THE LIVING CHURCH

Rev. Edward B. Branch named director at Catholic University

The Rev. Edward B. Branch has been appointed director of campus ministry at the Catholic University of America, university President Edmund D. Pellegrino has announced.

He will assume his new duites on Aug. 15 and will succeed the Rev. Raymond C. Holtz, who will return to his diocese in Covington, Ky.

Rev. Branch is pastor of St. Benedict the Black Church and the Newman Center at Grambling State University in Grambling, La. He is also president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

A native of Washington, he is an alumnus of local Catholic high schools and for eight years was a Xaverian brother. In 1969, he earned a B.A. in French at Catholic University and subsequently taught at a high school in Louisville, Ky.

In 1974, he received a master's degree from St. Mary's Seminary and University School of Theology. During that year, he was ordained from Roland Park

Rev. Edward Branch

for the Arehdiocese of Louisville, and was appointed administrator of St. Benedict Church in Louisville when he joined the Grambling staff.

Rev. Branch, 37, has particularly enjoyed working in the field of campus ministry and said he is happy about the opportunity to be of service at Catholic University.

"I like to be around younger folks," he said.

"The students can expect to see me pop up between the tiles." One of his concerns is the question of minorities in the church. "That issue will be paramount to me," he said. He also will continue his work with social services issues.

Earlier in his career he served as chairman of the organization for black seminarians and three times chaired convention committees for various component organizations.

He once sat on the anti-discrimination panel of the Louisville and Jefferson County Human Relations Commission and formerly served as chairman of the national committee for the Campaign for Human Development.

He also worked on a multi-cultural awareness program for junior high school students in Louisville's Catholic schools.

MEMBERS of Holy Trinity Church seen at the tribute of appreciation for the Rev. Linwood Garrenton shown from left are Mrs. Louise Turks and Ms. Angela Franye, who seem to be enjoying cheese and crackers. Rev. Garrenton is leaving the church and will be pastor of Christ Episcopal Church in Rochester, New York. More than 400 members and friends attended the banquet held June 20 at the Forum.

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Concord Baptist Church continues its celebration of 45 years

By Bettina Monroe-Scott

The pastor and members of Concord Baptist Church are in the midst of their celebration of 45 years. The Rev. Dr. Matthew R. Silver is pastor and the church was organized in 1937.

Rev. Silver is a graduate of Shaw University and was the former president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland. He has been pastor of Concord for 22 years.

The first problem facting the congregation at that time was the relocation of the church. The state had condemned the property at 905 West Franklin St., to make room for an expressway.

The state was willing to pay the church only the assessed value of the property. Rev. Silver and the trustees believed that the state should pay the church the cost of replacing the church.

The replaceable value was about $33,000 more than the assessed value. The state paid Concord Baptist the lower figure but at the trustees, they sued the state for additional funds. The state was ordered to pay the church an additional sum of $44,000 and with the money received, Concord members voted to purchase the Liberty Jewish Center.

Shortly after the purchase, the building was destroyed by fire. The pastor and members were then faced with the task of rebuilding their recently purchased church.

It took 10 months to rebuild the educational building and make repairs on the main sanctuary. In October 1969, the keys to the rebuilt church were given to Rev. Silver and Willie Scott, chairman of the Trustee Board. Members and friends marched to their new church at 5204 Liberty Heights Ave.

During the 22 years Rev. Silver has been pastor there has been emphasis on education. There are now two church wide weekly Bible study classes. Many auxiliaries also sponsor monthly Bible study for their members.

The church is sponsoring a summer tutorial day camp this summer and there are plans to begin a tutorial library for the community during the school months.

The Marie E. White Memorial Scholarship fund was established to help high school graduates of the church attend colleges. The church gives $500 every year to Shaw University, Virginia Seminary and college, Virginia Union University, Hampton Institute and the United Negro College Fund.

The church sponsors in cooperation with the city an "Eat Together" program for senior citizens and recently started a food coop program for members of the church and the community.

