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GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

—Stephanie D. Johnson

Nearly 6000 years ago, God the Father and God the Son made a pledge to redeem fallen man. "The plan of our redemption was not an afterthought, a plan formulated after the fall of Adam. It was a "revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through time eternal." Romans 16:25, RV. It was an unfolding of the principles that from the eternal ages have been the foundation of God's throne. From the beginning, God and Christ knew of the apostasy of Satan, and of the fall of man through the deceptive power of the apostate.

"God did not ordain that sin should exist, but He foresaw its existence, and made provision to meet the terrible emergency. So great was His love for the world, that He covenanted to give His only-begotten Son, "that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—*Desire of Ages*, p.21.

Throughout the centuries in words, songs, prophecies and scriptures, the hope of the coming Messiah was kept alive. But when the fullness of time had come, God's chosen people failed to recognize the Messiah, His greatest gift.

How could such a grave mistake be made. We need only to go back to the time that preceded the birth of Christ and examine the influences and state of affairs in the Jewish world that shaped this tragic error.

It was a time of great political and religious strife in Israel. "Judaism was divided into several opposing sects, whose differences were often as much political and social as they were religious. Thus the Pharisee stood for legal puritanism, the Sadducees represented the political and social aristocracy, the Essenes aloofly waited for the Messiah in Monastic, other-worldly colonies, while Herodians and Zealots occupied the extreme political poles of collaboration with the Romans and insurrection against them."—*SDA Bible Commentary*, Vol. 5, p. 44.

Hellenism made inroads into Judaism, although orthodox leaders, tried to stem the tide. "Like Alexander the Great, Herod's patron, Augustus, was determined to unify the Roman world through the diffusion of Greek culture. Herod was quick to follow

his example, and attempted to do for Palestine what Augustus was doing on a larger scale for the empire.

"A tide of heathenism swept over Jerusalem. Greek races and games were the order of the day, the religion and trappings of paganism flourished within sight of the Temple, and shrines to pagan gods were erected at various places throughout the country. When in reaction some of the Pharisees plotted against Herod, he retaliated vigorously and destroyed many of them—*Ibid*, p. 41.

They made the law a yoke, and God a tyrant. The Babylonian captivity cured the Jews of idolatry forever. They realized that their prosperity depended upon their faithfulness to God. Instead of rendering heart service, they rigorously adhered to a form of worship. "The priests tried to maintain a reputation for sanctity by scrupulous attention to the ceremonies of religion. The people, in their darkness and oppression, and the rulers, thirsting for power longed for the coming of One who would vanquish their enemies and restore the Kingdom of Israel.

"They had studied the prophecies, but without spiritual insight. Thus they overlooked those scriptures that point to the humiliation of Christ's first advent, and misapplied those that speak of the glory of His second coming. Pride obscured their vision. They interpreted prophecy in accordance with their selfish desire."—*Desire of Ages*, p. 30.

"The people whom God had called to be the pillar and ground of the truth had become representatives of Satan. They were doing the work that he desired them to do, taking a course to misrepresent the character of God, and cause the world to look upon Him as a tyrant. The very priests who ministered in the temple had lost sight of the significance of the service they performed. They had ceased to look beyond the symbol to the thing signified. In presenting the sacrificial offerings they were as actors in a play. The ordinances which God Himself had appointed were made the means of blinding the mind and hardening the heart. God could do no more for man through these channels. The whole system must be swept away."—*Ibid*, p. 36.

It seemed that man was wholly lost to Satan. "The deception of sin had reached its height. All the agencies for depraving the souls of men had been put in operation The bodies of human beings, made for dwelling place of God had become the

habitation of demons. The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of men, were worked by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed."—*Ibid*.

But all was not lost. God had always had a faithful few who have hungered and thirsted after righteousness. The searchers for divine truth "were weary of pageant and fable. They longed for a religion that could satisfy the heart They were thirsting for a knowledge of the living God, for some assurance of a life beyond the grave With longing eyes they looked for the coming of the future should be made plain.

"Outside of the Jewish nation were men who foretold the appearance of a divine instructor. The men were seeking for truth, and to them the Spirit of Inspiration was imparted. One after another, like stars in the darkened heavens, such teachers had arisen. Their words of prophecy had kindled hope in the hearts of thousands of the Gentile world."—*Ibid.*, p. 32, 33.

The time was ripe for the Deliverer. All the nations were united under one government and one language was widely spoken. All of the Jews from the dispersion were gathered in Jerusalem for the annual feast. Upon their return to their respective countries, they could broadcast the Messiah's birth.

Angels were sent to the expositors of the Sacred Oracles but they were blinded by worldly greatness and failed to recognize the priceless gift. The learned and the exalted were passed by and lowly shepherds and wise men from the East were the first to pay homage to Kings of King and Lords of Lord.

When Joseph and Mary entered the city of Bethlehem. They were "unrecognized and unhonored. Weary and homeless, they traverse the entire length of the narrow street, from the gate of the city to the eastern extremity of the town, vainly seeking a resting place for the night. There is no room for them at the crowded inn. In a rude building where beasts are sheltered, they at last find refuge, and here the world Redeemer of the world is born."—*Ibid.*, p. 44.

Today, the greatest gift is being offered to you. Will you accept or reject?

PUBLISHER'S PAGE



E. E. Cleveland.

"GOD HELPS THOSE . . ."

The American Black man in the nation and in the church has reached the point of absolute necessity. We must help ourselves! Appropriations to Social Services and street-level Welfare are being systematically slashed by the Federal government. And the church is becoming increasingly conservative in its appropriations to local needs.

Meanwhile, Black unemployment is the highest in the nation. Black hunger stalks our streets. Black infant mortality sets annual records. The need for instruction in nutrition is dire while drugs, alcohol, and crime flow unhindered in our neighborhoods.

What an opportunity for the Black church at a time like this. It is ironic that our Community Service vans remain parked on church lots eight months of each year. Why is the daily feeding of the poor left to the Salvation Army or some nameless rescue mission? Where are the cooking schools, the health clinics, that should dot the neighborhoods of the needy? Does the hungry man know that he can get a free meal at your church on days other than Thanksgiving and Christmas

I am again hearing ominous rumblings. The right of existence of churches, that collect large sums of money while making no visible impact on the problems of the community, is being questioned. This has already progressed beyond the "talk stage". Churches are being vandalized, and some of us know that there is more to come. Just 15 years ago, congregations were startled by people entering, seizing microphones and demanding an "exist-

ence tax" from the worshippers. Other churches were simply burned to the ground. It is still true that people "who forget history are destined to repeat it". This human tragedy is the churches opportunity.

There is a blindness that afflicts us that just doesn't make sense. Our nation has rebuilt whole countries and subsidized their economies while letting its own neighborhoods decay. As the song says, "We can put a man on the moon, but we can't keep a man on the farm." Church-wise, we have built and equipped fine schools overseas while our own children went to schools in basements. We can do better than this without jeopardizing our overseas commitments.

There are, to be sure, bright spots here and there. The Greater New York Van Ministry is one of the most active and consistent van ministries in the nation. The Phoenix, Arizona Black congregations have the most consistent feeding program among us. The Florida Conference Van Ministry is worthy of honorable mention. But new life must be breathed into these programs nationwide. There are Adventist-operated welfare centers in some cities. The Huntsville, AL., center is manned five days a week, and is functional. The one in Detroit, MI., was especially effective. Is it still alive?

There are other things that we can do. Many of the schools that our youth attend are in dire need of improvement plant-wise. Can it be that our concern for the world has blinded us to our own needs closer home? To paraphrase a noted philosopher, "The needs overseas are too much with us and the problems at our doors too little." They need not be mutually exclusive.

