THE LIVING CHURCH

Jesus heard beat of different drum, first to teach power of love

By Elizabeth M. Oliver

Today, Good Friday, closes Passion Week and concludes the suffering of Jesus on the cross. The Prophesy which was declared long before His birth was fulfilled at His death.

All of the Christian world, which is composed of countless millions of believers, remains bathed in tears and sorrow this day. Then begins the preparation for Easter Sunday, the highest holy observance.

The Prophesy was that Jesus would be born of the Virgin Mary, that he would suffer under Pontius Pilate, the Roman ruler, and be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes who would condemn Him to death. It was predicted that He would be delivered unto the Gentiles who would mock Him, spit upon Him and crucify him.

PHILOSOPHY OF LOVE

And, the third day He would rise from the tomb. The short story above includes the Savior's 33 years here on earth. All that time, the young man who was born in Bethlehem nearly 2,000 years ago heard the beat of a different drum. That drum thundered out His calling to the world at that time and as the Scriptures foretell, forevermore. That calling was to preach the philosophy of love, the first time in the history of the known world.

At Jesus' birth there were wars and wars, among tribes, individuals and nations and the philosophy was "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." There had never been a pronouncement like the one Jesus spoke of and taught, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The people were under the cruel Roman rule which had no regard for human worth or the dignity of the individual. To keep the Jews under command, crucifixion was invented and history reveals that hundreds were nailed to crosses, tormented, and jabbed with Roman swords to be left for the buzzards to pick their bones and hang there until they died.

The people longed for a savior, a king, a man who would come with armies and defeat the Romans in battle and restore their lands to them. They wanted revenge by the sword and they wished to punish the Roman rulers with the kind of cruelty they had suffered.

However, Jesus who proclaimed Himself King of The Jews did not satisfy their longing for a strong, fighting warrior. He had no army. The people could not comprehend the message Jesus gave nor did they understand the power of His philosophy of Love, of Passive Resistence, of Prayer.

THE POWER OF LOVE

Jesus marched to the beat of a different drum.

Although He healed the sick, raised the dead, caused the blind to see, all through the power of faith, the people felt that was not enough.

Jesus laid down all the laws by which human beings should live, and He taught that a divided house cannot stand. He gave the secret of healing and passed the rules on to His disciples. He answered the questions on how to retore peace to the land, how to achieve prosperity in the parable of the sower whose seed fell upon good ground and brought forth fruit 100-fold.

All these things had never been heard in the land torn by war, inhumanity to man, suffering and evil. But Jesus marched to a different drum.

When Jesus was sentenced to die on the cross and when the soldiers of the Roman government dragged Him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where many had died before Him, there were many persons who expected Him to prove the philosophy He had taught. They wanted His God to deliver Him. They wanted angels to swoop down and rescue the Son of God.

There were two thieves on the cross beside the Saviour, one on the right and one on the left. The scene was one of extreme violence as some in the audience laughed, jeered and reviled the men on the crosses. The chief priests and the scribes and the elders said, "If He be King of the Jews, let his God deliver Him. Let Him come down from the cross and we will believe Him."

NINE HOURS ON THE CROSS

It was nine hours that Christ hung on the cross suffering as a human being and, according to the Scriptures, He finally cried out with a loud voice and gave up the ghost.

At that moment the veil of the Temple was rent, ripped in two down the middle. Rocks were split in hundreds of pieces and the earth quaked. Matthew 27:52-53 states that graves were opened and many of the saints arose and came out of their graves and went into the city of Jerusalem.

There was a darkness as never a night before, and even the Roman soldiers declared that the man they had just crucified was truly the son of God.

When Jesus rose on the third day, another earthquake occurred as the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door of the tomb.

The occasion was a dramatic one and the account in the Bible states that the angel's countenance was like lightning.

The story of that first Easter is one of great beauty. The miracles that occurred were astounding. The revelation of the risen Jesus' commission to His disciples to "Go ye into all the world and teach the Gospel" is given in the Scriptures and is held to this day to be one of the greatest of all time.

