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The Living Church

Metro Church Briefs

Simmons Memorial plans one night revival

The Senior Usher Board of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, 601 Cumberland St. will sponsor a one night revival Friday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker is Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of Bethel AME Church in Baltimore. All are invited.

Married Couples celebrate Valentines

The Married Couples Enrichment Fellowship of Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. invites you to a "Candle Light Dinner" Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Coker Hall of the Church. All married couples are invited to come. For ticket information, call 523-4273.

Pleasant Rock plans Victory Celebration

Pleasant Rock Baptist Church, 16 N. Monroe St. will have a Victory Celebration, Sunday, Jan. 31 at three scheduled services: At 11 a.m., the last service will be at the church and the guest speaker is Rev. Dr. John Lunn, pastor of Berean Baptist Church. At 3 p.m., the congregants will march to their new church home, 68 S. Kossuth St. (begin at 16 N. Monroe St.). Then at 4 p.m., the Victory Service will commence at 68 S. Kossuth St. and the sermon will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. Timothy Loftin.

Muhammad's Mosque #6 sponsors Farrakhan's video

On Saturday, Jan. 23, from 2-5 p.m., women from throughout the Baltimore area will be coming together for the purpose of viewing Minister Farrakhan's video on "How To Give Birth To A God". A panel discussion is planned, and they hope that you will feel comfortable sharing your thoughts and ideas with the women in attendance in a bond of sisterhood. Plan to join them Saturday at 2610 Keyworth Ave. Call Dr. Claudette X. McFadden at 444-3088 or Ms. Deborah Muhammad at 542-0084. Sponsored by the MGT and GCC of Muhammad's Mosque #6.

Little Ark Schedules revival

The Little Ark Missionary Baptist Church, 1263 East North Ave. where the Rev. James Lee Carter is pastor, will hold revival services Feb. 7 through 13 Rev. P. R. Keyser, pastor of Parklane Baptist Church, will be the preacher for the week. Several choirs from around the city will be presented in concert each evening. Call 659-9378.

Good Shepherd to celebrate pastor's anniversary

Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 3459 Park Heights Ave. will have its Pastorial Anniversary Service on Thursday, February 4 at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Jimmy Baldwin is the guest speaker. Call 462-5864.

Good Shepherd plans Missionary Emphasis Day

The Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 3459 Park Heights Ave. will have its Missionary Emphasis Day, Sunday, January 31 at 4 p.m. The guest speaker is the Rev. Douglas Miles of Brown's Memorial Baptist Church in Baltimore. Call 462-5864.

Agency scrutinizes Boston University

Allegations of sexism and racism at Boston University School of Theology have prompted a formal inquiry by United Methodism's educational review agency.

Members of the University Senate, a group charged with evaluating schools, colleges and universities related to the United Methodist Church, voted Jan. 7-8 to send a fact - finding team to Boston. On - site visits by the team will be initiated "at the invitation of and in consultation with" John R. Silber, president of Boston University, according to Roy B. Shilling, senate president.

Boston University School of Theology is one of 13 theological schools supported by the Ministerial Education Fund of the United Methodist Church. The 25 - member University Senate sets standards for affiliation with the denomination, but is not an academic accrediting agency. Senate members are all professional educators.

Although specific problems emanating from Boston University have made headlines in the past several years, Dr. Shilling said the Senate's planned investigation was not prompted by any one incident. Rather, he said, the Senate members "want to see if there are general areas of concern where we can help."

Since 1974, Boston University has been the scene of several disputes between faculty and administrators, in 1986 the contract of Elizabeth Bettenhausen, a prominent feminist theologian, was not renewed by the theological school.

While the dean of the school cited "inadequate scholarship" Dr. Bettenhausen said administrators would not elaborate, and that her reputation as an outspoken, liberation theologian was critical in the decision to discontinue her contract.

Dr. Bettenhausen asked both the Senate and the church's General Commission on the Status and Role of Women to investigate the school, claiming her that her dismissal is indicative of a pattern of racism and sexism.

