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THE LIVING CHURCH

Pastors organize center for needy

"We opened again because of the budget cuts and high unemployment. We feel there will be more people who will need the service this winter."

Those were the words of the Rev. Kelly Jackson, chairman of the emergency food and clothing center at 822 Carrollton Ave.

Free clothing, shoes and canned food is distributed every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carrollton Avenue center where the N. M. Carroll home was formerly located.

The Black United Methodist Ministers are sponsors of the emergency food and clothing center. Rev. Jackson stated that the food and clothing are donated to the home from members of local methodist churches who are members of the organization.

Now that a lot of families are avoiding going into debt, Rev. Jackson said the center could be open daily if there were more volunteers to work. If you are interested in working at the center call Rev. Jackson 448-0446 or Rev. James Smith 922-7656.

FREE CLOTHING and shoes are distributed every Tuesday and Thursday at the emergency food and clothing center at 822 N. Carrollton Ave.

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Mrs. Lillian R. Cornish, a volunteer worker at the center is shown sorting the clothes.

A minister speaks out

Crime, Christianity and sin

By Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd
Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

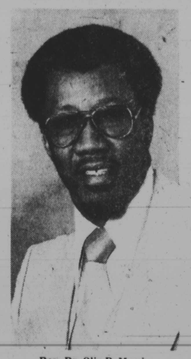
In our neighborhoods, we are plagued with crime. The crimes are committed in most cases, by persons who live in our neighborhoods. Many of these crimes burglary, larceny and robbery are now being committed in the presence of other persons in the neighborhood.

Why do these crimes go unreported by persons who observe them in progress? I hear persons say, "They know what I saw them, so if I report them, then when I am not home they will return and burglarize my place." Let me respond to that. It is true that persons are not required to give their names in reporting a crime. Secondly, if persons are reported and apprehended they won't be around next week to repeat the crime.

Thirdly, when these crimes go unreported, these same persons retrun next week anyway to cart off your color television set right in the presence of your neighbors. They know you did not call the police while they committed a crime against you this week.

As Christians, we are obligated by commandment to watch over the well-being of others. Jesus said: "As ye would that men do to you, do ye also to them likewise" (Luke 6:31).

One of the major symptoms of sin in the Christian community today is the neglect to do unto others as one would have others do unto him or her when he or she sees a crime being committed against a neighbor. Think about it.



Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd

What would you expect your neighbor to do if they see your color Television being carried down the street by a burglar or if they see your mother's or sister's purse being snatched?

Well, we are commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. The violation of this commandment is sin too.

Catholics speak on abortion, policy

Catholics for a Free Choice recently stepped forward to reject the anti-abortion testimony of Catholic Church officals Terrance Cardinal Cooke of New York and Archbishop John R. Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The Catholic prelates appeared before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the constitution chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), in support of his new anti-abortion Constitutional amendment.

Speaking for millions of Catholic men and women who believe in reproductive choice, the group challenged the authority of the church hierarchy to speak for the majority of Catholic opinion on sexuality and abortion.

Appearing on behalf of pro-choice Catholics were best selling author Mary Gordon, Ms. Magazine co-founder and editor Patricia Carbine CFFC board secretary Stephen Collins and CFFC executive director Patricia McMahon.

In releasing preliminary findings of a national study of Catholic women having abortions, the group pointed out that Catholic women are actively making responsible repoductive choices, including abortion, regardless of the dictates of their church.

"Our research shows that these women do no choose abortion easily," McMahon said. "They examine their values and confront the moral questions head on. In good conscience, they grapple with the realities of love and family, yet still maintain communion with their faith," she said.

McMahon also pointed out that the official Catholic hierarchy has never endorsed a specific anti-abortion constitutional amendment.

"The Hatch amendment is purley political in its approach. To endorse it now would be to surrended to the expedience of those right wing extermist who want our church in their pocket," she added.

Author Mary Gordon asserted that so-called "pro-life" Catholics are not the only ones to view the issue of abortion in moral terms. "They reduce parenthood to a biological function, ignoring its full dignity when it is an expression of our highest human facilities, reason and will," she said. "We make this stand as Catholics," she added, "remembering the primacy and sacredness of individual conscience in our tradition."

