The Living Church

Bethel conducts spiritual journey

Spiritual Disciplines for Women, a five-day program conducted by Rev. Cecelia Bryant, minister to women and church development at Bethel A.M.E. Church, concluded Friday with a lecture at Morgan State University.

Rev. Bryant originated Spiritual Discipline five years ago for "women seeking to grow in confidence, clarity and consciousness through the Mystery of the Holy Spirit."

This year, lectures were conducted at locations throughout the city during Citywide Renewal Week held between Nov. 10 and 14. The theme was "Kingdom Women."

The initial session was held at Bethel A.M.E. and where the audience heard a lecture by Rev. Bryant on "The Last Stop, the First Step."

She urged women to make decisions to change their lives and recognize that "volition is a gift from God."

The second lecture on maintaining a spiritual balance was held at Faith Baptist Church, 833 N. Bond St. Women were urged to love God and receive divine orders through devotion and commitment.

The third lecture was held at Mt. Zion Apostolic Faith Church, 5501 Liberty Heights Ave. And Rev. Bryant instructed the audience on "what to do about terror" and the gospel of faith versus the power of fear. "Learn to take risks," she told the audience.

At the Glover-Tillman Center, 3814 Edmondson Ave., the audience was told to let go, move from dependency to full freedom and yield to the grace of God.

During the lecture at Morgan State University, Rev. Bryant spoke of the power of God in women.

Mrs. Frances Dancy Hooks (R), wife of Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, made her first official appearance in Baltimore Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Rising Sun Baptist Church. Mrs. Hooks was the featured speaker at the church's 3rd Annual Women's Day.

'Slabtown convention' at Forest Park High

"The Slabtown District Convention," a satiric play about the black church will be performed by the United Drama Guild of First United Church of Jesus Christ at Forest Park Senior High School on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The play, written by Nannie Burroughs, is based on an actual black Baptist women's convention that was held at several locations around the country in the 1930s. "It's a comedic look at a convention in the old days," said director Esther Saunders Faulkner.

Mrs. Faulkner said the cast included about 45 actors as well as the First United Mass Youth Choir, the Kings Choral Ensemble and Judah.

Often labeled as one of the funniest Christian productions ever, the play seeks to deliver lessons in morality by using parody and outrageous dialogue.

"It depicts a church convention run by women and gives lessons on how to be a Christian by showing how people shouldn't act," said Mrs. Faulkner. "It doesn't offend anyone."

Miss Burroughs, the author, was an early advocate of education for black women and started a school for black women.

She was also very active in church-related activities in the 1930s.

Mrs. Faulkner said there is a lot to be learned from "Slabtown" and its variety of characters.

"A lot of the material will make you stop and think," she said. "I am sure there are characters with personalities that we all can relate to.

"It is funny observing these scenes in a play that we know can very well apply to a number of members right in our own churches. I think at the end, this will be an enjoyable experience as well as an informative one."

The Slabtown Convention takes place in a little fictitious town called Happy Hollow. It is the 10th annual session of the meeting and is presided over the Rev. Napoleon Socrates Stepand Fetchit.

Names in the play are meant to express the personalities of each character.

While the characters frequently insult one another's intelligence, they do offer real and viable suggestions for dealing with crisis, missionary work and the rearing of children.

Admission to the drama is $7 for adults and $3.50 for children. The school is located at 3701 Eldorado Ave.

Metro Church Briefs

Father Fitzmyer

"The Resurrection in the New Testament" will be the theme of a lecture by Rev. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S.J., professor emeritus at the Catholic University of America, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Liberty Heights Avenue and Edgewood Road on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 10:15 a.m.

Father Fitzmyer is author of "The Gospel According to Luke" in the Anchor Bible series, "A Christology Catechism" which has been translated into French and will soon be in Spanish and Japanese. He is an expert in Semitic languages and on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Currently he is very active on the National Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, and as a member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

Prayer Breakfast

The men of Waters A.M.E. Church, 417 N. Aisquith St., will present their 83rd Annual Men's Day Saturday, Nov. 15 and Sunday, Nov. 16.