Concord Baptist also has a benevolence fund that has helped fire victims, unemployed people and poor people of the community. During the last 45 years, Concord has grown and the various ministries established by the church live out the true meaning of the church motto to the Glory of God and for the service of man.

Knox sponsors listening skills workshop

Comments from sponsors of and participants in the listening skills workshop held at Knox United Presbyterian Church recently at 1300 N. Eden St., indicated that the workshop was "helpful, meaningful, worthwhile and skill building."

This communications skill workshop was designed as a training event for church officers and members who are interested in visiting and winning back inactive church members.

The Rev. Dr. L. Charles Gray, pastor of St. Albans Presbyterian Church in St. Albans, New York was the workshop leader. He is a trained leader in listening skills and ministries to inactive church members. There were 28 registered participants.

The workshop was sponsored by the session through its standing committee on church growth. Dr. Roy F. Knight is chairperson of the Church Growth Committee and Mamie B. Brown and Juanita Merritt are members.

Participants learned to identify anxiety provoking events which may cause active members to become less and less active behavior changes indicated by decrease in attendance at worship services, decrease in participating in church groups and activities, decrease in financial support of the church program. Also, beginning of hostile attitude toward the church and little or no prayer or pious behavior.

Church holds bank-in at Advance

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION — The Rev. Edna Isaac recently received an award in recognition of the humanitarian services she has rendered to citizens of Gbarnga City. Rev. Isaac spent several weeks in Liberia and was named by Mayor Schaefer as Baltimore's ambassador to Liberia.

Members of Providence Baptist Church held a bank-in recently at Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association.

At the urging of their pastor, Rev. Marcus G. Wood, members of official boards approved transfer of three large accounts, the Mission, Current and Mortgage Funds, from a commercial bank to Advance.

Rev. Wood noted the in addition to banking at Advance because it is the only black owned federal savings and loan association in the state of Maryland, members were quick to respond to his request "because we will receive interest on our accounts."

Further, Rev. Wood recalled that when Providence was seeking funding for its present new site at 1411 Pennsylvania Ave., "two banks agreed that I had an interesting program and well prepared project, but they did not want to invest in it, especially at this location."

He added, "Advance Federal came to our aid, along with the American Baptist Extension Service of Valley Forge, Pa. Today, we have our church and are enjoying every minute of it."

In addition to transferring church checking accounts to Advance Federal, individual members of the church opened checking accounts at Advance during the bank-in held at the Walbrook drive-in office on June 5.

"I would urge other churches to transfer their accounts to Advance Federal and church members to open checking accounts there. If they do so, Advance will have more money to lend other churches to buy or build new quarters, Rev. Wood said.

Located in the heart of the Upton Renewal area in West Baltimore at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Lafayette Avenue, Providence is unique in that it is the only solar heated church built in the city.

It occupied its modern facilities on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1981. Dr. W. O. Bryson Jr., president of Advance Federal, said Advance's $652,000 construction loan to Providence, was the largest mortgage loan granted by the association in 1980.

Today, Dr. Bryson revealed, Advance has made over $38½ million in mortgage loans to the community, some $6¾ million to churches in the past 25 years.

"If the members of our community transfer their checking and savings accounts to Advance Federal, we shall be able to finance additional mortgage loans to churches, individuals and businesses," Bryson said.

Part Two—A message to all graduates

The education of the soul

By Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter
New Shiloh Baptist Church
This part two of a two part series

The education of the soul demands knowledge of your enemies.

You will face the enemy of your natural body, but you will also face the enemies of the world all around you. Remember this: God has not called you to fight with the weapons of the enemy. The enemies in the world will use hate, malice, deceit, lies, all kinds of vindictive ways to destroy what you are about.

If you waste time seeking to answer false charges and "get everyone who rises up against you straight," you will never accomplish anything in life. You are educated to wage war with the weapon of love.

Learn now the power of life, the force of patience and the secret of trusting in God. Learn now the way of spiritual power. When you fight on the "devils" terms you lose before you get started. Fight with the strength of life that always sees a silver lining; always sees the God in others even though the image be defaced. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the God of hosts."

