The Living Church

Oldest black church celebrates bicentennial

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — America's oldest independent black church celebrated its bicentennial Friday, 200 years after founder Richard Allen, a former slave, was ordered to leave a white-only pew in the church where he was praying.

Mayor Wilson Goode, who joined 25 African Methodist Episcopal bishops in marking the anniversary of Mother Bethel A.M.E. Church, said Allen's break with the church created a place where blacks could worship freely.

"Richard Allen, in breaking with the St. George's Church and forming Mother Bethel Church, was setting forth freedom," Philadelphia's first black mayor told a crowd at the Liberty Bell, "freedom where he and other members could worship God freely as they saw fit."

Allen and six other black worshippers left Old St. George's Methodist Church, three blocks from Independence Hall, in 1787 because of restrictions placed on black worshippers.

Mother Bethel church historian Deborah Parks said after Allen left St. George's, he founded the Bethel African Church on the site where Mother Bethel currently stands. The African Methodist Episcopal ministry was founded on the same site in April 1816.

Prayer services Friday at Mother Bethel Church and the Liberty Bell were part of the "We The People 200" celebration marking the bicentennial to speak out against racism.

"We come back here today to rekindle the torch of justice. We know that as long as there is racism in America, there is work for us to do," Bishop Frank Cummings said.

"May we hold high the standards of Allen and live according to the principles and philosophies of self-help and doing for ourselves as he taught us to do," said Bishop Richard Allen Hillenbrand.

"We come to affirm the contribution of our founder, Richard Allen, whose ministry gave to the signers of the Constitution a challenge regarding the meaning of that Constitution and how it related to the lives of all humankind," he said.

There are about 1,000 Mother Bethel members, many whose ancestors go back five or six generations, Parks said. The African Methodist Episcopal Church has 1.5 million members in 6,500 churches in the United States, Canada, Africa, South America and the Caribbean.

Rev. Eugene W. Matthews, pastor of Sharp Street Church, which is in the midst of its bicentennial celebration.

Sharp Street Memorial celebrates

Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church is celebrating its Bicentenial, a history that is filled with social as well as religious activity.

"We've been continuously in the city since the church's inception," said the Rev. Eugene W. Matthews, pastor.

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell was guest speaker at Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church.

Rev. Matthews said blacks in Baltimore left the white faction of the Methodist Church in 1787 after blacks were not allowed to worship in the same area of the church as white members.

The Methodist religion in North America was started at Lovely Lane Methodist Church on St. Paul Street, and said Rev. Matthews, although black Methodists left the other Church as a place of worship, there are still ties between the two factions.

Sharp Street Memorial was originally located on Sharp Street, between Lombard and Pratt, but in 1898 moved to its present location at Dolphin and Etting Streets.

"And Sharp Street has always been on the cutting edge of education and justice," said Rev. Matthews. Our history is documented."

For example: When the black congregation split with the mother church, they took over a school to teach black children to read and write.

In 1822, 13 members of the church were among the pioneer settlers of Liberia.

"The church has been a focal point of civil rights activities in the city," Rev. Matthews said.

"And the church bought Mt. Auburn Cemetery so people of color could be buried with dignity," the minister said.

Between 1836 and 1838, Frederick Douglass was a member of the church and sang in the choir

During the 200 years of its existence, Sharp Street Church has also been the site of the first conference of black ministers in Baltimore as well as a classroom for students of the Centenary Biblical Institute (which later became Morgan State College).

In 1870, church members organized and developed a home for the aged.

At a recent service, prominent civil rights pioneer Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell addressed the Sharp Street congregation. Mrs. Mitchell is one of several members of the Mitchell family that worship at the historic church.

Rev. Matthews said Sharp Street is the oldest black Methodist congregation in America, the body having been first organized in 1784, three years before it officially separated from the mother church.

