Religion In Modern Life

A Historical Event at Harlem Park Church

Recently a historical first was scored for Black Ministers Wives of Maryland by Minnie R. McGee Washington. Historically speaking, she is the first black pastor's wife of Maryland to speak on "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross." This special celebration by the black church on each Good Friday, has always been performed by seven ministers, but never a black minister's wife!

The uniquity of this history making event is complex. Minnie R. McGee is NOT a preacher. She holds no ecclestial titles. Yet, by the urgent request of Dr. Raymond Kelly, the pastor of the Harlem Park Community Baptist Church, Minnie graced the pulpit with two pastors and four other preachers. One of the four was her son, the Rev. Carl L. Washington Jr. Never in the history of the black church, has mother and son served in the celebration of the Seven Last Words.

Mrs. Washington, who had been designated the task of discussing the third word of Jesus from the cross, was eloquent, informative, and inspirational.

She opened new interest into the very word which has stymied theologians and clergy for years. As a matter of fact, many ministers decline to the third word.

Her thesis was contained in three major points: (1) Know who Jesus is (2) Understand the concept of the familyhood of the faithful, and (3) the right to the Righteous Redeemer.

These three points, she said, "were tactfully taught to us by Mary, the Mother of Christ."

Mary knew who Jesus was. The angel told her of his identity on the Holy Hill of Encounter. And when Mary was overly concerned with the tragedy that trailed his life, "she pondered those things in the heart." Many problems arise in the black church today because too many churchgoers don't know who Jesus is. The natural man cannot know the things of the Spirit, "Ye must be born again."

Secondly Mary understood the concept of the familyhood of the faithful. The Godhead confirms the familyhood of the faithful, and points to the possibility of world salvation, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jesus came to take care of family business; the family of God are those who have faith in his son as Lord, Savior, Redeemer, and soon coming, King.

Mary understood that Christ had come to take care of family business when he announced to her that he must be about his father's business.

Another time he explained, "And who is my mother and my sister and my brethren? He who doeth the will of my father in Heaven. The same is my brother, my sister, my mother."

The familyhood of the faithful has nothing to do with wombs, women and men. It has everything to do with faith and Spirit. Those who are born again of the Spirit, washed in the blood, and sealed by the Holy Ghost, are the members of the family of faith! We are members of his family if we have accepted him as Lord and Savior of our life.

YOUNG SPONSORS of Ebenezer Baptist Church's 54 anniversary celebration at the church, 22rd and Guilford Ave. included Toetisha Hopkins, Tamisha Murphy, Torey Hopkins, Tammeka Gee, Tyra Pitman, Tatum Bullock, Wanda Cole is president.

Rev. Dr. Clarence Poole Pastor

Rev. Eileen Foreman Guest Speaker

An afternoon of praise and music

BEREA TEMPLE LAMPLIGHTERS who filled the afternoon with music included Tonya Black, Vonya Black, Tawanna (Sissy) Bryant, Abena Cassell, Alvinia (Peaches) Crowell, Hershaw Davis, Danielle Gant, D'aris (Precious) Gibson, Denisha (DeDe) Gibson, Dwight Gordon, Jackalyn Gordon, Venus Gregory, Toni Gregory, Leshanda Hatchett, Albert Hardy, Dawn Johnson, Jennifer (Jennie) Laidley, Theresa Martin, Marlow Matthews, Robert Milbourne, Tobert Noakes, Alan Ringgold, Eric Robinson, Jermal Robinson, Chris Sampson, Roy Sampson, Melissa Simms, Nikki Simms, Sharon Simms, Marcus Walker, Mark Williams.

PROUD ELDERS AND PARENTS who gathered for congratulations included Katie Emanuel, Solomon Henson, Herbert Graves Jr., Florence Burch, Robert Burch, Hershel Davis, Bettye Graves, Hersher Davis Jr., Angela Davis, Johnnie Foreman, Mary Henson, Christopher Emanuel, Albert Shields, Lucille Kirkland, Wileen Shields, Ardelia Lokeman, Nathaniel Emanuel.

What is gold?

This article was submitted by one of our readers. Her name is Portia Williams. She attends Bethel A.M.E. Church. The following article contains information that she found pertaining to the precious mineral, gold.

Mrs Williams said that her friends disputed her when she told them that gold was a diamond. When she searched her Bible for an answer, she compiled the information found in her article.

Gold is a precious stone that looks like clear glass. Gold was in the Garden of Eden in a country called Havilah, but in today's language, Havilah is South Africa. Ezekiel 28:13 "Thou hast been in Eden the Garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the Jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold."

Revelations 21:18 and 21 ". . . And the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. 21.) . . . and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass."

Genesis 2:10 thru 14 "And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first is Pison: that is which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it

Thou hast been in Eden, the Garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering . . .

that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia . . ."

Ms. Williams said that she found information in her Bible that led her to a better understanding of the question.

She said, "Young people who have difficulty and problems should look to the older members of the church for answers. After asking a priest, deacon or other older members without satisfaction, you should pray to the Lord for knowledge and wisdom. You may not get an answer right away, but if you pray faithfully and continually, an answer will come."

