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Seniors honored

Parkland College and the Urban League of Champaign County will cosponsor a Salute to Black High School Seniors with a special program to be held Saturday, April 22, 4-6 p.m. in the Parkland College Theatre.

The event, which will honor black seniors from area high schools, will include live entertainment as well as a special awards ceremony designed to encourage students to continue their education.

During the awards ceremony, Parkland College and the Urban League will present 10 full scholarships for attendance at Parkland beginning in the fall of 1989.

"We are encouraging all students to come and support their friends and enjoy the entertainment," said Tony Boyd, Parkland admissions representative and one of the event organizers. The program, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception in the Theatre lobby.

The Salute to Black High School Seniors, held for the first time in June 1988, is part of the Urban League's Educational Initiative Program, which began in the fall of 1987. Parkland and the League have joined forces in honoring black graduates under one of the initiative projects entitled "Partners in Educational Progress."

More than 250 area black graduates have been invited to attend along with their parents. To assist in the project's goal of encouraging education in the black community, each graduate also will be asked to invite friends of high school age and younger.

For more information, contact Tony Boyd at Parkland, 351-2595, or Teresa Roberts or Gin Osler, both at the Urban League, 356-1364.

By Dr. Albert Watson



As mentioned in the March edition of the American Academy of Pediatrics News, Dr. Watson would like you to know of an exciting venture developed in collaboration with the Federal Office of Maternal

VOICES

Distinguished American

BENJAMIN MAYS ETERNAL EDUCATIONAL ROLE MODEL

When it comes to educational role models for black youth — any youth for that matter — the late Dr. Benjamin Mays is at the top of the list. Simply put, he was really something special, the Stradivarius of education so to speak, but his influence was just as renowned in the fields of religion and public service.

Great individuals are usually associated in the public eye by their major accomplishments. In his case, Mays is typically short-handed to the public by his major accomplishments of serving as president of Morehouse College for 27 years, as the first black elected president of the Atlanta School Board for some 14 years and as one of the greatest influences on the development of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. But Mays' major accomplishment was really an entire life-time of impeccable excellence in whatever endeavor he was involved in, including his major book, "Born A Rebel," a social autobiography.

This great man, who was as revered as he was accomplished, was born in 1885 in the tiny town of Eppworth, South Carolina. A precocious child, by the age of 6 he was reading passages from the Bible and at 8 years of age, he was rousing audiences with stirring gospel oratory.

Mays was an outstanding student, graduating from high school as valedictorian of his class in 1916, and at Bates College in Maine, he won the declamation prize for oratory in his sophomore year before graduating again with honors in 1920. Afterward, Mays worked his way to Chicago as a Pullman porter in order to register at the University of Chicago, where he received his master's of arts degree in 1925.

Ten years later, Mays received his Ph.D. from the same school and in that same year, 1935, he was also elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In the interim decade, Mays served as an English instructor at South Carolina State College, executive secretary of the Tampa Urban League, national student secretary for the YMCA and directed a two-year study of the nation's black churches.

After receiving his doctorate and realizing that his primary missions in life were education and religion, as well as the uplift of the black race, Mays served as dean of the School of Religion at Howard University in Washington, D.C. from 1934 to 1940. During his tenure, he brought the school to national attention and a Class A accreditation rating by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Because of that effort, in 1940, Mays was selected as president of esteemed Morehouse College in Atlanta and from then



Benjamin Mays

until 1967 that is where Mays did his most prodigious work, particularly by elevating the school's programs so much so that Morehouse became only the fourth college in Georgia to become a member chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. During that time the school also produced some of the nation's most outstanding black leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr.

Upon retiring from Morehouse in 1967 at the age of 72 after being elected president emeritus of the school, almost everyone assumed that Mays would settle into cozy retirement after a job well done, but the ever energetic theologian/educator didn't miss a beat, being elected and re-elected time and again as president of the Atlanta School Board, where he brought an educational renaissance to that city's schools for some 14 years.

Seemingly possessed of boundless drive, Mays also found the fortitude to take on extra duty as a consultant to the Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education in 1969 and to accept a similar consulting role for the Ford Foundation the next year. The tireless Mays delivered in-person addresses to at least 250 schools, colleges and universities and spoke to at least 500 churches. Additionally, he authored seven books, contributed to 15 others and produced more than 110 articles for various print publications. For these and other distinguished efforts, Mays was presented with some 39 honorary degrees from various institutions of higher learning.

Mays chaired the boards of the Benedict College Board of Trustees and the National Sharecropper Fund. He was a board member of the Institute of International Education, the United Board for College Development, the University of Chicago Alumni Association, Paine College, Religious Heritage of America, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change and the United Negro College Fund, for which he served as president from 1958 to 1961.

Mays' work outside of this country was just as heady as what he did within our national boundaries. He was one of 13 Americans to attend the World Conference of YMCAs in India in 1937; represented the same organization in Sweden the next year; and represented this country at both the Oxford Conference on Church, Community and State at Oxford University in England in 1937 and at the Leader of Youth Conference in Holland in 1939.

Though he passed away years ago, the effects of his great work are still being felt today and his inspiration will continue to be a guiding light for generations to come.

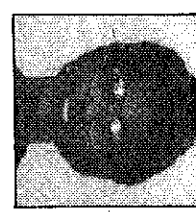
dependent upon its specific activities, most projects are expected to range between \$75,000 and \$200,000 for the total cost per year.

These community-based efforts should focus on preventive strategies in addition to improving access to care. Examples of the types of programs which could receive funding include, but are not limited to: starting a school or church-based health clinic; adding a medical component to a day care program; implementing a program to reduce child abuse in high risk families; establishing a substance abuse treatment program in an

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Lifeline

by Lisa M. Jackson



It is not easy raising children as a single parent in this day and age. The problem of getting used to working nine to five again may arise, or finding a good daycare. When you have errands to run, you have to take the children with you wherever you go.

And yes. Even the emotional stress of raising children by yourself can become burdensome. You, being the only one they can go to when they are sick, wanting to play, or just needing some attention. When you just feel like kicking up your feet and relaxing after a long day's work.