The church currently runs a Friday Soup Kitchen from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. "We serve wholesome meals to about 200 people," Rev. Matthews said, "and everyone who is hungry is welcome."

Other outreach programs include a pantry where on Tuesdays, clothing and food are given to the poor.

There is a church school program for young people and about 125 students are enrolled.

Constance Moore musical

The fourth Sunday in February (at Sharon Baptist Church) every year recalls the memory of a beautiful girl, CONSTANCE H. MOORE. Connie had a dream to help the handicapped. Before her dream was fulfilled, she died in 1965 while she was a senior at Morgan State University.

Connie was the daughter of the late Dr. & Mrs. James L. Moore. He was former pastor of the Historic Sharon Baptist Church.

This year marks the 21st year that a Memorial Benefit Concert will be held which has become a Baltimore tradition. This 21st ANNUAL MUSICAL will be dedicated to the memory of our Executive Director, Founder and Organizer of the Fund, the late, DR. JAMES LEROY MOORE.

The purpose of the occasion — scholarships for worthy students.

Awards have been given each year at Morgan State University's Commencement, to high school students at Sharon planning to enter college, and to college and university students the full time they are in college up until they graduate.

A capacity crowd is expected to attend this wonderful 21ST ANNUAL MUSICAL on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1987 — 5 p.m. at Sharon Baptist Church.

This year we will be featuring the 'Shiloh Christian Community Church Chancel Choir' — Mrs. Lois Smith, Director and Mrs. Gloria Thompson at the Hammond Organ.

The Constance Moore Memorial Fund is incorporated. The new Executive Director is, Mr.

Elihu M. Moore, Mrs. Elaine B. Page, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Esther P. Brooks,

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Mr. Eddie H. Moore, Dr. Ruth J. Pratt, Dr. Alfred Vaughn and Mr. Walter A. Woodson.

Comfort

By Joyce Dixon

Sssh . . . Quiet Time. Before stroking the canvass of bright todays and future tomorrows, many of us welcome and need a special moment with the Creator.

Ellen G. White, the author of "This Day With God," painted the "Promise of Peace" in the 1800s and many other portraits with words of advice and encouragement. Her futuristic way of writing has been a source of comfort for many generations.

Although we live in a megabyte high speed society, "This Day With God" has a soothing quality. It has all of the ingredients needed to start or unwind the day. Ms. White's collection of inspirational letters, sermons and articles has definitely found its place among the major Christian literacy works.

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This Week's Memory Verse: For Scripture says, "WHOMEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED." Romans 10:11 (NASB).

Untril next week, wear the shield of faith and keep a steadfast spirit.

Metro Church Briefs

Courageous Women

The 3rd Annual Courageous Women in White Service on March 1, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Luke United Methodist Church at Riggs Avenue and Gilmor Street. The speaker will be Rev. Agnes Alston of Gillis Memorial Church.

Women's Day at St. Gregory

The Women's Day Committee of St. Gregory The Great Church will sponsor a Las Vegas Nite at the Palladium, 2901 Liberty Heights Avenue, on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 3 to 7 p.m. For tickets and reservation, please call 728-7123, 944-6816, 542-8450 or Church Office, 523-0061.

Dedication Service

Dedication service for the New Salisbury Tabernacle of Prayer For All People, the late Apostle Johnnie Washington, Founder, Elder Nathaniel Edwards, Pastor will be held Saturday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m., Parson and Mitchell Road, Salisbury, Md.

Spaghetti Dinner

St. Francis School for Special Education will hold its 32nd annual Spaghetti Dinner/Bazaar on Sunday, Feb. 22 at St. Elizabeth's School, 801 Argonne Drive, Baltimore (Bus Line #36). Dinner will be served from noon to 5 p.m. at a cost of $4.50 for adults and $2.00 for children (8 and under). Tickets may be purchased at the door. For further information, call the school at 235-3378.

