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Saturday, February 17, 1990

St. John AME holds Super Family Sunday

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Writer

In a salute to Black History Month, St. John AME Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., celebrated its first Super Family Sunday, Feb. 11.

The Super Sunday School Hour began at 9:45. Original essays were shared in Sunday School on the theme, "What My Family Means To Me."

The 11:00 a.m. service was filled to capacity when St. John's newly assigned Pastor, Maurice T. Wilson, delivered a soul-stirring message, "Bring Our Families Together."

At 2:30 an Open Forum on the Black Male was held. Panelists included Dr. Maurice St. Pierrer, Associate Professor of Sociology, Morgan State University and Black family researcher:

Mr. Rodney Smith, a young newly-wed, Mr. Darlington Richards, an international corporate lawyer, husband and father:

Mr. Aaron Clark, father of two sons, one of whom-Joe - recently received a four year scholarship to Morehouse College, and Dr. Henrietta Hestick, psychologist for the Maryland Correctional system.

All of the panelist are members of St. Johns AME.

The highlight of Super Family Sunday came at 4:00 p.m. when 50 African American men of Distinction were honored for their contributions to their churches and to the community at large.

A citation of recognition was presented to each honoree from Mayor Kurt Schmoke. St. John AME Church also presented these Men of Distinction with a certificate of recognition.

Mr. David Brown, News Director for radio station WBGR, presided. Former Congressman Parren J. Mitchell, in this keynote address, charged the men to continue to be models of ebony excellent despite the many difficulties and setbacks they face.

"MEN OF DISTINCTION"

Richard Boynton — Teacher of Matthew Henson Elementary School; mentor and role model for young African American males.

Hilton Bostick — Community activist, organizer, leader in the Oliver Community Association.

Alexander Bostick — Father, grandfather, community leader, a friend to the needy, member of Southern Baptist Church for over 40 years.

Rodney Bulls — Young innovator, motivator and leader of African-American youth groups; cofounder of Black to Basics.

Lyle Grandison — Advocate, mentor, tutor, founder of Black to Basics for City youth.

Wayman Henry — Church Worker, community volunteer, public servant.

Charles Robinson — Retired Athletic director, teacher, counselor, father, grandfather and leader of young men.

Orlando Barnes — Church worker, servant to the needy and the elderly, humanitarian.

Julius Brockington — Musician, producer, community worker, promoter of drug-free program for youth.

David Brown — Reporter, journalist, community activist, youth advocate.

George Arnold — Church worker, public servant, humanitarian.

George Rice — Teacher, minister, community leader, mentor to youth of the community.

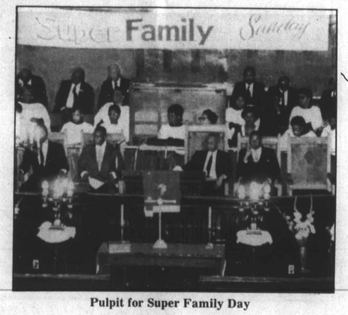
Harion Scott — Minister of music; dedicated church worker, role model and mentor for youth.

Herbert Brown — Minister of music; dedicated church worker; mental health specialist; mentor for young adults; committed to community service and outreach.

Morris L. Smith — Teacher; counselor developer of drug-free program for teens.

William Britt — Newsanchor; mentor volunteer for youth project; community worker.

Judge Milton B. Allen — Retired Judge Circuit Court Baltimore City; first Black State's Attorney - USA; organized first Black law firm in Baltimore City.



Pulpit for Super Family Day

Dr. Darrell M. Gray — Physician; outstanding worker at Sharon Baptist Church; Executive Director of Constance Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund; numerous city activities and community service.

Oscar Jobe — Principal Lake Clifton Senior High; community leader, mentor, role model for Black males.

Carlton L. Epps — Churchworker, mentor, role model for youth. Teacher Lake Clifton High School; organizer, counselor, youth vocational training program.

St. John's A.M.E. Church

Ralph Sykes — Usher, Youth Leadership Council Member St. John; outstanding Chef at St. John.

Hawthorne Rice — Outstanding christian worker; ordained Deacon Good Tidings Baptist Church; always puts God first in his life.

William Brent — Outreach; Trustee St. John; Choir Member, President J. R. Coasey Brotherhood.

Gerod Oliver — Father for entire family; cares for 81-year-old mother.

Alvin White, Jr. — Stewart, Youth Leadership St. John, Coordinator YPD Master Deb. Cotillion; outstanding community worker.

Theodore Rice — Treasurer, Trustee, Choir Member, Youth Leadership Council of St. John A.M.E. Church.

Theodore Hayes — Outreach, Choir Member, Youth Leadership Council, Helper to all organizations St. John A.M.E. Church.

George Douglas — Outreach, Choir Member for 75 years St. John A.M.E. Church.

Mack B. Simpson, Jr. — Retired educator; Businessman, Chairman Trustee Board St. John A.M.E. Church.

Dr. A. Paul Moss — Educator; executive director emeritus YMCA Greater Baltimore.

James A. Green — Music Teacher and Choir Director Forest Park High Director; Composer, mentor to students.

Dr. Gilbert Daley — Coppin State College Professor; founder Coppin Drama Dept; motiver and catalyst for development of humans; innovator and advocate for Black youths and young adults.

Dr. Nathan Carter — Conductor Morgan State University Choir; Chairperson Dept. Fine Arts; M.S.U. Performing Arts Series; outstanding in community service.