Metro Church Briefs

JEHOVAH WITNESS CONVENTION FACILITY

The spring series of circuit assemblies will be convened at the Jehovah Witnesses beautiful Convention Facility, located on Sunrise Beach Road in Crownsville, on May 4th and 5th. For information contact Lewis Mickle at 355 - 4629. Admission is free and the public is invited.

MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Men's Club of Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church is celebrating their Annual Men's Day at the church, 2110 Madison Ave. (between North Ave. and Blum St.) on Sunday, May 5 at 11 a.m. Admission is free and all are invited.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH

The church High Blood Pressure Program presents a night of dinner and drama on Saturday, May 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 and at 6:30 the play "Tambourines to Glory" by Langston Hughes.

Donation for the affair will be $8. The church is located at 1401 Pennsylvania Ave. You are cordially invited.

MOUNT OLIVE A.M.E. CHURCH

The Mount Olive A.M.E. Church Gospel Choir will be in concert on Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. The concert will benefit the church's Women's Day committee. The choir will be accompanied by noted musicians. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Mt. Olive Church is located at 2 Hicks Ave. in Annapolis.

BEREA TEMPLE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

The Dorcas Society of Berea Temple Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1901 N. Madison Avenue will host its its annual Community Services Day on Saturday, May 11. Dr. Edward L. Richardson, Pastor of the church will speak on "Motherhood, Yesterday, and Today" during the 11 a.m. divine Worship Service.

RAY OF HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

The annual spring revival of the Ray of Hope Baptist Church will begin on May 6, at 7:30 p.m. and will continue at that time through May 10.

The speaker for the week is Rev. Gregory Perkins, pastor of St. Paul Community Baptist Church.

The church is located at 3000 Parkside Drive. All are welcome.

CATONSVILLE WOMEN'S AGLOW FELLOWSHIP

The Catonsville evening Women's Aglow Fellowship invites you to an evening of christian fellowship at Duff's Restaurant in Westview Mall on Ingleside Ave., Monday, May 13, at 6 p.m.

The meeting is from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The speaker will be Ada Joyner. For information call Ernestine Wilson at 945-3038.

CENTENNIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mothers Club of Centennial United Methodist Church, 1029 East Monument St. will sponsor a Mother's Day Luncheon on Sunday, May 12 immediately following morning worship. Tickets are avialble at $2.50 each. All are invited to bring mothers and families or come alone.

The program will be provided by the children and youth of the church. The speaker for the morning will be Mrs. Dorothy Brunson, prominent Baltimore businesswoman and member of Pennsylvania Ave. A.M.E. Church.

CITY TEMPLE OF BALTIMORE

The Gospel Chorus of the City Temple of Baltimore Baptist Church will be having their 14th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, May 19, at 5 p.m. Please come out and support us with your prayers and with your presence. We are sure that you will receive a spiritual Blessing. The church is located at 317 Dolphin St. at Eutaw St.

PERKINS SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH

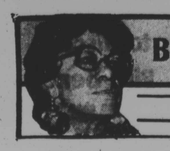
One Hundred Women in White Service at Perkins Square Baptist Church, 2500 Edmonson Ave. on May 5, at 3 p.m. The speaker will be the Rev. Ann Terry Daniels of the Lewin United Methodist Church.

MT. ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The United Methodist Women of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located at Liberty Heights and Wabash Avenues, will sponsor An Evening with Verna, featuring Mrs. Verna Day, well known actress, on Saturday evening, May 18.

Dinner will be served at 5:30, with background music by the Bob Smith Trio and a selection by Ms. Isha Moses.

At 7 p.m., Mrs. Day will present her literary program. Donation is $12. For ticket information, kindly call Mrs. Washington 542-9108.



Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

On the move

Sure it makes you proud when the keynote speaker turns out to be a brilliant young Baltimore woman you've watched grow up. It was so a Saturday ago, (April 20), for members of Morgan State University Women and friends who gathered on campus to mark their 50th anniversary.

And the speaker was the Honorable Tama Myers Clark, 38, judge in the Criminal Trial Division of the Court of Common Pleas State Court in Philadelphia.

Judge Myers - Clark grew up in Northwest Baltimore, attended city public schools. She finished Morgan State University in 1968, with highest honors, and earned her master's in city planning and her law degree at the University of Pennsylvania. She was president of Morgan's Student Government Association.

Before her judicial appointment in January, 1984, Mrs. Clark was deputy city solicitor, assistant district attorney and a judicial law clerk in Philadelphia. Previously, she was on the general counsel's staff of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

She said...

Judge Clark recited for luncheon guests data

THE JUDGE — Former Baltimorean and Morgan grad is Judge Tama Myers Clark of Philly. See more in If You Ask Me.

examples of criminal cases she hears, many involving abuse. She called for women to be supportive of their sisters in distress and observed that black women have demonstrated the ability to overcome. She said there is still need to help those in trouble so that they have faith and can overcome and survive.