The ghetto church must impact upon the neighborhood or it may not live to impact on the world. Unlike others, the Black church serves the people who hurt the most, and collects from the folk who earn the least. Financial policy that makes no allowance for this must be redressed. In secular and religious government, these policies must be changed or appropriations must compensate.

It is ironic, that in this, the richest nation on earth, people sleep on sidewalks huddled over vents to keep warm. All this while politicians talk glibly of cutting programs that would relieve the poor. At times like these, churches must allocate more of its resources to these needs. The church and the state may tax legitimately only if

they serve the taxpayer and beyond that, the untaxable.

It is unthinkable that the Black church sits like an island of self-sufficiency in a sea of misery. We must initiate programs that will serve the needy, and advertise them. We cannot wait for "outside funding". If the project is worthy, perhaps even that will come. The South Central Conference operates five senior citizens housing projects, with a sixth on the way. The Northeastern Conference's Camp Victory Lake Senior Citizens unit was the first of its kind among us. Old J. K. Humphrey would smile contently if he could, as it was for this and talk of regional conferences that he was "broken". So let us rise and shine for the night merely accentuates the light!

E. E. Cleveland

ALLEGHENY EAST



Mrs. Ella Reid, right, registers surprise at receiving plaque upon her retirement as deaconess makes presentation.

RETIRED DEACONESS HONORED

When the Southwest Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, PA. held its recent Deaconess Day, retired Deaconess Ella Reid was surprised by the presentation of a plaque which expressed appreciation for her many years of dedicated and outstanding service. Until her retirement this year, Ms. Reid had been actively partici-

The Editor's Desk

Ward 8 Sports Achievement- Health Committee Donates \$2,000 to Hadley

The newly-formed Ward 8 Sports Achievement and Health Committee presented \$2,000 raised during its first project to Hadley Memorial Hospital on Monday, Nov. 10, at 12 noon in the hospital Board Room.

The committee sponsored a Health Sports World Competition, Wednesday evening, Sept. 24, which played three community youth basketball teams in three age categories against local church teams. Virginia Howard, co-program chairperson for the event explained that the event, held at the Mary Church Terrell Elementary School, raised funds through the sale of ads in the program booklet.

The committee, chaired by Alonzo Bethea and Clarence Hodges, focuses its efforts on promoting health and fitness to the residents of Ward 8, with a particular emphasis on health promotion for youth. The ad hoc committee is part of a larger Developmental Steering Committee, a fund-raising and development group of area business and political leaders with the specific goal of enhancing the work of Hadley Hospital in the Ward 8 community.

Brenda Harris
Assistant Vice President
Marketing, Public Relations,
Development

pating on the Deaconess Board for 12 years. Prior to the establishment of the Southwest Church, she had been a member of the Philadelphia Ebenezer Board of Deaconesses for approximately 10 years.

Ms. Reid expressed her love for the work and her thanks to all who contributed to the celebration. Her regret is that her health will no longer allow her to work efficiently.

The plaque was presented by Mrs. Mazie Linton, Head Deaconess. The pastor of the church is John Wright.

After the morning service, a fellowship dinner was held for visiting deacons and deaconesses.

Janice D. Jenkins
Assistant Communications Secretary



William Linthicum, Southwest Philadelphia Pastor (in black robe) is assisted by Issac Powell, Director of Philadelphia Prison Ministry Team in baptizing prison inmate in outdoor pool.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 26	Jan. 2	9	16
Boston, Mass.	4:18	4:23	4:30	4:38
New York City	4:29	4:35	4:41	4:50
Buffalo, N.Y.	4:46	4:52	4:59	5:07
Atlanta, Ga.	5:36	5:41	5:47	5:53
Miami, Fla.	5:37	5:42	5:47	5:52
Charlotte, N.C.	5:18	5:23	5:29	5:36
Birmingham, Ala.	4:46	4:51	4:56	5:03
Jackson, Miss.	5:03	5:07	5:13	5:19
Memphis, Tenn.	4:55	5:00	5:06	5:12
Louisville, Ky.	5:30	5:34	5:41	5:48
Detroit, Mich.	5:08	5:13	5:20	5:27
Chicago, Ill.	4:27	4:31	4:38	4:46
South Bend, Indiana	5:21	5:26	5:33	5:41
Minneapolis, Minn.	4:38	4:43	4:50	4:59
St. Louis, Mo.	4:46	4:51	4:57	5:04
Kansas City, Mo.	5:02	5:07	5:14	5:21
Denver, Co.	4:42	4:47	4:53	5:01
Little Rock, Ark.	5:05	5:10	5:15	5:22
Dallas, Texas	5:28	5:33	5:38	5:45
New Orleans, La.	5:08	5:12	5:18	5:24
Albuquerque, N.M.	5:02	5:06	5:12	5:19
Oklahoma City, Okla.	5:25	5:29	5:35	5:42

Add one minute for each 13 miles west; subtract one minute for each 13 miles east.

SOUTHWEST HOSTS PRISON MINISTRY SEMINAR

The Southwest Philadelphia SDA Church hosted Prison Ministry workers from the Ebenezer and North Philadelphia churches, Philadelphia, PA, for an orientation seminar to regular and prospective prison workers.

Isaac Powell, Philadelphia Prison Ministry Team Director presented an overview of the goals and objectives of the Prison Ministry Department. Do's and don't's were also shared. The information given will allow those who were present to attend and participate in prison visitations.

This team is actively involved in carrying out its prescribed duties. Four area prisons are being visited on a regular basis.

On October 5, 17 local prisoners declared publicly their allegiance to their Creator and were baptized.

Mazie W. Linton
Communication Secretary



Packed crowd during Sabbath Celebration of the "Better Way Crusade".

WILLIAMSBURG SHOWS COMMUNITY BETTER WAY

The Williamsburg Better Way Crusade began the end of July with the hammering and other busy work that signals the pitching of a tent, arousing the curiosity of the neighbors. Next followed six weeks of enlightenment for the Centreville area, where residents claimed never to be the same.

Every night the tent was filled to capacity as neither pouring thunder storms, heavy winds, heat of the evening or pesky insects, were able to deter saints and guests from hearing the sermons preached by Elder Gene Donaldson, church pastor. As one newly baptized member phrased it, "I have never heard this type of preaching before. I knew that I was well received by the members and felt good about my conviction."

This effort resulted in the baptism of 15 souls who declared their intense desire to follow their Saviour fully. Elder M. C. Van Putten, Allegheny East Conference President brought encouragement to the church by attending the final service held in the tent. At the culmination of the six weeks, a meal and social were prepared.

It had been prophesied that nothing like this could be done. The question was often asked "Can any good thing come out of Centreville?" The crusade has ended and the grass has grown knee high on the plot of ground used as the tent site, but the seed sown has been harvested to the glory of God.

Karen Chappell Brown
Associate Communication Secretary



Local church Health/Temperance Secretaries learn from hands-on experience how to conduct class in breadmaking.

SPECIAL HEALTH/TEMPERANCE TRAINING SESSION

The Allegheny East Conference Health/Temperance Department under the leadership of Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster recently conducted a special intensive "hands-on" weekend training session for its local church health secretaries. This was an effort to demonstrate and coordinate the services being offered through this department on a conference wide schedule. At the end of the training period, the 53 people in attendance become Certified Lifestyle Counselors.

According to Mrs. Foster, "All newly elected church health/temperance persons throughout the conference will receive training before January and will also become Certified Lifestyle Counselors."

