Grace Memorial Baptist celebrates 50th birthday

Members of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Eden and Chase St., will observe Friends Day on Sunday as part of their 50th anniversary celebration.

Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. services.

The Rev. Dr. Abernathy succeeded the late Martin Luther King Jr. as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with national offices in Atlanta, Georgia.

He has served as pastor of West Hunter Street Baptist Church since 1961 and recently led his congregation in purchasing a $3 million facility. Prior to the 11 a.m. Sunday services, the Rev. Dr. Abernathy will be installing officers of the Baltimore Baptist Clergy in Action on Saturday 8 p.m. at Grace Memorial Baptist Church.

During the 11 a.m. services on Sunday nine citizens from the community will be given awards for services in their community.

Grace Memorial Baptist was organized in 1927 in the Star Movie Auditorium by the late Rev. Albert J. Greene.

Members later raised enough money for a down payment on the church at Chase and Eden Sts., (present site). It was July 28, 1929 when Rev. Green and his members marched into their new church home.

Under his leadership the church grew and many auxiliaries and clubs were organized. He also lead the members to complete the purchase of the church at the approximate cost of $60,000.

He was known to work hard until Dec. 15, 1943 when he died. Rev. Eugene T. Grove, who was assistant pastor to the Rev. Mr. Greene then became pastor of Grace.

His ministry included street evangelism, home and foreign missions, scholarship funds and a radio broadcast. He served as pastor from 1944 until 1958 when Rev. Joseph

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THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

ELDER & MRS. C. GREEN

Elder & Mrs. Green wish to express their sincere thanks to their congregation and well wishers for helping them celebrate Elder Green's birthday in Grand Style at the Lord Baltimore Hotel on Sunday, May 8th.

HONOREE AND FAMILY — Friends and relatives of Mrs. Bessie H. Mason attended a testimonial banquet recently at Faith Baptist Church in honor of Mrs. Mason.

(Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Seated from (l. to R) are Mrs. Harriet Klutz, Mrs. Bessie Mason, Mrs. Cynthia Roy, standing (L to R) James Caneland, JoAnne Williams and David Berry.

Senior Missionary Club honors Bessie H. Mason

A testimonial banquet was held recently to honor Bessie H. Mason, sponsored by the Senior Missionary Society of Faith Baptist Church.

More than 300 friends and relatives attended the banquet for Mrs. Mason at Faith Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Walter Paige is pastor.

Mrs. Mason has been an active member of Faith Baptist since 1946. She immediately became involved in several church auxiliaries and organized the Matrons Auxiliary along with the late Dr. Irene Paige.

Mrs. Ella Hardy cited some of the projects that Mrs. Mason spearheaded that have added to the growth and development of

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Friend's Day Sunday at Morning Star Baptist

Annual Friend's Day which is sponsored by the Men's Fellowship of Morning Star Baptist Church will be observed on Sunday.

Rev. Joseph Vernon Murray will be speaking at the 11 a.m. services at Morning Star, 1063 W. Fayette St. Guest soloist for the services will be Mrs. Katie Jackson, also music by the Male Choir of Morning Star.

Following the 11 a.m. services dinner will be served 1:30 p.m. by members of the Men's Fellowship. The group will present Miss Rebecca Sydnoor in a recital at the 3:30 p.m. services with a social hour scheduled for 6 p.m.

John Murray is president, James Downs, secretary; Charles Richardson Jr., program chairman and Rev. Samuel Ray is pastor.

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MAY 15, 1977

9:30 A.M.—Church School

11:15 A.M.—Guest Speaker Wetgamonah W. Carter, Administrative Assistant for Academy Affairs, Md. Baptist School of Religion. Music by Special Ensemble, Young Adult Choir, Cherry Hill Methodist Church

6:00 P.M.—Symposium of Noted Women

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Dr. Ralph David Abernathy

Music: 11:00 A.M.—Mass Choir of Grace and Rose Buds

Soloist: Mrs. Loretta Daniels

4:00 P.M.—Sharon Baptist Church Senior Choir

Sat. night at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Abernathy will install officers of "Baltimore Baptist Clergy In Action" at the Church.

