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'One In The Spirit' rocks arena

By Maxine L. Wallace
AFRO Staff Writer

The air was filled with melodious praise, as people poured into the auditorium of the Baltimore Arena in downtown Baltimore and joined in the singing, clapping and some dancing in the aisles.

This was the scene each night last week as devotion leaders from Bethel AME Church, 1300 Druid Hill Ave. and New Psalmist Baptist Church, at Cathedral and Franklin Streets held the third annual One in the Spirit Crusade.

Monday night, it rained and stormed. Tuesday, another storm arose. Still thousands made their way to the Arena each night to participate in the life changing experience.

"Spiritual Warfare" was the topic the week's evangelists addressed.

Of course, the speakers were once again, the Rev. Walter S. Thomas, New Psalmist's pastor and the Rev. John R. Bryant, Bethel's pastor.

The pastors took turns preaching—Bryant preaching one night and Thomas the next.

The members of the audience responded by clapping their hands, and rising to their feet as the "spokesmen for God" each night insisted that we realize our battle is not against humans or anything that is tangible, but we are in spiritual warfare.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Ephesians 6:12 was the scriptural text nightly.

The smile had almost left my face, and my breathing was slightly accelerated as Thomas in his sermon Tuesday told his audience that the devil has everything at his disposal to "do us in."

"You could walk out and get hit by a car tonight . . ." Thomas said.

The flow of my adrenalin was brought back to normal as Thomas reminded us that "greater is He that is within us than he that is within the world."

He was speaking of the Jesus that is on the inside of every believer.

Thomas admonished his listeners to use scripture to fight when attacked. Bryant had already told us the night before that our enemy is not our boss or any person but that our enemy is evil, who is Satan.

Each night the preachers attempted to further address the levels and units involved in the day to day evil that confronts our society. Each night they lifted the name of Jesus as they accentuated the power of the Word (Holy Bible), the Name of Jesus, and the Blood of Jesus.

Friday night marked the climax of the crusade. Arrayed in African garb, the size of the audience exceeded the thousands present all week.

Thomas and Bryant stepped forward to deliver the final sermon of the week long series on spiritual warfare. They challenged their audience to always be dressed for spiritual warfare . . . having on the whole armor of God, as relayed in Ephesians 6.

Also enhancing worship at the week long crusade was a

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WOMEN OF GOD—Pictured left to right is Esther Melcher, local evangelist; Evangelist Agnes Fields, of New Psalmist Baptist Church; Patricia Thomas, wife of Pastor Thomas; and Rev. Cecelia Williams Bryant, wife of Pastor Bryant.

PREACHERS PRAISE GOD—Fellow laborers in the gospel of Jesus Christ keep the fire burning at the One in the Spirit Crusade.

ONE IN SPIRIT—Pictured left to right is Rev. Oscar Brown, pastor of Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in Baltimore; Rev. Charlotte Clemons, administrative head at Bethel; and Rev. Eleanor Bryant Graham, pastor of Agape Fellowship AME Church, in Baltimore.

MELODIOUS PRAISE—A mass choir enhanced worship nightly at the One in the Spirit Crusade.

METRO CHURCH BRIEFS

Noon Day Prayer Service

The Names Project Tour Baltimore will sponsor a Noon Day Prayer Service on Friday, June 10, at the Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Auditorium of the Baltimore Museum of Art. Please refer to the enclosed news release for more details. We are requesting that you print the enclosed news release at least twice over the coming weeks.

The Noon Day Prayer Service will be the second scheduled special event planned in conjunction with the Names Project Tour Baltimore exhibit which begins Friday, June 10-12, at The Baltimore Museum of Art. We hope you will plan to attend the Noon Day Prayer Service and the exhibit as well.

Contact Lenett Allen at 225-9635.

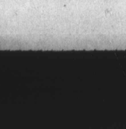
Trinity Baptist celebrates 100th Women's Day

The Women's Guild of Trinity Baptist Church, 1601 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, will be observing the Fifty-eighth (58th) Annual Women's Day on Sunday, June 5, at an eight o'clock a.m. Encounter Breakfast and at the eleven o'clock a.m. morning worship.

Minister Patricia Bess, President of our Board of Missions, will preach the Encounter Breakfast message. Mrs. Bess, a Personnel Officer for the State of Maryland, is currently enrolled in the Virginia Union University School of Theology pursuing a Master's Divinity degree. Illinois State Senator Margaret Smith, Midwest Regional Director for the Foreign Missions Board, will share God's word at the morning worship.

The Trinity Baptist Church founded in 1888 is celebrating "A Century With Christ." The women have chosen as this year's theme — "Christian Women - Celebrating Our Heritage in Christ."

The public is invited to participate. Rev. Dr. William C. Calhoun, Sr. is the pastor.



A WORD OF HOPE

By Maxine L. Wallace
Church News Editor

"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" Psalm 42:2.

Have you ever been hungry and found that food for the physical body did not satisfy your hunger? Have you ever been thirsty and found that all the Kool-Aid, lemonade and water you could drink just did not seem able to quench your thirst.

Many of us are starving today. We have filled our stomach's and yet our soul is not satisfied.

And so we have sought to feed the insatiable appetite within by feeding our mind . . . trying to acquire more knowledge . . . learning new strategies . . . devising new philosophies. And while there is nothing wrong with obtaining new knowledge and feeding the mind, still that does not satisfy the hunger pangs of our soul.

But the Bible says my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.

There is death and destruction all around us. There are those who kill with .38 automatics and then there are those who specialize in killing others' hopes and dreams. Instead of building up one another, we tear one another down.

But in the midst of death and despair, God is.

We do not serve a dead God. . . . We serve a God who is alive forevermore.

A songwriter said "If God is dead what makes the flowers bloom . . . If God is dead, what makes winter turn to spring . . . If God is dead what makes my life worth living . . . That's how I know He lives . . . He lives . . . He lives . . . He lives . . . He lives . . . "

So, in the midst of death, my soul thirsteth for life. The Bible says "In Him was life and the life was the light of men." Life is in Jesus the Christ, who is the Son of the living God.

The Bible says "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good."

Well . . . how can we taste of the Lord's goodness. When we read God's Word, which is the Holy Bible, we are able to taste the Lord. For when we read the Word, we are eating God's promises.

And so my soul thirsteth for the promises of God. In life, one thing we can be sure of is that God changes not. His Word is truth. For God is the same God yesterday, today, and forevermore. In a world of uncertainties and doubts, my soul thirsts for that which is constant, that which does not change . . . that which I can rely on. My soul thirsteth for the living God.

In a world where there is constant deceit, my soul thirsts for truth. God is truth. . . . For Jesus said I am the way, the truth, and the light. . . .

In a world where there is hate, my soul thirsts for love. God is love. The Bible says He has loved us with an everlasting love. My soul thirsts for the kind of love that loves inspite of and not because of.

In the midst of the storms raging in my life, my soul thirsts for peace . . . my soul thirsts for joy . . . my soul thirsts for the living God. For the joy of the Lord is my strength and Jesus has promised to give me peace that passeth all understanding.

The Bible says thou shalt seek Him and find Him when thou hast searched for Him with all of thine heart.

If you are hungry for something more in life try Jesus. For He is the bread of life. If your soul is thirsty today, try Jesus, for He promises to give us living waters, that we may thirst no more.

Thirst to know God in the fullness of His Power. Thirst to love Jesus in a more intimate way . . . Thirst to live a victorious life that is Christ centered and Holy Ghost filled.

And always remember, because the Lord is your shepherd, you shall not want. He will supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory.