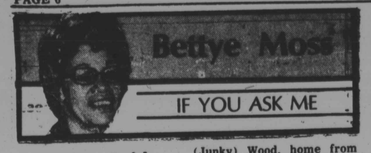

For Rev. Reid

Members of Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church, 3100 Walbrook Ave. in northwest Baltimore, celebrated the 20th anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Dr. Edgar L. Reid.

The week - long celebration saluted Dr. Reid for his "twenty years of visionary leadership."

Anniversary guest speakers were Rev. Clifford Johnson, pastor, Mt. Pleasant Baptist; Rev. Marshall Strickland, Pennsylvania Ave. AME Zion, and Rev. Theodore Jackson, Jr., pastor, Gillis Memorial Church.

They recalled Dr. Reid's leadership role in the community and church circles, including the Lott Carey Missionary Convention which presented him its 1985 majestic leader award.

Praised

At the anniversary banquet on Nov. 8 at Blue Crest, the speaker was Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist. He told the gathering.

"During the 20 years of his leadership, he has served as counselor, preacher, administrator, financial planner and family man. He has shown the leadership of a Moses, courage like Joshua and the determination of a Daniel."

Rev. Wood predicted that Rev. Reid's plans for the future of Gospel Tabernacle will take it to greater heights in the years ahead.

Dr. Reid is a life member of the NAACP which has cited him as Blue Ribbon pastor for three successive years. He is also active in the Baptist Ministers' Conference and serves on the Baltimore City Community Relations Commission.

Under his leadership, the 52 - year - old Gospel Tabernacle has renovated existing properties, including the sanctuary, and purchased additional land to build apartments for senior citizens.

His family

His family: Proud family members are, wife, Mrs. Christine Crues Reid, Garrison Junior High teacher (the two were college sweethearts at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.).

Their children are: Mrs. Rita A. Dorsey, Falstaff Middle School teacher, and wife of Leander Dorsey, Greenspring Junior High teacher; son, Lance Cpl. Medgar L. Reid, with the Marines in Tenn. . . . and daughter, Kezia A. Reid, a high school senior. Grandson is 5 - year - old Marcus L. Dorsey.

Mrs. Reid's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Crues, lives in St. Louis.

Church leaders: — Rufus A. Smith is chairman of Gospel Tabernacle deacon board.

Trustee board chair is Joseph Smith.

Deaconess board chair is Mrs. Beryl Smith.

Church clerk is Mrs. Mary Ames.

Arthur Pierce presided at the anniversary banquet. Program participants included Rev. Restia Whitaker, Mrs. Delores Funn, Marcus McBride, Ronald Franklin, Lester Buster, Mrs. Dianne Simmons, William Sydnor and Mrs. Marjorie Hill.

Mrs. Hill co - chaired the banquet committee with Mrs. Catherine Mills.

About people

On the mend: Mrs. Harrison J. Bryant (Edith), wife of the retired AME bishop, is in Baltimore County General Hospital. She suffered a stroke a week back. Note: Many call Mrs. Bryant "Mother Bryant. She's mother of Bethel pastor, Rev. John Bryant.

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Home from Union Memorial Hospital this week is the Rev. Reginald J. Daniels, pastor emeritus of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church. He had surgery, Mrs. Daniels reports he is "much, much better."

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The family of Ronald Sutton is singing the praises of University Hospital neurologist, Dr. Walker Robinson.

He performed the delicate surgery which removed the tumor from young Sutton's spine last week.

This week, his wife, Ernestine, and parents, Wendell and Essie Sutton, are overjoyed that he is out of intensive care, undergoing therapy, moves this weekend to Montebello Hospital for further therapy, and there is hope he'll be able to walk and resume normal duties. Keep get well cards going to the Suttons, they're always doing thoughtful things for others.

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More on the mend: John (Junky) Wood, home from Hopkins. Wellington (Ducky) Ross, in Sinai; Royal Weaver released from Mercy Hospital, on Thursday.

Mrs. Mildred Nelson, home from hospital. Mrs. Aaron Ellis Mary), due home from Hopkins this weekend.

St. Edward

"Rejoice today at St. Edward Church." These were the words on the program which welcomed worshippers to the Poplar Grove St. Catholic church's annual homecoming mass on Sunday morning.

