

Metropolitan United Methodist Church Celebrates 195th Church Anniversary



(L-r): Agnes Irene Taylor Ray, 96, The Rev. Dr. Howard W. Hinson, Lead Pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 83, and Margaret J. Lowry, 99. Metropolitan is located at 1121 W. Lanvale Street in Baltimore. This year, Metropolitan United Methodist Church celebrates its 195th Anniversary. The theme for the 195th Anniversary Celebration is: "Celebrating The Past – Embracing The Present – Anticipating the Future." (See article on page 7) Photo: Ursula V. Battle

Comcast's comprehensive Covid-19 response to help keep Americans connected to Internet

Company opens Xfinity WiFi network nationally for free, offers unlimited data for free, confirms its commitment to connecting low-income families

Philadelphia— On the heels of offering new, low-income Internet Essentials customers two months of free internet and raising the speed of that program's service to 25/3 Mbps, Comcast announced additional steps to help ensure people stay connected to the internet as more schools suspend classes and companies encourage employees to work from home due to the Coronavirus.

"During this extraordinary time, it is vital that as many Americans as possible stay connected to the Internet— for education, work and personal health reasons," said Dave Watson, Comcast Cable Chief Executive Officer. "Our employees also live and work in virtually every community we serve, and we all share the same belief that it's our Company's responsibility to step up and help out."

Comcast is taking steps to implement the following new policies for the next 60 days, and other important initiatives:

•Xfinity WiFi Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free— including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of



Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, consumers should select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.

•Pausing Our Data Plan: With so many people working and educating from home, we want our customers to access the Internet without thinking about data plans. While the vast majority of our customers do not come close to using 1TB of data in a month, we are pausing our data plans for 60 days giv-

ing all customers Unlimited data for no additional charge.

•No Disconnects or Late Fees: We will not disconnect a customer's internet service or assess late fees if they contact us and let us know that they can't pay their bills during this period. Our care teams will be available to offer flexible payment options and can help find other solutions.

•Internet Essentials Free to New Customers: As announced yesterday, it's even easier for low-income families who live in a Comcast service area to sign-up for Internet Essentials, the nation's largest and most comprehensive broadband adoption program. New customers will receive 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for

\$9.95/month. Additionally, for all new and existing Internet Essentials customers, the speed of the program's Internet service was increased to 25 Mbps downstream and 3 Mbps upstream. That increase will go into effect for no additional fee and it will become the new base speed for the program going forward.

•News, Information and Educational Content on X1 and Flex: For those with school-age students at home, we've created new educational collections for all grade levels in partnership with Common Sense Media. Just say "education" into your X1 or Flex voice remote. To help keep customers informed, we also have created a collection of the most current news and information on Coronavirus. Just say "Coronavirus" into your X1 or Flex voice remote.

•24x7 Network Monitoring: Underpinning all of these efforts, Comcast's technology and engineering teams will continue to work tirelessly to support our network operations. We engineer our network capacity to handle spikes and shifts in usage patterns, and continuously test, monitor and enhance our systems and network to ensure they are ready to support customer usage. Our engineers and technicians staff our network operations centers 24/7 to ensure network performance and reliability. We are monitoring network usage and watching the load on the network both nationally and locally, and to date it is performing well.

For more information and updates from Comcast related to Coronavirus, visit: <http://www.comcast-corporation.com/COVID-19/>.

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Special enrollment period for Marylanders without health insurance

By Stephanie Klapper

Marylanders without health insurance who are concerned about the coronavirus, COVID-19, now have the opportunity to enroll in health coverage thanks to a special enrollment period that Governor Larry Hogan and the Maryland Health Connection have created in response to the growing coronavirus public health crisis.

From March 16 to April 15, 2020, uninsured Marylanders will be able to enroll in health coverage through the Maryland Health Connection, Maryland's official health insurance marketplace. Last year, nine in 10 Marylanders who enrolled qualified for financial assistance, making the coverage affordable for most people.

While Medicaid enrollment is open all year round, private insurance enrollment through the Maryland Health Connection is usually limited to six weeks toward the end of the year, with few exceptions. That is why this special enrollment period is so important.

During this critical time, it's essential that uninsured Marylanders get coverage so they can get the care they need—for their safety and for all of us.

