Robert Taylor Choir celebrates 25 years

RICHMOND

By Ed Stephens Jr.

This column's first review for 1988 features the 25th Anniversary Celebration of The Robert L. Taylor Inspirational Choir at Fourth Baptist Church, Sunday Jan. 17 at 4 p.m. Some 550 people made a special effort to attend the magnificent performance provided by The A. Alexander Singers, The New Jewels, The Combined Voices of Tabernacle Baptist Church and the honorees.

Twenty-five memorable years ago three concerned members of Fourth Baptist Church approached their pastor Dr. Robert L. Taylor with an idea to form a youth choir. These young ladies felt a need for young adult participation to keep the youth active in church and to serve God musically. Dr. Taylor accepted the idea and the ground work began for a project that became a visual development Sunday Jan. 20, 1963 before the Fourth Baptist Church congregation.

With Mrs. Gwendolyn Johnson as the directress and Mrs. Betty Page as the organist, the Intermediate choir known at that time performed their first inspirational hymn entitled "Father Let Me Dedicate All This Year To Thee." And their special moving selection that confirmed their commitment was "Lord, I Can't Turn Back" which has become a living theme for the past 25 years.

Together the Intermediate Choir began to grow as a family, sharing happy moments, birthday celebrations, sad moments, but mainly uplifting the name of the Lord. They believe in showing love for each other, their church, friends and the community. Rendering musical concerts in hospitals, nursing homes and accompanying the Home and hospital visitation missionary circle to numerous homes during special times on the year, such as on Palm Sunday and Christmas, they were fulfilling their initial purpose.

Through prayer, the pastor and his moral support, the Intermediate choir of Fourth Baptist Church has remained faithful to their commitment to serve God no matter what happens. They have grown over the years in many ways, not only in number, but in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savoiur, Jesus Christ.

Being thankful and proud of all of their accomplishments over the past 25 years, they also realized that their pastor had a major interest in the choirs advancement. Because of this acknowledgement, last year on December 21, the Intermediate Choir was renamed the R. L. Taylor Inspirational Choir in honor of Dr. Robert L. Taylor who retired on this date. He had graciously served Fourth Baptist Church for 34 years and was always supportive of their choir.

Thus the renamed proclamation hailed Dr. Taylor and will continue to express the choir's gratitude in the years ahead.

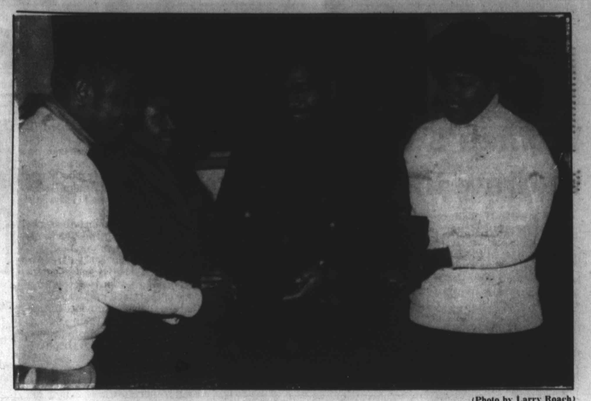
The R.L. Taylor Inspirational Choir sincerely believes that "the road has been mighty rough, the going has been tough, the hills have been hard to climb, but we started out a longtime ago, and we decided to make Jesus our choice. No we don't know how long it will be or what the future holds for us, but this we do know, if Jesus leads us, we will get home someday." Happy Silver Anniversary to The R. L. Taylor Inspirational Choir. May God Bless You.

Announcements

Come join Phil and Brenda Nicholas in full concert at the Richmond Christian Center, Friday Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. The program is free and Nicholas is a popular national gospel recording artists.

During the month of February, The A. Alexander Singers will musically bring back many of yesterday's gospel greats at various churches. Sunday, Feb. 7, the first program will convene at Center Street Memorial Baptist Church in South Richmond at 4 p.m. The program is free.

Special Thought: "God Knows Our Hearts And Our Minds But Do We Know Him?"



(Photo by Larry Roach)

A GIFT FOR THE GIVING was recently the occasion at the True Apostolic Church. Above, A. L. Williams Regional Vice President, Melvin Crawley (Center), gave two plaques of recognition to church staff members for their diligence in assisting the needy. A "Future Builders Award" was given to (L to R) the Pastor, Bishop Melvin Williams, Jr. and his wife Jacquelynne for their visionary Citadel of Hope project. A "Most Enthusiastic Award" was given to the Administrative Assistant, Marguarite Foster, for "untiring efforts in serving the needy."

Christian Center aims to boost quality of life on Southside

RICHMOND

By Hazel Trice Edney
AFRO Staff Writer

When God first revealed to Rev. Steve Parson, Pastor of the Richmond Christian Center, that his new church was going to be in the former Martin Chevrolet dealership on Cowardin Avenue, he said he "questioned the Lord."

The area was so run down, dilapidated, and depressed, and was such a "bad-looking area," that Parson wondered why God would want to set up a church there.

But, since then, he has learned the answer. "A church should be where there are problems, so it can change the problems," he now says.

For Parson, this revelation has culminated into a "vision" for the Manchester area just South of the Lee Bridge. The area is characterized by high crime and boarded up buildings. But, the vision entails a multi-million dollar development which he believes will "enhance the quality of life" in South side Richmond.

Nearly a year after moving into the newly renovated, plush, 2,000 seat facility at 214 Cowardin Avenue, Parson would like to undertake one of the most novel projects to be assumed by a church in the City of Richmond.

Members of the non-denominational Richmond Christian Center, under the legal guidance of the Wilder, Gregory, and Martin law firm, is in the process of forming a non-profit organization, separate from the church, with aims to rehabilitate housing, and spur a mass revival of economic activity in the oppressed Manchester area. With the assistance of city, state, and federal funds; plus input from private investors, Parsons believes it would work.

The "South Side Community redevelopment and Housing Corporation" would serve to make the Southside area "come alive" Parson said. Part of the plan includes upgrading vacant and dilapidated properties and building new homes affordable for low, middle, and upper income people.

The organization would be operated by a 25-member board of directors consisting of Christian Center, community, and city representatives, Parson said.

Other items on a list of short and long term goals include a youth athletic facility, a high rise for senior citizens, a home for single mothers, a shopping center, and a professional office park.

Plans also include the purchase of the old Peterson Shelter Building next door on Cowardin, for an innovative program called the "House of Life." This program would take in homeless people in order to teach them skills and administer other training to help them assimilate into normal independent lifestyles.

School sets Jessy Dixon concert

RICHMOND

Music veteran and contemporary Christian singer Jessy Dixon will appear in concert on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee-Davis High School Auditorium, 6540 Mechanicsville Pike, Mechanicsville.

The versatile singer, arranger, and composer has performed everything from gospel to jazz, rock, and rhythm and blues. He began his musical career as a member of the Rev. James Cleveland's "Gospel Chimes" singing group, later forming his own gospel group, The Dixon Singers. He has recorded with such artistis as Paul Simon, Diana Ross, Natalie Cole, Phoebe Snow, Leo Sayer, and Cher. The five-time-Grammy-nominee has also earned three gold record albums. He has appeared on numerous television shows, including "Saturday Night Live," "The Merv Griffith Show," and the Rev. Billy Graham's Christmas Special. Dixon has been a part of every major Paul Simon tour since 1971 performing in England, Japan, France, Holland, and Israel, as well as in major U.S. venues.

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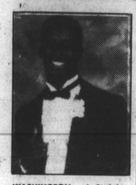

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