This Week's SPECIALS

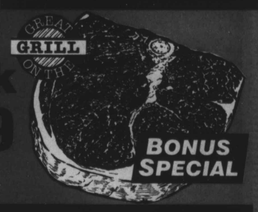
GIANT
THE QUALITY FOOD PEOPLE

Plus...DOUBLE COUPONS See store for Details Please, No Coupon Clubs

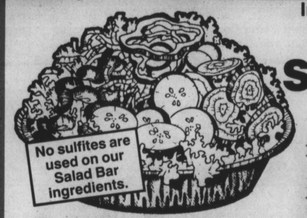
Pick of the Chix lb. 1.69

USDA Grade A Fresh
Pick of the Chix 1.59 lb.

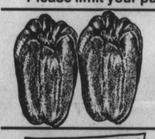
Beef Bone In
Full Cut Round Steak
USDA Choice lb. 2.19 Giant Lean lb. 1.99



1/2 PRICE SPECIALS



In Our Produce Dept.
Fresh Salad Bar Reg. 1.99 **99¢** lb.
Please limit your purchase to six lbs.



Sun World Le Rouge
Royale Red Sweet Peppers
FIBER-4 grams per ¾ pepper
Reg. 2.59 **1.29** lb.

Eckrich
Jumbo Beef Franks
1-lb. pkg.
Reg. 2.69 **1.34**

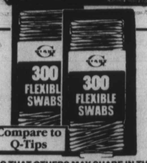
Giant Crunchy
Cheese Twists
8-oz. bag
Reg. 1.15 **57¢**

With Butter Added
Giant Honey Wheat Bread
24-oz. loaf
Reg. 1.09 **54¢**

Unsweetened Grapefruit or Pink Grapefruit
Ocean Spray 4-Pack Juice
10-oz. bots.
Reg. 2.19 **1.09**

Assorted Solid Anti-perspirant
Mennen Speed Stick
2.25-oz. cont.
Reg. 2.69 **1.34**

Pain Reliever
Bufferin Tablets
bot. of 100
Reg. 5.39 **2.69**



Flexible
Giant Swabs
pkg. of 300
Reg. 1.99 **99¢**

SO THAT OTHERS MAY SHARE IN THE SAVINGS, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PURCHASE TO SIX OF EACH HALF PRICE ITEM.

SUPER SPECIALS

Franco-American
SpaghettiOs In Tomato Sauce
15-oz. cans
2/89¢

Kitchen Queen
Sliced Bacon
1-lb. pkg.
1.09

Coronet 2-Ply White or Prints
Sparkle Towels
68.5 sq.ft. roll
69¢

Giant Unsliced
Italian Bread
13-oz. pkg.
69¢

Regular, Diet or Cherry
Canada Dry Ginger Ale
6-pack 16-oz. NR bots.
1.79

Franco-American
Spaghetti in Sauce
14.75-oz. cans
2/89¢

Giant Large or Small Curd
Cottage Cheese
16-oz. cup
2-lb. cup 1.75
95¢

Microwave
MicroMagic Hamburger
SAVE 30¢
4-oz. pkg.
99¢

Layer Cakes
Pepperidge Farm Cakes
SAVE 46¢
17-oz. pkg.
1.69

Chicken Parmigiana or Salisbury Steak
Le Menu Dinners
SAVE 69¢ to 70¢
10.5 to 11.5-oz. pkg.
2.29

PRICES & DOUBLE COUPONS EFFECTIVE THRU SAT., JUNE 24, 1989 in Giant stores in the city of Baltimore; Baltimore, Harford and Howard Counties, Glen Burnie, Severna Park, Annapolis & Edgewater. This merchandise is not offered for sale or available to retailers, restaurants or other commercial enterprises.

The Afro-American Section D

THE LIVING CHURCH

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Saturday, June 24, 1989

AFRO welcomes new subscribers

Capping off the three-month-long AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper Church Community Enrichment Subscription Drive, the AFRO is proud to announce the top three churches:

FIRST PLACE: BETHEL AME CHURCH - 187 subscriptions
SECOND PLACE: EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - 61 subsciptions
THIRD PLACE: ST. MATTHEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 60 subscriptions

The AFRO-AMERICAN made cash awards of $5,000 to the three leaders and, in addition, each participating church received an award of one third of the subscription monies their organizations raised.

