Expressions

By Rev. William S. Anderson

All of us have spiritual blindspots. We all lack, at least to some degree, discernment or knowledge. For this reason, we need to be gentle in our rebuke of others.

A word of correction does have the potential to help us grow, and keep us from unnecessarily hurting others, but in correcting others we must be careful not to offend.

I recently heard a nationally known and respected preacher say this: If a preacher falls into sin, he ought not be expelled for some given number of months, or years.

Or that he should not be suspended for any amount of time from the pulpit, but that he should cease to be a pastor forever. End of script!

Strong words, no doubt. True? I don't really know. Whether true or false, there is much to be learned from the Word of God.

"Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass . . . restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Gal. 6:1 The final interpretation will rest with the reader who will hopefully be guided by the Spirit of God.

Why is it that men from all areas of secular life can fall into sin and trespass and the society is quick to pardon them?

Why do even the most severe forms of crime go unnoticed by the secular world — if that crime is committed by a member of the secular society? Why be so hard on preachers. After all, they are only human.

They deserve your help in their times of conflict and struggle equally as much as someone not having the responsibility of delivering God's message to people, who for the most part are not receptive to the message anyway.

Financial support has fallen off in many church ministries, and the sad part about this, is that without the support of the local members of a church, that church is limited in its ability to spread the word of God, to feed and clothe people.

Granted, there are some folks — they know who they are — who use the Word of God deceitfully, who abuse elderly parishioners, and prey on the poor.

These kind of preachers need to be rebuked, but even if they repent and (as the songwriter says) get right with God, it is our responsibility as mature Christians to forgive them also.

Remember, Seventy times Seven.

If government officials can be pardoned, so can preachers. If high-ranking officials can be pardoned, then it would stand to reason — at least logically — that preachers can be pardoned too.

Black preachers have a hard enough time to begin with; they don't need their congregations constantly putting them under a microscope because he said or she said, or because someone else did something that wasn't in accord with proper, mature, Christian conduct. Give the black preacher a chance!

If your pastor should be wrong, and you know about it, try going directly to him without a lot of unnecessary fanfare. Chances are, if you approach him correctly and in love, he'll acknowledge that you've shown him something he's been overlooking.

Not only will you have lifted his confidence in you as one who really cares about him, but you will be helping to shape, and fashion him into the man God would have him be.

You will have discovered what many will — the key to unlock the door of hate and dissention, of disagreement and contempt, of kindness and contentment, and finally, of obedience to God's Will and His Word.

Hopefully you will have restored someone back to fellowship and faith in God and His people.

The fact of the matter is this: If you live on this earth, you will sin, whether you are a preacher or a member of the choir, a deacon or a deaconess, an usher or pianist. All of us are sinners, and we all fall short of God's glory.

It would be wise for us all to remember, lest some of us will forget, and the consequences of forgetting can be devastating to the preacher, and his family and loved ones as well. Won't you give him a chance; God does.

St. Peter Claver marks centennial

By Catrice Greer
AFRO Correspondent

St. Peter Claver Church, 1546 N. Fremont Ave. celebrated its centennial last weekend with a carnival, which drew the old and the young.

This was not an ordinary carnival. It was a rendition of the traditional carnival held at the church from 1940-1960.

"The purpose of the carnival at that time was to raise money to support the school which was erected in 1890 and is still servicing the educational needs of children, and give the community a reason to come together," said Pastor Kearns.

The carnival has been defunct since 1960 mainly because of vandalism. "Many people were fearful that it was getting out of control," said Pastor Kearns.

In honor of the approaching centennial, the carnival chairpersons were willing to revive the carnival.

"Objectively its been very good. We have had a tremendous response to recruit volunteers. There have been volunteers from young people to people in their eighties," said Pastor Kearns.

In spite of Friday's rainfall the carnival was very successful. Although the fund raising goal was $5,000, the carnival raised a maximum of $2,500. Perhaps this figure was due to the rain.

Pastor Kearns said the carnival had the potential to reach its goal.

I think that people have begun to ask are we going to have it next year. The Parish Council will meet this September to discuss it. We've touched a very responsive cord. I think we will have it next year," said Pastor Kearns.