Two ongoing programs will be initiated on the local level: (1) The Breathe Free Plan to Stop Smoking is to be held after the Great American Smokeout on the third Thursday in November. (2) The Slim-a-thon is a three month Weight Management and Lifestyle change program for church and community members.

On Sabbath, the Lifestyle Counselors hosted a Banquet of Nature for the office staff of the Allegheny East Conference. The meal was prepared by Mrs. Alfoncie Austin, a dietitian from Philadelphia, who also operates a health food stand at the Reading Terminal Market. Each area in the conference is to host a similar banquet to which the non-Adventist public is to be invited. The target date for the "taste and

see" vegetarian dinner is Sunday, November 23. Follow up for this banquet is to be a cooking school. The menu included a gala fruit wreath, soy turkey mold, sweet potato delight, brown and wild rice, green beans, whole wheat rolls and tofu cheese cake.

Special guest facilitator was Richard Watson, a new Seventh-day Adventist from the Ebenezer Church in Philadelphia, who coordinates and develops Substance Abuse Programs at the state level. He has volunteered to use his expertise to develop such programs for the Allegheny East Conference. Another special feature of

this comprehensive weekend was the Health Fair for the Pine Forge Academy students. The entire group of 53 Health/Temperance personnel planned and executed this event in the academy gymnasium.

For the Sunday morning activity the Lifestyle Counselors received training also in conducting breadmaking seminars throughout their area.

Mrs. Foster says, "The Allegheny East Conference is blessed to have a large number of health professionals who have become resource persons and an extension of the Conference Health Department."



Mrs. Gwendolyn Foster, Allegheny East Conference Health/Temperance Director demonstrates the art of breadmaking with assistance from Mrs. Alfoncie Austen (left).



Crystal Greene.

PINE FORGE ACADEMY CHANGES

Pine Forge Academy is in the business of changing lives. Usually we think of changing the lives of students. But three new staff members have made sudden changes in their own lives in order to work at Pine Forge Academy.

Crystal Greene, a graduate of Oakwood College with a B.A. in Religious Education and of Kentucky State University with a Masters of Public Administration, had, most recently, been working as the Director of Personnel for Muskegon, Michigan, had all but given up hope of working in an Adventist academy. When the headmaster, Conrad Gill, approached her, she was eager for the opportunity to work with our youth, even at reduced salary. She is currently employed as Assistant Dean of Girls and Bible teacher.

John Mejia spent ten years studying music at the National Conservatory of Music in the Dominican Republic. In addition, he taught music at the Adventist academy there. He accepted the challenge of initiating an instrumental music and band program at Pine Forge Academy this year that will complement the academy's choral program. At personal sacrifice, he has accepted the challenge only because of his love for music and for God's work. He will also be instructing a class in music fundamentals.

Kris Fielder taught last year at Peterson-Warren Academy in the Lake Region Conference. He is certified in Social Studies and Physical Education. Married with three children, he arrived on campus with his family August 19. He is employed as Assistant Boys Dean and World History teacher.

Samuel Darby II, Vice Principal
Pine Forge Academy



Kris Fielder.

GREENE SPEAKS FOR POTTSTOWN AAW

The Pottstown Chapter of the Association of Adventist Women recently invited Mrs. Ruth Mosby Greene to be the speaker for their special emphasis day at the Pottstown, Pennsylvania SDA Church.

Mrs. Greene, Head of the English Department at the Pine Forge Academy and well known lecturer, chose as her sermon title, "Women Doing God's Bidding." Her challenge was for Women of Mission to be swift to obey God's commands for their lives. She cited the Biblical examples of Esther, Deborah and Jael as women who were bold enough to accomplish God's bidding.

The entire church service was conducted by the officers of the local AAW, Mrs. Beatrice Poole, president. Assisting on the platform were Janie Hawkins, vice president; Mrs. Esther Turman, chaplain; Mrs.



Officers and members of Pottstown AAW pose with guest speaker, Mrs. Ruth Mosby Greene following a special service. They are left to right: First row: Beatrice Poole, Janie Hawkins; second row: Esther Willis, Esther Turman, Geraldine Handy, Johnnie Mae Holloman, Ruth Mosby Greene; Third Row: Ernestine Hall, Mildred Thomas, Evelyn Sumpter, Carolyn Suddler, Carol Cantu.

Esther Willis and Mrs. Johnnie Holloman. Children's Chapel was conducted by Mrs. Karen Bratten. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Evelyn Sumpter, and Mrs. Jayne Darby served as organist. Present also was Mrs. Geraldine Handy, treasurer.

Members and officers chose to wear white suits with royal blue accessories to symbolize the traits of sincerity and loyalty.

At present this chapter turns a monthly spotlight upon local women who have achieved much in their homes, in business and their churches. This year the following women have been honored: Mrs. Ernestine Hall, Mrs. Jesse Wagner, Mrs. Edith Blanding and Mrs. Mary V. Hague.

REVELATION SEMINAR AT NORTH PHILADELPHIA YIELDS 50% BAPTISMS

The air was filled with Holy Ghost inspired excitement as the candidates for baptism took their places in the front pews of the sanctuary on a recent Sabbath morning. They comprised the "first fruits" of the 25 new members that would be added to God's remnant family as a result of seven weeks of study using the Revelation Seminar method. Of the 50 students continuing with the Seminar after the presentation of Sabbath truth, these were they who went all the way! Upon their re-entrance after their baptisms, the congregation burst forth in singing "Amen."

The North Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, PA, Revelation Seminar Team, along with the entire congregation, will never forget this special experience. Future plans call for simultaneous multiple seminars.

J. Alfred Johnson II

CENTRAL STATES

YOUTH FEDERATION HELD IN DENVER

The Rocky Mountain Youth Federation was held in Denver, CO, at the Park Hill Seventh-day Adventist Church. Churches in attendance were; Claremont Church of Pueblo, CO; Palace of Peace of Colorado Springs, CO; and Community of Denver, CO. All combined with Park Hill to make this federation Sabbath a memorable one.

Guest speaker for the federation, Dr. Medford Brown, educator and pastor presented a very inspirational sermon. During the Adventist Youth Hour, Dr. Miller, director of the Central States Youth Department, spoke words of encouragement and challenged the federation to grow bigger and better. Dr. Brown also made a very timely and provocative presentation which was followed by a question and answer session.

The evening was also filled with music. There were selections by soloists, trios and the federation choir, "Just a Portion." The federation ended with devotion and blessings that will long be remembered and cherished.

Ivory Chalmers
Communication Secretary



Zenobia Williams, president of the Rocky Mountain Federation.

REVELATION SEMINAR HELD

A Revelation Seminar was held at the Sharon Church, Omaha, NE, August 17 through October 9, conducted by Elder E. Slocumb, Jr. More than 40 non-members and approximately 35 members enrolled in the seminar. Elders Patterson, Wills, Kings and Jessup assisted Pastor Slo-



Elder Alex Bryant preaches to large crowd at his tent effort in Denver, CO.



Rocky Mountain Youth Federation Choir.

cumb. The greeters were Fannie Harris, Terri Hall, Philip Perkins and Bernice Henderson.

A beautiful graduation service, complete with diplomas and a vegetarian dinner was held. Music for the graduation service was provided by the Sounds of Joy, Charles Poitier, and Lionel Cutliff, a graduate of the seminar.

Already, seven students have committed themselves to church membership and baptism and others are in serious contemplation.