Each of the three leaders was presented with their check during their regular Sunday service. Bethel received the First Place check of $2,500; Emmanual Christian Community received $1,500 for second place and St. Matthews United Methodist received $1,000.

As a way of compensating for variations in congregation size, churches were encouraged to spread the drive as widely as possible, including church members, family, friends, neighbors, etc.

With a total of 24 churches participating, representing all denominations and a wide cross section of the city, the early lead went to Bethel AME, which it lost only briefly to Emmanuel Christian Community Church.

A total of 630 new subscribers signed up for a year's subscription to the AFRO. Other leaders in the drive were:

SHARON BAPTIST CHURCH - 53 subscriptions
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH - 48 subscriptions and
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 30 subscriptions

This week the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN will begin a three part series highlighting the winners of the Church Community Enrichment Subscription Drive.

The program was coordinated by Rev. Melba Wharton, under the direction of AFRO-AMERICAN circulation director, Andre Draper.

Following is a list of the other participating churches:

Church	Subscriptions
PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AME ZION CHURCH	28
MADISON AVE. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	25
WHATCOAT-UNION MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	18
CHRISTIAN UNITY TEMPLE	18
MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	18
WATERS AME CHURCH	12
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH	11
ENON BAPTIST CHURCH	9
ST. MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	9
GOOD TIDINGS BAPTIST CHURCH	8
MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH	8
PLEASANT HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH	5
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	5
UNION MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	5
GREATER LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH	5
SHARP STREET MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	3
THE CHURCH OF SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT	2
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH	2

The history of involvement continues

Rev. Frank Madison Reid, III maintains Bethel's position at the forefront of the community.

Bethel A.M.E. is No.1

By Evan. Theresa Mercer
AFRO Church Writer

The American Methodist Church was officially formed on Christmas Eve of 1787. Because of the Methodist anti - slavery stance, many free blacks chose to attend Strawbridge Alley and Lovely Lane meeting houses.

Black members were initially allowed to sit and worship as they desired. As the membership increased, the blacks found themselves worshipping in the naves and balconies.

As racial discrimination grew, the blacks felt the need to organize their own prayer group, which met in homes near the Belair Market and later in a Boot-black's cellar. They gave themselves the name Bethel, which means House of GOD, in Hebrew and is defined as a spot where GOD is worshipped, a Holy Place.

The Bethel prayer group was known as the Free African Society. Under the leadership of Jacob Fortee and Caleb Hyland, Bethel moved to a permanent home in the Lutheran Church building on Fish Street, now known as Saratoga Street.

Bethel submitted a formal letter of separation to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1800. In 1810, a school to educate blacks was started by one of Bethel's members, Daniel Coker, a dynamic preacher, educator and philosopher.

Daniel Coker became Maryland's first black publisher. His first book was titled, **A Dialogue Between a Virginian and an African Minister.** In 1811, Daniel Coker became the first official pastor as Bethel was named The African Methodist Bethel Church of Baltimore City.

In 1816, Coker led Bethel to meet in Philadelphia with other black congregations who had also separated from the Methodist. It was because of this conference that the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church was born.

The A.M.E. Church was the first denominational body composed mainly of African Americans and the first church in the western hemisphere to break away because of racial and sociological reasons rather than theological differences. The largest number of delegates to attend that conference came from Bethel A.M.E. Church of Baltimore.

For over 113 years in its Saratoga Street Home Bethel was pastored by strong pioneers such as Rev. Daniel Coker, Moses Freeman, Samuel Todd, William Cornish, William Miller, Jacob Richardson, Edward Waters, Daniel Payne, Benjamin Tanner, Levi Cappin and Daniel Hill.

