Candia Singers have been entertaining one year

By Ed Stephens Jr.

RICHMOND

Anniversary Celebrations are memorable moments recorded in time, denoting a special event and generally commemorated annually. This is a continous celebration and the first year has a significant value, for there can only be one first 12-month celebration.

Recently The Candia Singers, a Richmond-based gospel group celebrated their first year anniversary at First Independent Methodist Church and what a joyous occassion this was, just to remember that one year had passed with the help of God, despite hard trials, criticism, dissappointments and verbal negative feedback. Oh yes, people will talk about you and especially if you are doing it for the Lord, just to hinder your spiritual growth. Yet The Candia Singers stood tall and steadfast to the cause, refusing to yield to temptation or the adversary. Moreover, no one said that the road would be easy, for the prize is waiting at the finish line.

They were organized by Ms. Julia Candia, a local songwriter and pianist who had a vision to search for faithful singers. With the help of God several talented spirit-filled singers joined Ms. Canadia and since then their lives have not been the same. They are Ruby Mason, Rosetta Green, Marsha Dennis, Nancy Wheeler, John McGirt, Charlie Pernell, Randy Wynn (pianist) and Charles Johnson (keyboardist) and of course the founder Ms. Julia Candia.

Unified vocally as The Candia Singers in November of '86 they accepted the challenge that required them to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through singing. They first denied themselves of planned weekends, just to dedicated, sincere and available to perform whenever called upon. And the public received their debut last February as guest gospel performers at the Old Landmark Hour held at Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church. Incidentally, this columnist happened to be present as one of the worship leaders and thoroughly enjoyed The Candia Singers first musical presentation. They were sensational and needless to say it sparked numerous engagements, which made the first year really busy.

"We are still excited," exclaimed Ms. Candia and God has been good to us." Plans are now being made to record an album in the spring of '88. They are ready to spend full time in singing, ministry, facing the world with determination, and a few adjustments is all that it would take. The Candia Singers are trusting in Christ for his direction, power and guidance. How can they go wrong?

Standing boldly before a crowd of gospel music lovers at First Independent Methodist Church after an introduction from the emcees Avis Royal and Johnny Branch, The Canadia Singers opened their hearts while performing. Being the first entertainers on their First Anniversary Celebration, every selection expressed righteousness and thankfulness unto God for his special blessing.

Inspirational selections that encouraged the singers and pleased the audience were "Unspeakable Joy." "My Soul Is Anchored" and "The Results of Prayer" written by Ms. Candia. She is extremely talented and gifted in creating renditions that highlight the reality of life, while suggesting to the listeners to seek Christ for all of their problems. These are attributes to the groups future growth as a to-be recording artists.

Shiloh celebrates anniversary

WASHINGTON

The Shiloh Baptist Church founded in 1863 by 21 newly emancipated slaves, will begin the celebration of its 125th Anniversary Year on Sunday, Jan. 3, 1988, at 4:00 p.m. with a Prayer Convocation.

At the service, Dr. Evans E. Crawford, Jr., dean of the Howard University Chapel, will be the featured speaker, and the Shiloh Senior Choir will provide spiritual uplifting through musical selections.

According to Rev. Henry C. Gregory, III, the fifth pastor of the Church since its founding, "the anniversary is an occasion to recall, take stock, and look ahead. It is also a time for us to unite for expanded service to our community and world."

In keeping with this sentiment, Shiloh members will participate in a week-long Prayer and Fasting Chain. Fasting feeds the soul as food feeds the body; therefore, the prayer and fasting chain links the soul's inward rejuvenation with the church's outward celebration.

The celebration continues around the theme for the year, ". . . From Strength to Strength," with the Church's Annual Week of Prayer Services beginning on Monday, Jan. 4 through Friday, January 8.

The services for each evening will begin at 7:30 with prayer, praise and testimony. "Sons of Shiloh." Clergymen who served as assistants at Shiloh, will deliver the messages. These include: Rev. Kenneth E. Burke Jr. of East Washington Heights Baptist Church Rev. H. Joseph Franklin of Second Street Baptist Church, Rev. Bernard Reid of Johenning Baptist Church, Rev. Henry Houston (retired) of Mount Jezreel Baptist Church, and Rev. Rafe M. Taylor of Mount Airy Baptist Church.

