AREA OBITUARIES

Edith Eleanor Rawls

Services for Edith Eleanor Rawls were 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at the Lewis T. Gwynn Funeral Home. She died Jan. 20 after suffering from a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Rawls, 62, was a homemaker.

The Frederick Douglass High School graduate was known for lending a helping hand to a needy person.

She is survived by her two daughters, Shirley Fowlkes and Sandra Williams; two sons, Bernard Handy and Norman Carter; sister, Bernadine Harrell; brother, Elmer Trusty; uncle, Ernest Smith; 12 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, one son-in-law, one daughter-in-law, two nieces, six nephews, 13 great nieces, seven great nephews, three dear friends, Myrtle Noble, Geraldine Wainwright and Janice Jones and a host of other relatives.

Samuel Lorenzo Conaway

Services for Samuel Lorenzo Conaway, a Bethlehem Steel Co. retiree, were 11 a.m. Jan 27 at the Israel Baptist Church on Chester and Preston Streets. He died Jan. 23 at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Conaway, 77, joined Bethlehem Steel after receiving a discharge from the U.S. Army. Before his military service, he was a longshoreman.

The native of Burgess, Va. came to Baltimore and married Clarice Harding in May 1935.

While in Virginia, he attended Northumberland County schools and the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Later on, Mr. Conaway became a commercial fisherman in Virginia.

The sports enthusiast was son to Levi and Ardelia P. Conaway.

Mr. Conaway is survived by his wife, Clarice; mother, Ardelia; two brothers, William and Bernard; two sisters-in-law; one aunt and a host of other relatives.

Ronald Cooper

Services took place for Ronald Cooper, January 26 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Ambrose Church.

Ronald Cooper was born November 15, 1949 to Evelyn Cooper and Benjamin Cooper. He received his education in Baltimore City Public Schools, and he served in the United States Army.

He leaves to mourn his mother, Evelyn Cooper; seven sisters, Yvonne, Sharon, Sandra, Jacqueline, Carolyn, Deborah and Pamela; five brothers, Charles, Steven, Wayne, Tywin and Gregory;

Brother-in-law, Gerard McLean; fifteen nieces, seven nephews, three great nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Helen Elizabeth Wright

Services for Helen Elizabeth Wright, a local community worker, were 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the New Life Missionary Baptist Church on North Bond Street. She died Jan. 18 after a long illness. She was 56.

Mrs. Wright, of Point Clear, Ala., came to Baltimore in 1968 where she later became secretary for the Eastern District Community Relations Council and was honored with awards for her community work.

She also worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 23 years.

When Mrs. Wright came to Baltimore she joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church and became a member of its senior usher board.

The daughter of Justine M. and Samuel McMillan, Sr. (now deceased) married David E. Wright, Sr. and the couple had five children-two sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her mother, Justine McMillan of Rosedale, N.Y.; sons, Samuel Wright, of Minnesota and David E. Wright, Jr., of Baltimore; daughters, Harriet M. Young, Davida L. Wright, of Baltimore and Marlene R. Glover, of Miesau, West Germany; two-daughters-in-law, one son-in-law, six sisters, four brothers-in-law, eight grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Blanche Virginia Cornick

Blanche Virginia Cornick Stancil, beloved wife of Rev. Oscar Stancil, pastor-emeritus of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, died Tuesday, February 7, at 9:00 p.m.

She was born in Norfolk, Virginia October 12, 1900 to the parents of Edward and Mary Cornick.

A devoted and supportive wife of 69 years, Blanche Cornick Stancil has been instrumental in the successful ministry of Rev. Stancil and leadership ability in the Mother's Club of East Baltimore, the United Baptist Missionary Convention and the Maryland Baptist Convention.

Blanche Stancil leaves to mourn her devoted husband of 69 years, the Rev. Oscar Stancil. She is the mother of Theresa Bailey, the late Bishop Edward Stancil;

The late Evangelist Margie Grice, Pearl Woingust, Delores Stith, Rev. Geraldine James. Rev. Shirley Carrington and Dr. Gerald M. Stancil;

Her adopted children are Leo and John Cherry and the late Calvin Ellis and William Ellis.

She is survived by a loyal sister-in-law, Mildred Gittings; her only sister, Magdelene Harper of Portsmouth, Virginia; her only brother, Clarence Cornick; also the late Thomas Cornick.

