THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

GIANT — THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

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

Gwaltney, Mild or Hot
Sausage Meat
1-lb. pkg. 99¢

USDA Grade A Fresh Chicken
Leg Quarters
With Back Portion
lb. 59¢

Whole, 18 to 30 lbs.
Boneless Beef Bottom Rounds
Can Be Custom Cut at No Extra Charge
Giant Lean lb. 1.69
USDA Choice lb. 1.89

Perdue Fresh Chicken
Leg Quarters lb. 69¢

Fresh Florida
Loose Tomatoes
lb. 69¢

California Sunkist (113 Size)
Navel Oranges
Sunkist bag of 10 1.49

Patio
Beef 'n Bean Britos
Mild, Medium, Hot or Nacho Cheese
7.25-oz. pkg. 99¢

Prego Plain, Meat or Mushroom
Spaghetti Sauce
No Salt Added, 30.75-oz. jar
31.75-oz. jar 1.29

Spaghetti, Spaghettini or Capellini
Giant Spaghetti
2 16-oz. boxes $1

Your Choice
RC, Diet Rite or Cherry RC
6-pack 16-oz. NR bots. 1.49

1/2 PRICE SPECIALS

Glad Food
Storage Bags
Reg. 1.99
99¢ box of 75

Louis Rich
Turkey Kielbasa
Reg. 2.69
1.34 1-lb. pkg.

Giant Hearty Grain
Granola Bread
Reg. 99¢
49¢ 1-lb. loaf

Assorted Varieties
Lipton Cup-a-Soup
Reg. 99¢
49¢ 21-oz. box

Tablets
Giant Ibuprofen
Reg. 1.99
99¢ box of 24

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THE LIVING CHURCH

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Music Ministry: A lifetime dedication

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Correspondent

The ministry of music is one of the most challenging ministries of our churches. It takes more than just getting up to voice a song.

It takes the dedication and patience of the director, musician, and choir members operating with one accord, to bring forth a certain level of freedom to the congregation.

Most people only go to church on Sundays. By the time they get to church, they have been weighted down by their week's activities and obstacles.

Feeling good, bad, or indifferent, church goers expect a certain level of joy, peace and fulfillment from their worship service.

The music ministry is the key to helping the people achieve a level of comfort giving them an opportunity to clear their minds and relax their hearts so that they can receive the taught or preached word of God.

In the ministry of music, the words sung reinforces the preached word. The choir, as any auxiliary in the church, has a influx of people. People come and people go.

How hard it must be on the choir's musicians to become adjusted to the different personalities and mood swings of it's members, to have your chosen music taught to a level of satisfaction; and then, the members for what ever reason begin to shift, always having to train and retrain?

How must if feel knowing God has set you over the services to administer to his people through the musical word?

Mrs. Celia McLeod of Faith Baptist Church, located at the corner of Bond Street and Ashland Ave. has been the church Minister of Music for some 40 long years.

Mrs. McLeod was a musician at Faith for 10 years prior to that. So she has a total of 50 years in music at the same church.

Just think how hard it is for some people to go to church every Sunday for a year. Mrs. McLeod has proven herself to be steadfast.

As Faith's Minister of Music, much of her time is spent gathering music, selecting what she is to teach and practicing the selected music before she even begins to teach her choirs.

Presently Mrs. McLeod has five choirs under her ministry. Always seeking improvement for herself and Faith's choir, Mrs. McLeod has for the past 28 years been attending the Minister's Conference, Choir Directors and Organist Guild of Hampton University of Virginia.

In the early to mid 1960's, Mrs. McLeod was recognized as a hard worker for the conference and was eventually voted into their four top positions, from 3rd Vice President to President of the Music Ministry.

To become a qualified teacher in the Baltimore School System years ago, one had to have at least a basic knowledge of music and the church musicians were the support system for many teachers who needed that portion of training.

Mrs. McLeod used her gift to be a help during that time.

Today there is a shortage of dedicated musicians for the churches, but thanks to who were willing to share their gifts, the situation is not as critical as it could be.

Some of her students who have and are using their talents for the Lord are: the late Gloria Stills, Webster Lewis, Robert Faling, Alvin Cannon, Linda Hardley and the Milburne Brothers.

On Jan. 7, Mrs. McLeod co-ministered with Mrs. T. Silvers at the Women's Auxiliary of the United Baptist Convention of Maryland.

