench the enemies fiery darts.

The whole armor of God! We must do what must be done to ensure that each part of our armor is ready for battle. We must do what must be done to keep it that way, every day, every step of the way.

It would be a foolish move, indeed, to even consider going into battle against so shrewd and formidable an enemy as ours, with any part of our armor less than it ought to be.

Then, "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might" (V.10), and "having done all" (V.13), let us resolve To Stand. When the battle of this year is past, and we view it from the retrospect of the next New Year, we can see that we have not lost ground. We have not been pushed back. We have not been changed. We have not retreated.

We have been steadfast in the faith. We have yielded no ground to the enemy. Having done all, and enduring much, we are standing, singing and giving praises. "My heart is steadfast, O God, My heart is steadfast!"

Ready to go forth - into the next battle (which will surely come) with new assurance and new determination TO STAND! Do we have a resolution together? Good, let me know about it. Drop me a line here. Praise the Lord!

I WISH YOU AND YOURS A NEW YEAR BLESSED WITH THE JOY OF THE LORD EACH AND EVERY DAY.

J CARTER

READ THE AFRO

If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

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His staff director, Mike Richardson pulled it off.

Wedding anniversary celebration of the year: — The 40th in July when Judge and Mrs. Robert Watts (Jackie), renewed their vows at All Saints, and were moved to tears when their children praised them at the mass, then surprised them further with a reception which attracted old friends . . . all this in the same week son, Rodney (Binx), exchanged vows with the former Gail Coleman. They're now at home in Los Angeles.

Happiest mother of the year: — Mrs. Loretta Valentine of Grantley Rd. She's been on Cloud 9 since June when her son, Harry Michael Valentine, earned his master's in public business administration at Harvard University. He's now with the state department of personnel.

Testimonial of the year: The June 26th retirement tribute to the Rev. Reginald J. Daniels, celebrating his 40 years as pastor of historic Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church. (Rev. Herschel Martin is interim pastor here.)

More 1984

Wedding of the year: The Sept. 1 ceremony at Bethel AME Church uniting Barbara Jean Craig, the businesswoman, and Dr. George G. Musgrove, director of the Baltimore City Department of Social Service . . . not to mention the elegant reception which followed at the Cadillac Ave. estate of family friend, Johnny Brice. They're now at home on Norfolk Ave. in the Forest Park section.

Tribute of the year: The moving words of retired Methodist Bishop Edward G. Carroll, and the down-memory lane remarks by Judge Milton Allen, as they recalled their early association with Attorney W. Emerson Brown, Jr., at his memorial services on December 29.

They and longtime golf buddy friend, Paul Scott, and lawyer friend, Myles Eisenstein, and the deceased's daughter, Jerri Brown, kept the large crowd at Nuffer Funeral Home at rapt attention as they remembered Emerson's wit, his helping hand to other young lawyers and his kindness and patience and his significant impact on the lives of many.

Prettiest dress of the year: The ecru satin, with handkerchief hem, worn by comely Sina Reid, at the Continentals' annual charity ball on Dec. 30th. She's the Harbor Place businesswoman and wife of Harold Reid of Hal's Amoco at Monroe and Lafayette.

Sellout of the year: — The 10th annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Breakfast, was a sellout as usual before the year ended. This year's Jan. 15th event has Dorothy Height, the noted civil rights leader as speaker, Morgan U. choir sings. It's at the Hyatt. Co - sponsored by the YMCA and the King's Landing Women's Service Club.

Happy New Year

Welcome to the new year parties were all over Baltimore town this year as usual.

The Forum out Reisterstown way was jumping with two big events — Members of Baltimore Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, headed by Mary Demory, were in one section, jumping to the music of Bill Cummings.

In the other were 35 members of that men's club, the Khayyamites, headed by Francis Greene. They entertained their guests with music by the 16 - piece band directed by Lewis Hamlin.

Baltimore Guardsmen were at Regency Terrace . . .

The Pals, another longtime Baltimore club, headed by Mildred Taylor, travelled to the showplace home of Janet and Walter Hairston in Phoenix, Maryland, for their annual get together. Members joining in the festivities, with guests, were: Martha Allen, Elise Brown, Mary Ellis, Cordelia Oliver, Ruby Taylor, Esther Wiles, Lois White, Frances Lockwood, Helen Thomas and Tommie Bowie.

More welcome the new year: At the Larry Gibsons (Diane), the celebration was an 80th birthday party for dad, Theodore Lewis, with only family about.

The Clifton Joneses (Sue) had their usual open house at their Northern Parkway residence . . . the We Wives brunched with guests at Tremont in downtown Baltimore. Iona Collins is president . . .

Get well

Not so happy new year, but do send best wishes to Ossarew Gee, Sr., the pioneer Druid Hill Ave. resident and longtime St. James Episcopal Church member. He's doing much better at Union Memorial Hospital.

Please remember another Union Memorial patient — Roscoe Evans — he had both legs amputated below the knee, is doing well.

Mr. Evans is the hubby of Zennie Evans, the caterer, and the father of Michael Evans, who has gained a name for himself as a model. His photo is the one in the Harvey Bristol Creme ads.

Prayers

Please remember in your prayers the family of the Rev. Edmond D. Meade, 81, who was buried this week. He was the pastor emeritus of Israel Baptist Church in East Baltimore, and for many years an ardent worker in the NAACP and other community causes. Survivors, his wife of 49 years, Mrs. Bernice Meade; daughter Mrs. Bernice Walker and son. Edmond D. Meade, Jr.

