A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace

"Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from Him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved." Psalm 62:1-2

Are you looking for a sure thing? The Almighty God is able to meet your every need. And guess what . . . He will never let you down. My friend, you can put your hope in the Lord . . . you can trust Him with everything you got.

The Lord our God is faithful. The Lord God omnipotent is worthy of the highest praise!

The Psalmist said, Truly my soul waiteth upon God. Beloved, God wants you to wait upon Him—knowing that He can do all things but fail.

My soul waiteth upon God. It is easy for Christians to say that they are waiting on the Lord . . . that they are trusting God to deliver them from the torment of the prevailing circumstances in their life . . .

Yet if the truth be told . . . in our season of waiting, we are not trusting God . . . we have not learned to rest in the Lord. . . . We have not learned to take Him at His Word.

And so while we are "waiting" sometimes we begin to lose sight of the vision . . . And if we are not careful, we will find ourselves embracing a fairytale religion . . .a religion that makes us shout on Sunday morning, but yet leaves as powerless to endure the hardships and heartaches that Monday night may bring.

Many Christians have a fairy tale religion . . . a religion that allows them to compromise their relationship with the Lord . . . And we are tempted to say "I'm only human."

My friend, God would have you know that there is nothing ordinary about you. For we are a royal priesthood . . . a holy nation . . . a chosen generation . . . a peculiar people.

Beloved, it is not God's will that we live in fairytale land . . . For He wants us to wake up to the reality of real issues that we must face. . . .

He wants us to wake up to the reality that as Christians, sometimes we're going to have to go through the valley . . . But I'm so glad that there is nothing too hard for God.

And because we dwell in Christ, and He lives on the inside of us, we are more than conquerors! We are victorious! . . .

Well . . . are you waiting on the Lord? My friend, we can wait on Him because from Him cometh our salvation.

God is our refuge and strength. It is He who is able to deliver us from every heartache and affliction. Not only is He able, but He is willing.

Did you know that the Lord Himself is our defense. He is our protector by day and night. The Bible says if God be for us, we can be against us.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is on our side. The same God that parted the Red Sea is moving on our behalf.

Because God is on my side, I shall not be greatly moved. When we realize that God is the strength and the joy of our life, we are not moved by the winds of grief and despair . . . When we stand on the promise of God, we are not moved by the words of adversity and strife. . . .

Because Jesus lives on the inside, I shall not be greatly moved. For He is my keeping power . . . He is my staying power . . . He is everything to me.

Metro Church Briefs

John Wesley United Methodist Church

The Renovation and Restoration Committee of John Wesley United Methodist Church will celebrate its 10th Anniversary Sunday, February 26 at 2 p.m. immediately following the morning services.

We will feature our own Eric Conway in a musical recital along with other musical talents of John Wesley United Methodist Church.

New Shiloh Baptist Church

The St. Matthew African United Methodist Church will hold its Family and Friends Day on Sunday, February 26, at 11 a.m. Reverend Thomas Jackson, Associate Minister of New Shiloh Baptist Church, will serve as the guest speaker. St. Matthew A.U.M.P. is located at 563 Revolution Street in Havre de Grace, MD. Rev. Dennis McGhee is pastor of St. Matthew A.U.M.P.

Trinity AME Church

March 12, 1989, at 8:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., the Women of Trinity A.M.E. Church will celebrate their 87th Annual Women's Day Program. All are welcome to attend. Trinity A.M.E. Church is located at 2140 E. Hoffman St., at Collington Ave.

Founders Day Celebration

Progressive Shiloh Workers invite you to attend their Twentieth Founder's Day Celebration. It will be held on Sunday, March 6, 6:30 P.M. in the New Shiloh Baptist Church located on the corner of Lanvale and Fremont Avenues.

The speaker for this auspicious occasion will be the Honorable Judge Mabel Hubbard of the Baltimore City Circuit Court. She will be addressing the theme: "Celebrating the Journey in Christ Through Prayer, Faith, Love and Service."

Black History Lecture

Dr. Samuel Yette, internationally known author of "The Choice," lectures during Black History month celebration on the potential for a dark future or no future for black Americans. It will be held at Centennial - Caroline Street United Methodist Church, 1029 E. Monument St., February 26, at 3:30 p.m.

Turners Station's Celebration

Dundalk-Sparrows Point NAACP and St. Matthews United Methodist Church will hold a four week African-American celebration experience during Feb. and March.

Saturday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m. St. Matthews United Methodist Church, 101 Avon Beach Road, Turners Station, Md.