One of the oldest black institutions in Baltimore, St. Peter Claver Church has been located on North Fremont Avenue location for the past 100 years since its erection in 1888.

The festivities commemorating the centennial of the church began last year, Sept. 9, 1987.

On November 15, 1987, the congregation conducted a memorial service for the 4,000 individual's resting places at the St. Peter Claver Church.

January 15, 1988, St. Peter Claver Church joined with St. Peter Claver Church from Rich, Maryland and celebrated the anniversary of the cannanzation of St. Peter Claver.

What was unique about this celebration was the fact that the anniversary of St. Peter Claver also coincided with the National holiday of Martin Luther King.

According to Pastor Robert M. Kearns, "part of the theme was the justice and committment" and that coincide with the goals of Martin Luther King.

AFRO photo by Paris Gray

MOON-WALKING on the moon was no problem for those at St. Peter Claver's carnival.

—Bible School

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Smith; and radio disc jockey, Randy Dennis.

The Vacation Bible School staff included several volunteers who are teachers in the Baltimore City Public School System. They were LaRue Garnes, who has volunteered for the past ten years and Anna Bailey, a volunteer of four years.

Rebecca Sallee, who is not a teacher by profession proved her dedication to the cause of education, nonetheless. This year marked her 17th year volunteering with the church's Vacation Bible School.

Brenda Lee, supervisor for the Blue Chip Workers has been active with the Vacation Bible School for 13 years.

Michelle Hamiel, a librarian on staff at Branch 2 Enoch Pratt Library was on duty at the church school once a week.

The assistant principal of ten years said Vacation Bible School is enriching. "It's purpose is to enrich the children spiritually and educationally," she said.

Morning Star Baptist, where the pastor is the Rev. Samuel Ray, is one of Baltimore's first churches to hold Vacation Bible School four to six weeks. Typically, the program has been two weeks at other churches. Vacation Bible School at Morning Star was started 17 years ago and was the vision of the pastor's.

"Vacation Church School is a viable ministry to the youngsters of our community. It's more than just babysitting ... It is a creative ministry, wherein Bible is taught and life skills are emphasized," said Rev. Ray.

"The Morning Star family is excited about the caliber of ministry we are offering to the youngsters ... We thank God for the opportunity to serve."

One seven year old summed up her reason for attending Vacation Bible School in three words. "...I love Jesus," said Deanna Bailey.

—Oblate

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the National Oblate Sisters of Providence Alumni Association (NOSPAA) will sponsor a bus leaving promptly at noon from Chase and Brentwood in Baltimore.

The bus will return to its point of departure at 6 p.m. Anyone interested in reserving a seat on the bus should call Sister Mary Alice Chineworth at 247-4776.

Buses will also leave from Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian School (Washington) at 11 a.m.

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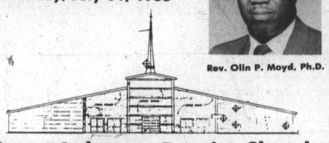

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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988
Youth & Young Adult Sunday
"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." — Galatians 6:9

Divine Order of Services
9:00 A.M. ..... Sunday Church School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. ..... Live Radio Broadcast Service WYST 1010 AM Dial
11:00 A.M. ..... Divine Morning Worship Service Elder C. Green, Preaching
4:00 P.M. ..... We will worship with the Southern Baptist Church located 1701 N. Chester St. at Lanvale St. Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Higgs is the Pastor.

Next Sunday, August 7 at 3:30 p.m. the Pulpit Aid will celebrate their 14th Anniversary. They will feature the John R. Bryant Inspirational Choir of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Concert.

Sis. Ruth King, President — Pulpit Aid
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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988
Eight and Eleven O'Clock
Marion Curtis Bascom, preaching
Symphonic No. 5 in F Major
Allegro Cantabile
Adagio
— C.M. Widor

8:00 Anthem(s)
Brother James's Air (Marosa) — Arr. Gordon Jacob
Somebody's Knocking At Your Door — Traditional
11:00 Anthem(s)
Behold, Now, Praise the Lord — Everett Titcomb
Ain-a That Good News — Arr. William Dawson

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988
YOUTH DAY
8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
10:45 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC ANTHEM: "Alleluia" ..... Coates
THE SPIRITUAL: "Ride On Jesus" ..... Roland Carter
THE SPECIAL MUSIC: ..... Mrs. Emily White
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director of Music
PREACHING: ..... The Reverend James S. Wellington, Calvary Baptist Church, Kilmarnock, Virginia
Wednesday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. ..... Martha W. Preston Bible Class
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler

OBITUARIES

Frances Elizabeth Wilson

Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of the late Charles W. Dockins and Florence H. Gaines, was born May 10, 1935 in Baltimore, Maryland. She died Thursday, June 30, 1988 at Howard County General Hospital after a short illness.

