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THE LIVING CHURCH

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One church — One child

Chicago's Father Clements pushes MD adoptions

All too often we are confronted with the abuse or abandonment of infants or young children. Our unwanted black children have been a problem which far too long has tugged at the hearts of those who understand the wealth we contain in our little ones.

In 1980, Father George Clements of Chicago, Ill., founded the ONE CHURCH-ONE CHILD Organization. When the program started in Chicago, there was a call made throughout the city for all of the churches of all denominations, to unite and save our children.

Parental recruitment was done first in the churches by Father Clements. When he made the appeal for adoption, one very strong point was made clear; it was that adopting was not for everyone. The appeal went forth seeking that one special couple or that one special person God calls out of the congregation to become adoptive parents.

Father George Clements was guest speaker on Dec. 14, at a special Prayer Meeting at St. Edwards Catholic Church located at 901 Poplar Grove St., for the ONE CHURCH — ONE CHILD Board of Maryland and its supporters.

As Father Clements shared some of his experiences and rewards as an adoptive parent, he told of his oldest son Joey, who in conversation with his father said, "You're getting more out of this than we are."

When asked how, Joey said, "You know how priests are, they get old, go off and die but you have someone to take care of you." We laughed at his statement because, we understood as all parents, the Father, in hope, finds joy in the fact that in old age, his children will be there for him.

When the One Church - One Child Organization began in 1980, the city of Chicago had 90 infants in need of a home, since then, 9,000 children have been united with parents. Instead of children needing homes, they now have parents waiting for children.

Thirty-eight states have now adopted the ONE CHURCH — ONE CHILD Organization, church working with state to solve a common problem for the good of all.

Two of our newly adoptive single parents Claudia Warner and Shelia Sheppard brought their contented and much loved babies to the service at St. Edwards.

Alvin and Jean Richardson are the proud parents of 10 children; four are adopted and six additional children all ranging from 2 years to 24 years in age. Jean a state employee, in a salaried position for the One Church - One Child Organization does not consider her position as a job, but as a ministry. She said she strongly feels the job or ministry is in the will of God.

Jean said she feels "perspective parents should not pursue the adoption expecting a problem free relationship because many of the children have special needs. Some of the children have physical handicaps, some have emotional problems or even learning disabilities. This is understandable if one considers that many of them have been abused, deprived and neglected.

Even with your birthed children there are no guarantees. We are appealing to that one who can love another's child as if that child was their own."

Jean went on to say, "In years past, blacks were screened out of adoption because of rigid eligibility requirements. The standards have not lowered but, there is more flexibility."

(Photos by Paris Gray)

FATHER CLEMENTS, flanked by Father M. J. Blackwell, left, and Rev. Frank Drumwright, right urges thoses in attendance to seriously consider adopting the city's and state's black youth in need of homes.

SOLOIST Orelia Francisco with Ms. Anne Lumpkin in the background brings the crowd to their feet with her inspirational selection.

If there are any persons interested in adopting or any ministers interested in hosting a presentation, Jean would like you to contact her at 833-0255.

Jean said there are four points to consider in adoption: 1) Single parents may adopt; 2) Older experienced parents may adopt; 3) Applicants need not own their own homes 4) Both parents may work outside of the home.

Jean began two years ago recruiting ministers from around the city so Maryland could be a part of this healing process.

At the prayer meeting, Jean told of the support the program received whenever she approached a minister. More than 100 ministers of all denominations have opened the doors of their churches for this cause.

For the state of Maryland the board members are: Rev. Frank Drumwright, President, Heritage United Church; Rev. Oscar Brown, Vice President, New Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church; Pastor Bob Davis, Asst. Secretary, Long Reach Church; Father Maurice J. Blackwell, St. Edwards Catholic Church; Iman Mahammad Ugdah, Baltimore Masjid; Rev. Carl Solomon, New Psalmist Baptist Church; Bishop J. L. Gamble, Bibleway Freewill Baptist Church; Rev. Sidney Daniels; Rev. Vernon Dobson, Union Baptist Church; Rev. Julia Mosby, St. Johns A.M.E. Church; and the Rev. Vincent Thompson, New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Several other ministers not named come out to render support. Also present at the prayer service was the ONE CHURCH — ONE CHILD adoption unit which is under the Department of Human Resources, Social Services Administration. They are: Carolyn Howard - Project Director; Mildred Gee - Unit Supervisor; Doreen McKenzie, Carole Bannerman - Unit Social Workers; and Gene Richardson - Recruiter.

Expressions

Part 4
By Rev. William S. Anderson

Be realistic, keep things in financial perspective. Work on a plan allowing you to avoid the materialistic trap of the season. Once you have developed that plan, stick with it, do not be swayed.

Do not try to prove your self-worth, do not try to buy love by giving extravagant gifts if you cannot afford to do so. Do not be deceived by the seemingly ease of buying on credit. It could very well put you into debt for many months to come. What is worse it can also lead to emotional and spiritual bondage.

Believe me, the pressures from the credit card companies — no payments until January or February or March — sound good, but if you are like most of us, you will have other needs which must be tended to also.