Gordon B. Sims, Sr.
Communication Secretary

IN AND AROUND CENTRAL STATES

One of Elder E. F. Carter's first assignments as Conference Executive Secretary,

was to introduce some of the pastors to their new churches. Elder E. A. Pembleton and his family were presented to the Park Avenue church in St. Louis, MO. Just before Elder Pembleton left for St. Louis, he engineered the purchase of a new church home for the Topeka, KS, congregation. The new church consists of a spacious auditorium, with a seating capacity of, at least, 250.

They have a lower auditorium with a modern kitchen and ample space for Sabbath School rooms for the lower divisions of the Sabbath School. Elder Pembleton has done a fine work in the Topeka district and now moves on to continue his fruitful ministry in the St. Louis, Kirkwood area.

Elder Carter, also introduced Pastor Maurice Valentine to the Community church in Denver, CO. The pastorate of

this church was left vacant when the former pastor Alex Bryant and his wife left for Andrews University to pursue his Master's of Divinity Degree.

Before leaving Pastor Bryant conducted a fruitful six-week tent effort from which 60 precious souls were baptized.

BAPTISM AND BABY BLESSING HELD AT DES MOINES CHURCH

On Saturday, October 25, 1986, six candidates were submerged into the watery grave of baptism. The service was conducted by Elder Albert White, newly appointed pastor of the Philadelphia SDA Church, Des Moines, IA. Those baptised were as follows: Rochelle Patton, Warner Ross, Leslie Evans, Sally Burrell, Craig Clark, and Deon Canada. The Baptismal Service was followed by a Baby Blessing ceremony, also conducted by Elder White. Those blessed included: Albert Claytor, Portia Ross, Craig Clark, Jr., Alisha Clark, and Branden Clark.

Sharon Tate



Standing left to right, Elder Alex Bryant, Elder E. F. Carter and Pastor Maurice Valentine.

AYS GROUP PRESENTS PLAY

The Adventist Youth Society of the Sharon church in Omaha, NE, presented a play entitled "Mr. Temptation", in St. Joseph, MO, at the Emmanuel church.

The play depicted Satan's subtleness in tempting us to sin. The young people did a fine job.

Gordon Sims, Sr.
Communication Secretary

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Baptismal candidates following the service.



Baby blessing at the Philadelphia church.



Participants in the drama, "Mr. Temptation".

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DEACONS AND DEACONESSES DAY

Deacons and Deaconesses Day was celebrated recently at the Berea church in Dorchester, MA. Celebrating with them were members from the Hope and Faith churches of Connecticut; Shiloh church of Springfield, MA; Hanson Place church of Brooklyn, NY; and the Brockton, MA Mission. Pastor John Nixon of the Hanson Place church was the guest speaker for the day.

Mrs. Mary Neale, assistant Sabbath School Superintendent, launched the program during the Sabbath School hour. The head deaconess led with prayer and Christine Daniels related the mission story. Distinguished soloist, Cynthia Miles and the Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Benjamin Brown prepared the congregation for the message of the divine hour.

Drawing from the texts, Genesis 12:1-5, Genesis 13:14-18, and Hebrews 11:6, Pastor Nixon demonstrated the need for all of us to step out in faith even as Abraham did. As Abraham strayed away from God in several instances then came back in humility and prayer, we also need to make a "comeback" to God, especially now when we are running out of time. In closing, Pastor Nixon warned all those who were still doubting and dabbling in sin to remember that it was Christ Himself who said, "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

During the afternoon program, Ben Morrison read I Timothy 3, which emphasized the importance, duty, character and lifestyle of all deacons. After a lively song service, led by Christine Daniels, the program continued with several musical as well as poetic selections. Participating were Norman Little of Hope church, Mr. Solomon of Hanson Place church, Arthur Lanier and Denzel Wright of Shiloh church, Beverly Nichols of Berea, Mrs. Small of Shiloh, and Matilda Sargeant of Berea.

To close out the day, Elder Convelle Morton gave prayer and a meditation thought and Ruth Brown expressed sincere appreciation for all who participated or contributed toward the success of the program.

Gemma A. Williams

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On September 27, 1986, the Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church of Hartford, CT, celebrated its third anniversary in conjunction with Visitor's Day.

The creative Sabbath School program was directed by Mrs. Vera Blake. The congregation responded with enthusiasm as Mr. Douglas V. Wright narrated the Sabbath School lesson using the format of a radio program, WHOPE Channel 50. Ms. Tracey Patterson gave glory to God in her musical rendition of "We Shall Behold Him."

Mrs. Freida Richards was presented a plaque in appreciation for her many hours of dedicated service to church. She served as treasurer during the early years of the church.

As the dew refreshes the earth, so our lives were refreshed and revived as the result of our guest speaker's message. Pastor Marcus Harris of South Bend, IN, entitled his sermon "Seeing Is Believing." He aptly reminded us that our problem with Jesus authority centers around our lack of faith, our failure to believe. He reminded us that we need spiritual eyes to discern spiritual things. Many hearts were touched and lives were rededicated as the consecration prayer was given by Hope's pastor, Elder William Vincent.

After the 11 o'clock service, a delicious fellowship dinner, coordinated by Mrs. Ruby Yearwood, was enjoyed by all.

The final Sabbath hours were enjoyed with the sweet strains of music given by various individuals and groups. Mr. Gary Walton and Dr. Donald Blake emceed this musical extravaganza.

M. Hanna Wright
Communication Secretary

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CITY TABERNACLE

Fall's calendar of events at City Tabernacle Church included Community Guest Day, Pathfinder's Day and Education Day.

Each special Sabbath program emphasized Biblical themes to encourage both members and guests to become true examples for Christ.

On Community Guest Day, the Sabbath School program consisted of family discussions, slides picturing Christ's return and a detailed synopsis of pioneers of the faith. The theme, "Are You Ready For Jesus To Come?", appeared throughout the morning schedule. And much to the

surprise of all, 85 non- Adventist friends braved inclement weather to join us.

Our divine service guest speaker, Pastor W.D. Sumpter, Secretary of the Southern Union Conference in Atlanta, GA, discussed the purpose of the church as outlined in Matthew 16:1-19. Then an afternoon open forum was held to define "7th Day Adventism" and to determine how civic minded Adventists are.

Pathfinder Day permitted Tabernacle's young to parade their colors and display drilling skills. This corps of young people, although small in number, were directed from the pulpit to continue their studies, and to always aim high. The importance of parental support was also stressed.

Education Day was one of pomp and circumstance. The majority of Tabernacle's academicians were formally recognized and their educational accomplishments noted. Dr. B. F. Reaves, President of Oakwood College spoke; directing our attention to Colossians 1 and the Christian's responsibility to live in Christ and in Colosse (symbolically the world) simultaneously. "Temptations," he said "are everywhere confronting the young and old daily. Only by living in Christ can we overcome them and find lasting peace though we are buffeted on every side."

His message provoked deep thought and registered a strong appeal for individual support of Christian education.

"Only by spiritual guidance can the young adult be strengthened to withstand the corrupting influences of this society."

Dr. Reaves is a former member of City Tabernacle where several members of his family fellowshiped in the past.

LaMarr Renee
Communication Secretary

PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE INCREASED

Wednesday night prayer meeting at the Springfield Gardens Church, Springfield Gardens, NY, has increased tenfold. Once the attendance averaged five or ten, now there are approximately 35 to 50 members in attendance. The reason for this revitalization is the new format. Rather than a short sermon and prayer, the members systematically study the Bible. During the Bible study, members are free to ask questions or discuss various points of scripture. Currently, the members are studying the book of Leviticus.

Dennis Whaley
Communication Secretary



Flatbush Children's Choir.

