Religion In Modern Life

First Baptist renovated

Celebrating a whole new look this month is the First Baptist Church located at 525 N. Caroline St.

First Baptist has just undergone major interior and exterior renovations.

In the midst of rejoicing over the occasion, rededication services have been scheduled to begin Saturday, September 8, 8 p.m. and continue until Sunday, September 9, 5 p.m.

Sunday morning services will begin at 10:45 a.m. with a sermon by Pastor Leroy Fitts. The 5 p.m. service on Sunday will highlight Dr. Mack C. Statham in an Organ Recital.

Dr. Statham is a renowned national artist who has given piano and organ concerts throughout the South at leading black colleges. He received his B.S. Degree in music at Hampton Institute in 1956.

He has composed several songs and will soon in October present two new compositions at Baltimore's Union Baptist Church.

In January 1984, he was honored as "Alumnus of the Year" by Hampton Institute with a special presentation of his very own cantata "Whence We Came and Where We Are."

Recently, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Music from Virginia Seminary and College.

Among Dr. Statham's compositions are "Rhapsody on a Motherless Child," "Service to Man and God," Benedictus," and "The Heritage (A musical history of Metropolitan United Methodist Church in the city)."

The instrument used for the recital at First Baptist will be a recently installed pipe organ, one of the many new additions to the church after the renovation.

The church has been at the present site on Caroline Street for more than 100 years. The church itself began in 1836.

The renovations done included new carpeting, wall panelings, crosses and other church paraphernelia.

First Baptist was one of the first black Baptist churches started in the United States.

Its history is a rich and vibrant one. In fact, it was founded by an ex-slave.

Today, with a membership slightly approaching five hundred, the church is growing constantly. Its Sunday School is one of the best in the city. Historically, First Baptist is the oldest Baptist church in the state.

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'WE HOLD THE BIBLE DEAR TO OUR HEARTS' is the perception of students at the Berean Christian School in the 2000 block of Orleans Street.

Berean School expands

By Eddie King
AFRO Religion Editor

Last year, the Berean Christian School in the 2000 block of Orleans Street had only 30 students, four teachers, two classrooms and no rightly assigned principal.

Part of the reason was that the school had just begun last year.

But this year as schools reopened around the city, so did Berean—only its enrollment was almost tripled, its staff doubled, its facility expanded, and there was even a principal to greet students at the door on the first day of school.

Mrs. Matwaia Isabelle, a 31-year-old veteran in the school system, had been appointed principal of the one-year-old Christian school.

Berean Christian School opened its doors to students for the first time in September 1983 as part of an evangelical ministry of the Berean Bible Chapel, a church adjacently located in the same building as the school, pastored by Rev. Paul Lewin.

And one of the most outstanding attributes of the school is described by the principal herself: "The most outstanding attribute is that it is a Christian school.

"The doctrinal theology of Christianity is integrated within the curriculum. It is dominant and apparent in the attitudes of the students and teachers."

Because of the sudden unexpected increased enrollment, the school's officials are fastly making plans to continue its expansion. Already, scouts are looking for a new site for a larger more convenient building for next year.

The school now holds grades K5 through 3 but by next year expect to expand to the sixth.

Presently, the array of courses offerred in the curriculum include the most basics of academics such as math and reading along with

Matwaia Isabelle

social studies, physical education and music.

The Berean Christian School is an accredited school with the Maryland State Board of Education as a private religious institution with fully well-qualified accredited teachers.

One of the more unique qualities of the school is its small classroom environment, a feature with which the principal is quite happy.

"We are able to pay more attention individually to students, and they prosper from that."

Mrs. Isabelle insists that parent support to the school is great. Depending on the child's grade level, parents pay anywhere from $750 to $950 a year for their child's enrollment.

Berean Christian School is rapidly expanding and at the same time is becoming recognized as one of the best private schools around. It has only been one year and already they have gained respect of some of the city's most respected in education.

Tommy Roberts celebrates

Deacon Thomas Roberts' 35th Anniversary Celebration at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church this Sunday, September 9 may not be the biggest Christian event to happen this year, but there are those who expect it might come close.

Deacon Roberts has been singing gospel in Baltimore for most of his 35-year career.

Born in Baltimore, the 39-year-old singer has been one of the few gospel artists in the city to reach national acclaim. He has sung with almost just as many artists who have made their impression in Christian music from Shirley Caesar and Myrna Summers to James Cleveland and Edwin and Walter Hawkins.

His association with Baltimore and gospel music has been one that has helped changed the outlook on gospel talent in the city. At seven, he had already recorded his first album.

