HAPPY DAY — Providence Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Marcus G. Wood and Mrs. Wood, left, with Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Holder. Rev. Holder is pastor of First Baptist Church, 4200 block Liberty Heights Ave. Four years ago, his predominantly white congregation opened its doors to Providence congregation while members of Providence planned for and built their new church home at Pennsylvania and Lafayette Aves. First official service on new site is Sunday, Feb. 8, 1981. This photo was made at Feb. 1 dedication ceremony.

We are happy to welcome

Providence Baptist Church

back to the Upton community, where we will work together for God's glory.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

1601 Druid Hill Ave.

William C. Calhoun Sr., D.D., Pastor
Joyce K. Somerville, Church Clerk

Congratulations

May you continue an effective ministry for a Christian community

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

Vernon N. Dobson, Minister
Baxter L. Matthews, Minister-Emeritus

Congratulations to

Providence Baptist

in your new home . . .
God's blessings for now and the future . . .

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Lafayette and Fremont Aves.
Dr. W. L. CLAYTON
Pastor

The people, lay leaders and ministry of Douglas Memorial Community Church are one in their joy with you on this epoch -breaking occasion in which you dedicate a new house to the glory of God. February 1981.

Marion C. Bascom, D.D., Pastor
James S. Hammond, Minister of Music
Juanita Davis, Organist
Barbara C. Perkins, Dir. Children's Choir
Charles E. Wilson, Student Interne
Paul S. Scott, Chr., Board of Stewards
J. Edward Jones, Chr., Board of Trustees
Lillian G. Dantley
Secty. to congregation

Congratulations on your blessing

Allen AME Church

1130 W. Lexington St.

Rev. Ronald E. Braxton, Pastor

New Metropolitan Baptist Church

1501 McCulloh St.

is glad to welcome . . .

Providence Baptist Church

to its new home . . .

Rev. Lawyer L. Swinson, Pastor
Richard Dickens Jr., Head Deacon
Mrs. Dorothy Gwynn, Church Clerk
Mrs. Viola G. Boyd, Church Secretary

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Druid Hill Ave., at Lanvale

Organized since 1785

We salute our new neighbor,

Providence Baptist Church

with prayerful anticipation

You have been great, by God's grace. We know that with your new facility, you will be even greater.

JOHN R. BRYANT, Pastor

1949 PHOTO of Rev. and Mrs. Marcus G. Wood, from AFRO files, taken when he was pastor of Bethlehem Baptist in Woodbury, N.J., where he led successful building drive. He left the N.J. church to accept the pastorate of Providence in 1952.

Baltimore—when Rev. Wood arrived in the city

When Marcus Garvey Wood, A.B., D.D., then 32, became the third minister of Providence Baptist Church, Baltimore, in October 1952, the city was not a bit like it is today in 1981.

Baltimore was having its usual school problems. Public school enrollment was expected to increase to 47,739, and officials expressed hope that there would be relief from overcrowing.

It was in 1952 when the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN editorialized that it was "time for the Baltimore city school board to face the facts of advancing times."

A month later, the school board voted, 5-3 to admit 15 young colored students to Polytechnic High. The Mayor of the city at that time was Thomas J. D'Alesandro III.

Itwas the same time 20 FBI agents had to guard Dodger pitcher star, Joe Black, who was playing in Baltimore and also, it was the same year that public places like the CandP Telephone Co., Johns Hopkins Hospital and the Gas and Electric Co., displayed "colored" and "white" signs on their restrooms.

The year Rev. Woods arrived in Baltimore the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregated travel on railroads; Coppin State College moved to its present North Ave. location; news stories estimated Eler. Michaux baptized over 20,000 persons in Baltimore; AFRO stories revealed Richard Nixon when a senator and who later became president of the U.S. signed a racially restrictive conenant when purchasing a house; Theodore R. McKeldin, governor that year, greeted AFRO clean block workers with special citations; and the Baltimere NAACP filed suite in federal court to open Sandy Point Beach to all citizens, and the Orleans St. viaduct was opened costing $45 million.

It was the same year that the NAACP Baltimore branch won the suite which opened Ft. Smallwood Park to all citizens

CONGRATULATIONS

Our prayers of thanksgiving are extended to Providence Baptist, our sister church, on this day for rejoicing.

Sharp St. Memorial United Methodist Church

John Wesley Coleman, Minister
Arthur William White, Asst. Minister

Unless the Lord builds a house, they labor in vain who built it.

God grant that all your labor has been to His honor and glory, and so may you move on into the future doing His Holy work.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Lafayette and Arlington Aves.

DONALD O. WILSON
Rector

To our Sister Church in the Bond of Faith

Providence Baptist

We congratulate a great pastor and a great people on this historic occasion

Dr. Harold A. Carter

NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Fremont Ave. and Lanvale St.
Baltimore, Md., 21215

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