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Alliance to Hold Safety Summit Oct. 6; You are Invited

The Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance invites community, local, state and national leaders to address 'epidemic of violence' facing the city, urging a po-active stance against 'the evil that is so pervasive' in our community



"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers (and sisters)."

— I John 3:14,15

By Rev. Reginald Holmes

The Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance will call for members of our community and state and national leaders to our

first ever Metro Denver Safety Summit. We all must admit that there is an epidemic of violence in our midst. We cannot stand idly by believing if we say nothing and do nothing it will go away. It will not unless we do something! It is time for our community to take a pro-active stance against this evil that is so pervasive in our city.

The purpose of the Summit is to dialogue with persons throughout the community on ways to prevent violence in the metro area, as well as

how we might partner with each other on specific strategies of prevention and intervention. The violence in our community has taken on many forms in the last couple of years. It is the intent of the summit to deal, comprehensively, with the various forms of violence that affect all people in this community every day.

We want to invite all members in our community to the Metro Denver Safety Summit who are committed to addressing the issues

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In The Days of Noah & Lot

MINISTER MICHAEL FORTI: When the Father judges the world again, He will not have the faithful build an ark, nor will there be anywhere for them to run and hide. **p.6**



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PRIDE OF A NATION

AS A NATION OF PEOPLE, WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO WITNESS the pride and unity of the athletes who represented the USA at the 2012 games in London, as well as our pride for them. I'm sure they went there to prove that they earned their way and have placed themselves in the elite as far as their particular sport is concerned, and to the best of their knowledge and physical capacity gave it their all and all. We as Americans have a strong nation and we have shown that pride and unity does matter if considered in the right way. We are a country with many different ethnic backgrounds, but we all have similar goals in mind.

Some of us spent at least one hour, and many of us spent many hours watching the games and was hopeful for our athletes to come out on top no matter what their sporting event. Is it too far fetched to expect that US pride and unity towards our athletes and the nation they represented could spill over into our present situation in this country? I would expect that the goal for most of our citizens is to try and recapture the American dream and to insure that our children would receive a good education. We all should want to help rebuild this nation economically because we all want the same things. Why is it so difficult for us to come together and press towards the mark of a higher goal as one nation of people?

What are the youth of this nation feeling at this time? They see a nation divided across party lines, racism, hatred, prejudice, downright nastiness, a lot of stupidity and lies. I remember the late Pastor A. L. Bowman speaking on lying. On one particular Sunday he posed the question to the congregation in this manner, "Is a lie for any reason, or for any cause, at any time, even if it's to save your own life anything other than a lie?" He also said that, "If you tell a lie long enough and often enough it will become the truth, at least for many people."

Our youth as well as many adults hear and also see those who speak in code. This language is geared to undermine, tear

down and destroy. At least in the book of Acts we see that speaking in tongues was to give evidence to unbelievers, and also to edify. It's no wonder the youth tend to act out as they please when they see adults not being able to hold unbiased conversations, losing their tempers, and feeling that it's my way or the high way. This is the kind of behavior that's being taught whether intentional or not. These type of actions most assuredly would account for us to now understand why many of our young people are involved in so much texting, face book entries and e-mails with very little practice in having real conversations. To them it has a safety aspect with no possibility of one on one conflict or general conversation, and yet it's called progress.

Many of our team coaches for the Olympics spent at least four years, seven days a week working with their athletes getting them into shape to make a worthwhile showing and to prove out all their training. I wondered what could happen if we as a nation spent four years of strict training being taught as Jesus taught us on how to handle certain situations and being able to adapt our thinking to what ever changes would come our way? What would happen if we were to focus on God's word seven days a week for four years? Can you imagine what the outcome would be? I still have hope, not so much in men but in the God of creation, and unlike the Lawrence O'Donnell show on MSNBC where you never know who will have the LAST WORD, I do know of one who with conviction will have the FINAL WORD, and that is Almighty God.

"Our success as a nation is not measured by how many years we have governed or how many wars we have won. It is measured by the quality of life which we have created for the society that our ideals were founded upon."

— Mathew Morgan

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WHEN: **October 6, 2012**

WHO: **You, Local, State & National Officials**

AGENDA: **"Building Partnerships to Prevent Violence"**

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WHEN: **October 7, 2012 at 4pm**

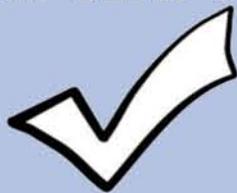
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You Can Control Your Blood Pressure

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things: His right hand, and His holy arm, hath gotten Him the victory."

- Psalms 98:1

By **Byron E. Conner, M.D.**



Dr. Conner

Over the years I have seen far too many people who have suffered needlessly from the ravages of hypertension or high blood pressure. I have seen heart attacks, strokes, kidney failure, visual loss, premature death and permanent disability, all related to inadequate control of hypertension. It is not just senior citizens who have suffered, but young adults as well. In all of this there is much preventable pain and suffering. If I can give some advice, I would say don't allow yourself or a loved one to go through this. I would like to give you now a primer on how you can and should overcome hypertension as follows:

Realize that you are really the one in control: Your doctor does not control your blood pressure or your health in general-you do! You have to listen to your doctor and work with that individual to get your blood pressure under control. Go to see your provider as directed, and call for problems. Take control of your health.

Get screened and find out if you have hypertension: One can have even severe hypertension and feel well. That is why it has been called the "silent killer". Please do not go by how you feel, as that can be deceiving. Get your blood pressure checked at least once annually. It is not possible to begin a course of action to control your blood pressure if you do not know, or believe you have it!

Controlling your blood pressure involves more than just taking pills: Yes medication is important, but so is your lifestyle. In fact an unhealthy lifestyle makes it difficult if not impossible to control your blood pressure.

■ You must exercise at least 30 minutes daily: Try walking at least

30 minutes daily. You can also do other forms of exercise such as riding a bicycle, swimming, using home exercise tapes, or working out on machines at a gym such as an elliptical trainer. Do not consider exercise as optional. You must do it for the sake of you health.

■ Keep your body weight at a healthy level: Discuss with your provider what that should be. A simple rule of thumb is to keep your waist circumference less than 35 inches for women and less than 40 inches for men. Losing 10% of your body weight may make a significant difference in your health and wellness.

■ Make your diet more healthy: This is a challenge, but it can be done! One of the most important things to do is to monitor your salt intake. Remember that most of the salt we eat is already in our food. You have to read labels and try to use no more than about 1500 mg. of sodium daily. Do not consider "sea salt" as something you can use indiscriminately--it still contains sodium. Use with caution fast foods, snack foods and processed foods. Eat less fat, and fried foods. Eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Cut down on the soda and sweet juices in your diet. Drink 6-8 glasses of water daily.

■ If you smoke-Quit! Along with hypertension-smoking is deadly. Get your providers help in this.

■ Use alcohol in moderation if at all: No more than 1 drink daily for women and 2 drinks for men. None at all would be just fine!

■ Learn to cope with stress and anger: Talk with a friend, pray, set realistic goals, get help with this.

■ Take prescribed medication as directed. Know the names, and doses of medication. Call your provider for medication problems. Do not substitute herbal items or supplements for prescribed medications, or instead of medications. This may be dangerous.

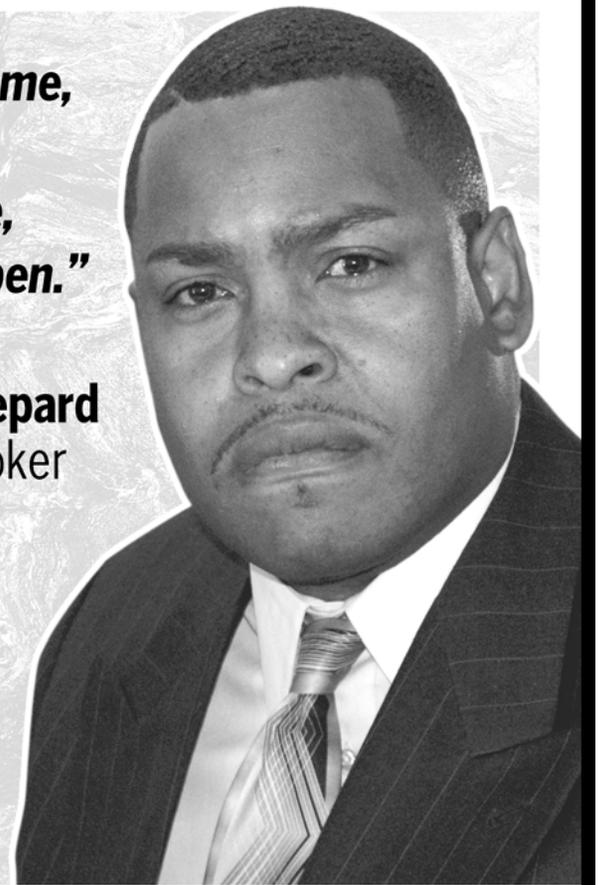
■ See your health care team as directed: Follow up as needed with your provider. This may help you avoid many problems. Call for questions.

