

Come Let's Think

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Listen—the Lord Jesus Christ, He is our Shepherd! Read your Bible and think about this fact.

"But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob: (from thence is the Shepherd, the stone of Israel)" (Genesis 49:24).

"And when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4).

"He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arms, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young" (Isaiah 40:11).

"For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray" (Matthew 18:11-13).

"And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David: he shall be their shepherd" (Ezekiel 34:23).

"But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house" (Mark 6:4).

"But when he saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant" (Hebrews 13:20).

"He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine—as the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: And I lay down my life for the sheep. And the other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd" (John 10:14-16).

"Jesus said, I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9).

I am so glad that the Lord is my Shepherd—and Christ in me is my hope of glory.

Read your Bible prayerfully and think!



LAST RITES—Last rites were held in Norfolk for John T. Bolden, long-time associate for the Norfolk Journal and Guide. He was 90. All of his career in newspaper was at the Guide except his inception into the newspaper business at the Wilmington N.C. Cape Fear Journal—now The Wilmington Journal where he was part of a group who founded the Journal. In Wilmington, he was the chief advertising person for some six years. He left Wilmington and was employed at the Guide where he remained until retirement after over 65 years, serving as advertising manager and publisher.

Faith Mission Installs New Pastor On 21st

The Rev. Ervis E. Allen, Jr. will be installed as pastor of Faith Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Willie J. Cox, pastor, Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church, Kinston.

The public is invited to share these moments of fellowship and celebration with the church family.

The church is located at 908 Suffolk Blvd.

IMAGINATION
Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not, and a sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

Anonymous

Kansas City Has First Black Mayor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Emanuel Cleaver, a civil rights leader who was born in a former slave cabin, was sworn in last week as the city's first black mayor.

About 3,000 people gathered for the inaugural ceremony on the south steps of City Hall on a chilly but sunny morning.

Cleaver, 46, vowed to lead the community that is two-thirds white into a new era.

"I believe with the light of many lamps held by many Kansas Citizens, I and the new council will find the path through which the city must travel," he said. "We have the opportunity to create any kind of city we want. We are only limited by our imagination."

If anyone can do it, Cleaver can, political analysts said.

"Cleaver can set a vision for this city," said Rich Hood, political columnist for the Kansas City Star. "That is his unique gift, to articulate a vision across a lot of different interest lines."

Cleaver, a three-term City Council member, carefully sidestepped the issue of race during his campaign. He beat Bob Lewellyn, a white businessman and fellow City Council member, with 53 percent of the vote March 26.

Rather than focus on race, the politician and preacher known for his stirring oratory historically has preferred to build wide support. During the election, he garnered considerable white support in a city of 435,000.

During the campaign, Max Skidmore, professor of political science and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, commented on Cleaver's ability to gain support across racial lines.

"I think the reason Mr. Cleaver

isn't making a racial issue out of it is he perceives himself, and rightly so, as a mayor for the entire city," Skidmore said. "If he's elected, he would be a mayor who happens to be black and not a black mayor."

Racial issues, though, are not unknown in Kansas City, the focus of a 13-year legal battle to force desegregation in public schools. The U.S. Supreme Court last year let stand a ruling that boosted a judge's power to order predominantly white suburban schools to accept inner-city black students.

The city has no direct involvement in the court-ordered desegregation program. But Cleaver said he hopes the city can help the program succeed through workshops, awards for creative teachers, and a proposed new advisory commission that would act as a liaison between the city and the schools.

Cleaver's other goals as mayor include making city government more accessible. He also has talked about raising the city's one percent earnings tax to provide money for services including more police and trash disposal.

Cleaver came to Kansas in the early 1970s from the Dallas area, where he was born in what was once a slave cabin. He studied at St. Paul School of Theology and became pastor of St.

James-Paseo United Methodist Church.

Later, he formed the Kansas City chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. In 1973, he organized a poor people's camp in a shopping district to draw attention to the need for better housing and food for the poor.

Cleaver is confident of his ability to lead the city into a "new era" but said he is still overwhelmed by his victory

and attention it has brought him.

"I have been somewhat surprised and awestruck by what this has done in terms of attention to me, at home and nationally," he said. "I never had any idea we would have the kind of reaction we have had."

"People, particularly in the black community, but not just there, break into spontaneous applause when I walk in," he said.

Dr. Coffey Elected As New Associate Provost

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Dr. Maryann Bishop Coffey, associate provost, Princeton University, last week was elected a national co-chair of the National Conference of Christians and Jews at its annual Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Coffey becomes the first woman and the first African-American to be elected a national co-chair in the 64-year history of the human relations organization which has offices in 70 cities.

"Maryann Coffey has been one of our most dedicated board members, regionally and nationally, and her election as a national co-chair represents another level of personal commitment to the conference," said Gillian M. Sorensen, president of NCCJ.

"We are honored that she has become our national co-chair and we look forward to her leadership in our efforts to fight bias and bigotry in all its forms, and facilitate inclusiveness and cooperation within our diverse society."

Dr. Coffey, who served on the Pittsburgh Board of NCCJ, earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, where she served in many departments and capacities.

