New Psalmist scholars excel

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

Friday, June 3 marked the graduation day for 52 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students at the New Psalmist Christian School, 4501 Old Frederick Rd.

Taking as its theme, "Yesterday, Today, and Forever," the closing exercises were held at the New Psalmist Baptist Church, at Cathedral and Franklin Streets, where the Rev. Walter S. Thomas is the pastor.

The scriptural text for the theme was taken from Hebrews 13:8—"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The opening prayer was given by Darrell Greene, a Kindergarten graduate.

Next, Jason Waters from the Pre-K class led the audience in three pledges- a pledge to the Bible, to the Christian flag and to the American flag.

Several dance presentations were also a part of the program. The dance group consisted of some of the graduates as well as a portion of the rest of the student body.

Tamara Jenkins is New Psalmist Christian Schools' dance instructor.

Assisted by some of the children in upper grades, the Kindergarten class showed off their ability to speak in French. For the enjoyment of their audience, they recited a poem, sang a song, and performed a dramatic reading.

Also, the Kindergarteners did multiplication facts and finger play.

The Pre-K class was also eager to show off what it had learned.

They recited Bible nursery rhymes and also alphabet scripture verses. An example of an alphabet scripture is A is Ask and it shall be given you, taken from Matthew 7:7.

Presentations of certificates to the graduates was made by Leah White, administrator, and Rev. Carl Solomon, who is Children's Minister.

The New Psalmist Christian School graduating class sang several selections, including "One, Two, Three, Jesus Loves Me," and "the Kingdom of God." Kelli Riley, a Pre-K student was the lead singer for the second song.

Kindergarten teacher at the two year old school are Lynne Austin; her assistant is Ellen Conner. Julia Lesane served as her substitute teacher.

The Pre-K class has two teachers, Marion Coe and Theodosia Pender. Assistant teachers are Willie Williams, Sonya Crockett, and Deborah Wallace.

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done by Katherine Johnson, class president.

Also taking part in the program was Paula Ashby, a class parent who made a presentation.

Rosie D. Hutchinson, the school's principal presented diplomas to the graduates.

Hutchinson said the school emphasizes Christian principals.

"In this school we not only emphasize academic excellence, but we emphasize Christian principals," she said.

Hutchinson said these principles are taken from the Galatians chapter of five where the fruit of the spirit is given.

"We are committed to the whole child . . . spiritual and emotional," said Hutchinson.

Monroe Saunders Christian School was started in 1978 with nine children. The current enrollment is 155.

The founder and present director of the school is Bishop Monroe Saunders, Sr. who is pastor of the First United Church, 5150 Baltimore National Pike.

Bishop Monroe Saunders, Jr. is the executive director of the school and the church's assistant pastor.

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Presentation done by the fifth and sixth graders. "Your Body Is The Temple of God: Don't Drink And Don't Do Drugs" served to inform the listeners of the dangers of drinking alcohol and using drugs.

Also included in the program was a dance performed by Shervon Desmond, Chanel Myman, and Monique Walker. Thelma Bryant was the director and choreographer.

The afternoon messages were brought by both Pastor Bryant and his wife, Rev. Ceceli Williams Bryant.

The pastor addressed his message mainly to the parents as he spoke from the theme of investing today for tomorrow. "The sacrifice made today, will pay off tomorrow," he said.

Rev. Mrs. Bryant spoke from the theme of I can do all things through Christ, and her message was directed to the children.

Peggy Wall-Neal, Ph.D. is the principal of Bethel Christian School.

"At Bethel, we believe a child cannot become anything of quality or substance unless he knows who he is and whose he is," she said.

Three of the sixth grade graduates have been accepted at Roland Park Middle School's Advanced Academic Programs: Monique Walker, Makedra Drake, and Issatar Mitchell.

CELEBRANT AND WIFE — Pictured above is the birthday celebrant, James H. Baptiste and his wife, Delores Baptiste.

Baptiste feted at party

The 70th birthday celebration of James Herman Baptiste, Jr. was recently held at Timothy Baptist Church, 1214 W. Saratoga St.

