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Wayland Baptist Church celebrates its 75th Anniversary

Wayland Baptist Church at its present location 3200 Garrison Blvd.

An AFRO Special

Nearly 350 people packed into the Banquet Room at La Fontaine Blue Catering Hall last Friday evening.

The occasion was a dinner culminating two weeks of activities in celebration of the 75th anniversary of Wayland Baptist Church and the 15th anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Darneal Johnson, Jr.

The color scheme of blue and white and the theme of "Faith, Hope, and Charity: Life's Diamonds" prevailed as it had since the beginning of the celebration.

Deaconess Lucille McCormick extended a hearty welcome to the guests, which included Rep. Parren J. Mitchell.

Fourteen-year-old Annette Campbell thrilled the audience as she eloquently introduced the toastmistress, Mrs. Dee Wright, and toastmaster Alvin Steele. Mrs. Campbell is the daughter of Mrs. Janet Campbell, former church organist, and Deacon Lawrence Campbell.

Mrs. Wright, an author, businesswoman and housewife, set the tone for the jubilant occasion with her original rendition of "This is Our Church."

Deacon Steele, coordinator of Youth Affairs at the Urban Services Agency, introduced his fraternal brother the Rev. Walter Fauntroy of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity).

In addition to being a member of Congress Rev. Fauntroy is pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. His message was: "The Fountain of Youth." During his message, he stated that "Youth is not a time, but a state of mind."

"Youth is faith, old age is doubt: youth is self confidence, old age is fear; youth is hope and old age is despair."

Rev. Fauntroy continued to excite the audience as he concluded his message, "The fountain of loyalty and hope from which we drink will cause us to ! ! ! " and he climaxed his message with the heart warming solo, "We will never grow old."

Participating ministers were the Rev. Timothy Simmons, who sang "The Lord's Prayer," and the Rev. Ellwood Foster, a member of Wayland for 53 years, brought the greetings. Both are Wayland associate ministers. Rev. John Lunn, pastor of Berean Baptist Church, asked the blessing.

The third pastor of Wayland, the Rev. William W. Payne, a human milepost in the history of Wayland, reflected on the church's past.

"Wayland began in a lamp-lit parlor of Deacon and Mrs. Robert Thrower at 1829 Orleans St. as a prayer band," Rev. Payne told the church.

"The prayer band grew and the first home of Wayland Baptist Church was a store front at 304 N. Anna St."

Rev. Payne reflected and told how the group that gathered in the 1910 church, under Rev. Willis J. Winston, moved to the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Street, and afterwards in 1945 how Rev. Elijah Reynolds became Wayland's second pastor.

"In 1947 I became pastor. Due to redevelopment, we had to vacate and march to our new location at Garrison and Fairview. On that day over 3,000 friends and members formed a caravan and traveled to the present location at Garrison and Fairview.

"And after 30-odd years, I tendered my resignation. I commend Rev. Darneal F. Johnson and his wife for carrying on in such a fine tradition," Rev. Payne told the group.

Deacon Simon Jarvis and Trustee John Wells, chairmen of the deacon and trustee board, respectively brought greetings. A tribute was paid to the deceased by Deacon Everett Logan who said they have left a legacy through their spiritual gifts.

Additional soloists were Mrs. Rosalyn Gross and Trustee William Wilson who was accompanied by church organist, Rodney Whitney.

The group heard renditions of "To God be the Glory," "Amazing Grace" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

Mrs. Robin Frazier and her Committee, which included Mrs. Denise Carter and Mrs . Evelyn Gail, conducted the presentations to Rev. and Mrs. Johnson, the church anniversary committee and other organizations in the church.

A plaque was given to the oldest member of the church, Deacon John Ward, who celebrated his 100th birthday last February. A plaque was also given to the youngest member, Miss Seanta Arnette, who is five years old.

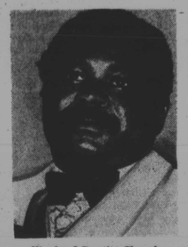
Rev. Foster, Walter Watkins and Trustee Linwood Foster, 50-year members, received plaques and Mrs. Louvienia Simpson and Mrs. Susie Murphy were recognized for their long years of service.

Anniversary chairperson Gwendolyn Reed, whose grandmother's parlor housed the original Wayland Prayer Band, said, "I've been in Wayland since I was three and was blessed to have served under all three pastors."

Austin Walker, a descendant of the second pastor, served as co-chairperson. Mrs. Doris Wheeler was chairperson. Mrs. Beverly Simpson was her assistant.

Kickoff for the historic occasion began the first week in October. At that time, Rev. Randolph Taylor of City Temple Baptist Church and his choirs and congregation joined the Wayland Baptist family for worship.

During the second week, Rev. Montague Brackett, Theodore Jackson, Edgar Ried, Eddie Wilson and Bishop Monroe Saunders conducted the anniversary worship services.



Wayland Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Darneal Johnson

On Sunday, Oct 13th was designated as Anniversary Sunday and was historical in its format. The early worship service was preached by Rev. Walden H. Wilson, pastor of Israel Baptist Church. Rev. Wilson noting that some of its original parishoners came from Israel Baptist Church.

Rev Darneal Johnson, III, a third generation preacher, delivered the message at the morning worhsip service

The Diamond Jubilee musical held in the afternoon was dedicated to the 100-plus hard-working members of the committee. This trip down memory lane was performed by the Jubilee Singers, which consists of members of all of Wayland Baptist Church's eight choirs.