That marked the beginning of a long association with gospel music. He has written over 600 songs, recorded six albums and presently is a full-time record producer and publisher with his own record and publishing company, TR Records.

Roberts is a graduate of City College High School and the Community College of Baltimore.

Married to Barbara Roberts, he has one 15-year-old son, Thomas Roberts, Jr., who plays the drums in the four-piece band which normally accompanies the singer.

Thomas Roberts

"Music is everything to me," indicates Roberts. "It is a form of expression God has given me. It's a way I can write about things happening in other people's lives. When I see someone overcome a sickness due to his belief in God, it's music to my ears."

Guests for the 5 p.m. celebration include Julia Mae Price-Williams, The Singing Deacons, Pamela Yerby, Inspirational Choir of Gillis, Shelly Stokes, Combined Choirs of Gillis and many more.

Gillis is located 4016 Park Heights Ave.

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SHAWN LEWIS, a proud four-year-old Berean Christian School student, shows off school insignia on new sweater.

Metro church briefs

Highway Christian

The Young Adults of Highway Christian Church, 1100 Homewood Ave., will have a Joy Night Sat., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.

St. Luke U.M.

St. Luke United Methodist Church, Riggs Ave. and Gilmor St., will h hold a flea market on Sat., Sept. 8 from 8-2 p.m.

Providence Baptist

The Inspirational singers of Providence Baptist Church, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., will be having a musical tea on Sat., Sept. 8, 4 p.m. with Deacon Thomas Roberts, Sr. in concert. $5.

St. Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew's Church, 4711 Edmondson Ave., will hold its Annual Flea Market on Sat., Sept. 8, 9-2 p.m.

Simmons Memorial Baptist

The Recording King Choral Ensemble will be in recital at Simmons Memorial Baptist Church, Pennsylvania Ave. and Cumberland St., on Sun., Sept. 9, 8 p.m.

Gillis Memorial C.C.

Deacon Tommy Roberts will be celebrating his anniversary at Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church, 4016 Park Heights Ave., on Sun., Sept. 9, 6 p.m.

First Baptist

First Baptist Church, 525 N. Caroline St., will hold its Rededication Services on Sept. 9, 10:45 a.m. There will be an Organ recital at 5 p.m.

Gospel Spreading Church of God

The Gospel Spreading Church of God, 4310 Edmondson Ave., invite you to come and travel with them on an excursion to Washington to their Annual Baptizing Service, Sun., Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m. For further info. call 233-2385.

Garrison Blvd. U.M.

Second Anniversary celebrations of the Spiritual Crusaders will be held at the Garrison Blvd. U.M.

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SING ALONG — Teacher Connie Moore takes some members of her combined K5 and first grade class through some musical adventures.

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GEOGRAPHY TEACHER Darryl Moore explains how the world is divided into land masses called continents to some second and third grade students. He is also vice-principal of the school.

Sharp Street Methodist to have Men's Day

The men of Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church, Dolphin and Etting Sts., will be celebrating their 88th Annual Men's Day on Sunday, September 16.

The celebration will begin with breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with Rev. George DeFord of the St. Marks U.M. Church in Laurel, Md. as the guest speaker.

An 11 a.m. service will feature the city's state's attorney Kurt Schmoke followed by a reception for Mr. Schmoke in the lower auditorium at 12:45 p.m.

This man who is now the city's state's attorney is a native of Baltimore. He attended Baltimore City public schools, and graduated from Baltimore City College High School in 1967.

He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Yale University in 1971, was selected as a Rhodes Scholar and studied at Oxford University in England for two years.

He returned to study law at Harvard University, graduating in 1976. Admitted to the Maryland Bar in 1976, he immediately began practice with a local law firm

Kurt Schmoke

of Piper and Marbury.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter appointed Mr. Schmoke an Assistant Director of the White House Domestic Policy Staff. In 1978, he returned to Baltimore as an Assistant United State's Attorney, later rejoining the firm of Piper and Marbury.

His installment as State's Attorney for Baltimore City came on January 3, 1983.

