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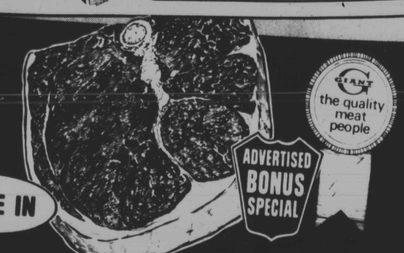

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each 49¢

California 165 Size

Sunkist Lemons

8 for 1.00

All Purpose

White Potatoes

10 lb. bag 1.99

In cello package

Fresh Mushrooms

12-oz pkg. 1.09

Crisp

Red Radishes

2 6-oz cello pkgs. 49¢

THE LIVING CHURCH

Sign of the times?

Hundreds flock to mid-week Lenten services

By Sue Williams
AFRO Staff Writer

By high noon every Wednesday, hundreds of people jam the pews of Trinity Baptist Church on Druid Hill Avenue to hear what thus sayeth the Lord.

With chimes heralding the spirits of the community with their stately and majestic chords, scores of people begin entering the church shortly before noon and sit quietly, waiting for the traditional services to begin.

A thirty-year old tradition in the city, the services are a part of an ecumenical journey into Holy Week, the highest celebration, perhaps, of the Christian Church. All denominations, Baptist, Methodist, and Pentecostal among others, gather together under one roof, sing the same songs, pray the same prayers, until they are led, finally, to the celebration of the "seven last words" on Good Friday.

Why do the people come? And would they do it if services were held all year long, during the summer, during Advent? Is the presence of so many people in the pews on Wednesday afternoons indicative of a new wave of spiritualism, a new seeking, or the part of Christians?

"I don't think so," said one attendant. "People come to these services during the holy season because they feel they're supposed to do something extra for Lent. You know...sacrifice and all. I don't feel that people are ready and willing to do that every week."

"Look at it this way," he said. "The attendance gets better and better as Holy Week approaches. By the time Good Friday gets here, the pews at Sharp Street Memorial Church are overflowing. It's only because most Christians feel some strange urge to give something more at this time of year."

Ministers who participate in the services say that they haven't seriously thought of carrying the services over. The Rev. John Coleman, of Sharp Street Memorial Church, said that "we could do something like this for Advent," but no plans are in the making for any such services right now.

"These services take a lot of planning," said the Rev. William Calhoun, the pastor of Trinity. Rev. Calhoun seemed to think, however, that year-long services might work.

Most of the attendants seemed to think...or at least they said they thought...that year long weekly services would definitely work.

"Sure, I'd come if they (the services) were held all year long," said Robert Crawford, a retired Baltimore worker. "I come to these services because it's the Christian thing to do..." Crawford also explained that the mid-week services were an "inspiration" to him.

Mrs. Maxine More, a retired schoolteacher, agreed with Crawford that the mid-week services were inspirational.

"This is my strength and my salvation," she said, her eyes brimming. "They give me a chance for self-analysis." More says she has been attending for three years.

She had to stop and think for just a moment when asked if she would come if they were held all year long.

"Well, yes, I guess I would," she said. Her answer seemed to imply that she had never even thought of the possibility. "They are certainly necessary."

Several state workers who attended the services this week also indicated a need for weekly services.

"I don't know if they would be as well-attended as these are," said one woman, "but I know someone would come. You need some sort of feeding, dealing with these folks and especially in these times. I know I do."

The services this week indicated a wide range of feeders, from the very old to the newly retired to young professionals who took time to hear the Word of God during their lunch hours.

"I'm not here because I have to be," quipped one old woman as she made her way down the steps of the church. "I'm here because I like being here."

The question took on many implications as this reporter queried the people who had gathered on a Wednesday afternoon for God. Is the city, or are Christians, experiencing a rebirth, a return to God? Would these services work all year long?

Or does it take a specific reason to sacrifice...for a sacrifice to be made?

LENTEN SERVICES are held every Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Ave. at 12:05 p.m. The services are sponsored by a group of local ministers. The Rev. Marcus Wood, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, was the speaker for this week and the Rev. John W. Coleman was the worship leader.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewycz

Employment seminar at St. Paul

As part of its community outreach program, St. Paul United Methodist Church will present its fourth annual employment seminar on Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The seminar will be held at the church 1000 Saratoga St., where the Rev. George R. Allen is pastor. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and Mrs. Rosalind Seth will be presiding at the morning session.

Among those participating in the panel discussion will be Del. Larry Young, who will discuss "The Politics of Employment," Mrs. Laverne Harris, director of Poppleton Pac Inc., will discuss "Neighborhood Referral System."

Also, Mrs. Hilda Ford, "Employment in Baltimore City"; Howard Moore, manager Network Services will talk about "Update Regarding MOMR Programs" and Ms. Shelia Alteri will discuss "Helping the Employment System Employ."

Workshops are scheduled to be held at 11:15 and lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

The Ida M. Redd Echoes of Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Gwynns Falls Parkway and Longwood Street will celebrate their anniversary on April 5. Special guest will be Baltimore Fellowship Choir. Theresa Peterson is president; Mrs. Ida M. Redd, coordinator and the Rev. Samuel B. Redd is pastor.

BAPTIST MINISTERS GIVE — The Rev. Dr. William C. Calhoun, president of Progressive Baptist Convention of Maryland (L) and the Rev. Alfred C. D. Vaughn (R) a member of the group recently presented a check for $1,000 to Thomas W. Chapman, president Providence Hospital Inc., the check was the first payment on the $10,000 pledge made by the Progressive National Baptist Convention to the Fund.

First United Church builds senior citizen home

The Rev. Monroe R. Saunders Jr., assistant pastor of First United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic, stated construction is under way on the church sponsored senior citizens' high rise, Abundant Life Towers, at 3900 Calloway Ave.

The seven story building, financed through HUD under section 202 district loan program, was designed by local architectural firm Verkerke, Boyles and Linehan in cooperation with the Melvin T. Pugatch Organization, housing consultant to the church.

The building's name, according to Rev. Saunders, is derived from the multi-purpose non-profit corporation, center for More Abundant Life, established by Bishop Monroe Saunders Sr., pastor of the church, as an outreach ministry offering a fuller life to the disadvantaged and bridging the gaps between age groups.

"A primary initiative was to address the needs of the aged population," said Rev. Saunders. The target date for the high rise completion is October. The 99 unit building of mostly one bedroom and a few two bedroom units, while primarily for the independently able elderly, will accommodate those with a certain degree of physical impairment.

Anyone interested in residency at Abundant Life Towers is urged to call Rev. Saunders at 945-5100.

He heard call early

By Jerry Turner
Staff Writer

Since he was 14-years-old, Rev. Charles Booth, evangelist, has had a "compulsion" to spiritually move people towards Christ. And with a dynamic voice that he considers an endowed "gift," he has motivated thousands of people in Richmond and abroad to accompany him on journeys into Bibleland.

At a City Wide Revival here March 8-13, the 34-year-old pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio, used his gifts and Christian experiences to excite packed houses at Trinity Baptist Church.

During the five nights that Rev. Booth preached at the North Richmond church, expounding a message entitled "Seeking Spiritual Depths," he evidently awoke some dormant religious feelings in quite a few people, including those of a photographer on assignment for the AFRO.

The photographer told a reporter the day following his visit to the spiritual celebration that he had been "moved" by a sermon at the church that night; that he had felt something stirring within him that caused him to get out of his seat, go to the front of the church and join hands with some others who were apparently hit by the feeling.

Rev. Booth, a lanky man who stands 6'2", seems to extend to greater length when just sitting around, relaxing. The reporter who visited Rev. Booth at the John Marshall Hotel where he was staying was greeted by a man whose powerful voice demanded attention and respect.