Collins addressed the internal church struggles over reproductive policy.

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"Cardinal Cooke and Archbishop Roach testified on behalf of the Committee for Pro-Life Activities of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. But it should be remembered that they do not represent the viewpoint of most American Catholics," Collins said. "We protest the symbolic value of their presence today.

Our bishops are trapped in a moral schizophrenia. It is Catholics on the front lines of reproductive decision making whose voices must be heard in Congress," he asserted.

"Our church today is the throes of a deep and painful schism," he continued. "The issues feeding that rift sexuality, reproduction, and especially birth control and abortion are complex and private, and have painfully separated millions of faithful Catholics from their own clergy.

Until now, we did not discuss the schism publicly. But when Catholic Bishops are testifying in the halls of Congress, Catholic voters can no longer be silent," he concluded.

Morning Star observes Women's Day

The women of Morning Star Baptist Church, 1063 Fayette St., will observe their annual Women's Day on Sunday, Nov. 22. Their theme is "Women of Hope In A World of Crisis."

Mrs. Chestine Ray, wife of the Rev. Samuel Ray will be the speaker at the Saturday breakfast being held at the church. Mrs. Ray, who recently returned from China with her husband will speak on the women of China as compared to the women of America.

The 11 a.m. Sunday speaker will be the Rev. Agnes Alston, associate minister of Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church. Following the morning service, a luncheon will be held at the church.

The women of the church will also sponsor a panel discussion, where Ms. Oprah Winfrey, the Rev. Mrs. Valerie Reddick-Duckett and Ms. Rose Gallop will discuss the theme of Women's Day. Mrs. May Hamm is chairperson for Women's Day.

LITTLE ARK MISSIONARY Baptist Church women recently sponsored a queen's rally for the benefit of Women's Day. Seated is Mary E. Giles who was crowned as queen. Mrs. Giles also received a plaque and a white gold diamond pendant. Runners up shown standing from left are Aileen Pope, Sandra Connor, Mollie Ross and Clementine Henson. The Rev. Matthew Marcus is pastor.

Metro church briefs

Elder Noel Jones of Longview, TX. will be the revival speaker Nov. 22-29 at First Apostolic Faith Institutional Church, 27 South Caroline St., Bishop W. A. Showell is pastor. Services will be held 7:30 p.m.

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Dr. Clay Evans will be the guest speaker at the third anniversary celebration of Evangelist Ann Whitley on Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m.

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Members of Macedonia Baptist church school will sponsor a play on Nov. 21, 6 p.m. at the church, Fremont and Lafayette Ave., The Rev. W. L. Clayton is pastor.

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St. Bernardine's Church, 3812 Edmondson Ave., will sponsor a gospel program on Nov. 22, 4 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Edward Miller is pastor.

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The women of First Charity Baptist Church will celebrate their 44th annual Women's Day on Nov. 22. Their theme is "Christian Women Working For Christ In Unity." Evangelist Laura Williams will be the 11 a.m. speaker. The Rev. P. A. Kearny is pastor, Mrs. Ester Bynum and Mrs. Alease Howell are chairpersons.

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The first reunion concert of the Choneers Choir of First Apostolic Faith Church will be held Nov. 29, 4 p.m. at 27 South Caroline St.

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Greater Harvest Day will be observed at the Ray of Hope Baptist Church, Harford Road and Parkside Drive on Nov. 22.

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The Sanctuary Choir of Central Summerfield United Methodist Church, 700 Wildwood Parkway will observe its annual choir day on Nov. 22, 4 p.m. The Rev. Daniel C. McLellan is pastor and Ozelia Price is president.

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The men of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grindon and Mainfield Ave., will hold their annual beef supper on Dec. 5, 3 to 7 p.m.

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Thanksgiving day services will be held at the First United Church of Jesus Christ, 5150 Baltimore National Pike at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Monroe R. Saunders Sr., will be preaching.

