

Come Let's Think

BY EVA L. PERRY

GIVING YOU THE BEST THAT I'VE GOT

God by His Spirit spoke to me,
Come by here my child, draw near
And see.

Be not afraid and worry not,
For I have given you the best that
I've got.

I gave my Son to die for you,
I've charged my angels to keep
You, too.

My Word I gave, it shall fail not,
I've given you the best that
I've got.

I've given you promises that I shall
Uphold,
I've given you strength, that you
May be bold.

I've forgiven your sins; I'll
Remember them not,
I've given you the best that I've
Got.

Eternal life I've given to you,
My grace is sufficient, I gave you
That, too.

Be thankful, my son, let your
Prayers cease not,
For I've given you the best that I've
Got.

Don Singleton

How far can you "swing out" in faith upon God's Word? As your faith is so it is with you. God has dealt unto every man the measure of faith. Faith is a fact and faith is also an act. Acquaint thyself with God and be at peace. To know Him is to love Him. He has done so much for you and me! I can really see that He has given us the best that He has—which is Jesus.

Listen—read a few of the precious benefits that are in Christ Jesus for those who love and obey Him! We are a "peculiar treasure" (Exodus 19:5). We are kings and priests upon this earth (Revelation 5:9-10). We are a "holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9-10). The law came by Moses but love and truth came by Jesus Christ. Grace is unmerited favor plus supernatural strength—Glory be to God!

In Jesus we have received all of the Old Testament promises, plus all of the New Testament promises—which consist of a better hope, a better covenant, a better testament, a better substance, better things, a better country, a better sacrifice, better promises, and a better resurrection. All of this is found in the Book of Hebrews. Oh how rich we are in Christ Jesus. For God so loved the world that He gave the best that He had for our benefit. I am indeed most grateful! I am unable to list it all here.

Read your Bible prayerfully and think!

Book Describes Women

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A new Abingdon Press release describes a black woman's experiences of racial and sexual prejudice in the corporate world.

"Accept No Limitations" by Marjorie L. Kimbrough also outlines conflicts of family and religious life with her 28-year career in data processing. Kimbrough is now an instructor in religion and philosophy at United Methodist-related Clark Atlanta University.



MS. MARGARET ROSE MURRAY

Rose Murray To Address Keynote Speech To Group

Ms. Margaret Rose Murray will keynote Women's Day at Davie Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 10, during the 11 a.m. worship service.

Ms. Murray is the hostess of "Traces and Places," WLLE-AM, Sunday morning talk show, and "Business Prospective," WSHA, Tuesday at 7 p.m.

A community activist and humanitarian, Ms. Murray also works with the Raleigh Correctional Center and the N.C. Correctional Center for Women. She still finds time to serve as historian and spokesman for the Method Community Development Organization and as a member of the O.A. Dupree Scholarship Fund.

Ms. Murray is married to Kenneth Murray and is the mother of four, and owns and directs the Cross Link Learning Center and Private School in the Method community.

The public is invited to worship with the church for Women's Day.

LIFE IS GOOD—REAL GOOD

Life can be good. So walk in newness of life. Have a higher opinion of yourself. Know what you can be. Walk through life erect. Don't be tired, desultory, discouraged, despondent, or negative. Walk in newness of life.

Dr. Norman V. Peale

Black Academy Questioned

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (AP)—An experimental academy for black students reflects growing concern nationwide that public schools are failing to deliver for minority children, educators say.

"They're failing in epidemic proportions," said Spencer Holland, director of the Center for Educating African-American Males at Morgan State University in Baltimore.

The Minneapolis school board last month approved the academy, which will try to boost the self-esteem and academic achievement of black students.

"The African-American community is saying that the school system for years has failed us," said W. Harry Davis, who served on the board from 1968 until last year. "And we've cried out... The confidence has been lost."

The New York Board of Education also has endorsed a plan to open an experimental high school for black and Hispanic males. Last year, the issue prompted divisive fights in Seattle and Milwaukee, but advocates of the idea won in both cities. Seattle will open an African-American Academy this fall, and Milwaukee will open two African-American Immersion Schools.

The plans are not without critics. In Minneapolis, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is promising to keep a close watch on the academy. Matthew Little, president of the Minneapolis branch of the NAACP, said he intends to meet with Superintendent Robert Ferrera and study the proposal before the NAACP takes an official position.

"I want to make it perfectly clear that I am—and the NAACP historically is—opposed to segregated schools," Little said. "[But] there's no denying the fact that black kids are not being educated properly."

In Minneapolis, academy students will spend their mornings there and return to their home schools in the afternoon. The plan is a far cry from Milwaukee's, which calls for separate elementary and middle schools for black males. Little said he would oppose opening separate schools in Minneapolis.

"We would certainly be watchful to see that it did not move into that structure," he said.