Seated at the head table was the participants of the "This Is Your Life" portion of the program. Seated from left to right was Rev. James L. Ball, pastor, Emma Reese, Deborah Pullen, Deacon J. Martin Capehart, Edith Capehart, Myrtle Emerson, Honoree James H. Baptiste, Jr., Dolores Baptiste, Deaconness Thelma Hawkes, Deacon Eddie Hawkes, Annie Chappelle, and Evelyn Lambson. Other program participants were the honoree's daughters who sang to him. They include Arnett Duckett, Lillian DuPree, Mary Carpenter and wife Dolores Baptiste. They sang "You Light Up My Life."

Little Miss Timika Williams the granddaughter of the honoree sang to represent Baptiste's 19 grandchildren.

A video was done of the affair by Deacon Robert Clark and Trustee Albert Tillery served as photographer.

The affair was catered by Michele Davis, a daughter of the honoree.

The highlight of the evening, was the reading of a letter sent Baptiste from Mayor Kurt Schmoke. A Braille copy was enclosed because the honoree is blind.

The hostesses for the evening were members of the Courtesy Guild of Timothy Baptist Church.

Other guests present were Bea Robinson, Cleophas Duckett, Lanina Davis, Albert Vaughan, Norma Lambson, Dolores Brock, George Boston, Louise Platt, Leatrice Williams, husband and wife, H. Battle, Rose Hill, Delmar Davis, Doris Collier, Deacon Daniel Hand; Nieces of the honoree included Gayle, Shirley, Sheryl, and Tricey Emerson and Sybil Woodward, Cousins, Marguerits Gumbs and Dorothy Lambson;

Out-of-town relatives that responded were the Johnsons: Merl, Raymond, Beverly, Almatine, George, Chester, Jr., Laverne, Relia, Benny, Crystal, Herman, and Aunt Leona; Additional guests were Rocellie Phillips, Pear Waller, Gloria Smith, Eloise Roberson, Rosa McNeil, Francis Bowden, Michael Pullen, Helen Wilson, Bertha Wright, Bertha Stokes, Linda Idu, Lark Richardson, who was the pianist for the evening, Deacon George Covington, Shawnette Murphy, Michel Hawkes, Paulette Tucker, Catherine Lambson, William Edwards, Tim Aye, Delores Aye, Master Tim Aye, Jr., Carolyn Lewis, Mamie Smith, Helen Butts, Ellen Smith, and many other family members and friends.

Baptiste was born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana.

He was a sea merchant for 10 years and also a head cook on a ship in World War II.

Baptiste was also a maitre d' at the Marriott Corporation in Washington, D.C. until he became totally blind in 1977 due to Glaucoma.

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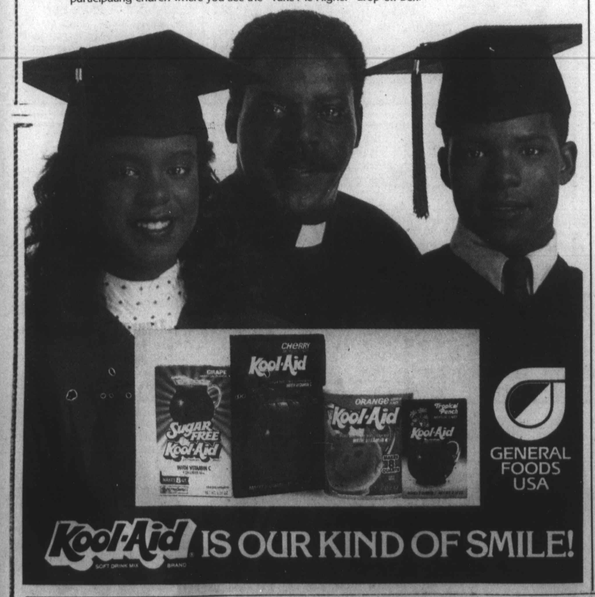

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IF YOU ASK ME

By Bettye Moss

Smile orchids

Smile-of-the-week orchids to **Stanley R. Linthicum**. He was among 600 graduates who received Associate in Arts degrees from Community College of Baltimore on Sunday.