Some of the major problems of our land has caused single parenting to come about. Divorce. Being left alone with children to fend for yourselves. Or maybe you were young and naive about sex, and became pregnant. Your boyfriend said he did not want to see you anymore. Whatever the case may be, single parenting is a problem we must face head on.

Children are very demanding at a young age, even when they reach their teens. They need love, reassurance, and encouragement. Many times children are unable to express their feelings. Some might whine or want to be held all the time. Some might be overactive, the ones people call "Bad." They might get into trouble at school trying to get your attention.

After all you try to do, you feel like throwing up your hands and giving up. "I'm tired of this, I can't take it anymore!" But think of the traumatic effect that would have on a child to think no one cared about them.

Whatever your circumstance may be, you can make it. The Bible says, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth into those things which are before. I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13, 14. Kings James version)

When you accept Jesus as your personal Savior, He will enable you to put past sins and tragedies behind you. Then you can move on to the things God has for you in Christ, with the hope and assurance of knowing that Jesus will see you through whatever.

Healthy Tomorrow

and Child Health that will assist in attaining optimal physical, mental and social health for all children.

This new initiative authorized by the Office of Maternal and Child Health (Title V) will be awarding 5-year grants for pediatric, community-based projects. This initiative will provide pediatricians, in collaboration with other community leaders, the opportunity to use their experience and expertise to benefit children in their own communities.

Although the total annual cost of an individual project is

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Citizen of the Week



Rudolph Cartwright, M.D.
Neurosurgeon

In his specialty of neurosurgery, Dr. Cartwright diagnoses and treats diseases and injuries of the brain, spinal cord, and nerves requiring surgical intervention. Dr. Cartwright has special medical interests in head and spinal cord injuries as well as acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

An Illinois native, Dr. Cartwright joined Christie in 1988 following nine years of private practice in Atlanta, Georgia. While practicing in Georgia, Dr. Cartwright held several faculty appointments, including associate professor of surgery at Morehouse School of Medicine and clinical instructor of neurosurgery at Emory University School of Medicine. He was a member of the Atlanta Medical Association, serving as that organization's secretary (1985-1986) and president (1987). He has received many awards, including the Young Physician of the Year Award from the Atlanta Medical Association in 1985 and the Attending Physician of the Year Award from Morehouse School of Medicine in 1984.

Dr. Cartwright is a graduate of Southern Illinois University (Carbondale), where he received the Southern Illinois University Activity Award. He then served for five years in the U.S. Navy, including three years as a pilot with the rank of Lieutenant. Dr. Cartwright earned his doctorate of medicine from Baylor College of Medicine (Houston) in 1974. He then remained in Houston to complete an internship in general surgery and a residency in neurosurgery at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals.

Board eligible with the American Board of Neurological Surgeons, Dr. Cartwright has made numerous presentations on subjects related to neurosurgery, such as computerized tomography (CAT scan) interpretation, head injuries, intracranial tumors, and Down's syndrome. He has authored two books, one on understanding the doctor and the other about AIDS.

Dr. Cartwright and his wife, Ceretha, have five children, Woodrow, Felton, Scott, Dean, and Sara. They also have a dog named Dinkie. As a family, the Cartwrights enjoy tennis and boating. Dr. Cartwright's hobbies include playing chess and writing.

Book Review

Fire Engine Shapes. McMillan, Bruce.
Fix It! McPhail, David.
Good King Wenceslas.
Hillbilly Night Afire
Christmas. Rice, James.
How Many Snails: a counting book. Giganti, Paul.
I Want A Dog. Khalsa, Dayal Kaur.

If You Were A... Duncan, Riana.
Just Like Daddy. Asch, Frank.
The King's Chessboard. Birch, David.
The Last Dinosaur. Murphy, Jill.

Little Daylight. MacDonald, George.
Madeline: a pop-up book. Bemelmans, Ludwig.
My Bedtime Rhyme. Johnson, Jane.
Numblers. MacDonald, Suse.
The Proud and The Fearless Lion. Cartwright, Ann and Reg.

The Sixteen Hand Horse. Gwynne, Fred.
Smile For Auntie. Paterson, Diane.
The Story of Ping. Flack, Marjorie.
We Hate Rain. Stevenson, James.
ADULT
After The Garden. Austin, Doris Jean.
Birth Mother. Kane, Elizabeth.
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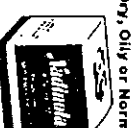

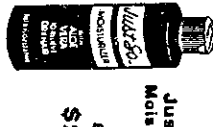


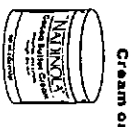

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The Champaign County Voice would like to extend its sincere congratulations to the five high school seniors chosen to receive the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Living the Dream" scholarship.

All five students will receive a \$500 scholarship towards their college education. They are: Cornilla Rodgers and Cesario Williams of Champaign Centennial High School; Sam Buchanan of Champaign Central High School; Maryka Trent of University High School in Urbana; and Nicole Freeman of Urbana High School.

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The last great accomplishment



Mary Sturdivant

Probably humanity's oldest aspiration is the fight to conquer death. Because we are mortal, we never conquer it; but we have slowed it down. As the

lifespan increases, the attitude of humanity toward death has also showed signs of change.

Euthanasia, and the idea of letting doomed people die in dignity rather than keeping them painfully alive, still create the most bitter arguments, but the concept of death as release, long a mark of all the major religions, is becoming a sociological concept as well. Death has always provided a rallying point for families and friends not merely to help the bereaved but to come together and reassert the eternal continuum of human life. In essence,

death is the last great accomplishment of life.

Benjamin Franklin said in a letter to Jean-Baptiste Leroy written in November of 1789, "In this world nothing is certain but death and taxes."

Well, another thing is certain and that is the professional commitment and personal concern of Mary Elizabeth Sturdivant. With a degree in Mortuary Science from Gupton College and extensive professional experiences, which include doing autopsies in the county

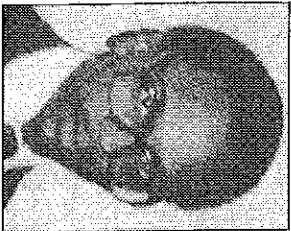
morgue, she is currently on staff at Bluntt-Parker Funeral Home in Champaign.