Learn to deal with uncertainties. Never say what you won't do in order to advance yourself. The job you are qualified for may not be yours right away. Why is it our state of Maryland has to send to Mexico to bring in workers to harvest the farm crops in Southern Maryland while so many men are walking the streets in Baltimore?

Why is it many orientals can come in, get jobs as dishwashers and storage men in restaurants and industries right away? — jobs so many in the streets do not want. Work is always honorable when you have a goal in mind. There is nothing wrong with being number three when you have your heart, mind and soul on number one. Learn to deal creatively with uncertainties. Make uncertainties and setbacks stepping stones for you, and make your dissapointments reservoirs of potential power.

Learn to keep growing in the warfare of spiritual darkness. Spiritual darkness may come as financial problems and marital crises. It may come in the form of the lost of trusted friends, or the collapse of all your hopes and dreams. There is a demonic power in this world. There is a power in this world that works against the power of God. Nonetheless, you can have the assurance of knowing this: Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. Right will always triumph over wrong and the way of God will prevail.

No soldier going to war expects to keep his outfit clean and do the work he must do without getting dirty, soiled. He must dig in. He must get in his "foxhole." He must slide along the ground in order to outwit the enemy.

I say to you today, learn to be soldiers who will become soiled in the course of freedom. Before black people are truly liberated from the demonic powers of hate and systemic prejudice, inherent in our culture, someone must suffer, some more blood must be shed, and someone must still be willing to pay the price. Many times in life we must ride in on the storm.

I was flying in a big DC 20 the othe day from Colorado Springs, Colorado, and "was somewhere between sleep and being awake. I heard the pilot tell us to buckle up, as we had to go through some thunderstorms before landing.

Suddenly I was awakened by a woman sitting by the window, quite alarmed and obviously afraid, saying to the steward, "How can you be smiling?" The steward smiled without an answer. His smile was the answer. He had been through many such rides. He had a sense of the plane. He deeply trusted that everything would be alright. He knew he could ride in on the storm.

Oh graduates, you must learn now that in many ways in life, you can ride in on the storm. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

The education of the soul is real when it becomes an heir and joint heir with Jesus Christ. We become, through Jesus Christ, members of the family of God. We are not foster children. We are not bastards. We are surrounded by a circle of love. That is why the Prodigal son story is so vital.

The Prodigal son left home. He left his father's law. He left the way of his childhood instruction. He just had to live his way. No one could instruct him, no one could advise him. He was "head strong" and determined to live life his way.

Oh my sisters and brothers, how many of you are like this? How many of you are determined to live life your way? Forget what mother and father said, I will now go my way. Forget the church, the preaching, and all those moralisms. Wait a minute before you go too far, and remember where the Prodigal son ended up. He found himself a slave in a pig pen without a robe, sandals or a ring on his finger.

He left home and lost all. He left the holy law and lost all. Then he remembered the way of obedience. He remembered the secutity, the tranquility he had in his father's house. He decied quickly to go back home.

Maybe some of you today are remembering. As you graduate from school maybe you know you have left the greater part of your learning experience behind. Maybe you have left divine love behind. Maybe you have left the way of holiness behind. The good news of the gospel is that you can still come back home. This is what our text meant, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors (because we know Jesus and he alone is the light of the world.

Through all of our lives, no one, no power, no condition nor uncertainity can separate us from the love of God we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. With this love we can build Christian homes. With this love we can build stronger schools. With this love we can fashion stronger government. With this love we can root out prejudice, overcome racism, and set the captives free. With this love we can keep the movement of liberation alive and march on under the banner of the cross.

A few days ago, I participated in a Flag Day celebration out on Fort McHenry, as our Nation's Flag was raised and the pledge of allegiance recited at 4 p.m. June 14. I silently thanked God for our nation, "The home of the brave and the land of the free." But, I close by telling you to keep marching under the banner of a flag higher than the flag at Fort McHenry. The flag at Fort McHenry will one day come down. There is another flag that will always stay up. It is the flag of his crucifixion. It is the flag of his undying grace. It is the certainity of his resurrection.