Having health insurance and access to care will give you peace of mind during a period of uncertainty about the threat of the coronavirus.

Don't wait. If you need health coverage, apply as soon as possible. Go to www.marylandhealthconnection.gov, call 1-855-642-8572, or download the mobile app.

The Special Enrollment Period complements the new Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program, which empowers uninsured Marylanders to find out their eligibility for free or low-cost health coverage by checking a box on their state tax return. After checking the box, Maryland Health Connection will send a letter in the mail with next steps on how to enroll. If you are uninsured, you have until April 15 to check the box on your Maryland state tax return.

I thank Governor Larry Hogan and Maryland Health Connection for their leadership in creating a Special Enrollment Period for uninsured Marylanders to enroll in quality, affordable health coverage during Maryland's Coronavirus State of Emergency. I also thank the Maryland General Assembly and Governor Hogan for continuing to build on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) in Maryland and to defend the ACA from federal attacks. The ACA has helped over 400,000 Marylanders enroll in health coverage so far, and without the ACA the Special Enrollment Period would not be possible.

Maryland joins Massachusetts and Washington in creating a Special Enrollment Period in response to COVID-19. I urge the Trump administration and every other Governor in the country to follow our lead to help protect everyone in our nation. Lives depend on it.

Stephanie Klapper, Deputy Director, Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative and the Maryland Health Care for All! Coalition. The Coalition is made up of hundreds of faith, labor, business, and other organizations from across the state working toward policies that create access to quality, affordable health care for all Marylanders.



Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Re: The Hoarding Public

The coronavirus outbreak has panicked people into hoarding food, paper products and sanitizing compounds.

Consumers across the country are conducting binge purchases of these products and most supermarkets are reporting bare shelves and difficulty in restocking these products.

The binging activity is very un-American.

There is no need for people to be stocking up on food and other supplies that will last for a year or more. It is reported consumers are purchasing large quantities of toilet paper. Maybe they should be eating less so they can cut back on their defecation and use less toilet paper.

My wife and I shopped twice last week

and we went through the express line of 12 items or less both times, which is typical food shopping for us.

It is reported that some people have been receiving their paychecks and going to supermarkets to shop for food, but they find empty shelves.

Supermarkets should limit the purchase of some items so there will be enough to go around. As a country we have to provide much better consideration for our fellow Americans. Everyone should be able to provide food and other essentials to their families.

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Londonderry, NH



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Rectifying underfunding in Baltimore City Public School System, Part II

By Dr. Ken Morgan

Part II of a three-part series on Baltimore City Public Schools funding created under the Commission on Innovation and Excellence known as the Kirwan Commission. Part II speaks to how it will be funded.

The Commission on Innovation and Excellence better known as the Kirwan Commission took over the newly minted commission in 2016.

The Commission issued a 200 plus page final report on November 21, 2019 to the Maryland General Assembly.

Six hours of legislative hearings took place on February 17, 2020.

Baltimore Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young gave a ringing endorsement for Kirwan funding. On February 16, 2020, while testifying before the Education and Appropriations Committees he said that a poor education meant a lot of young people needlessly dying on the city’s streets.

At the bill’s hearing, according to Baltimore Sun reporters, Mayor Young said, “When people ask me, ‘why is Kirwan so important?’ I say it’s because for some of our young people, having the right support is a matter of life and death.”

Young cited the bill’s requirement that some local schools systems, including Baltimore’s, contribute hundreds of millions of dollars that the city could ill-afford to do.

The Kirwan funding bill passed March 6, 2020 in the House Maryland General Assembly 96-41 based on the Kirwan Commission Report. Aptly titled, the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, the bill proposes ten years to be phased-in at \$2.8 billion; that the state pays for most costs and local governments contribute a much smaller amount.

Political debate continues as to sources of state revenue regarding Kirwan funding. The ACLU of Maryland makes it clear that it all starts with Article VIII of the Maryland Constitution, which reads: “The General Assembly... shall by law establish throughout the State a thorough and efficient System of Free Public Schools; and shall provide by taxation, or otherwise, for their maintenance.”

