



WOMAN'S DAY PRINCIPALS— Pictured are some of the ladies who took part in Woman's Day services at the Grace AME Zion Church here Sunday, September 28. From left to right, they are: Mrs. Minnie M. Brown, speaker, Mrs. Arteria M. Perry, the Rev. Magnolia Debnam, Mrs. Edith Vandergriff and Miss Mary Graham. (See story).

TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE

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Religion and Race

AN OLD FASHIONED DOCTRINE
How many there are whose hearts would be thrilled if they understood the old fashioned Bible doctrine of sanctification!

Sanctification is not a negative matter; don't do this and don't do that. It is rather the positive truth that God wants us for Himself as a sacred possession, much as a bridegroom considers his bride his very own in a special, sacred way.

Bible sanctification is a twofold truth, affecting both our standing before God and our spiritual state. In one sense every true believer in Christ has already been sanctified, or consecrated to God, by the operation of the Holy Spirit. Thus we read:

"...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the spirit..." (II Thes. 2:13). "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, THROUGH SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT..." (I Pet. 1:2).

This has nothing to do with our conduct. God did it. Sanctification begins with Him. Thus Paul could write to even the careless Corinthian believers

and say: "Ye ARE sanctified" (I Cor. 6:11, cf. Acts 20: 32, 26:18). This phase of sanctification is based on the redemptive work of Christ in our behalf, for Heb. 10:10 says: "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

But now God would have us appreciate this fact and conduct ourselves accordingly, consecrating ourselves ever more completely to Him. This is practical, progressive sanctification. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thes. 4:3). Hence Paul's benediction: "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (I Thes. 5:23), and his exhortation to Timothy to be "a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet (fit) for the Master's use" (II Tim. 2: 21).

How can believers be more wholly sanctified to God in their practical experience? By studying and meditating on His Word. Our Lord prayed: "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17) and Paul declares that "Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with THE WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD" (Eph. 5:25,26.)

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REBIRTH NEEDED

NEW YORK - A rebirth of the American church is needed if it is to survive in the present day world, declared the Rev. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., first Black president of the 1.5-million member American Baptist convention. "The church, as we know it today, must die. The true Christian church is the movement of God, the revolutionary movement of God to free His people (but) the church possesses too much today that it does not need..."

BASICALLY CHRISTIAN

KINGSTON, Jamaica - Black Power, as seen by its thoughtful advocates, is "basically Christian," declared a statement issued by the Catholic bishops from 12 West Indian nations attending the recent conference of the Bishops of Antilles. The bishops viewed Black Power as "a force meant to lead toward the eradication of racism, and all its social, cultural and economic adjuncts."

BLACK LEADERSHIP

GREENSBURG, Pa. - A drive to build and develop Black Catholic leadership on all levels has been undertaken by the Rev. Augustus Taylor, 29-year-old Black priest newly assigned to the Pittsburgh area to direct an Interdiocesan Black Catholic ministries program. His work will cover the 12 dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Youngstown, Steubenville and Wheeling, with the approval of the bishop of each diocese. **AWARD WINNER**

NEW YORK - When the American Jewish Congress holds its annual awards dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, Sunday, Oct. 26, among the three award recipients will be Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive director. Wilkins will be receiving the 18th annual Stephen S. Wise award, for "advancing human freedom."

RACIAL JUSTICE

NASHVILLE - Top item on the agenda for the recent staff meeting of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism was racial justice and communication among races. A task force of the staff was urged to be established to "alert the staff to issues relating to these priorities."

Name Two

CHICAGO - (NPI) - Marillac House has named the first two Black people to its board of directors, and they are the first lay persons to be selected for the settlement house operated by the Daughters of Charity, a Catholic order. Picked to serve are Clyde Reynolds, administrator, Provident hospital; and Mrs. Alma Kinney, supervisor, family and children services, Chicago Heights.

native of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, received his high school education in the public schools there. He received the B. S. degree from Knoxville College, the B. D. degree from Pittsburgh Xenia Theological Seminary, and the M. Ed. degree from the University of Pittsburgh. In 1966 Knoxville College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Reese is married to the former Miss Neola Parrish of Selma, Ala. They are the parents of a daughter and two sons.

Preaching services will begin each evening at 8 preceded by a thirty minute prayer and testimonial service. The general public is invited to attend, stated John R. Dungee, pastor-emeritus.

More than 400 Fayetteville State University students hold jobs on the campus. Student employment provides a source of revenue to aid the parents in support of their children enrolled at Fayetteville State.

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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

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MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE

BY COLIN DOUGLAS

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith."
-- Gal. 6: 10

Is God the head of your home? In family relationships, many situations arise that can be upsetting and annoying. But when we declare that God is the head of our home, that His love is in our home and blessing every member of our household, we establish a spirit of peace that is greater than any situation that may arise.

Each member of a family can do his part in contributing to the peace of the home. The basis of a happy home is the love that is in the hearts of those who live in it. We can begin with ourselves and work through prayer to keep a loving, understanding heart at all times and under all circumstances.

In former days, it was a common practice for families to gather in one room once weekly and even once daily, while the father read passages from the Bible. This is a practice that could well be revived today... a once - weekly or once - daily meeting for unified prayer and

meditation... communion with way for beginning or ending the family's day, and for establishing harmony, peace, and love in the home.

The giving of our love and friendship to those about us is a determining factor in experiencing deep satisfaction, happiness, and joy. Giving of our love and understanding to others makes for a much brighter life... adds grace and beauty to it. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." - Psalms 46:1

Revival Services Set At Cotton Memorial Church

Annual revival services at Cotton Memorial United Presbyterian Church will begin with the morning worship service on Sunday and continue each evening through Friday, October 3. Scheduled to conduct the services is the Rev. Dr. James F. Reese of Charlotte, director of Christian Education for the Synod of Catawba. Dr. Reese, a

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"I've got it all figured out. On my 70th birthday I am going to start repenting and leading a changed life!"