While fulfilling a childhood ambition to become a mortician, Mary is the mother of two children: Candra and Thad-daens. She is the daughter of Bishop Curtis and Edna Turner of Greater Antioch Temple in Danville. "The following considerations are important to remember as a mortician. You must appreciate the artwork of the human body, and its chemistry makeup," says Mary. "Also, one must understand

the principle of preservation to treat the body with dignity, to be able to "stomach" the embalming process and to be able to practice grief counseling for individuals and/or families," says Mary.

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Christian education



By Nate Banks

Most people think that Christian education is just a fancy phrase for Sunday school. Many churches have a department established to give young people something positive to do on Sunday morning while their parents are either sleeping in or trying to get chores done.

To talk about real Christian education, however, one must look at the definition of both the terms Christian and education. As defined in the Funk and Wagnalls dictionary, a

Christian is one who believes in or professes belief in Jesus as the Christ. Education is defined as "... systematic development or training of the mind, capabilities or character through instruction or study. To combine the terms then, Christian education is the systematic development of belief in Jesus the Christ. This involves training the mind, exploring the capabilities and developing the Character of each individual believer through instruction and study.

Each family was responsible for teaching their children about the laws of God. They were instructed to do this DAILY, when the children got up, as they were going about their daily task and when they went to bed. This instruction started from the premise that to fear God is the beginning of wisdom. It encompassed the

development of character, language and skills. How did we get from this model of a twenty-four hour a day commitment to Christian education to the "religious instruction" we settle for giving our children one hour out of a week containing 168 hours? The answer is simple: child neglect.

To summarize, biblical Christian education is simple. You have been given the authority and responsibility to educate yourself, your children, and your neighbors in a systematic way about all that God has done for you and all that he wants you to do for him. This cannot be done one hour out of one day a week. The pattern and formula for doing do is found in God's word, the Bible. His teachers are out here ready to help. Look for them.

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Champaign Community Development Program

On or about May 10, 1989 the City of Champaign Office of Community Development will send the City's Fiscal Year 1989-90 "Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds" to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Chicago Field Office. The Final Statement constitutes the City's application for Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Questions regarding this document should be directed to Mable E. Thomas, Assistant to the City Manager for Community Development, City Building, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820 or by dialing 351-4427. Copies of this document will be available to the public upon its approval by the Champaign City Council.

On Tuesday, April 25, 1989, a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Champaign City Council in accordance with regulations under the CDBG Program. This Public Hearing is intended to solicit public input on housing and community development needs in the City of Champaign. The Public Hearing will take place in the Council Chambers in the City Building, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois beginning at 7:00 P.M.

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This is a free event! However tickets are required... These tickets can be picked up at the Afro-American Cultural Center, 708 South Mathews (across the street from the Foreign Languages Building)... Seating is limited... so don't wait until the last minute for more info, call 333-2092... 333-2092...

Black University of Illinois students can stop by the Afro-American Cultural Center to pick up applications for the Earl B. Dickerson award... This award is presented by the Black Alumni Association... based on leadership and scholarship...

Two other awards based on leadership and achievement will also be presented... these awards include cash prizes... the deadline for picking up your application is April 24th...

For more info, call 333-2092... 333-2092... May, August and December graduates can now sign up for the 1989 Black Congratulatory program... This program pays tribute to the graduating black students... Sign up is taking place at the Afro-American Cultural Center...

The deadline for registration is May 12th... their is a \$5 registration fee... For more info call 333-2092... 333-2092...

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Book Review

by Marcia Martin-Murphy
Director, Douglass Branch Library

YOUNG ADULT

Annie Stories. Brett, Doris.
The Battle of Gettysburg. Coffey, Vincent J.
Chalk Box Kid. Bulla, Clyde Robert.

Earth Science Library: Weather. Bramwell, Martyn.
Facts About the Fifty States. Brandt, Sue R.
Guppies in Tuxedos: funny eponyms. Terban, Marvin.
Hiroshima. McPhillips, Martin.

How Did We Find Out About the Brain? Asimov, Isaac.
Julian's Glorious Summer. Cameron, Ann.
The Kids Book of Chocolate. Ammon, Richard.

Map Making. Mango, Karin N.
The Mystery of Sleep. Silvers-tein, Allen and Virginia.

The Louis Clark Expedition. McGrath, Patrick.

On the Street: the lives of adolescent prostitutes. Landau, Elaine.

Poems for Mothers: Livingston, Myra Cohn.
The Peasant Butler Poltergeist. Leroy, Ellen.

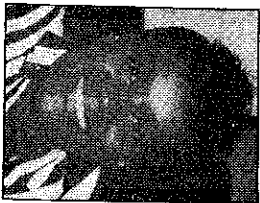
Roommates. Cassedy, Sylvia.
Scaly Babies: reptiles growing up. Cutchins, Judy.
Something's Wrong in My House. Leiner, Katherine.

Seven Caney's Invention Book. Caney, Steven.
Seven Caney's Play Book. Caney, Steven.

Seven Caney's Toy Book. Caney, Steven.
Sinker from Space. Service, Pamela.

The Teen Model Book. Lasch, Judith.
Think About Nuclear Arms Control: understanding the arms race. Smoke, Richard.

Dear Ann:



by Ann Sibley

Cocaine, Crack, Heroin, Marijuana, Uppers, Downers, etc.

My prayer for those of you that are bound by this goliath called drugs.

Those of you that are looking for the government of this country to pass a law need to understand, that you cannot get into my house unless I let you in. Drugs are in this country because of the mega bucks that it brings to those that are

already in power. Which include some of the people that make the laws for this country.

We are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6, 12)

It took a God to keep drugs away from me and I praise Him for it everyday of my life. I sometimes wonder: are cigarettes a sign of drug addiction?

My point in this article is, why would someone reach for death in the form of drugs? We see or hear everyday the effects drugs have on a person, and yet people continue to reach for it. Drugs are not going to just go away, but you have the choice

Some questions for you to ponder:

1. Do you respect your right and other's right to voice their opinion?
2. What's the most significant thing you've done in the past week?
3. Will you support the "Champaign County Voice?"
4. When was the last time you went through a week and didn't talk about somebody?
5. Have you given up?
6. What do you do to have a good time?
7. Why do I get the impression that I'll never win the lottery?
8. Is it my imagination, or do every time we think we've managed to save an extra dollar, they come up with a way to make us spend it?
9. When was the last time you told someone you loved them?
10. Isn't it tough to make the hard decisions?

