Our World

Art lovers flock to Colescott gala

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH at the Baltimore Art Museum on Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Opening of Gallery Talk, the exhibit by artist Robert Colescott which was funded by WJZ-TV, Superpride and Otis Warren are (L to R): Pamala Smith, Jerold Baker and Janice Cromwell.

Photos by John H. Murphy, III

NOTED SCULPTOR JAMES LEWIS (C), his wife Mrs. Lewis and Norman Ross, Director, Eubie Blake Museum, exchange notes at the Colescott exhibit.

CURLY-HAIRED CLAIRE THOMPSON seems puzzled? amused? by Robert Colescott's irony in the painting of a black Shirley Temple and a white Bill Robinson. The Exhibit will be at the Baltimore Art Museum during Black History Month.

ENJOYING THE REPAST are Miss Ann Perry and Leon Bridges.

AN AUTOGRAPH SESSION — Artist Robert Colescott (C) signs litho copies of his works for Camay Murphy (L) and Lucille Cephas.

SAVORING REFRESHMENTS at the exhibit opening are (from L): Mrs. Maizie Gibson, Dr. Aileen O. James and Ms. Frances Alston.

Pattie Hodges

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OOPS! Forgot to mention that SWA lady Gretchen Styles attended the 50th annual Jack and Jill anniversary in Philadelphia recently.

And Lillie Myers is also a member of the Suburban Women's Association (SWA).

CULTURED PEARLS HOST ALL MALE PARTY TO BENEFIT BIG BROTHERS & BIG SISTERS

On January 21, the Cultured Pearls, members of Alpha Kappa Alphas Sorority, Inc., hosted an All Male Party at the Five Mile House (Congress Room), 5302 Reisterstown Rd. from 6 until 9 p.m.

The purpose of the party was to recruit men to serve as Big Brothers to male children ages 8 through 14 through the Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Maryland.

The party was attended by over 250 people throughout the evening. The majority of the guests were men. Approximately 30 men signed up to become Big Brothers.

Presentations were made by Bob LaValle, Executive Director of Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Central Maryland; Lynn Rosenberg, Resource Developer; and Deborah Shelton, Program Director.

A special plea for black male support of the organization was made by David Bowie, Rod Rutledge, Ben Presbury and Thomas "Tex" Dean.

Sorors in attendance included: Yvonne Holt - Stone, President of the Cultured Pearls; Karen Barland, Vice President; G. Corina Alston, Secretary; Gertrude Smith, Treasurer; Myrna Jackson - Cann, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program Committee Chairman; Yvonne Davis - Robinson, Public Relations Chairman;

Also, Bonita Dancy, Beverly Carter, Gwendolyn Barbour, Parliamentarian; Linda Besicks, Tanya Council, Anita Hunter, Yolanda Johnson, Norma Jones, Joanna Langston, Charlene McCargo, Robin Ott, Pat Richie, Paula Wheatley, Sheila Whitaker, Lydia McCargo, Doris Hall, Vivian Braxton, Janet

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AT THE ALL MALE PARTY hosted by the Cultured Pearls of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. at the Five Mile House recently are (L to R): Edie Whitmore, E. Mason, Gertrude R. Smith and Robin S. Ott.

Photos by Paris Gray

CARL MCDONALD AND CHUCK WILLIAMS check out the scenario during the festivities.

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS REPRESENTATIVES seen during the festivities are (from L): Bob Lavallee, Lynn Rosenberg and E.O. Rod Rutledge.

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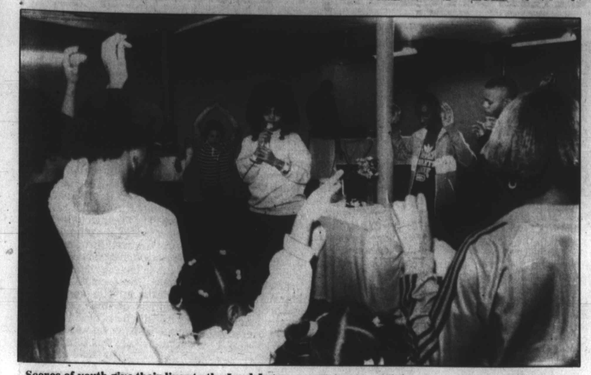


Scores of youth give their lives to the Lord Jesus at Wake Up Ministers' monthly service as Evangelist Debbie Wren leads them in prayer.