The prayer breakfast originated in the church 28 years ago and has always been held on the first Saturday of the new year.

The fellowship was a

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MRS. CECILIA McLEOD—At the keyboard during the program.

MRS. BESSIE MASON — Delivers the meditative thought selection.

VOCALS — Were provided by the Mason Trio, Carrie Jones, Betty L. Johnson and Daisy Gillard.

St. Gregory's choir goes over big in St. Thomas and St. Croix, V.I.

Last year, the pastor of the Church of Saint Gregory the Great, Father Damien Napela and 84 others flew to the Virgin Islands to visit Father Sean O'Molley and his parish, the St. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

While visiting, the St. Gregory's Choir was invited to sing in a worship service.

Carleen Keboe who works for Austin Advertising was part of the congregation that day and was very impressed with the Saving Grace Gospel Choir from St. Gregory.

After their performance, Carleen invited the S.G.G. Choir to return to the islands for their Kentucky Fried Chicken Contest.

Charles G. Tilden took 28 members of the Saving Grace Gospel Choir and returned to the Virgin Islands along with Father Damien.

Last December, the choir was the guest psalmist for the Kentucky Fried Chicken Contest, whose theme was "Joyful Noise Gospel Concert '88," on the island of St. Thomas, V.I. at the Church of God of Prophecy.

And again on the Island of St. Croix at the Saving Grace Gospel of St. Croix.

The choir is directed by Fernando Allen and Mrs. Betty Harris. It was tremendously received and we are looking forward to future performances," states Father Damien Napela of St. Gregory.

For those of us who did not go to the Virgin Islands, the same concert will be held on Feb. 5, 1989 at 4 p.m., at the Church of Saint Gregory the Great, 1542 North Gilmor St. For inquiries please call 523-0061.

THE SAVING GRACE GOSPEL CHOIR of St. Gregory The Great Church will travel to St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands as the guest choir at "A Joyful Noise Gospel Concert '88." They have been invited to perform along with the finalists in the Kentucky Fried Chicken Gospel Concert. Performances will be at the Reickhold Center, December 2, in St. Thomas, and at the Island Center, December 4, in St. Croix. Additionally they will sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in St. Thomas on December 4. This mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sean O'Malley and will be televised to all the Virgin Islands. The choir is directed by Mr. Fernando Allen with Mrs. Betty Harris as co-director and lead vocalist. The concert will benefit the United Negro College Fund.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"I am the good shepherd; and I Know My own, and My own know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I knew the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep." John 10:14-15.

Isn't it wonderful to know that somebody cares about you? My friend, Jesus cares about you. He is intimately concerned about everything concerning you. The Bible says that He come that we might have life and that more abundantly. Beloved, God cares.

Let us take time to reflect upon the goodness of our Lord; for every once in a while, we have to just pull away from all of our cares and thought . . . from everything that has our attention at present . . . and just center in one Jesus.

A song writer said, "When I think of the goodness of Jesus . . . and all He has done for me . . . my soul cries out, hallelijah! I praise God for saving me." Is that your testimony today?

Look at where the Lord has brought you from. He's brought some of us through the storms of life . . . when we didn't know whether we were coming or going . . . when it seemed like all around us was darkness and despair . . . when it seemed like nobody loved us or cared about us . . . when we didn't have any hope for tomorrow . . . But the Lord has brought us through the storms of life.

If it had not been for the Lord on our side, some of us would be in jail right now. . . If it had not been for the Lord on our side . . . some of us would be all messed up . . . we'd be on our way to hell. But I'm so glad that I can remember where the Lord found me when He saved my soul.

And when I think about his goodness, my soul cries out hallelujah.

And Jesus says of himself, "I am the good shepherd."

A shepherd is one who attends sheep. He cares for them. Because He cares for His sheep, he does all that He does not out of a sense of duty, but because He delights to do it. . . . It is his good pleasure to take care of his sheep.

Jesus is pleased to take care of us. The Bible says that we are the sheep of His pasture. The Psalmist David said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

My friend, there is absolutely no reason for us to want . . . for the Lord is our shepherd. Yes, He will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory. Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God, and all His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

Beloved, have faith in God. Trust Jesus to feed you with manna from on high. He wants to fill your life with His love . . . with His peace . . . with His joy. The Lord is good, and His mercies are from everlasting to everlasting.

Not only does a shepherd feed His flock, but he protects

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