You ponder those and until next we rap, for "Rappin'," I'm Steve Birdine...

Community Development

Block Grant Program

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) was first enacted into law in 1974 and is the principal federal program providing grants to states, cities, towns and counties to devise innovative and constructive neighborhood approaches to improve the physical, economic and social conditions in their communities. The program was authorized for another two years of continuance by President Reagan in February, 1988 for the period (FY88 and FY89).

In general the national CDBG programs provide shelter for the homeless, daycare for children, hot meals and health screenings for elderly persons, new streets, sidewalks and trees. They also provide loans to businesses and better housing for low and moderate income families.

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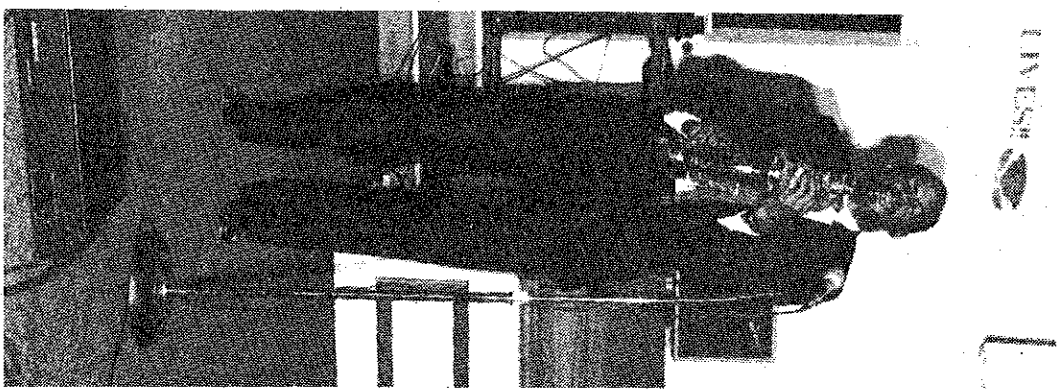
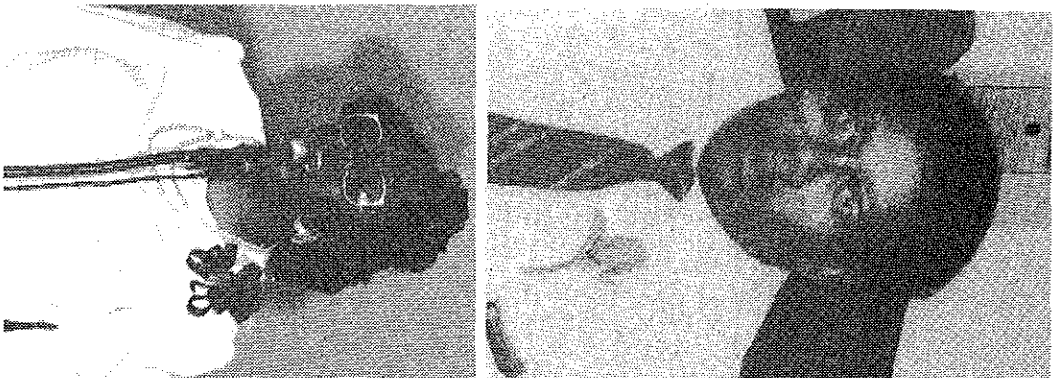
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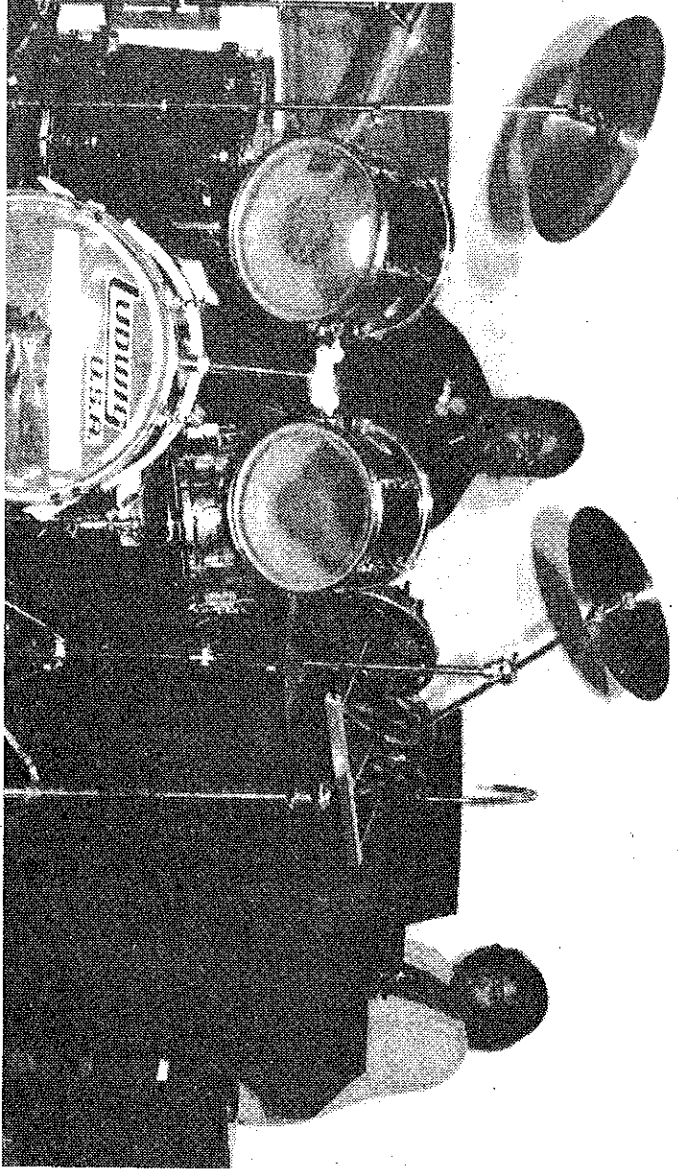
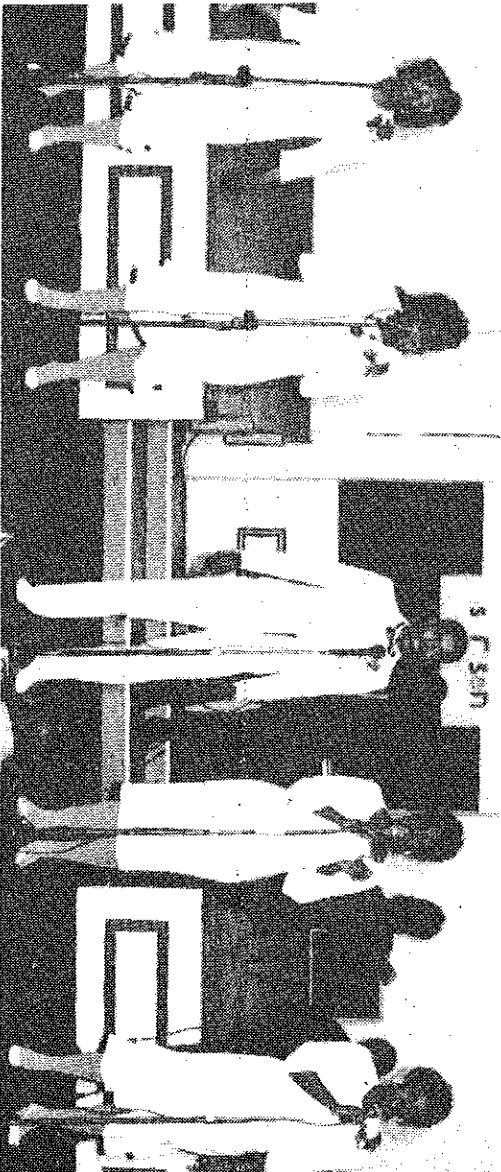
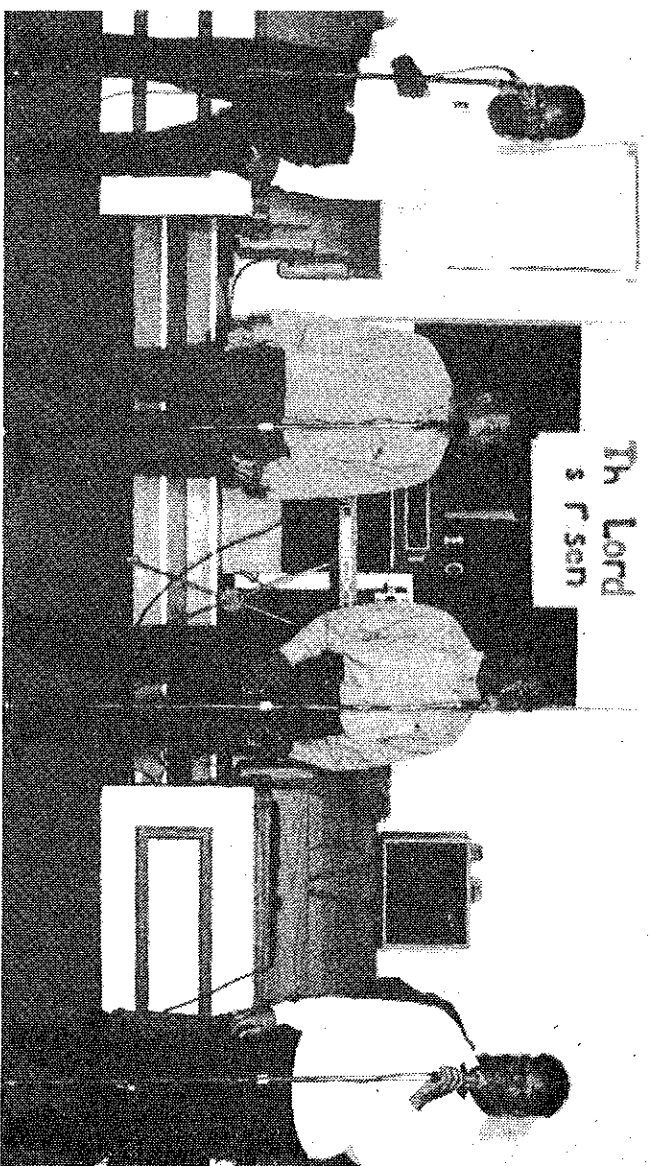
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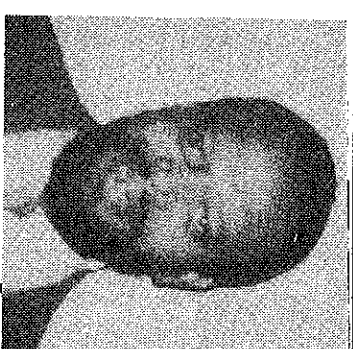