Baltimore youth, wake up!

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Close to 300 youths from Baltimore and the surrounding area receive new hope each month as they participate in the services headed by Wake Up Ministries' Youth Explosion at the Hill Top Shopping Center, 4041 Rogers Ave.

A variety of activities are planned for the spiritual uplifting of the youth who range between the ages of two and 19.

Evangelist Debbie Wren of Baltimore who is the founder of Wake Up Ministries, along with her husband, Santo M. Wren, coordinates the services in a way that allows the youth to participate by displaying their gifts and talents as well as reap the blessings from the power packed messages that are delivered by evangelist Wren.

The format consists of praise and worship, scripture readings, performances by local guest singers, and also skits and poetry.

According to Wren, all of the activities revolve around the central theme of the selected topic for the day.

Some topics of discussion have dealt with the dangers of drugs, obedience to parents, building self - esteem and self - motivation, family relationships, and inner healing.

Wren said she addresses the group as a whole on the topics as opposed to breaking down into sub - groups.

"Children start at an early age dealing in drugs," she said.

Wren said there is a real need for many young people to experience inner healing.

"It's only the Spirit of God that can heal the wounds and hurts that many youth are walking around with," she said.

"The way for them to really get delivered is to cast every care and every weight on God and then allow Him to minister to them with His presence and His Spirit."

Wake up Ministries Youth Explosion was founded and established in May of 1987.

The evangelical husband and wife team wanting to in some way address the problems of increased drug abuse, senseless killings, alcoholism, and teen pregnancies which face today's youth.

"God has given my husband and I a vision to capture the youth of Baltimore and the world for Him," said Wren.

Wren said the ministry is also comprised of six recruiters who "go out into the highways and byways" compelling the youth to come to the services.

"Many of the youth do attend churches and those who don't attend church are encouraged to come out to home cell Bible studies provided by the ministry during the week," she said.

"The youth will learn to walk in God's love; and to be all that God wants them to be."

Evangelist Wren teaches the teachers and they in turn teach the youth.

Wren said she looks forward to a variety of activities being available through Wake Up Ministries — including baseball, basketball, music, and much more. "They will turn from crack to Christ," she said.

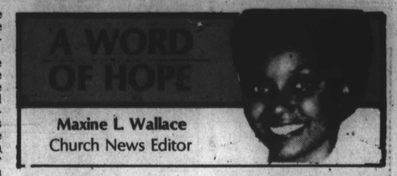
Debbie Wren is originally from Brooklyn, NY. and has been a resident of Baltimore for seven years.

Wren says she loves working with the youth.

"I love it because I like to let people know there is hope and a chance to be free," she said.

"It's time for people to wake up and stop talking about helping the youth and do it . . . and stop talking about how bad the youth are and correct the problem."

Three hundred youth from Baltimore and the surrounding area meet monthly at Wake Up Ministers' meeting.



A WORD OF HOPE

Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Matthew 5:9.

We are living in a world where there is disharmony and disease all around us. Nations are fighting against nations. Racial battles are still transpiring between blacks and whites. Blacks are killing blacks. Husbands are abusing their wives . . . Children are abusing and misusing their parents. And even within ourselves, there is a rage of disharmony that would seek to destroy us. There are fightings from without and fightings from within.

Yet in the midst of the wars . . . in the midst of the despair . . . in the midst of the ills that would seek to strangle us, there is still a voice . . . whispering ever so softly . . . Come unto Me all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Though troubles be on every hand, God is a very present help in the time of need. God is our strength . . . He is our joy . . . and yes . . . He is our peace.

And it is not the will of God that we live in disharmony and disease . . . but God wills that we live in peace.

And the Bible says blessed are the peacemakers . . . Blessed are those who seek peace, and not war . . . Blessed are they who strive to live in peace and not in disharmony . . . Blessed are they who have made the God of Peace their refuge.

