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The Living Church

The coming of the Holy Spirit celebrated

By Maxine L. Wallace

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." (Acts 2:1). On Monday, May 25, that one place was Bethel A.M.E. Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. when thousands assembled from various churches, organizations, groups, and diverse individuals to celebrate the "Power of Pentecost."

The Rev. John R. Bryant, pastor of this great and historic church and his wife and co-partner in ministry, the Rev. Cecelia Williams Bryant, minister of church life and development at Bethel were the worship leaders at this third annual celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

The three main speakers at the opening service of this occasion had at least two things in common: For Congressman Parren Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hooks, national president of the NAACP, and Jesse L. Jackson, presidential candidate, each have contributed to the upbuilding of esteem, morale, and self-worth in the black community, and they each when delivering their message on Monday night did so with power and emotion causing the congregation to respond with excited and joyous praise.

The theme that they preached from was "Power for the Nations."

Congressman Mitchell, the first speaker said, "Nations do not have power, people do." He continued, "People have power that they transfer in the nation."

Congressman Mitchell reached a high point in his speech as he praised and thanked God for reminding him that "even though people may scandalize your name, and the people you thought were your friends may turn their backs on you, that you are never alone, for God is always with you."

After delivering his message, Mitchell humbly went back to his seat on the front row, refusing to sit in the pulpit amidst those whom he had acclaimed as being some of the greatest preachers in the world.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, the second speaker, praised Parren Mitchell as "a gift to us from God." Prior to delivering his message, he said, "All I want for us to do is magnify the Lord."

He then asked Rev. Eleanor Bryant Graham, minister to New Life at Bethel to lead the congregation in singing "Oh Magnify the Lord."

From the balcony of the church, Rev. Graham lifted this praise song as the entire congregation came to their feet and clapped and waved their hands as expressions of sacrifical praise to God.

Much excitement and response was evoked from those assembled as the Rev. Jesse Jackson delivered an hour-long sermon using Biblical events to illustrate present events and to describe his candidacy.

Jackson spoke of storm clouds, rumors of war and drums beating. He said, "Tonight as we meet, the character of our nation is on trial. The White House is under a cloud of scandal and shame."

Perhaps the climax of the presidential candidate's message was reached when he drew a comparison between the crucifixion of Jesus and that of righteous political officials.

The responsive mass of people were drawn to their feet shouting "praise the Lord" Hallelujah and Amen as Rev. Jackson said, "You cannot stop governments from crucifying righteous people, but neither can you stop God from rolling away the tomb on Sunday morning!"

Dr. Benjamin Hooks, the third speaker delivered a short but powerful message in which he gave three essentials of "pure religion." The first point he talked about was that pure religion is a religion that reaches upward first.

Secondly, it must also come on the inside. Finally, pure religion will make you reach outward. Dr. Hooks reached a climax as he preached with power and conviction as he shouted, "If you love somebody, you know what the Holy Ghost is all about!"

After he had completed the delivery of his message, Dr. Hooks did what he described as "the most important part of the service," he made an altar call for Christian discipleship. Persons came forth, two for prayer and six accepting the Lord Jesus as their personal saviour.

Power of Pentecost continued on Tuesday with teaching services convening throughout the day taught by outstanding instructors.

Also, on the program at the opening service were the Imani Messengers of Bethel under the directorship of Hatian Scott, minister of music. The worship experience was also enhanced at lay minister Vanda Guzman and also Evangelist Marguerite Windley rendered solos in song.

The youth had a special dinner on Monday evening and their speaker was Dr. Marsha Clinksdale, Howard Divinity School.

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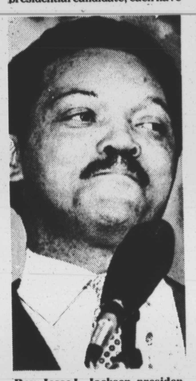

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, presidential candidate, U.S.A.

Photo by Paris Gray

Pictured above is Mrs. Isabelle Corman, front, and Ms. Arthur Pat Freeman and below is Mr. Charles Diggs. They are enjoying praising the Lord as the "Holy Spirit" came upon those assembled at Bethel A.M.E. Church at the celebration of the Power of Pentecost.