The Prayer Convocation and Week of Prayer Services will set the tone for Shiloh's celebration of thanksgiving. "We hope to make this event special not only for the members of Shiloh but for persons outside of the walls of the institution as well," said Rev. Gregory.

Shiloh is located at 9th & P Sts., N.W.

Look back—step forward

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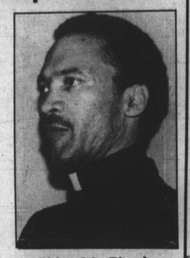
Bishop John Ricard Auxiliary Bishop of the Catholic Archdiocese.

The most outstanding event of 1987 was the visit of the Holy Father for 10 days. He got an informed picture of the American church and of the country America. The Black Catholic Congress in Washington was also significant. This was the first time they met as a group since the last century. I look forward to an agreement with the Soviet Union limiting nuclear Weapons. In 1988, I would like to see an increased involvement of the church in every aspect of community life . . . from education, to housing, to employment."



Bishop John Ricard

Bishop Franklin C. Showell, First Apostolic Faith Church

"In 1987, there has been a generation transition, where older ministers and religious leaders of the church are transferring the leadership of the church and church organization to the younger leaders. An example of that is three young Baltimore ministers elevated to bishopric . . . Bishop Orris G. Walker, in the Episcopal Church, Rev. John Bryant being considered for the AME Church, and myself in the Bible Way Churches World Wide. This is happening all over the country. I think these men will bring the church back to its true mission and role . . . a place where men are healed and brought to wholeness and spiritual maturity. I see a wholistic ministry coming for 1988 . . . a ministry that deals with the entire man. There will be a greater emphasis on the prayer life of the church and on family life and strengthening the family.

Randy Wynn recognized for service to 7 choirs

By Ed Stephens Jr.

RICHMOND

Last week, this column reviewed a renowned pianist and a director of seven choirs in the Richmond area, Mr. Joseph M. Robinson. This week, we are reviewing an appreciation service for another pianist and a director of seven choirs, Mr. Randy Wynn, also in the Richmond area and surrounding counties.

Randy Wynn, a renowned contemporary gospel writer and choir director has served seven choirs and various churches for several years. His firm leadership, dedication, and consistent loyal services have been essential factors in the musical growth of each of his choirs.

A self-taught musician who attended Virginia Commonwealth University, at one time , he actually felt that a male pianist wasn't considered masculine. But as time progressed Randy became inspired by the awesome talents of Edwin Hawkins, James Cleveland and Andrae Crouch. These were his musical idols. But, he didn't know that one day he would receive an opportunity to work with these national musicians at a James Cleveland Gospel Music Workshop Convention. Today, Randy Wynn's perceptions of a male pianist is recognized as a gift from God and is, without question, a priority demand here in the city.

He is humble, obedient and eagerly willing to work with as many choirs and groups that his schedule can allow. Sometimes this is an every night requirement for rehearsals and an all day responsibility on weekends for their scheduled engagements. As you can see, this requires some form of loyalty and dedication that only God can provide and Randy acknowledges this special touch every time he places his fingers on the keyboard.

Because of this, a committee was organized to plan an appreciation service in his honor recently held at Swansboro Baptist Church in South Richmond. The 400 seat sanctuary offered standing-room only which reflected the outstanding notoriety that Randy has earned as a director, a musician, and a leader thats committed to the cause.

Local radio personalities, Isaac Gregory (WANT), Herbert Pollare (WKIE)f, and several masters of ceremony, Johnny D. Branch, Norman Crews and yours truly Ed Stephens Jr. accompanied the honoree on the roster.

Musical entertainment was inspiringly provided by The Virginiaires, Richmond's Diamondaires, Mount Calvary Youth Choir, The A. Alexander Singers, The Gospel Crusaders, George Smith Memorial Singers. Also the following choirs sung under the directorship of Randy Wynn: The Gospel Truth Singers, G.W. Manning Singers, H.R. Plummer Singers, James Morris Memorial Singers, M.W. Rainey Memorial Singers, The Candia Singers and THe United Voices of Yahweh (organized by the honoree.)