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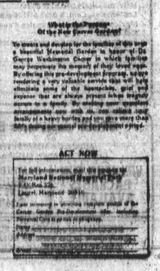

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10:30 A.M.—Upper Church School

11:00 A.M.—Choral Eucharist & Sermon

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9:15 A.M.—Church School and new Members' Class

10:30 A.M.—Open Heart Service

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In Our Churches

BY PAM WIDGEON

Churches are invited to send news of special church activies and a copy of their church programs.

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Members of First Baptist Church Sunday School, 525-27 N. Caroline St. will celebrate their 143rd anniversary May 11-15. Rev. James D. Peters of the American Baptist Churches of the South and member of West Hunter Street Baptist Church will be the speaker on May 15 at the 11 a.m. services.

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The senior and junior ushers of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave. will observe their anniversary on May 15. Rev. Joseph Hinton of Morris Chapel Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker.

The Senior Choir and Kay Burke Chancel Choir will be presented in a recital at the 3 p.m. services. Mrs. Hannah Brown and Mrs. Willie Mae Perry are chairmen.

The Men's Club of Macedonia Baptist Church will hold their annual father and son banquet May 19, 7 p.m. will Isiah C. Fletcher as speaker. Daniel E. Dixon is chairman of the affair. Troy V. Lewis is recording secretary. Rev. Willard L. Clayton is pastor.

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Women's Day will be observed on Sunday at United Unitedd Methodist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Stricker St. Rev. Cynthia B. Jones is the 11 a.m. speaker and the Wise Singers will be presented in a recital at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Norena Tucker is chairman, Mrs. Dorothy Hyde, co-chairman. Rev. William H. Peters Sr. is pastor.

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The Enoches Gospel Singers of the House of Prayer For All People, 4 Avon Ave. will sponsor a musical program every fourth Sunday starting May 22. Elder S. D. Long is Pastor.

Annual Women's Day will be observed May 22 at Olivet Baptist Church, 3500 Edmondson Ave. Mrs. Weptanomah Carter of New Shiloh Baptist Church will be the 11 a.m. speaker. The women of Olivet will sponsor a program at the 5 p.m. services. Mrs Pricilla Thomas is chairman, Rev. Wilbur S. Watson is pastor.

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The Women of Knox Presbyterian Church will celebrate Women's Day on Sunday. Mrs. Minnie R. Washington, first lady of St. Timothy's Christian Baptist Church will be the morning speaker. Mrs. Elizabeth Day is chairman.

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The United Methodist Women of Garrison Boulevard United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Alto Rd. will observe their 48th annual Women's Day on Sunday.

Rev. Miss Alfreda Wiggins of Deliverance Church of God is the 11 a.m. speaker. Macee Williams and the Bay College Chorale will have a concert at 4 pm

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Members of Saint Martin's Christian Community Church are sponsoring a revival May 19-22 at the church, 31 N. Fulton Ave. "What's Good Religion?" is the theme. Revival speakers are Rev. Jemee Goode, of Our Lady of Charity Faith Community Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Rev. Olin Moyd, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

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Metropolitan United Methodist Churih family will present Mack Statham in a piano concert on Sunday, 5:30 p.m. at the church, Carrollton Ave. and Lanvale St. Mrs. Naomi Hayes is chairman.

Members of Gillis Memorial Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave. will present a birthday musical in song featuring Rev. James Cleveland and local choirs on May 25, 8 p.m. at the church Rev. Dr. Theodore C. Jackson Jr is pastor

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The Male and Gospel Chorus of Whitestone Baptist Church, Longwood and Baker St. will have their annual spring concert on Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Special guests will be the Senior Choir of Whitestone Baptist; Silver Leaf Gospel Singers, Evening Star Gospel Singers and other local groups. Skinnie Jefferson is chairman, James Fogle, president; Rev. Dr. W. H. Thompson is pastor.

UBMC sponsors 51st convention May 17-20

A pre-convention musical will be held at City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. Monday, where Rev. W. W. Payne is pastor. Various choirs from the city will be singing.