There are 36 grandchildren, 100 great-grandchildren and 25 great-great-grandchildren.

Anita Louise Hebron

Funeral services were held Jan. 27 for Mrs. Anita Louise Hebron at Springfield Baptist Church with the Rev. L.B. Jones officiating.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Allen, George W. Brown, Raymond Jackson, Michael Macon, Jackie Mims and Jeff Washington.

Mrs. Hebron was born and raised in Washington, DC. After graduating from Margaret Murray Washington Vocational High School, she married Laurence E. Hebron in January 1955

She is survived by her children, Michael Eugene Hebron, Regina Anita Hebron, Robyn Diane Hebron and Cynthia Irene Hebron-Macon; a son-in-law, Michael A. Macon; her mother, Helen I. Chavis; a sister, Letitia A. Winfield; brothers, Williams H. Chavis and Ronald B. Gray; four nieces; two nephew; aunts, cousins and a host of friends.

Interment, arranged by Marshall's Funeral Home, was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery.

Sheldon Langford Dix

Services took place for Sheldon Langford Dix, January 23, 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Sheldon Langford Dix was born October 22, 1957, to Pauline Garrison Curtis and Stewart L. Dix. He attended the Baltimore City Public Schools and graduated with honors from Walbrook Senior High School.

He leaves to mourn: his father, Stewart L. Dix; three sisters, Hilda, Caroline and Beverly; three brothers, Anthony, Philip and John; a stepfather, Mitchell Curtis;

A devoted friend, Bernice Barrett and children, Eric, Pierre and Gineva and a host of relatives and friends.

Black Church Directory

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL

ADAMS CHAPEL AME
3811 Egerton Rd.
542-6200

BETHEL AME CHURCH
1300 Druid Hill Ave.
523-4273

DAVIS MEMORIAL AME
2409 Roslyn Avenue
664-0106

EBENEZER AME CHURCH
20 W. Montgomery St.
783-0190

GAINES AME CHURCH
7134 Montgomery Rd. Laurel
796-8530

OAK ST. AME CHURCH INC.
2311 N. Howard Street
235-6908

ST. JOHN'S AME CHURCH
810 N. Carrollton Ave.
728-9740

WATERS AME CHURCH
Church Office 417 Aisquith St.
675-2640

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION

JOHN WESLEY AME ZION CHURCH
1923 Ashland Ave.
732-7020

PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION
1124 Pennsylvania Ave.
728-7416

APOSTOLIC

FIRST APOSTOLIC FAITH
25 S. Caroline Street
327-1181

PRAYER CHAPEL
Highway Church of Christ
1752 N. Gay Street
Rev. J. Sanders,
Pastor

FULL GOSPEL TRUE MISSION
2001 E. Barkley Street
235-3110

BETHEL TEMPLE
Highway Church of Christ
3413 Hayward Avenue
Bishop R. Evans,
Pastor

BAPTIST

BROWN'S MEMORIAL
3215 W. Belvedere Ave.
542-5700

FAITH BAPTIST
833 N. Bond
732-0389

CONCORD BAPTIST
5204 Liberty Heights Ave.
367-1117

EBENEZER BAPTIST
306 E. 23rd St.
235-6930

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST
1801 E. Preston St.
675-9679

THE CITY TEMPLE OF BALTIMORE
Eutaw Pl. & Dolphin St.
Grady Yeargin, Jr., Pastor
462-4802

MT. LEBANON BAPTIST
2812 Reisterstown Road
669-1800

NEW SHILOH BAPTIST
823 W. Lanvale St.
523-5306

SHARON BAPTIST
Stricker & Presstman
669-9749

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
1701 N. Chester St.
732-8566

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF YALE HEIGHTS
620 South Beachfield Ave.
Rev. Tyrone Girffin

NEW PSALMIST BAPTIST
100 W. Franklin St.
837-4616

MORNING STAR BAPTIST
1063 West Fayette St.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
2035 W. Baltimore St.
Dr. M. J. Brackett, Pastor
233-8558 233-8559

GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST
1617 W. Saratoga St.

ENON BAPTIST
601 N. Schroeder Street 21217

MT. HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
1716 Gwynns Falls Parkway
Dr. Christopher A. Hill, Jr.