Beloved, God does not want you to engage in warfare in your family life . . . It is not His will that the people of God should be in battle against one another. But God wants us to love one another . . . to encourage one another . . . to strengthen one another, instead of tearing one another down.

Therefore, beloved, covenant with the Lord that you are going to let His peace shine through you . . . That you're going to be a channel for peace and not a vice for evil. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Be determined to let God's peace reign in your life. Be a conduit of the love and peace of Jesus.

Not only does God want us to live peaceably with one another, but He wants us to live peaceably with ourselves. Some of us engage in wars within ourselves. We are constantly battling with depression . . . Our minds have become battle grounds of negativism. We worry about any and everything. I wonder if he really likes me . . . I'm too short . . . I'm too tall . . . Nobody understands . . . We worry about everything.

But The Bible says, thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.

Jesus says to us today, My peace give I unto you, not peace as the world gives. God will give you the peace that passeth all understanding.

Some people won't understand it . . . They'll try to get on your nerves . . . but my friend, be of good courage, for God has overcome the world. Fret not thyself because of evil doers . . . Be not overcome with evil but overcome evil with good. Bless and curse not. A songwriter said, "If I hold my peace and let the Lord fight my battles, I know that the victory shall be mine.

In Christ Jesus, you are more than a conqueror . . . In Christ Jesus, you can be at peace with your fellow man and with yourself.

But I'm so glad that in Christ Jesus, we are also at peace with our God.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

The only way to have true peace is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. Drugs will mess you up . . . Some friends are here today and gone tomorrow. But God is the same God yesterday, today, and forevermore. And oh, how He loves you. He wants to put his joy in your heart . . . He wants to put His love in your heart . . . He wants to fill you with His peace.

Then will you be able to walk in peace in the midst of adversity. And you too can declare, through trials, raisae every hand, I feel like going on.

Mother Bryant celebrates 76 years

A 16 ft. computerized banner reading "Happy 76th Birthday, Mother Bryant"...As thy days, so shall thy strength be..." (Deuteronomy 33:25) was hung high for all to see.

An array of brightly colored balloons, decorated the room. Family, friends, church members, and other senior citizens had gathered at Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mrs. Edith Holland Bryant... affectionately called Mother Bryant.

The birthday luncheon held on Feb. 1 consisted of a full program where time was allotted for special presentations to be made to the celebrant. Her gifts included cards, monetary gifts, toiletries, a shawl, flowers, and a fruit basket from the Bethel Christian School.

A tribute in song was made by Mother Bryant's youngest daughter, Rev. Eleanor Bryant Graham. Those present applauded as she sang the famed hymn of praise, "Blessed Assurance" "This is Mama's favorite song," said Rev. Graham.

Mrs. Edith H. Bryant

Another musical tribute was given by Ms. Vanda Guzman.

Also giving tributes and making remarks was her son, Rev. John R. Bryant who is Bethel's pastor, and his wife, Rev. Cecelia Williams Bryant, and her husband of more than 50 years, Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, Other participants on the program were Rev. Charlotte Clemons, Daniel Diggs, Brenda Carter, Rev. Ann Lightner, and Rev. Roy Munson.

Committees persons for the memorable occasion were Carolyn Holmes, and Patricia Wright Scott.

Edith Holland Bryant was born in Evansville, Indiana on Feb. 1, 1912. She is the third child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holland.

As a young school girl, she wrote a theme, "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up" in which she said, "I want to be a missionary in Africa."

Her precocity was noted by Rev. Covington, a Presbyterian Circuit rider, who convinced her parents to send her to live with an aunt in Bowling Green, KY, where she could have better schooling.

There she completed her secondary education with honors. She received her A.B. degree from Wilberforce University and a Master's Degree from the University of Cincinati.

At Wilberforce, she met her husband-to-be, Rev. Harrison J. Bryant; they were wed in 1936.

In 1964, after 28 years of active ministry in the A.M.E. Church,

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New Shiloh launches H.E.L.P.

By Pam Widgeon

As a teenager, Isaac McCauley says he had a "rough street life" problems with alcohol and peer pressure; and several of his close friends were killed.