Flamboyantly attired in an all white, formal tuxedo, the honoree had finally received his day for personal recognition. It was so fulfilling that when his musical assistance was required to accompany each choir for performance, Randy became overshadowed with excitement. He was finally aware that this appreciation service came into being simple because of his service to the community and the church.

This was something he had never dreamed of, "Keep on building up the works of the Lord for Randy Wynn your just reward is waiting at the funishline."

New Psalmist celebrates celebrates 10 years

On January 3, 1988, the New Psalmist Baptist Church, located at the corner of Franklin and Cathedral Streets in downtown Baltimore, will celebrate 10 years of ministry at this worship center.

Under the spiritual direction of the pastor, Reverend Dr. Walter Scott Thomas, worship services will be held at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and an evening service at 6:00 p.m.

Reverend Harold A. Carter from the New Shiloh Baptist Church will be the preacher at the 6:00 p.m. service.

In addition, the church will hold a special ceremony on Jan. 10, 1988 at 3:30 p.m. whereby the unveiling of a cornerstone plaque commemorating 10 years of service will be affixed to the outside of the sanctuary.

These dates have been set aside to praise God through inspiration, warmth and unity for all that He has done. The theme for the celebration, "We've Come This Far By Faith," is derived from the message found in Hebrew 11:1.

The congregation joins the pastor in extending an invitation for everyone — the community, family, friends, business and political leaders, to assemble in unity to observe the ten-year dedication service.

Christian Temple hosts evangelists

Two evangelists who claim their healing ministry includes dental healings of gold, silver and porcelain fillings are appearing at the Christian Temple Faith Church, 5401 Reisterstown Rd. each night at 8 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 3.

Evangelist Willard and Margaret Fuller are from Palatka, Florida, and their ministry includes prayer for all needs . . . physical, mental, spiritual and circumstantial.

They are being hosted by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Izell Crump.

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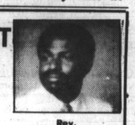

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Divine Order Of Worship

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 Worship Service Elder C. Green, Preaching
4:00 P.M. — Divine Afternoon Service The Initial Trin Sermon of Bro. Wesley Raymond Hampton
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Maurice Murphy, Mus. D., Choir Director, Organist
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 1988
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.

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10:00 a.m.....SERVICE OF BAPTISM
11:00 a.m.....MORNING WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: Seek He The Lord"
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PREACHING: "Forget Not All His Benefits".....Pastor Ray
Wednesday, January 6, 1988 at 7:00 p.m. The Martha W. Preston Bible Class and Praise and Prayer Service.
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

SAY rally and concert packs Arena

By Woodrow Thompson, III
Special to the AFRO

On Christmas Eve, youths from ages 8 to 20 packed the Baltimore Arena to watch live entertainment, and to hear a speech from the Director of S.A.Y., Willie E. Ray, that conveyed the message Save Another Youth.

S.A.Y. Inc. is an organization responsible for the Stop the Killing Coalition that has been in existence for over two years. S.A.Y. has been striving to get the message across to the youths of today, to Stop the Killing, and to Say No to Drugs.

This rally featured entertainers such as Dana Dan, Rock San, Heavy D. and the Boys, UTFO, Whistle, ETMD, and Baltimores own New Marks. Each performer conveyed the messages, Save Another Yough, Stop the Killing, and Say No to Drugs.

Organizations supportive of this Save the Youth Rally were the Urban League, the NAACP, the Urban Services, and most importantly, the parents of the youth who have been killed by violence and crime.

The rally and concert, the first of its type, lasted for three hours, and was promoted by Baltimore's German Blanding, and Washington's Dave Ruban and Joe Clark.

Director Willie Ray said that S.A.Y. Inc. is planning on having more marches, visuals, Save the Youth Programs, Job counciling, referrals, and preparations.

"There will be a phase in 1988," Ray said, "which will involve education, economic development, cultural recreational activities, and religious training for the youth of Baltimore."