CATHOLIC

ALL SAINTS
Liberty Heights & Eldorado Ave.
542-0445

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Liberty Heights & Edgewood Road
542-7117

ST. AMBROSE
4502 Park Heights Ave.
367-9918

ST. ANN'S
2201 Greenmount Ave.
235-5566

ST. BERNADINE
Edmondson Ave. & Mt. Holly St.
362-8664

ST. CECILIA
Windsor Ave. & Hilton Street
624-3600

ST. EDWARD
Poplar Grove & Prospect Streets
362-2000

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Caroline & Oliver Streets
727-3103

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
1542 N. Gilmor Street
523-0061

ST. JAMES & ST. JOHN
Aisquith & Eager Streets
342-3224

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

CARTER MEMORIAL — CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
745 W. Fayette Street
752-6123; 367-1213

DOSWELL CATHEDRAL — CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
520 Whitmore Ave.
233-8580; 947-1608

GATEWAY TO HEAVEN CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Old Mill & Logan Road
Pasadena, Md.
255-8635

MARYLAND CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
5100 Denmore Avenue
367-2768

EMANUEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
2880 Hillen Road
Baltimore, Maryland
Rev. Joel Lyles

EPISCOPAL

CHURCH OF THE HOLY COVENANT
560 N. Broadway
342-0731

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
2300 W. Lafayette Street
945-0002

CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
Presstman & Division Streets
523-2207

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
3121 Walbrook Ave.
383-1575

HOLY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
3809 Egerton Road
542-9877

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1005 W. Lafayette Street
523-4588

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GRACE AME CHURCH
67 Winters Lane
744-9478

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823 Edmondson Ave.
744-4451

UNITED METHODIST

AMES MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST
615 Baker St.
523-5556

GARRISON BOULEVARD
2506-08 Garrison Blvd.
542-9543

United Methodist
Mt. Winans U.M. Church
2501 Hollins Ferry Road

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST
Chase and Washington Streets
732-5600

SHARP STREET METHODIST
1206 Etting Street
523-7200

METROPOLITAN UNITED METHODIST
Lanvale & Carrollton

UNION MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2500 Harlem Avenue
Rev. James S. Webb, Jr.
945-2723

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HERITAGE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
3106 Liberty Heights Ave.
542-1204

HUBER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
The Alameda & 29th Street
235-2672

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
3033 E. Baltimore St.
675-0905

NONDENOMINATIONAL

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL
Madison & Lafayette
523-1700

LOVE & PEACE TEMPLE
United Holy Church
1704 W. North Ave.

NEW EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
3900 Maine Ave.

Christian Faith Spiritual Church
255 N. Monroe Street
265-7610

CHURCH OF GOD

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. Baltimore St.

Expressions

By Rev. William S. Anderson

It's sad to think that there are yet some white theologians who actually believe that blackness is curse. Sadder, however, is the fact, that there are some black church-going people who believe the same thing.

I'm appalled when I think about these people, some of which are in positions to influence what many others will eventually believe, thus extending the vicious cycle of racism, and hatred toward one another (black and white folk) for many years to come.

Granted, we've had our share of problems, but curse! Sure, we have (as black Americans been subjected to much hardship and pain).

We have been forced to do many things to each other that are far beyond the scope of what civilized society would deem acceptable.

Our mortality rate among babies is almost twice that of whites. We — our black soldiers — died in disproportionate numbers during the Vietnam War.

We kill more of each other than any other race of people in America, but cursed, I will not accept. God loves us.

Some narrow-minded (very narrow-minded) and devious theologians perpetuated the thought of blackness being a curse in their confusion to "rightly divide the word of truth."

They confuse the curse put on the Canaanites, not the black race.

The Bible teaches us that all modern people are descendants of Noah — if the Bible is true — and it is. In fact it is the inerrant, inspired word of God! There is no mistake anywhere in its contents.

Noah, having found favor with God, was allowed by God to go into an Ark and escape the world-wide flood that once covered the earth.

Noah and his family were the only humans to escape this great flood, so, it stands true that all modern peoples — like it or not — descended from Noah. We don't know what color he was; the Bible doesn't tell us that.

But some people, those who are trying to preserve racism, refuse to take the Bible at its word. In other words, if there is something they like, OK, they'll take it.

But on the other hand, if there is something they don't like, if there is a doctrine that teaches racial equality, they have grave problems with it. So, it becomes obvious that such is the case with those who say that the curse put on the Canaanites is referring to the black race.

As long as this type of thinking is present among those who teach in the Seminaries of this country; in the Institutes of this country, there will be problems that lead to separation in worship toward the Creator.