His command ended with the words still ringing in the ears of all Christians today, nearly 2,000 years later, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. And observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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METROPOLITAN SPIRITUAL CHURCHES OF CHRIST
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986
10:50 a.m.....Morning Worship
Dr. Kearse, Preaching
8:00 p.m.....Evening Worship
10:05 p.m.-11 p.m.....Broadcast Service
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The Rev. Charles L. Taylor, M.A., M. Dir., Assistant
Maurice Murphy, Mus. D., Choirmaster-Organist

GOOD FRIDAY
6 P.M.....Tenebrae—
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

SATURDAY, EASTER EVEN
6 P.M. — VIRGIL OF EASTER
HOLY BAPTISM
FIRST EUCHARIST
OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986
EASTER DAY
8:00 A.M.....Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.....Solemn Sung
Eucharist and Sermon
11:00 A.M.....Solemn Sung
Eucharist and Sermon
Monday and Tuesday — 12 Noon,
Holy Eucharist

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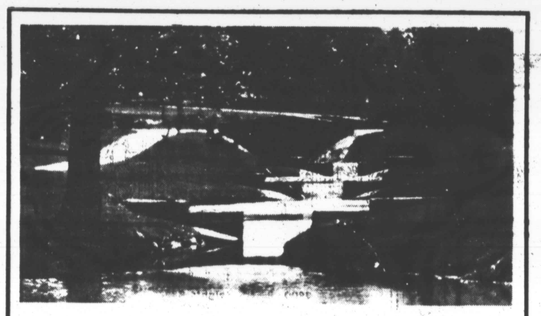

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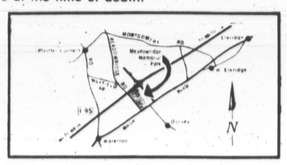

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Friday, March 28, 1986.—7:30 P.M. The grand climax of our annual "Holy Week Revival." Rev. Melvin C. Green is the Revivalist.

"He is Not here, but is risen!" — (Luke 24:6A

EASTER SUNDAY
March 30, 1986

6:00 A.M. Annual Easter Sunrise and Baptismal Service.
Rise, Shine and give God the Glory
9:00 A.M.....Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M.....Live Radio Broadcast
WYST 10:10 AM Dial
11:00 A.M.....Divine Morning Worship Service
Sermon by Elder C. Green
4:00 P.M.....Divine Afternoon Worship Service
A Service entitled "Women in White"
Sponsored by the Women's Day Committee

Elder C. Green, Founder & Pastor

AREA OBITUARIES

St. Paul Baptist hit by two tragic deaths

Historic St. Paul Baptist Church where Dr. George L. Crawley Jr. is pastor, was struck by tragic deaths of two prominent members in just two weeks.

The first tragedy was the murder of Derek Torain, 21, a member who lived at 4604 Loch Raven Blvd. The tragic incident at his home occurred March 17 when he was accosted by a neighbor who, according to police, claimed the trash from Torain's residence blew into his yard.

Arrested and charged with murder is William Lawrence Burwell, 47, who resided next door. In addition to first degree murder, Burwell is charged with deadly weapon, a kitchen knife.

Police reports show that the dead man was stabbed repeatedly in the torso, chest, back and abdomen. He died on the floor of the living room of his home.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Baptist Friday, March 21 with burial in Arbutus Memorial Cemetery.

Rev. Dr. Crawley presided at the last rites at the church and at the graveside. Mr. Torain is survived by his mother, a twin brother and a sister.

Oglesby, Deacon 25 years

The second tragedy was the unexpected death of Beotria T. Oglesby, 83, 2611 Boone St., a deacon for more than 25 years.

Mr. Oglesby was suddenly stricken with a heart attack and died March 22 at 11 a.m. at Union Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul Baptist March 25. The Rev. Dr. Crawley presided at the 12 noon rites which are described as the largest in recent history.

The procession of nearly 100 cars was led to the Mt. Calvary Cemetery by four-member police escort.

Born June 12, 1902 in Elberton County, GA, Mr. Oglesby was the son of John Oglesby and Mrs. Sallie O. Bryant Oglesby, and member of one of the largest families originating in Georgia.

Survivors include a son, John M. Oglesby; four daughters, a brother, 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Wayland Baptist Sanctuary Choir in concert

The Sanctuary Choir of Wayland Baptist Church presented its annual Palm Sunday concert on March 23. Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, Jr. is pastor.

Mrs. Gertrude Banks' narrative of what Palm Sunday is, set the tone for the event.

Under the direction of James C. Poney, heavenly music from the choir filled the sanctuary. Rodney Whitney was at the organ.

"Sing to the Lord," an anthem written by the black composer, W. Barnett, began the first section of the program. It ended with "Jerusalem! O, Turn from Gallia" by Charles Gounod.