Concord Baptist Church

The combined anniversary of The Senior Matrons, The Missionary Department, Christian Men's Fellowship, and Young Women's Christian Guild of Concord Baptist Church 5204 Liberty Heights Avenue will be celebrated Sunday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Guest speaker will be: pastor Arnold W. Howard of Enon Baptist Church.

Oak St. AME Church

Saturday, March 4, Oak Street A.M.E. Church will be having its Women's Day Prayer Breakfast. The guest speaker will be Rev. Patricia Outlaw. Service is at 9 a.m.

Participating Seminar

The Mount Lebanon Baptist Church, 2812 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, Maryland will host a Participatory Seminar on Substance Abuse for High-Risk Youth and parents on Saturday, February 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. The seminar is sponsored by Urban Psychological Services and iis offered free to the public.

Metropolitan United Methodist Church

The Work Area on Worship of the Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue, proudly presents on Sunday, March 5, at 4 p.m., a festival of black music featuring the premier performance of "Triology of Dreams" (based of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,) composed by Baltimore's own black composer Dr. Mack Statham.

The combined voices of over 100 strong from several Baltimore area churches—Baltimore Chapel Choir, Providence Baptist Church Choir, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church:

Heritage United Methodist Church, The Church of St. Mary The Virgin Church, Waters A.M.E. Church and Metropolitan United Church Choir — will render the music for this fine work.

Centennial-Caroline

The Youth and Childrens Ministries of Centennial-Caroline Street United Methodist Church, 1029 East Monument Street, will sponsor its Fifth Annual **All You Can Eat** chicken wing dinner. This dinner will take place at the church on Saturday, March 4, 1989, 12 noon-6 P.M.

84th Annual Women's Day

Waters A.M.E. Church, Rev. John W. Duckette, Minister, will observe its 84th Annual Women's Day on Sunday, March 12 at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. services.

The morning message will be delivered by Rev. Cynthia Harvin, Associate Minister of Trinity A.M.E. Church. In concert at 3 p.m. is Hattie R. Smith-Shannon, soprano, New Shiloh Baptist Church. She will be accompanied by Charles Arnett.

As a spiritual prelude to this special day, the women have planned a Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, March 4, 9 8:30 a.m. at the church. Evangelist Mary Lucas of Wilson Park Community Baptist Church will deliver the message for this special event in keeping with the Women's Day theme "Christian Women: Glowing, Growing and Going in Christ."

Black Church Directory

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL

ADAMS CHAPEL AME
3811 Egerton Rd.

BETHEL AME
1300 Druid Hill Ave.

DAVIS MEMORIAL AME
2409 Roslyn Avenue

EBENEZER AME
20 W. Montgomery St.

GAINES AME
7134 Montgomery Rd. Laurel

OAK ST. AME
2311 N. Howard Street

ST. JOHN'S AME
810 N. Carrollton Ave.

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Church Office 417 Aisquith St.

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67 Winters Lane

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1124 Pennsylvania Ave.

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APOSTOLIC

FULL GOSPEL TRUE MISSION
2001 E. Barkley Street

BETHEL TEMPLE
Highway Church of Christ
3413 Hayward Avenue

FIRST APOSTOLIC FAITH
25 S. Caroline Street

PRAYER CHAPEL
Highway Church of Christ
1752 N. Gay Street

BAPTIST

BROWN'S MEMORIAL
3215 W. Belvedere Ave.

Morning Star Baptist
154 Winters Lane

FAITH BAPTIST
633 N. Bond

CONCORD BAPTIST
5204 LIBERTY HEIGHTS AVE.

EBENEZER BAPTIST
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SHARON BAPTIST
Stricker & Presstman

SOUTHERN BAPTIST
1701 N. Chester St.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF YALE HEIGHTS
620 South Beachfield Ave.

MORNING STAR BAPTIST
1063 West Fayette St.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
2035 W. Baltimore St.

GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST
1617 W. Saratoga St.

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601 N. Schroeder Street

MT. HOPE BAPTIST
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UNION BAPTIST
1219 Druid Hill

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1613 Hopewell Avenue

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525 N. Caroline Street

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1716 Gwynns Falls Pkwy

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850 Harlem Ave.

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3911 Garrison Blvd.

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2201 Garrison Blvd.

NEW MT. HEBRON BAPTIST
1212 W. Saratoga St.

NEW PSALMIST BAPTIST
100 W. Franklin Street

CATHOLIC

ALL SAINTS
Liberty Heights & Eldorado Ave.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Liberty Heights & Edgewood Road

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ST. ANN'S
2201 Greenmount Ave.

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Edmondson Ave. & Mt. Holly St.