May God bless you in your efforts to live longer and better. ✚

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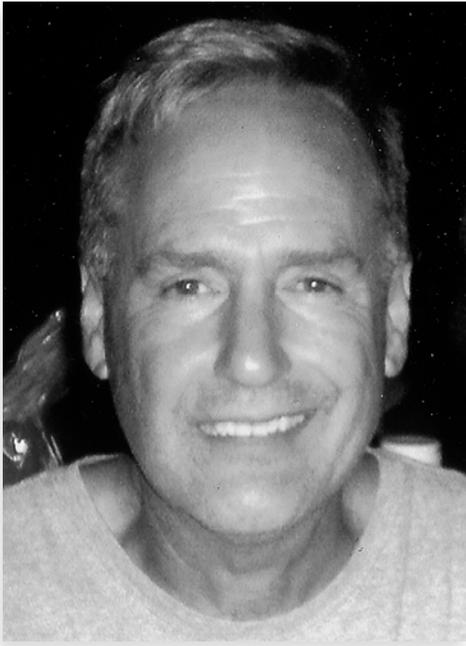
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IN THE DAYS OF NOAH AND LOT

By Michael Forti



Michael Forti

The Holy Bible teaches that when Jesus Christ returns, people all around the world will be living just the way they were in the days of Noah, and in the days of Lot. They were eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling, trading, planting and building. (Luke 17:26-28). Genesis chapters 6:5-6 teaches that every inclination of the thoughts of the hearts of the people was evil all of the time, and that the Lord was grieved that He had made man on the earth. Because of this, the Lord said, "I will wipe out mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth." In the days of Lot, Almighty God demolished Sodom and Gomorrah because the people were living in sexual immorality, idolatry, greed and violence. In both cases, Almighty God poured out His wrath upon the world and people were destroyed! However, in both cases, the Lord rescued His faithful servants and delivered them BEFORE He poured out His judgment and wrath.

When the Father judges the world again, He will not have the faithful build an ark, nor will there be anywhere for them to run and hide. Jesus will come as a thief in the night, when people all around the world are saying, "Peace and safety," to carry His bride away to the wedding banquet. "For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever" (1 Thess 4:16-17, 5:1-4, Rev 4:1 NIV).

Could the people of today, all around the world, be living the way they were in the days of Noah and Lot? Could we be living in the last of the last days? "Aurora shooting: Suspect opens fire at Colorado movie theater, killing 12-7/"20"/2012." - The Columbine

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As we take a closer look at how people were living in the days of Noah and in the days of Lot, we can clearly see that God's awesome prophetic Word is coming to pass before this generation. Because many within the societies of the planet are no longer worshipping our Lord, and rampant sexual immorality, teen pregnancy, abortion, theft,

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drug use, violence and murder are out of control, God is lifting His hedge of protection off of the people. We can clearly see that sexually transmitted diseases and sexual organ related cancers are at a record breaking high.

In addition, we can clearly see the natural catastrophes all around the world continue to increase. The increase of earth quakes and their magnitude are on the rise. This year, we are experiencing out of control, record breaking forest fires. Within the past 10 years, we have experienced record breaking hurricanes and tornadoes, not to mention record breaking HEAT. "And men were SCORCHED with GREAT HEAT, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give Him glory" (Rev 16:9 KJ). Record breaking hailstorms pounded areas of Colorado a few months back, devastating the exteriors of houses. Again, the amount of hail storms and the size of the hail stones have increased. "From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men" (Rev 16:21NIV). How close are we?

2 Peter 2:4-10 continues to teach that God will pour out His judgment on the world, yet He will protect the righteous. "If He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the FLOOD on its UNGODLY people, but PROTECTED Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others; if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an

example of what is going to happen to the UNGODLY; and if He RESCUED Lot, a righteous man, living among them day after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the lawless deeds he saw and heard-if this is so, then the Lord knows how to RESCUE GODLY men from trials (tribulation) and to hold the UNRIGHTEOUS for the day of judgment" (2 Pet 2:4-10).

The Word of God clearly teaches that God knows the future. He teaches that the people of this world are not going to change from the deliberate life of sin; therefore, He will Judge the world, very SOON! "But do not forget this one thing dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to REPENTANCE. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it WILL BE LAID BARE! Since everything WILL BE destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live HOLY and GODLY LIVES as you LOOK FORWARD to the day of God and speed its coming" (2 Pet 3:8-12).

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What Will Fill the Piercing Emptiness?

It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty
 — **Isaiah 29:8**

By Pastor Joyce Edwards

A young man said he felt empty; there was emptiness inside of him that he was unable to fill. This young person said he had tried everything—drugs, liquor, sex, pornography, and all the world had to offer. But the mornings after were all the same—he felt emptiness. He had been brought up in the church; his parents had made him go to church. He had listened to sermons and read his Bible, but there still remained an emptiness inside of him that seemed to be insatiable.

All the things his friends told him to do left him empty. Does this sound like you? You go to church because you know that's the right thing to do, or because your parents made you go. You listened to the sermons and even read your Bible, but that sense of emptiness continues to haunt you. You have been involved with so many different lovers until you simply stopped counting. You've taken prescription and street drugs trying to fill that barren space. All your friends are equally as empty although they're still chasing false fillers. You're pitiful, desperate, and seeking whatever it is that will fill that piercing emptiness within you.

There was a Samaritan woman who came to a well with her empty pitcher. The empty pitcher was a portrait of her empty life. She was seeking water to quench what she thought was thirst. It wasn't her thirst she needed to satisfy, it was her emptiness. This Samaritan woman had had five husbands and the man she was presently living with was number six. She apparently believed a man would satisfy her thirst, her emptiness. Isn't that what many of you believe—if only you could meet a good man or a good woman. When he or she comes along, you eventually

discover that he was not the right person—the emptiness is still there inside of you. That's the path which led the Samaritan woman to the well.

When the woman approached the well, the Lord Jesus asked her for a drink of water. Rather than telling the Lord her pitcher, which represented her life, was empty, she attempted to change the subject. Think about it... isn't that the way you usually respond whenever someone asks you a pointed personal question regarding your life.



Edwards

Remember Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water knowing her pitcher was empty just as her life was empty. She responded asking the Lord Jesus why would He, being a Jew, ask a Samaritan woman for a drink. In that day, Jews and Samaritans were bitter towards one another, but their differences were of no consequence to the Lord. So essentially ignoring her question, the Lord Jesus said: if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him, and He would have given thee living water.

As astounded as she must have been, the woman said: Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Because her curiosity had been aroused by the Lord's mention of living water, she asked: from whence then hast thou that living water? Although the Samaritan woman was interested in this living water the Lord spoke about, she was beginning to question the Lord's authority. We witness her suspicions by her next question: art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and

his cattle? Ignoring the woman's question regarding His authority, Jesus answered and said: whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again. It's apparent that Jesus was speaking of the water in the well, the very well the woman had somewhat held in a lofty position. So Jesus went on to say: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. In other words, the water Jesus will give, not only to the Samaritan woman but to that young man and each one of you, will fill that emptiness inside of you; and you will never feel empty again. So the woman said unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, nether come hither to draw. The woman had the present of mind to recognize that this water would satisfy her thirst, her emptiness; but the Lord Jesus knew the woman needed to repent so this living water, the Holy Spirit, could be operative in her life.

