THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GIANT
THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

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

Mrs. Filberts Quarters
I Can't Believe It's Not Butter
1-lb. pkg. 1.39
1-lb. tub or 2 8-oz. cups 1.49

USDA Grade A Swift's
Butterball Turkeys
10 to 24 lbs. Frozen
lb. 89¢

Giant Lower Salt Special Trim
Fully Cooked Hams
Shank Portion lb. 1.19
Rump Portion lb. 1.49

U.S. No. 1 Carolina
Red Sweet Potatoes
2 lbs. 89¢

California
Red Emperor Grapes
2 lbs. $1

Burns Up To 3 Hours
Giant Firelog
5-lb. pkg. 1.39

Nacho Cheese or Cool Ranch
Doritos Tortilla Chips
11-oz. bag 1.69

Nabisco- Sociables, Wheat Thins, Triscuits or Better Cheddars
Snack Crackers
7-oz.- 10-oz. box 1.19

Caffeine Free Pepsi, Caffeine Free Diet Pepsi,
Pepsi or Diet Pepsi
6-pack 16-oz. NR bots. 1.69

1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

Old San Francisco
All Natural Seltzer
Red Raspberry, Peach, Black Cherry, Almond Cream or Cran-Raspberry
Reg. 2.18 — 1.09 each 10-oz. NR bottle

Vanilla, Cherry, Strawberry, Blueberry or Lemon
Whitney's Yogurt
Reg. 75¢ — 37¢ 8-oz. cup

Giant Hearty Grain
Wheat Berry Bread
Reg. 89¢ — 44¢ 1-lb. loaf

Oriental Noodle Soup
Cup O' Noodles
Beef, Chicken, Chicken Mushroom, Shrimp, Beef Onion or Garden Vegetable
Reg. 59¢ — 29¢ 2.5-oz. pkg.

Pain Reliever
Nuprin Tablets or Caplets
Reg. 2.59 — 1.29 bot. of 50

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THE LIVING CHURCH

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In the family of song:

The tree is known by His fruit:

FORMAL PORTRAIT — Members of the group pose for the camera at a special gathering. L to R: Joseph Gaines, lead tenor; Joyce Williams, lead soloist; Samuel Generette, lead tenor; Harold Byrd, 1st tenor; Connie Green, alto, and Raymond Boyd, lead baritone.

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Correspondent

It could have been your family, my family or anyone else's family who tried to instill moral and spiritual values in their children.

But in this case, it was the Hendrick's, the Harrison's, the Wilken's, the Webster's, the Lashley's, the Oliver's and the Boyd's.

They started singing in their home church, Mt. Carmel Baptist on the corner of Washington and Aisquith Sts. some 35 years ago, where the pastor was Rev. Oscar Stancil.

Loving to sing, the group went from church to church, taking their children with them. As the children showed interest in singing, their parents allowed them to join the group.

For many wonderful years the parents and children shared one common goal, lifting the name of the Lord.

An unavoidable split came when money became the issue for some. "Some of us stayed just because we loved to lift the name of Jesus," says Connie.

In time more of the group would stray. As so many of us Christians do, certain members found themselves coming back into their teachings. "God brought us back," states Connie.

Still in their church, where their new pastor is the Rev. E. Johnson, the group sings with others under the name of the Traveler's.

The Dynamic Traveling Tones is the group's name that is much known and sought after throughout the area.

They have traveled as far as N.Y. and Va. to spread the word of God in song, giving of themselves, as a service and not for a set fee.

Most of the equipment used by the group was purchased through donations that were given by different churches.

"The benefit comes from God through us, singing not for money or fame. The word of God sung is one way that God uses to pierce the hearts of man when sometimes the spoken word is not received," says Sam.

Music is the one language that every man understands and, it "draws people together," states Ray.

While pointing people to God, "we sing of what we go through in every day life, letting the people know that they aren't the only ones going through," says Joseph.