Part Two of the program included great hymns of the church. "Surely He Died on Calvary" and "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

Negro spirituals and light gospel numbers were included in Part Three and Part Four. Miss Karen Allen sang, "I Really Love the Lord," from the depths of her soul. Oh how the spirit of the Lord engulfed the choir and congregation.

The Sanctuary Choir was organized in 1970 under the direction of Mrs. Loretta Daniel. Its mission is to sing for the glory and honor of God. Its songs of praise, devotion, consecration and prayer are designed to bring the Gospel in all its beauty, power and truth to the hearts of all who hear.

James C. Poney

Mrs. Loretta Daniel

An exhuberant Mr. Poney declared, "The Sanctuary Choir was blessed of God to have another opportunity to magnify the glorious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through song. The voices of singing, combined with the organ made our hearts soar from the depths of reverence to the highest heights of praises and gratitude to our God from whom all blessings flow.

"We owe gratitude to those who have preceded us in the ministry of music and to the present persons in our music department for their help and prayers."

Officers and members of the Sanctuary Choir are: Karen Allen; Gertrude Banks; Elnora Boykins, business manager; Gayle Briscoe; Valderia Brown; Beatrice Burgess, president; Grace Calloway; Claude Davis; Yolanda Dorsey; Ann Foster; Rev. Ellwood Foster and Ruth Frazier.

Also, Catherine Green, financial secretary; Emily Gilliard; Betty Hinson, recording secretary; Eula Hinton; Allen Hodges; Jocelyn Hodges, treasurer; Mich Lee Holcomb, sinking fund; Annie Jenkins; Janice Knox; Pearl McGill; Edgar Miller, Jr. and Sandra Moseley.

Also, Wilbert Myles; Janie Parran, chaplain; Gertrude Reed; Karen Roberts; Gladys Saunders; Marie Shaw; Beverly Simpson; Alvin Steele; Gertrude Steele, vice president; Janet Thomas; Seldon Tunstall; Daisy B. Williams; and Joan Zander.

Sampson Wheeler, III

Sampson Wheeler, III, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sampson (Laura Jean Mathis) Wheeler, Jr., died on March 15, at age 21.

"Pogy," as he was known by relatives and close friends, was born in Baltimore on September 26, 1964.

He was a 1983 graduate of Frederick Douglass High School, where he was graduated with honors as a music major. He also studied at the National Training Academy in Delaware.

He worshipped at Doswell Temple and was an active member of a gospel group called "The Mighty SOLS."

He is survived by his son, Markus Edward Bryant; his parents; three sisters, Yolanda Wheeler, Mae-Linda Wheeler and Lisa Rhue; two brothers, Michael Wheeler and Paris Wheeler; grandparents, Lonnie C. Mathis Wallace and William W. Mathis, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Estelle L. Reeder

On March 20 funeral services were held at East Baltimore Deliverance Center for Mrs. Estelle Louise Reeder.

The daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Estelle) Stewart, she was born September 29, 1919 in New York. She died March 16 in Elmhurst General Hospital in New York.

She was educated in Queens, N.Y., but moved to Baltimore after her marriage to Thomas Reeder, Sr. They had four children.

She worked at Lord Baltimore Cleaners and attended night school, whereby she earned a nurse's assistant certificate. She was employed at Fort Howard Veteran's Hospital for many years until her retirement.

She was a member of the Guiding Light Chapter No. 36 of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of Royal and Exalted Order of Amaranths, Clara V. Bens Court No. 1; Mattie C. Heath Council No. 3, Heroines of Jericho and Helen I. Carter's Council and Encampment of Ladies Knights No. 2.

She is survived by her children, Mrs. Gwendolyn Goodwin, Mrs. Jacqueline Reeder-Scott, Thomas J. Reeder, and Jeffery Reeder; five grandchildren, Nicole, Gertia, Dennis, Dominique and Crystal; three brothers, Wally, Ray and Lloyd; four sisters, Kay, Dot, Blanche and Vera; nephews; nieces.