Rev. Booth, who says his voice is in a range between a bass and a baritone, uses it like a musical instrument; one minute strumming the chords, the next harping the notes, and then drumming the beats. His voice belies his age, it's much older, yet still full of those pear-shaped voice tones that public speakers long for.

"I'm aging fast but doing well," said Rev. Booth who started preaching while a senior in a Baltimore, Md. high school.

Rev. Booth said he had wanted to enter the ministry at age 14 but his mother thought he was too young, that he "should grow and mature" first.

Rev. Booth said his mother wanted him to take a "wait and see" attitude about becoming a minister because "to her it was a serious move."

"She always taught that God and his works you should not play with." But Rev. Booth said he knew the time would come when he would pastor a church. "I just felt it. I always loved the church, it gripped me," he said.

And now he is the man who is gripping other people, telling them about Christ, taking them along a pathway through Bibleland.

Rev. Booth says his voice is an asset, "a part of whatever gift I may be able to claim as life's endowment."

"I think, basically, preaching has its own magnetism. The preacher should recognize himself as a vehicle through which God can speak," and God will speak "if there is sincerity," Rev. Booth said.

Rev. Booth has an understanding of the "black religious heritage" of getting the congregation to respond to the message.

When the congregation responds, Rev. Booth says "they are understanding what is being communicated." And the minister is "further charged and able to bring forth the word," he said.

"An enthusiastic audience, in my experience, energizes me...the knowing and feeling that people are with you and that you have not left them somewhere."

Although an estimated 1300 people nightly attended Rev. Booth's sermons at Trinity last week, he doesn't believe that black evangelists could "go the tent route today." Rev. Booth said he doesn't know of any black evangelist who could get the attendance required to sustain that type of revival.

Rev. Booth says he is not a full time evangelist, but rather a pastor with "a romance with people in the pastorial ministry."

He says the black church needs to reestablish its commitment to the "social thrust." And "serious" considerations must be given to education—secondary and college level.

Black churches must also become more involved in the economic stream of the country, by building employment and keeping the money flowing "through black people for black people and for black causes," the minister said.

AFRO Photo by Clarence Arnold Jr.
SPREADING THE WORD — Evangelist Charles Booth meets Richmonders who attended the City Wide Revival at Trinity Baptist Church last week.

Rev. Booth has been married for nine years to the former Mary Jo Leverette of Baltimore. For relaxation he swims, plays basketball and walks through malls.

He says the walk through shopping malls give him a chance to "think, reflect, and gather my thoughts." The piped-in music relaxes him, he said.

He walks through the malls during the middle of the day when most people are at work, to browse, shop and just look.

Rev. Booth, who was born in the "ghetto," says although his mother, a divorcee who later remarried, could not give him things of "extravagance" he never wanted for anything. "Momma always provided," he said.

Rev. Booth says he has been invited to preach in the Republic of South Africa in July when the National Baptist Churches of South Africa meet for their annual convention.

He has also been invited to the Republic of Panama in October to preach in the Central Panama Baptist Association's Annual Session.

"As a preacher I have a mandate to go all over the world and preach. I will take that opportunity to use as a platform because in Christianity there is emancipation," the energetic minister said in a thundering voice.

Metro Church Briefs

The Christain Women's Ensemble of Bethel AME Church will present the Philadelphia Mass Choir of Philadelphia featuring the Brothers and Sisters in Christ Choir in concert on April 11, 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Martha Turner is president; Mrs. Peggy Waters, treasurer; Ms. Blondelia A. Caldwell, coordinator and the Rev. John R. Bryant is pastor.

The Men's Club of Macedonia Baptist Church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave., will have a jubilee prayer and song service on April 3, 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Leander Brown of New Carmel Star Baptist Church will be special guests. Wartield Rich is president; Larry Owens, chairman and the Rev. Willard L. Clayton is pastor.