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WBGR: more than just gospel music

Sales Executive Lee Michaels

Brad Rogus (7-12) weekly

(All photos by Ray Gilbert)

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Writer
Part II

Since Feb. 4, 1983, WBGR's programming has been enhanced by the talented Lee Michaels.

His afternoon airing is devoted to the sick and shut-in, to special birthday greetings and talk concerns of the Christian community.

Lee wants the listeners "to feel good and just have fun in the Lord, share a laugh, a chuckle, a smile."

Lee Michaels was the originator of the prison ministry. The loved ones of those incarcerated call the radio station and are placed on the air as they send messages of encouragement to their sons, brothers, husbands, and friends.

Lee told us of how, "I have been blessed to work in an area that I love."

It is rumored that Lee Michaels is headed for the top management as the next sales manager of the all popular WBGR.

Lee is most appreciative for the listening audience who has followed him all the way.

When Lee was moved to sales, Cal Hackett, who had his birthday celebration over the air on his special day Jan. 8, continued the prison ministry.

The traveling announcer, Al Stewart, fills in on airwaves of WBGR. Al is widely known for his caring for the senior citizens, the golden agers.

Al told us of how a promise to his grandmother has helped him to become more and more sensitive to the needs of the elderly.

Al is also an accounts executive for WBGR.

On Sunday afternoons, Henry Sampson is the host who plays songs of inspiration to the WBGR listening audience, and airs the Church ministries that are on his watch.

WBGR has brought forth a mighty working team to openly meet the needs of the Baltimore community and it's surrounding areas.

Al Stewart Traveling announcer, account executive

Cal Hackett Assistant program director

Minister of the Week

Gospel Life & Power Ministries

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
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Gospel Life and Power Ministries, located 4905 Liberty Heights Ave. is pastored by Rev. Powell Lawson.

Pastor Lawson, originally from Sumpter, S.C., came to Baltimore in the latter part of 1971.

For ten years, Pastor Lawson worked in the ministry evangelizing wherever God placed him. The Gospel Life and Power Ministries was born two and a half years ago.

"The ministry that the Lord has called us to, is to reach and touch hurting people, people who have various needs in their lives. Our desire in this calling is to strengthen and build the people of God.

"The reason for this is, I believe God is calling us as a church back to the basics because this is the reason Christ died for the lost and those hurting.

Gospel Life's works call can be found in Matthew 25:35 & 36. Jesus said, "For when I was hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me."

Juanita Lawson and Pastors Powell Lawson

Pastor Lawson, a strong man in the Lord shared his feeling with us.

"I believe our Lord must grieve as He looks upon the lives of this people here in the United States.

"We spend so much money on our comfort and our places of worship that we have nothing left to give God's people, the church suffering throughout the world.

"Whatever happened to the collection for God's people in need set forth as our example throughout the New Testament by the Apostles and the Lord himself? We have failed our Lord by failing to help his people.

"Even here in America our Black brothers struggle alone in despair of the inner city and we stand back detached and indifferent making little or no effort to help.

"God helps us to change and turn from our wicked ways. We are our brothers' keeper."

Pastor Lawson continued to say, "Jesus prayed that we would be brought to complete unity to let the world know that the Father had sent Him and loved us even as He loved His one and only son Jesus."

John 17:23: "I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as Thou hast loved me."

God has so generously given His only Begotten Son, Christ Jesus that each and every one of us would be one in him. To teach and encourage family wholeness in Christ Jesus, Gospel Life is planning a Sweetheart Banquet on Friday the 16th of February.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

Oak Street AME Church

Gospel Concert will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at Oak Street AME Church, 2311 N. Howard St. as a kickoff and benefit for Women's Day. The musical extravaganza features The Voices of Victory, Kenny Davis and the Melodyaires, The Maryland Allstars and The Gospel Revelators. Rev. Vashti McKenzie is pastor. For more information, call 235-6908 or 728-3612.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Observing theme, "Women...Upholding One Another Through Spiritual Growth and Fellowship," St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will host Gospel Concert, Sunday, Jan. 21 at 3:30 p.m. Special guest performers are The Three G's of Lewin United Methodist Church. Concert will be held at church, 101 Avon Beach Road, Turners Station.