And did the 35 members of the choir rejoice in song. What melodious voices the organist, Tony Winston, provided soulful accompaniment. And the audience responded with applause and "amens."

Terrific was the rendition of "Jesus, I Love You." ("Jesus, I love you, Oh, yes, oh yes, ooh - yes I do...")

And, the solo by Paul Saxon which moved the congregation to applaud vigorously. (And one worshipper at the front was moved to proclaim Halleluhah. And there was applause for "Let Us Break Bread Together — with solo by Lawanda Page.

More good singing was by Ann Lumpkin and her son, Larry, ("Lamb of God." — and "My Soul Is Anchored in the Lord.")

Father Maurice J. Blackwell is pastor of St. Edward. Deacons are Revs. Earl Smith, Joseph Neale and Bernard Joseph. Sunday mass intentions were led by Mrs. Marie C. Smith at 8:30 a.m., and Charles G. Hillen at the 11 a.m. (Friends were glad to see him out of the hospital and doing well).

Among ushers greeting visitors were Archie Lewis and I. Henry Phillips.

Program

St. Edward six - page church program gives financial report and a variety of announcements, including job openings, a canned goods campaign and upcoming holiday service announcements.

Sick members listed: Harold Brown, Elisha Butler, Ruth Jenkins, Eileen Johnson, Joseph Kincheloe, Michelle McQuay, Clarence (Grip) Smith, Marie C. Smith and Dolores Robinson.

Program offered best wishes to Mrs. Anna Davage, who was 84 on Sunday. A reception followed the 11 a.m. service in the church hall.

Cuff note: St. Edward's sanctuary is a place of beauty.

On both sides are seven stained glass windows, approximately 17 feet high, and two others on either side of the altar. Lovely!

Memorable: Near the close of the service Father Blackwell asked worshippers to join hands, across the church. They did, to sing together The Lord's Prayer.

Young family in the crowd: Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hall, Jr. (Norma) with their 2-year - old Amon, and nephew, 3 - year - old Kahlil.

Also there, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Coles (Rita), both retired educators. With them their two - year - old granddaughter, Veronica.

More people

Delegate Elijah Cummings (D-39th) received the distinguished leadership award at the annual dinner sponsored by BIG (Blacks in Government). Citation noted Cummings' role as chair of the Md. Legislative Black Caucus. Frank Hunt is chair of Baltimore chapter of BIG.

Cuff note: Put this on your calendar now: Md. Legislative Black Caucus annual fundraising dinner (Feb. 1, 1986), will pay special tribute to retiring U.S. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

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Morgan State University Women's annual fundraiser is this Sunday (Nov. 24) at 5 p.m., at the Fells Point Dinner Theatre.

Proceeds go to the group's Lucy Holmes Scholarship Fund for deserving students. Tickets are $22. For reservations call 448-4385, Cynthia Harvey, or 265-8655, Catherine Stansbury.

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Mrs. Saretha Greene and family members were in Birmingham last week for the funeral of Mrs. Rosa Lee Harris Greene. She was the mother of the late Dr. Lonnie Greene, the Baltimore dentist who died four years ago.

In addition to his widow, other family members at the funeral were granddaughters, Lonnia, Baltimore; and Sheryl Leverett of N.Y., with her daughter, 16 - month - old Patrice.

MINISTER HONORED — Seated center, Rev. Dr. Edgar L. Reid, Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church minister, honored at 20th anniversary banquet. Left, Rev. Marcus G. Wood, banquet speaker. Family members standing, daughters, Miss Kezia Reid and Mrs. Rita R. Dorsey and her husband, Marvin Dorsey; honoree's wife, Mrs. Christine Reid. Standing front, grandson Marcus L. Dorsey.

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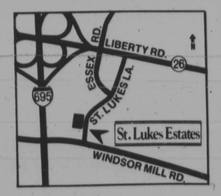

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University of Md. Law School marks end of segregation

By Valerie Smith-Madden
AFRO Staff Writer

On Friday evening, the University of Maryland Law School and the Black Law Students Association of that school, marked the 50th anniversary of desegregation at that school.