Among her list of professional accomplishments are: member of the

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education (where she designed and conducted workshops on affirmative action); educational media consultant; assistant director and staff psychologist for the Educational-Medical Program of the Urban League of Pittsburgh (one of the first programs in the nation designed to retain pregnant teenagers in high school) and program director of the YMCA.

Dr. Coffey's public service includes professional and charitable organizations such as the National Association for Women Deans, Administrators and Counselors, the Governor's Commission on Judicial Reform, the Urban League, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania, and the United Way of Allegheny County.

RULES OF THE GAME

There is only one schedule to play. It lasts all your life, but consists of only one game. It is long, with no time out and no substitutions. You play the whole game—all your life. You work behind a truly powerful line. End to end, it consists of honesty, loyalty, devotion to duty, self-respect and courage. There are 10 rules. The Ten Commandments are these rules. There is also an important ground rule. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Duncan To Speak At NAACP Meet

Dr. Allyson K. Duncan, former judge on the N.C. Court of Appeals and professor of law at North Carolina Central University, will be guest speaker for the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP's Mother of the Year program at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church, 558 E. Cabarrus St., on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p.m. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Anderson To Speak At Zion Baptist Church

Pastor Robert Anderson, a well-known conference speaker from Indianapolis, a graduate of Carver Bible College and Grace Theological Seminary, will be speaking at Zion Baptist Church for Father and Son Day at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 20, and at the morning service on April 21.

Zion Baptist is located at 7300 Perry Creek Road in Raleigh. The public is invited to attend. Call 828-4416 for additional information.

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Deacon Calls On Black Community For Support

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Black leaders say the city's spiraling homicide rate has renewed efforts among churches and other community centers to stem the tide of violence.

Forty-nine homicides have been investigated in Columbus in 1991. The city had 92 slayings last year, including 17 by early April. "We have no reason to fear the Ku Klux Klan because we're killing each other," said Darrell Ayers, deacon of Deliverance Apostolic Church, a predominantly black church on the northeast side.

Blacks are accused of killing other blacks in 15 of the 23 cases in which arrests have been made, and most of those victims were between 18 and 24, said Sgt. Raymond Norwood.

Statistics this year indicate some trends similar to last year: 61 percent of the slayings so far were committed with a handgun; 51 percent were drug-related.

But this year, friends and acquaintances were twice as likely to kill each other, while "stranger killings" have declined, police said.

"The black people in our community need to put away the institution of

pride and pick up the institution of honor," Ayers said.

"That pride is where you shoot someone because they step on your new shoes. I'm calling on my church and all the other churches to deal with this situation."

Black role models should be teaching respect for elders and personal property, and blacks should be teaching their children self-respect and accountability, Ayers said.

Deputy Police Chief James Rutter said patrol officers would remain on foot in five Columbus neighborhoods, and he intends to encourage a "park and walk" policy for other officers.

Except for Cleveland, which as of Friday had 44 slayings, compared to 168 in 1990, other Ohio cities don't approach the body count in Columbus:

• Akron has had 11 slayings this year; it had 18 in all of 1990.

• Cincinnati police have investigated 10 slayings this year; the city had 51 last year.

• Toledo has had three homicides this year, 37 last year.

• Dayton police said they have had 10 slayings this year and had 49 for all of 1990.

March Of Dimes Wary, Infant Rate Declines

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.—The reported decline in the nation's infant mortality rate for 1990 appears encouraging, the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation said recently. Foundation officials warned, however, that the date—which shows an infant death rate of 9.1 per 1,000—is only provisional, not final.

"We hope it's true, but experience teaches us that the provisional data generally show a lower rate than the final figure does," said Jennifer L. Howse, Ph.D., president of the March of Dimes. "We should not celebrate a large improvement in infant survival until we see the final information."

Dr. Howse noted that an actual decrease in the infant mortality rate could be attributed to several factors: new and improved therapies for treatment of respiratory distress syndrome and the constantly improving quality of neonatal care; big increases in Medicaid spending for prenatal care and other services to pregnant women and infants since

1986; and the success of repeated public awareness campaigns regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug use during pregnancy.

The provisional data also show that the United States still has failed to achieve its stated goal of reducing the infant mortality rate to nine per 1,000 births in 1990.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to help babies be born healthy by preventing birth defects, low birthweight and infant mortality. Through its Campaign for Healthier Babies, the March of Dimes funds programs of community services, advocacy, research and education.



The albatross has the greatest wingspread of any bird—11 feet from tip to tip.

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LET'S SAVE OUR PLANET; WE'LL NEVER GET ANOTHER ONE

We have been told of the need for preserving our environment, and the urgency of this is often verified by our own personal observation. Few of us are in a position to judge the state of the ozone layer or the so-called global warming. However, particularly in rural areas, we have seen our city or county landfills, and have watched them grow into virtual mountains of trash, garbage, newspapers, discarded furniture, and so on. No one has yet figured a way to solve this problem, but we can do our part in slowing it down, by saving, reusing and recycling; not to mention giving usable items to the poor. Let us pray at our House of Worship for the wisdom to do this, and whatever else we can do to preserve this beautiful world the Lord created for us.

When man destroys the life and beauty of nature, there is the outrage.
— George H. Truett

Wasting and destruction are in their paths.
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