The woman's request opened the door for Jesus to touch upon the source of her emptiness, so Jesus responded saying: go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman probably hesitated trying to capture her thoughts, so she said: I have no husband. Jesus said to her: thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The Lord acknowledged her truthful-

ness concerning the fact that she did not currently have a husband; but the Lord let her know He was aware of the man she now had and her five previous husbands. The woman had tried to avoid disclosing her colorful life; but the One who knows exactly how many strands of hair are upon our heads certainly is aware of every aspect of our lives. Probably in total astonishment, the woman said unto Jesus: Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

After the Lord Jesus touched upon the source of her thirst, her emptiness; she left her waterpot (the pitcher), and went her way into the city, and saith to the men, come see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ? The Samaritan woman knew she had encountered a true prophet, a prophet who told her everything she had ever done. Although the text does not speak to this specifically, the Samaritan woman was no longer empty. Leaving her waterpot is a good indication that her thirst had been satisfied and her emptiness had been filled. (John 4:6-19; 28-29)

You are invited to come see a man, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is able to tell you everything you've done; and yet, He is willing to quench your thirst and fill the emptiness inside of you. The Lord Jesus is willing because He cares for you... He loves you the same as He loved the Samaritan woman. Won't you allow Jesus Christ to fill your emptiness? May the Lord bless you and keep you. ✝

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The energy was high and anticipation mounted as several students from Smiley Middle School and the Denver community of Park Hill gathered at Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church to participate in the Leadership and Literacy Academy, a two-week program sponsored by the church. From July 9-23, the students were immersed with activities, and information was exchanged that challenged and strengthened their skills and character. The students engaged in a myriad of hip-hop dialogue and reflected on the positive and negative impact it has on the culture of their generation. The students transferred their verbal conversation on leadership development to paragraphs that reflected the semantics and syntax of the literacy skills they were taught.



session. Rev. Reid Hettich (pastor, Wesleyan Church), Nancy Williams (literacy leader and educator at Excel Academy), Shante' Gipson (representative @ TCF Bank), and Tiffany Whitner (Branch Manager @ TCF Bank) encouraged students to stay focused as they pursue their destiny and fulfill their purpose. The young leaders' exodus from the Academy included a certificate of completion, a story-board to further inspire them,

and words of encouragement and wisdom from Pastor John and Rev. Mary Tellis (Solomon Temple leaders and founders of the Academy).

Solomon Temple will continue to serve the community of Park Hill and its neighborhood schools throughout the 2012-2013 school year. The church will continue to collaborate and support the growth and development of students, parents and parishioners by offering effective resources to meet the evolving needs of our community. ✚

The students invited their parents to join them for a graduation celebration on the last day of the Academy

LOCAL EVENT

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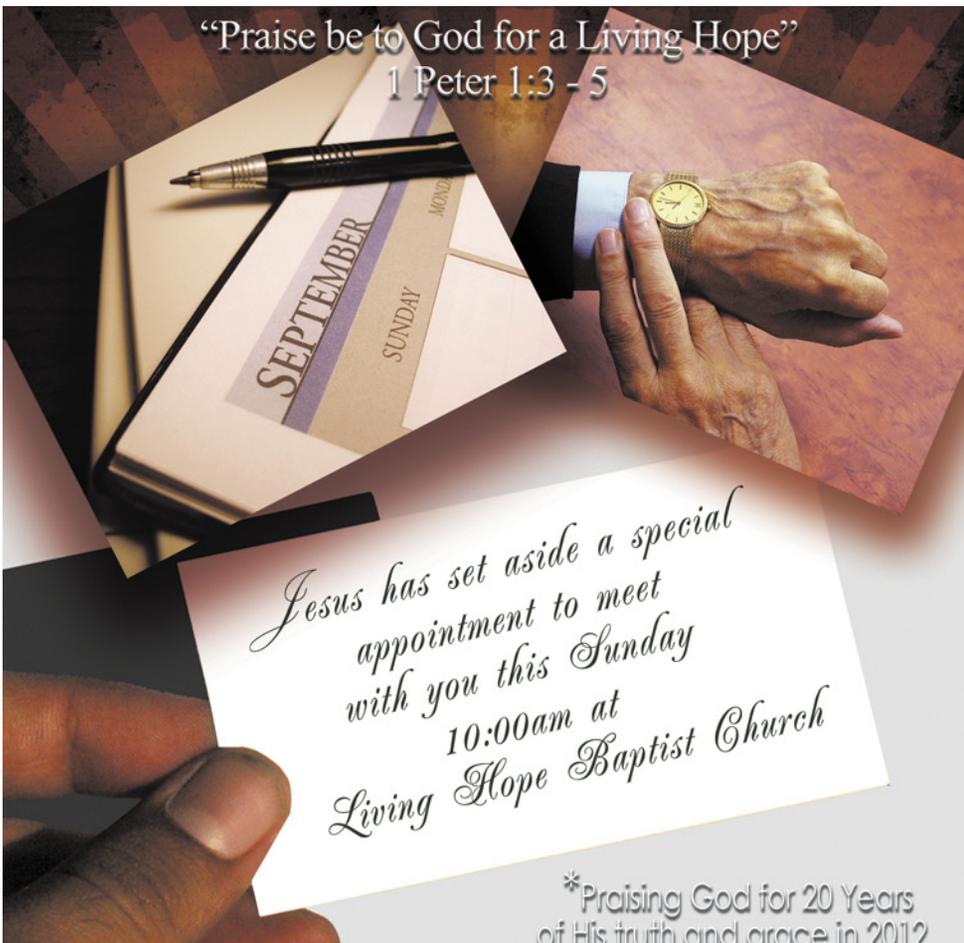
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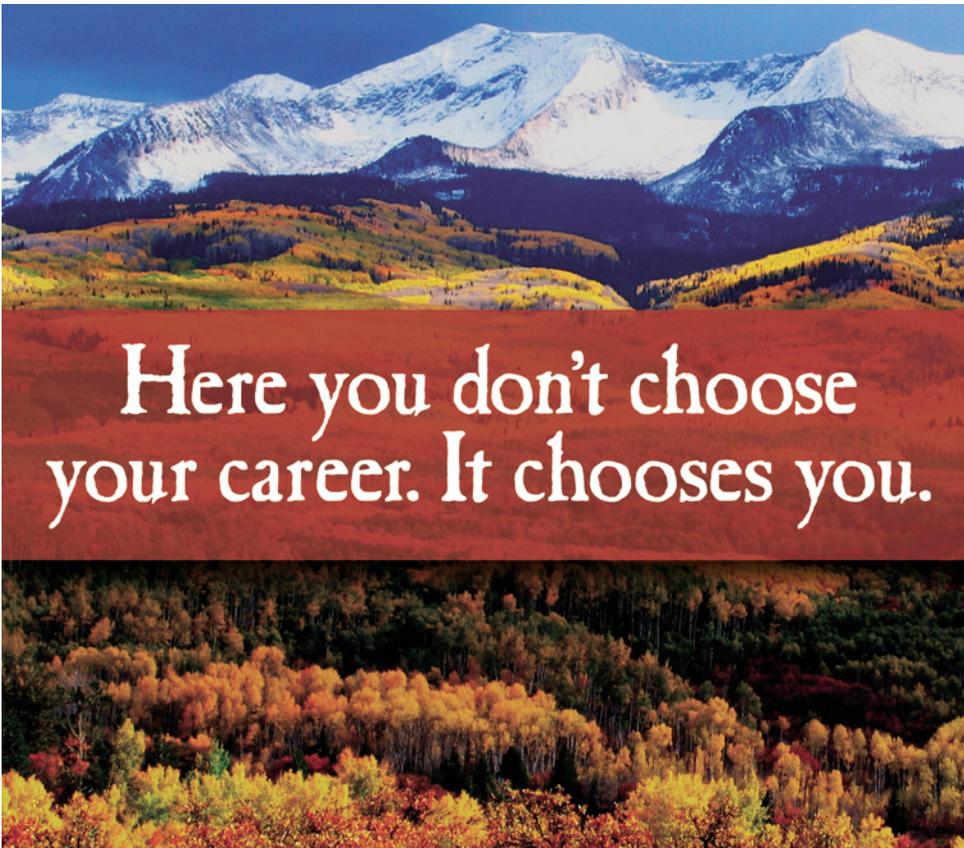
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Praise in the Park Day Provides Voter Education



Pastor Apostle Ralph E. Beechum, Senior Pastor of Denver's House of Joy Miracle Deliverance Church, was recently on hand to speak with BOCN News about the Church's 7th Annual "Praise in the Park" event. This year's event partnered with Union Baptist Church, the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance and several other churches, who rallied to raise voter awareness and to educate the commu-

nity regarding the pitfalls, obstacles and stumbling blocks placed in our way that keep us from voting. The leaders also wanted to ensure that our voter registries become solid and continue to grow into the future especially due to the importance of the 2012 election.