On Saturday a special Prayer Breakfast will begin at 9 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Thomas Jones, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Centerville, MD.

Music will be provided by the Waters Men's Choir and special guest soloist, Deacon Ronald Huff of First Charity Baptist Church.

Sunday services will be a spiritual smorgasbord of song by the Men's Choir and a sermon at 11 a.m. by Bishop J. Haskell Mayor, presiding prelate of the 16th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

Following dinner, there will be a feast of songs in the church sanctuary. Admission is free.

Jazz-Gospel Service

The Men's League of Union Baptist jazz-gospel vespers service at the church, 1219 Druid Hill Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 6 p.m.

The event is one of observance of Men's Month and occurs on the Festival of St. Cecelia, patroness of music. The Men's Choir will sing excerpts from Leon C. Roberts' Black Gospel "Mass of St. Augustine."

Original jazz compositions, written especially for this service, will be played by the John Lampkin Band under the direction of John R. Lampkin II, instrumental instructor and director of at band at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The event is open to the public and jazz and gospel enthusiasts alike are encouraged to attend.

Also, Men's Day at Union Baptist Church will be celebrated Sunday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. Music for this service will be provided by the Men's Choir, directed by Dr. Lorenzo Handy and Mr. William Sydnor, Sr., organist.

A brass quartet and tympanist will assist in the accompaniment. Mr. W. Lee Mitchell, baritone will be soloist.

Inspirational Choir

On Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. the John R. Bryant Inspirational Choir of Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave., is having its first live recording session. Admission is free.

City Temple Celebrates

City Temple of Baltimore, Eutaw Place and Dolphin Street, has been observing its 17th anniversary throughout the month of November.

The Rev. Grady A. Yeargrin Jr., pastor, cordially invites the public to its Senior Members Day Morning Messages on Sunday, Nov. 23. Guest will be Rev. Marian Franklin, pastor of First Baptist Church of Vaux Falls, NJ.

Ecumenical Concert

The Central Maryland Ecumenical Council is sponsoring its Second Annual Ecumenical Choral Concert. The concert will be at the New Psalmist Baptist Church, Franklin and Cathedral streets, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m.

The concert will be under the direction of Kyoung Whan Park, director of the Bethel Korean Presbyterian Choir. Tickets for the event are $5 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. For more information call 467-6194.

Zion Baptist Revival

Zion Baptist Church is presenting its annual revival on Sunday, Nov. 16 through Friday Nov. 21 each night at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be evangelist Dr. Caesar A. W. Clark, pastor of Good Street Baptist Church of Dallas, TX. Dr. Clark was mentioned in the September issue of Ebony magazine as one of "America's 15 greatest preachers."

The music for the revival will be rendered by the Zion Mass Choir and other visiting choirs. For reserved seating call Mrs. Carolyn Davidson at 723-2843.

Leadenhall Baptist Women of Leadenhall

The Women of Leadenhall Baptist Church 1021-23 Leadenhall St., will be celebrating their 62nd annual Women's Day on Sunday, Nov. 16 at 11 a.m., the guest speaker will be Rev. Cynthia Jones from Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church. And at 3 p.m., the James Peterson Workshop Choir of Baltimore will be in concert. All are invited to attend.

Bazaar at Enon

The Open Door Circle of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Avenue and Schroeder Street, will have its Elizabeth Bourne Christmas Bazaar and Variety Dinner on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dinners are $3.50.

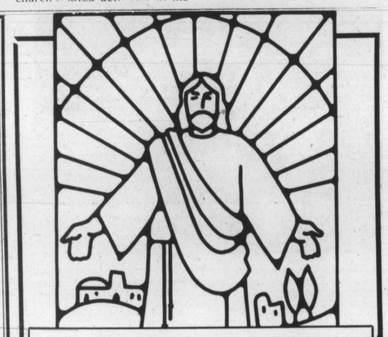
The Providence Woman
United in Christ
Strengthened to Serve

The Annual
WOMEN'S DAY
Activities at
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland
Sunday, November 16, 1986

Services
7:45 A.M. ..... Special Meditational Services
Rev. Marcus G. Wood
11:00 A.M. ..... Worship Service
Speaker: Dr. Aurelia Downey
President of the
Nannie Burroughs School
from Washington, D.C.
4:00 P.M. ..... Concert featuring
Rev. Wintley Phipps
Internationally-acclaimed Religious music vocalist from Washington, D.C.

