THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GIANT
THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

PLUS DOUBLE COUPONS... see store for details Please, No Coupon Clubs

Smoked Meat, Beef or Kielbasa
Eckrich Sausage
1.99 lb.

USDA Grade A
Fresh Fryers
Whole 59¢ lb.
Cut-up lb. 69¢
Perdue Fresh Fryers Cut-up lb. 79¢ Whole lb. 69¢

Bone In
Beef Blade Chuck Roast
Giant Lean 1.29 lb.
USDA Choice lb. 1.49

Eastern Apples
Red Delicious
3-lb. bag 1.19

Loose Genuine
Idaho Baking Potatoes
3 lbs. $1

Plastic
Glad Cling Wrap
200 sq.ft. roll 1.39

Spaghettini, Capellini or
Giant Spaghetti
2 16-oz. boxes $1

Regular or Apple Cinnamon
Total Instant Oatmeal
10-oz. pkg. 1.59

Regular or Sugar Free
Canada Dry Ginger Ale
6-pack 16-oz. NR bots. 1.69

1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

For Laundry
Fab Detergent
Reg. 2.65
1.32 42-oz. box

Land O Lakes
Light Sour Cream
Reg. 1.35
67¢ 1-lb. cup

Chub
Jones Liverwurst
Reg. 1.19
59¢ 10-oz. pkg.

Hunt's
Spaghetti Sauce
Traditional or Mushroom
Reg. 1.29
64¢ 27.5-oz. can

Giant Stone Ground
100% Whole Wheat Bread
No Preservatives Added
Reg. 77¢
38¢ 1-lb. loaf

PRICES & DOUBLE COUPONS EFFECTIVE THRU SAT., DEC. 3, 1988 in Giant stores in the city of Baltimore, Baltimore, Harford and Howard Counties, Glen Burnie, Severna Park, Annapolis & Edgewater. This merchandise is not offered for sale to other commercial enterprises.

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AGNES W. CHAMBERS ALWAYS THERE WITH:

A Helping Hand

By Eva Theresa E. Mercer
AFRO Church Correspondent

Concerned about souls,
Warmly she spoke,
Sincere about her goals,
Humble because she did not want any credit,
Shyness, she did all out of her love for God.

All these things I detected in Agnes W. Chambers as she shared with me the why's and how's of her Christian walk.

Strong family ties and being the oldest child of 11 had placed special expectations on Agnes.

By nature Agnes was shy, but because of love for her family, responsibility helped her to grow in depth.

Her parents were not surprised when she was drawn to Faith Baptist Church in 1937. Eventually she was allowed to teach little children in Sunday School.

Always wanting to help, Agnes visited with a friend, who is now the Rev. Geraldine James in her church home, where the late Bishop W. Stancil was pastor.

It was there through the word of God that she became more aware of her gifts.

It was there at the age of 19 that she began to express herself with what she terms "Holy Ghost boldness."

As she shared the word of God, lives were transformed. Because of this, Agnes was encouraged to help people wherever she could. Agnes always wanted to help people out of their pain.

While at Faith Baptist Church, she and a group of women co-founded The Women's League.

Not only was she blessed when she joined Concord Baptist Church in 1961 at 5204 Liberty Hghts. Ave. where the Dr. M.L. Jones is the pastor; she was allowed to be a blessing by her continued service and growth.

Her helping hand extended even to the community where she became involved in several Out-Reach Ministries. One of them is the: Baltimore Rescue Mission (Women's Division), where Agnes teaches Bible study.

At the Mission the homeless come each day about 4:30 p.m. and are given dinner, they are given dinner, receive the word of God, given clothes, and their hygiene needs are met.

After they have slept and they are fed breakfast, they must then go back on the streets.

They can return based on their willingness to receive the word of God. The Mission's program has proven to be worthwhile and effective.

Agnes shared one of many cases with me.

There was a young woman who was homeless, she could only walk with the aid of crutches.

This young woman was also extremely depressed because she had to be separated from her children due to her state.

After being cared for and nurtured through the word of God, the healing process began physically and mentally.

She began to volunteer to help other homeless women and to share her testimony. Eventually she was able to re-build her life, gain employment and was reunited with her family.

Agnes felt good knowing she had played a part in helping this young woman regain her life.

The Abundant Living-Love Fellowship that Agnes is Co-founder of, is a group that realized there are for instance, teen mothers who do not have parenting instincts.

When such a case is brought to their attention, they go to the home of the family as they did in this particular case:

There was a 19-year-old mother with three children from ages one to five.

When the mother received her Social Security check, she would leave her children home alone for 2 or 3 days at a time. Because of her lifestyle, she alienated her family and friends.

When she moved into public housing, she also alienated her friends and neighbors there when they saw how she refused to care for her children.

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Mrs. Agnes W. Chambers

Concord Baptist Church

COMMENTARY

It is good when people involved in church, or not involved in church, see a need and began to address it by helping out where ever they can. That's how progress is made. In observing the deeds that seem to make a tremendous difference in people's lives, it seems that most churches do very little.

I am not talking about giving the gospel (and even that's debatable), I am talking about taking the time to do long term counseling, I am talking about doing consistent follow-ups.

A lot of times, we think a person won't do, when in reality they don't know how to do. "The word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." (Heb. 4:2).

We as Christians are supposed to do more for the well being of this world than anyone. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:16) Because of our deeds people are drawn to God.

We as Christians have a lot to think about, and then to do! The first thought that came to me personally is, WHERE ARE YOUR WORKS?

