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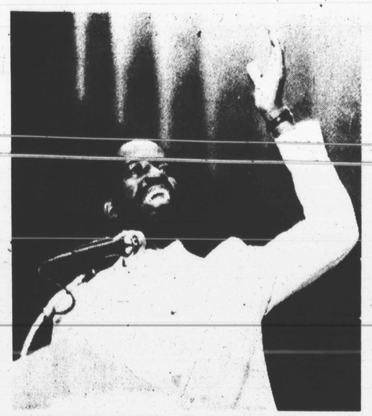
Multitudes throng Civic Center for night crusade



WORSHIP SONG LEADER — The Rev. J. Allen Thomas presided over the pre-crusade song celebration and directed the choirs with worshippers participating.

Audience shouts praises and asks Divine blessings

By Pam Widgeon
AFRO Staff Writer

There was testimony, singing, praying, Bible reading and preaching.

The occassion was a three - night evangelistic crusade sponsored by New Shiloh Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter preaching.

"Those of us who participated and attended these services will never be the same. We have tasted 'New Wine.' We have found a bold new spirit. We have reached new spiritual plateaus, by the power of God we can never be the same," said Rev. Dr. Carter.

The crusade was held Sept. 2 at the Civic Center with music by the Evangelistic Crusade Choir and the Childrens Crusade Choir. Over 300 adult voices could be heard singing God's praises and 100 children singing.

Local ministers and members of the church participated in the services and over 100 new converts born into Christ with countless re-dedications.

This was the third Civic Center crusade sponsored by the church. The first crusade was held July 30, 1978 and the second, "Entering The Eighties With Christ, was held Dec. 30, 1979.

The 1983 crusade continues the thrust to reach souls and nuture Christian lives.

Photos by I. Henry Phillips, Sr.

DR. HAROLD A. CARTER preached to more than 25,000 people from all walks of life at the Evangelist Crusade. He is pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church and has ministered in 25 countries on five continents.

THE CRUSADE CHOIR members had people rocking and shouting in their seats for three nights at the Civic Center where the Evangelist Crusade was held. The services were sponsored by New Shiloh Baptist Church.

MINISTER OF MUSIC — Victor W. Myrick is shown playing the organ at the three-night evangelist crusade. Seated beside Myrick is Nathan M. Carter Jr., New Shiloh Music Consultant. Carter is also director of Morgan State University Choir. He participated in directing the Crusade Choir.

YOUNGEST PARTICIPANTS in the Evangelist Crusade were members of the Evangelist Crusade Choir consisting of members 4 to 16-years-old.

PRAYER TIME — Thousands of people could be seen with their hands in the air Sept. 4 when the Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter and Del. Larry Young prayed at the Civic Center.

Episcopal Church feeds the hungry

By Racine S. Winborne
AFRO Staff Writer

A young woman sipping split pea soup asked, "Why do we have to come to a church for food," and was told it is because somebody has to feed the hungry.

At the corner of S. Hanover and Hamburg streets, Sts. Stephen and James Episcopal church welcomes the hungry and homeless, the forgotten American in for a single hot meal each Wednesday evening.

Behinda the red-bricked walls, built for worship and communal prayer, some 105 men and women from the area eat.

SOBER, the South Baltimore Emergency Relief kitchen, was founded in 1978 by members of a ministerial association that felt the need to aid the growing numbers of residents with little or no life-sustaining resources.

Hope Cucina, the only full-time paid staff member, has established an intimate working relationship with the people who pass through the doors of the church.

"This isn't just for the physical need, it's for the spiritual and the community need. For alot of them this is a real sense of community."

She describes community and explains the tense yet compromising attitude of its residents.

"South Baltimore is a peninsula, with blacks on one side and whites on the other. It is a segregated community with an imaginary gray line in between."

Such racial disparity limits the effectiveness of the relief efforts. On Tuesdays, the Light Street Presbyterian Church serves dinner to a predominantly white constituency.

Wednesday's Sts. Stephen & James feeds a gathering which is at least 85 percent black. For many the location of the church within the neutral zone of South Baltimore, has saved them from a night of hunger.

"Some of the whites from Light Street will not come here, and the blacks will not go over to Light Street," explains Cucina.

Still the majority who come are from the surrounding community. Friendship has begun and ended in the dimly-it hall where the ragged and well-dressed sit side by side, some reading.

Most would prefer not to identify themselves and resent the curiosity of outsiders. Slowly they come around and talk.

"Walk around the streets downtown and you'll see things you've never seen before...people out of work, people hungry.

"You'd be surprised at the people who read Bibles and God's Word who've given up hope." These comments were made by a 37-year-old man who looked several years his age and has been unemployed for a year and a half.

A young woman recently released from jail can't find housing or clothing. "They won't give me nothing and they know I have seizures."

There is no doubt that desperate people do desperate things. "If I was hungry enough...and somebody had something and wouldn't give me some...I might go up side his head."

Grateful for the free meal, they huddle over paper bowls dripping soup down their chins, dipping bread and butter inside with unwashed hands.

Metro church briefs

A Pre-Election Prayer Service on Monday, September 12th, 10 p.m., will Be held at the New Psalmist Baptist Church at Franklin and Cathedral Sts. There will be singing, praying, preaching, and fellowship. The Rev. Dr. Walter S. Thomas is the minister.

The All Saints Choir will be in concert on Sunday, September 11th at 6 p.m. The choir is under the direction of Bill Cummings will present a concert at the Pennsylvania A.M.E. Church at the corner of Pa. Ave. and Dolphin St. The Alabama Association will be presenting the group. The admission fee is $5. Dr. Marshall H. Strickland is the minister. All Saints Church is located at 4408 Liberty Heights Ave. Tickets may be purchased by calling 542-2362 or 358-7132.

The Trustees of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale St., will hold their Fifth Annual Revival, beginning Sunday, September 11th at 6 p.m., and continuing nightly, Monday, September 12 through Friday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. There will be guest speakers and preachers each night from the Baltimore and District of Columbia areas. Come and expect a miracle.

A fashion show and luncheon will be held Oct. 8 at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Garrison Blvd. and Liberty Heights Ave., in the Kriel Hall entitled Changing Seasons.

Fashions will be presented by the Mannequin Models. Tickets are $8.00. for ticket information call 542-0355. The Rev. Bernard Keels is pastor.

The public is invited to attend the birthday celebration of Kaifus Henry at St. Bernadine's Catholic Church at 3800 Edmondson Ave. and Mt. Holly St. The birthday will be Sunday, September 18th at 4:30 p.m. Advance tickets are $6 and $7 at the door. For further information, call 947-0387, 664-3955 or 233-2096.

Featured performers will be "The Nightingales" of Durham, N. C., "The Mighty Wonders and the Bird" of Baltimore, and "The Travelaires " of Baltimore.

If You Ask Me

By Bettye Moss

Hats off!

Hats off to Hayward Farrar, son of Mrs. Gloria Farrar of Linwood Ave. in East Baltimore.

He is Dr. Farrar now. On August 26, he received a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago.

The new Dr. Farrar, 33, is a product of Baltimore City College and the University of Maryland, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's highest scholastic society.

Cuff notes: Dr. Farrar's dissertation is a history of this newspaper, the AFRO-AMERICAN.

It is entitled, "See What the AFRO Says: The Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN, 1892-1950."

He spent three years pursuing his research under the supervision of Dr. John Hope Franklin, the noted historian.

Farrar, formerly on the Flint University faculty, is now Scholar-In-Residence and consultant in history for the Tennessee Commission on the Humanities, with headquarters in Nashville.

More Cuff: — Dr. Farrar's dad, Hayward Sr., was the postal worker. His mom is a Social Service Department case worker.

Grandma, Mrs. Mabel W. Holsey, is a former city teacher. Brother, Ricardo, a Morgan State grad, is employed by a local industry.

Family members attended the graduation. They plan a Baltimore reception in his honor later this year.

And more: In his brief lifespan, Dr. Farrar took time out to serve his country. He was in the Navy for 3 years, worked up from ensign to lieutenant commander!!

Please let this column know when you see or hear about others who succeed. Help us prove that people will take time to praise others. Hats off!

Electionnotes

Maybe it is a good thing for a city the size of Baltimore to have a lively election. One thing, it gives John Q. and Mrs. Citizen an opportunity to get intimate glimpses of public figures.

In the past month, we've had an opportunity to listen closely to two mayoral candidates-incumbent William Donald Schaefer, and former Judge William H. Murphy.

And, we've attended and participated in neighborhood get-togethers and receptions for a cross-section of office seekers-candidates for City Council President, Comptroller and City Council.

We've been greatly enlightened by the dialogue and the presentations, and that's good. Now, after all this, all voters have to do is recall what they've heard and get out early and vote for the candidates of their choice next Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1983.

Note: Voting places open 7 a.m., close 8 p.m. Anyone in line at 8 p.m. closing, will be allowed to vote.

5 in 5

Last week's politicals gatherings included a reception on Wednesday hosted by State Senator Clarence Blount and Mrs. Blount (Gordine).

Candidates gathered under a tent at their Hillsdale Rd. home to listen to speakers endorsed by the Blount 5 in 5 Demo Club. They were Mayor Schaefer, Clarence "Du") Burns, the City Council president seeking reelection, John Douglass, the state delegate seeking post of city comptroller, and council candidates Iris Reeves, Anthony Robinson and Rikki Spector.

John Ferrone is president of 5 in 5 Club.

The 300 guests were attentive as the candidates offered themselves and gave their promises of future service to the city.

What we liked best was the Burns admonition to young people in the audience.

His advice went something like this: "After the election, no matter who wins, go out and shake hands . . . we all have to live in this city together, and we ought to be big enough to shake hands and move on, don't stay mad with anybody . . .

That's pretty solid advice for every day and every body, so we add our Amen.

Billy's show

This week political gathering highlights included the Saturday reception hosted by the Pinkney Howells for Council President Burns at their Mohawk Ave. home.