ST. CECILIA
Windsor Ave. & Hilton Street

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
Caroline & Oliver Streets

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
1542 N. Gilmor Street

ST. PETER CLAVER
1526 N. Freemont Ave.

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745 W. Fayette Street

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520 Whitmore Ave.

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Old Mill & Logan Road
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560 N. Broadway

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
2300 W. Lafayette Avenue

CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA
Presstman & Division Streets

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
3121 Walbrook Ave.

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3809 Egerton Road

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
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MT. PISGAH CME
1034 N. Fulton Ave.

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819 Cherry Hill Road

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1300 N. Eden Street

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2110 Madison Avenue

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN
3200 Walbrook Avenue

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823 Edmondson Ave.

Metropolitan U.M.
1119 Lanvale St.

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1029 E. Monument Street

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615 Baker St.

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AREA OBITUARIES

Joseph Simpkins, Sr.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 10, for Joseph Simpkins at the First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church located at Saratoga Street and Fremont Avenue, in Baltimore, Maryland. Joseph Simpkins was born September 6, 1908 in Annapolis, Maryland, the youngest of sixteen children born to the late James and Susie Simpkins.

Joseph was educated in the public schools of Annapolis, Maryland. His religious background and family religious training resulted in him joining the church at an early age. For several years he was a member of the John Wesley, A.M.E. Church.

In 1966 Joseph Simpkins joined the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church, under the leadership of Bishop Leo K. Ceaser, where he served on the Trustee Board for one year. Simpkins retained his position as a member of the Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Usher Board until his death.

Joseph Simpkins worked on the waterfront as a longshoreman for twenty years after which he retired. He was the father of three children, Arlene, the late Joseph, Jr. and James Simpkins.

On April 15, 1979, Joseph married Adell Whitfield and nicknamed her Dell. Joseph felt that his wife was loving and that the marriage worked beautifully. He felt that when Adell became his wife he gained a mother, sister and friend.

Joseph Simpkins leaves to mourn his death; a wife, Adell Simpkins; one daughter, Arlene Traynham; one son, James Simpkins; one son-in-law, Charlie Traynham; two step-sons, Tilman Moore and Cleveland Sumepter; five grandchildren; six great grandchildren; nieces; nephews and many friends.

Christine McNeil Ryles

Funeral services for Deaconess Christine McNeil Ryles, the daughter of the late George McNeil and Willie Mae McNeil were held at the New Mount Hebron Baptist Church, 2016 West North Avenue, on Thursday, January 19, at 7:30 P.M.

Christine McNeil was born in York County, South Carolina on August 8, 1922. At a young age Christine moved with her family to Baltimore, Maryland where she obtained her education through the Baltimore the Public School System.

On July 18, 1956 Christine McNeil became Christine Ryles, after a marriage ceremony to William E. Ryles. In 1957, she joined her husband at the New Mount Hebron Baptist Church, where he was a member of the trustee board.

Christine became a dedicated and faithful member of the church. In 1959 she served as the first Directress of the Youth Day. She also held other positions within the church including junior usher adviser, deaconess board adviser and Assistant Church Clerk and program Chairperson of the Senior Usher Board.

Christine leaves to mourn her memory; a loving husband, Deacon William E. Ryles; her mother, Willie Mae Ryles, of Tarrytown, New York; two aunts, Beatrice Williams and Geneva Gwynn; three uncles, George Wilson, James Wilson and Roseboro Adams of Washington D.C.

Other relatives include a devoted niece Elsie Myers and her four daughters; godchildren, Stephen David Head of Lake Mary, Florida and Curtis Harris of the Bronx, New York; four sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; a devoted friend, Bernice Hull; three step brothers-in-law; two step sisters-in-law, and a host of friends and relatives.

Alonzo Lee Barkley

Alonzo Lee Barkley, son of the late German F. Barkley and Anna Warren Barkley died Tuesday, December 27, at Liberty Medical Center.

Funeral services for Barkley were held on Friday, December 30, at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Longwood Street and Gwynns Falls Parkway in Baltimore, Maryland.

Alonzo Lee Barkley was born on October 12, 1920, in Salisbury, Maryland. In his early childhood, he joined St. Paul A.M.E. Zion church in Salisbury, Maryland. He was educated in the Public Schools of Baltimore.

In the years 1941-1946, he served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged.

On April 16,1946 Alonzo was married to Mable Lawrence of Baltimore. They made their home in Baltimore and joined Mt. Ararat Baptist Church where they became active members of the usher board.