UBMC Baptist holds annual session

Pictured above are Rev. Richard Ogle, IV, pastor of Perkins Square Baptist Church, Ms. Ida Redd, president of the Women's Auxiliary of UBMC, Rev. Dr. Olin P. Moyd, president of UBMC, and Nathaniel Higgs, 1st vice president of UBMC at the 168th session of the Baptist Convention.

By Marjorie R. Green

The 61st Annual Session of the United Baptist Church Missionary Convention of Maryland and its auxiliaries convened on Tuesday, May 19 at the newly renovated Perkins Square Baptist Church under the theme "The Clarificaton of Mission and Ministries—through Preaching, Education, Application and Evangelism."

Approximately 1,200 registered delegates, representing 120 member churches, attend the week-long convention that began on Monday evening with a pre-convention musical held in the Frederick Douglass High School Auditorium.

The choir, consisting of voices representing Baptist churches throughout the city, was under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Waker and Mr. Victor Myrick.

The call to order was sounded around 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning by President Olin P. Moyd, who also pastors the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

One of the first convention agenda items was the presentation of the newly established Daniel G. Mack awards, which commemorates the first UMBA president by recognizing churches which have demonstrated continuous commitment, cooperation and contribution to the mission and ministries of the United Baptist Missionary Convention (UMBC).

The recipients were Macedonia, Calvary and the First Baptist Church of Frederick.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Marie Moyd, wife of the president, presented him before the delegates to deliver his first Annual Address in the new "Year of Reformation."

According to President Moyd, the central theme of his administration will continue to be "Proclamation, Education and Application."

"The first duty of the church is to proclaim the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ; thus, members will be inducted into the fold. Those who are inducted must be instructed. So, following the proclamation there must be instruction. Application of the Gospel means being Christlike in our everyday relationships. It means binding up the wounds of those who have met with misfortune on their Jericho Roads."

The president also spoke of his concerns that the "so-called mainline Christian denominations, including the Baptists, have been caught in the cross-wind of scandals from within and the rise of "dangerous religious groups" from without."

He reminded the delegates of past achievements and challenged them to assist in getting 5,000 Baptists and friends of the convention to make a commitment to give $200 each towards the construction of the new Baptist headquarters.

Following the report of the nominating committee, the Rev. Lorenzo Graves installed the re-elected President Moyd for the incoming year. Rev. Nathaniel Higgs, Rev. John L. Wright and Rev. Robert T. Hurte were installed as First, Second and Third Vice Presidents respectively.

Also, Rev. Charles Coger, corresponding secretary; Rev. C. C. Alexander, Jr., Asst. recording secretary; Rev. Henry Simon, recording secretary; Rev. Joseph Stewart, treasurer; Rev. Dockery Thompson, Statistician and Rev. Herman Williamson, auditor.

The Baptist Congress of Christian Education with the Rev. Lester P. Hamrick at its helm, presented the Rev. Heber Brown as its messenger for the Tuesday afternoon session. On Wednesday evening, delegates witnessed "Christian Youth Walking By Faith" when President Tiwan Mills delivered his second Annual Address in an atmosphere of great confidence and poise.

An overflowing crowd heard Mrs. Ida M. Redd deliver her Second Annual Address on Thursday afternoon. President dd extended special "Thanks" all committee chairpersons and other workers in the Women's Auxiliary "No tasks were ever too great or too small for you to tackle, she said.

Truly, you are numbered among the great women of the "Women's Convention history." She added, "I am beginning to feel that it is not so much a job to be done, as an opportunity to do

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Steadfast Spirit

By Joyce Dixon

Bible Study Series 2: The Parables and Contemporary Living Part 2: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37)

"And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?' And He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?' And he answered and said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.'

And He said to him, 'You have answered correctly; Do this, and you will live.' But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'" (Luke 10:25-29). Such is the setting for the parable of the Good Samaritan.

