THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GIANT — THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

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

Beef, Kielbasa or Light
Hillshire Farm Smoked Sausage
lb. 1.99

USDA Grade A Fresh
Pick of the Chix
Giant or Holly Farms
lb. 1.39

Perdue
Pick of the Chix
lb. 1.49

With Tenderloin
Beef Loin Sirloin Steak
Giant Lean
lb. 2.79
USDA Choice lb. 3.29

Florida 100 size
Juice Oranges
8 for $1

Loose
Florida Tomatoes
lb. 69¢

Frozen Breaded Chicken or Mozzarella Cheese
Banquet Nuggets
9-oz. pkg. 1.99

Giant Salted, Unsalted or Honey Roasted
Dry Roasted Peanuts
16-oz. jar 1.99

Aunt Nellie's
Tomato Juice
46-oz. can 79¢

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

1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

General Mills
Bugles Snack
Reg. 1.49
74¢

Louis Rich Sliced
Turkey Bologna
Reg. 1.99
99¢

All Varieties
Alouette Soft Spiced Cheese
Herb, Garden Vegetable, Pepper or French Onion
Reg. 1.99
99¢

Microwave, Natural or Butter
TV Time Popcorn
Reg. 1.99
99¢

Giant Sliced
Club Rye Bread
Reg. 1.09
54¢

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THE LIVING CHURCH

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Unclear law puts hold on Eastside church vans

By Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Correspondent

For quite a few years, the State of Maryland rented a facility at 525 North Caroline St., owned by First Baptist Church and presently pastored by the Rev. Leroy Fitts. The facility was used as a day care center to aid parents who wanted to be self supporting and had a need for child care.

During the seven-year period the State of Maryland was operating this particular center, transportation was provided to and from school by the First Baptist Churches multi-purpose vans.

Under the Reagan era funds were cut which caused the state to cancel their day care program. First Baptist decided it would get more involved in the community by operating the day care center itself. With their Christian board and staff, the church felt it could add a new dimension to child care.

The church has dedicated itself to insure the very best possible care both in the center as well as in their transportation service.

The program has so far been enriching and very successful. Baltimore City has used this center as a model for other centers throughout the city, as well as a practicum site.

Students of early childhood training from Community College of Baltimore, Sojourner Douglass College and Morgan University have been sent to the center for on hand training.

Early this fall, the church was informed after many years of using their multi-purpose vans for the state and their center's school transportation the vans were not suitable for such use.

Not understanding how after such a long period of time there could be such a misunderstanding, Rev. Fitts said he met in the Mayor's Office with Mrs. Hattie Harrison, Mayor's Representative of the Dunbar Mayor's Station, Mrs. Myra Breskow Schein of the Mayor's Office for Children and Youth, Major Philip Brown, Md. Department of Transportation, Ms. Betty Anthony, Director SACC Program of First Baptist, Rev. James Stovall, and Gardie Williamson.

In that meeting, the executive board of the center and Rev. Fitts were surprised to learn the law in question, No. 13-420 Registration of School Vehicles, which had been on the books for many years, had no clear interpretation.

Wanting to be in line with God and man, Rev. Fitts said he asked Mrs. Hattie Harrison to have the law in question made clear in the next state's legislative session, and to help the church resolve its need for transportation in the mean time, for the immediate needs of their parents.

If the law is interpreted in favor of the day care center, all is well; but if the interpretation is not in favor of the day care center a large debt would accrue, possibly forcing the church to close its day care center.

If that should happen, 77 children who would become latch key children and would be left stranded.

Mrs. Betty Anthony, Director of the center, shared with me the concerns of the Maryland Department of Social Services, the parents, the centers board members and the church.

The Department of Social Services has referred 77 percent of the centers children through their Purchase of Care Program. Transportation was a key factor. The children referred through this program have parents who have a desire to work, but need the extra support to encourage them to continue to try and meet their needs.

What would happen to these families if this support system was not there? How much peace of mind would the parents have knowing in some cases their children would have to walk a long distance to and from school at ages 5 through 12? How will the parents and children feel when the child is at home alone, unattended?

Because of the day care center's services, these parents can now work without worry or fear knowing that their children are being personally cared for. The day care center is a full service center acting as parents while the parents are working.

Their enrichment program includes helping the children with their homework, giving vocal classes, piano classes, taking the children to the library, parks, concerts, art museums, science center, and other activities.

The First Baptist Church's Center exposes their children to many area's of life, that perhaps, ordinarily the parents would not have to do. The center is trying to help their children become total people.

This is the only center of three in this area which provides transportation to and from school and then back to the center. The only center that brings and takes the children to 44 different schools in the area. The church has taken on a big job and has been very successful in doing so. Let's Pray church that all goes well!

AFRO photo by Paul Greene

BUSSING IT — Students at the First Baptist Church's day care center leave the school to attend an outing earlier this week. The students' future transportation to and from school and to other events now is in question because of an unclear law which may force the center to abandon its fleet of vans and buses.

Expressions

Rejoicing what's come

By Rev. Wm. S. Anderson

By the time this column reaches print, Christmas day will be past and the New Year will loom brightly on the horizon. The gifts will have been unwrapped and many Christmas trees will await their eternal destiny—the sanitation truck.

For many it will have meant visits from family members not seen in years, for others it will represent the end of a day which seemed to have no ending. Some will rejoice that it has come and gone.

Whatever your feeling may be regarding Christmas, it no doubt, represents the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and as such must be celebrated above and beyond any depressing feelings, or, bad memories that we may have.

Somehow we must find the courage, the strength, to go on, to face the coming year with a renewed sense of commitment toward our Heavenly Father, and our mission here on this earth.