SPRINGFIELD GARDENS CHURCH PRESENTS MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

A fall musical festival was planned and executed by Ms. Gertrude Cruz to raise funds for the Springfield Gardens, NY, building project. Mrs. Cruz, though partially incapacitated by a stroke, wanted to do something to boost the building fund. As God asked Moses, "What do you have in your hand?" she used her pencil and telephone to organize the event.

The concert, held on October 19, at the newly refurbished Linden Church, Laurelton, NY, presented a large array of musical talent. The sacred artists performing were: Berelette Tribbett accompanied by Audrea Robinson, Sidney Lofters, Jackie George, Helene Cousins, Philmore Smart, Flatbush SDA Children's Choir, Betty Urbano-Sylvester, Brooklyn Choir, Praise II Group, Michael Stewart and other musicians.

Dennis Whaley
Communication Secretary



Berelette Tribbett.



Sidney Lofters.



Jackie George.



Betty Urbano-Sylvester.



Philmore Smart.

EDEN SDA CHURCH DEDICATED

September 13, 1986, the Eden SDA Church of New Rochelle, NY, dedicated their sanctuary. Participating in the dedication ceremony was Elder Moise Charles, pastor of the church; Elder Gerard Mauze, French Coordinator for Northeastern Conference; Elder L. G. Newton, Conference President; Elder H. W. Baptiste, Secretary; and Elder S. H. Brooks, Treasurer.



Pastor M. Charles, (center), gives remarks as Elder G. Mauze, coordinator of the French work in Northeastern Conference, (left), and Elder L. G. Newton, Conference President, listen.



Pastor Moise Charles, greets the congregation of the Eden Church in New Rochelle, N.Y.



A front view of newly dedicated French church in New Rochelle.



Visiting choir performs at the dedication of the Eden church.



Mr. Dupoux provides special music for the dedication services.

SOUTH CENTRAL

DR. EVA B. DYKES BLACK EDUCATOR DIES

Dr. Eva B. Dykes quietly passed away on Wednesday, October 2, 1986, in Huntsville, AL, at the age of 93 years. In educational circles across this land and around the world, she stands as a role model for many leaders who serve this nation and the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

Dr. Dykes was born and reared in Washington, DC, where she received her formal education in the public schools. She later earned higher degrees at Howard University and Radcliffe College. She possesses the distinction of being the first Black woman in the United States to earn a Ph.D. degree. Her training and dedication led her to the post of director of the department of English at Howard, where she served under Dr. Mordecai Johnson for many years.

Inasmuch as she was a devout member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, she had a deep sense of commitment to use her talents for the training of the minds of the youth of her church. Thus, she resigned her post at Howard University in 1945 to spend the remainder of her life in service at Oakwood College. She not only sought to help improve the thinking and speaking abilities of her students there, but also demonstrated, by precept and example, a missionary zeal in service for the church. She served as choir director, personal ministries leader, sponsor of youth activities, and student recruiter. Her Christian virtues and congeniality helped to develop character in many whose lives she touched. Although she was well trained, she never lost her sense of humility and love for God and mankind.

This generation and church should always be grateful that the Lord shared Eva B. Dykes with us.

Charles E. Dudley

FAYETTEVILLE, TENNESSEE CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

Years ago, a person who traveled from Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL, to the Riverside Hospital passed through a little town on the Tennessee border, known as Fayetteville. Although many passed through, none seemed to sense a burden to stop and share their faith with those who lived there. Because the Huntsville school was only 26 miles from the town, some of



Athens, AL, 124th congregation organized.



Fayetteville, TN Church burns mortgage.

its citizens chose to send their children to be educated there. Those who went were Susie Flint and later, her cousin Ruth.

During the 1960's, Richardo McKinney, a ministerial major from Oakwood College, ventured into this city and boldly instructed the people in the belief and teachings of the church. A company of believers was born and these faithful few journeyed to Huntsville, AL, for worship each Sabbath at the First Church.

Under Elder V. Lindsay's pastorate of the Huntsville church, an outreach program was developed which helped to establish the work in this city. Others who followed were: N. A. Lindsay, who built a house of worship for the membership; S.H. Cox; C. A. Myers and Violin Plummer.

Elder Roland Hill became the first district pastor here as well as in Columbia, Franklin, Pulaski, Decherd, and Lawrenceburg, TN. Elder Hill moved to enlarge the worship facility, but Pastor Aaron Thompkins actually constructed the building when Hill was moved to another charge. Pastor Thompkins has since left to study at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI.

It fell the lot of Pastor Marion Johnson to retire the mortgage on the building. On Sabbath, November 1, 1986, there was great rejoicing in the company as the mortgage payment book went up in smoke. The members along with their pastor are to be commended for this noble accomplishment.

On hand for the services were C. E. Dudley, Conference President and his wife; R. J. Hill, pastor of the New Covenant church in Memphis, TN, and his family, along with members of the church; Pastor A. Thompson, a Methodist minister, who gave greetings; and Mr. J. Eddy of Fayetteville took pictures for the Historical Society of Fayetteville.

A NEW CONGREGATION ORGANIZED AT ATHENS, ALABAMA

The 124th congregation of the South Central Conference was organized in Athens, AL, on Sabbath evening, November 1, 1986. This newly formed group numbered upwards of 50 members. Elder Lorenzo Shepherd is the pastor.

In 1947 Elder C. E. Moseley, then director of the Department of Religion at Oakwood College sent some of his senior ministerial students to this city to conduct an evangelistic crusade as a part of their class work. Several persons were baptized but soon moved away.

In later years Elder E. C. Ward, pastor of the College Church, extended his evangelism outreach program to this city by using laymen, Mr. Connor, Prof. Edward Jones and students as well. Elder C. T. Richards and Dr. Harold Anthony later became the team that placed this work on a solid footing. The group of believers have worshipped together for quite some time.

When the executive committee did some rearranging of district responsibilities, Elder Lorenzo Shepherd was asked to serve as the resident pastor for Athens and Trianna, AL. This new church was organized under his leadership. On hand for the inaugural services was C. E. Dudley, Conference President.

EYES ON THE PRIZE

"Eyes on the Prize," a comprehensive television history of the American Civil rights movement from 1954-65, will be presented by Blackside, Inc., Henry Hampton, Executive Producer, (486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118) on PBS stations nationwide in January-February 1987. The documentary will be televised in a series of six one-hour programs, on January 21 and 28, and February 4, 11, 18 and 25, respectively.

The purpose of this documentary is: To look back at this important period, to learn from those experiences, and to rethink what is happening today in light of what happened then.

Forty-two prominent Americans serve on the National Advisory Board, including Dr. Charles Hamilton, Dr. Stephen Horn, Dr. Mary Frances Berry and Dr. Ann Poussaint.

The long term objectives, listed as follows, will fill a gap in our history of the 1954-65 American Civil Rights Movement:

1. Record and make accessible one of the most significant periods in American history for a contemporary audience half of whom were not alive during the 1954-65 period.
2. Collect valuable and soon-to-disappear archival material and make available to an academic or historical institute.
3. Highlight the contributions not only of well known figures, but those of everyday individuals.
4. Develop a textbook and study guide, plus other ancillary materials for school and community outreach programs.

Community service organizations, e.g., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., as well as individuals are urged to respond in two ways: Organize viewing parties for each of the six programs, and encourage friends, neighbors, and other groups to participate in viewing parties where the programs will be discussed; and write letters to the local PBS station (copy to Henry Hampton) giving personal responses to each of the six programs.