The Thursday evening fashion show to benefit the Billy Murphy mayoral campaign featured the candidate himself and Congressman Parren Mitchell among the models, who represented a cross-section of public figures. It was sponsored by the 1,000 Women for Murphy.

And tomorrow, (Saturday) at 5, in the Ashburton section-3500 block Hilton- residents hold a "walk-around" for John Douglass. Instead of spending money to eat and drink, they'll do the sensible thing of soliciting contributions to his campaign and having neighbors talk in person to the candidate.

Douglass

Cuff note: John Douglass. We've heard John Douglas speak to all-black groups in Forest Park area, to integrated groups in Mt. Washington, at the home of the Leon Bridgesses- and this is to report that he stands straight and tall-no matter the color or politics of the audience.

He has gained a reputation as a financial wizard during his four terms in the State Legislature where he heads the important Joint Budget and Audit Committee. The way he talks about finances, and his role-to-be in city government, keeps his audiences in rapt attention.

Reminder to voters: Yes, it is true that nobody but you will know how you vote in Tuesday's Primary, but it is also true that if you stay home and fail to vote, your voter record will show that you did not vote. Sooo, please get out and vote on Tuesday, Sept. 13, and vote early!

College notes

When University of Maryland opened its fall term this month, a new Vice President of Policy and Planning was on board.

He is Dr. LeRoy Keith, who comes from Washington, where he was vice president of the University of the District of Columbia.

In his new post as special assistant to U. of Md. president, Dr. John Toll, Dr. Keith becomes a first. He is black.

Dr. Keith succeeds Dr. Kenneth Ford, who resigned to head a technology firm in Philadelphia.

At U of Md. College Park, Dr. Keith joins Dr. John Slaughter, who is chancellor, and also a first black. He was selected by Dr. Toll last year.

Another new school executive on the job this month is Bowie State's president, Dr. James E. Lyons Jr.

He comes to the college from Delaware State College, where he was vice president. Dr. Lyons holds a doctorate from U. of Connecticut. He is 39, is married, has 3 children. He succeeds Miss Marcellina M. Brooks, who has been acting president since the Jan. 1983 resignation of former president, Dr. Rufus Barfield.

CCB shines

A real delight was the unique event entitled, "Opening Day," at Community College of Baltimore on Wednesday, August 31.

Under the leadership of President Charles G. Tildon, staff and faculty gathered at Little Theatre on Liberty Campus to discuss new directions and meet new faces on board at Liberty and the Harbor campus.

A panel discussion on, "State of the College," featured remarks from area educators and business people.

Participants: Dr. Calvin W. Burnett, Coppin State president; Father Joseph Sellinger, Loyola College president; Dr. Anne Emery, representing Superintendent of Baltimore Schools' Alice Pinderhughes;

Also, Ms. Gayle Boyd, vice president, Otis Warren Co., and Russell R. Jones, Bethlehem Steel General Manager.

There followed an all-staff picnic-with desserts prepared by CCB cooks.

Treat was the closing event — a concert by the 150-voice Citizens Celebrating Baltimore.

The singing group — nifty in red jackets and white shirts and blouses — was composed of young and old, black and white.

And did they sing! Director Hugh Carey led them in a magnificent arrangement of "When You Walk Alone," proof that the chorus lives up to its motto, "providing entertainment with excellence."

Congrats: — Another plaque was added to the collection of Jim Flemming, (Dr. G. James), recently.

The Swarthmore College Upward Bound Program, honored him with its Yvonne Motley the presentation, Dr. Fleming had made the keynote address at the "Educational Forum on Media and Public Policy" under auspices of the program.

Dr. Fleming has been both journalist and political scientist, (he still writes a column for the Baltimore edition of the AFRO).

He was cited, "for his contributions to an enlightened media, counsel to makers of public policy, and commitment to equity, parity and justice."

'Hope to end'

On a hot and sultry day like last Sunday, it is a pleasure to worship in an air-conditioned facility like Providence Baptist Church, at Pennsylvania and Lafayette Aves. in downtown west Baltimore.

We arrived in time to hear the pastor, Rev. Marcus G. Wood, discuss his topic, "Hope To The End."

He observed that Christians never run out of hope . . . they understand they must hope to the end of their earthly careers . . .

He added that God answers prayers in His own time, and urged his listeners that should they get to the place where they feel they're running out of hope, they should tie the knot and keep on hoping.

Since it was Communion Sunday, after the Sacrament was served, all members of the congregation marched to the front to greet the pastor and church officials.

This provided a kind of warm fellowship for visitors who were able to shake hands with a number of members and visitors.

Notices in the church bulletin included one which advised that Miss Gretchen Spencer and Jake Shorter would receive subscriptions to the AFRO-AMERICAN in the Fellowship Hall.

Hospitalized members on the sick list: John T. Young, Ft. Howard Veterans Hospital; Philip Richardson, Bon Secours; Elmer Carroll, Mercy; and Mrs. Lula G. Carroll, both in Mercy Hospital.

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I Have a New Name — Kemper Harreld, arr.
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Somebody's Calling My Name — Wendell Whalum

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