A Day of Song

Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Christ, 319 N. Schroder St., proudly announces in concert, Sunday, Feb. 22, 6 p.m., the combined chorus of Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Male Chorus and Melodies of Truth, Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church, under the direction of Brother Tim Ellerbe, Organist and Director.

A Valentine Tea

Love Is the Key at our glorious Valentine Tea, sponsored by the Women of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The church is located at Pennsylvania Avenue and Dolphin Street. Donation is $5.

Women's Day at Zion

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the Women of Pennsylvania Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church, 1128 Pennsylvania Ave. will observe their 56th Annual Women's Day at 11 a.m.

The speaker will be Rev. Mary Council Alston of Washington, D.C. The 3 p.m. speaker will be Mrs. Mary Lytch of Dillon, S.C. There will also be a 6 p.m. musical program.

Services at United Baptist

Beginning Sunday, Feb. 22, and continuing through the week, the United Baptist Church located at 923 N. Broadway will be celebrating our Church's 65th Anniversary; Rev. George Vanderford's 37th year as our pastor and his 59th year in the ministry.

The following services are planned:

Sunday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., Rev. Vanderford will be featured speaker. Rev. Christopher, pastor of Mount Hope Baptist Church will speak at the 3:30 p.m. service.

Monday, Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m., Rev. Oscar Brown, pastor of Mount Olive Freewill Baptist Church.

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., Rev. Marshall Prentice, pastor Zion Baptist Church.

Thursday, Feb. 26, 7:30 p.m., Rev. Earl Gilyard, pastor of Greater Harvest Baptist Church.

Friday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., Rev. Wendell Christopher, pastor of Ebenezer A.M.E.

Sunday, March 1, 11 a.m., Rev. Charles peaker, Sr., assistant pastor of United Baptist Church. At 3:30 p.m. the United Baptist Choirs will be in concert under the direction of Brother Howard Smith, Jr.

Donations are $15 and $5 for children aged 2 to 9.

For tickets, contact Dorothy Stavis at 448-0664, or call the church office at 448-2312.

Memorial Concert

The Lois J. Wright Memorial Concert series will present, soprano, Laura English-Robinson in concert on Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. at St. Katherine's Church. The church is located at Division and Presstman Streets. For further information call 296-9410.

Ordination

New Shiloh Freewill Baptist Church, 2308 E. Madison St. cordially invites you to the ordaination services of Jr. Deacon Gerald Cheatam at the church on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 4 p.m. Ricky Griffith and the Griffith Singers will be the guest singers. The Honorable Councilman Nathaniel McFadden and Honorable State Senator Nathan Irby will be among our guest speakers. ALL ARE WELCOME! ! ! !

World Day of Prayer

Church Women United at the Walbrook Area invite you to celebrate World Day of Prayer. On Friday, March 6, is the official Centennial Celebration of World Day of Prayer at John Wesley United Methodist Church, 3202 W. North Ave. at Bloomingdale Road. The service will began promptly at 12 noon.

Join people of faith around the world as they pray together for peace and justice. Remember, come to John Wesley United Methodist Church for World Day of prayer and rejoice!

Founders' Day Service

Douglas Memorial Community Church celebrates its 62nd Annual Founders' Day on Sunday, Feb. 22, at services at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Special speaker at the 11 a.m. service is Dr. Lawrence Jones, Dean of Howard University Divinity School. Minister of the church located at Madison and Lafayette Avenues is Rev. Marion C. Bascom.

Bowie Choir in Concert

The 50th Anniversary Committee of Concord Baptist Church, 5204 Liberty Heights Ave., is presenting the Bowie State College Gospel Choir in concert at the churchon Feb. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to worship in song.

Meeting of Homeless

Our Home's next general meeting for the homeless and former homeless people is Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at St. John United Methodist Church at 27th and St. Paul Streets.

Anyone who would like to put an item on the agenda for discussion, call 488-3885.