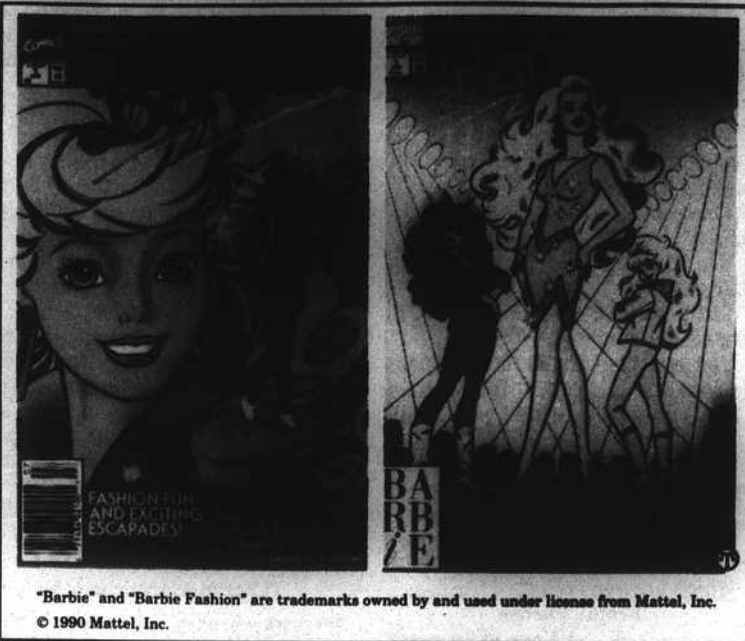
Betty Webb, the associate superintendent for secondary education, said Minneapolis officials are not aware of any public academy in the country that will be exactly like the one they envision.

Minneapolis school officials said the academy will emphasize black

history and culture, but the exact curriculum has not been developed. Teachers will be encouraged to become part of a student's extended family, which proponents say will be a crucial role of the academy.

Pointers For Parents

Helping Children Read



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Two new Barbie magazines help make reading fun for children.

For your child to read and enjoy reading, more than two eyes are needed, it also requires three "I's."

Imitation—let your youngsters see that you read and like to do it. Read to them, even after they've mastered the art for themselves, and be seen reading newspapers, books, magazines or manuals, whatever you really enjoy reading.

Invitation—make sure they have access to reading matter, don't toss the newspaper just because you've finished it, keep appropriate books on a low shelf or in some other easily-accessible place.

Inspiration—keep plenty of publications on hand on subjects that interest children. Many parents find this easier than ever now that the world's most adored doll is appearing in two new magazines from Marvel Comics. "Barbie" and "Barbie Fashion" are monthly publications based on the internationally renowned doll from Mattel Toys. They showcase Barbie and her coterie of famous friends—including Ken—in original stories and special features such as fashion and exercise tips.

Available on newsstands, in comic shops, bookstores and by subscription, each issue is one dollar.



JAMES H. FAISON, III

Atty Faison Oak City's Men's Day Speaker Here

Oak City Baptist Church, 608 Method Road, will have its annual Men's Day program at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. Attorney James H. Faison, III, of Rocky Mount will be the worship service speaker.

Faison is a 1984 cum laude graduate of North Carolina Central University, where he was recruited on a football scholarship. He later received his juris doctor degree from the North Carolina Central University School of Law in May 1987.

He has been licensed to practice law in North Carolina and now serves as a staff attorney with Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear, Wilmington. Faison is married to the former Angela Michele Woodard of Willard, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Faison, Jr. of Rocky Point, both of whom are retired educators. Perhaps most important, attorney Faison is a born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Program chair Ransom Fort invites the public to come share in this special annual Men's Day worship service. Rev. William T. Newkirk, Sr. is pastor.

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FOR WOMEN

Investing: What You Should Know

Over 90 percent of American women will have to make their own financial decisions at some point in their lives, studies show. As a result, it is critical that women learn how to save and invest money, financial experts agree.

Unfortunately, most women don't know enough about investing. More than one-third of American women (35 percent) have never made investment decisions, according to the Oppenheimer Funds Survey of Individual Investors, a telephone survey of 1,000 Americans. Of those who had investment experience, 28 percent said they were "not confident" making investment decisions.

The survey also found that females between the ages 35 and 54 are the least knowledgeable about investment decisions, with 71 percent saying that they did not know how to invest. Only nine percent of women described themselves as "very confident" when making an investment decision. Of women 55 years of age or over, only 49 percent said they would invest a \$10,000 windfall, versus 70 percent of men in the same age group who were surveyed. When asked "If you or your husband lost your job..." 32 percent of women described themselves as financially secure for only one month or less; 27 percent of women between the ages of 18 and 34 said they would be in immediate financial trouble.

The experts at Oppenheimer Funds recommend these tips for women starting an investment program:

• Begin learning about finance and investment opportunities. Every major newspaper, magazine and TV station provides financial infor-



A recent survey found that American women spend much less time on their personal finances than men, and know much less about investing.

mation geared to the layperson.

• Decide exactly what you're saving for and attach a dollar amount to it. Then put together a realistic time frame for meeting that goal.

• Make sure you're knowledgeable about your family finances, including bank accounts, insurance, tax and pension plan information.

• Choose a financial planner who can give guidance in selecting investments. Interview several financial planners before selecting one you are comfortable working with.

• Get into the investment habit. Whenever you have extra money, think about where you can invest it instead of where you can spend it.

• Set up a systematic savings program that will automatically invest money in a savings account or a mutual fund each month. Certain programs allow investors to get started for as little as \$25.

• Order an Oppenheimer Funds' brochure called "Getting Your Financial House in Order" that features financial information and worksheets. You can order a free copy by calling 1-800-525-7048.

YOUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP HAS SOME GOOD TIMES FOR YOU

If you have been attending your House of Worship, you know what a comfort and inspiration it can be. However, it may have more to offer than just the worship service and, perhaps, a Bible class. There could also be some very pleasant get-togethers, such as pot luck suppers, ice cream socials, etc.; to welcome newcomers, say goodbye to someone, celebrate holidays, or for no reason at all. You can help by joining in the fun, where you will make new friends, renew old acquaintances, and get to know your clergyman and the other members of the congregation better. These occasions will help increase your sense of belonging to your House of Worship, and thereby add to the blessings you have already received by attending it every week.

"...let us eat and be merry."
— Luke 15:25

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