Mrs. Wilson received her primary education in the Baltimore City school system and later received her General Education Diploma after a brief interruption.

Her career as a Health Assistant began in 1962 at Spring Grove State Hospital, where she served for 18 years. In 1980 she embarked on a new career as a Correctional Officer with the Maryland Department of Corrections.

The Wilsons were united in Holy Matrimony for 33 years. Their union was blessd by two sons and one daughter.

She leaves to mourn her husband, Glenn; two sons, Adrian and Glenn, Jr.; daughter, Stephanee Karen Flood; mother-in-law, Leona M. Baker;

Daughters-in-law, Evelyn J. and Deborah Wilson; one son-in-law, James Flood, Jr.; grandchildren, Andrew, Ajewua, Adrian, Aaron, and Arianne; a host of aunts, uncles cousins and friends.

Thomas Everett, Jr.

Funeral services for Thomas Everett, Jr., a former of the U.S. Army Reserves and National Guard, were held 9:30 a.m., July 9.

Everett, of Tarboro, N.C., died July 2. He was 30. He attended lake Clifton High School and the Arco Welding School. He later worked for the Erdman Plaza Car Wash.

He is survived by his parents, Marie and Thomas Everett, Sr.; two daughters, Sharon and Chantrice Everett;

Two sisters, Linda Fay Everett and Angela Marie Everett; one brother, Gregory Everett;

Grandmother, Ella Mae Wuilliams; grandfather, Wiley Williams; aunt, Lottie Williams, a host of cousins, nephews and nieces.

Janie R. Billinger

Funeral services for Janie R. Billinger were held 7 p.m. July 7. she died July 2 at Johns Hopkins Hospital after a sudden illness. She was 27.

Ms. billinger, daughter of Willie L. and Estella Billinger, was a graduate of Eastern High School in Baltimore City. She later went to the Community College of Baltimore.

She is survived by her mother, Estella Billinger; son, Michael a. Smith; five sisters, Helen R. Bethea, Elizabeth High, Ida Simms, Darlene Billinger and Jean J. Billinger;

Three brothers, Willie J. billinger, willie L. Billinger and Charles Billinger; grandmother, Ida Price and a host of cousins, uncles and aunts.

Fannie Gertrude Smith

Funeral services were held July 14 at the City Temple of Baltimore (Baptist) in living memory of Fannie G. Smith, daughter of the late John and Rosie Gordon of Westmoreland County, Virginia.

Born June 22, 1901, the seventh of twenty-two children, she died July 11 after a lengthy illness.

Fannie, as she was affectionately called by her friends and loved ones, received her education in Westmoreland County schools. At the age of 12, she was baptized at Zion Baptist Church.

After migrating to Baltimore, she married James Smith and out of that union, one son was born, the late James Henry. She then joined Perkins Square Baptist Church and later became a member of City Temple of Baltimore.

Mrs. Smith leaves to mourn: two sisters, Rosie Clayton and Pearl Maith; one grandson, James (Sonny) Smith; two grand-daughters, Beverly Scroggins and Beatrice Washington; devoted niece, Adele Roanne; a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Delores C. Whitehead

Funeral services for Delores C. Whitehead, were held July 15 at the March Funeral Home, 4300 Wabash Avenue.

Ms. Whitehead was born on October 13, 1935 to the late William and Ruth Carter in Baltimore. She died on Tuesday, July 12, 1988.

She receivd her education in the Baltimore City public schools. Her occupation consisted of tacking care of senior citizens and people who were unable to take care of themselves.

