Today in Christ

By Joseph A. Carter, Jr.

The Word:

Proverbs 18:24 - "...And [illegible] sticketh closer than a brother."

I Corinthians 15:55-57 - "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

In keeping with the spirit of this post-Easter season, I had envisioned this column to be about living, and the newness of life that is made possible by, and which is so freely available to us, TODAY...IN CHRIST, because of the risen, living Savior - and in its own way it will be about just that. It starts, however, from a slightly different and distant point.

Once again the hand of death has swooped down and up again, taking with it just hours ago a friend - a close and cherished friend - of many years. I reacted with sadness and shock upon learning of his death, and while the sadness has begun to take its proper perspective (I know that there is no failure in God), I can't yet shake the shock.

He was the first kid I met on the block when my parents moved there some thirty years ago, and all during those preteen and adolescent years, wewere inseperable. We spent hours at play -times and things were simpler then - mixing strange, foaming, [illegible] the name of "chemistry," stalking adventures in the "Upshur Jungle" with an old buff dog named "Speedy" and an even slower cocker spaniel named "Blackie."

While we each had minds and opinions of our own, and often solved the world's major problems in heated debate - and with different solutions, we were none-the-less Pals! Bossom Buddys! Impossible to beat on the pinball machine, paper-route aces, and 'hustlers' in the legitimate sense of the word, taking advantage of every opportunity to work and to save our money for the important things in life - like comic books, flip-cards (any sport), records, York Barbells, "cool" clothes, and later on live shows at the Howard Theater!

It was good to have a friend that you could talk with, share discoveries in wide-eyed amazement, swap insecurities without being laughed at, admit to vulnerabilities without having to worry about their being preyed upon, and rejoice in triumphs and youthful conquests with no tinge of envy - just feeling good because your friend felt good.

I think that the shock is strong and lingering - not because his death came suddenly and at such a young age (I know that God's word says in Matthew 24:40-42 - "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken; and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not the hour your Lord doth come." The 44th verse, holds the best advice that can be given: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

ONE CAN ONLY BE READY BY HAVING A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST), but rather because the threads that weaved the tapestry of that portion of our lives were made of a tough stuff that allowed the tapestry to be battered and blown and stretched by the separate paths and individual calls of adult responsibilities, and yet not be tattered and torn until now. And so the shock.

And you know that he would feel the same way now-had it been your time to go. That's just the way friends who checked out "

The Adventures of Spin and Marty" together are...and it has nothing to do with seeing and talking with each other every day, or month, or even twice a year, as adults.

Make no mistake, and do not misunderstand - God is in control. He is limited neither by the narrow confines of my understanding, nor the little boundaries of my mind to perform faithful to His promises to us.

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Harriett Hurtt

Funeral services for Mrs. Harriett A. Hurtt were Monday March 28 at Holy Church of Christ in Baltimore. Burial was the next day at Baltimore Cemetery.

Mrs. Hurtt was born in Lunenburg, County, Virginia and moved to New York in 1935. She moved to Balti more in 1970 where she remained until her recent illness.

She died March 24 at Charles General Hospital. Mrs. Hurtt was 69.

Mrs. Hurtt is survived by four sisters, LuEtta Taylor, Mary Hawthorne, Elizabeth Jefferson and Bessie Parker.

Jertson Muse

Funeral services for Jertson Oley Muse were held at William C. March Funeral Home.

Mr. Muse was the son of Eugene and Sydney Muse and was born Aug. 8 , 1918 in North Thumberland County, Va. He died March 25 after a lengthy illness.

He attended school in Virginia and was a member of the YMCA as the executive director of the YMCA. He was also employed at the Flynn and Ermerich Company.

He is survived by six children, Jertson, Helena Brown, Alonzo Muse, Carolyn Muse, Verta Muse and Sandra Turner; three step children Edware Williams, Lena Spikes and Bessie Roberts; one sister, Susie Walls.

Norman Ray

Funeral services for NOrman Ray were held March 31 at Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church on March 31. He is buried in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mr. Ray was born May 29, 1897 in Union County, N. C. and was the son of Willie Ray and Susie Jones Ray. He worked as a laborer in South Carolina.

After moving to Baltimore, he worked at the Rukert Terminal Corporation. Relatives said he was willing to do any and everything he could to make everyone happy.