Callie Crossley, a former general news reporter (WREG-TV, Memphis) and medical reporter (WGBH-TV, Boston), is co-producer of Programs IV and VI. Ms. Crossley, a 1982 Neiman Fellow and a graduate of Wellesley College, attended Carver High School and graduated from Central High School, Memphis, TN.

HADLEY HOSPITAL

A NEW ERA FOR HADLEY HOSPITAL SET TO BEGIN

The September 30th Grand Opening of the new Hadley Memorial Hospital in Southeast Washington, DC, signals both a new era and a continuing tradition for health care in Southeast Washington.

September 30, 1986, the 34 year-old hospital opened its doors to 81 replacement beds in private and semi-private rooms, a spacious 10-bed critical care unit with private rooms, a 100-seat cafeteria overlooking an outdoor atrium featuring a bronze bust of the hospital's founder Dr. Henry G. Hadley, complete new kitchen facilities, new administrative offices, a gift shop, and an attractive and serene

new chapel seating 20 persons. Additionally, the Medical Records Department has new quarters, as does Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and Materials Management.

The new three-story building is the culmination of Phase III of Hadley's developmental plan, according to the hospital's president, Albert L. Dudley. Mr. Dudley came to Hadley a year and a half ago, and inherited the building program in its final planning stages. "Phases I and II added an administrative wing and our Family Health Services clinic to Hadley in the late 70s", Dudley said. "Phase IV and V were to add space above the Family Health Service and another wing of patient beds. Because of changes in health care since the 70s, when these plans were formulated, there will be no additional acute-care beds. We do plan to add space above the Family Health Service, but for different uses than originally envisioned."

The old building, which will be partially renovated, will still be used. But soon, most of its equipment will be moved to the new building. Mr. Dudley explained that the atmosphere will remain the same, as it is that atmosphere that sets Hadley apart from other area hospitals.

"There are a lot of people questioning hospitals with less than 100 beds, and from one perspective their assessments are correct", Mr. Dudley stated. "Individualized care is what makes Hadley different." He credits Hadley's intimate approach to health care and its emphasis on Christian principles, with the hospital's survival in a highly competitive industry.



Dr. A. Clarke, representing President Ronald Reagan at Hadley opening.



New Hadley Hospital.



Albert Dudley and Mrs. G. Hadley unveiling bust of Dr. Hadley.



Mayor and Mrs. Barry of Washington, DC, Mr. Albert L. Dudley, President of Hadley Hospital.

"When a physician walks down the hall, our employees know that physician by name. Most large hospitals can't say that. It's a family setting," which Mr. Dudley says has been a tradition at Hadley throughout its 34 years. Many of the hospital's 310 employees are native Washingtonians.

The grand opening celebration took place over two days officially proclaimed "Hadley Days" in the city of Washington, DC, by Mayor Marion Barry. The mayor read the proclamation at the hospital ceremony on Tuesday, September 30. In addition to Mayor Barry, Ward 8 Councilmember Wilhemina Rolark, and a host of other dignitaries also attended.

President Reagan, who was also invited, expressed his regrets at being unable to attend, but sent Dr. Aris Allen, medical affairs advisor of the Health and Human Resources Department, as his representative. A prominent Black physician, Dr. Allen is also a long time friend and former classmate of Dr. T. W. Davis, chief radiologist and medical staff member at Hadley Hospital since 1952.

The late Dr. Henry Hadley, founder of the hospital, began his medical career in Southeast Washington in 1919. He built the hospital and donated it to the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1952.

Mrs. Anna Hadley, who was director of nurses when the Hadleys came to the mission hospital in 1919, unveiled a bronze bust of the late doctor which is displayed in the outdoor courtyard. The statue was a



President Albert L. Dudley receives proclamation from Ward 8 Councilwoman Wilhelmenia Rolark.



President Albert Dudley receives proclamation from DC Mayor Marion Barry and Mrs. Effie Barry.



Hadley Memorial Hospital Ribbon Cutting, left to right, Dr. Gordon Hadley, Dr. Henry Hadley, Mrs. Anna Hadley, Mrs. Effie Barry, Donald Welch, Thomas Flynn, Albert L. Dudley, Dr. Sadeghian.

gift to the hospital donated by the medical staff and Dr. Mehdi N. Adham, sculptor. She was accompanied by three generations of Hadleys. Dr. Gordon Hadley, health director for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and Dr. Henry Hadley, both sons of the founder, were the keynote speakers for the opening day. Also on the program was past hospital administrator Charley Eldridge, now president of Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale, MD.

The new chapel was dedicated and named for Mrs. Hadley. A portrait of Dr. Hadley, painted by Tanya Brownlee, daughter of long time Hadley physician William Brownlee, was also unveiled during the program.

The hospital, located at 4601 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave. S.W., has an active and growing church, headed by hospital chaplain Ebenezer Pedapudi. The Hadley Community SDA church has conducted Revelation Seminars, Vacation Bible Schools, and other outreach programs. In the past month, it has gained 18 members. A new church building is currently being planned, and will be built on the hospital grounds, says Dudley.

At a "Hadley Day" reception, patient Dora Frazier, remembered Dr. Hadley as a physician who often went beyond the call of duty, making house calls until the age of 89. "He made house calls whether you had the money or not. If you were sick, he would come", she explained.

Hadley's Grand Opening attracted major media coverage, including a front page article in the *Washington Post*, and an article in both the *Washington Times* and the *Washington Informer*. All three major networks, ABC, NBC, and CBS, covered the opening via their local television stations. Many of the area's local radio stations also carried messages heralding "Hadley Days" in the District of Columbia. Now that the new hospital is completed, renovation of the existing facility will be the focus; particularly the Emergency Department and Surgical Suites. A five year, 1.5 million dollar development campaign is being launched to cover the cost of these renovations. Those interested in becoming a "Hadley Donor" may call the Hadley Development office at (202) 574-5774, or write: Hadley Memorial Hospital Development Office, 4601 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20032.

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SOUTHEASTERN



Evangelist Yves Pierre baptizing a new soul.

HAITIAN EVANGELISM IN SOUTHEASTERN

Four Haitian SDA churches in Miami, under Pastor Roland Brise's leadership, joined together in what was called "Combite Evangelique."

a 60'X90' tent at the corner of 54th and N. Miami Avenue was the scene of a miracle. Night after night hundreds came to hear the work of God proclaimed in Creole. As a result, 69 persons have already been baptized and others are now studying with elders and lay persons in preparation for baptism and fellowship with God's people.

Pastor Yves Pierre of the South Haitian Mission of Seventh-day Adventists conducted the nightly meetings.

R. R. Brown

YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMS

The Youth Choir of the Mt. Olivet SDA church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, under the direction of Carla Byrd, were guest artists at the Howard University Gospel Choir concert. The concert took place at the Dillard High School auditorium, and was sponsored by the Northwest Federated Women's Club of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Norcliffe Otto served as their pianist.

Julia McElvy, vice president of the South Florida Youth Federation of Southeastern Conference, made the occasion a possibility.

Geraldine Watts, Carol Byrd, and Cyril Francis serve as sponsors of the choir.



Mt. Olivet Youth Choir, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. W. C. Byrd, Pastor seated in front.

KEY WEST CELEBRATES COMMUNITY GUEST DAY

Sabbath, Oct. 18, 1986, was Community Guest Day at the southernmost church on the continental United States; Key West, Florida.

The day got off to a very good start with an exciting Sabbath School program. Guests from the small community of Key West crowded the little sanctuary to enjoy the day planned especially for them.

Mr. Roosevelt Sands, Jr., a dedicated community worker in the city of Key West, was honored for special and outstanding service to the community.