In their travels, they have sung with noted groups such as: The Gospel Keynotes, The Mighty Wonders, Little Sedgewick and Melody.

A few years back, they had a contract and began to record an album but, because they were not allowed to sing where God was leading them, they broke the contract. Being obedient to what they feel is the will of God, is most important.

Their ability to stick together for the past 15 years has been as Harold puts it, "we just put the Lord in front of us and keep on going; we are a family!"

"We pat each other on the back on good days and bad days because we love each other as a group," stated Michael.

I was impressed with their openness and love in which they shared their story. It is always good to remember the bridge that brought you over and to be able to appreciate even the simple things in life that are all too often forgotten or taken for granted.

As expressed by Joyce, "We give thanks to our parents, to our aunts and uncles, our backbones, and thanks to God for putting us into a praying family."

One of many churches helped by the Dynamic Traveling Tones is Owens Memorial Baptist located 4015 Penhurst Ave., where the pastor is Rev. Lawrence Washington.

It pleased the pastor to honor the group in appreciation Dec. 4 for all the support that they have given time and time again; never asking for a fee, but to help raise the name of Jesus.

"It's hard to find a whole group complete with instruments to come out willingly without asking for a fee," said Sis. Smith, one of the members of the church.

The church was filled with people that came to rejoice in the celebration. The service was spiritual, and highly energizing all to the glory of God.

How wonderful it is to serve the Lord and to know that others appreciate the gifts that God has placed in you.

Their work does not stop here. The Dynamic Traveling Tones are making their mark on the younger generation. Already they have youth that are interested in joining.

What a family legacy! Not just to be related by blood, but through Christ Jesus, the true ties.

I did not say who was related or who was not because they are all related in HIM!

The family

The Family, a structure that by natural means is delicate, but in God, powerful,
The Family, the structure that God has created his commandments, judgements and his statutes for,
The Family, an endangered species, challenged on every hand,
The Family, the unit by which all of our morals are established, and are strengthened, or weakened by our deeds,
The Family is where we must or should begin,
The Family, is it worth saving?

Expressions

Part 3
By Rev. William S. Anderson

Set priorities for your holiday schedule. Ask yourself, "What is important?"

Don't be afraid to say no to an office party, even if you think your boss will pass you by for a promotion if you do not attend.

Your well being and that of your family is of much greater importance. God will provide all your needs!

Don't neglect your spiritual needs. Remember the true spirit of Christmas. Don't neglect time in the Word and in personal and family worship.

Did you know that only 5 to 10 percent of Christians read their Bible and pray daily? During the holiday season, it is conceivable that the number drops even lower.

The daily quiet time with the Lord can help stabilize your thoughts and emotions during the hectic holiday season. The more hectic your activities, the more important it is for you to spend time in the Word.

Deal with any holiday related losses, remembering that some losses cannot be helped. Commit these to the Lord. If you have never allowed yourself to grieve over a loved one who died or a marraige that ended around the holiday season, it is important that you complete the grieving process.

Talk things out with a good friend, your pastor, or a reputable counselor.

If these losses occurred because of a failure on your part, confess this to God, claim His forgiveness, forgive yourself, then it is important that you move on.

If you have suffered adversity and don't know why, voice your feelings and concerns to God in prayer.

God invites us to express our feelings and concerns to Him candidly and honestly. Avail yourself of the invitation. Try spending some time in the Book of Psalms in which David voiced his concerns to God about the happenings in his life.

By doing this, you will be able to come to the position expressed by Job after he had suffered a series of losses that would have left any of us feeling depressed.

Job was able to say, "He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (23:10)

Thornton in concert

The Organ and Piano Committee of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave., and Cumberland St., will be presenting James P. Thornton, Jr., in concert on Sunday, December 25th. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the celebrated Birthday of Jesus Christ with the inspired talent of Brother Thornton.