In 1977, Mr. Ray joined First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church. He died March 29 after a brief illness at Mercy Hospital.

Mr. Ray is survived by four adopted nieces; one brother, William Ray; and two sisters-in-law.

Robert Hawkins

Funeral services for Robert William Hawkins were held April 4 at Herbert Nutter Funeral Home.

Mr. Hawkins was the son of Mary and Joseph Hawkins and was born Jan. 16, 1890 in Washington.

He was called "Curly" by his friends and family and attended Sunday School at Brown Memorial Church.

Relatives said he was known for his appreciation of physical well being and the care of one's health. He is survived by his wife, Laura Hawkins; one step son, Harry Leroy Davis; stepson, Harry Leroy Davis and one sister, Ollie Bey.

Elmer Bolling

Last rites for Elmer Fred Bolling were held April 4 at Ebenezer AME Church.

Mr. Bolling was born in Palatka Florida. He was born Feb. 28, 1910 and was the son of Isabelle Bolling and Fred O'Connor Bolling.

He attended Central Academy High School in Florida. Mr. Bolling was employed as a chauffeur in Oklahoma and served in the Navy as a chief. He also worked at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad until 1961.

He is survived by four children Gwendolyn Lawson, Fred E. Bolling III, Charrissee Carey and Michael J. Bolling.

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Jehovah's Witnesses plan to build a new kingdom hall

The Millington Maryland congregation of Jehovah's Witnessess are planning to build a new 3,000 square foot Kingdom Hall on April 16 and 17.

2,000 volunteers are expected from five states to construct the entire frame and brick meeting hall in a 48 hour period.

Jehovah's Witnesses in recent years have organized building crews from a computer listing of a core of talented craftsmen to manage each phase of construction.

The activity will begin with the serving of breakfast to the first contigent of about 300 workers. The kitchen crew will be serving noon, evening and midnight meals during the two day period to the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Crews of electricians, cabinet makers, plumbers, insulators, dr ywallers, painters and carpet installers will work around the clock with the support service of clean up crews, safety and traffic controllers.

More than 100 halls throughout the United States have been constructed in such a manner to date. This hall to serve the Kent and Queen Anne County area will be the first in Maryland.

Kingdom Halls are found in communities throughout the world over 44,900 congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses in 205 countries.

It is designed as an educational center where Bible discussions and Bible study classes are conducted.

Area obituaries

Rev. Sumrell dead at 79

The Rev. Edward Sumrell, assistant pastor of Wayside Baptist Church, 1308 Riggs Ave., died March 29th at Lutheran Hospital after a long illness. He was 79.

Mr. Sumrell was born in Greenville, N. C. and came to Baltimore where he was the pastor of another church before joining the congregation at Wayside.

He is survived by his wife,the former Rebecca White. There were no children. He resided at 1325 N. Monroe St.

Other survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Violet White, of Bridgeton, N. J. and Mrs. Ada Parker of Bridgeport, Conn. Fifteen other brothers and sisters predeceased Mr. Sumrell.

A family hour service was held Saturday, April 2 at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church, 1601 Ruthland Ave., at 10 a.m.

Mr. Sumrell is buried in Bridgeton, N. J. —

Mary Patterson

Funeral services for Mrs Mary Patterson were held April 2 at Apostolic Faith Church of God on Walbrook Avenue.

Mrs. Patterson was born March 20, 1922 and died March 30. She was born in Langter County, Va. and was the daughter of Georgia Knight.

She joined the Apostolic Faith Church of God in 1969 and was an active member of the church.

Mrs. Patterson is survived by one son, Alonzo W. Laws; one brother, the Rev. William Durham.

Stephanie Byrd

Funeral services for Stephanie D. Byrd, 4, were held April 5 at Wayland Baptist Church.

Stephanie was born July 20, 1979 and was the daughter of Rodney Byrd and Debra A. Paige. She died April 2 at Sinai Hospital.

Relatives said she was a happy and lovable child. She was christened on Easter Sunday 1980 at Wayland Baptist Church. Stephanie was a member of the Choraletes Choir at Wayland and attended Sunday School.

Relatives said her favorite song was Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name. Stephanie won the NAACP baby contest in 1982. At the time of her death, she was attending Happy Acres School.

