L to R — **Elaine Washington** *student conductress;* **Shirley Hursey,** *directress;* **Vuanita Battle,** *student conductress.*

L to R — **Marla Burney,** *treas.;* **Karen Wilson,** *sec.;* **David Banks,** *pres.;* **Dennis Stratton,** *vice pres.;* **Rev. H. Henry Walker.**

L to R — **Ellyn River,** *pianist;* **Eugene Washington,** *asst. pianist;* **James Hill,** *organist;* **Deborah Banks,** *asst. pianist.*

The Bethel A.M.E. Young Adult Choir of Champaign, Illinois, consists of 47 young people ranging from 13 to 24 years of age. Most of the choir members attend the local public schools, Parkland Junior College or the University of Illinois. Others are enrolled in various other colleges and universities outside the Champaign-Urbana community.

This choir has appeared at the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Galesburg, Illinois; Youth Conferences in Springfield and East Saint Louis, Illinois; the Black Mother's Day Program at the Krannert Center For The Performing Arts; University of Illinois; and various local churches and organizations in Champaign-Urbana and Central Illinois.

The choir is directed by Mrs. Shirley L. Hursey, who resides in Urbana, Illinois, and is a member of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Mrs. Hursey organized the Young Adult Choir when she realized there were many young people in the church and community who need only a chance to display their talents. She encourages choir members to help in musical arrangements, conducting, planning, and other decision making.

James Hill, our organist is an example of the talent that only needed an avenue for expression. Mr. Hill started playing the organ in Bethel A.M.E. Church at an early age, and is now one of the finest organists in this area.

Miss Deborah Banks, assistant pianist and a member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, is presently a student at Arkansas AM & N, majoring in music.

Miss Vuanita Battle, student conductress, is presently a junior at the University of Illinois, majoring in Elementary Education.

Miss Ellyn Treadwell Rivers, our pianist, was a professional musician and now resides in Champaign, Illinois. Mrs. Rivers started playing piano for the Young Adult Choir when it was organized. Because of her patience, kindness, and understanding, the members of the Bethel A.M.E. Young Adult Choir dedicate this album to her.

CHOIR MEMBERS

David Banks
Deborah Banks
Joseph Battle
Vuanita Battle
Gayretta Beckmum
Debra Brown
Patricia Brown
Marla Burney
Linda Carouthers
Ronald Carter
Crystal Clements
Debbie Clements
Dereke Clements
Gary Clements
Glenda Davis
Eric Dixon
Wheet Dixon
Nina Hewitt
James Hill
Clarence Hudson
Paul Hursey Jr.
Darnell Ingram
Carol Johnson
Linda King
Sheila King
Regina Malone
Terry Marshall
Brenda McGavock
Leroy Musgrove
Priscilla Nash
Melva Phillips
Benjamin Purdy
Benita Rollins
Octavia Rollins
Donna Sayles
Ellen Scroggins
Kendal Session
Deborah Sibley
Dennis Stratton
Barbara Suggs
Marsha K. Townshed
Earl Washington
Elaine Washington
Eugene Washington
Karen Wilson
Robert Wilson
Elizabeth Wood

Side One

SWING DOWN CHARIOT - *2:53*
Solo - Deborah Banks
DO LORD - *2:11*
Solo - Marla Burney
HELLO SUNSHINE - *2:50*
Solos - Octavia Rollins & Marla Burney
I'LL TRADE A LIFETIME - *4:30*
Solo - Elizabeth Wood
HOW MUCH MORE - *2:48*
Solo - Dennis Stratton
MY FAITH - *4:34*
Solo - Dennis Stratton

Side Two

SOMETHING'S GOT A HOLD ON ME - *3:27*
Solos - Dennis Stratton & Carol Johnson
PEACE BE STILL - *7:14*
Solo - Donna Sayles
THE WICKED SHALL CEASE - *3:58*
Solo - Elizabeth Wood
WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH - *4:18*
Solo - Debra Brown

Ellyn Rivers

Recorded in the Sanctuary of the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Champaign, Illinois, by SUPERIOR RECORDINGS, 1117 W. Springfield Avenue, Champaign, Illinois; W. D. Zehr, recording engineer. Microphones used were 2-Neumann U87, KM85; and AkG. D224. Recorder was a Revox A77. A Hammond organ with Leslie speakers was used.

SUPERIOR recordings
COMPATIBLE STEREO
LPS 171-21

Crusade Enterprises
Record & Album Company
Flora, Illinois U.S.A.