Prior to becoming a public institution in 1920, the law school graduated its first black students; Charles Johnson and Harry S. Cummings. The men graduated first and tenth respectively in the class of 1889.

A year later, under protest from white law school students, to deny admission to black students, school officials compiled and asked two first year law students not to return for their second year.

The action marked the beginning of exclusive white attendance of the school. This continued for 45 years.

In 1935, Donald Gaines Murray, seeking entrance into the law school, which was now a state-funded institution, challenged the school's refusal to admit him.

Using the legal system as a weapon, Murray appealed to the NAACP for help. Two lawyers were appointed; Thurgood Marshall and Charles Hamilton Houston.

Together, the lawyers argued that the school's refusal to admit Murray denied him equal protection under the law.

A Maryland court found that the state failed to satisfy the requirements of the Plessy vs. Ferguson "separate but equal" doctrine and compelled the school to admit Murray into its 1935 fall semester, paving the way for successive classes to include blacks.

Rebecca Sass, a second year-law student and coordinator of the program said Donald Gaines Murray would be unable to attend due to illness.

"But, it's a real grand event," she said. Scheduled speakers included Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Congressman Parren J. Mitchell. Refreshments were served.

Transportation Dept. seat belt campaign

"Safety belt use is the single most effective way of reducing deaths and injuries on Maryland's highways," according to Maryland Secretary of Transportation William K. Hellmann. Secretary Hellmann's remarks came as he endorsed a campaign designed to increase belt usage throughout the Baltimore area.

The campaign, "Safety is a Snap" is a cooperative effort of business, volunteers and government agencies which offers motorists a chance of winning valuable prizes for simply pledging to wear their safety belts in 1985-86.

Pledge card-entry forms can be obtained at Giant Food Stores or area Honda Dealers. Prizes to be given away in December 13th drawing include a 1986 Honda 4-door Accord, a trip for two to California, weekends at various area hotels and dozens of other items.

"We applaud Giant Food, Inc., WBAL-Radio, the Honda Dealers and all of the other participants in this program. Incentive programs have been shown to work well around the country and this may be the largest such program ever," said Secretary Hellmann.

Secretary Hellmann said he was especially pleased that the coordinating sponsor for the event is the Maryland Association of Women Highway Safety Leaders, Inc., a volunteer group which has worked with the Maryland Department of Transportation for many years.

"This kind of program," will raise public awareness about the need to wear safety belts at all times and provide incentives for people to make wearing belts a part of their normal driving habit," said Secretary Hellmann.

The Secretary also pledged that his agency would continue to support passage of mandatory safety belt law in Maryland.

"Sixteen states and the District of Columbia have such laws," said Secretary Hellmann, "and I believe there is growing support in the Maryland General Assembly for such a measure. We will continue to do everything we can to provide information to the legislators on the tremendous benefits of such legislation to the citizens of Maryland."

In closing, the Secretary noted that statistics show that one in every three Marylanders will be involved in a serious motor vehicle accident during his lifetime and that the use of safety belts will reduce the risk of injury or death by more than 50 percent.

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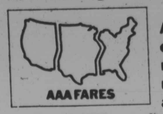

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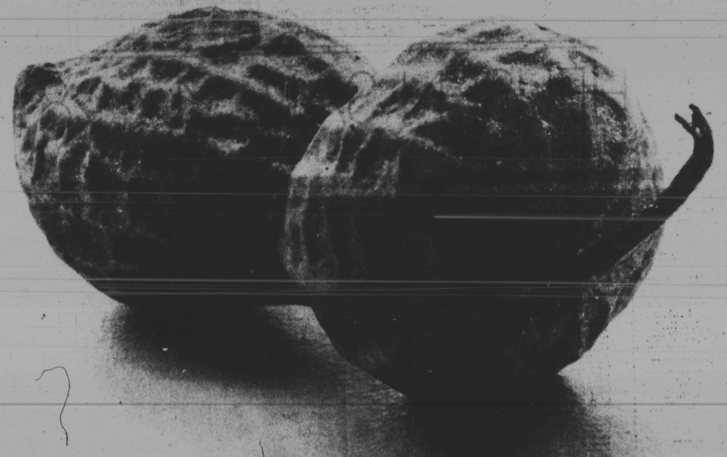

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