Admission is Free

Gail Parker—Chairperson
Olivia Stewart—Co-Chairperson
Rev. Marcus G. Wood, Pastor



The Pastor and Congregation of
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
Cordially invite you to attend the Burning of their Second Mortgage on
Sunday, November 23, 1986
at 3:00 P.M.
1401 Pennsylvania Ave.
Baltimore, Maryland
Guest Speaker
Rev. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr., Pastor
City Temple Baptist Church
Reception to follow
Marcus G. Wood, Pastor

FRANK CHASE
Board of Deacons
LEROY HAYES, Chairman
Board of Trustees

More Church News

Mortgage Burning

The pastor and congregation of Providence Baptist Church cordially invite the public to attend the burning of their second mortgage on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. at 1401 Pennsylvania Ave.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Grady A. Yeargin, Jr., pastor of City Temple Baptist Church.

Men's Day at St. Luke

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Ave. and Gilmore St., will hold its annual Men's Day service Ave. and Gilmor St., will hold its annual Men's Day service on Nov. 16 at 11 a.m. Morning speaker will be Rev. Roderick Johnson, pastor of Unity United Methodist Church. Music will be provided by theJames Prettyman Male Chorus. **Evening with April**

"An Evening with April White in Recital" will be held Saturday, Nov. 15, at 6 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 718 Lafayette Ave.

Healing Service

A mass and healing service will be celebrated by Rev. Larry Gesy on Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 4414 Wilkins Ave.

This is not a celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick. The healing service has the purpose of praying for the physical, spiritual, emotional and inner healing for people of all ages. For information, call 242-0180.

City Temple Concert

The Temple Concert Choir of City Temple Baptist Church will be in concert Friday, Nov. 14, at the Greater Harvest Baptist Church, 1617 W. Saratoga St. at 7:45 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast

The Christian Women's Fellowship will sponsor its next prayer breakfast on Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. at the Pimlico Center, 5430 Park Heights Ave. Speaker will be Rev. John Cherry of Temple Hills, MD. The cost is $10 per person and reservations should be made by Nov. 12. For further information call Eulalia Willoughby at 563-3565, Delores Russ at 233-3307, or Selina Thornes at 323-1327.

Freedom Workshop

"Living in Freedom from Stress" workshop will be conducted by the "Right Way." Ministries International on Nov. 15, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the John Wesley United Methodist Church, North Avenue and Bloomingdale Road. For additional information call Estelle E. Gross at 255-1828.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Lafayette and Arlington Avenues
The Clergy
The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, L.H.D., D.D., Rector
The Rev. Charles L. Taylor, M.A., M. Dir., Assistant
Maurice Murphy, Mus. D., Organist and Music Director
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986
8:00 A.M.—Holy Communion
9:00 A.M.—Church School, Holy Eucharist
Family Worship
11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist and Sermon
The Public is cordially invited to attend these services
COMING EVENT
In Concert
Members of the Choir of St. James' Church
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1986 4 P.M.
HONORING
The Rev. Dr. Donald Octavio Wilson
Participating Artists
Milagros Williams
Dorothy Johnson
Yvette Matthews
Sam Shufford
Julius tilghman
Director of Music Dr. Maurice Murphy
Admission Free

Survey finding released

Black Catholics say racism still exists

By Jonetta Rose Barras
AFRO Staff Writer

Almost 89 percent Black Catholics feel that racism still exists in many phases of parish, school, diocesan and archdiocesan structures, according to a survey conducted by the National Office for Black Catholics and the National Black Lay Catholic Caucus.