She is survived by her mother, Debra Paige; grandparents, Vernon and Vista and John and Mary; two great grandmothers, Lula E. Ball and Julia Byrd; one great grandfather, Pete Pequese

Richard Pollard

Richard Pollard died March 31 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services for Mr. Pollard were held April 5 at Leroy O. Dyett and Son Funeral Home.

He was born July 15, 1923 in King and Queen Counties of Virginia. For 25 years he was employed at Jaffe Brothers.

In 1966 he married Mattie Flowers. He is survived by three sons, Richard, William and James; six daughters, Eva Miller, Barbara Hall, Darlene Hargrove, Denise Hargrove and Natasha Hargrove; 11 grandchildren.

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2nd black in Big Ten

Iowa names Raveling head basketball coach

George Raveling, a native of Washington (DC) who later assisted at University of Maryland, has been installed as the new head coach of basketball at Iowa.

He thus becomes the second black head coach in Big Ten history, the first being Bill Cofield who was fired by Wisconsin last year after five years.

Raveling announced his resignation as coach at Washington State Monday night after 11 years there. He added he does not feel pressure in replacing Lute Olson, Iowa's most successful coach, who resigned March 28 to become coach at Arizona. The Hawkeyes went to the NCAA tourney five straight years.

"I'm not running scared of Iowa's great record," Raveling said at a news conference. "If I was, I would have stayed at Washington State."

Under Raveling, the Cougars finished with a 14 - 4 mark in the PAC - 10 in 1982 - 83.

"I look at this (Iowa job) as a relay race and the baton's been passed to a new runner. I've got to run faster than the guy before me," he said. "I think I can handle that."

Raveling, 45, inherits a veteran team that will include three starters — Michael Payne, Greg Stokes and guard Steve Carfino.

Raveling said he plans to bring to Iowa an "extremely aggressive type of play on both ends of the court." He said he will focus his recruiting efforts on a point guard and power forward.

Bump Elliott, Iowa athletic director, said Raveling will be paid a base salary of $60,000 per year on a five-year contract. However estimates that include television royalties and other benefits bring the annual figure to more than $200,000.

Raveling signed a five - year agreement with Washington State in 1980 and only recently negotiated an extension. He had five years remaining on the new pact, which starting April 1 was to pay him $53,000.

He said he accepted the Iowa job because the university "has great academic prestige. (the big ten) obviously is a quality conference, and I want to further my coaching career."

No damper on welcome for losing Houston 5

HOUSTON — Some 3,000 cheering fans braved cold, windy weather Tuesday to welcome home the NCAA tournament runner - up Houston Cougars, who none carried signs of criticism of coach Guy Lewis' game tactics that had surfaced after the team's stunning loss in the final.

Dreary skies and blustery 50 - degree cold did not diminish the crowd's enthusiasm at Robertson Stadium on campus as chants of "Phi Slama Jama — Phi Slama Jama" greeted the players' arrival from Albuquerque, N.M.

"This is a great team," Lewis told the crowd. "This is only a temporary setback and I guarantee we'll be back next year. With support like this there's no way we can fail."

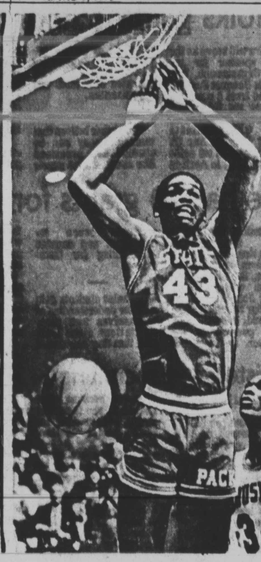
Final four most valuable player Akeem Abdul Olajuwon predicted a tournament title in 1984 for a squad which loses one starter but which may lose another, junior Clyde Drexler, to the pros. Larry Micheaux was the only senior starter.

Drexler told reporters he wanted to return to complete unfinished business.

"Everyone is still pretty shocked," he said. "Right now I'm staying (in school), but I have a lot to consider. I have to consider the offer and my love of the univers...y. The tournament means the world to me. I never thought we would lose like that."

Lewis, 61, has failed in four visits to the final four. Neither of his two No. 1 - ranked teams won the NCAA tournament.





