

THE BALTIMORE EXPERIENCE

JAMES M. DIAL: A Ministry of Action

By Herbert H. Locklear

Three Years, almost to the date, after Rev. Dial's transformation, he was called into the preaching ministry. Brother James says "that he was at the time employed by Maryland Paint Company of Baltimore. He was located in a valley surrounded by huge mountains. "...a strange and frightening feeling came over me," he said.

That, then began a ministry of action which later was to find Rev. Dial resigning his job with the Paint Company in lieu of a job which provided him a chance to devote his time and energies in work of "helping people."

A member of South Broadway Baptist, the church where Rev. Dial is pastor, shares that he remembers when Brother James asked the Church to pray that a way be made whereby he could work in the community full time. Soon thereafter, he had a job at the "Indian Center" counseling persons who were alcohol abusers, and persons who abused their family and self because of alcohol or other drug related problems. Rev. Dial, and others, saw this as "an answer to prayer." He gladly and quickly took advantage of the opportunity.

James Dial is not a passive man. He is proactive. He demonstrates an eagerness; one might say a zealotism for hard work. He keeps long and caring hours, was the comment of one person who knows Rev. Dial well.

Brother James says that his zeal is partly sparked by the size of the job. "Everywhere I look," he says, "the need is overbearing." Even a man as anxious as Rev. Dial gets behind in this community, there's so many people who need a minister, observed an interested party.

Dial summarizes it by sharing that he has strived to serve God and people. Says that he has had many great experiences, that his desire is to continue to serve people with truth and dignity. His motto, says Dial is "...I live to love and serve."

Rev. Dial's ministry is varied. His boundaries are not the confines of the pulpit. He has been referred to as the "Community Pastor," often serving families who are not church members. Many people refer to him as the "Crying Preacher," because he cries when he rejoices, he cries for the conditions of mankind. The writer, in jest and not in serious meaning,



Rev. Dial chats with Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Locklear and Mr. Wayne Smith.

calls him "The Big Bear from the North."

In addition to his jobs as a Certified Counselor, Pastor and Community Advocate; Rev. Dial is a member of the State of Maryland Indian Commission, as well as a member of other ongoing committees. The combination of his work mean long and relentless hours of work. Someone needs the Pastor all the time. One source said its apparent that God called Dial for the Baltimore ministry because he seems so fitted to it.

James Dial came to Baltimore in 1954. He is married to the former Wilma Dale since 1958. They have two children, Sue and Beanie. The couple live in the Northeast Section of Baltimore.

'Wilma Dale, better known by her many admirers as "Bill," says that there is no comparison of James' life now and what it was before. He is such a changed person. "But," she adds, "his work takes him away so much, I really miss him. But," she continued, "I guess that's the way it is."

A BELATED BIRTHDAY WISH

Happy Birthday to a very special person

that means the world to me.

I love you.

From Barbara

TO UNCLE HARTLEY

Ever Green Church News

by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. The superintendent, Mr. Jackie Wilkins, gave all a special welcome.

The pastor visited in the Adult Class. We had a great discussion on principles for Christian conduct.

Our class, the Adults, had the program for Sunday. The Lord blessed in the singing of the group.

Miss Donna Marie Wilkins paid her birthday offering. The junior class once again received the attendance banner.

We had a great time listening to the new converts testify. Praise God for those who accepted Christ. Please, Christian people, pray for all new converts. God is pouring out his blessings on people.

In his word he says, "Who-soever will, let him come." The pastor spoke to us from Ephesians 4:1-16 using for a subject "Oneness." We all must become as one to be able to hear Jesus say well done. I would like to thank everyone who prayed for my brother-in-law James Canady. Thank the Lord, he's home.

The sweetest news of all is that he has confessed Jesus. That's so wonderful. I say that whatever it takes for one to accept Christ, it is worth it.

Keep him on your prayer list. Pray for all our sick loved ones.

Mrs. Swannie Cummings is in the Lumberton hospital and Mr. Grant Maynor is in a Fayetteville hospital.

The pastor asks that all members be present for conference the second Saturday at 2:30. This is the time to vote on church officials, such as pastor and treasurer. Keep this in mind. It is important for members to be present.

The Brotherhood will meet in the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Canady for prayer service Monday night.

Come worship with us at any time. You are welcome.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY
There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer. You see, most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be. Love covers a boundry of mistakes. Please pray for us at Ever Green.

Celebrates 3rd Birthday



Jacinta Sommer Salcido celebrated her third birthday on Saturday, August 28, 1982. She is the daughter of Suzette Locklear Salcido. The celebration was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy

Barnes where she received a Strawberry Shortcake Bicycle and a Hed Strom swing set. The center of attraction was her Strawberry Shortcake birthday cake. [Photo by Elmer W. Hunt].

Correspondent Now a "Young" 82



Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin of the Barker Ten Mile Area celebrated her 82nd birthday on August 2, 1982.

"I believe that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another."
Thomas Jefferson



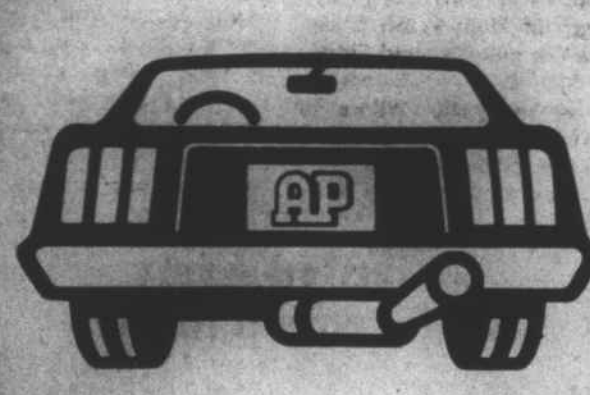
Beets are high in iron content. You can serve them hot with parsley butter and a little lemon juice or cold with a vinaigrette dressing.

TEN MILE CENTER CHURCH NEWS

by Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin
Mrs. Dorothy Hammonds and her son, Andy Hammonds, were visitors of Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin on Sunday. Mrs. Fannie Bell was a

visitor Thursday of Mrs. Nora Lee Hardin.

Mr. Reece Hunt was a visitor Friday of Mrs. Fannie Bell.



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