In late 1987, a federal court upheld a ruling denying Boston University's faculty the right to collective bargaining because they are "managerial employees" with authority in policy matters such as curriculum, grading, teaching methods, student discipline and course schedule.

The ruling also rejected a claim by the faculty that it had less power and voice in administrative matters than at other schools. The faculty has tried unsuccessfully to establish a union since 1974.

"We're taking this initiative based on a recommendation from the Senate's Commission on Theological Review," said Dr. Shilling, president of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas. "While our investigation is not based on any specific case at Boston (University) it was precipitated by the fact that certain individuals and groups have raised concerns."

The Senate has invited persons with information pertinent to the Boston case to forward it to the Senate.

In other business, the University Senate discussed — but took action — on Morristown College, a two-year predominantly black school which was dropped and then returned to the list of United Methodist-related schools following a tumultous two years of financial uncertainty, problems with accreditation, and finally, intervention by the denomination's "supreme court."

Under a ruling by the United Methodist Judicial Council in late October, Morristown was given 90 days — until the end of January — to effect an appeal to remain in the United Methodist family.

In December 1987, Morristown lost its accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Rev. Richard Bowyer, the school's trustee chairman, said Morristown plans to appeal that ruling in light of a stronger financial picture and better enrollment than when the school's last report to the association was presented.

If Morristown decides to appeal to the Senate, a site review team will visit the school and report to the Senate, Dr. Shilling said.

The University Senate assesses school based on four broad categories: financial health and administrative effectiveness, academic program quality, church relatedness and institutional integrity. It meets twice annually. The next scheduled meeting is in June.

S.A.Y. installs director

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Save Another Youth, Inc. in conjunction with the Baltimore Coalition to Stop the Killing, at 328 N. Paca St., has named Ms. Roberta Abrams Gaines as director.

The program, which will involve parents, churches, community leaders, political leaders, and members of the Baltimore City School System will be categorized in five basic areas: Education, Economic Development, Employment, Culture and Recreation, and Religion.

Save Another Youth, according to Gaines will along with the aforementioned organizations, will visit city schools to give lectures on "How to Stop the Killing."

Youth leaders will be coordinating and speaking at these presentations.

Another program is a G.E.D. preparatory course for young people. The proposal which was initiated in 1985 has been revised by the board of directors and will be re-submitted in February. Inclusive in this proposal for funding will be job training, job counseling, job finding techniques, and goal setting.

Gaines said she plans to involve more youth in the planning and implementation of programs for S.A.Y.

"They know their problems better than we do because they face them on a daily basis," she said.

Some other programs and projects in the makings are a Positive Role Model Program, and an Economic Development Program.

"We hope to teach the children the skills of being an entrepreneur," said Gaines. "If they see that they can make some money selling a product, as opposed to selling drugs, this will keep them out of jail."

Also through the Save Another Youth Program, youth are afforded the opportunity to display their talents. Youth affiliated with the program participated in a Christmas Positive Rap Fest '87 at the Baltimore Arena this past December.

The rap centered around the theme of raising the conscious level of the entire city to the senseless teen killings.

Other opportunities for talent display are available through Star's Palace, at Paca and Franklin Sts., where youth between the ages of 13 and 18 participate in performances every Wednesday. Broadway Night is planned for youth 18 and older.

"Our kids need something to look forward to other standing on the street corners," said Gaines.

Save Another Youth will also orient young people in their religious pursuit. Bible Study will be held twice weekly and the youth will be asked to go to a church of their choice.

J. Roberta Gaines

According to Gaines, by putting God first, S.A.Y. hopes to organize the family structure, realizing that the family unit is the most important in youth development.

Gaines' role at Save Another Youth is two-fold. She is the coordinator for all activities and is additionally responsible for following through on those programs initiated by Rev. Willie Ray, the founder of the two and a half year old program.

Gaines, who is a native Baltimorean describes herself as an organizer and planner, having organized political campaigns for many of the West Baltimore elected officials.