And remember relatives of Frank Payne, 51, who was eulogized this week. He was the cab driver who overcame his handicap caused by polio. Survivors: His wife, Dear; 11 children, his mother, Mrs. Mable Young; dad, Calvin Payne; brothers, Carlos and Lou Payne, Chicago; Joseph Payne and Del. Larry Young, Baltimore; and sisters, Mrs. Henrietta Payne and Sarah Young, Ft. Bragg, N.C.

New lawyers

New lawyers who have been certified by the State Board of Law Examiners, and who will be sworn in before the Court of Appeals in Annapolis on Jan. 17 and 18, include the following black applicants;

Black men and women, number largest in history to pass the bar;

Jose F. Anderson, Jerome A. Bivens, Wayne A. Brooks, Tol Carter, Shelby A. Dickerson, Andrew B. Hines, J. Darrell Peterson, Kenneth W. Ravenell, Victoria R. Robinson;

Also, Marcia A. Stephenson, Darlene V. Thomas, Leslie E. S. Turner, Elizabeth R. Wheatley, Angela R. White.

Judge Harry Cole of Baltimore is among the Court of Appeals jurists who will receive the new lawyers.

Booker T. Bradshaw, 80

Booker T. Bradshaw, a founder, past president and chairman of the board of Virginia Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, died in a local hospital on December 29. He was 80.

Mr. Bradshaw, of 1226 Wallace St. in Richmond, was one of three founders of the insurance company in 1933. He served the company for more than 40 years until his retirement in December, 1973. He was chairman of the company's board of trustees at the time of his death.

Mr. Bradshaw was very active in the community. He was past president of the Richmond Urban League; a past board member of the United Givers' Fund, co-chairman of the United Negro College Fund in Virginia; member of the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, a member of the board of Central Virginia Educational Television, and a former vice-chairman of the Richmond Public School Board.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Emma Forrester Bradshaw; a son, Booker T. Bradshaw, Jr. of Los Angeles, CA.; a brother, Tecumseh Bradshaw of Washington, DC; a granddaughter, Miss Alaiyo Bradshaw of Detroit, MI.

A wake for Mr. Bradshaw will be held at A.D. Price Jr. Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 1, from 7 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the funeral home Thursday at 1 p.m., with Rev. O. D. Brown officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery.

Councilwoman McLean in the hospital

City Councilwoman Jacqueline McLean entered North Charles General Hospital yesterday (Thursday) for some form of scheduled surgery. Contacted by the AFRO, a nurse attending the councilwoman, said she had just come out of surgery, was still slightly sedated and unable to come to the telephone.

The nurse, though she would not say exactly what was ailing that it was a routine procedure and her stay at the hospital should be between seven and ten days.

Councilwoman McLean is in Room 609 at North Charles General.

Cherry Hill man the last city fire fatality

Just a little less than a month from his 37th birthday, Gregory Vaughn become the 54th and last fire fatality for 1984 in this Cherry Hill apartment on December 28.

Fire Department officials conclude that the fire that kept Vaughn from seeing his January 24th birthday was caused by careless smoking, apparently a cigarette left burning on the sofa.

According to Captain Patrick Flynn of the Baltimore City Fire Department, a smoke detector was in the apartment and was very much responsible for the successful escape of other neighboring residents of the apartment building.

Vaughn, who was employed by the Raytheon Aerospace Company, had been a graduate of Douglass High School and had attended Morgan State University. He later went into the military, serving in Vietnam.

Described by family and friends as a "jovial type fellow", Vaughn had been a Cherry Hill resident for more than 10 years and active in the community.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 31 at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in South Baltimore.

He is survived by parents, Mildred and John Witherspoon; wife, Karen Vaughn; brothers, Dwight and Elroy Vaughn.

—Upward

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"There are others who come in for counseling, and there have been times or two when we have performed wedding ceremonies. We have also been the source for many people to get through to city agencies."

The Burstons count their success as a blessing from God.

"When the industry was telling us we needed $50,000 to have a successful bookstore, we just didn't have it," the reverend recalls. "We have to give total credit to the Lord."

Upward Way Church Supplies now caters to some estimated 400 customers a week, many of whom have become regulars. Business administrators have joined the advisory boards of various organizations around town.

Future expansions are desired and presently wheels are in motion for moving to a larger location for the main store, and there are even those hints of possibly expanding to other cities.

The new year for Upward Way Church Supplies, Inc. holds only progression as attempts are made to better serve the religious clientele of Baltimore.

"We just want to continue our quality service to the community," says Rev. Burston.

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The Baptist Ministers Conference of Baltimore and vicinity requests the honor of your presence at the installation of its officers for 1985 to be held at the

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Dr. C. C. Alexander,
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Dr. A. C. D. Vaughn,
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1985
9:00 A.M. Family Service—Church School
8:00 A.M. Holy Communion
11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend.

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8:00 A.M. — Prayer and Spiritual Healing Service
9:00 A.M. — Church School
10:00 A.M. — Service of Baptism — "How To Have A Happy New Year" — Preaching, Dr. Ray.
10:50 A.M. — Morning Worship — Holy Communion
MUSIC The Anthem — "Come Christians Joined To Sing."
The Spiritual — "We shall walk through the valley in peace."
Preaching — Reverend Kenneth Clarke, Colgate Rochester Divinity School.
DR. SAMUEL RAY, PASTOR

The Jubilee Day Committee of the Maryland NAACP Conference
Invites you to
Attend A Statewide
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