This community event which was announced on KLDC as well as Pastor Emerson's radio show had a turnout of approximately 300 people and included

among other features, food, vendors and massage. "Everyone has a part," explained Pastor Beechum.

If you would like to visit House of Joy Miracle Deliverance Church, your call is welcomed at (303) 388-9060. The Church is located at 3082 Leyden Street in Denver. Services are on Sabbath from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesday night Bible study. ✚



Blacks In Government Denver's "BIG" Municipal Chapter (M-BIG) youth contributor Mr. Noah Jones a very active youth member of Odom Memorial C.O.G.I.C. deserves a "BIG" Congratulations; he placed first at the Chapter level, (Denver) first at the Regional contest (Region VIII Mountain & Plains serving Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). And placed third overall in the national contest (The USA) where he competed with 16, 17 and 18 year old students from around the nation. This 15-year-old Youngman stun the judges as well as the other students and their parents with his delivery on the Internet and Social Media with the 2012 theme being "Building Proper Relationships through Online Social Networking: Do's and Don'ts."

As mentioned before in articles in the

BOC in June & July all students are all winner they received an all expense paid trip to the contest as well as a certificate of participation the Nationals took place in Detroit, MI. August 16, 2012.

Congratulations are also in order to Ms. Avion Locke who is active in her home church Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Denver, CO as well as in the community. Ms. Locke represented Region VIII (Colorado) in the Oratorical contest with over twenty-two competitors and only three awards with mere percentages separating those who placed and those who didn't; Ms. Locke did not place in 2012 however, she represented Denver and Region VIII very well and we are all very proud of Avion.

Students receive monetary awards at each level up to \$1,000.00.

Picture here left to right Blacks In Government's National President J. David Reeves and Mr. Noah Jones.

LOCAL EVENT

Community Program

The Ethnic College Counseling Center (ECCC) will hold this year's first meeting at Park Hill United Methodist Church on Sat, Sept. 15, at 9am, in Room 205 (enter from the Glencoe St parking lot). Park Hill United Methodist Church is located at 5209 Montview Boulevard, Denver, CO.

The ECCC prepares 6th - 12th grade students for education beyond high school through educational workshops, college tours, retreats, college fairs and enrichment programs at Historical Black Colleges and Universities.

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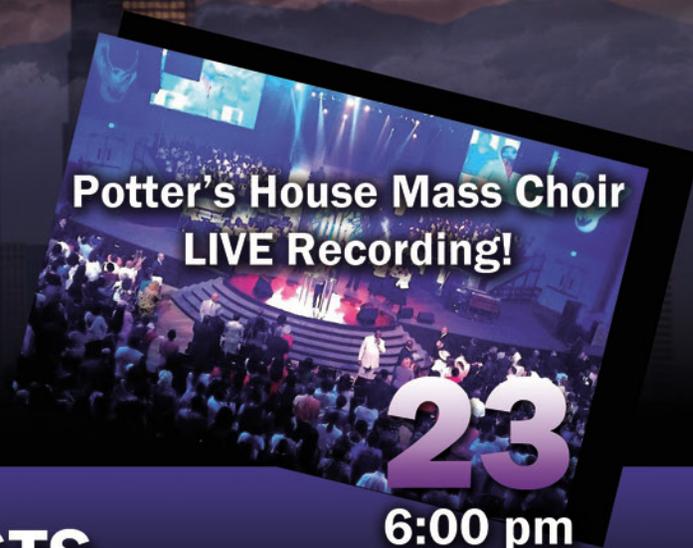
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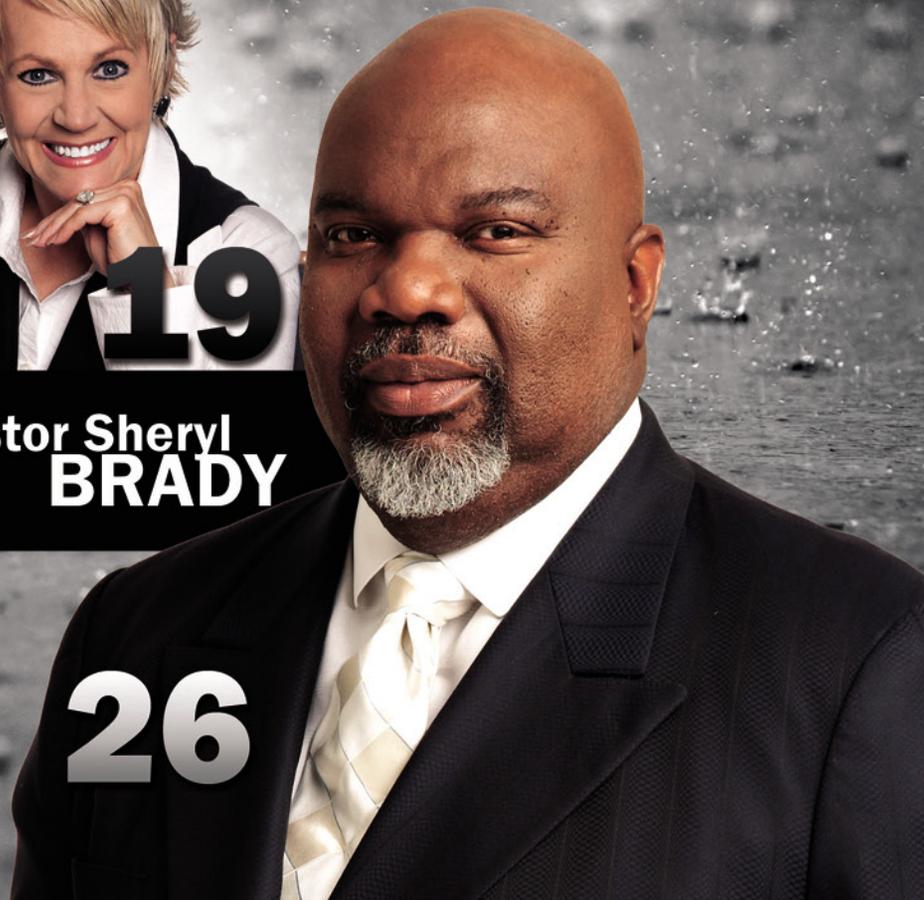
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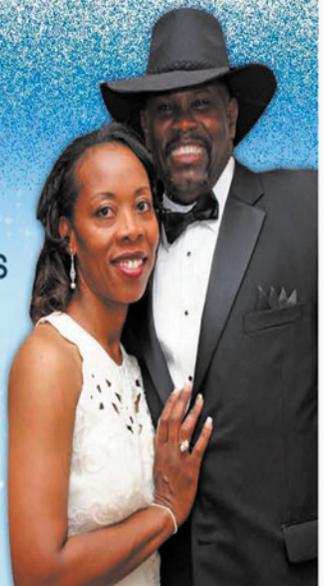
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Joy Tabernacle Holiness Church located at 1590 Florence Street in Aurora, Colorado recently celebrated its Annual Day to connect with and strengthen the community.

This day is usually providing food to those in need, but this year, the Church focused on school children and many school supplies, brand new backpacks and other school items were available free to the community.

Apostle Johnnie Smith, Jr. said that the annual community day is important to the members at Joy Tabernacle because "...we really want to show the community that we care about this place."

The celebration was held at Fletcher Park and in addition to the school supplies, Apostle Smith and other saints were on hand to pray for people and "let them know that Jesus loves them." ✝

For more information, call (303) 361-9724 or email JoyTabernacle8@msn.com.