LAST SHALL BE FIRST — Houston's Akeem Abdul Olajuwon (left panel) dominated backboards throughout the NCAA basketball tournament, capturing rebounds and scoring in prolific fashion to gain tournament MVP honors. But it was NC State's Lorenzo Charles (43 right) who beat him inside in the last three seconds of the final game, and canned the winning (54-52) basket in the championship game as Akeem (34) watched helplessly.

Orioles to get quick road test

The Orioles, held in such high esteem in the AFRO's pre-season evaluation, fell flat on their faces in the sunshine of opening day, losing 7-2 to Kansas City.

They weren't down for long, though, bouncing off the 33rd Street turf to thrash the Royals, 11-1 on a miserable Wednesday night.

After closing out a brief home stand with a Thursday night contest against K.C., the Birds are off to help two other clubs launch their home seasons.

They play the first of a weekend pair in Cleveland Saturday afternoon and leave for two in Chicago after a Sunday game against the Tribe.

They're in the Windy City Tuesday and Thursday afternoon (both on TV), before returning to Memorial Stadium with Cleveland next Friday night.

The test aspect stems from the fact that, aside from their opening - game incentive, both Cleveland and Chicago won their series against the 1982 O's.

The Indians captured five of the first seven games and held on to clinch with a 3-game late June sweep in Memorial Stadium.

And despite the optimism among Baltimore fans it is difficult to forget that the Birds were 0-6 in Chicago last year and are currently in a 10-game loss streak that extends back to July 10, 1980, when Scott McGregor beat Britt Burns there. . . . LACY.

Local colts in focus as Preakness nears

Several Maryland-owned and trained 3-year-olds with legitimate credentials have designs on the 108th and richest running of the $500,000-plus Preakness stakes at Pimlico Race Course May 21.

Pimlico's $100,000-added Federico Tesio Stakes April 16.

NBA notes and quotes

Michael Cooper: "I'd rather be a major contributor to a contending team that's doing well and has a chance to win it all, like the Lakers, than to be starting on a team and making astronomical dollars while always coming in next to last."

"It takes awhile to appreciate me," said Trent Tucker, rookie guard of the New York Knicks who has been starting for most of the season. "I'm not as flamboyant as a lot of people, I don't have a special grace or a strut. But I do have athletic ability. I can run and jump and rebound. It just takes time for people to recognize it, because they don't see it right away." Seems like only yesterday Walt Frazier was gliding across Madison Square Garden. Now he's a sports agent "on the move, recruiting clients. I still have the urge to shoot sometimes, but not that often. I'll go the the Y at 92nd and Lex and, while I'm shooting, think about my playing days and feel like I'm preparing for another season. I've still got a good jumper and a few moves. It's like riding a bike—you never lose it, really." Maurice Cheeks played college ball at West Texas State, located in a small town, very small. "I had to go to the next town 17 miles away to get pancakes," said Cheeks. "After awhile a McDonald's opened and they sold pancakes. But if I wanted real pancake house pancakes, I had to go to the next town." In case you didn't guess, Maurice Cheeks likes his pancakes.

Atlanta guard Eddie Johnson has been hampered by illness and injury in recent years and is currently sidelined because of a torn knee ligament. "The only thing left for Eddie to come back from is pregnancy," quipped Hawks PR director Bill Needle.

Bill Salton, on San Diego rookie star Terry Cummings: "All Terry needed to prove himself in the NBA was a pair of sneakers."

Bits 'o briefs

Akeem No. 7

When Houston Cougar center Akeem Abdul Olajuwon was named NCAA tournament MVP Monday night, he became the seventh black player to be so cited in the last seven years.

He was preceded by James Worthy of UNC (82), Isiah Thomas of Indiana ('81), Darrell Griffith of Louisville ('80), Earvin "Magic" Johnson of Michigan State ('79), Jack Givens of Kentucky ('78), and Butch Lee of Marquette ('77).

Spinks sorry

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — Light heavyweight boxing champion Michael Spinks, saying he made a mistake he was "not proud of," pleaded guilty Monday to an illegal weapons charge and was fined $1,700.

Under terms of a plea agreement, Spinks, 26, received no prison sentence after pleading guilty to possession of a .45 caliber revolver without a license.

"I made a mistake," Spinks said following the court proceeding. "I want to say to my fans and younger kids I'm not proud of this.