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St Gregory the Great Church, 1542 Gilmor St., is sponsoring its third annual food festival on Nov. 21, at the Winchester Armory, 2620 Winchester St., from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Free Thanksgiving day dinners at City Temple

The high cost of food has not stopped City Temple Baptist Church from sponsoring its annual free "Thanksgiving day dinner."

For nine years, the Rev. William W. Payne and members of the church have had dinner at the church. Dinners will be served following the annual service at 10 a.m.

Between 12 and 4 p.m. the church will be open to those who have no family and to families who are in need.

A spokesman for the church said the church will be delivering dinners to senior citizen homes, nursing homes and others who are not able to participate in the annual dinner.

Members of the church have started preparing the food and will be volunteering their services next Thursday.

Provident appoints new chaplain

The Rev. Hallie Lawson Reeves was recently appointed to the position of chaplain at Provident Hospital, Inc.

Chaplain Reeves was ordained elder by Western North Carolina's District Convocation of the United Holy Church of America, Inc., in 1978.

She comes to Provident Hospital from the St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, where she served as chaplain resident, supervisor in training working with seminary students, community clergy and others.

Chaplain Reeves who is a 1981 Howard University School of Divinity, doctor of ministry candidate, received a master of divinity degree in 1978 from Duke University.

In addition, she holds a bachelor of arts degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham. At Provident, she will be ministering to the spiritual needs of patients and their families, in addition to offering other supportive and counseling services.

The Rev. Hallie L. Reeves

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Wayland Baptist observes Women's Day

'We need strong black families...'

Dressed in white skirts, red blouses with white corsages, nearly 100 women marched into the sanctuary of Wayland Baptist Church last Sunday singing Amazing Grace.

The occassion was the 71st annual Women's Day. Their theme was "Christian Women United, Exemplifying God's Love."

Patricia H. Russell, chief of Complaint Branch Federal Communications Commissions was the 11 a.m. speaker. Speaking to the women of Wayland, Ms. Russell stated "We need Christian women who will stand for what is right. We are often discourage by those who stumble but will not fall. So many of us in the church are concerned about our position instead of our condition....."

Ms. Russell said that parents, teachers and churches must work together. "We need strong black families. I believe those who pray together stay together," said Ms. Russell.

Prior to Women's Day as part of their activities, the women of the church held revival services, sponsored a luncheon and fashion show.

Chairperson for Women's Day was Mrs. Harriet Johnson, wife of the Rev. Darneal Johnson who is pastor and Mrs. Cynthia Robinson was co-chairperson.

Others who participated in the 11 a.m. service were Sharon Distance, Dorothy Watty, Rosa Taylor, Viola McPherson, Gwendolyn Reid, Barbara Hill, Rhonda Frazier, Harriett Madison, Mary Charles, Laura Taylor, Joan Cooper, Ellen Fisher and Valerie Fields.

At the 3:30 p.m. services, the women's chorus was presented in concert. Mrs. Janet Campbell was director of the choir. Women's Day committee members were Ellen Fisher, Ann Foster, Harriett Madison, Beverly Simpson, Roberta Thomas and Margaret Walker. Publicity committee members were Helen Shaw, Juanita Wells, Gwendolyn Arnold, Mary Drake, Vora Etheridge, Ann Jenkins, Lorene Murphy, Gertrude Steele and Dorothy Waddy. The souvenir ad book committee members were Gladys Dozier Gertrude Steele, Yvonne Willis, Mary Boozer, Alice Cooper, Clarice Handy, Miach Lee Holcomb, Minnie Johnson, Pearl McGill, Dorothy Shell, Carolyn Thompson, Juanita Wells, Daisy Williams, Ruth Wilson and Lillian Woodson. Smorgasbord committee members were James Long, James Saunders, Clayton Smith, Austin Walker, Elnora Boykins, Mary Drake, Sally Brodnax, Minnie Holly, Oletha Nettles, Delores Prout, Doris Wheeler, Beulah Wilmore and Miach Lee Holcomb.

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