Article VIII translates into adequacy and equity. Adequacy means, that all Maryland students and each district get the resources enough to equal state standards. Counties or school districts need to provide support based on what they can afford or local wealth.

Reporter Holden Wilen of the Baltimore Business Journal took a swipe at the Baltimore City Public Schools funding last May when he questioned the use of additional funding. Between the lines, his comments in part, spoke to the lack

of usefulness of additional financing. He said, “City schools spent \$16,184 per pupil, according to data released by the Census Bureau— up 6.7 percent from last year when the school system ranked fifth nationally. Baltimore City is the 40th-largest elementary and secondary public school district in the U.S.” This charge has been thrown at the BCPSS for many years.

Gov. Larry Hogan said about Kirwan proposed funding according to a CBS news report: “The State should not and can not simply increase \$33 billion in new spending that we do not have without any plan whatsoever about where the funding is going to come from.”

A more recent measure witnessed both Democrat and Republican Maryland lawmakers soundly defeating a revenue bill as a way to pay the State’s share for Kirwan funding. Montgomery County Eric Luedtke (D) sponsored the bill. The bill proposed to tax business and professional services that businesses opposed. Gov. Hogan also opposed the measure.

The Baltimore Teachers Union (BTU) newsletter offered structural funding sources for the state— “closing tax loopholes, ending giveaways to large corporations, and having the super-rich pay their fair share of state income taxes.”

The Funding Coalition spoke to the same point in a statement refuting Gov. Hogan’s critiques concerning his worry about unknown funding, the Maryland Funding Coalition made similar remarks.

The group said in a Community United newsletter: “We can afford to invest more in our schools if we take a few steps to clean up our ineffective tax code: eliminate ineffective tax breaks and close loop-

holes that benefit wealthy individuals and large corporations.”

The loose coalition includes the Baltimore Teachers Union, CASA, AFSCME MD, Communities United, Good Jobs First, Maryland Center on Economic Policy, Maryland Nonprofits, and SEIU Local 500.

“Take revenue from the police and police overtime to pay for BCPS’s share of Kirwan,” said Dr. Jay Gillen, a long-time Algebra Project facilitator and educator who offered one source regarding Baltimore City’s share.

Goucher College’s Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher, released a survey recently regarding Kirwan funding. The survey revealed that even though, a majority of people support the plan, 51 percent of those surveyed thought that state taxes are too high to raise revenue for Kirwan funding.

The bottom line remains. Three education funding proposals still require passing: A \$4 billion a year in state and local Kirwan funding; a \$2.2 billion public school construction bill; and a \$580 million increase to Maryland historically black colleges and universities. All maintain some impact on Baltimore.

The Maryland General Assembly voted on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 to approve the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future bill and it is now on the Governor’s desk.

If Governor Hogan rejects it, then the General Assembly must have enough votes to override it.

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Baltimore entrepreneurs show how to build wealth through real estate investing

By Stacy M. Brown

When compared to John Legend and his wife, Chrissy Teigen; and Beyoncé and Jay-Z; Kyara and Khalil Uqdah are unsung and unknown in many circles. However, the Uqdahs are undoubtedly qualified as a Baltimore power couple.

In 2012, they started Charm City Buyers and began investing in real estate. The couple now owns more than 20 properties in Baltimore, including an entire block where they are currently focused on community development, mentoring other real estate investors and building an empire and generational wealth.

“We got started about a year out of college and we thought it was really important to figure out how to kind of hit the goals we have,” Kyara Uqdah noted. “Real estate just hit for us, and we knew that in Baltimore, we could add a ton of value through real estate.”

The couple realized that there were many vacant properties that they could obtain and makeover. Kyara says providing a “beautiful new face that maintains the historic charm of Baltimore was important.”

So, they began building a portfolio, and in just a little over eight years, the couple’s holdings have grown tremendously.

Khalil says the next logical step was to educate other young entrepreneurs to build their real estate empires and wealth.

The goal of the Charm City Buyers, which has an online wealth building community, is to provide individuals with “real” insights into the world of real estate investing, according to Khalil.

“It goes without saying that the work we’re doing here is game-changing,”



In 2012, Khalil and Kyara Uqdah started Charm City Buyers and began to invest in real estate. They began building a portfolio, and in just a little over eight years, the couple’s holdings have grown tremendously. Charm City Buyers seeks to share behind the scenes information on what the couple calls “Real” on real estate that most other investors or consultants cannot offer.