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The battle for the children!

The One Church, One Child adoption program has helped nearly 3,000 black children in Illinois since it began in 1980, Director Gordon Johnson of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services announced.

"One Church, One Child" deserves major credit for helping these children to realize their dream of a family of their own," Johnson said. "The program works because the pastors who run it hold their community's trust. Together with DCFS and private adoption agency staff they have won this victory for Illinois children.

"Currently, 130 black children wait for adoption in Illinois," Johnson said, "compared to 720 in Cook County alone when the program began."

Johnson made several other adoption related an-

nouncements at a meeting of One Church, One Child at Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Champaign which was hosted by Rev. W.B. Keaton, pastor and One Church, One Child board member.

Johnson was joined by Dr. Shelvin Hall, One Church, One Child president; other One Church, One Child officials and board members. Champaign area church delegations: Champaign Mayor Jeffrey Markland, Urbana Mayor Dannel McCollum and other elected and civic officials.

"I'm looking for the day when there will be no infants or children needing homes that we have to worry about," Dr. Hall said. "If just one family in every church will adopt a black child, there will be no children waiting for permanent homes."

Johnson said the number of

waiting black children can include 20-50 infants at any given time.

"To get these infants adopted," Johnson said, "DCFS and One Church, One Child have developed a specialized adoption program plan using \$200,000 in funds from a supplemental legislative appropriation. "We will use these funds to pay private adoption agencies a higher rate for the costs they incur recruiting families and placing waiting black infants for adoption."