Pastor W. Don Edwards presented a soul-stirring message entitled "The Last Chapter". Pastor Edwards emphasized that every book has a last chapter and all of our lives have a last chapter. But, who will be the author; Christ or Satan?

The highlight of the day was a concert by a group of gifted young men, The Good News Singers from the Miami Tabernacle Church.

According to Pastor Edwards, this was the last Community Guest Day to be held in the more than 100 year old structure. A new sanctuary will replace the present one within the next few months.

EDUCATIONAL PIONEER HONORED FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE

A reception and program were held in Mrs. Cathernine Monford's honor at the Mt. Calvary SDA Church, Tampa, FL. The well-liked, well-known, senior citizen, Christian educator served Black students for forty years, 37 of which were completed at the Mt. Calvary SDA Junior Academy.

The program followed a "This is your Life" format. Mrs. Monford's students, friends, and co-workers remembered her as diligent, thorough, hard-working, honest, and Christian in her approach to education.

Words of wisdom that most students remembered from Mrs. Monford were: "To thine ownself be true" and "Do something,

be something, and make it count", favorite statements given prior to testing and in other matters of life.

Special out of town guests were: Ms. Katrina Nesbitt of Berrien Springs, MI, first student in 1933 in Miami; Mrs. Ruth Stokes, Orlando, FL; Mrs. Doris Hardeman, St. Petersburg, FL; Elder W. S. Banfield, General Conference, former pastor, and Tampa community activist; and the Gordon siblings.

Local educators, friends, students, and relatives were in attendance. Presentations were made by Mrs. Lisa Young, Principal of Mt. Calvary, Elder Theus Young and others.

R. R. Brown

NEWS NOTES

The officers and staff of the Tampa, FL, Mt. Calvary Community Service department planned to promote the Caring Church concept by involving at least one-third of the church membership in Community projects during 1986. The program succeeded.

Health leaders, L. Cobb and Ivey Williams conducted health screenings such as blood pressure, sickle cell and stress. Dr. Ingrid Doods, D.D.S. volunteered to conduct dental screening. The Community Service Center distributes government food.

Joyce Henderson coordinates a program to provide weekend meals for members and non-members who are served meals on wheels during the week but have no help on weekends.

Joyce Jones has a class, in the Multi-purpose building, teaching English to Haitians as well as others in the community and test preparations for G.E.D.

Wallace Battle, Personal Ministries leader, Islay Streeter, Sabbath School Superintendent and Theus Young, Pastor, have joined the Community Service department and its leaders to register the church's reason for existence, service to God and man



Sis. Johnson, Grace Walker, and Joyce James, ladies of the Tampa Mt. Calvary Community Service Center.



Tent site of the "Your Bible Speaks Crusade", held in Jacksonville, FL. Elder Herman Davis was the speaker.



Pictured from left to right: Elder Charles L. Brooks, Associate Sabbath School Secretary of The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Director of The Senior Sabbath School Division; Mrs. Islay Streeter, Sabbath School Superintendent of Mt. Calvary; and Elder Theus Young, Pastor of Mt. Calvary.



Dr. Henry C. McBay.

EMINENT SCHOLAR TEACHES AT OAKWOOD

Dr. Henry C. McBay, formerly Callaway Professor of Chemistry and now Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at Atlanta University, is currently teaching as a U.N.C.F. Scholar-At-Large in residence at Oakwood College.

The outstanding career of this educator-scientist spans a period of four decades. After receiving his doctorate from the University of Chicago and doing post-doctoral research under the eminent chemist, M. S. Kharasch, Dr. McBay began a distinguished career of teaching and research at Morehouse College in 1945.

Dr. McBay is the author of numerous scientific publications and the recipient of more than a dozen teaching and scientific awards. He has the distinction of having taught the greatest number of Black students who later went on to earn their doctorates in Chemistry. McBay is considered to be one of the top five most productive Black chemists in the United States.

YOUR BIBLE SPEAKS CRUSADE HELD IN JACKSONVILLE

The Your Bible Speaks Crusade was conducted in Jacksonville, FL, July 6 thru August 16 by Pastor Herman L. Davis, Sr., Evangelist. Other associates were Michael Ross, Olney McLarty, Emmanuel Carter, Jerome Hurst, and Willie Ervin.

Crowds filled the tent each night to listen to soul-stirring messages by Evangelist Davis.

Mrs. Vivian Wade, Bible Instructor, assisted by Mrs. Evelyn Lomas, Mrs. Gloria Kirkland and Mrs. Catherine Branch, worked daily bringing the message to interested souls. Thirty-four precious souls were added as a result of this evangelistic effort.

R. R. Brown

NEWS NOTE

Elder Charles L. Brooks, Associate Sabbath School Secretary of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, recently presented the 1986 Teacher Performance Training Course to Sabbath School Teachers at the Mt. Calvary SDA Church, Tampa, FL.

R. R. Brown

CLASSIFIED

Position available July 1987: Religion instructor in Andrews University undergraduate religion department. Must have experience in the field and in the classroom. Also must have doctoral degree in hand or nearly so. Should have some specialized training and interest in preaching and practices. Send resume to Dr. William Richardson, Griggs Hall, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

OBITUARY

GADSDEN, CHARLES M., was born to Lydia and Charlie Gadsden in Charleston County, South Carolina, on Mar. 27, 1927.

It was in the Charleston area that he completed his early education. He served his country with great distinction as a sailor in the United States Navy for several years. Upon his discharge he entered Oakwood College in Huntsville, AL, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in

philosophy and education. Later, he earned his Master of Arts degree from New York University.

He was baptized in Christian fellowship in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Jacksonville, FL by Pastors E. J. Humphrey and J. Cox in the 1940's.

In the early 1950's he came to live permanently in New York City. Here he was employed as a Social investigator for the New York City Department of Social Services, and later became a teacher with the Board of Education, New York City.

It was a life of selfless, dedicated service that bore testimony of his commitment to the church and the cause of God. He humbly served for many years as a member of the Church Board, the Building Committee and Youth Director.

Charles Gadsden had a strong sense of community awareness. This led him to become extremely active in various community organizations. He was a former member of Community School Board District No. 5, a state committee person and former board member of Haryou-Act.

He was a member of Community Planning Board No. 10. He was the founder and president of Harlem Trailblazers Community Services, Inc., an organization that is regarded highly by the New York City Community Development Agency. Many young as well as older individuals have gotten a second chance to live productive lives through the efforts of Harlem Trailblazers. Charles made a distinct impact on many lives and his surrounding community.

Charles went to his final rest on Sunday, Nov. 9, 1986, after a brief illness. He leaves to mourn his passing, his son, Jade Darrell Gadsden; his father, Charlie Gadsden; stepmother, Bertha Lee Gadsden; three sisters, Mrs. Louise Robinson, Mrs. Claire Rivers and Ms. Dorothy Gadsden; three brothers, Benjamin Gadsden, Alonzo Gadsden and Henry Gadsden; one step-sister; three stepbrothers; four half-sisters; three half-brothers; seven nieces; eleven nephews; three uncles; three aunts; three sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and many other relatives and friends.

CATO, LOVICE, daughter of Henry and Roxie Beasley, was born in Little Rock, AR, Sept. 29, 1906, and departed this life Oct. 1, 1986, in Atlanta, GA. Having gotten married to Marion G. Cato in 1925, she shared his life for 61 years, which included his ministry in the publishing work started in 1942. He retired as Associate Publishing Director of the Southern Union Conference in 1974.



Mrs. Lovice Cato.