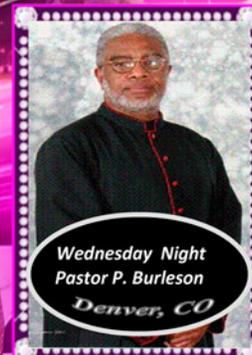


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The student was Tim Gramling, who is the president of Colorado Technical University (CTU) Southern Colorado. He is responsible for the Colorado Springs campus and the Pueblo location. Tim was the first from his high school to attend Harvard University, where he received a bachelor of arts in computer science. Some 25 years later, Tim is a veteran of higher education, a committed pastor, and a living example of how to effectively balancing multiple priorities to achieve personal and professional success.

Tim's first higher education role was as an adjunct faculty member at Broward Community College in South Florida, where he taught part-time while working as a director at American Express. After joining higher education full-time as an Academic Dean, he led a broad array of university functions. He also served his community with more than a decade on the board of a non-profit, privately-funded career academy operating in over a dozen Broward County high schools.

During this same time, Tim became the senior pastor of the Point of Grace Christian Fellowship in Pembroke Park, Fla. Under his pastorate, the Point of Grace Christian Academy grew to more than 45 students with multiple high school graduates. When asked how he balanced full-time senior management



Tim Gramling

with board service and the pastorate, Tim answered that "when God wants something done, he gives it to a busy person."

Tim's higher education aspirations have continued to expand since he joined CTU as the Kansas City president in 2009 and became the president for Southern Colorado this past May. Tim hopes to unleash his potential, empower achievement and enrich the lives of an increasing number of students in Southern Colorado through CTU's unique combination of learning and relationships. He also anticipates giving back to his new home community through non-profit board service.

Tim is near completion of a doctorate degree in law and policy at Northeastern University, which he will receive in September 2012. "As a university leader, my role is to serve students, our employees, and the greater Southern Colorado area. I look forward to doing just that – and more – as the president of CTU Southern Colorado," he said.

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Walk it Out!

Solomon Temple M.B.C. Annual Youth Day Celebration Sun, Sept. 16. 11am & 4pm at 3000 Holly St., Denver John L. Tellis, Jr., Pastor

ELDER CARE

Activities at Forest Street Compassionate Care Center

By Beverly A. Canaday

Have you ever wondered what kind of Activities your loved ones are involved with? After reading this article, you will be more familiar with the various activities which the residents enjoy day to day and also understand why it is so important to have an Activity Department.

Forest Street Compassionate Care Centers' Activity Director, Beverly A. Canaday has been in this same position full time since the doors opened in 2006 and has two activity assistants. All our departments compassionately work together to ensure the residents needs are being met.

Residents needs are diverse, and they require physical as well as psychological encouragement to participate in activities. We have a monthly calendar of events which is constructed around the wants and needs of the residents including those residents who reside in our secure Alzheimer unit. It is imperative to be able to communicate with all the residents and have genuine enthusiasm and sincere interest in the senior population. Forest Street Compassionate Care Center offers a program of organized activities that promotes residents' physical, social, mental, and intellectual well-being and encourages resident independence.

Our Activities are broad enough in scope to stimulate participation of all our residents, which includes residents who have cognitive and emotional deficits. Many of our residents are independent in their activity participation decisions, so none of our residents shall be compelled to participate in any activity. Our activities are planned



Beverly A. Canaday

social activities which occur in, as well as out of the facility. We have monthly birthday celebrations, holiday parties, picnics at the park and courtyard barbecues. We also have various table games which include exercise programs, music activities, arts and crafts and various religious based activities along with monthly Resident Council Meetings. Our activity program offers 1:1 activities for those residents who are unable to come out of the rooms frequently.

Spending time in a nursing home may leave some residents feeling isolated or bored, particularly if they don't have friends or family visiting on a regular basis. This is why it is so important to have a good activity program which will give the residents a form of entertainment, not only to help pass the time, but to stimulate them mentally and physically and to ensure their lives are filled with happiness.

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The Hate that Hate Produced

NOTE: The following is PART II of a sermon preached by Pastor Holmes at New Covenant Christian Church as a response to the self-hate being exhibited in the form of wanton violence in the Denver community. The truth of this violence is that it is being perpetrated by and on black people. This epidemic of black self-hatred is rampant among black folk (not just young black folk) throughout this nation. Those of us in the black community must first understand the problem before we can address it. There are those who want us to "heal ourselves", and we will with God's power, but we must understand the origin of our illness before we can adequately heal ourselves.

Pastor Holmes gives a historical perspective on race relations in America. In this series he uses the groundbreaking documentary of 1959 "The Hate that Hate Produced" as a (not the) starting point for this sermon series on the subject of violence in Black America. Pastor Holmes has been working, diligently, with pastors, city officials and others in the community to decrease the violence in Denver.

By Pastor Reginald Holmes

Hatred is in us. It's our story. And if you don't know your story you won't have any idea why you feel the way you do, sometimes. In America hate is in you whether you know it or not. I don't care anything about how "bourgeois", blessed, or bright you think you are. The reality is you were born in a country that did not consider you, your momma, your daddy, your granddaddy, or your grandmamma to be any more than 3/5ths human! Your ancestors did not come the same way everybody else's did. Yours were brought here as slaves packed like sardines, but treated far worse.

You were the equal of a cow or a pig. You were a commodity to be bought and sold. You don't need to be filled with anymore hatred for this country. You were lynched and hung for starrng too long at a white woman. You were left castrated for the others to see so they would not try the same thing. You were told you were free, but yet for a hundred years you had to fight people in court and in the street just to make them keep their word! They put dogs on you and water hoses—they have never used them on any other demonstrators—but yet they turned them loose on you. All we were trying to do was to get them to keep their word! We don't need to be filled with any more hatred. We got enough hatred to last us a lifetime!

You see, I understand that we have been taught to hate ourselves and to hate each other. A part of controlling the black slave and subsequently the black community involves perpetuating programs and images and ideas that promote black self-hatred. What do you mean pastor? Just look at TV and the news and how it's reported. If you think news agencies carry news stories equally you have been living on another planet. Black crime gets reported differently. When black kids take somebody's car it's called "carjacking". When white kids do it they were just "joyriding". Images of beauty and radiance are always blonde and blue-eyed for the most part and if they use one of us, we have to be tight, light, bright, and almost white to get the part.

You see, the white body politic of American has never had to worry about black people becoming powerful as long as they can keep you hating on each other. You see "hating" on folk has become a metaphor for the way we really feel about each other. You see we have a lot of self hatred in the black community and many of us know it. We use the word "hate" a lot. There are a lot that others from the outside do to us, but we have to take responsibility for the things we do to each other. All you have to do is just listen to the music that your children are listening to. And some of you are listening to it, too. And if you listen you can hear the hate.

"Because the cops is watchin, the streets is talkin. Ya h--- is unfaithful ya family ungreatful. Ya n----- aint loyal you n----- aint lawyers. And everybody saw you and aint that a b----! And this here is the Carter oh! yo! And this here is the Carter yo! oh! This one here is just to clarify the fact that I'm a m----- mack. This one here is just to verify the fact that I got straps on my back. This one here is just to clarify the fact that the boy is back! Oh!..."

(In the next line he brought me into the mix) ...

"Ask ya reverend bout me I'm the young God. Aim the shotgun at ya frame and bust boy. Brain

and guts leak in the drain and such pour Plain yuk at a f--- boy. F--- Boy! (That's from a popular rapper your children are listening to everyday. Oh yea, there are things others are doing to us, but we are doing a whole lot to ourselves.)

Or here is one from an even more popular rapper: (the rapper) "I'll take you to the candy shop. I'll let you lick the lollipop. Go 'head girl, don't you stop. Keep going 'til you hit the spot (woah)... (his girl) I'll take you to the candy shop. Boy one taste of what I got. I'll have you spending all you got. Keep going 'til you hit the spot (woah)."

You can hear the self hatred in the music our children are listening to. The message of many of these rappers is self-hate and the degradation of our people. You are getting fooled because it has a beat behind it. They talk about each other as though they were still on the auction block. Women and men are no more than a piece of meat. Your children are listening to this. The rapper who degrades women is no different from the racist who disrespects our people.

What makes the rapper's attitude any different from the racist if the rapper sings about women and treats them as though were nothing more than a piece of meat? There's a lot of self-hatred among black people that we aren't even addressing. We are letting it live with us without it even bothering us. Some stuff we are just laughing and shaking to the beat and getting our groove on, but we are missing it.