The 51st annual session of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland and Auxiliaries is scheduled for May 17-20 at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 2651 W. North Ave. Rev. Parish Thompson is host pastor.

Theme for the convention is "From Roots to Fruits." Rev. Dr. C. C. Alexander is president, Mrs. Mary E. Harrington, president of the Women's Convention, Mrs. Maggie W. Greene, director of the Young People's Department and Charles Coger, president of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention.

There are 123 Baptist churches that are affiliated with the UMBC and more than 2,000 guests are expected to attend the four day session.

The Rev. Dr. C.C. Alexander, president of the group will give his annual address at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Among workshops scheduled to be held are Urban problems, Women's Consciousness and Directions in Politics.

Program committee members are Reverends Howard R. Queen, C.C. Alexander, Joseph Steward, Mrs. Maggie Greene, Helen Benton, Mabel S. Gee and Mary Harrington.

—Senior Missionary

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the church. In 1969, she introduced Friends Day, a day the church continues to celebrate in January.

Mrs. Mason is now serving as third vice president of the Women's Auxiliary to the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. She is a board member of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention and also serves as secretary of the worship committee.

Mrs. Mason is also a member of the women's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Inc.

Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves described Mrs. Mason as a "Christian worker," the most touching tribute came from Mrs. Alma Allen, who has known Mrs. Mason for 20 years and said, "Nothing was too small or too great for her to do when death struck at the door."

The honoree received gifts and tokens of love from her many friends. Mayor Schaefer had programs and a letter of congratualtions from Mrs. Rosalind Carter were also given to Mrs. Mason. Mayor Schaefer had proclaimed May 6 as Bessie H. Mason Day in Baltimore.

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James Webb, 51, was a special agent

James C. Webb, 51 U.S. Customs Service Special Agent died May 9 of a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mr. Webb at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Webb, of the 8700 block Hayshed Lane in Columbia, Md. entered the U.S. Customs Service as a special agent in 1972. Prior to his assignment to the office of the special agent in charge in Baltimore he was employed as a special agent in the Virgin Islands and Falls Church, Va.

Before Mr. Webb entered government service he was a detective with the Nassau County Police Department in Long Island, New York for 21 years.

Born in Asbury Park, New Jersey, Mr. Webb graduated from Nassau Community College with a degree in police science in 1971.

He is survived by his wife Mrs. Anita Williams Webb, two daughter, Mrs. Marsha Williams and Mrs. Constance Robinson, both of New York.

Last rites held for Ernest Grafton Sr.

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Ernest W. Grafton Sr., 53, at Pennsylvania Avenue AME Zion Church.

Mr. Grafton, of the 3000 block Belmont Ave., died May 8 at Veterans Hospital. For 20 years, he was employed at Bethlehem Steel Company.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn B. Grafton, two sons, Ernest W. Grafton Jr. and Delmar L. Grafton; a daughter, Veronica G. Grafton, three grandchildren.

Also his stepmother, Mrs. Pauline Grafton, four brothers, Thomas, Marvin, William and Verlon Grafton; four sisters, Mrs. Eula Morgan, Mrs. Naomi Wright, Mrs. Delores Brown and Mrs. Ornita Edwards.

-Grace

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Brown began as pastor of the church in 1959.

The Rev. Mr. Brown became prison chaplain during his stay at Grace and terminated his association with Grace in March 1968.

The Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn was installed as pastor of Grace in August, 1968.

He was formerly pastor of the Promise Land Baptist Church, Moneta, Virginia. Since he has been pastor of grace, the membership has increased.

Since he has been at Grace, the church has been remodeled. The Rev. Dr. Vaughn is known to work hard and keen his church clubs and organizations in an up-to-date manner.

He was formerly president of the Baptist Minister's Conference of Baltimore and Vicinity. He has also served as vice president of the National Chapter of Virginia Seminiary Alumni Association, and is still active with numerous other organizations

Ambulance ride will cost $40

A forty dollar fee will be charged to city residents for the use of city ambulances. The decision was made this week by the Board of Estimates as a means to cut the annual $4.5 million cost to provide the service.

William A. Fogle Jr., an official in the city Finance Department, estimates that the city will collect $1 million each year.