EVA. THERESA E. MERCER

Expressions

By Rev. William Anderson
(Part 1 of a 4-part series)

Ask your neighbor what is generally the happiest time of the year for him or her, and the most likely answer will be the holidays.

For many the holiday season is the most depressing time of their year. The season they looked forward to as children, the time of year that meant so much, now means so little.

Depression has set in on their spirit, and what should be a happy time for all, can be a painful and agonizing time for some.

Late each year we are bombarded with pictures and cards of smiling faces, happy families sitting, laughing, eating, and sharing good times together.

But what about the family who has recently lost a loved one, what about the wife who has just been divorced from her husband, or, the husband just divorced from his wife.

Then, there is the person who has never known what it is like to have a family, someone who really cares about him, what about these people? Can the Church help? The answer is a resounding yes.

You can help, too. There are always things you can say and do to make someone's holiday season a bright one. If you know of someone who will be spending the holidays alone, invite them over to spend some time with you and your family, after all we are really just one big family — the Church of God.

If inviting someone over to your house to share in some quality time with you and your family is not practical, why not plan to go to that person and spend some time.

It will be time well spent, for in paraphrase, the Bible says: In as much as you have done this to the least one of my followers, you have done it unto me.

It is a blessing to help God's people, not that you should look to be rewarded, but no good that you do will go unrewarded.

Remember, the essence of Christmas is receiving a gift we did and do not deserve — God's Son. The Apostle John captured the essence of Christmas in these words: "This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (I John 4:10).

That was a heavy cost! But, there are many things we can do that involve almost no cost.

The point is this: The gifts with the most meaning can be those that involve personal effort, but cost little or nothing.

Rather than focusing on what we do not receive or what we cannot do, we should make the holidays a time of thanksgiving for what we have received and are still receiving.

'Keep Christ In Christmas'

Metro Church Briefs

Fall Revival Monday

St. Bernardine's Catholic Church will host a Fall Revival on Monday through Wednesday, December 5-7.

Revivalist will be Rev. Leah White, Assistant Pastor of New Psalmist Baptist Church. Music will be provided by the St. Bernardine's and guest choirs.

We will begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. with nightly Bible teaching conducted by Fr. Edward Miller, Pastor of St. Bernardine's. The Revival Service will follow the Bible teaching at 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate With Mt. Calvary Star Baptist

You are cordially invited to attend the Mt. Calvary Star Baptist Church, 1725 N. Milton Ave. Deacon and Trustee's Day on Sunday, December 4, at 3:30 p.m.

Come and be blessed by the Lord on this day of celebration, in the preaching of the gospel, gospel singing and the fellowship of the saints of God.

Christmas Joy Comes To Morgan Christian Center

The Morgan Christian Center is featuring its Tenth Annual Christmas Candlelight Service—A Festival of Scripture Lessons and Carols, on Sunday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the Christian Center Chapel.

The Men's Choir of Douglas Memorial Community Church under the direction of Mr. J. Spencer Hammond will provide the choral music with Edna Lofton Davis, soloist.

Youth & Young Adult Kingdom Conference

The Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the First Apostolic Faith Institutional Church is holding its' Annual Kingdom Conference at the church, Caroline and Lombard Streets, in Baltimore City. The Conference culminates Sunday, December 4th. Bishop Franklin Cornelius Showell is the Pastor of the church.

This Conference will feature (at 6:00 p.m. each and all day Saturday, 12/3) inspirational and informative workshops.

Mass And Healing Service Scheduled

A Mass and Healing Service will be celebrated by Fr. Larry Gesy on December 11, 1988, 7 p.m., at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street.

The purpose of the service is to pray for the physical, spiritual, emotional and inner healing for people of all ages. For more information, please call 242-0131.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples." Psalm 105:1

"God is great and God is good . . . and we thank Him for our food; by His hands we all are fed . . . give us, Lord, our daily bread . . . Give us Lord our daily bread. . . Amen.

Saying grace before we eat our meals comes natural for most of us; for as children, we were taught that before you just dig in and start eating, you should thank the Lord for food to eat.

But yet, if we are not careful, our grace or prayer of thanksgiving could turn into nothing more than a ritual . . . Empty words . . . words with no meaning. . . just something to do.

My friend, our prayers of thanksgiving ought to come from within. They should be a reflection in words of our gratitude towards one who has blessed us and keeps on blessing us in spite of ourselves.

God is good . . . and His mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us take time to reflect on the goodness of the Lord. Sometimes, we can't see our blessings because we spend too much time looking at our problems . . . reflecting on our hardships.

Beloved, look where God has brought you from. He's brought some of us through emotional pain and trauma. Through Jesus, you were healed from the wounds of rape . . . or incest. (He's raised some of us off of sick beds. Maybe you were sick and the doctor said you couldn't get well. . . . But somehow, you said within your spirit, if I could but touch the hem of his garment, I know that I shall be made whole.

And Jesus healed your body and told you to run on and see what the end is going to be.

Maybe you didn't know where the rent money was coming from, or you didn't know how you were going to feed your children . . . but somehow, God brought you through.

He opened the windows of heaven and poured out a financial blessing just for you. Oh give thanks to the Lord! Thank God for where He has brought you from. Perhaps you feel like life has done you a dirty hand. . . .

You can't understand why things seem like they always go wrong for you . . . It seems like God is blessing everybody except you.

Beloved, there is a Word of Hope. The Psalmist, David,

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'Grace will lead us home'