Leroy Nichols — Grand United Order Oddfellows; outstanding community service Baltimore Hall Association; fundraiser for scholarships.

James Miller — Outstanding Carpenter (responsible for renovation of lower auditorium of St. John A.M.E. Church; former Choir member.

Joseph Russ — Humanitarian; reached out to Dukeland Nursing residents to provide services to those in time of need.

Joseph Brown — Humanitarian in South Baltimore; Outstanding worker Ebenezer A.M.E. Church.

Maxie D. Collier — Publisher of "Black Reflections" a magazine for todays Black American.

Maryol Collier — Publisher of "Black Reflections" a magazine for todays Blacks American.

Zaitrarrio Collier — Publisher of "Black Reflections" a magazine for today's Black American.

Joseph Haskins, Jr. — President Harbor Bank of Maryland; Member/Treasurer Associated Black Charities; numerous community activities.

Lloyd Bowser — Civil servant; Chair-Business Occupations for Baltimore City Public Schools; member — Special Task Force for education Baltimore City.

Dr. Earl Richardson — President Morgan State University; outstanding community service.

Dr. W. O. Bryson, Jr. — Retired educator; founded the School of Business - 1937 Morgan State College; President Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Elmer Dashiell — Businessman (Eastern Shore); outstanding church and community service; helped youth and elderly in time of need.

Rev. Charles Williams — Ordained Minister who has dedicated his life to God, his family and community; loves preaching, singing, and music.

Joseph Yates, Sr. — Educator; realtor, counselor, mentor to young Blacks.

Joseph Clark — Outstanding student, inspiring orator, religious leader St. John A.M.E. Church.

Thomas Johnson — Church musician, electrician, community worker, leader of youth groups.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

Douglas Memorial Community Church

Douglas Memorial Community Church, Lafayette & Madison Aves. will hold its 65th Annual Founders Day, Sunday, Feb. 18, services beginning at 11 a.m. Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, distinguished assistant provost at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County is speaker. Call 523-1700.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church

Observing the theme, "Women ... Upholding one another through spiritual growth and fellowship," St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 101 Avon Beach Road will hold concert Sunday, Feb. 18 for benefit of Annual Women's Day celebration. Special guest performers are the Woodland Senior High School Choir. Call 285-4466.

Mt. Zion AME Church

Rev. Mark Nolan and Bro. Elemer Miller will speak on "Heart to Heart," at Mt. Zion AME Church, 12726 Manor Road, Long Green, MD, Sunday, Feb. 18 at 3 p.m. for benefit of Women's Day.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20 the church will hold Pancake Supper. All are invited. Rev. Theodore McPherson is pastor. Call 592-6039.

Trinity Baptist Church

Trinity Baptist Church will hold its Annual Christian Education Institute beginning Monday, Feb. 19 through Friday, Feb. 23 at 6:45 p.m. nightly. Featured guest will be Dr. Dale Moody, renowned biblical scholar and minister of Louisville, KY. Classes will also be offered for teens and children. The church is located at 1601 Druid Hill Ave. Call 728-0797.

Shiloh Christian Community Church

On Sunday, Feb. 25, members and friends of Shiloh Christian Community Church located at 2500 West Lombard St. will celebrate the First Anniversary of the "Tuesday Seniors" Ministry of the church. Guest speaker for 11 a.m. service is Rev. David Mitchell and at 3:30 p.m., Rev. Jimmy C. Baldwin, pastor of the church, will speak. Call 945-9779.

Jubinettes Gospel Singers

On Sunday, Feb. 25, Christ Temple Church will celebrate the first services of the Jubinettes Gospel Singers featuring the Stars of Faith, Joy Singers, Jubineers, Keys of Faith and other special guests from Washington, DC. This celebration will take place at the church located, 2117 Pennsylvania Ave., 4 p.m. Call 358-9837.

Sharon Baptist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 p.m., a capacity crowd is expected at Sharon Baptist Church, Stricker and Presstman Sts to observe the 24th Annual Musical sponsored by the Constance Moore Memorial Scholarship Committee. Presented in concert is "The Voices of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Choir." Mr. Ulysses G. Moye is director of the choir and Dr. Clifford M. Johnson is pastor of Mt. Pleasant. Call 669-6667.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Phillipians 1:6

My friend, God wants to work a perfect work in your life. But isn't it good to know that God is not through with you yet. Yes, God is still making us and shaping us into the image of Jesus the Christ.

He's still taking away bad habits and giving us new desires . . . He's still building us up where we were torn town . . . He's still teaching us how to live a holy life that is pleasing in His sight . . . He's still moving us to higher heights and deeper depths in Him. The Lord is working a perfect work on you.

A songwriter said, I'm sometimes up and sometimes down . . . almost level to the ground. Have you ever felt like you were on a spiritual roller coaster . . . going up and down? Have you ever experienced going through a long and lonely valley during your Christian journey? Can you relate to being in a wilderness, where it seemed like the roads were long and dark . . . and there were stumbling blocks and pitfalls all round you?

Well . . . if you've ever had to cry in the midnight hour . . . if you've ever experienced the feeling of being alone while in the midst of a crowd . . . if you've ever felt like just throwing up your hands and saying, what's the use. . . .

God wants you to know that there is a bright side somewhere. The Bible says weeping may endure for a

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