Johnson said the new plan is being implemented at the end of this month through the end of June on a statewide basis.

Johnson and Dr. Hall presented a One Church, One Child Adoptive Parents Award to Mr. and Mrs. Porter Bartle of Champaign.

The Bartles have adopted two children, Justin and Kenneth, who are both seven years old.

They also have a natural daughter, Nisey, who is 11.

Porter is an agent with State Mutual Insurance Company, while Jacqueline is a registered nurse and department manager at Carle Clinic in Urbana.

The Bartles, who reside at 1311 Commanche Drive in Champaign, have also provided foster care.

For the first three quarters of Fiscal Year 1989, in the DCFS Champaign Region 28 black children were placed in adoptive homes and 11 adoptions were finalized. Currently, eight black children are waiting for adoptive homes in the region, Johnson told the group.

"Getting these children adopted is our number one priority for the One Church, One Child program in the Champaign Region," he added. The DCFS Region includes 16 counties in east central Illinois. Champaign Mayor Markland

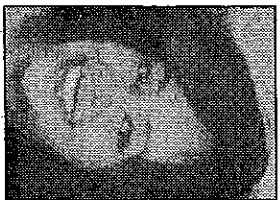
and Urbana Mayor McCollum welcomed the One Church, One Child officials and proclaimed April 19, 1989 as One Church, One Child Day in the two communities.

During the past year in the Champaign Region, One Church, One Child adoptive recruitment presentations have been held at Hope Christian Center, Church of the Living God, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and St. John's Baptist Church. One Church, One Child has grown from one church in Chicago in 1980 to some 460 congregations throughout Illinois.

Twenty-six states plus the District of Columbia are now involved in formulating adoption programs modeled after One Church, One Child.

Persons interested in adoption should call the Adoption Information Center of Illinois. The Center's number is toll-free: 1-800-572-2390.

Health Tips from Tyimme



Tyimme M. Mitchell

You have probably read a hundred (or more) articles on "How To Lose Weight."

This article will only re-enforce what you have already learned. Only this time perhaps it will awaken a need in you to rush into action.

First, make sure you get a physical examination. See a physician who is knowledgeable about health and nutrition, not all doctors are. How many times have you been to see your doctor when you were ill? Did he advise you to lose weight? He could see that you were overweight. He knew, too, that if you were advised to take better care of yourself, lost those extra pounds, took preventive measures, you would not need to see him so often. Do you get

my point? Choose your doctor more carefully.

For once, put yourself on your list of priorities, become healthier, get more rest, eat right, exercise, live longer, look better, gain more confidence in yourself.

After your examination, see a Nutritionist, set up a meal plan conducive to meet your body's needs. Stick to the plan. Decide that you are going to do this no matter what else happens and allow nothing to stand in your way.

Learn to eat and enjoy the right foods: vegetables, broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, white onions, green onions, lettuce, kale, beets, asparagus, fish, poultry, fresh fruits, wheat, grains. Supplement your food plan with vitamins, especially Vitamin E, (it slows down the aging process), Vitamin C (it is the policeman of the body, in that it goes into the system, cleanses it and carries bacteria out through the urine. Calcium (builds strong bones, especially for women) and proper amino acids.

Especially stress exercise: Fact — the heart has to work extra hard to pump blood through all that fatty tissue. This can lead to high blood pressure. Lack of exercise is as much to blame for excess weight as too much food. While it is true that you can lose weight by dieting, (a word I don't like), much of the weight loss on short diets is in reality water loss. Long and over-done extreme diets can cause nutritional problems.

If you eat more calories than you need, they will be stored in the body as fat. The fastest, healthiest, effective and rewarding way to lose weight is to combine a vigorous exercise program with a healthy safe meal plan. No, exercise does not make you hungry. In fact, it does just the opposite, it depresses the appetite. Exercise affects your metabolism. Your metabolic rate increases during vigorous exercise and it takes a good deal of time to slow down afterwards. This means that you will continue to burn calories even after you stop exercising. And the greater ratio of lean

tissue to body fat, the more calories you will burn, because lean tissue is more highly oxygenated than fat and thus keeps the metabolic process going longer. If you exercise long enough at one time, your muscles will begin to use fat for fuel instead of carbohydrates.

Remember, exercise teaches one self discipline and, if you can discipline yourself to an exercise program it's easier to exert discipline over your eating habits. You will feel more in control of your compulsions instead of letting them control you. By developing and using a good health plan, you will be doing something positive for yourself and, believe me, the more you treat yourself positively, the less you'll want or need to be negative. If you are starting a new weight loss program, I would like to know how you are doing. Please drop me a line c/ the habits. You will feel more in C.C. Voice.

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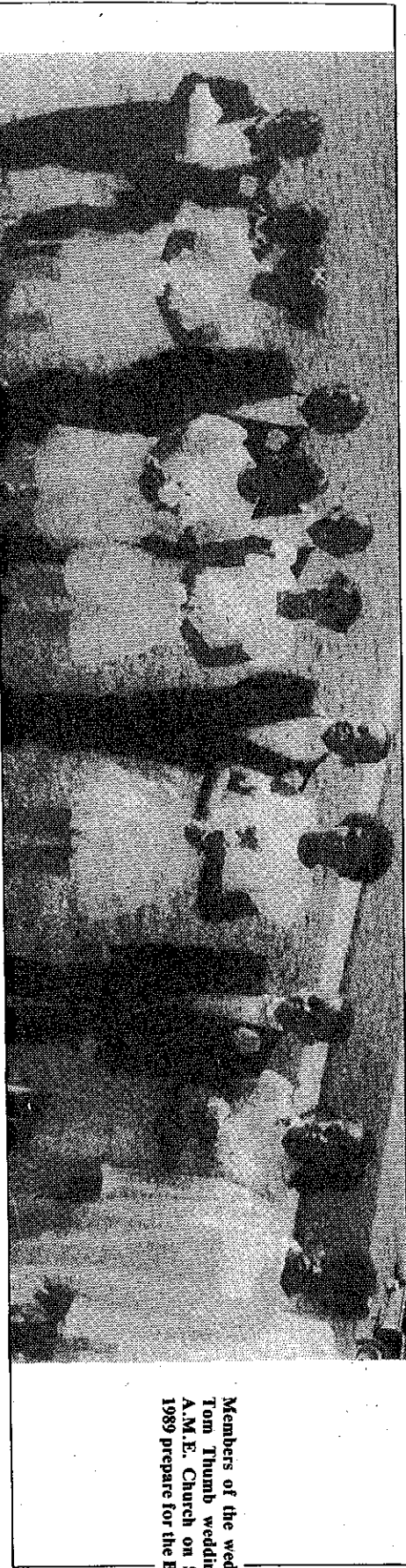
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Pastor's Corner

by Rev. Claude E. Shelby, Sr., D.D.