Feeding the hungry

St. John A.M.E. Church, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, and Emmanuel Christian Community Church are coordinators of the LANVALE-LAFAYETTE SOUP KITCHEN located in the Harlem Park Community.

This united effort of the churches surrounding Lafayette Square in West Baltimore, enables over 1,000 needy people every month to receive nourishing, hot meals weekly, along with emergency food distribution to families.

This ministry began one year ago at St. John A.M.E. Church.

The spirit of cooperation among the churches mentioned has enabled this ministry to flourish. Because of the alarming number of people in Baltimore who are homeless and hungry, we seek your support of these volunteers.

For more information contact Minister Julia Hebron-Mosby, Program Director and Mrs. Irma Roberson at 523-5468 or 728-0609.

AREA OBITUARIES

Leon White

Funeral services for Leon White were held on Feb. 2 at the St. Phillips Lutheran Church in East Baltimore.

Mr. White was born on July 11, 1910 in Baltimore where he attended the city schools.

He served in the U.S. armed forces for four years. Later, he operated his own tailor shop and after this he became employed with the city Recreation Department.

He worshipped at St. Phillips Lutheran Church for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Lillian; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Robbins and Mrs. Wilhelmina Richardson; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a devoted cousin, Mrs. Saphronia White.

Marshall Edwards

Funeral services for Marshall Edwards were held on Feb. 3. He was 36.

Mr. Edwards was the son of the late Mrs. Emma Rose and Charles W. Edwards. He was born on August 19, 1950 in Baltimore where he attended the city public schools.

He will be remembered as a gentle person who observed life with a special and sensitive awareness.

He is survived by his father, Charles, Sr.; his stepmother, Mrs. Willie Edwards; five brothers, Charles, Jr., Dennis, Shelton, Maurice, and Jonathan; a sister, Clarisa; a grandmother, Mrs. Harriet Edwards; and other relatives.

William Joseph Day

Funeral services for William Joseph Day were held on Feb. 4. He died Feb. 1 at age 56.

Mr. Day was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli (Matilda) Day. He was born on May 28, 1930 in Baltimore. He attended Dunbar High School and served in the U.S. Army.

He was employed 37 years at the Central Soya Company.

He is survived by his sisters, Mrs. Beulah Adams, Mrs. Cora Wilson, and Mrs. Dorothy Julius; two brothers, Eli, Jr. and James Day; two brothers-in-law; nieces; and nephews.

James Milton Walker

Funeral services for James Milton Walker, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Evie) Walker, were held on Feb. 4, He was 64.

He was born on Feb. 12, 1922 and was educated in the Virginia school system. At age 24, Mr. Walker enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served for two years.

Mr. Walker was employed as a railroad worker for 29 years. He was also a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge, Chapter 2.

He is survived by his daughter, Miss Sharon Bonita Walker; two sons, Carlton and James, Jr.; a brother, James Edward Walker and five grandchildren.

Gladys Anderson

Funeral services for Mrs. Gladys C. Anderson were Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the William March Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial was the following day at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Anderson died Thursday, Jan. 29 at the Church Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 77.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Lottie) Cole, she was born in Baltimore on November 13, 1909. Mrs. Anderson attended city public schools and worked for the Laco Products company until her 1976 retirement.

For many years, she was a member of the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

She married Earl William Anderson, now deceased, and the couple had seven children: Norma, Shirley, Gladys, Earl, Joan, Hartley, and Linda.

Mrs. Anderson also is survived by 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

S. Claiborne

Funeral services for Samuel Claiborne were Friday, Jan. 30 at the March Funeral Home West Chapel. Burial was at the Berry Hill Baptist Church in South Boston, VA.

Mr. Claiborne died Wednesday, Jan. 28 after a lengthy illness. He was 65.

He was a native of Halifax County, VA and was the son of the Rev. Henry E. (Lillie) Claiborne. He was born November 1, 1921.