Although he suffered a massive stroke in 1982,he continued to serve on the usher board. In 1985 he retired from the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

Alonzo Lee Barkley leaves to mourn: a wife, Mable; one daughter, Andrea Gordon; two grandchildren, Shawn and Shaneka; one godchild, Sandra Saunders; two brothers, James A.and Marion Barkley of Salisbury, Maryland; one sister, Martha E. Stewart of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; two uncles, Raymond A. Warren of Atlantic City, New Jersey and George H. Warren of Salisbury, Maryland; several nieces, nephews; and a host of friends.

Stanley G. Nivens

Services for former U.S. Marine Stanley G. Nivens, who served in the Vietnam conflict, were held 7 p.m. Feb. 3. He died after a lengthy illness. He was 39.

Nivens received the Vietnam Campaign Medal and a Combat Action Ribbon for his military service.

After his service discharge, Nivens worked for the U.S. Post Office, Continental Can Co., Bethelem Steel, the Baltimore City Fire Department and the Social Security Administration.

Nivens, son of Weldon T. and Louise Nivens (now deceased), married the former Jacqueline Addison and the couple had one daughter, Sherri.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Jacqueline; daughter, Sherri Sewell; sister, Bertha Scoll; brother, Thomas Nivens; grandmother, Verda Nivens; one brother-in-law, one sister-in-law, aunts, uncles and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tony Weldon Howell

Services for Tony Weldon Howell were held at 11 a.m., February 3.

Tony Weldon Howell, was born July 3, 1970, to Pamela Gwendolyn and George Weldon Howell. He attended Northwestern High School. The union of Tony Weldon Howell and Shawnta Smith produced one child, Ciara LaTonia Howell and one unborn child.

He leaves to mourn: his mother, Pamela Howell; grandmother, Josephine suite; girlfriend, Shawnta Smith; one daughter, Ciara LaTonia Howell;

Three sisters, Trina and Tina Sharp, and Towanda Howell; three nephews; aunts, uncles, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Iris Tutt Allen

Services took place for Tris Tutt Allen, 7:30 p.m., January 27.

Iris Tutt Allen was born August 3, 1919 to Dollie Mae and Benjamin Tutt in Lincolnton, Georgia. She died January 20 in Huachuca City, Arizona. She was educated in the local public schools in Baltimore.

Following her graduation from high school, she entered Federal Services, which required that she move to Fort Huachuca, Arizona. She retired in 1986, after 37 years of service.

She leaves to mourn: a brother, Benjamin Tutt; two sisters, Agnes Branch and Elizabeth Elam; an aunt Rosie Leverett; cousins and good friends.

Audrey L. Williams

Services for Audrey L. Williams Roulhac were held 7 p.m. Feb. 8 at the Fountain Baptist Church on East Monument Street. She died Feb. 4 at Mercy Hospital. She was 73.

Mrs. Roulhac was a homemaker. She attended Baltimore City and Baltimore County public schools. In Oct. 1931, she married Willie James Roulhac and the couple reared eight children five sons and three daughters.

Her husband died in Feb. 1988. Mrs. Roulhac, a devout Christian, never remarried. She was a member of the Fountain Baptist Church. At 12, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior while attending the Shiloh Baptist Church.

When her family moved to Dundalk she joined the New Shiloh Baptist Church. Then in the 1960's, when the family relocated to northeast Baltimore, she joined Fountain Baptist.

Mrs. Roulhac is survived by her three daughters, two sons, two grandsons, 56 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, four sisters, two daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Give Ear, O Lord, and Mark My Sore Complaining — **Johann Krebs**
Liturgical Improvisation No. 2 — **George Oldroyd**
Who so dwelleth under the defense of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
A Concert of Afro-American Music at 5:00 p.m.

8:00 Anthem(s)
I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness — **Dvorak**
Let Me Ride — **Trad. Spiritual**

11:00 Anthem(s)
The Time For Singing — **Caldwell**
Promised Land — **Sleeth**

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1989
BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR — Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton
TOPIC: The Pre-Schooler of Morning Star Baptist Church Of Christ
SPEAKER: Mr. Gregory Evans
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "The Lord Reigneth" ..... Thompson
THE SPIRITUAL: "Precious Lord" ..... Dorsey
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
Sis. Shirley Thomas, Directress
PREACHING: "The Things That Are God's" ..... Pastor Ray
1:30 p.m. Dinner Served
3:00 p.m. Black History Program — MUSIC: Choirs of the Church
SPEAKER: Dr. Richard Hunter, Superintendent, Baltimore City Public Schools
MINISTERS: Dr. Samuel Ray, Senior Minister
Reverend Clarence E. Fowler