Courtesy Photo/Charm City Buyers

Khalil said. “It’s legacy changing, and it’s generational wealth building. We’re coaching individuals and families through Charm City Buyers for the long term.

“We’re moving the needle on closing the wealth gap as much as we possibly can.”

Charm City Buyers seeks to share behind the scenes information on what the couple calls “Real” on real estate

that most other investors or consultants cannot offer. They say they have developed a proven, results-based system that allows their business to have extraordinary success in real estate investing.

“We want to teach fellow Millennials and Gen Xers how to build a tremendous amount of wealth in a very short period of time,” Kyara said.

Through accelerator programs, online and onsite workshops, consulting services, podcasts and a “Mobilize Baltimore Meet-Up,” Charm City Buyers’ provides several ways for others to get started and build a real estate empire.

The most recent Baltimore Meet-Up was held on Saturday, March 7, 2020. The Uqdahs gave insight on how people can creatively buy their first investment property, and what life is like pursuing entrepreneurship with a partner.

Charm City Buyers also provides information about the importance of relationships and networking in real estate investing, and steps individuals can take to become an entrepreneur. Information about why real estate investing may not be for everyone is offered, as well as courses about using other people’s money in real estate. Additionally, Charm City Buyers offers a mentorship program for aspiring young entrepreneurs.

“When we drive down the blocks of Baltimore, we see tons of opportunity when it comes to adding value in spaces where property values are low or there [are] a lot of vacancies,” Khalil said. “So, it kind of hits a happy balance for us between the impact and the financial incentive we get. There’s a great opportunity to not only add value in the communities in which you invest but when you think of generational wealth, we’re thinking about how we can make sure that as our six-year-old daughter grows up, she and her peers have these opportunities.”

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Metropolitan United Methodist Church Celebrates 195th Church Anniversary

By Ursula V. Battle

This is Part 1 of a 2-Part Series on Metropolitan United Methodist Church, located at 1121 W. Lanvale Street in the Harlem Park Community.

Founded by former slave Truman Pratt in 1825, Metropolitan United Methodist Church had outgrown several locations, before his employer donated land in 1837 to build an edifice which was erected by free men and former slaves. It was named Orchard Street Church. Membership continued to grow, and in 1928, the congregation purchased its present location on West Lanvale Street. Agnes Irene Taylor Ray, 96, was among the members who marched from the Orchard Street location to the Lanvale Street location.

“My great-grandmother took me to Orchard Street Church,” she recalled. “I hadn’t even started school at the time. I remember the light oak benches and it seemed to be a brightly-lighted ceiling. It was brilliantly lit always. We came into Metropolitan year 1928, March. I remember standing at the Carrollton Avenue door where you came in. Just watching all those people march in. All I knew was that it was a big crowd. Everybody was happy and excited because they were going to a new church.”

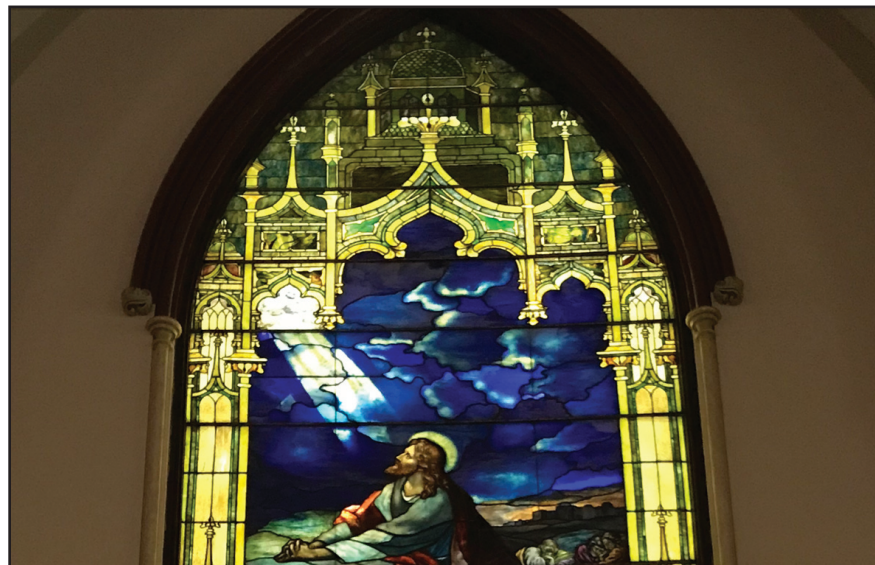
She added, “This church was built on solid ground. I reminisce about the massive choirs, concerts, people wrapped around the corner, and the children likewise always happy. Children were taught to listen, and be quiet. That was what was with us growing up as a child in this church.”