In examining the Bible closely, you will note that all variation in color occurred after the flood. People adapted to climatic conditions and thus their skin color was formed.

The truth is this: blacks are descendants of Ham, who was a son of Noah. From Ham came the Africans and Asians, and some of the Asians had very light skin, discounting again, what racist theologians claim — blackness is result of the curse.

Canaan was a son of Ham who saw his grandfather Noah drunk and made mockery of him. As a result, judgment was pronounced on the line of Canaan, the Canaanites.

Moreover, a detailed study of the Bible Book of Genesis, we can conclude that the pronouncement of judgment was prophetic, that is, it would affect the Canaanites for their un-godly practices, not because of any other condition.

The black race is no more cursed than any other race. In fact, we have fared far better than most any other race of people whose subjection to adversity comes anywhere close to ours.

We have been, and continue to be a courageous people. We continue to do more with less, so much with hardly anything, that now — through the understanding of God's Word — we can do anything that is within the scope and power of God's Will.

In God's sight, we are no more cursed, no different than any other race of people. He created all people and He loves us all. The Bible says: He doesn't want any of His people to perish. **What comforting words!**

Noah's other sons, Japheth descended the Europeans while Shem desceneded the peoples of the Near East. All God's people, yes. Different in God's sight, no.

I hope those who perpetuate such false doctrine would take a closer look at what the Bible really says, for all our sakes.

BISHOP DESMOND TUTU (LEFT), South Africa anti-apartheid leader and laureate of the Nobel Peace Prize, was honored by New York's Stephen Wise Synagogue as the "personification of the spiritual man who pursues justice and mercy with courage." Bishop Tutu received a shofar — the traditional ram's horn blown on the Jewish New Year — in accepting the synagogue's George Brussel, Jr. Memorial Award for human rights. Standing with Bishop Tutu from left to right are Frank Z. Ashen, synagogue president; Rabbi Balfour Brickner, senior rabbi of the congregation; and Chris Platt, the synagogue's social action chair.
Photo by Bonnie Geller.

A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"Preserve me, Oh God, for in thee I take refuge." Psalms 16:1.

What a blessing it is to know that God really cares for me. In a world where we are so often misunderstood by others . . . in a world where we are subject to abuse and being misused, it's good to know that there is one who is faithful . . . there is one who will never give up on you, nor never let you down.

Isn't it good to know that in the midst of calamity, caos, and confusion God is.

Beloved, God wants you to experience the reality of His presence today. He wants you to see Him in the midst of your situations and circumstances working out every single detail . . . causing all things to work together for the good.

God wants you to listen for that small still voice of His Holy Spirit that whispers "Peace be still' in the midst of the raging storms in your life . . . .

That whispers "The joy of the Lord is my strength" when you feel like you just can't go anymore . . . That whispers "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord" when Satan, the enemy launches an attack against you. Is God real in your life today?

It is the job of the enemy (Satan) to bring distractions and confusion in our life. The Bible says that he is roaming to and fro seeking whom he may devour. And so it is that he will use any means available to bring confusion and dis-ease into your life. Satan is a dirty fighter.

But I'm so glad that we serve a God who is mighty in battle. The Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is omnipotent . . . He is all powerful.

There is no problem too complex for God . . . . There is no situation that you're in that He can't bring you out victorious. God is able.

My friend, the Lord will preserve you. When you entered into a love relationship with Jesus at the point of your salvation, God began a glorious and magnificent work in you.

Did you know that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it unto the day of redemption? Yes, the Lord God omnipotent will preserve you.

Well . . He will preserve you against the trials and temptations of the world . . . He will preserve your going out and your coming in. Not only does our God have saving power, but He has keeping power.

Yes, we can take refuge in God, For in Him, there is a hiding place . . . Him, there us a resting place . . . In Him, there is a quiet place, in Him, there is an eternal place . . .

Jeanetta Fleming

Funeral services were held Jan. 24 in the chanel of Frazier's Funeral Home for Mrs. Jeanette Augusta Fleming with the Rev. Charles E. Field officiating.

Mrs. Fleming died Jan. 16. She was 70.

She is survived by her daughter, Roberta Lee; step-daughters, Rose Etta, Dorothy Irene, Betta and Ella Mae; brothers, Daniel, Homer and Frances; sister, Dorothy; grandchildren, great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Interment, arranged by Frazier's Funeral Home, was in Harmony Memorial Park.