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Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
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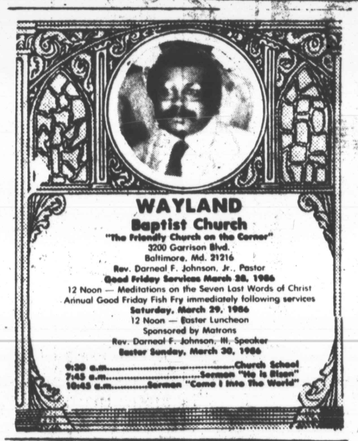
Juanita Hall Davis
Organist

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986
Rev. Marion Curtis Bascom, Sr., Preaching

8:00 & 11 A.M.
Lift Up Your Heads (from "Messiah") G.F. Handel
Hallelujah (from Messiah) G.F. Handel

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette STreet
EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986
6:00 A.M.....EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
The Cantata: "Beyond The Tomb"—Derric Johnson Combined Choirs
7:30 A.M.....EASTER FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
9:00 A.M.....CHURCH SCHOOL-EASTER PROGRAM
—Deacon William Nelson, Superintendent
11:00 A.M.....MORNING WORSHIP:
Preaching: "Easter: God's Time To Act"—Pastor Ray
The Cantata: "Beyond The Tomb"—Derric Johnson Combined Choirs
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director Of Music
Wednesday, April 2, 1986 7 P.M.....Martha W. Preston Bible Class
PLEASE WORSHIP WITH US
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

AMES Memorial United Methodist Church
Carey & Baker Streets
Baltimore, MD 21217
Sunrise Services at 6 A.M.
Breakfast will follow the service
Church School for Adults.....9:30 A.M.
Regular Morning Service.....11:00 A.M.
Preaching by
Reverend Ray Albury Smith,
Minister



WAYLAND
Baptist Church
"The Friendly Church on the Corner"
3200 Garrison Blvd.
Baltimore, Md. 21216
Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, Jr., Pastor
Good Friday Services March 28, 1986
12 Noon — Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ
Annual Good Friday Fish Fry immediately following services
Saturday, March 29, 1986
12 Noon — Easter Luncheon
Sponsored by Matrons
Rev. Darneal F. Johnson, III, Speaker
Easter Sunday, March 30, 1986
9:30 a.m.....Church School
7:45 a.m.....Sermon "He Is Risen"
10:45 a.m.....Sermon "Come I Into The World"

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3900 Liberty Heights Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21216
Worship Services
Good Friday, March 28, 1986.....7 P.M.
The Seven Last Words of Jesus — The Christ
EASTER SUNDAY, March 30, 1986...11 A.M.
Hallelujhah Chorus — Myrtle Mack Dutton
Organ - Choir Director
Dr. Henry A. Silva, Pastor

Metropolitan United Methodist Church
Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue
Holy Week and Easter Celebrations

Good Friday, March 28, 12 to 3 P.M.
Seven Words From the Cross
SPEAKERS
The Rev. Martin U. Riley, Asst., Minister, Metropolitan U.M. Church
The Rev. Annie Perry-Daniel, Pastor, John Wesley U.M. Church, Glen Burnie
The Rev. Daniel McLellan, Pastor, Wildwood Parkway U.M. Church
The Rev. Dr. Richard Hicks, Director, Morgan Christian Center
The Rev. Bruce Haskins, Pastor, Hereford Charge
The Rev. Rosalyn Ushry, Associate Minister, Wilson Park Community Church
The Rev. James Webb, Pastor, Union Memorial U.M. Church
The Rev. Dr. Irvin C. Lockman, Liturgist
8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 30 Regular Services
9:30 A.M. — Church School presents
"Tracing the Footsteps of Jesus"
original drama by Beatrice Myers
11:00 A.M. — Worship Service
Sermon: Dr. Irvin Lockman
Music: Ringwald's Cantata
The Song of Easter
(based on 14 Negro Spirituals)
Performed by Metropolitan Choir
Directed by Dr. Mack Statham

EASTER GREETINGS
You are cordially invited to
EASTER SERVICES
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1986

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
"The Praying Church"
Bend Street and Ashland Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21205
"Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty!" Psalm 104:1
ORDER OF SERVICES
6:00 A.M.....SUNRISE SERVICE
8:00 A.M.....EARLY MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Howard Stainback, Preaching
9:15 A.M.....CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAM
10:30 A.M.....MORNING WORSHIP
Rev. Walter E. Paige, Sermon
6:00 P.M.....BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
DR. WALTER E. PAIGE, Minister

Union Baptist Church
1219 Druid Hill Ave.
EASTER DAY,
MARCH 30, 1986
8:30 A.M....Early Worship Service
9:30 A.M.....Church School Easter Program
11:00 A.M.....Festival Service
Sermon: "Faces Around The Cross —The Uncertain"
Dr. Vernon N. Dobson,—Preaching
Special Music By The Senior Choir

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