This year, Metropolitan United Methodist Church celebrates its 195th Anniversary. The theme for the 195th Anniversary Celebration is: “Celebrating The Past – Embracing The Present – Anticipating the Future”.

“I learned to get into the Bible from the actions of the older persons,” said Taylor Ray, who was married at the church. “As young children, a group of us would sit in the balcony, and we would see the actions of people. I saw people run around the church and fall



Metropolitan United Methodist Church located at 1121 W. Lanvale Street in Baltimore is celebrating its 195th Anniversary. The church’s storied history includes serving as a central headquarters and gathering place during the Civil Rights era. Since then, the church has served as a meeting place for the community and several city agencies. Photos: Ursula V. Battle



This stunning stained glass is among those you will find at the historic church.

out prostrate. I would pray for them until I realized what it meant. I didn’t realize what it meant until it happened to me. It was my conversion. My Lord what a joy.”

She added, “They were opening the doors of the church and all the while, my ears began to burn. I saw sunrays. There

I stood alone at the alter and tears were running down my eyes like a watershed. All of a sudden something jumped outside of me and stood beside me at that altar. I looked at everybody, and they were all beautiful. When I looked up and saw my mother coming down the aisle, I became filled with love for everybody. It

was such a joyous experience. It only happens once. I really know my God is real.”

Margaret J. Lowry is 99-years-old.

“I came after the church came from Orchard Street,” said Lowry, who will turn 100 this year. “I was seven-and-a-half years old. I have been a member all my life. We had a wonderful congregation. We had so many people in our sanctuary, we had to bring chairs up from downstairs. On Saturdays, most people did their cooking so they could be in church Sunday.”

She added, “We had a well-baby clinic and cots here during The Great Depression. In the 1960s when rioting took place, people came to this church. The parsonage and the balcony were opened. It was like a home.”

Metropolitan United Methodist Church also served as a central headquarters and gathering place during the Civil Rights era. Since then, the church has served as a meeting place for the community and several city agencies.

The Rev. Dr. Howard W. Hinson, 83, is the Lead Pastor of Metropolitan United Methodist Church.

“It’s a glorious experience,” said Dr. Hinson who has served as pastor for three years. “I grew up in the conference that this church was in for many years, and I knew many of the former pastors here. This church has had a history, and from what I have read, Metropolitan was the first mega church in the city of Baltimore.”

In celebration of its 195th Church Anniversary, Metropolitan United Methodist Church was scheduled to hold an Anniversary Banquet on Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at The Forum Caterers on Primrose Avenue. Metropolitan was also to hold its Church Anniversary Worship Service at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 22, 2020. In lieu of the coronavirus state of emergency in Maryland, both events have been postponed.

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Coming Next Week: Part 2.

Brooke Monroe Conaway

Baltimore Area Internet Sensation Appears on NBC's 'Little Big Shots'

By Dareise A. Jones

When you see the viral videos of Cornell "Chico" Conaway and his daughter Brooke Monroe Conaway, you can't help but feel good inside. Their bond and love for each other is infectious. You feel it when they sing old school Hip Hop and R&B songs together—with Brooke singing along with fierce emotion—and in all the hilarious moments they share online.

Conaway, a Baltimore native and owner of Gainz Sports Gear, says he has been filming his daughter since the day he and his wife brought her home from the hospital. Brooke loves being in front of the camera and it became their time to bond and have fun. He had no idea they would become Internet sensations and a positive daddy-daughter image for many.