Ray also said that S.A.Y. Inc. is interested in dealing directly with youth on a one to one basis to build a good relationship.

"Another operation that will be kicked off by S.A.Y. in 1988, is the positive role model phase," Ray said, "which will highlight kids that are doing positive things, and are very successful."

State tax forms have new look

"Most taxpayers know there are many changes waiting for them on their federal income tax returns this year," said Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein.

"Those same taxpayers will find that their Maryland income tax packet is new from cover to cover. Taxpayers will notice their forms. The colors were changed to avoid confusion with federal forms. In addition, the instructions were completely rewritten to make state tax forms easier to complete than ever before."

Federal tax changes in itemized deductions and minimum filing requirements will automatically be reflected in your Maryland return. But that's just the beginning of the story.

Maryland now has a higher standard deduction (15 percent of Maryland adjusted gross income) with new minimum amounts, and a new $1,000 personal exemption as well. The state also has a unique treatment of capital gains and for the first time recognizes an earned income credit equal to one-half of the credit that may be claimed on the federal return.

Also for the first time, taxpayers may itemize deductions on their Maryland return only if they itemized on their federal return, and they must send in a copy of their federal Schedule A.

A new head of household filing status appears on the Maryland form for the first time this year and a new status for dependent taxpayers — those who are claimed as dependents on someone else's federal return.

Dependents who must now file federal returns will not have to file Maryland returns unless their income exceeds the filing requirements for single or married taxpayers (whichever is appropriate) listed on page one of the state tax packet instructions.

Two other differences from federal forms affect two earner families, who should file using Maryland's combined separate filing status to save money, and workers who pay for child care and may claim a state deduction for child care costs instead of the tax credit claimed on their federal returns.

Free assistance is available at all Maryland income tax offices by calling 1-800-MD TAXES.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Psychic forecasts true horror for black teens in '88

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Thus, the US cannot hide much, and the world is forever relationships, said the self-proclaimed psychic.

"In Nigeria I feel that they are going to have some sort of coup," said Cassell. "I see like a military war. I see some of the larger buildings in the mawatching her.

The Virginia native also believes that black women, in their disillusionment, will commit suicide in epedemic proportions, a situation that was once a problem of non-black females. Cassell attributes this crisis to the deterioration of the black family, AIDS among black male homosexuals, and the disproportionate incarceration of black men.

Internationally, Cassell says that Nigeria, one of severaL African countries to experience political and economic turmoil in the coming year, will experience instability and the lost of thousands of lives due to a military war.

Rev. Cassell does not see a promising career for Jesse Jackson as president or vice-president of the United States. Because the Democratic Party has lost its credibility to be a viable political machine, Cassell does not think that it will gamble on having Jackson even come as close as having the vice-presidential bid. In fact, the psychic sees another role for Jackson.

"Jesse Jackson will be offered a position to appease black people, and I think he will probably refuse it." said Cassell.

What is astonishing to the listener of Rev. Cassell is her prophesy involving black males in America. The spiritualist contends that young wayward black males are reincarnations of Nazi war criminals.

According to Cassell, many of them are imprisoned because they did not receive retribution for their crimes against humanity.

"My feeling is that those persons who killed all the Jews during the holocaust, the Germans, are many of our black men today. And that is why so many of them are incarcerated today," said Cassell.

"They murdered the Jews in previous lifetime as Germans," said Cassell. "So they are being born now and getting into situations where they are incarcerated because they were not really punished and got away with these crimes at that time."

A retired public school teacher since 1973, the psychic claims to have a ninety-five to ninety-eight percent accuracy rate. A resident of Annadale, Va., Cassell is minister of Saint Michaels. Psychic Science Church, Inc. in Washington, D.C.

She appears on WEAA Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. Cassell's Baltimore base is at the Control Data Business Business Center in Park Heights.

Cassell will host a Psychic Fair Saturday, Jan. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 20 at the Control Data Center. For more information on the fair call 202-328-1740.

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ministration is going to foster economic development within the black community. It is long overdue and ought to be the major thrust of his administration, if he is going to have some serious impact on the condition of blacks in this city."