She was a part of the People's Democratic Organization for more than 20 years, and claims anchorman George Collins of WMAR TV-2 fondly calls her the "King Maker."

She has been involved in community programs for numerous years and was the Chairman of the Model Cities Area D program, later to be promoted as the director.

Gaines was hired by Baltimore's New Directions for Women and worked as the resource referral director. She spoke before the U.S. Senate and also lobby in Annapolis for the rights of displaced homemakers.

Gaines also served as the program director at the Bethel AME Church Women's Resource and Development Center where she is still actively involved as a volunteer.

Additional church involvement at Bethel, where she is a member, include the Senior Choir, the Spirit Newspaper, and the Fine Arts Ministry.

Gaines, who is a mother and a grandmother is also a singer, an amateur artist, a poet, and a book author.

Gaines attributes her success and hope to her faith in God." I love the Lord . . . God is so good," she concluded.

A WORD OF HOPE

Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3:6

In life, we are faced with so many decisions. Should I buy a house, or should I go to school in Switzerland.

And if we are not careful, we may find ourselves anxious and overly concerned. I want to make the right decision . . . but I don't know what to do. Suppose after I decide to do one thing, I discover that I was really supposed to do just the opposite.

Beloved, if you are faced with decision-making today, I have good news for you . . . for there is a word of hope. The decision is not yours to make . . . for God has already made every decision concerning where He wants you to go . . . where He wants you to live . . . Who He wants you to marry . . . what school He wants you to go to. He's already made every decision concerning your life.

And all you have to do is turn your ear unto Him that in all our ways. That means that in everything I do . . . in everything I say . . . in everything I think . . . I am to acknowledge God. After all, He is right there. I cannot deny His presence . . . The reality of His hope in me.

The Bible says that His spirit will guide us into all truth. Not only has God decided what He wants me to do . . . but by His Spirit . . . which is Himself . . . He will guide me into all truth. He will show me the fullness of His plan for my life.

God loves you . . . and He wills the very best for you. The Bible says no good thing will He withhold from them that diligently seek Him. It is the good pleasure of our Father that you be His perfect peace . . . not anxious about tomorrow . . . for tomorrow will take care of the things of itself.

In acknowledging God . . . know that He is the omniscent God. He is all knowing. He knows all things. He sees the whole scope of your life . . . of every individual situation you are faced with. And not only is He all knowing . . . but He is all wise. He is the All wise God. Not only does He know what's best for us . . . but He will make the best decision concerning you. Rest assured . . . you can trust in God and He will do it.

In fact, just rest in Him. Lay aside every thought of concern . . . every fear . . . every care and anxiety. And just rest in Him. Rest in His peace . . . for He promises to keep us in perfect peace if our Mind is stayed on him. Beloved, rest in His joy. Know that the joy of the Lord is your strength. Yes . . . make a joyful noise unto the Lord . . . Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise . . . My friend, be thankful unto Him and bless His name . . . For the Lord is good . . . and His mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.

Rest in the love of God. He loves you . . . Oh how He loves you. The Bible says that He loves us with an everlasting love. He loves us with a great and eternal love . . . He loves us with a love that looks beyond our faults and sees our needs.

God's choice is the bet choice. Listen that you might live! The Bible says that we are to pray without ceasing. Commit all of your ways to the Lord in prayer. Then . . . read the Word. Meditate upon His truths for His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Let your will be lost in His. Let God get the glory out of your life.

NAACP to name library for Henry Lee Moon

The civil rights library of the NAACP, located in its Baltimore headquarters, will be named in memory of Henry Lee Moon, the association's director of public relations from 1958 - 64, and editor of its magazine "The Crisis," from 1965 until his retirement in 1974.

An anonymous donor, who was an ardent admirer of Moon and his long years of service of civil and human rights, has contributed $100,000 to establish the library. Additional funds will be sought from the public.

A Henry Lee Moon Library Sponsoring Committee, to assist in the raising of these funds and the development of the library, is now being formed. Its membership includes Mrs. Mollie Moon, widow of Moon.