National Baptist Convention

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Exhibits	Exhibit Hall D Convention Center
8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Regular Session Laymen's Movement *1,200 in attendance	Hall C Convention Center
8 a.m.-10 a.m.	Educational Hour Women's Auxiliary *5,000 in attendance	Hall B Convention Center
9:15 a.m.-1 p.m.	Song Service and Annual Address National Moderators President Rev. J. E. Jones *3,000 in attendance	Hall A Convention Center
9:30 a.m.	Red Circle Hour Welcome Program Young People's Department	Rooms 32-33 Convention Center
12 Noon	Worship/Music/ Thematic Sermon Benediction Young People's Department	Rooms 32-33 Convention Center
2 p.m.	Song Service — Reports — Sermon	Hall A Convention Center
2:30 p.m.	Study Commission Report Young People's Department	Sheraton — Hotel Washington 2660 Woodley Road, N.W.
5 p.m.	Women's Auxiliary Dinner with the Presidents Women's Auxiliary	Sheraton — Wash. Hotel 2600 Woodley Rd., N.W.
7:30 p.m.	*900 in attendance Youth Night Speaker: Winner — Oratorical Contest Speaker: Rev. Jesse Jackson	Hall A Convention Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8 a.m.-6 p.m.	Exhibits	Exhibit Hall D Convention Center
8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Session — Women's Auxiliary (Committee Reports; Report of Young People's Dept.)	Hall B Convention Center
2 p.m.	Meeting: Board of Directors Women's Auxiliary	Hall B Convention Center
7:30 p.m.	*300 in attendance Evangelistic Night *8,000 in attendance	Hall A Convention Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9 a.m.	Sunday Church School	Hall A Convention Center
11 a.m.	Worship Service *12,000 in attendance	Hall A Convention Center

Jackson addresses Baptist women

By Susan Baumel
AFRO Staff Writer

Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke on the obligation of social responsibility, political action and the role of women during an address to the 4,000 member delegation of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention here, Wednesday morning.

Reading from passages in the book of John and Proverbs from the Bible, Jackson told the audience at the Convention Center, "Let the record show that religion obligates us to have compassion for those who are down."

"Our religion tells us to be concerned about people other than ourselves," Jackson said and quoted scripture saying "if our enemy be thirsty then give him drink," balancing that with blistering attacks on the Reagan administration and the present state of affairs; "Tell Pharoah to let my people go."

Again, Jackson concentrated his message on the political arena for Blacks: "Our religion makes us political, but our politics does not make us religious."

Calling on episodes in his own life, Jackson illustrated the politics of life and death, telling stories about his youngest child who received a social security number before they had thought of a name for the child and adding how his own father could not be until they had received a number for that burial.

"From the womb to the grave you are in the political arena" Jackson told the convention gathering. It is a matter of whether one chooses a politic of war or a politic of peace, he said. "We must use the system to protect our people" he continued.

Focusing on the role of Black women in the Black community, Jackson said that women "have always played the leadership role in our people."

Naming Shirley Chisholm, who ran for the presidency of the United States 1972 while she served as a congresswoman from New York and Rosa Parks, who would not be moved from the seat she had chosen on the bus, in spite of the fact that numerous Blackmen, pastors and preachers had submitted themselves to second-class status on public transportation, Jackson concluded, "our women have stood up."

Jackson came out strongly for the Mondale/Ferraro ticket and vowed that this year's elections would help to change the face of the U.S. Congress when new representatives are elected to both houses.

"I fought so hard to get a woman on the ticket because if women like Indira Gandhi, goldie Meir and Margaret Thatcher can govern nations," women in the United States should also.

Black women with a college education earn less money on the average than men with an eighth grade education do, Jackson told the women's department of the NBC.,

He went on to cite statistics showing that one half of all Black children live in a house headed by a woman and more than half of those children live below the poverty line.

Black women in unions make one - third more in wages than those who are not organized, said Jackson, urging women to go out and register to vote.

"We won in 1984" finished Jackson, stating as gains his wins in 60 Congressional Districts, 30 of them in the South.

Again, returning to the theme of constant struggle for recognition, political emancipation and equality, Jackson said, "We won in 1984. What did we win? We won our self-respect."

"We won the respect of our children and the opportunity to debate" Jackson continued.

Finally, referring to the upcoming presidential race, Jackson warned that "more is at stake than who is going to be president."

Calling the November 6 election shopping day, Jackson concluded that analogy, saying, "On that shopping day if you do not shop — you will starve."

Reverend Tyrone Pitts, Director of the Racial Justice Committee for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference told the attentive delegates that "racism destroys the image that we are made in God's image."

Pitts cited 300 acts of violence against Blacks and other Americans, perpetuated by whites.

Among those incidences, many were againt interracial couples, single Black women or Black men; many of them pastors.

"We are not better - off than we were four years ago" was the message given by Pitts to the women's delegation. Later in the day, during a press conference, president of the NBC, Dr. Theodore Jemison, told when asked by reporters if people are better - off than they were four years ago, he looked quizzical and answered, "I wouldn't think so."

Pressed to examine the reasons why people are not in a better position than they were four years ago, Jemison responded, "We have more unemployment" and less scholarships for both poor whites and poor blacks.