"Black fathers get a bad rep for not being in their child's life," said Conaway, who loves that their videos are helping to change that narrative.

A few years ago, Cornell started sharing his love for old school music with his daughter and challenged her to learn the words to Run DMC's 'I'm Black and I'm Proud.' He was in awe when he saw that she had memorized the lyrics and performed it with passion.

Last year on Mother's Day, Brooke and her Sidekick—the affectionate name for her dad on their YouTube channel—posted a video of them singing "I'm Every Woman." Not only did it get the attention of Chaka Khan, but the Oprah Magazine, Jill Scott, Common and a host of other notable celebrities loved it and reposted it. This viral video led to her appearance on NBC's 'Little Big Shots,' a show that features talented and extraordi-



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Courtesy Photo/NBC's "Little Big Shots"

nary kids from around the world.

Conaway says it was a rigorous process for her to get on the show.

"So many kids go viral. Brooke had to do solo Skype sessions [with the producers] to see if she had the same personality on camera by herself," Conaway said.

And, she did. She is a natural actress and performer but her parents are making sure she is learning her craft by having her take acting lessons via Skype

with a star from 'Scandal.' The seven-year old, second grade honor roll student says her experience on 'Little Big Shots' was exciting.

"I got to make everybody happy. I got to be in front of a live audience so everybody can know what I can do, and I got to talk to Melissa McCarthy and make friends from all around the world," Brooke said.

These fun moments between the

daddy-daughter duo have become the start of Brooke's journey into professional acting, singing and performing.

Brooke and her father are signed with the Stewart Talent Agency. She is currently auditioning for television and movie roles, and we can't wait to see what this star in the making does next.

Follow Brooke's journey @iambrookemonroe and on the Conaway's You Tube channel "Brooke and her Sidekick."

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Ravens look to bolster run defense

By Tyler Hamilton

The Baltimore Ravens season ended with a humiliating 28-12 loss to the Tennessee Titans at M&T Bank Stadium in the divisional round of the playoffs. During the game, Titans running back Derrick Henry powered his way to 195 yards on 30 carries.

Ravens GM Eric DeCosta made it a point to add reinforcements to their run defense during the offseason. DeCosta agreed to send a fifth-round pick in the 2020 NFL Draft to the Jacksonville Jaguars in exchange for defensive lineman Calais Campbell. Campbell agrees to a two-year, \$27 million extension with Baltimore after the trade.

Bringing Campbell aboard gives the Ravens one of the most disruptive interior players in the league. He was voted to this year's game after producing 6.5 sacks, 10 tackles for loss, and two forced fumbles.

Campbell will blow up plays in the backfield by getting to the quarterback and



Calais Campbell has agreed to a two-year, \$27 million contract extension with the Baltimore Ravens after a trade with the Jacksonville Jaguars for a fifth-round pick in the 2020 NFL Draft. (Above) The 2020 Pro Bowl Defensive MVP Calais Campbell and Offensive MVP Lamar Jackson holding the MVP trophy.

Courtesy Photo/NFL.com

more importantly taking down running backs behind the line of scrimmage.

While in Jacksonville, he wreaked havoc against the Titans. He was

especially devastating in their first-rounder when he posted three sacks in the Jaguars 20-7 win over Tennessee.

The Ravens will look for that kind of production from Campbell if they have to face the Titans again in the playoffs.

Campbell will instantly be a locker room leader on a team that has been known for adding timely veteran defensive players over the years.

In another move to bolster their run defense, the Baltimore Ravens agreed to terms with former Los Angeles Rams defensive lineman Michael Brockers. He signed to a three-year, \$30 million deal Monday night.

Brockers has been considered one of the best run defenders over the past few seasons as shown by his 54 or more tackles in each of the last three years.

The 6-foot-5, 305-pound defensive tackle was selected by the Rams with the 14th pick in the 2012 draft.

Brockers will team with Campbell and Brandon Williams to form a wall that opposing running backs will have to deal with on game day.

Count on running the ball being one of the hardest things to do against the Ravens defense this season.

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Are you using the opportunity to clean out those closets you have been promising to do for the last ten years? Cooking new recipes with the spices you bought last year and never used? Getting to know your relatives and remembering why you love them?

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