Youth Rally is scheduled at the church, Saturday, Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. until. Special guests are 4th Dimensions, Full Effect and Surprise Special Guest. There will be dancing, gospel selections, rap music and refreshments. Rev. Herbert W. Watson, Jr. is pastor. Call 285-4466.

Union Baptist Church

The Cultural Arts Committee of Union Baptist Church invites all to attend an organ recital featuring the dynamic young Mickey Thomas Terry of Washington, D.C., Sunday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. Event held at church located 1219 Druid Hill Ave. Rev. Vernon N. Dobson is pastor. For further information, call 523-6880.

Fountain Baptist Church

Fountain Baptist Church will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Herman A. Ford, Sr. Celebration will commence with pre-anniversary worship services held at the church, 1215 E. Monument St., Wednesday, Jan. 31 through Friday, Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Services will conclude the week's activities on Feb. 4 with 11 a.m. worship service by assistant, Rev. Marvin McFadden and a 7 p.m. banquet at the Forum. Call 675-1372.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Phillipians 4:6

My friend, be not anxious today, but trust thou only in God. For our God is able to work out whatever circumstance you're faced with today . . . He's able to bring peace in the midst of the storms in your life . . . He's able to calm the raging seas . . . There is no problem that is too big for God. Believe God to work a miracle in your life to do. Not only is He able, but, hallelujah! He is willing.

The Bible says that we are to be careful for nothing. That is, don't spend your time wondering and worrying about how the outcome of your circumstances is going to be. Beloved, don't be fearful and fretful about tomorrow. For God holds tomorrow in His hands. He already knows the outcome of every situation . . . He's already taken into account how the situation can be worked to your good. The Lord knows just how much we can bear. We must put our confidence in God . . . We must trust God . . . deep down on the inside, we've got to know that everything is going to work out alright.

But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. My friend, whatever it is, take it to the Lord in prayer. Jesus cares for you. A song writer said, What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear . . . We should never be discouraged . . . take it to the Lord in prayer. Beloved, cast all of your cares upon God, for He cares for you.

Prayer changes things. It is in the sweet fellowship of divine communion with God that He speaks and ministers back to us in the midst of our loneliness . . . in the midst of our pain . . . in the mist of our confusion. Oh, how wonderful it is to have a talk with Jesus and tell Him all about our problems. Oh, how wonderful it is to sense that God is near and that His loving presence is all around us and even on the inside . . . filling us with His peace . . . His joy . . . His happiness.

Whatever you're going through, give it to the Lord. He wants you to commit your every care and concern to Him. But on your praying, don't forget to give God the praise. Don't forget to thank Him . . . Don't forget that He inhabits the praises of His people. Praise turns God on.

Beloved, when you pray, pray believing that God is already moving on your behalf . . . that He's already making a way out of no way . . . that He's already working it out. When you put your trust in God . . . when you know that He can do all things but fail . . . you can thank Him in the midnight hour; for you know that joy is gonna come in the morning. You may not know where the rent money is coming from, but you can say thank you Lord, I know my blessing is on the way . . . For the Bible says, I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor His seed begging for bread. In hard times, you can say, Thank you Lord; for I know that my Redeemer lives. You can say thank you Lord. . . for I know that everything is gonna be alright.

Hallelujah! I get happy when I think about the goodness of Jesus . . . I get happy when I think about His love and His power and might . . . I get happy when I think about who I am and who God is . . . I get happy when I think about who I am in Christ Jesus.

Beloved, rejoice and be exceedingly glad. The Lord . . . The Lord . . . The Lord is gonna make everything alright. Won't you give Him a praise offering right now, Hallelujah! Oh, how Jesus loves you.