Calvary presents Concert choir

The Calvary Baptist Church Choir will present the "Ambassadors of Goodwill Choir" in concert. The concert will be held at 7 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 3911 Garrison Blvd.

The Ambassadors have not only stirred souls in the metropolitan areas of Baltimore and Washington, D.C., but they have also performed in churches, public schools, hospitals, and senior citizens complexes from Oakland, California to New York, New York.

"We are not performers . . ." said Lieutenant Alford. "The Ambassadors of Goodwill are instruments of God."

For further information concerning the Ambassadors concert to be held on Saturday, June 25th, feel free to contact Ethel Jones at 542-1832 or call the church at 664-2111.

The Metropolitan Police Concert Choir, "Ambassadors of Goodwill," was founded and organized in April, 1981 by Lieutenant Beverly Alford, who was divinely inspired to demonstrate through spiritual songs that "Police are People too."

Lieutenant Alford was joined by Officer Willie B. Allen, Jr., Dr. Theodore A. King, Sr., and Malcolm Taylor, Sr., now deceased, in this endeavor. They were united in spirit and in purpose, with a heart's desire to bring to the community a unique message of God's love.

The "Ambassadors of Goodwill" gave their debut performance on Oct. 31, 1981, at the Upper Room Baptist Church, Washington, DC.

Since their beginning, Lt. Alford has affirmed on a regular basis that the choir delivers services of the Gospel in song, and that they do not seek to entertain their audiences,—but rather to teach in song . . . that God is LOVE, and that He LOVES us all.

The choir's membership is comprised of both sworn and civilian members, which includes representatives from Federal and District Government Agencies. However, the overall membership is 95 percent sworn police officers. These members are very active in their own church membership, serving as Deacons, Sunday School teachers, Trustees, choir members and ministers.

The choir has rendered services to churches all around the Washington Metropolitan area, to D.C. Public Schools, Hospitals, Civic functions, Nursing Homes, Senior Citizens complexes, D.C. Government Services and on Capitol Hill with an annual appearance with Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy. The choir has been involved in the street ministries.

(Photo by John H. Murphy, III)

GALA AFFAIR—It was an evening of elegance . . . . Nancy Williamson, Joyce Cummings, and Diana Smith enjoy their evening as they pose for a picture.

(Photo by John H. Murphy, III)

EVENING OF ELEGANCE—New Psalmist Baptist Church enjoyed an evening of elegance. Pictured left to right is Gary Williams, Deaconess Velma Holley and Deacon Joseph Holley.

New Psalmist hosts an "Evening of Elegance"

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

An Evening of Elegance, a black tie gala affair was the order of the day at the New Psalmist Retreat Center, 4501 Old Frederick Rd. on Saturday, June 11.

The yearly event was planned to raise money for the support of the New Psalmist Christian School which operates at the center as well as for the center itself.

The evening opened with a buffet dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Following dinner, a fashion show was in store for those in attendance.

Casual as well as dress summer wear was modeled by the participants in the fashion show, most of whom are members at New Psalmist.

The coordinators for the fashion show were Cynthia Powell and Karen Williams.

The evening closed with a piano concert. J. D. Alston, a local pianist was the soloist for the occasion.

In attendance was Mayor Kurt Schmoke, and Delegate Elijah Cummings, as well as other dignitaries.

The New Psalmist Retreat Center was purchased by the church (New Psalmist Baptist Church, at Franklin and Cathedral Streets) in 1985. It was originally the Jacob's mansion, owned by private residents.

Since New Psalmist purchased the building and dedicated it to serving the purposes of the church, it has been used by several local as well as area churches for over night retreats. It is also used for the church's discipleship academy and for outreach programs of the church.

Outreach programs include a clothes ministry, counseling for the bereaved, and narcotics anonymous.

Additionally, catering services are available to do weddings and receptions at the retreat center.

Baptist convention to draw faithful from all over

More than 20,000 members of Baptist congregations from across America are convening June 13-19 in Nashville, Tennessee for the seven day - 84th Annual National Baptist Sunday Church School and Baptist Training Union Congress.

Since 1904 the Congress has been held annually in a different city, and designed to broaden and strengthen the total administrative and curriculum needs of the church.

Dr. Michael L. Graves, pastor of Temple Baptist Church is the host of the Congress. Other pastors and churches from the Nashville area will be joining Pastor Graves and his church in hosting the activities.