Beverly Burke, noon and 6 o'clock news anchor, WMAR-TV.

"I have two answers to the question. On the humorous side it was the cicada invasion. I think that is the funniest thing that ever happened this year. On the serious side, I think that AIDS continues to be the big story of the year. It became a controversy with persons and civil rights. I personally explored the subject by speaking to nurses doctors, and funeral directors .... It changed everything."

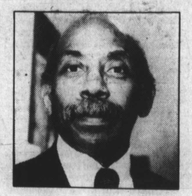
"I will be seriously watching what is done in the future about the critical lack of affordable housing on the city, state, and federal level. I want to see how the state helps the city with this problem. I'm concerned about how the private sector will do more, I would like to see what Maryland elected officials will do to solve the problem."

Sandra Pinkney: news reporter/6 o'clock news anchor, WJZ-TV.

"The ripple effect from the Wall Street Crash is still continuing. When is it going to stop no one knows. And it has serious implications for our country ... The U.S.-Soviet Summit is the first possibility of a high point, a break in the Cold War. It's the first of many steps that have to be taken to end the nuclear arms race.

"I would like to see the policies of our new mayor unfolding, especially as they relate to education. Also, the stabilizing of the dollar. I'm hoping that it will happen by next year. It certainly won't happen this year . . . I would love not to do so many stories on shootings and killings. I wish for a solution to the violence that has gotten out of hand. It's depressing."

Sandra Pinkney



Rus Johnson

Jacqueline F. McLean

Rus Johnson, producer of "Freedom Now" and "Winning" on WEAA FM radio.

"The Contra hearings was the biggest story because it showed another degree of insensitivity by the Reagan administration against the rights of those who hunger for justice and peace."

"I would like to see more people employed. I hope that people will get excited about Christ. Also, I hope that they will find the Kingdom within themselves, and they develop a greater degree of self-esteem and self-image."

Rev. Hazel Cassell, spiritual and psychic advisor, host of "Your Psychic Tomorrow," WEAA FM radio.

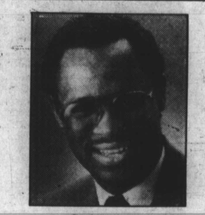
"I guess the biggest issue would be the number of people who are dying from AIDS in 1987. The Lord has shown me that people will continue to die from AIDS and He is sending a new disease. Many people will come down with a disease of blindness. The Lord has shown me that people who have had abortions, and also homosexuals, will contract the new disease of blindness."

"What I look forward to, in the city of Baltimore, is black self-determination, successful black-owned businesses."

Debbie Wright: "Money Team" reporter, Eyewitness News, WJZ-TV.

"I think the stock market crash was the biggest story of 1987, because it had far reaching ramifications for everybody in the country, because it directly affected the economy."

"I look forward to seeing how the new administration takes the reins of government in the city."



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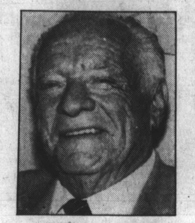

William J. Myers

Sheila Dixon-Smith

Jacqueline F. McLean, spiritual advisor, author, lecturer.

"The most significant event of 1987 I think was the passage of my Minority and Women Enterprise Bill. It was significant to Minorities and black people in general. I would like to improve the quality of life for minority people in 1988. We did some improvements in 1987, but I would like to do something really dynamic, like (improving) housing, in 1988. Something people can sink their teeth into and say, 'now that's fantastic'."

William J. Myers-D-6:

"We had a good mayor, (Clarence) 'Du' Burns, for a part of the year. He was a hard-working mayor and now we got a new mayor and he's going to be a great mayor. And we have good councilmen that work for everyone. I look forward to working to improve education, housing and to have more police in 1988, all to better Baltimore City."

Iris G. Reeves-D-5:

"The most significant event of 1987 was for a black man to rise and be mayor of Baltimore and then the election of the city's first black mayor. I would like to see the city continue to prosper and for all persons to have a share in good government and the health of the city."

Carl Stokes-D-2:

"In Baltimore the most

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