Mr. Claiborne was educated in the Sinai, VA public schools. He was a member of the Berry Hill Baptist Church.

A World War II veteran, Mr. Claiborne was decorated for his participation in the Battle of New Caledonia during the U.S. campaign for the Philippine Islands.

On April 21, 1944, he married the former Miss Lydia E. Byrd, who is deceased. The couple had two sons, Samuel, Jr., who is deceased and two daughters.

Mr. Claiborne is survived by a son, James L. Claiborne of South Boston; two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Cole and Mrs. Rosa Johnson, both of Baltimore; a brother, Henry E. Claiborne, of Boston, MA.

Surviving are five sisters, Mrs. Lillian James, Mrs. Lottie Palmer, Miss Carrie Stone and Mrs. LuElla Couch, all of New York and Mrs. Agnes Smith, of Las Vegas, Nev.; six grandchildren; and several aunts and uncles.

Mrs. Sarah Watkins

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah M. Watkins were Sunday, Feb. 1 at the March Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial was the following day at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Watkins died at the age of 72 on Wednesday, Jan. 28 at her Baltimore home.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William (Bettie) Arvin, Mrs. Watkins was born June 3, 1914 in Keysville, VA.

At a young age, she joined the Eureka Baptist Church in Keysville and attended the Keysville School.

On January 16, 1934, she married the late William M. Watkins. The couple had a daughter.

During World War II, she worked at Eastern Aircraft. She received several awards for her outstanding services. Mrs. Watkins also worked as a medical receptionist and a domestic worker.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Miss Betty Ann Watkins; a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Gregory; a granddaughter, Miss Domany Watkins; and other relatives.

Curtis Manns

Funeral services for Curtis Jeffrey Manns were Saturday, Jan. 31 at the March Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial was the same day at Arbutus Memorial Park.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie (Augusta) Manns and was born February 14, 1962 in Baltimore.

He attended St. Ann's Catholic School and Lake Clifton High School. His nickname as a child was "Wimpy." Mr. Manns was a member of the Good Samaritan Christian Church, which was under the pastorate of his grandfather, the Rev. Gabriel Manns.

Among his survivors are his mother and father; two sisters, Mrs. Geraldine Taylor and Mrs. Delores Smith; two brothers, Delandus Lilly and William Mark Manns; a great-grandmother, Mrs. Ida Pearl Price, of Fayetteville, NC.

Also, his grandfather, the Rev. Gabriel Manns; and two grandmothers, Mrs. Belva Manns and Mrs. Todia McNeill, of Fayetteville, NC.

James Carlye Berry

Funeral services for James Carlye Berry were Monday, Feb. 2 in the chapel of the March Funeral Home East. Burial was the following day at Eastview Memorial Park.

Mr. Berry died Thursday, Jan. 29. He was 68.

Born Jan. 19, 1919, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Liston (Eunice) Berry.

He married the former Ms. Bernice Love in 1940. Mr. Berry moved to Baltimore in 1946, where he worked and established a home for his nine girls and four boys.

Mr. Berry is survived by his wife, eight daughters, Doris, Carolyn, Eunice, Dorethea, Bernice, Jeanette, Cynthia and Sylvia; four sons, James, Kenneth, Ronald and Michael Berry; 24 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mable Ellen Smith

Funeral services for Mrs. Mable Ellen Rodgers Smith were Monday, Feb. 2 at the Knox Presbyterian Church. Burial was the following day at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Smith died Thursday, Jan. 29 at Church Hospital after a brief illness. She was 78.

She was the only child of Mrs. Ada Bland and was born September 28, 1908 in Tarboro, NC. She moved to Baltimore at an early age and was educated and reared in Sparrows Point.

As a child, she was a member of Union Baptist Church in Sparrows Point. After moving to Baltimore, she was a member of Mt. Carmel Church.