The Stouffer Nashville Hotel and the Nashville Convention Center will be the official headquarter sites for the Congress. The theme for this year's event is "The Family: God's Prescription for Reflecting on the Past, Instructions for the Present, and Fulfillment of the Future."

Highlights of the Congress will involve special youth presentations, and addresses by noted national leaders. Keynote addresses will be delivered during its convening by several nationally prominent figures, including Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy of Washington, D.C.

On the evening of Tuesday - June 14 at 7 p.m., a mass choir of hundreds of singers, comprised from churches throughout the Nashville and Middle Tennessee areas, will perform in the Pre-Congress Musical at the Municipal Auditorium (Downtown - 417 Fourth Ave., North).

BAPTIST OFFICIALS—Pictured left to right is Rev. J. C. Turner, Congress Co-host; Dr. T. B. Boyd, III, president, CEO-National Baptist Publishing Board; Sandra Fulton, Commissioner of Tennessee Department of Tourist Development; Dr. Michael L. Graves, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, host church for the Congress.

The National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress is sponsored annually by the National Baptist Publishing Board, founded in 1896 by Dr. R. H. Boyd. The original founding purpose of the Publishing Board was to produce religious literature and materials that would reflect the Black Christian experience in America.

The National Baptist Publishing Board is one of the oldest and largest religious publishing firms in America, under the direction of Dr. T. B. Boyd, III, President and Chief Executive Officer. Through his leadership, the Publishing Board writes, compiles, edits, publishes, and distributes more than 14-million printed pieces each year to churches, institutions, and bookstores throughout the United States and abroad.

Jehovah's Witnesses to meet

A series of 120 district convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, designed to attract approximately 1,300,000 delegates, has been scheduled for the summer of 1988 in the United States and Bermuda.

Stanley Weigel, spokesman for the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, sponsor of the meetings, said the conventions will be conducted at 57 different sites in sign languages.

Locally Calvin F. Harris, Sr., manager of three conventions set for the Capital Centre in Landover, MD June 23-26; June 30-July 3; and July 7-10, said the four-day seminars would attract 15,000 delegates for each convention from Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Harris said the theme of the convention is "Divine Justice" with attention to be directed at many of the serious problems confronting humanity, especially the alarming breakdown of the family unity in modern society.

"We will hear reports from throughout the world that will help us to see the situation worldwide and the progress being made by our ministerial activity in 210 lands," said Harris.

Hospital Seeks Junior Volunteers

The Union Memorial Hospital is looking for junior volunteers age fourteen and older for its summer program. The program starts in June when summer vacation beings and runs through the end of August.

Junior volunteers work one day per week in areas such as physical therapy, recovery, the canteen, pediatrics, social work, community relations, the clinics, medical records, the gift cart and other departments. Contact Elaine Piccoli in Volunteer Services at 554-2507.

"Should women be ordained into the ministry?"

By William Anderson
AFRO Correspondent

In this age of fallen televangelists, bankrupt churches, and local pastors accused of fondling young female members of their congregations, an important question is again raised: Should men only, be keepers of the pulpit, or should women be recognized and ordained into the ministry as well?

A brief glance at the daily newspaper, or a quick look at the evening news will acquaint one with some of the problems that exist in the modern church.

We all know the stories of Jim Baker and Jimmy Swaggart, and most of us know the story of Reverend Buddy Holland of Roanoke, Va. whose church recently filed bankruptcy for protection from its creditors.

These were men, prominent Christian men who headed large ministries. Would the same kinds of things have happened if women were in charge? Maybe, Maybe not.

The fact is this: Many women are never really recognized, though they have proper credentials, to the same degree that men do. Without women being given a fair chance at overseeing large — or for that matter, small churches — we will never know the answer to the above question.

The Bible in paraphrase says "Let them without sin cast the first stone. Casting stones, we are not, at least that isn't the intention of this column. Sharing honest expressions we are, which is the intention of this writer.

There have always been questions of great importance. Consider the question of the young ruler who came to Jesus by night: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Then, as now, questions of such significance were expounded on by the great thinkers of the time.

The question of whether or not women should be ordained into the ministry is certainly not a new one. It has throughout history perplexed even the greatest thinkers of the day. It has caused division in many denominations, and yet, there seems to be no clear answer in sight — for some, that is.