Respondents to the survey noted "I have been active in the Catholic Church all of my life, but the state of blacks in the church today is discouraging. I see the Church, blind, unconcerned and indifferent to the command 'Go Teach All Nations.'" Another asked "Why should more blacks enter the Catholic Church to experience prejudice, condescension, and putdowns?"

Black Bishops, however, have been leaders, motivated Black Catholics, and expressed positions on church and community which affected the oppressed and combat racism, according to 64 percent of the respondents.

Elizabeth Thomas, the first woman elected to NBLCC, in releasing the survey findings stated "this survey clearly reflects thoughts, interests and concerns of Black Catholics across the country."

Survey responses were received from 65 cities and from people ages 15 to 93 with the average age being 48.

The survey found that Catholic school education was still rated top priority in parish life with young adult leadership training, adult leadership training, and Black Spirituality or worship also high in the rating of priorities followed closely by social action committee or council.

"Good Catholic schools, leadership training for our young people of high school and college age and older adults are all essential if we are to participate fully in the life or the church," McConduit, NOBC president, said.

McConduit, added that the high survey ratings for Black Spirituality or worship and concern for social action groups at the Parish level demonstrate the great interest of Black lay Catholics for both their spiritual and material needs.

Other issues addressed in the survey included young people leaving the church. Seventy percent of the survey respondents felt this was a program; 73 percent felt the youth currently in the church will be lost to other denominations.

The survey also found almost 51 percent answered "no" to the question "Do you feel that Black Catholic lay persons have full participation in parish, diocesan or archdiocesan activities and structures?" There were 32.4 percent who said "yes" to that question and 16.8 percent who left that question's choices blank.

There were 58.2 percent of the respondents who answered "yes" when asked "Do you feel that issues important to Black Catholics are a high priority in your parish, diocese of archdiocese?" This question received a 36.7 percent "no" responses and 5.1 percent in the the blank or didn't answer category.

Ernestine Bether buys food at the New Shiloh Baptist Church Fall Food Market at the church Outreach Center at Clifton Avenue and Payson Street. Volunteers behind the table are (L-R) Mmes Annie S. Wilson, Evan Ella Lewis and Georgia F. Cox.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Lottie E. Crawley

Funeral services for Mrs. Lottie Epps Crawley were Friday, Nov. 7 in the chapel of the March Funeral Home-East. Burial followed immediately at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Crawley, 84, was born August 1, 1902 in Nottoway County, VA. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua (Sarah) Epps. She died Nov. 2 at Mercy Hospital after a lengthy illness.

As a young child, she joined the Mount Nebo Baptist Church. She later married the late William Taft Crawley.

Mrs. Epps is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Martha Garnes and Mrs. Nettie Jones, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lillian B. Scott

Funeral services for Mrs. Lillian Baker Scott were Friday, Nov. 7 at the March Funeral Home-West chapel. Burial was the same day at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Anne Arundel County.

Mrs. Scott, 58, died Nov. 3 after a lengthy illness. She was born October 19, 1928 and was the daughter of Mrs. Viola Baker Caldwell and Wesley Baker.

A Baltimore native, Mrs. Scott received her education in the city public school system. She attended Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church.

Mrs. Scott is survived by her husband, James Scott; her mother, a sister, Mrs. Dorothy Jones; three daughters; three sons, 19 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Lawrence Sewell

Funeral services for Lawrence Sewell were Friday, Nov. 7 in the chapel of the March Funeral Home-East. Burial followed at Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. Sewell was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxie (Ada) Sewell. He was born in West Columbia, SC on May 5, 1912 and died Nov. 4 after a lengthy illness.

He was educated in South Carolina schools. A self-made man, who was able to master many skills, Mr. Sewell worked as a skilled cement mason for 35 years until he was disabled.

Mr. Sewell married the former Miss Elizabeth Hurt, and the couple had six children.

