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# Service Of Praise And Thanksgiving



Columbus, Ohio — Carolyn Thomas, Frances Davenport and Garnett Wallace journeyed to Columbus, Ohio to attend the Service of Thanksgiving and Praise for the Episcopal Ministry of Bishop Richard Allen Hildebrand on Saturday, June 20. Bishop Vernon R. Byrd presided and Bishop Decatur Ward Nichols delivered the sermon. He paraphrased St. John, Chapter 1, verse 6. "There was a man sent from God whose name was Richard Allen Hildebrand." He concluded his remarks by saying Bishop Hildebrand was not retiring, but as the wheels on a car, he was being re-

tired. Bishop and Mrs. Chappelle, Bishop and Mrs. Robert Thomas were also in attendance. Miss Christine London, Bishop Hildebrand's secretary for close to 20 years sang, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." The Bell Choir and a Mass Choir from representative AME Churches sang.

The service was followed by a luncheon. Highlights then were greetings from Dr. John Henderson, President of Wilberforce University; Dr. Charles L. Harvey, President of Payne Theological Seminary and a skit entitled "Recapturing The Vision" featuring Vanessa Cummings as Mother Agnes Hildebrand; Jason Lowe as Bishop Hildebrand the child; and Leslie Gaines, Jr. Bishop as a young adult. Music was rendered by "The Three D" Ensemble. Rev. William Galloway, Presiding Elder was the Master of Ceremony and the Rev. S. E. Lancaster, General Chairperson.

A reception was held at the Episcopal Residence for out-of-town guests on Friday. All other activities took place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

# Highlights From Bethel-Buffalo

By GARNET HICKS WALLACE  
Buffalo, N.Y. — An Ad-Hoc Committee formed to strengthen church family life, sponsored its first affair Friday, June 20. The occasion, a fun, family, and fellowship nite. It was built around what was called "A Taste of Bethel." Each person was asked to bring a dish. Ice breaker games were played. Focus was also on the men of the church. Because Father's Day was observed the previous Sunday, Mary Crosby Chappelle was asked to do a salute to men. This was followed by the presentation of a key-chain to each man present in the shape of a number 1 to say that they are just that.

This committee is not structured and is composed to the seasoned, the young adult and the "young" young adult. It is looking for ways to bring religious and Christian training into the lives of those children who hear not the Word of God, thus do not know the Golden Rule, that thou should not covet, etc. . . .

It is expected that the committee will steer, and enlist the aid of those who can bring a project to fruition. Thanks go to Vera Battle and Clydean Amaker for decorations, the Trueheart brothers for the music, Thelma Hardiman for prizes and Bethel members for delicious salads, desserts and main dishes.

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The Senior Choir presented the

"New Beginnings" in concert on Saturday, June 27th. The "New Beginnings" is an exciting group who are versatile. They are able to sing an anthem with all fervor and then sing gospel music with the same enthusiasm and then some. Flowers and a plaque were given to Ruthetta Smikle, Directress.

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A Mother and Daughter team, Willie Edna and Shari Willis, are in charge of the newly created 8:00 a.m. service. It is interesting to note that there are those who come at 8:00 a.m. and stay for Sunday School and also attend the 10:00 a.m. worship.

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Scholarships were presented to Charlene Anderson. Certificates were also represented to those persons who had a 90 average or better the past school year. They were Marianna Crippen 94, Adriann Crippen 93, Keith Young 95, E. Paul Smith, Jr. 92, Germaine Younger 95, Courtney Barton 95, Tia Johnson 90, Teresa Edwards 93, Shandra Gary 95, Jennifer Dublin 96, Carla McKinnon 95, and Beatrice Anderson 95.

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Clay Wilson and the Male Chorus hosted a Father and Son Luncheon. The proceeds went to the Scholarship Committee.