Despite the many experiences he faced growing up in East Baltimore, McCauley 35, has been a teacher in the city school system for 13 years.

McCauley recently preached his initial sermon at New Shiloh Baptist Church and says he has a "moral duty to help others." He is now attending St. Mary's Seminary.

Rev. Harold A. Carter has appointed McCauley the coordinator of the HELP Ministry Program (Hastening Emotional Learning Posture). The HELP program is a product of New Shiloh's creative Men's Ministry.

In January 1986, the men of New Shiloh started an outdoor vigil in public places protesting what drugs were doing to teenage males. The lack of jobs, good housing, poor school facilities were also other concerns of the men.

After meeting with school superintendent Alice Pinderhughes and members of the city school system, it was agreed upon that four middle schools would be initially targeted.

Male students between 11 and 14-years old were selected by their school counselor. The 35 teenagers chosen are from Diggs

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Laymen's League of UBMC plans meeting

To all men who are members of the Laymen's League of the United Baptist Missionary Convention and men who are interested in joining: You are cordially invited to meet with the officers and members on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9 am to noon in the Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd.

This is a scheduled breakfast and workshop meeting. Rev. Clifford Johnson, Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, will be the instructor. Call David Smith at 448-9440 or Vernard Brown at 269-0715.

Chestnut plans special services

There will be a number of special services at Chestnut Grove AME Church in Street, Maryland during the month of Feb. On Saturday, February 13, there will be a Fashion Show and Tea at Noon. For further information contact Mary Harris at 272-6764. On Feb. 21, at 3:30 p.m. Chestnut Grove will celebrate its annual Missionary Day. The Rev. Joan Wharton from Bazil A.M.E. Church, in Cockeysville, Md. will be delivering the afternon message. Finally, on Sunday Feb. 28 at 3:30 p.m. the Gospel Choir will celebrate its second anniversary. Everyone is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services. Call Marie Gover at 557-8625.

Metro Church Briefs

AME Church celebrate Founders Day

The 201st annual Founders Day of the African Methodist Episcopal Church will be celebrated at Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. on Sunday, February 14 at the 6 p.m. worship service. Speaking will be Bishop Howard H. Primm of Denver, Colorado. Bethel's Senior Choir will be singing. This service is sponsored by the AME Ministerial Alliance and Rev. Willie K. Woods is the president.

Oak St. celebrates Founders Day

Founders Day will be celebrated at Oak Street AME Church, 2311 N. Howard St. at two services on Sunday, Feb. 14. Preaching at 11 a.m. will be Dr. Joseph McKinney, treasurer of the AME Church. Rev. Edgar Jones, of Brown's Memorial AME Church in Washington, D.C. with his choirs and congregation will be the guests at a 4 p.m. service. Rev. Vashti McKenzie is the pastor. Call 235-6908.

State Evangelist Board sponsors revival

Come to the 17th Annual Revival Convention of the Greater Md. Churches of God in Christ Evangelist Board, Monday, Feb. 15 through Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Ave. Elder Stafford Sutton is host pastor. Services are 7:30 p.m. nightly. Elect Lady Rosa Lewis will speak Tuesday night, and Wednesday night hear President Barry Simmons. Every night preaching and tarrying, guest soloist Christine Ramsey. Be blessed, healed and delivered, Feb. 15 through 18 at Maryland Church of God in Christ, 5100 Denmore Avenue, call 644-0514. Elder Barry Simmons, President; Bishop David W. Spann, Sr., Jurisdictional Bishop.

Mt. Calvary choir to celebrate anniversary

The Children's Choir of Mt. Calvary AME Church, 300 Eudowood Lane, Towson, MD. will be celebrating its anniversary Sunday, February 28 at a 3:30 p.m. service. Ms. Cynthia Watkins, the teacher of the church's liturgical dance ministry will be the speaker.

Macedonia presents choir recital

Macedonia Baptist Church School will present the John R. Bryant Inspirational Choir of Bethel AME Church in recital at Macedonia Baptist Church, at Lafayette and Fremont Avenue on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 6 p.m.

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