Jemison also said that the "Republican party has always been the part of the wealthy" and predicted that Mondale will get the majority of support from Blacks.

Questioned about Christianity and politics, Jemison expressed the view that religion had no place in politics, but quoted the Bible, saying, "By their fruit ye shall know them."

On the question of prayer in the school, Jemison once again responded that "I think we need to argue about prayer in the home." He repeated earlier statements that he sends his children to school to learn to read and write and compute mathematics. Jemison also pointed to the child's ability to pray at anytime during the day without it being the concern of anyone.

Both presidential candidates Walter Mondale and President Ronald Reagan have been invited to speak to the NBC convention.

Mondale is expected to address the delegates late this afternoon. Reagan has not yet responded to the invitation.

Psalms from Prison

A brunch featured by the Criminal Justice Task Force of St. Augustine Church will be held on Sunday, September 9 at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Featured guest speaker Dr. Benjamin Chavis will speak on "The Role of the Church in the Reform of the Criminal Justice System."

Chavis is the author of the book, "Psalms from Prison", which he wrote while imprisoned as a member of the "Wilmington Ten."

St. Augustine Church is located at 1425 Vee St., Nw.

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Church, 2504 Garrison Blvd.

Good Shepherd Baptist

The Angelic Choir of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, 3439 Park Heights Ave., will celebrate their 23rd Anniversary on Sun., Sept. 9 at 11 and 3:30 services.

Hopkins U.M.

Hopkins United Methodist Church, Highland Road, five miles west of Columbia, will have its 103rd Anniversary of Annual Homecoming Services from Sun., Sept. 9 through Sept. 16. For further info. call 730-4592.

St. John A.M.E.

Singer Katie Jackson will be in concert at St. John A.M.E. Church, 810 N. Carrollton Ave., on Sun., Sept. 9, 5 p.m. $5.

Greater Faith Hope Tabernacle

The second anniversary of the Eternal Life Florist will be celebrated on Sun., Sept. 9, 6 p.m., at the Greater Faith Hope Tabernacle, 1900 E. 30th St. Special guest will be the Faith Choral Ensemble with minister Harry Smith speaking.

Northeast Baptist

Rev. Richard Grimes, III has been appointed the Superintendant of Sunday School at Northeast Baptist Church, Mayfield and Kenly Aves., where Rev. Harold McFadden is the pastor. Rev. Grimes assumed his duty formally last Sunday.

Dunbar High

Gospel On Stage, the musical production by Raymond Wise, will be presented again this weekend at Dunbar High School on Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. For further information, call 233-5268.

St. Matthew's Tabernacle

Celebrating their 3rd Annual Women's Day is the St. Matthews Gospel Tabernacle Apostolic Faith Church, 1907 Rosedale St. Speaker for the Sept. 9 occasion will be Evang. Bessie Belton of D.C. at 11 a.m. and Pastor Annie Woods of D.C. at 4 p.m.

Greater New Hope Baptist

An old fashion country revival at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church, 2720 W. North Ave., beginning Mon., Sept. 10 through Fri., Sept. 14 with Dr. James Fuller speaking.

Israel Baptist

Israel Baptist Church is celebrating the pastor's Seventh Anniversary from Sept. 10-16. Guest speakers will be speaking each night at 7:30 p.m. services.

La Fontaine Bleu

A Testimonial Appreciation Banquet in honor of Rev. St. George Cross will be held Thurs., Sept. 13 at the La Fontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave. For further info. call 366-9055.

Sts. Pentecostal Holiness

The Old Time Way Revival Crusade Ministry with Evang. J. D. Fowler will be held Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14 at the Saints Pentecostal Holiness Church, 4113 Frederick Ave., 7:45 p.m. nightly.

Hunt Valley Inn

Rev. Wendell Phillips, pastor of Heritage Unted Church of Christ, will be celebrating his 20th anniversary with friends and members on Fri., Sept. 21 at Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, Md. For further info. call 842-1204.

Episcopal Church of Christ

The Episcopal Church of Christ the King presents its annual fall fair and flea market on Sat., Sept. 22, on the church grounds, 1930 Brookdale Rd. For further info. call 433-7880.

Israel Baptist

Musicians Edmond D. Meade, Jr. and Bernice Meade Walker will be in an evening of sacred music on Sept. 29, 7 p.m. at Israel Baptist Church, 1220 N. Chester St. For further info. call 563-4364. $5.

Mt. Lebanon

Women of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church are sponsoring a shopping trip to Englishtown, N.J. on Sat., Sept. 29 For further info. call 669-1800 or 669-9723.

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