Black babies still die in disproportionate numbers; black on black crime is still as much a threat as it was five years ago. Teenage girls are continuing to have babies that they cannot care for, some of which will have no hope of a brighter tomorrow, some of which will be left on doorsteps to freeze to death, some of which will never know the joy of giving or receiving.

The black Church must continue to lead the way in our struggle for peace and goodwill toward all men. If we are (in the black church) to light the way for those among us and those whose sufferings are akin to ours, we will need desperately to re-examine the steps that have been responsible for our past success.

All that we do must be done to the Glory of God. We must put aside personal glorification so that Christ may be glorified.

The great Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King — whose birthday we will celebrate soon—summed up our mission for peace: "Until we recognize that all men are children of God, we will never have peace and goodwill on earth." He went on to say all life is sacred, a fact we must realize if we are to realize the church's mission.

We must address the topic of AIDS with relenting consistency. We must not turn our backs on anyone less fortunate than we.

We, if we are to be successful in eliminating the fears that have disoriented the black community, we must devise educational programs second to none. The church must not wait on the government to do for us what we can do for ourselves in the coming year.

Political activism is fine, but church activism is divine. The majority of our time as ministers must be spent in the preaching and teaching of the true value of christian life.

The rewards of the christian experience must be taught, and perhaps, by doing so, folk will come to understand what their human obligation is in regard to change in the political structure in America. The Church first, whatever else next, this must be the war cry of the black church.

It is not enough that we organize ourselves (politicians and clergy) in one state or 23 states. There must be a national movement involving elected officials and clergyman all across this

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Metro Church briefs

Watch Night at Mt. Lebanon

Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, 2812-14 Reisterstown Road, is having a Watch Night Service, Saturday, Dec. 31 at 10 p.m.

All are invited.

The presidential installation service for President-Elect Rev. Dr. Alex Young, Sr. of the Baptist Pastor's Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity will be Jan. 4, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mt. Calvary Star Baptist Church, 1725 N. Milton Ave.

For more information call the church at 276-1431.

CUES 6th Annual MLK Breakfast

Churches United For Emergency Services, CUES, is sponsoring its 6th annual prayer breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at St. Bernadine's Harcum Hall, Saturday, Jan. 14, 1989 at 8:30 a.m.

The breakfast's theme will be "We Shall Never Forget." Guest speaker will be Lee Michaels, radio personality and community activist. A donation of $11.00 is requested.

For more information, please call 361-4362.

Revival

The New Shiloh Baptist Church is sponsoring a New Year Revival from Sunday, January 1, 1989, through Thursday, January 5, 1989. Services will start at 7:00 p.m. nightly.

Reverend Frank M. Reid, III, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church will serve as the revivalist.

New Shiloh Baptist Church is located at Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Harold A. Carter is Pastor of New Shiloh.

For more information, contact New Shiloh at 15911 523-5363 or 523-8306.

BLAME

By Theresa Mercer

I could not hear, I could not see,
As long as I blamed,
Understanding was not for me as I blamed;
As long as I blamed, I could not be free,
As long as I blamed, there was no me.

BUILDING

I watched my words,
I watched my ways,
I watched until we shared many good days.

I watched and I watched until friendship grew,
I watched and I watched until love became new.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

Therefore, beloved, let us be prayerful in all we do; For certainly, we want to bring glory to our God and King. Do nothing from selfishness and empty conceit.

Perhaps we could ask ourselves the question, "will the decision I make bring glory to God or is this an attempt for me to bask in self-glory. We have got to check out our motives and make sure they are in line with the Word of God.

And so it is God who said we should not think more highly of—ourselves than we ought. God wants us to be of a humble mind and spirit. He wants us to not always think of ourselves but to consider others.

How we can be a blessing to someone else . . . Somebody said "If I could but help somebody, I know that my living has not been in Vain. Whom have you helped lately?

In order to help others, often we have to deny ourselves. God is not talking about just giving money . . . He is talking about being a servant. He is talking about sacrificing our time . . . giving of our talents . . . Not doing it just to be doing it . . . Not doing it so somebody can pat you on the back. God does not want us to seek the praises of men. He wants us to do all that we do for His glory.

My friend, when you bless others, God blesses you. The pastor may never call your name—You may never receive a thank you card, but know Jesus appreciates you. Oh, how He loves you.—God is proud of you.—

"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;" Philippians 2:3.

Have you ever heard of the "I, Me, My Syndrome?" Our focal verse for today says we are to regard others as more important than ourselves. That means we're going to have to break the "I, Me, My Syndrome" . . . that attitude of always looking out for ourselves and our interests irregardless of the ideas, dreams, and goals of our sisters and brothers.

Does that mean God wants us to stop providing for our family and give all of our groceries to the needy family who lives down the street. Does God want me to pay my neighbor's rent and neglect to pay the rent where I live?. . . Does God want me to volunteer as a math tutor at the community center instead of helping my 14-year-old son who is failing the same subject?. . . .

Well . . . God is not calling us to neglect our family responsibilities and let our own households go wanting.—The Bible says we are to be good stewards over our own household,—over that which God has entrusted to us.

But God is calling us to go a step further. He is calling us to examine our attitudes and motives in our day-to-day living and giving.

Humble yourself in the sight of God and of man, and God will exalt you in due season.

God loves us so much He was willing to give Jesus, His only begotten Son to die on an old rugged cross that we might have the right to the tree of life.

Jesus, Son of the Almighty God . . . who Himself is one with God the Father, humbled Himself and took on the likeness of sinful man. He thought it not robbery to die that we might have life.

My friend, Jesus loves you.