Mrs. Whitehead is survived by her husband, Edward P. Whitehead; four sons, Tyrone, Dennis, Gregory and Michael; one daughter, Deborah L. Leigh;

One sister, Frances Carter; five brothers, Walter P. Williams, Ronald E. Williams, James E. Williams, william H. Carter, Jr. and Kenneth W. Carter; and many other relatives and friends.

Larry Johnson

Funeral services for Larry Johnson, 32, were held Friday, July 15, at the New Mount Joy Missionary Baptist Church, 1725 Division Street.

Johnson was born in August 21 to Pearley and Mabel Johnson in Baltimore. He attended Baltimore City Public Schools and received his high school diploma from the Alice Crossland High School on June 6, 1975.

Johnson served a short-term in the U.S. Navy and received an honorable discharge on March 4, 1976.

He later began a career as a security officer and continued to work until he became disabled. He was a member of the Sweet Hope Free Will Baptist Church and worked in the community. Johnson received the Evergreen Community Award for outstanding volunteer services in 1981.

On July 11, 1988, Johnson died after a seven-year struggle with sarcoidosis.

he is survived by his parents; three brothers, Dennis, Pearley, Jr., and Tyrone; two sisters, Deborah and Tina; three nieces, Monique, Tekia and Whitney;

Six nephews, Abdulla, Dennis, Raheem, Keith, Tyrone and James; two-sisters-in-law; and many other relatives and friends.

Phyllis Lee

Phil, as she is lovingly called, was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 30, 1941, the daughter of Marie bacote and the late Paul Jackson.

She attended St. Peter and St. Francis Catholic Schools after which she was employed as a secretary in the city school system. She was recently elected treasurer of the newly established City Union of Baltimore.

Mrs. Lee died July 7, at Sinai Hospital. She leaves to cherish her memory: her devoted husband, John E. Lee; a most devoted son, Kevin L. Tyler;

Loving mother, Marie K. Bacote; one sister, Marie (Toni) Simmons; one brother, Paul Bernard Briscoe; a godchild, Paula L. Vaugh; a mother-in-law, Fannie Lee; a father-in-law, John Lee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Services were held on July 12, 1988.

Yazsmin N. Guthrie

Funeral services for Yazsmin N. Guthrie were held July 11 at the United Pentecostal Miracle Church on Quantico Avenue. She was four months old. She was christened at Christian Unity Temple.

Yazsmin died July 6. Yazsmin is survived by her mother, Yvonne Bolar; father, Tony Guthrie; godbrother, Kenneth; grandparents, Winifred and Robert McDaniel, William Willene Bolar;

Seven aunts, four uncles; godparents; two great grandmothers; one great great grandmother; four great aunts and six great uncles.

Harry 'Cutty' Bowen

Funeral services for Harry "Cutty" Bowen, 77, were held on July 5, 1988. Bowen was the son of the late Edward L. Bowen, Sr. and Sarah Murdock. Born on March 10, 1911, in Baltimore, he died on june 30, 1988.

He received his education at the Douglass High School in Baltimore and he worked for the Douglass High School in Baltimore and he worked for the Durapak Company.

Bowen joined the U.S. Army, where he received an honorable discharge and then returned to the Durapak Company. He retired after 40 years of service to the company.

Bowen is survived by his wife, Ruby E. Pearson, Sarah (Toni) Alfonso; two brothers, Edward Earl Bowen; one brother-in-law;

Two grandchildren Michael and Kim alfonso; one great grandson, Lamont Bratton; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Richard Blackwell, Jr.

Funeral services for Richard Blackwell, Jr. were held July 22 at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Ellicott City.

Mr. Blackwell, 79, was born on February 12, 1909 to the late Richard and Bessie Blackwell of Howard County. he died on July 6, 1988.

He is an alumnus of the Historical School of Ellicott City, located on Frederick Rd. He worked for the Doughty Corporation of America and spent his leisure time playing pool and watching baseball games.

On July 29, 1961, he married his wife Mary Blackwell and they had six children.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Edward Nicholas, George Blackwell and Johnny Blackwell; three daughters, Mrs. Bessie L. Gray, Mrs. Dorothy Reynolds and Mrs. Margaret Ann Gaither;

18 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; two daughters-in-law; 3 sons-in-law; one sister-in-law; three neices; and many other relatives and friends.

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