Listen to this one. We all love it, but we loved the video more:

"Read my lips carefully if you like what you see. Move, groove, prove you can hang with me. By the looks I got you shook up and scared of me. Hook up your seatbelt, it's time for takeoff. I don't think you ready for this jelly. I don't think you ready for this jelly. I don't think you ready for this, Cause my body too bootylicious for ya babe."

Our girls are listening. These are little girls who idolize these performers and will grow up believing that being "bootylicious" is the key to success. These are the girls who are members of a race who has more teenage pregnancies than any other race. These are the little girls who are going to run into the little boys who look up to these rappers who walk around with their drawers showing. Are we really expecting them to be the parents, the voters, and the spiritual leaders of the future? We are talking about the mothers and fathers of future generations of black children who are already fighting the battles of self-hatred that have been passed down for 300 years! I don't know about you, but that is scary! We have a lot to think about and talk about, but most of all we have a lot to do!

When you don't respect yourself, your women, and your people, it is easy to understand why we have so many moral and ethical issues in our race. When you understand our self-hatred and our willingness and readiness to dog each other out, it's easy to understand why picking up a gun and killing another black man is easier to do than picking up Jesus and loving another black man! Why are our women so suspicious and uncomplimentary of another good looking black woman? Why do we get so angry and upset because someone looks better than you or has more going on than you do? Do we hate ourselves so much that we can't compliment someone else who may be "a bag chips and all of that"? Why is our first response to put down and degrade those who may have what we don't have? Why is "hating" on other folk, sometimes, our first reaction?

It's because we have been taught to kill. We have been programmed to hate. If you don't understand that, all I can say is "you've got some catching up to do". You been taught to think less, not more, of yourself. Your experience in America, which is the experience of every ancestor that has come before you, is one that is filled with hatred. It's in your blood. And what we have to do as black people is not find more ways and more reasons to hate, but we must find more reasons to love! Hatred will kill us all! It will surely kill those you hate, but it will also condemn and kill you. Hatred is a murderer! It kills everything in sight!

What we need is not more hatred. We've got to find reasons to love each other. It is only the message of the gospel that will set us free. It's only love that will overcome hate. The only cure for hate is love. You

All you have to do is just listen to the music that your children are listening to. And some of you are listening to it, too. And if you listen you can hear the hate.

can't use hate to get rid of hate. The only thing that removes hatred is love.

Our problems, as a race, have everything to do with love. We have to find ways to start loving who we are. We will stop killing each other as soon as we start to love who we are. When you hate black, and you've been taught to hate black, you will kill black! If you've heard the negatives your whole life when did you start believing them? If you have been told you and your kind were not equal to the rest, did you start owning that? If they told you that you were lazy and did not want to work, did you accept it or did you provide your ancestral resume?

They told you that your kind could not be trusted. Did you embrace the idea? America has never sought, in earnest, to add value to the black experience in this country. The history of Black folk in this country has been one of overcoming obstacles and overcoming stumbling blocks. Blacks have always had to overcome the odds that were stacked against us. Walls and dividers were put up to keep us out. Laws were put in place to lock us out. There has never been an open door for black folk. We've always had to knock down the door! We have always had to fight the negatives to overcome the adversary!

But I'm here to tell you and there is no doubt in my mind that things will change for us and things will change for America when we all pick up a Savior. Let me recommend one. I recommend Jesus. Only Jesus will turn this around. Only his love is the kind of love that will conquer hate. Love is and always will be the answer. We have to get rid of the hate and take up some love. Our kids need love and they need it from the cradle to the grave! They need it in their house and they need it in the church house. They need love at school and love at the pool. Wherever you find children you ought to find some love there.

Love will vanish the violence. No one can make it without love. Without love all you have is hate. Without love there can be no redemption! Without love there can be no salvation! Without love there can be no forgiveness! Without love there can be no healing! Without love there can be no hope! Without love there would be no you and there would be no me!

Without love there would be no Calvary! Without love there would be no cross! Without love there would be no resurrection! I'm so glad love saved me! So glad love rescued me! So glad love showed me the way to eternal life! It wasn't hate, it wasn't hate, but it was love that saved me!

We Now Know ... It's Theft

By Sherron Lewis

In the August issue of *Body of Christ News* we cited the Congressional Oversight Panel's October 2010 revelation of the 360 billion dollars (\$360,000,000,000) in wealth stolen from the Black and Hispanic communities, under the guise of what everyone thought were legitimate foreclosures.

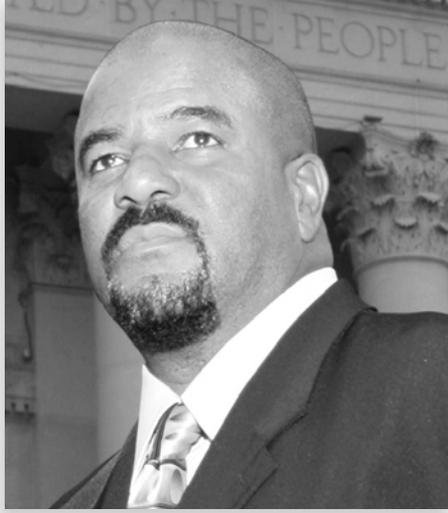
MORE IMPORTANTLY, we also pointed out that the lenders were using copies of promissory notes to foreclose because they had already been paid off on the original notes; reason being, the original notes had been sold to other investors and just like a payroll check, the original note can only be redeemed by the lender one time!

Finally, the Federal Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit (right here in Denver) says, no more....the theft stops now!

Three courageous judges, the Honorable John C. Porfilio (Senior Judge), Honorable Paul J. Kelly Jr. and Honorable Scott M. Matheson Jr., all weighed in. After the smoked cleared, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, LLP and more specifically, Susan J. Kendrick, an attorney with the firm, were all given a clear and concise mandate.... "creditor could not initiate public trustee foreclosure without producing original promissory note".

What this means for starters is this: If Susan J. Kendrick and the law firm of Aronowitz & Mecklenburg, LLP do another foreclosure without producing the original promissory note, they are violating a court order and are subject to sanctions! The Federal Court of Appeals is the second highest court in the country, second only to the United States Supreme Court, and its orders are to be adhered to.....period! This is significant because Aronowitz accounts for more than a third of the most recent foreclosure filings listed in the public record and it is highly unlikely that the lender will be able to produce the original promissory note on any of them.

The case of Mark Stanley Miller and Jamileh Miller v. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Appellee, docketed under 11-CV-1232, order issued February 12, 2012, in the Court of Appeals, is not only a mandate for Aronowitz, it's a mandate for every judge in the State of Colorado presiding over a foreclosure case or



Sherron Lewis

an eviction case resulting from a foreclosure. Request a free copy of the Miller case at sherron2k@att.net or (303)995-3892.

The underlying issue is not necessarily the promissory note itself, but the jurisdiction (the power or authority) of a court to proceed and rule on a foreclosure case depending on whether or not the original promissory note is produced by the law firm representing the lender. If the lender can show the original promissory note to you and to the court, then the court has authority to proceed with the case. If the lender cannot show the original promissory note, the case must be dismissed. If the lender never had the original promissory note when it foreclosed, the foreclosure was illegal and you should be entitled to get your home back. It is as simple as that!!

The federal court judges in the Miller case have not only made it crystal clear but they have given Colorado homeowners the most effective tool available to defend their foreclosures. However, homeowners must fight back.....with or without an attorney (most likely without an attorney). Attorneys are under an institutional mandate NOT to zealously defend homeowners facing foreclosure, because of the possible consequent result of the lender losing its right to foreclose.....forever! This is precisely why homeowners facing foreclosure cannot obtain legal representation that will honestly and zealously fight for the homeowner. Homeowners must not be afraid of the courts and must appear, armed with the Miller order, at all hearings related to their foreclosure.

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How God Saved Me From the Pit of Hell

By Aveechayil

First, I give honor to God Who is the head of my life. I thank God for all things. At a very young age I had been raised in the church, but when I came of age I went into the world of sin and was already having sex when I was 12 years old because I was looking for someone to love me. My mother and father took in my four cousins and the youngest was just six months old.