Pastor Irene Campbell of the Rescue House of Prayer in South Plainfield, New Jersey inherited a church plagued with poor attendance, dissension, and great financial need. In spite of the difficulties that confronted her — difficulties which obviously reach far beyond the fact that she is a woman—she has pastored that church into an exciting new era of achievement and hope.

Leaning back in her chair, pointing to one of the many certificates lining the wall in front of her, she is careful to note—that it is not ordination from man or woman that matters, but ordination from God that really counts.

Her persistent work over the years has paid off. A look around the grounds will reveal a church that was built from the ground up after starting out in a garage.

Separate and unattached from the beautiful Sanctuary is a dining hall which is a refuge for many hungry souls.

On certain nights of the week, the hungry are given full course meals. The true indication of her work is found on the faces of the many children who frequent the church for the many activities the church has to offer. I wish you could see the smiles on the children faces.

Campbell feels that women are as capable as men are to pastor a church. "There is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus" she said.

She told me that once you are able to go beyond the physical realm and into the spiritual realm, you will understand these things. "Deborah was a judge and prophetess, and Esther gave direction to an entire race of people."

Though she continues to face opposition from some men who would rather not see women act as pastors, she continues to move the church forward in just about all phases of its ministry.

"Remember it was Mary who carried the word for nine long months" she said.

Pastor Etta Grace Anderson has faced similar opposition. She is pastor of Waverly Park Church in the neighboring town of Plainfield, New Jersey.

Receiving her license to preach after 4 years of gruelling study toward her college degree in Religious Education, she began her quest for ordination.

She soon changed her membership from one of the oldest and most prestigious black churches in the central New Jersey area — where she had the distinction of being the first woman ever elected to the Board of Trustees — to a small, young, energetic Baptist church.

As an associate minister, she quickly realized the role given to women was not all that she wanted to do. Nevertheless, she pressed for ordination. The church told her that the convention was slow to act on a woman's request for ordination.

Another church told her that ordination for women was against the view of their convention. Still another church told her that if she wanted to become ordained, she would have to write a thesis.

Sopmewhat discouraged, she pressed on, continuing to do what the Apostle Paul said: Fighting the good fight of faith. Her fight finally paid off. She was ordained by the president of the Bible College and Seminary she graduated from.

Her war, though is far from being over. She still lacks the recognition given to men who chose to pastor a church.

Whether or not women should be ordained into the ministry is a question only God can answer, the problem then, is that many of us, both men and women have set ourselves up as judge. The bottom line is this: Only God knows, leave the judging up to Him. If God has called you into the Gospel Ministry, Go on.

William Anderson is pastor of Elkhill Baptist Church in Wintergreen, Va.

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Funeral planning before the need arises

—New pastor launched

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its motto, "The Hospital on the River." "The church is where the wounded come," said Billips. "It's the job of the church to minister to the needs of the people."

Billips, a native of Baltimore was educated in the Baltimore City Public Schools and is a graduate of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, OH.

He is married to Zina Carvens Billips and they are the parents of Eric Ray Billips, Jr., 3, and Amaris Renee Billips, 8 months.

Billips said his future plans include learning the needs of Bethel, Port Deposit and ministering to them, and also pursuing his Master's of Divinity degree.

He cited his motto as "First, Jesus is Lord, and then let Jesus Christ be praised."

—Rev. Vaughn elevated

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Seminary and College where he served 10 years. He was a member of the Trustee Board and the Treasurer for Provident Hospital, and is the Founder and President of Baltimore Clergy In Action.

Because he was elected, The Baptist Ministers' Conference is honoring him with a Recognition Breakfast, July 11 at The New Psalmist Christian Outreach Center 4501 Old Frederick Rd.

Where is the Church?

IS THERE A CHURCH OUT THERE WHERE THE PASTOR DOESN'T CONDEMN, HUMILIATE, REBUKE AND HARASS THE WOMEN IN HIS FLOCK WEEKLY? WHERE WOMEN AREN'T TREATED LIKE SLAVES OR JEZEBELS — WHERE WOMEN ARE DEALT WITH AS EQUALS, ESPECIALLY SINCE THEY MAKE UP 90% OF MOST CHURCHES AND GIVE 90% OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT — WHERE SAVING SOULS IS THE MAIN PRIORITY — WHERE THE CHOIR MAKES A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD — WHERE COURTESY AND KINDNESS ARE TAUGHT — WHERE RESPONSIBILITY TO ONE'S SELF, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY IS MENTIONED ONCE IN A WHILE — WHERE THOSE THAT GIVE THEIR BEST OFFERING AREN'T SEPARATED FROM THOSE THAT TITHE AND WHERE YOU DON'T GO DEAF FROM THE EXTRA LOUD MICROPHONES.