The family and the church are the only human institutions that the Bible records as being established by God. The family is a social institution consisting of a monogamous, heterosexual marriage and children as natural offsprings of this relationship. The primary purpose of marriage was procreation.

In the Jewish background within which Jesus taught, the man was the dominant character. This society thought of women as being little more than dehumanized possessions.

In his departure from the old Jewish thought, Jesus' ministry was that of helping people achieve fullness of life, assisting them to develop the ability to deal with the problems and conflicts and burdens of life. **Jesus Affirms God's Original Intent in Marriage**

Marriage is a holy state in which two become one. God decreed, "It is not good that man should be alone. I will make for him a help meet" (partner) (Gen. 2:18). "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two of them shall be as one. What therefore God brings together, let not man put asunder." (Matt. 19:5-6).

This is the strongest of human bonds. It should also be the most permanent of human ties. The union is divinely made and thus should be only divinely severed. However, in our modern experience, we let any little thing cause division in marriages. That is why divorce is almost as common as marriage.

Any disruption of marriage is condemned. The provision of Deuteronomy (read 24:1) was not intended to condone divorce, but as a concession to the hardness of heart of men, was designed to regulate evil practices. (read Matt. 19:8)

The person who rides himself/herself of a spouse commits a sin against that person. Jesus does not deal with the legal aspects of marriage disruptions, but only the immorality involved (Matt. 19:9).

Jesus' Response to the Question of "Non-marriage" (Matt. 19:10-12)

Jesus acknowledges that all men cannot accept His high standards of morality. It is natural to rebel against divine standards. However, those who are willing to give over the Holy Spirit, He will be their ally in their struggle to do the will of God in all aspects of our human experiences. God's grace, alone, can make men and women capable of receiving His instruction.

Singlehood is not necessarily expedient, but can be sanctified to God's purpose. Avoidance of marriage to escape commitment to high standards is selfish and is not sanctioned by God. For both marriage and singlehood are legitimate in the sight of God, but should not be selected with a selfish attitude.

Singleness may be congenial, forced, or voluntary, which requires a special grace, and is honorable if entered into solely for the "Kingdom's sake."

Jesus Receives and Blesses Children (Matt. 19:13-15)

Children are God's gifts to the family. Let us receive them as the precious gifts they are, rather than aborting them, which has become the norm of our day. There was a time when we had the greatest respect for human life. However, we have become so modern, bowing to the vices and immorality of our day, that we have begun to follow the mores of others. It

has been said that by the turn of the century, we will have reach zero population growth. That means that there will be as many people dying as being born. That is racial genocide.

We are to birth our children and nurture them spiritually. The Word tells us to, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6).

Children are important in God's plan for the family. Let them be the blessing that they are by giving them what they need to thrive and grow and become what God would have them to be. And be sure not to restrain them from coming to Jesus. Many a child has been held back and ultimately ruined by parents who did not understand

the truth of Matt. 19:14 that says, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Finally "Marriages may be made in heaven, as the popular saying goes, but their maintenance occurs in an earthly setting. The emotional euphoria with which most marriages start is eroded over time." Someone has suggested that there are two basic causes for trouble in marriage: not finding in marriage what one expected to find, and not expecting what one actually finds.

Since the Lord has joined you together, let Him keep you together. He will if you only permit Him.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday — 8:00 a.m. Sunday School Staff Meeting (2 e 4); 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services.

Tuesday — 6:30 p.m. Sunshine Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal.

Wednesday — 6:30 p.m. Operation Excellence; 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer Service.

Thursday — 12:00 p.m. "Noonday Hour of Power Prayer"; 6:30 p.m. Operation Excellence; 6:45 p.m. Official Board Meeting; 8:00 p.m. Church Business Meeting.

Saturday — 1:00 p.m. Mildred Webb Circle (for S.); 5:00 p.m. Men's Chorus Rehearsal (2 & 3).

Dr. Claude E. Shelby, Salem Baptist Fifth and Park St., Champaign, Ill.



Mt. Olive News

Mount Olive Baptist Church Retreat

A Young Adult Retreat will be held at the church Friday and Saturday April 21-22. The theme is "Seeking, Searching and Surrendering."

The retreat will include seminars, inspirational services, breakfast, lunch, rap sessions and good Christian fellowship. Our guests are Sis. Frances Bush of Bloomington, Sis. Margery Thompson of Kankakee, and Rev. Zollie Webb of Evanston.

This retreat is sponsored by the Christian Education Com-

mittee in keeping with our Church theme for the year, "Focus On the Family."

Mount Olive Choir

New Zion Baptist Church Choir of Rockford, Illinois along with their pastor, Dr. Clayborn Salter, will be our special guest, Sunday April 30th. They will worship with us Sunday morning and will be in a Musical Concert in the afternoon at 3 p.m.

Dr. Salter, who is president of the Baptist General State Convention of Illinois, will be preaching Sunday morning.