I felt that my cousins were taking my mother and dad's love from me and my brothers and sisters and that now my mom and dad did not have time for me. So I took to the streets of Gary, Indiana and any boy or man that told me I was pretty I would have sex with them.

At the age of 15, I hung out with older people who taught me how to make and sell a drug like cocaine called "yellow tack." I would sneak out of the bedroom window after my parents were asleep and go to the skating rink.

One particular time I went, I was dancing with a boy and a girl from a gang came up and beat me with a pool stick injuring my right eye. The doctor told my parents that I would never see out of that eye, but God saved my eyesight so that I can see to read His Word.

After the beat down, I joined a gang for protection. Soon my parents found out and shipped me off to the Job Corp. I was sent to Joliet, Illinois but was still in a gang and was kicked out

It really got bad when my youngest brother died in a drive-by shooting. He was only 16 years old.

for fighting only three months after I was there.

I then met a young man from Chicago who had also been in gangs. I got sent back to the Job Corp and did good for about six months but then got kicked out for smoking marijuana. I then said to myself, "This is not the way God intends for me to live!" So I started going back to church and gave my life back to Jesus.

I could not find a job so I went back to selling drugs. Then I started using them. I thought God had forgotten about me. I never was a thief until I started using drugs. When I would run out of drugs, I would steal from my mother and from anyone and anything that I could. This didn't seem to be enough, so I started selling my body for drugs.

It really got bad when my youngest brother died in a drive-by shooting. He was only 16 years old. I felt that I had no meaning; no purpose in life. I had a lack of peace and guilt from my sins. I started carrying my bible with me everywhere I went. I had had enough! I knew if I stayed in the streets of Gary, I was headed for the grave.

I got so depressed that I wanted to kill myself. But God had good plans for me. Before He would let me kill myself, he sent me an angel who got me off the streets and took me away on a semi-truck. After I had been with him in that semi for a month, I began to gain weight and get better.

I have been to every state in the United States and Canada. I gave my life back to Christ and went back to school and got my GED, CNA and an associates degree in Criminal Justice.

My second husband took me to JT where I learned how to pray, how to worship, how to praise God and gave me pastors and elders and an big family of saints that don't judge me, just encourage me to stay in the Lord. God gave me my husband. No more fornicating. No more living in sin. He just loves me for who I am.

Blackmon elected VP of Region 8 Blacks in Government

Blacks In Government Region 8 is the smallest region in (BIG) with less than a 7% population of blacks i.e. African Americans that make up the Region 8 (Mountain & Plains serving Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming).

It can be said that when "Region 8 show up they show out." This is prevalent as you see the accomplishments of this region in this year BIG National Training Conference (NTC).

Mr. Gary Blackmon a former Board



of Directors Chairman for BIG was elected as the 3rd VP of the National Organization. This is BIG due to the size of the region and the number of members.

Couple that with the success of Mr. Noah Jones and Ms. Avion Locke you can see why it is said "Region 8 show up they show out."

Congratulations Mr. Vice President Blackmon lead on with GOD's Blessing. ✚

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A Case for Christianity: 'What About the Bible' - Part 2

“... that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.”

- Luke 1:4

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

Although Christianity is founded based on faith, it must be logical and real with a “provable,” quality to it. And as any courtroom observer knows, proof requires evidence. Genuine faith believes because of powerful evidence, not inadequate evidence. That evidence exists. We can prove the veracity of the Bible, meaning its honesty, truth, and reliability, through the testimonies of physical evidence, eyewitnesses, and prophecy.

The Testimony of Physical Evidence - The first question in the mind of a sceptic is not whether the Bible is theologically inspired, but whether the Bible is historically reliable. Can we really trust the Bible? Is Scripture sufficiently trustworthy to stake our lives upon it? We begin with the testimony of the . . .

Old Testament - We do not have the original documents, called autographs, of the Old Testament, as for instance we do the Declaration of Independence. The original writings were recorded on papyrus (an early version of paper), vellum (typically some form of animal skin), clay, and lastly paper. Over the centuries, either natural decay or intentional destruction has resulted in us having only fragments and copies of copies of copies. How then can we know that we have the real deal?

First, the scribes, these copyists, were so dedicated to their task that they meticulously tried to assure that all copies were exact duplicates of the originals. The scribes were highly skilled men who apprenticed under expert transcribers of the text.

Second, recent discovery has validated the copies. The Dead Sea Scrolls are remarkably like the Hebrew

bible from which our modern translations occur. This twentieth century find proves that those who copied the Hebrew Bible through all the years back to the second century before Christ did an extremely careful job. It establishes that our Hebrew Bible in nearly its present form was used by the Jews 200 years before Christ. There were some minor misspellings and variant words, but there was no substantial difference between the ancient scrolls and the words you and I have in our Bibles today.

The early Church Fathers believed that any seeming contradictions that appear in the Bible are due to lack of knowledge of the times and customs of the people or to minor errors of copying. But the original autographs themselves are what we call inerrant, or without error.

New Testament - When it comes to the New Testament, the physical evidence for the acceptance of the Bible is overwhelming. There are 24,000 copies of the New Testament 5,300 in Greek dating to within twenty-five years or so of the actual writings, 10,000 in Latin, and 9,300 in other languages. Lay them side by side and you'll find less than 1 variation in a 1,000 words. The variations are from a scribe copying a word wrong or inverting a letter. The number of manuscripts in support of the reliability of the New Testament text (and their chronological proximity to the original writings) is far beyond anything else known in human literature. Therefore, you and I can be assured that what we are holding is God's Word.

The sheer magnitude of Old and New Testament Scripture original documents, serves to authenticate the Bible to be more than just a book. The testimony of physical evidence is that the Bible is the very Word of God.

The Testimony of Eyewitnesses - In any court of law, as well as in all things spiritual, 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses' (2 Corinthians 13:1). The most compelling evidences of the veracity of the Bible, the most significant fulfilment of prophecy is the resurrection. The resurrection is the thread that runs throughout Scripture. All Christianity hinges on the Resurrection. Can we find three witnesses to testify to the resurrection and therefore, the authenticity of the Bible (Luke 1:1-4, 2 Peter 1:16, 1 Jon 1:1)?

The apostle Paul gives the most convincing evi-



Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

dence for believing in the resurrection of Christ declaring that after being resurrected; He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. (1 Corinthians 15:3-8)

The fact of Jesus resurrection is attested to by not one, two, or even three witnesses, but by more than 500. Their testimonies may not exactly agree. However, the variances in their testimonies are not necessarily contradictions in the history. On the contrary, these minor discrepancies provide powerful evidence that the accounts are true.

The gospel writers had a testimony of witness, the apostles had a testimony, people down through the ages have had a testimony, if you have been converted you have a testimony-not an eyewitness testimony, but you have the testimony of a changed life.

The Testimony of Prophecy - The apostle Paul declares to the believers at Corinth that what he has delivered, was what he received, and was based on Scripture (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). In his testimony, he declares that Jesus life, death, and resurrection were according to the Scriptures.

No book in history has dared to predict the future to the degree the Bible has, without being proven wrong. No other historical work makes the predictions that the Bible does. Someone has calculated that the Bible contains 1,817 individual predictions, concerning 737 separate subjects, found in 8,352 verses, that's 27% of the 31,124 verses found in the Bible!

Statisticians say that if you or I were to list 100 things predicting what a person was going to be like, it would take two hundred billion earths, as full of people as ours, to come up with a person who fully fulfilled those prophesies. Old Testament Scripture records not just 100 prophesies about Jesus, it records 300 that were fulfilled in His first coming alone. By man's standards, 100 prophesies are impossible—much less three times that amount.