Community Calendar

Rising Sun First Baptist

February 17, 1989 Rising Sun First Baptist Church of Baltimore County, Maryland will present Rev. William C. Bailey and Mrs. Emma Robinson Bailey in concert at the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

The program will consist of a catered reception, the concert, and a tour of the aquarium. For a small donation, you are invited to be a part of this evening of elegance as well as one of superior entertainment.

The proceeds from this celebratory occasion will benefit the Building Fund of Rising Sun First Baptist Church.

Silver Leaf Gospel Singers

The Original Silver Leaf Gospel Singers will be sponsoring their annual revival services February 20 thru February 24 at Saint James Free Baptist Church, 1508 East Lafayette Avenue.

Rev. Duane Simmons will be preaching Monday night thru Wednesday night. Rev. David Harrington will be preaching Thursday night and Rev. David White will be preaching Friday night.

Services will begin each night at 8:00 p.m. Carter Robinson is the president of the Original Silver Leaf Gospel Singers and Rev. William Morris is the pastor of St. James Free Baptist Church.

Post Mastectomy Lecture

A Post Mastectomy Lecture of the American Cancer Society, North Central Maryland Area, will be on Thursday, February 9, 7:30 P.M., Doctors' Lecture Room at St. Joseph Hospital in Towson.

The guest lecturer is Edward Lewison, M.D. Chief, Breast Clinic, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Emeritus. The topic is Breast Cancer — From Ancient Times to the Present.

The evening is free and open to the public. Parking is available on Lot #2 without charge. Refreshments will be served. After the presentation, Reach to Recovery volunteers will be available for questions and concerns. For additional information call 821-7200.

Metro Church Briefs

United Male Chorus Fellowship

The United Male Chorus Fellowship will be in concert on Sunday, February 19, at the Sweethope Freewill Baptist Church, located at 3925 Dolfield Ave., Balto., Md. 21215, 7 p.m. Admission free; everyone is invited.

For information call Trustee Clement Penn, 732-0835.

Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church

The Greater Gethsemane Baptist Church, 2525 E. Preston St., will celebrate Black History each Sunday in February at 3:30 p.m. The church will use the theme "Look Where He's Brought Us From."

There will be two ministers that will speak from the theme. The last program will conclude with a musical tracing black music from the past to the present day.

February 12, 1989. The church will have Rev. Robert Haynes and congregation and choirs from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church will also speak from the theme.

February 19, 1989. The church will have a musical. The various choirs will sing songs by tracing church music from the past to the present day.

United Baptist Church

Won't you join with the United Baptist Church, located 932 North Broadway for a "Special Founder's Day—Homecoming Celebration" on Sunday, February 12, 1989.

11:00 a.m. speaker Rev. George E. Vanderford; 3:30 p.m. speaker Rev. James Thompson, pastor Nazarene Baptist Church.

All past and present members and friends affiliated with United Baptist Church in any way are invited. Please join us so that we can fellowship on one accord the old fashion way.

Community Choir Concert

The Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Dolphin St. proudly presents The Cherry Hill Community Choir, Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m.

Sponsored by The Young Adult Choir. Admission free.

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
1063 West Fayette Street
"The Witnessing Church"

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1989
8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL
Deacon Wiliam Nelson — Director
10:00 a.m. ..... SERVICE OF BAPTISM
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "Listen to the Lambs" ..... Nathaniel Dett
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director of Music
PREACHING: ..... Reverend Clarence E. Fowler
Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 P.M. Martha W. Preston Bible Class
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler

DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Madison and Lafayette Avenues
"The People of the Way"

Marion Curtis Bascom, Senior Minister

James S. Hammon, Minister of Music

Lawrence K. Bowie, Organist

Barbara C. Perkins, Director, Children's Choir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1989
1st Sunday in Lent

Eight and Eleven O'Clock
The Sermon
Marion Curtis Bascom, preaching

ORGAN PRELUDE
Our Father in Heaven (two settings) J. S. Bach
Lord, Hear the Voice of My Complaint J. S. Bach
O Lamb of God All Holy (Leipzig) J. S. Bach

8:00 Anthem(s)
In Thee, O Lord Franz J. Hayden
I've Been Buked arr — Hall Johnson

11:00 Anthem(s)
Brother James's Air arr — Gordon Jacob
Soon Ah Will Be Done arr — William Dawson