Weekly Activities

Sunday Prayer Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Discipleship Class (Sun.) 9:30 a.m.
 BYE/Youth Choir (Tue.) 6:30/7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday School Teachers Mtg. (Thu.) 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir (Thu.) 7:30 p.m.
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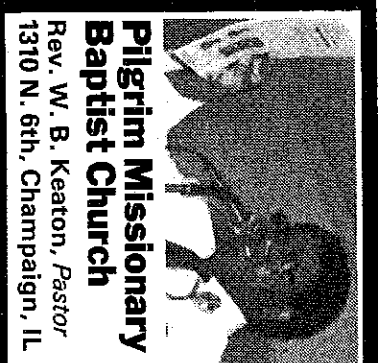


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 Beginners' & Advanced Evangelism Classes (Sunday) 9:30 a.m.
 Women's Discipleship Class (Sunday) 9:30 a.m.
 Singles' Discipleship Class (Sunday) 9:30 a.m.
 Regular Sunday School Classes (Pre-school-Adult) (Sunday) 9:30 a.m.
 Substance Abuse Ministry (Monday, Friday) 8:00 p.m.
 Substance Abuse Therapeutic Counseling (Tuesday & Thursday) 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Prison Ministry (Monday & Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.
 Tutoring Ministry (Tuesday) (Kdg.-College) Junior Church Teachers' Spiritual Enrichment (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m.

Love Triangle Youth Ministry (Grades 9-12) (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.
 Love Triangle Youth Ministry (Grades 4-8) (Thursday) 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Soul Food Hour (Preaching, Teaching, Eating) 12:00 Noon
 Wednesday Prayer & Praise 7:30 p.m.
 Pastor's Wednesday Bible Class (Child Care Available) 7:30 p.m.
 Teacher-Training Methods Class (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.
 P.A.C.E. Discipleship Follow-up Training (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.
 Sunday School Teachers' Enrichment & Training (Thursday) 6:30 p.m.
 Victory Chorale Rehearsal (Thursday) 7:30 p.m.
 Men's Discipleship Class (Saturday) 8:00 a.m.
 S.W.A.T. Evangelistic Street Outreach (Saturday) 10:00 a.m.
 F.B.I. Children's Ministry (Ages 4-12) (Saturday) 1:00 p.m.
 C.I.A. Improvement Auxiliary (Saturday) 1:00 p.m.
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 Gospel Choir 7:00pm
 Wed.: Prayer Meeting 6:00pm
 Bible Study 7:00pm
 Thurs.: Mission Meeting 7:00pm
 Fri.: Teachers Meeting 6:00pm
 Sat.: Second Teachers Meeting 6:00pm

Sun.: Church School 9:30am
 Morning Worship 11:00am

If not now...when?

By Phillip Rowell

The world's store of knowledge is growing at an ever-increasing rate of speed, partly because more people are working to find out more things than ever before, partly because they have better means of learning than ever before, such as the computer. It has been estimated that in the space of a single generation, the world will have four times as much knowledge as it has today and more than 90" of what will be known 50 years from now is unknown today. There is a simple way to illustrate the march of knowledge. Take an old edition of your favorite encyclopedia and compare it to a new one. Think of old sayings and compare those sayings to the new phrases of today. Just think! Think about how you will prepare for this onslaught of knowledge and how it will affect your life and the lives of our children.

Some argue that self-reliance is a prescription that, if subscribed to, will result in improvement of the quality of life for Black people. How? Through self-reliance, individuals believe they can make a difference. Self-reliant individuals believe they are not poor, helpless victims of circumstances, but can assume control of themselves and their environment and make out of it, the most they can. Self-reliant individuals have a take charge attitude that triggers the strengthening of their doctrine, immune and nervous systems resulting in a greater ability to prevent, withstand and/or fight off disease, disability, laziness and apathy.

Though the "self" is not always the problem source, it is always the healing force. Healing is a process that takes place from inside out. All external factors like inspiration, motivation and medication only serve to assist the body as it seeks to heal itself. For Black people as a group, self-reliance means a philosophy of mutual trust,

mutual dependence, patience with ourselves and our shortcomings, and self-discipline. By taking every possible opportunity to present, discuss and/or preach self-reliance to each other, particularly our youth, those of us with a "wider vision" are spreading the self-reliance gospel. Our writers, economists, community activists, preachers, educators, and entertainers must incorporate the concept of self-reliance.

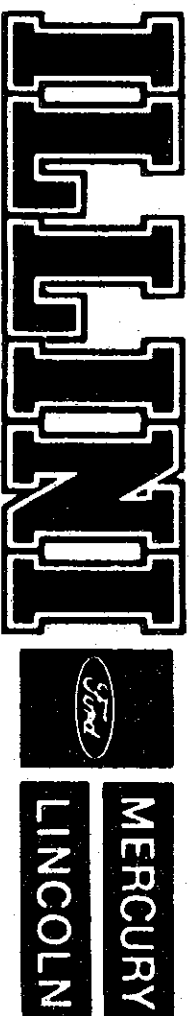
Historical incidents of success or progress for Black people occurred during times when we came together to make things happen for ourselves. Many times the opportunity we took advantage of was provided by whites who were sensitive to our struggle. In the final analysis however, we had to be responsible for ourselves.

The literacy achievement of Black people in the post emancipation years resulted from the intense belief in, and teachings about, the importance of education, that we institutionalized among ourselves. The Japanese developed a cultural focus on education and an eye towards rebuilding their industries around the production of high quality products. They succeeded. Japanese products are of the highest quality when it comes to cars, TVs, toasters, cycles and sound systems. They too faced significant odds. They were subjected to two atomic bomb explosions - the only nation in the world with this dubious distinction; and their innocent friends and relatives in America were incarcerated for being Japanese.

Whenever the concept of self-reliance has been emphatically fostered, and adopted, Black people have made giant steps of progress. This has been true educationally, politically, and economically. An improved standard of living means improved potential for a higher quality of life. One result of an

improved quality of life is improved health status. The higher the levels of education, the higher the levels of health; the higher the levels of employment, the higher the levels of feeds on itself, ever spiraling upward. This upward spiraling cycle will be a result of a wholesome subscription to the prescription of self-reliance. So, let's begin (again)...if not now, when?

mutual trust, mutual support and self-discipline amongst a group, the higher likelihood of higher levels of education and employment. And the cycle feeds on itself, ever spiraling upward. This upward spiraling cycle will be a result of a wholesome subscription to the prescription of self-reliance. So, let's begin (again)...if not now, when?

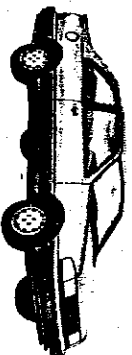


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