Among his survivors are his wife, four sons, two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Lewis and Mrs. Jeanette Beauford; 13 grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

Wilbert Counts

Funeral services for Wilbert Counts were Friday, Nov. 7 at the chapel of the March Funeral Home-East. Burial was the following day at the Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. Counts, 40, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo (Evelyn Counts. He was born in Baltimore on December 24, 1945 and died Nov. 4 after a lengthy illness.

He is survived by his parents; a son, Lamont James; a daughter, Miss Stacy Counts; three brothers, Bradie, Michael and Tyrone Counts; a sister, Mrs. Patricia Williams; a brother-in-law, Robert Williams; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Lionel Martin White

Funeral services for Lionel Martin White were Friday, Nov. 7 at the chapel of the March Funeral Home-West. Burial was the next day at King Memorial Park in Randallstown, MD.

Mr. White, 27, was the son of Mrs. Doris White and the late John Dennis White, Sr. He was born July 7, 1959 in Baltimore and died Monday, Nov. 3.

Educated in the Baltimore public school system, Mr. White graduated from Southwestern High School. He later attended Catonsville Community College and the Professional Institute of Commercial Art.

Known as "Lonnie," Mr. White was employed at several businesses. His most recent employment was as truck driver for the Seven-Up Corporation.

He is survived by his mother; a daughter, Miss Keaira White; and seven brothers, Arthur, Charles, John Jr., Bernard, Steven, Anthony and Kevin White and four sisters, Mrs. Barbara White; Mrs. Nadine Gray, Mrs. Arnetta Clark and Miss Yolanda White.

Theme: "Christian Men and Women Working Together to the Glory of God" Matthew 5:16
First Annual Men's and Women's Day
Israel Baptist Church
Preston and Chester Streets
Sunday, November 16, 1986
8:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
Speakers
8:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. H. Walden Wilson, Pastor
Israel Baptist Church
11:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Robert Jeffrey, Pastor
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Seattle, Washington
General Chairpersons
Deacon John Lilly and Sister Joyce A. McNair

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
"The People of the Way"
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom D.D. Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986
EIGHT AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK
MARION C. BASCOM, Preaching

8:00 a.m.
The Heavens Are Declaring — Beethoven
Where Shall I Go? — Arr. John Work
11:00 a.m.
To Thee We Sing — Peter Tkach
Soon Ah Will Be Done — Arr. William Dawson

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. Baltimore St.
BALTIMORE, MD. 21223
Sunday, November 16, 1986
54th Annual MEN'S DAY
ALL DAY
THEME: "THE STEPS OF A Good Man Are Ordered by the Lord."
PSALMS 37:23A
Divine Order of Services
9:00 A.M. ..... Sunday Church School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. ..... Live Radio Broadcast Service
WYST 10:10 A.M. DIAL
11:00 A.M. ..... Divine Morning Workship Service
Music by Men's Day Choir
Sermon by Elder C. Green
5:00 P.M. ..... Evening Divine Worship Service
The Membership of the Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church of Newark New Jersey will worship with us. Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Rankin Jr., Founder and Pastor
Bro. Ernest E. Pretlow Sr. Chairman of Men's Day "86"

Elder CONWAY GREEN, Founder & Pastor
ELDER C. GREEN

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
96th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH — SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1986 — 19th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PASTOR
8:00 A.M. PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL—Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 A.M. CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR—Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton Chairperson
TOPIC: Teenage Suicide SPEAKER: Mrs. Beulah Newby
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC— THE ANTHEM: "O Gour, Our Help In Ages Past —Croft
THE SPIRITUAL: In Bright Mansions Above —arr. Noah F. Ryder
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: Reverend Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston Salem, N.C.
Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.
Reverend John Wright, First Baptist Church of Guilford, Choirs and Congregation.
Devotions: Bible Class, The Golden Age and Courtesy Committee
Wednesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m.
Reverend Irvin Lockman, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Choirs and Congregation
Devotions: The Board of Trustees, Building Fund Commission and Finance Commission
Thursday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m.
Reverend Joseph Cater, Garrison Blvd. United Methodist Church, Choirs and Congregation
Devotions: Senior Ushers
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

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