The group was directed by Mrs. Shirley Kimbrough, who was assisted by James Poney, Rodney Whitney, Penelope Callaway, and Sandra Mosley.

The Wednesday after the banquet was named "Sons of Wayland" night at which time Rev. John Lunn delivered his message. Rev. Lunn has the distinction of being the first son of Wayland Baptist Church. He was the first ordained, the first to preach, and the first to become a pastor. He is in his tenth year at Berean Baptist Church.

Other sons of Wayland include Rev. John Harvey, and Timothy Simmons.

Also James Evans, Herbert Thomas, Darneal Johnson, III, and David Wells have accepted the call to the ministry.

Trustee Margaret Walker, also a descendant of the second pastor, was chairperson for the Diamond Jubilee celebration highlight, the publication of a beautiful journal commemorating the church's 75 years. Mrs. Ruth Frazier also assisted in the book's production.

The First Lady of Wayland Baptist Church, Mrs. Harriet Johnson, was the program chairperson.

Other committee chairpersons were Mrs. Daisy Coffey, courtesy committee; George Phelps publicity committee; Mrs. Helen Shaw, decoration committee, which was also co-chaired by Mrs. Marjorie Spellman and Deaconess Marie Shaw: Rev. Ellwood Foster, history committee; and Trustees Claude Davis and John Wells co-chaired the finance Committee.

Presently, Wayland Baptist Church has an active membership of approximately 1,000 and its outreach program includes — a soup kitchen, food co-op and God's storehouse as needed.

The Sunday School, under the leadership of Mrs. Joyce Evans has an enrollment of 400 students. The staff and students minister to the retarded children at Francis Scott Key Hospital and other missionary projects include the upcoming Harvest Rally, where baskets are prepared for needy families.

Metro Church Briefs

ST. JAMES CHURCH

St. James Church will hold an Open House at 801 Lafayette Square on Sunday, October 27th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

During the Open House there will be a special showing of the portrait of The Rev. Dr. Donald O. Wilson, created by artist Stanislo Rembski. Friends and members are encouraged to attend.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

Nov. 6th. 7th. and 8th. Providence Baptist Church will hold its annual revival. The theme will be: "Christian Women Crusading for Christ." The speaker will be Rev. Clifford Johnson of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. Also, a women's prayer breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Nov. 9.

Providence Baptist Church is located at 1401 Pennsylvania Ave.

The church will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday, Nov. 17, featuring the Morgan State University Choir, directed by Dr. Nathan Carter. All are invited to attend. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. Rev. Marcus G. Wood is pastor.

A GOSPEL FUNDRAISER

A Gospel fundraiser for Southwestern Senior High School featuring the Mighty Stars of Joy, the Imani Messengers of Bethel A.M.E. Church, the Crowns of Glory, the Christian Harmoneers of the Christian Community Church of God, and other local groups and choirs.

This concert is sponsored by the Parents-Teachers-Students Assoc. of Southwestern High School, located at 200 Font Hill Ave., on Nov. 3 at 4:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from the secretary Pat Holtsclaw-at the Bethel A.M.E. church office. The number is 523-4273, after 4:30 call 362-2398.

Donation will be $4 and $1.50. Rev. J.D. Fowler and Brother Kurt Ashe will be the masters of ceremonies.

SHILOH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Shiloh C.C. Church will celebrate its 38th Annual Woman's Day on Sunday, Oct. 27 with services at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The theme will be: "Women of Shiloh Working Together in Spirituality and Love with Our Savior Jesus Christ."

The 11 a.m. speaker will be Rev. Darlene McGuire of Bethel Baptist Church of Mt. Kisco, NY. At 4 p.m., Rev. Cynthia Jones of Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church in Baltimore will be the speaker.

Music will be rendered by Mrs. Lois Smith and Mrs. Gloria Thompson.

The church is located at Lombard and Cahterine Sts. and Rev. Jimmy Baldwin is the pastor.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

The Macedonia Baptist Church Clayton Chorus is celebrating its 10th Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Lafayette and Fremont Aves. The group has been serving since 1934 and was later named in honor of the pastor.

Guest speaker for the 11 o'clock morning worship service will be the dynamic Rev. Ernest Jackson of Greater Harvest Baptist Church (Old Macedonia).

To further uplift spirits, the afternoon service at 3:30 p.m. will feature in concert Garfield Webb and Company. Mr. Webb has performed with such renowned persons as James Cleveland, Gloria Griffin, Rosie Wallace, Tommie Roberts, Keith Pringle, and Myrna Summers. He presently sings with the A.E. Jones Singers and is a dedicated member of the Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church. He is truly one of God's willing workers.

Please plan to attend this glorious occasion and help to uplift the Kingdom of God and His Holy Name on this special day of the Clayton Chorus. The admission for the afternoon service is $2 per person.

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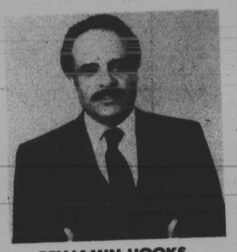

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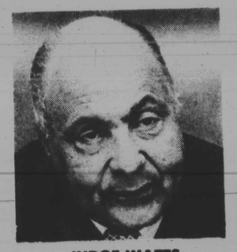

JUDGE WATTS

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4:00 p.m.
SHERATON INNER HARBOR HOTEL
300 S. Charles Street
Speaker: Dr. Benjamin Hooks
Executive Director of the NAACP
Donation: $30.00 per person
The Museum's highest award will be presented to retired
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