This concert will begin at 4 p.m. Carter Robinson is the chairman of the Organ and Piano Committee, and Dr. William King is the pastor of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church.

Metro Church Briefs

Kwanza-Hanukkah-Ramadan-Christmas

A holiday of Outreach and Understanding where there will be a sharing of cherished traditions, ethnic refreshments, gifts auction, proceeds are to go to the Nicaraguan and Jamaican hurricane relief.

Admission free to all, please bring new or used auctionable goods: 1121 W. Lanvale to the Metropolitan United Church.

Co-sponsors: Balto. Mosque, St. Johns United Methodist, Metropolitan United Methodist, Jamaican Association of MD., Metropolitan Community Church of Balto., Central America Solidarity Committee.

Candlelight service

Rev. Benjamin S. Foust and members of St. Johns A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Avenue, invites one and all to their Annual Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday December 18 at 5 p.m.

Annual Christmas concert

The Cultural Arts Committee of Union Baptist Church cordially invites you to attend the Senior Choir's Annual Christmas Concert on December 18 at 5 p.m.

H. Alexander Mathew's Cantata "The Story of Christmas," Mrs. Janice F. Sydnor will be directing.

There will be featured soloists. The program is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Rev. Vernon H. Dobson is the minister. 1219 Druid Hill Avenue.

Traditional holiday dinner

In an effort to share in the holiday spirit, the Christian Temple Faith Church will be serving a free hot traditional holiday dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the chefs of Micah's at 5401 Reisterstown Road in Baltimore City.

Everyone attending the special Christmas service Sunday, December 25th at 11:30 a.m. will receive this wholesome meal immediately following the festive holiday music by area choirs, gospel groups and orchestral participants.

Arrangements have also been made to include over 300 persons from numerous local shelters/centers to dine.

Come as you are service

The Under Grace Group of Good Shepherd Baptist Church is sponsoring an all night "Come As You Are" service Saturday, December 31. Traditional foods will be served. Mini-sessions have been planned. Pastor P.M. Smith of Huber Memorial Church of Christ will participate.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"And she will bear a Son; and you shall call the name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

My friend, you are loved. Perhaps no one said the words "I love you" to you today. God wants you to know that He loves you. He cares about you. The Lord God of Hosts loves you with an everlasting love. You are special to Him . . . Oh, how He loves you.

In a world where there is so much bad news . . . in a world where there are so many forces that seek to banish our hopes and dreams, and nullify our faith, we need a word of hope. And so it is that our hope is in Jesus.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, a virgin by the name of Mary — who was espoused to Joseph — became with child. But the child that she would bear was not just any child. For the Bible says that this child was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

This baby who was fashioned in the likeness of man . . . was also the very Son of God. For Isaiah 9:6 says, "For unto us a child is born; unto us a Son is given; And the government shall be upon His shoulder: And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

And so it is that Mary brought forth her first born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, came that we might have life, and that more abundantly. Yes . . . There was a need for Jesus to come.

Jesus came because men were dying in their sins . . . Jesus came because man needed to see a more excellent way. Jesus came in the likeness of man . . . He was therefore, able to identify in every way with us.

The Bible says that he was tempted, but He sinned not. Although Jesus was the Son of God, He was also very man.

Jesus came that we might have life, and that more abundantly. Jesus loves us; so much that He was willing to come into a world filled with sin and hate just to save a wretch like me.

There is something mighty sweet about the name of Jesus. A songwriter said Jesus . . . oh how sweet the name . . . Jesus, every day the same . . . Jesus . . . Let all saints proclaim — He's worthy praise forever!

Jesus has been given a name that is above every name — that at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father Almighty. There is power in the name of Jesus!

When you're going through the midnight of your life . . . when it seems like nothing is going your way . . . when all around your soul gives way, try calling on the name of Jesus. Jesus will speak peace to you in the midnight hour . . . He'll give you joy inspite of your prevailing circumstances. Jesus will bring lightness into your darkness. When you feel all alone . . .