The Henry Lee Moon Library will be housed on the first floor of the NAACP headquarters and it is anticipated the formal dedication will take place in the spring. It will be available not only to NAACP staff and members, but also to other agencies, scholars, institutions, researchers and writers.

On site, in Baltimore, a volunteer group headed by librarian Stanley Butler is involved in the cataloging process.

Information on possible donations should be addressed to: The Henry Lee Moon Library. NAACP, 4805 Mt. Hope Drive, Baltimore, Md., 21215.

Moon was a graduate of Howard University and received his master's degree in journalism from Ohio State University. From 1926 to 1931, he directed press relations for Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute. He later served on the editorial staffs of the Cleveland Call, Cleveland Herald, New York Amsterdam News and Chicago Defender.

Moon was a regional advisor on race relations for the Federal Public Housing Authority from 1938 to 1944, and from 1944 to 1948 was an assistant to Sidney Hillman, director of the Political Action Committee of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In 1948, he published a book "Balance of Power: the Negro Vote" that was regarded as a definite study of the effect of black voting patterns on American politics since Reconstruction. That same year, he joined the NAACP as its director of public relations.

In 1965 after serving as deputy director of information for New York City's Housing and Development Board for a short period, he resumed his work at the NAACP as editor of "Crisis."

Moon edited a collection, "The Emerging Thoughts of W.E.B. DuBois." published in 1973. He retired in 1974 and died in June, 1985.

Interfaith crusade

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

A group of local religious leaders are banding together to present a Fall Christian Crusade.

The Interfaith Christian Community Organization plans to capture the city for Christ through a four - day crusade to be held at the Baltimore Memorial Stadium Wednesday, Nov. 2 through Saturday, the 5th.

The crusade, which takes as its theme "The International Love, Peace, Unity, and Youth Outreach Crusade, is two - fold in purpose, according to Rev. Robert Fountain, Sr., Interfaith's director.

The first objective is to unite the body of believers.

"The crusade is to be international in scope and interdenominational in purpose to unify the body of Christ," said Fountain.

Every church in the Baltimore metropolitan area will be invited to get involved in the planning of this crusade as well as partipcate functionally in its process.

According to Fountain, every ethnic group in this area as well as churches in PA, Wash., D.C., VA, NC, DL, and NJ will be welcomed and encouraged to attend and participate.

The second main purpose of the crusade is to reach young people.

"The crusade will serve as an outreach to the loss and misguided youth in our communities," said Fountain.

Fountain attributed a high percentage of crime in the city to young people having no direction and lacking spiritual leadership and guidance.

"We as maturing Christians know that the only way anybody's life can be turned around is by the spirit of the Lord," he said.

Rev. Robert Fountain, Sr.

Because the crusade seeks to draw different ethnic groups together, there will be speakers representing such groups. "In addition to American speakers, we will have Korean, Chinese, African, Japanese, and American Indian speakers," said Fountain.

The four day crusade will consist of praise and worship services to be held by "Agape" from Faith Christian Worship Center at 125 N. Hilton St. and also several services with a speaker.

One of the highlights will be Thursday, when special emphasis will be based upon the youth. Present will be youth choirs from throughout the state as well as youth speakers.

Another high point will be a Unity celebration Saturday with many national and international local choirs and singers. During this time, those assembled will be encouraged to exchange phone numbers with one anohter and establish open fellowship. This will open a line of communication irrespective of race, religion, or denomination.

Rev. Fountain said he looks forward to the crusade as well as the churches working together. Currently, a registration drive is in session. Those interested may call the Interfaith Christian Community Organization at 298-8072.

House of Ruth needs volunteers

The House of Ruth, Maryland's most comprehensive domestic violence program, is currently seeking applicants for its volunteer program.

The first orientation/training session for volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation, serve as hotline counselors, assist with fundraising activities and clerical duties. To register for the training session, contact Lovenia Cox, Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 889-0840.

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