Note: Judge Clark is a child of Morgan State University in other ways. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers, (Marian). He is the distinguished former Morgan U. economics professor and former Bowie State College president.

He is now president of the National Association for Equal Opportunity In Higher Education.

Family

The Myerses' other two children have earned doctorates and are in interesting careers. Daughter, Yvette, a Morgan and Columbia grad, has a doctorate from the U. of Md., is a professor at Towson State College.

Son, Samuel Jr., a Morgan grad who received his masters' and Ph.D., at MIT, (Mass Institute of Technology), is a U. of Pittsburgh economics professor.

Cuff notes: Judge Clark's parents, who reside in Maryland and her hubby, Peter, who is a HUD exec, were in the audience for her Baltimore talk.

Judge Clark's achievements have not gone unnoticed. She has received numerous awards and citations in recognition of her civic and professional activities.

Among them — 1985 Woman of the Year, National Sports Foundation; 1984, Distinguished Alumnus of Year, Morgan State University.

And more: Mayor of Philadelphia is Wilson Goode, also a Morgan grad. He studied economics under the senior Dr. Myers.

Ooops, oops

Fourth District City Councilman Michael Bowen Mitchell and his family are NOT moving to Strathmore Ave., as incorrectly reported in this space last week.

They are moving from the family home on Druid Hill Ave., to the tree - shaded 1000 block of West Lafayette Ave., still in the heart of the district he represents. So sorry.

Councilman Mitchell tells us he decided to purchase the three - story, roomy residence because his family is large, and because he wanted to be a part of the historic Lafayette Square neighborhood, where a number of old homes are being renovated.

Plus, he says the neighborhood association is working hard to anchor the area which has a number of plusses. For example, four churches border the square — St. James Episcopal, Metropolitan United Methodist, St. John AME and Emmanuel Christian Community.

NEW HOME of City Councilman Michael Mitchell is in tree-shaded 100 block of W. Lafayette Ave. See more in If You Ask Me.

This summer, Councilman Mitchell plans open house. There will also be a ceremony on opening of the Lafayette Square fountain and a number of other events. More later.

Duff notes: Councilman Mitchell and his wife, Angela, have four children. Youngest is 22 - month - old Juanita Jackson Mitchell 2nd. Others are Jennifer, 6; Micah, 7, and Michael Bowen, 17. Oldest child is a merit scholar at Gilman, where he graduates this June. He has been accepted as pre - law student at Oberlin College.

'Be there'

For six weeks, the blue and yellow lawn signs, letters, ads and other literature have urged "be there." So it was no surprise that the Fifth Regiment Armory was packed for the $25 per Kurt Schmoke mid - term celebration on Sunday, April 28.

From the time the doors opened at 3 until they closed at 7, there was a steady stream of people — black and white, young and old — who turned out in such numbers even the States' Attorney Schmoke and his close advisors were surprised. Some people arrived as early as 2 p.m. to buy tickets at an outdoor booth, where sales were still swift a half hour before closing time.

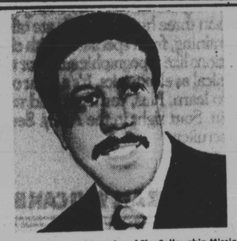
Of course, the balmy weather helped. Parking was not too bad — although if you arrived after 3, you had to go a three block distance to find a place.

But inside, the armory made up for it. The big hall had been turned into a country fair atmosphere. People, people everywhere, and bottles of goodies—hot dogs — pizzas, fruits, cokes and beer and sodas. And, there was entertainment — a gospel choir, Korean dance group and jazz band.

Person after person commented, "Isn't this grand!" or "My, this is so nice," as they moved around the hall. They seemed excited by the novelty of the idea. It was THE place to be and every public official was there, moving in the crowd and enjoying the warm atmosphere. Governor Hughes and Mayor Schaefer were not present.

Sunday, May 19, 1985 is Men's Day at Israel Baptist Church, 1220 N. Chester Street. The featured preacher for this event is Dr. Linwood T. Daye. Dr. Daye is preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 3:30 services.

Israel Baptist Church
1220 N. Chester Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21213
Rev. H. Walden Wilson, II, Pastor



Rev. Clay Evans, Pastor and Founder of The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, and is also a nationally known Radio and Television Artist, will be in REVIVAL again this year at The GOSPEL TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 3100 Wallbrook Avenue, Baltimore, beginning May 6-10, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. each evening.

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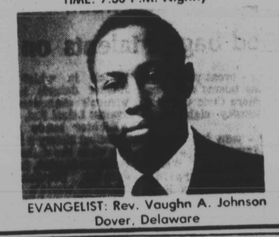

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9:00 A.M. ..... Family Service—Church School
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9:00 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL
10:00 a.m. ..... SERVICE OF BAPTISM
10:50 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP/HOLY COMMUNION
MUSIC The Anthem "Rejoice In the Lord" ..... Clark
The Spiritual "Dere's No Hiding Place Down Dere" ..... Johnson
PREACHING ..... Reverend Odie Brown, Second Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia
2:00 p.m. ..... Reaffirmation of the Wedding Vows of Our Pastor and First Lady
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