In 1909 Baltimore city passed an ordinance to widen Saratoga Street. The Bethel congregation was forced to move to make room for the new roadway. St. Peters Protestant Episcopal Church located on the corner of Druid Hill and Lanvale, was purchased by the Bethel congregation on November 20, 1910.

"Bethel Baltimore was often referred to as "Old Mother" Bethel, She truly was a mother at Saratoga Street for she gave birth to many offsprings: Ebenezer, St. Johns, Water, Allen and Trinity. Payne Memorial and Oak Street A.M.E. were considered grandchildren."

More noted pastors followed in Bethel's new home: Reverend's: W. Sampson Brooks, Frederick Douglass, C. Harold Stepteau, A. Chester Clarke (began first Bethel Soup Kitchen and first Bethel radio broadcast), Harrison J. Bryant, Frank M. Reid, Walter L. Hildebrand, John R. Bryant and Rev. Frank M. Reid, III, since the fall of 1988.

AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper publisher John "Jake" Oliver presents a check for $2,500 to Bethel A.M.E. pastor Frank M. Reid, III. The Bethel congregation sold nearly 200 AFRO subscriptions.

Bethel has always set it's sights high and stretched it's arms wide to educate, encourage and meet the needs of people. Bethel has always allowed GODs' people to grow. At the last count 43 ministries were in full operation with ministers leading:

Administration - Charlotte Clemens; Golden Ages - Mary Whitehead; Women - Adella Holt.

Married Couples - Robert and Charlotte Clemons; Prayer and Meditation - Everette Thompson; Ministry - Everette Thompson.

Outreach - Quismat Alim; Communications - Rodrecus Johnson; Christian Singles - Theresa Streeter; Prison - Doris Blount; Sick and shut-in-Samuel Johnson.

Youth - Marietta Rampsey; Christian Day School - Peggy Wall-Neal Christian Missions - Melba Wharton; Prayer Life - Ruth Jennings;

The Young Peoples' Dept. - Deborah Wright; Organizations - Joseph Goins; Ministerial Preparation and Instruction - Roslyn Crosby; Men - Norman Ladson; Evangelism - Spencer Boyer; New Life - Juretha Maiden.

Volunteers - Vivian Benjamin; Consolation - Brehon Hall; Economic Development - Samuel Neal; Substance Abuse - Lillian Streeter; Stewardship & Development - Samuel Neal.

Fine arts - Joan Coursey; Church Life - Charlotte Matthews; Women — Carita Mills; Married Couples - Joshua and Josephine Hill; New Life - Ray Edmonds.

Youth - Michael Bell; Men - George Rice; Substance Abuse - Vonda Guzman-Perry and Health - Mankekolo Ngcobo.

Other Bethel AME ministries are: Freedom House Teen Parenting Enrichment program (TPEP); Energy Co-op; Word Ministry Bookstore; Alfonso McLauren Academy; Outreach Center; Faith Store; Social Services; Women's Center Community College of Baltimore Associates of Arts.

Bethel, a place where GOD dwells! Congratulations!!!! Once again you have been named as the First. Bethel won first place in the AFRO's Subscription Drive.

All of Baltimore can recall when Bethel took an early lead in the fight against racial oppression at home and abroad.

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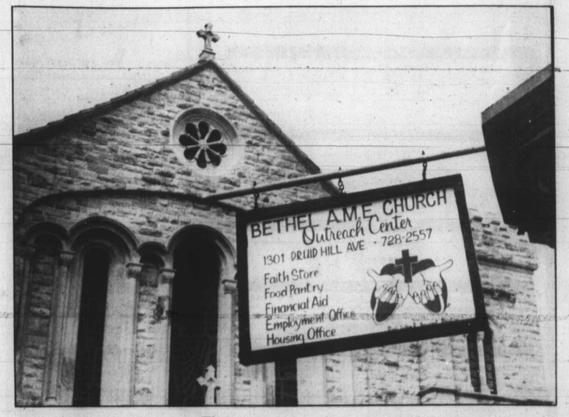

One of the many programs of Bethel A.M.E. Church programs such as these have helped to make Bethel an example for the contemporary African-American Church.