"I don't want to give the wrong impression to youths out there that carrying (a gun) around is something great."

Pandemonium greets NC State champions

By Debra Williams

RALEIGH, N.C. — The North Carolina State Wolfpack returned home Tuesday with something no one but themselves thought they would win — the NCAA basketball championship.

Coaches and players of the self - proclaimed "team of destiny" were greeted by more than 18,000 fans who made up a sea of red at Reynolds Coliseum late Tuesday afternoon. Wolfpack fans had celebrated in the streets until dawn following the 54 - 52 victory over Houston in the championship game Monday night.

Police said at least 19 people were arrested on charges that included carrying concealed weapons, drunk and disorderly, larceny and damage to property.

Several people were injured and taken to local hospitals, including an Ahoskie man, Norlleet Hoggard, 20, who was struck by a car and suffered head and leg injuries. He was listed in serious condition.

But there were no problems at the homecoming celebration for the team Tuesday afternoon, except for possible headaches caused by the constant roar of fans that sent a noise meter off the scale.

"This is the most incredible outpouring of emotion I've been involved in," said coach Jim Valvano who went to bed shortly after the victory Monday night because of the flu and had not been expected to attend the victory celebration.

Valvano said winning the championship still hadn't sunk in.

"I keep thinking what time is practice tomorrow," he said. "Who are we playing next? What we've done over the past month hasn't sunk in yet."

Red and white, the school's colors, were everywhere in Reynolds Coliseum. Some fans had printed their faces red to greet the team. One sign listed the teams North Carolina State had beaten and then added "Breakfast of Champions."

Shortly after dawn Tuesday, work crews began sweeping and washing down streets littered by plastic cups, broken beer bottles and crushed cans and marred by red paint. A parking meter ripped from the cement lay on its side.

'Death-style' feature tops Civic mat card

A 10-event spring wrestling card is set for the Baltimore Civic Center tomorrow (Saturday) night at 8 o'clock.

A "Texas Death Style" title feature to a positive finish will bring back Big John Studd, six-feet, 10 inches and 365 pounds in a rematch against World Wrestling Federation heavyweight champion Bob Backlund.

Studd was ruled the winner when Backlund was disqualified for clashing with the referee in their last match here.

The Maryland State Athletic Commission is attempting to solve this problem by assigning towering, and tough, Swede Hansen, 312 pounds of muscular manpower, as guest referee.

A four-man midget tag-team special requiring 2-of-3-falls sends Farmer Pete and Butch Cassidy into combat against Sonny Boy and Tiger Jackson. Other top spots will list Pedro Morales vs. The Magnificent Muraco, intercontinental heavyweight champion, and Superstar Billy Graham vs. Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka.

Blessed Birds

A summer of pure joy would prevail in Baltimore if the baseball Orioles could enjoy anything approaching the record of the basketball Birds the past winter.

The squad of Bob Bonner, Al Bumbry, Terry Crowley, Rich Dauer, Mike Flanagan, Ross Grimsley, Eddie Murray, Jim Palmer, Cal Ripken Jr., and John Shelby ran up a .917 average with a 22-2 log.

In the process, the hardwood O's raised over $40,000 for charity.

Bears spring grid drills Tuesday

New Morgan State athletic director Tom Dean, now actively engaged in screening candidates for the vacant head coaching post, has announced that Morgan State spring football practice will commence Tuesday.

The staff of assistants will conduct drills which begin at 3:30 o'clock, and will continue in that role until the top job is filled.

The Bears, who went 4-7 last season, return an outstanding group of running backs led by sophomore Alphonso Harris, but must find replacements at the important positions of quarterback, wide receiver and several keyline spots.

Family fun

University of Southern California won the NCAA women's basketball championship with the help of a pair of twins.

Paula and Pam McGee, despite being overshadowed by freshman phenom Cheryl Miller, made noteworthy contributions to the 69 - 67 victory, especially Paula who is a 1983 All - American.

The gals also are sisters of Willie McGee, centerfielder of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Lee 'n Jim

Lee Elder and Jim Dent, though finishing well off winner Lanny Wadkins, picked up small pieces of the Greater Greensboro open gold tournament.

Elder won $4,209 for his card of 289; Dent cashed $1,209 for his 293.

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