On March 14, 1934, she married Hayward Silas Smith. The couple had eight children, Shirley, Hayward, Jr., Bernard, Ronald, Carrie, Marlene, Everett and Marilyn.

The family lived in the 1000 block of North Washington St. for 43 years.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband and children; 18 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

Samuel Haskins

Funeral services for Samuel Haskins were Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the St. Phillip's Lutheran Church. Burial was the next day at Maryland National Memorial Park in Laurel, MD.

Mr. Haskins died Friday, Jan. 30 after a lengthy illness. He was 80.

A native of Baltimore, and born April 17, 1906, Mr. Haskins was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Magager (Elizabeth) Haskins. He was educated at Dunbar High School.

At the age of 37, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Mr. Haskins served two terms and then returned to the Fort Holabird Signal Corps and served until it closed.

Mr. Haskins was married to the former Mrs. Catherine Parks Desmond.

Among his survivors are his wife; and two sisters, Miss Lola Bailey and Mrs. Anita Green.

Belva Manns, Virginia Native, dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Belva Manns were Thursday, Feb. 5 at the March Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial was at Arbutus Memorial Park immediately after the services.

Mrs. Manns was born in Martinville, VA on May 1, 1907. She spent her school years there. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George (Eliza Jane) Marshall.

In 1927, she married the Rev. Gabriel Manns in Welch, W.VA. Mrs. Mann had a son, Jessie, who lives on Arunah Ave. with his father, the Rev. Manns.

Through the years, she taught Sunday Lessons, was the Church Mother, Superintendent, and a Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. Manns also is survived by a brother, Harry Marshall; a sister, Mrs. Betty Pearl Watkins, grandchildren, Mark, Delanies, Geraldines, Delores and Lily, and a host of other relaties and friends.

Cyrus W. Marshall, Principal

Memorial Services for Cyrus W. Marshall, Jr., former principal of Lemmel Junior High School, were held at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 4 at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 2110 Madison Ave.

Mr. Marshall, who was 68, died recently at his home on Wheeler Avenue after an extended battle with cancer. A native Baltimorean, he was graduated from Frederick Douglass High School in 1936 and from Coppin Normal School in 1939. He attended Morgan State College and earned the Master of Education degree from Loyola College.

Tyrone D. Jones Dies

Funeral services for Tyrone D. Jones, were Thursday, Feb. 5 at the New Second Baptist Church. Burial was the next day at King Memorial Park.

Mr. Jones died suddenly on Friday, Jan. 30. He was 37.

Tyrone Dennis Jones was the son of Irone Davis and Mrs. Fannie Dockins. He was born in Baltimore, April 16, 1949.

He received his education in the Baltimore City school system and continued his education at the Community College of Baltimore. He worked for several years at Mr. Ray's where "he brought glamour and style to many Baltimoreans."

Mr. Jones also worked at the Model Cities agency as a teacher's aide between 1970 and 1975. He also worked at the Urban Services Agency Child Development department and progressed to the position of administratie assistant.

He was a long-time member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church.

Mr. Jones sis survived by his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Harry (Fannie) Dockins; two brothers, Don and Avon.

Walter Dickey, S.C. native, dies

Funeral services for Walter Dickey were Thursday, Feb. 5 at the March Funeral Home East Chapel. Burial was at Baltimore Cemetery.

Mr. Dickey died Friday, Jan. 30. he was 57.

Born April 30, 1929, he was the youngest of 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. Dave (Queen Ester) Dickey. He attended public school in Chester, SC.

Mr. Dickey was employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co. until his health failed.

He is survived by two brothers, Johnnie Ward, of Patterson, NJ and George Ward, of Chester; a sister, Mrs. Alberta Vinson, of Baltimore; his wife, Jenny Dickey; three children, Paulette, Renee and Walter, Jr.; and five grandchildren.

Railroad worker W. Coleman dies

Funeral services for Walter Coleman was Friday, Feb. 6 at the Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Church. Burial was the same day at the Parkwood Memorial Park in Baltimore.