Lovice served as an innovator behind the scenes and a strong bolster to Elder Cato through both rough and smooth times. The beautiful memory of her 80 year pilgrimage on planet earth will be cherished by her husband, Elder M. G. Cato of Atlanta, GA; their two sons, Wilbur of West Bloomfield, MI, and David of Atlanta, GA, and their wives, Talma Thomas and Emma Adams; two daughters, Glenda Cato-Cantrell and husband of Berrien Springs, MI, and Delores Cato of Atlanta, GA; one sister, Mattie McCain of Berkley, CA; five grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

S. E. Gooden

MASON, KAREN SUE BLAIR, was born Sept. 15, 1951, in Brooklyn, NY to Helen and Walter Blair. She received her early training in this home along with a continued Christian Education which enabled her to continue living a victorious Christian life. After attending schools in Northeastern Conference and Atlantic Union Conference, she attended Long Island University and Hofstra University where she received her Master of Arts in Elementary Education. Her first teaching job was at The Hanson Place SDA Elementary School and then later at the Linden Boulevard SDA Elementary School. She served on the Northeastern Curriculum and Literature Committee.

In 1974, Karen married Pastor Lawrence Mason, who currently serves as Pastor of the Solid Rock SDA Church. To this union one son was born: Dale Lawrence Mason.

She was a loving, devoted wife and mother. While living in Huntsville, AL for a short period, she taught at the SDA Elementary School on the campus of Oakwood College. Karen received recognition for a

teaching plan implemented under her direction which is now being used in that area.

Karen departed this life on Nov. 4, 1986. She leaves to mourn a husband, one son, mother, father, brothers, grandmother, mother-in-law, brother-in-laws, sister-in-laws and a host of aunts and uncles, cousins and many devoted friends.

NEWS NOTE

Word has been received about the passing of Elder and Mrs. Vongothe Lindsay. She passed away during the month of October, he preceded her earlier this year.

Elder Lindsay had served as director of the Colored Department of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference before the formation of the Regional Conferences in 1945. When the South Central Conference was organized, he became the Secretary/Treasurer. In later years, as he moved toward retirement, his labors led him to the pastorate of Riverside Chapel, Nashville, TN; First Church of Huntsville, AL; and a number of congregations in the Central States Conference until his death.

Both of the Lindsays were dedicated to service for God. They had three daughters; Marilyn, Ann (deceased), and Yvonne; and one son, Vongothe.

IN THE NEWS

ROBES DEDICATED AT LIBERTY HEIGHTS

The Liberty Heights Church of Baltimore presented Inspirational Voices of Liberty, a choral group of 23 young ladies and 11 young men, who were recently dedicated to the Lord and presented to the church body in their new robes. These robes were purchased through the joint efforts of the choir members and the women of the church.

Pastor William Taliaferro dedicated the ministry of the individuals wearing the new vestments of lavender and purple. He called for the rededication of the personal lives of these young people to render their talents as unto the Lord in their ministry of music.

This choir of families was founded by the director Valeria Dizzard during the pastorate of Rudyard Lord, presently pastor of the Coatesville, Pennsylvania congregation. Juan Marshall accompanies this choir with piano and electronic organ.

Over the past ten years, this group has sung approximately once a month at their

home church in addition to concerts at other churches in Baltimore and other parts of Maryland. Former choir members, presently attending Pine Forge Academy and Columbia Union College, often return to sing with their home choir.

Pastor Taliaferro concluded the dedication by joining the choir to render their special arrangement of Walter Hawkin's "A Friend." Special guest artists Denise Jones and Keith Simms sang "I've Just Seen Jesus."

Connie North
Communications Secretary



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allen.

WHATEVER BECAME OF RICHARD ALLEN?

Those who attended Oakwood in the 1940's referred to him as 'Daddy Soybean' because of his advocating of the drinking of soy milk products in those days. Richard Allen completed the ministerial course at the school and later became a literature evangelist in Memphis, Tennessee but moved to California where he became a professional photographer and served as a layman in the churches in that area. He is presently living in Bakersfield, California and is married to the daughter of the historic figure in Black Adventist circles, the late Lucy Byard of New York City.

THE CHRISTIAN'S MOTTO Paraphrase of I Corinthians 13

1. If I could speak Hebrew, Greek, or other foreign languages, or even speak

the eloquent language of the Holy Angels, and did not speak a word of love, and a word in season to him that is weary, I am no more than a clamoring gong;

2. And if I could quote the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and could perfectly understand and diagram the 2300 days, the sanctuary services, and the plan of salvation; or if my faith enables me to baptize a thousand souls in a day, or be the top evangelist, colporteur, administrator, physician, missionary, or layman, and this knowledge, wisdom, works, faith, and love, is not applied primarily for the service of God and mankind, it is vanity, useless to me;

3. And if I give all my money to Dorcas, Personal Ministries, Ingathering, or for evangelistic campaigns, or if I allow myself to be electrocuted for God's cause, and do not love the indigent, reprobate, foreigner, or immigrant, as Jesus did, and does presently, I am spiritually bankrupt, and dead;

4. Love is humble, patient, kind, courteous, tenderhearted, and full of pity; it is not resentful, love is gentle and meek;

5. Love is not arrogant, it is not egotistical, or irritable, it never plots mischievousness;

6. Love hates the slightest taint of sin, but enamors the truth, God's word;

7. Love is what motivates, stimulates, and activates people to have faith in God, to hope in Him, and to be obedient to Him, even at the sacrifice of life itself;

8. Love is stronger than death; one day all prophecies will meet their fulfillment, all languages shall have run their course, and knowledge its completion;

9. We are all finite, and understand heavenly and earthly matters only partially, our sight is somewhat blurred;

10. But when we reach completion through Jesus, our incompleteness will disappear;

11. When we were spiritually immature, we communicated as novices, we cogitated as adolescents, however, when we reach spiritual maturation, we will no longer be simpleminded;

12. This perfectly explains our Christian experience; heavenly matters appear dim or obscure to us now, but when we reach heaven, and God explains these things, we will be able to see and understand them in their true light;

13. Finally beloved, there is trust, assurance, love, however the most essential is love.

Sandy Smith

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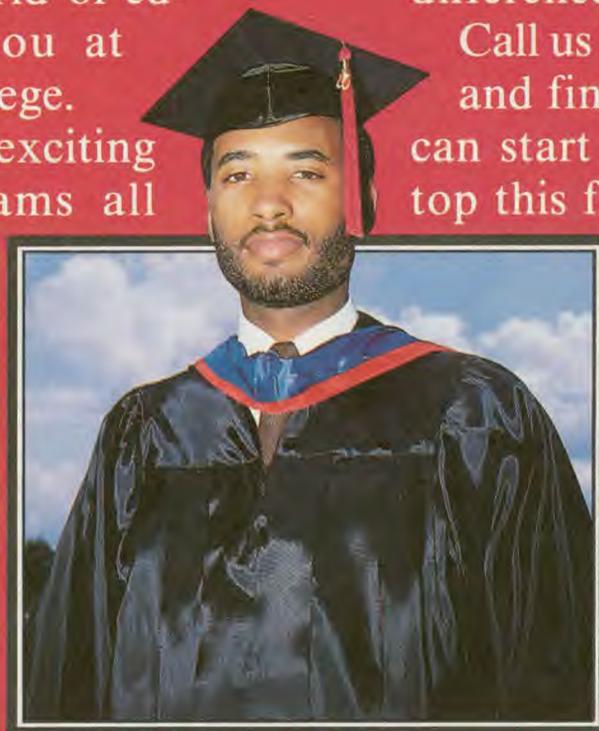
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