And we all must be persuaded that neighter death nor life, nor things present nor things to come, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God we have in Jesus Christ our Lord. This, my friends, is the essence of the education of the soul.

Area Obituaries

Rev. Eugene Carter, 65, was pastor of Good Shepherd

Funeral services for the Rev. Eugene V. Carter were held June 30 at Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 3459 Park Heights Ave., where he has served as pastor for more than 30 years. He died June 25.

Born in Baltimore, Rev. Carter was born May 25, 1917 and attended Morgan State University, the Gamma Theological Seminary, Hampton Institute and the Baptist Center.

Rev. Carter founded Good Shepherd Baptist in his home in 1954. The church changed locations twice until 1968 when the members moved to the present site.

The Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Graves, pastor of Mount Calvary Baptist presided at the funeral services. Other ministers who participated in the funeral services were the Reverends Alfred C. D. Vaughn, Lyndsal Pitts, Vernon Dobson, Clifford Johnson, V. M. Dixon, Montague Brackett, Bernard Boyd and C. C. Alexander. The REv. George A. Crawley gave the eulogy.

Tributes in son were offered by the Rev. Clarence Poole and James Everett and Betty Johnson of City Temple. Rev. Carter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter; mother, Mrs. Marie Carter; eight daughters; three sons and one sister. He is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Daniel Paige

Funeral services for Daniel Jordan Paige were June 27 at Leroy O.Dyett & Son Funeral Home. Burial was at the Mount Auburn Cemetery.

He was the son of the late Lee Jordan and Rev. Rebecca Paige and was born in Prospect, Va., on June 22, 1898. He died June 23.

He was educated in the Public Schools in Farmville, Va. Mr. Paige moved to Baltimore in 1915, where he soon became employed by The Maryland State Company. He then was married to Margaret Estelle Wells in 1932.

In 1922 he became an Ordained Baptist Deacon. His church membership in Baltimore was established first in the Metropolitan Baptist Church. Later he served faithfully for many years in the Union Baptist Church. For the past 27 years Daniel Paige has been assiduously at work in the Christian vineyard as he served as Deacon, Superintendent of Sunday School and Worship Leader.

Paige joined the Ancient Free and Accepted Masonic Order in 1949, and he faithfully held his membership until his death.

His survivors are his five sons, Vernon, Calvin, Gilbert, Dannie, and David; five daughters, Ernestine Vann, Hazel Jefferson, Charlotte Smith, Joyce Paige and Charity Paige; 20 grandchildren; eight great - grandchildren; a sister, Cordelia Miller.

Luster Lawrence

Funeral services for Luster Isham Lawrence were Sunday, June 27 at William C. March Funeral Home. Burial was at Deer Park Cemetery the next day.

Lawrence was the son to the late Malachi and Annie Lawrence. He was born on Jan. 27, 1920 in Windsor, Va.

He was married to Helen Lawrence, out of this marriage two sons and one daughter.

He received his education in Windsor, Va. He graduated in 1940. He also graduated from Carpentry and Masonry School. He worked at Bethlehem Steel as an eléctrician for 24 years. He served in the United States Army.

Mr. Lawrence came to Baltimore as a young man, joined the Bethel A.M.E. Zion Church and died here on June 23 at the Veterans Hospital.

His survivors are his wife; two sons, Stacey Lawrence of Anchorage, AK and Stanley Lawrence; a daughter, Shirris Thomas; two brothers, Henry Lawrence of Windsor, Va. and Chester Lawrence of Englewood, N.J.; and a aunt, Mrs. Estelle Franks of Norfolk, Va.,

Janie Fletcher

Funeral services for Jane Marie Fletcher were Monday, June 28 at St. Bernadine's Catholic Church. Burial was Tuesday, June 29, at Maryland Veterans Cemetery.

Ms. Fletcher died on June 23 after a long illness at her home.