Mr. Coleman died at his home after a brief illness. He was 77.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Ida) Coleman, he was born September 15, 1909. Mr. Coleman moved to Baltimore in 1942 and joined the gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Church.

He retired from the Bethlehem Steel Railroad in 1977.

Among Mr. Coleman's survivors are his wife, Mrs. Katie Mae Coleman, a daughter, Mr. Claudi Mae Arnold of Haines City, FL.; an aunt, Mrs. Edna Jackson of Montgomery, AL.; 10 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren.

Leroy T. Matthews, Navy veteran

Funeral services for Leroy Thomas Matthews were Thursday, Feb. 5 at the March Funeral Home West Chapel. Burial was at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Matthews died Saturday, Jan 31, after a lengthy illness. He was 72.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy (Winnie) Matthews, he was born October 16, 1914 in Cambridge, MD. Mr. Matthews was educated in Dorchester County public schools.

He entered the U.s. Navy as a young man and retired after 20 years of service. He attended the John Westley Methodist Church in Cambridge.

Mr. Matthews married the former Ms. Madalene Childs. The couple had a son, Randall Cornish, who preceded Mr. Matthews in death.

Among his survivors are his wife, Madalene; two daughters, Mrs. Eloise Martin and Mrs. Lisa Thompson; five sisters, Mrs. Virginia Dyson, Mrs. Rhoda Rose, Mrs. Edith Banks, Mrs. Elizabeth McCrady and Mrs. Ann Kittrell; and two brothers, William and Frederick.

He also is survived by an aunt, Margaret Chester, seven grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

St. James' Episcopal Church
Lafayette and Arlington Aves.
The Clergy
The Rev. Charles L. Taylor, M. Div., Interim Rector
Maurice Murphy, Mus. D., Choir Director, Organist
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1987
8:00 A.M. ..... Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. ..... Church School
10:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

BICENTENNIAL FACTS

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SHARP STREET MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1787 1987 "200 Years of Preaching and Mission"

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

1787 — Independent Black Worshipers left Lovely Lane Church to form their own worshipping society. This was the beginning of Sharp Street Church.

1797 — Sharp Street Church took over a school to teach black children to read and write from the Society for the Abolition of Slavery. This became the first Black Public School in Baltimore.

Rev. Eugene Matthews, Pastor

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1987
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: "Youth Activities For the NAACP"
SPEAKER: Mrs. Betty Boone
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "O Divine Redeemer" ..... Gounod
THE SPIRITUAL: "I've Been Buked" ..... arr. Hall Johnson
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: ..... Reverend Delores McDaniel
3:30 p.m. — The Iona Rhodes Memorial Fellowship Choir in Concert
Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m. — Martha W. Preston Bible Class
Sunday, February 22, 2:00 p.m. — Black Heritage Celebration
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. Baltimore St.
BALTIMORE, MD. 21223
Sunday,
February 15, 1987
"O Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye People. For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord." Psalm 117
9:00 A.M. ..... Sunday Church Schol (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. ..... Live Radio Broadcast Service WYST 10:10 AM Dial
11:00 A.M. ..... Divine Morning Worship Service Sermon by Elder C. Green
3:30 P.M. ..... Afternoon Divine Evangelistic Service. Music by our choirs and the sermon by Elder Ben Windom.
6:00 P.M. ..... Christian Fellowship Hour
7:30 P.M. ..... Evening Divine Praise-Worship Service featuring outstanding Gospel Music
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Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom D.D. Minister
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Sunday, February 15, 1987
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Rev. Marion C. Bascom, Preaching

Music
8:00 a.m. — The Heavens Are Declaring ..... Ludwig V. Beethoven
I've Been 'Buked ..... Arr. Hall Johnson
11:00 a.m. — Begin, My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme ..... Gordon Young
Give Me Jesus ..... Arr. Roland Carter

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