After agreeing on a total amount you are able to spend on holiday gifts, be sure you communicate this same concept to your children. Work to align their expectations with reality. Have them write a list of five or 10 items, things they would like to have for Christmas. If you have them, write a list of everything they want; they will assume they will get everything.

Deal with losses directly. Every Christmas we hear the song, I'll be home for Christmas, no place like home for the holidays. For many people, home and families are just too far away. But just being with family doesn't always cure loneliness. It is possible for scattered family members to gather, celebrate, and yet make no emotional or spiritual contact.

We can experience loneliness even in the midst of crowds, parties, and other festive activities.

Everyone has three basic needs: a proper self-perspective, a close relationship with God, and a close relationship with other people. Use the season as a time to cultivate your personal spiritual life, your family life, and your church worship experiences.

Beware: Do not rush from one activity to another never allowing yourself time to meditate and reflect on the reason for the season, the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. On the other hand, it may not be wise to withdraw entirely.

Try to achieve a healthy balance. Again, develop a reasonable plan whereby you can spend time with close friends and family. Reach out to others, particularly those who may be in need of some warm friendship.

Finally, know that each of us is composed of mind, body and spirit, and sometimes depression is rooted in a medical problem. The pressure of the holiday season can add to medically induced depression. Perhaps a visit to your family doctor is not a bad idea.

Plan devotional time, look up scripture references appropriate for the season and meditate on those verses. May God bless each of you with a merry holiday season and a happy New Year.

Metro Church briefs

Candlelight service set

The Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church, 2504-08 Garrison Blvd., will celebrate the birth of Jesus with a caroling and candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988.

Caroling begins at 10:15 p.m. The candlelight worship service is scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. For more information, call 542-5127.

King Seminars planned

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial United Methodist Church at Windsor Mill Road and Forest Park Avenue, is planning a special observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday on Jan. 14, 1989.

The three major activities for the day will be workshops and seminars on "The Institute on Racism in the Church," an African travel seminar and a workshop on non-violence.

A registration fee of $7 is asked and participants of the all-day event, which begins at 9:30 a.m., are requested to respond by January 3, 1989. For more information, call the church at 448-2313.

Dr. Verna Dozier speaks

Dr. Verna Dozier, a prominent Episcopal layperson noted for her teachings in Bible Study, will be the featured speaker at the second annual City-Wide Ecumenical Service.

The Ecumenical Service is sponsored by the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council, and will be Sunday, Jan. 29, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. The service will be at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5300 North Charles Street.

Verna Dozier, a resident of Washington, D.C., is a graduate of Howard University, is the retired assistant director of English of the District of Columbia public school system and a former member of the Council of the College Preachers and a member of the Alban Institute Board.

The Central Maryland Ecumenical Council encourages participation. For more information, call Lynn Bopp at 467-6104.

Celebration of Christmas

In celebration of Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 25, the worship service of the City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church, Eutaw and Dolphin Sts., will be at 9 a.m. The Mass Choir will render special music. The pastor, Rev. Grady A. Yeargin will deliver the sermon. Everyone is invited.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that one comes, He will declare all things to us. Jesus said to her, I who speak to you am He."

Life is full of questions. Why doesn't anyone understand me? What is the thing which matters most to me? Why did I have to have this experience? Who is this man called Jesus? When will my change come? And so it is there are many ways one could respond to each given question. And so it is 9+9=18.

By the same token, 12+6=18. The answer to both problems is 18. When cooking pork chops, I could put the seasoned salt on and then the pepper, or vice versa... The end result is seasoned pork chops. When house cleaning, I could clean downstairs first and then clean upstairs, or vice versa... The end result is a clean house.

Many have tried to find the answers to the problems in life that perplex them most. While there are many ways of looking at the problem and even many ways of approaching the same problem, Jesus is the answer.

Not only is Jesus the answer, but He is the right way to the answer. For you cannot add three to nine and expect to receive eighteen... You cannot just put the pork chops in the pan and expect them to come out seasoned... You cannot just wish you had a clean house and expect the dirt to disappear.

But in order to get the right answer, you gotta add the right number.

Well... if we are not careful, we will add the wrong ingredients to our life thinking that that will make things better... but the exact opposite will happen... The world would have us believe the answer in surviving peer pressure is going with the flow... and doing what everybody else is doing.

Some people drink alcohol because they feel their answer is in forgetting there was ever a problem... Some church folk think as long as they "religiously" come to church on Sunday morning that will get them into heaven...

I am so glad Jesus is the answer. In the midst of our despair and loneliness, Jesus is saying I am He that come that you might have life, and that more abundantly... In the midst of the confusion in our lives Jesus is saying I am He that giveth peace that passeth all understanding...

In the midst of self-hatred and self-degradation, Jesus says I am He that loves you with an everlasting love... In the midst of the darkness of sin and shame, I can hear the voice of Jesus saying I am He who calls you out of darkness and into my marvelous light...

In the midst of hunger and thirst, Jesus says I am the bread of life... I am the living water... My friend, taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, how He loves you.

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