"Presently the city ambulances receive some 75,000 calls a year and transport about 50,000 to hospitals," said Fogle. "Many of the people we serve are not city residents and secondly many of the calls are not emergency."

Fogle went further to explain that all those who need the service will not be charged. Low-income citizens will be required to fill out a form that indicates that they are financially unable to pay the bill prepared by the Health Department.

It was stressed that this fee is not unique to Baltimore. Fogle pointed out that the other 22 major cities with a similar program, including Atlanta, Des Moines, Dallas, Boston and Los Angeles collect 52 per cent of their bills.

Although it will be the responsibility of the citizen using this service to give a correct and fair assessment of his financial situation, Fogle adds, "If everyone turns out to be an indigent we will begin to investigate their financial background to insure that they are telling the truth."

City officials stress that the ambulance service will maintain its quality service.

University Hospital used more x-rays

State - supported University Hospital conducted nearly twice as many x-ray tests as did Johns Hopkins Hospital during the first quarter of this year, even though the two are comparable teaching institutions.

A study by the State Health Services Cost Review Commission also shows the average bill for laboratory services for a University inpatient is more than double that of a Hopkins patient.

Escalating laboratory costs are one of the prime reasons for rising hospital expenses, which translate into higher patient bills.

The report was based onn statistics from 22 hospitals. The commission found little control over when tests are administered and said many tests were conducted primarily to protect the physician.

"There's no accountability," said John S. Cook, the commission's chief analyst. "The hospitals leave it up to the medical indgemment of the physician. Many tests are done to avoid malpractice cases."

"The physician has got to be called upon to do things in a more efficient way," Cook said.

HERE TONIGHT—The Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder-director, Operation PUSH in Chicago, will give the keynote address tonight, (Friday), at the 192nd Anniversary Banquet of the Bethel A.M.E. Church at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. The program begins at 7:30. Tickets, at $15 each, may still be purchased at the church office, Druid Hill and Lanvale Street, or call 523-4273.

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TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 17, 1977

Rev. Dr. C. C. Alexander, Presiding

9:45 - 10:00 A.M.

Worship ..... Rev. Joseph Stewart, Rev. Clarence Poole

10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION

Reading and adoption of program

Enrolment of Delegates

Appointment of Committees

Welcome ..... Rev. Paris Thompson

Music ..... Mrs. Celia McLeod, Convention Musician

Response

Reports

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Missionary Reports

Home ..... Rev. James Ball

Foreign Missions ..... Rev. Clifford Johnson

Report-50th Anniversary ..... Rev. Vernon Dobson

Recognition of Visitors ..... Rev. William McCoy

Offering ..... The Courtesy Committee

11:00 - 12:00

WORKSHOP: CONTINUING EDUCATION

Moderator — Dr. Calvin Woodland

Panelists — Dr. Richard James, Mr. Sedral West, Mrs. Phyllis Moore

Music

Introductory Sermon ..... Rev. Julian Price, Alternate - Rev. Howard R. Queen

Benediction ..... Rev. Charles Fletcher

LUNCH

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. M. R. Silver, 1st Vice President, Presiding

1:45 - 2:00

WORSHIP ..... Rev. Herman Williamson, Rev. Melton Covington

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

WORKSHOP: URBAN PROBLEMS

Moderator — Mr. Major Clark

Panelists — Mr. Leon Bridges, Mr. Harry Robinson, Mr. George Worthy

MUSIC ..... Eastside Baptist Church Choir

3:00 P.M.

Reading and Adoption of Morning Journal

Acknowledgement of Visitors ..... The Courtesy Committee

Introduction of the President ..... Rev. Leroy Bowman

Solo ..... Mrs. Betty Johnson

President's Address ..... Rev. Dr. C. C. Alexander

Offering

Report of Nominating Committee

Installation of Officers ..... Rev. Montague Brackett

Prayer of Re-dedication ..... Rev. W. H. Thomason

Benediction ..... Rev. William Rivers

Rev. Parish Thompson, Host Pastor

Rev. Dr. C. C. Alexander, President-Parent Body

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