WHERE IS THIS CHURCH? MY FAMILY WANTS TO KNOW.

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THEME:
"Deepening In Spiritual Maturity"

Reverend James J. Thompson
Nazarene Baptist
Revivalist
Time: 7:30 p.m.
DON'T MISS THIS HIGH TIME IN THE LORD!!!
Denise C. Broadway — Revival Coordinator
Rev. Q. T. Rich — Pastor

Annual Men's Day
Mount Ararat Baptist Church
Gwynns Falls Parkway and Longwood Street
Sunday, June 26, 1988
"Men Striving To Be Complete In Jesus Christ"
ORDER OF WORSHIP
9:00 A.M. — Sunday School
11:00 A.M. — Sermon
Rev. Marion Curtis Bascom
Pastor
Douglas Memorial Community Church
Music by
Men's Day Chorus
4:00 P.M. — In Concert
The Muldrow Singers
Lavern McElevern — Chairperson
Melvin Ray — Co-Chairperson
Daniel Jones — Co-Chairperson
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Sun.....7:00-8:00 P.M.
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Stricker and Presstman Streets
Baltimore, Md. 21217
61st Annual Men's Day
Theme: Christian Men United To Face A Challenging World
Sunday, June 26, 1988
11:00 A.M.

Speaker:
DR. RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY
The West Hunter Street Baptist Church
Atlanta, Ga.
Dr. DARRELL M. GRAY, General Chairman
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Dr. Matthew L. Jones, Pastor
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"of the ungodly, . . . But his delight is in the law of the
MEN'S DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 26
from "Jesse's Chicago"
REV. AFLOYD BUTLER
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, CHICAGO
8:00 A.M., Dea. Eli Cofield, Presiding
11:00 A.M., Dea. David Smith, Presiding
Lord, and in his law doth he meditate both day and night"
4:00 P.M. WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 26
REV. RICHARD DICKENS
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Sunday, June 26, 1988
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Divine Order of Services
9:00 A.M.....Sunday Church School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M.....Live Radio Broadcast Service
WYST 10:10 AM Dial
11:00 A.M.....Divine Morning Worship Service
Elder C. Green, preaching
4:00P.M.....Divine Holy Communion Service
"Come & Dine, the Master's calling, come & Dine."

Elder Conway Green
Founder and Pastor
Next Sunday, July 3 —
47th Annual Women's Day

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1988
8:00 A.M.....PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 A.M.....CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
11:00 A.M.....MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "Fear Not O Land".....Simper
THE SPIRITUAL: "Come and Go To That Land".....Foutz
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: "God Is A Spirit".....Pastor Ray
3:30 P.M. — We fellowship with Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls & Reisterstown Road.
Wednesday, June 29, Martha W. Preston Bible Class
Bible Study: Revelation 1st. Chapter
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler

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James S. Hammond, Minister of Music
Lawrence K. Bowie Organist
Barbara C. Perkins, Director, Children's Choir

Sunday, June 26, 1988
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Marion Curtis Bascom, preaching
at 8:00 a.m.
Paul F. Scott, speaker
11:00 a.m.
ORGAN PRELUDE
Canon in E Major
Max Reger
God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven
Max Reger
Benedictus
Max Reger

8:00 Anthem(s)
The Lone, Wild Bird
Arr. David Johnson
In That New Jerusalem
Arr. Robert DeCormier
11:00 Anthem(s)
Your Voices Raise
Georg Friedrich Handel
Steal Away
Arr. William Dawson

Whitestone Baptist Church
34TH Annual
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT DAY
Theme: "YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS STRIVING FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD"
Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m. & 4 p.m.
GUEST PREACHER
REV. STANLEY HARRIS OF HAMMOND, INDIANA
MUSIC
WHITESTONE YOUTH CHOIRS — TOWSON STATE GOSPEL CHOIR
REVIVAL MON., JUNE 27 THROUGH FRI., JULY 1
REV. OSCAR BROWN, PREACHER
7:30 P.M.
DR. E. E. WARREN, JR., PASTOR