During the commencement exercises at the Baltimore Arena, the 22-year-old student wowed the audience when he showed his skill at the piano. There was a hush as he played Chopin's Nocturne In C Sharp Minor, and a standing ovation when he finished.

Not bad for a student who began taking piano lessons just three years ago.

He dropped out of school in the sixth grade at Franklin Square Elementary, earned his high school equivalency diploma in 1983, and entered CCB as a music major in 1985.

He enrolls in Towson State College for further study this fall.

His teacher

Young Linthicum credits his CCB music teacher, **Prof. Helena Zytkiewicz**, for getting him this far. "She brought me from the first grade music book to the college level." And, he says his grandmother, **Mrs. Pauline Linthicum**, ("who plays by ear"), inspired him to learn the piano.

Cuff note: The Linthicums reside on Carrollton Ave. in west Baltimore. The young grad belongs to New Shiloh Baptist Church, sings on the Male Choir which presents him in concert on Sunday, June 26, at 5 p.m.

Go and hear this young pianist for yourself. We guarantee you'll be inspired, too. Plus, you get a chance to see living proof of a CCB success story. Note — CCB's two-year program has many such heartwarming programs.

More cuff: The red-robed grads also gave sustained applause for another fellow grad, **Vanessa Delaney**, who spoke for the class, and for senior grads, 69-year-old **Eleanore Wells**, and over 65, **Isabelle Ribakow**.

More smiles

Smile orchids to **Miss Catherine S. Madden**, of Cockeysville, Md. She is the retired Baltimore County teacher and principal who is known as "a very gracious lady whose smile comes from the heart." The salute to Miss Madden comes from **Mrs. Bea Payne**, who notes that in her 50 years as educator **Miss Madden** has "touched the lives of many young men and women."

Cuff note: Gracious and happy person to know is Mrs. Payne, herself. She and hubby, **Charles Payne**, who also keeps sunshine in his voice, hosted members of the Men's Club and guests for their annual picnic on Saturday at their Rolling Rd. residence.

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Orchids to **Mrs. Rebecca Jackson Warren**, the attorney who is pleasant to know. We shared a seat a Sunday ago at St. James' Episcopal Church, where her dad, **Luther W. Jackson**, was among the 50-year members honored. Her hubby, Jesse Warren, is the Coppin State College physical plant exec. Daughter, Jennifer, is a ninth grader at City College.

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Also full of life and sunshine is seven-year-old **Shantel Fuller**, another churchgoer with whom we shared a seat. She was with her dad, **George Fuller**, the microbiologist. Mom is **Mrs. Clarkie Fuller**, the registered nurse. Older brother is **Jeffrey**, 19, a Morgan U. student.

Editor's note: Did someone's smile make your day? Tell this column. Write, Smiles, If You Ask Me, Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203, and smile, please.

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8:30 A.M. — 11:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M.
8:30 A.M. — Speaker - REV. JIMMY BALDWIN, Pastor of Shiloh C.C. Church
11:00 A.M. — REV. GILBERT SNOWDEN, Associate Minister, Gillis
2:00 P.M. — HIRAM GRAND LODGE ORDER OF MASONS Speaker: REV. THEODORE C. JACKSON, JR.
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9:45 A.M. CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR ..... Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton
Topic: CHESAPEAKE BAY — Speaker: BOB RIGGER
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC
The Anthem "Onward Chrsitian Soldiers" ..... arr. Gearhart
The Spiritual "I've Been Buked" ..... arr. Hall Johnson
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING — PASTOR RAY
6:00 P.M. We Fellowship with Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church
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Sonetto Cantilena

8:00 Anthem (s)
Come, We that Love the Lord arr. Wendell Whalum
Leaning On the Lord arr. Wendell Whalum
11:00 Anthem (s)
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