"Bunny", as she was known by her relatives and friends was born on Jan. 31, 1931 in Dorsey, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Dorothy Harvine Simms and Clarence Briggs. The devoted wife of James Edward Fletcher and loving sister of Doris Rogers.

Much of her childhood was spent in Hyattsville, Md., but she attended Harmans Elementary School, in Harmans, Md. She attended St. Mark's Methodist Church in her childhood, but later entered into the Catholic faith in 1960 and became a member of St. Bernadine's, which she attended frequently until her health failed.

Her survivors are her husband; a sister; two stepdaughters, Dorothy and Tracey; two aunts; and a stepmother.

Frieda Coleman

Funeral services for Mrs. Frieda Lynn Coleman were held July 1 at All Saints Catholic Church.

Mrs. Coleman died June 28 at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was born in Baltimore March 10, 1923 and was the daughter of Sadie and Clarence Lynn.

Mrs. Coleman attended city public schools and later received a degree in sociology from Antioch University. She was a member of St. Peter Claver Catholic Church.

She was employed as a social worker at the Family and Children's Society on West Lanvale Street. She worked with the Congress of Racial Equality, Fellowship House, Mississippi Relief Fund Committee; Freedom School, Peace Action Committee, Mayor's Task Force on Equal Rights in Education, National Association of Black Social Workers.

Mrs. Coleman was also an active member of Urban Affairs Channel 76, Johns Hopkins Tutorial Program, Commercial Credit Corporation, Black United Front, Community Relations Commission, Maryland Conference of Social Concern, Maryland House of Correction and the Prisoners Aid Association of Maryland, Inc. She was also an active member of Rep. Parren J. Mitchell Campaign.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh E. Coleman; two sons, Gregory Marc Coleman and Jeffrey Lynn Coleman; one grandson, Gregory Marc Coleman Jr.; one sister, Mrs. DeVera I. Lynn; and three aunts, Mrs. Freda Hall, Mrs. Minnie Conaway, Mrs. Lillian Glascoe.

CHURCH TRANSFERS FUNDS — Members of Providence Baptist Church, shown opening their own checking accounts and transferring church accounts to Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association during recent bank - in at Advance's new Walbrook drive - in office at 3411 Clifton Ave. The church's Finance Board secretary, Louis Crawford, and Mrs. Dale Crawford, are pictured opening personal checking accounts, with help of Mrs. Brenda Smith, head teller.

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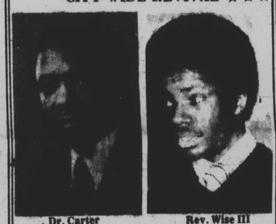

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Providence Baptist Transfers Accounts to Advance Federal

Reverend Marcus G. Wood, Pastor, Providence Baptist Church; Louis Crawford, Secretary, Finance Board; Mrs. Elva D. Williams, Mortgage Committee Member; Mrs. Catherine Creigler, President, Mission Society; Mrs. Levola Brown, Mortgage Committee Member; Mrs. Mabie Sneed, Mortgage Committee Member; Howard Marshall, Sr., Member, Finance Board; Nello Hamiel, Church Treasurer.

Mrs. Bessie Wood, pastor's wife, Member, Mortgage Committee; Raymond Wade, Member, Mortgage Committee; Leroy Hughes, Chairman, Trustee Board; Mrs. Irene Terry, Mrs. Larrine King, Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Members, Mortgage Committee; and Dr. W. O. Bryson, president, Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association. Not pictured, Mrs. Edna O. Campbell, chair of Mortgage Committee, who was out of town. Providence Baptist transferred three accounts, Current, Mission and Mortgage Funds. In addition, individual members opened checking accounts. Frank Chase is chairman of Deacon Board.

"In support of my belief that black people should support black enterprises that are sound, secure, and progressive, I asked my Boards and Congregation to authorize the change of our checking accounts to Advance Federal Savings and Loan Association where we will receive interest on our accounts."

Rev. Marcus G. Wood Pastor,
Providence Baptist Church