When examining this parable the following facts should be taken into consideration. Samaritans were not thought of very highly. The history of Jewish religious sects and orders reveals that the Samaritan community was derived from part heathen people, although they had in part an Israelite origin.

These people were a mixed breed; a nation of mixed marriages. They were scorned by Jews because they were descended from Gentile ancestry and because their form of worship was different from that of orthodox Judaism.

Jewish leaders felt it was dangerous to allow a mixed community like the Samaritans within the commonwealth of Israel.

Because their alliance was refused by the Jewish community, the Samaritans became bitter enemies of the Jewish people. No name of bigotry and prejudice was more bitter in Jerusalem than that of Samaritan.

Because of the feelings of hatred between these two peoples, we can understand why our Lord chose to use them as the focal point in the lesson of brotherly love and kindness.

We must also note that Jesus used a lawyer to present this lesson. In the Jewish community the lawyer was an expert in religious teachings of the Mosaic law, rather than courtroom defense.

Thus in verse 29 the lawyer realized that he had been caught in his own trap, since he had not kept the Law. **Strict Jews would not acknowledge that any non-Jew was a neighbor.**

In verse 30 we can surmise that this account of the love thy neighbor concept could have actually occurred. We also find that the pious Jewish personages did not help the victim. Neither the priest nor the Levite offered any assistance.

Perhaps they may have thought he was dead and did not wish to defile themselves by contact with a corpse. Or, they may have thought he was a decoy for robbers. All of this is possible, but what do you think is probable?

This Week's Memory Verse: "If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:21) (NASB)

Reader's Forum: Have you ever been a Good Samaritan? Share your experiences with other readers. Write: Steadfast Spirit, c/o Joyce Dixon, P.O. Box 25028, Baltimore, MD 21229.

Until next time, wear the shield of faith and keep a steadfast spirit.

Metro Church Briefs

Breakfast

A Mother-Daughter Breakfast Experience, sponsored by the Missionary Society of the Oak Street A.M.E. Church, will be held on Saturday, May 30 at the Morgan Christian Center, on the campus of Morgan State University, Hillen Rd. and Cold Spring Lane.

The Mother-Daughter Breakfast Experience begins at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by a series of workshops designed to explore the rich uniqueness of the mother-daughter relationship. The workshops will focus on communication, what teen daughters want their mothers to know, what mothers want their teen daughters to know, relationship building and improving mother-daughter relationships of any age.

Guest speakers will include: Dr. Henrietta Hestick, psychologist, Maryland Department of Education; Rev. Joan Wharton, pastor, Basil A.M.E. Church and Director, Teen Parenting Program; Dr. Linda Wharton, Communication Specialist and Kia Graham.

Evangelist

Evangelist Shirley Caesar, winner of five Grammy Awards, will be speaking at the New Shiloh Baptist Church, Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street, Saturday, June 7 at 6 p.m.

Evangelist Caesar, who is undeniably the First Lady of Gospel Music, is also the recipient of three gold albums and has been inducted into the Gospel Hall of Fame.

The program is being sponsored by the Ministers' Wives Alliance of New Shiloh, Dr. Harold A. Carter, Pastor.

Pentecostal service

Saint Peter's Church would like to invite you to their annual Pentecostal Services. The church is located at 837 W. Barre Street and the services will be held from June 7 to June 14 at 7:30 p.m. except for the services on June 7 and on June 14 which will be at 5 p.m.

There will be great speakers, choirs, other visiting churches, and more.

For more information, please call 837-1636 (church).

Annual bazaar

Central Baptist Church, 2035 W. Baltimore St. will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, June 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great speakers include: Mayor Clarence "Du" Burns, the honorable Kurt Schmoke, and others.

The bazaar officially opens with a parade followed by community interests and concerns, spiritual nourishment, good singing, a toddlers' fashion show, free health screenings, games, pony rides and food.

For further information call 233-8558.

Open-house

New Psalmist Christian School will accept registration until May 29.

The public is invited to open house May 22-24th, call 233-3133 for information and times. The school is located at 4501 Old Frederick Rd.