Every prophecy was published at least 500 years before Christ was born. . . (Micah 5:2, Isaiah 40:3, Zechariah 9:9, Psalm 41:9, Zechariah 11:12, Psalm

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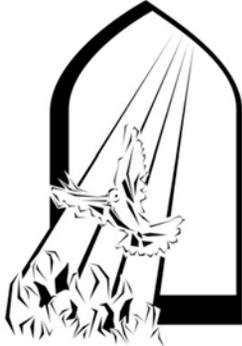
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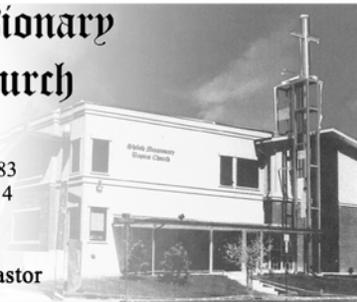
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Small Businesses are Nation's 'Bloodline'

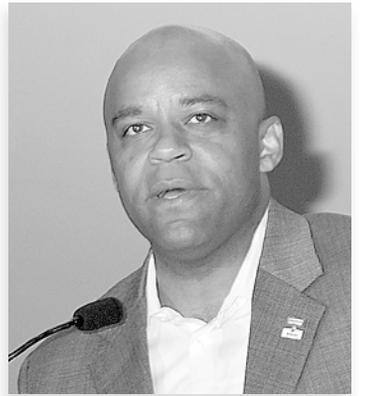
On July 22, The Rocky Mountain Minority Supplier Development Council (RMMSDC) hosted their Growth Through Partnership event.

The Council drives growth of Minority Business Enterprises through business relationships with corporations, government and others. The Council provides their Minority Business Enterprises (MBE's) the certifications needed to land business with fortune 500, 1000, corporations, government, and academic organizations, through out the US.

RMMSDC's mission: To drive the growth of Minority Business Enterprises through business relationships with corporations, government, and academic entities.

Mayor Michael Hancock (Denver) deliver the keynote address with emphases on how small businesses drive the economy and the City of Denver and how the Denver office of Economic Development (OED) has grant monies available to see this mission to fruition.

Small business are the bloodline to this nation and getting people back to work and saving the USA for another resection. ✚



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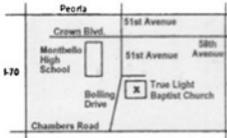
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22:16-17, Isaiah 53:12, Psalm 16:10). The most compelling evidence of the veracity of the Bible, the most significant fulfillment of prophecy is the resurrection. The resurrection is the thread that runs throughout Scripture. All Christianity hinges on the Resurrection. The apostles pointed to the empty tomb and fulfilled prophecy as the major evidences confirming Christ's claims. Without the resurrection, the scarlet thread of redemption from Genesis to Revelation makes no sense.

The apostle Paul said it this way in 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19), ". . . if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. . . And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable."

Scientist Henry Morris put it this way, "The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth." The testimony of prophecy informs us that the Bible is the historical record of the Word of God.

A preacher by the name of Vance Havner once cleverly and humorously remarked, "Many people say the Bible is a myth, but they're myth-taken, myth-guided, and myth-erable."

Luke wrote to his friend Theophilus that he might know the truth, the

certainty of what he had been told, and that he might have a firm foundation on which to believe. When we understand: (1) there are thousands of fragments that when pieced together validate the Old Testament—we have a firm foundation, (2) there are thousands of original documents of the New Testament—we have a firm foundation, (3) the level and complexity of prophecy that has been fulfilled—we have a firm foundation

This evidence demands a verdict! No other can be found, or determined, other than the Word of God, the Bible is true, and Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Yes, there's proof in the fact that we have physical evidence, yes, there's proof in that we have the testimony of eyewitnesses, and yes, there's proof in that Old Testament prophecy and predictions have all been fulfilled. But the greatest proof is in my personal testimony, and your personal testimony, that because of Jesus we have been changed.

The Bible is more than a book. It's salvation to the sinner, sanctification to the saint, it is sufficient to the suffering, and satisfying to the scholar. Its teachings are so deep the scholar can swim in it for a lifetime without ever touching bottom, yet so simple; a child can approach it for a drink, without fear of drowning!

I love its depth, but the greatest truth, the greatest proof, I've ever learned is this: Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so! ✝

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of violence. The GMDMA believes that no one entity will be able to solve the issues of violence because the reasons for violence are many. The role education plays, especially our school system, in eradicating violence is critical.

We also know that poor economics and violence are wedded to each other. People who are challenged financially and aren't able to acquire basic necessities often turn to violence as a response to being without. That is why it is

incumbent upon the business community to play a critical role in addressing crime in the metro area. It may have one of the biggest responsibilities of all.

Politicians must play a crucial role in helping to stem the violence in our community. We must encourage our elected officials to make laws that protect all people from violence of any kind. That is why we are inviting all people from every area of community to join us at this event. We all have a responsibility to do our part in helping each other to prevent violence in our city!

It will take all of us developing strate-

gies to strengthen our community. Our hope for you and our invitation to you is that you join us on October 6, 2012 for this community-wide safety summit. Let us all come together and deal with the epidemic of violence in our midst. We welcome all to join us! ✚

SUMMIT DETAILS

- » Manual High School, 8 a.m.-noon, Oct. 6;
- » Who: You, Local, State, & National Officials
- » Agenda: "Building Partnerships to Prevent Violence"
- » Breakfast & Lunch Provided



Bethsaida Temple Wins Zion Temple Golf Tourney

Zion Temple hosted their first Golf Tournament on August 15th 2012 at Park Hill Golf Course in Denver. The Tournament was a great success, and the fun and fellowship was tremendous.

Zion Temple did an outstanding job putting together their very first Tournament. Pastor Robert Martin and Lady Kim Martin, who are avid golfers, are to be commended along with their staff at Zion Temple.

The Lord blessed Bishop Earl Holiman of Bethsaida Temple Christian Center, and his dream team composed of: himself, Chaplin Mike Spivey, Minister Bill Keliholokai and Bro. Leslie Richardson to prevail!!! The Bethsaida Temple dream team shot an outstanding round, coming in with a winning score of 63 (8 under) to win the first Zion Temple Golf Tournament. To top it off, Bishop Earl Holiman celebrated his 82nd birthday. ✚

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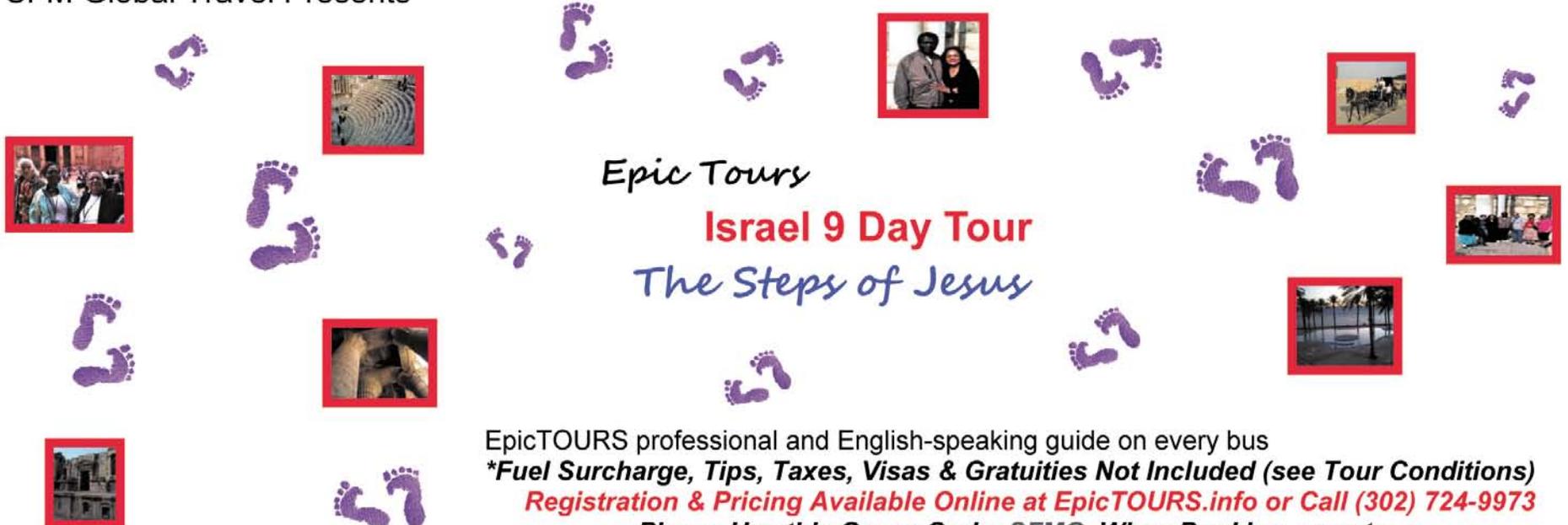
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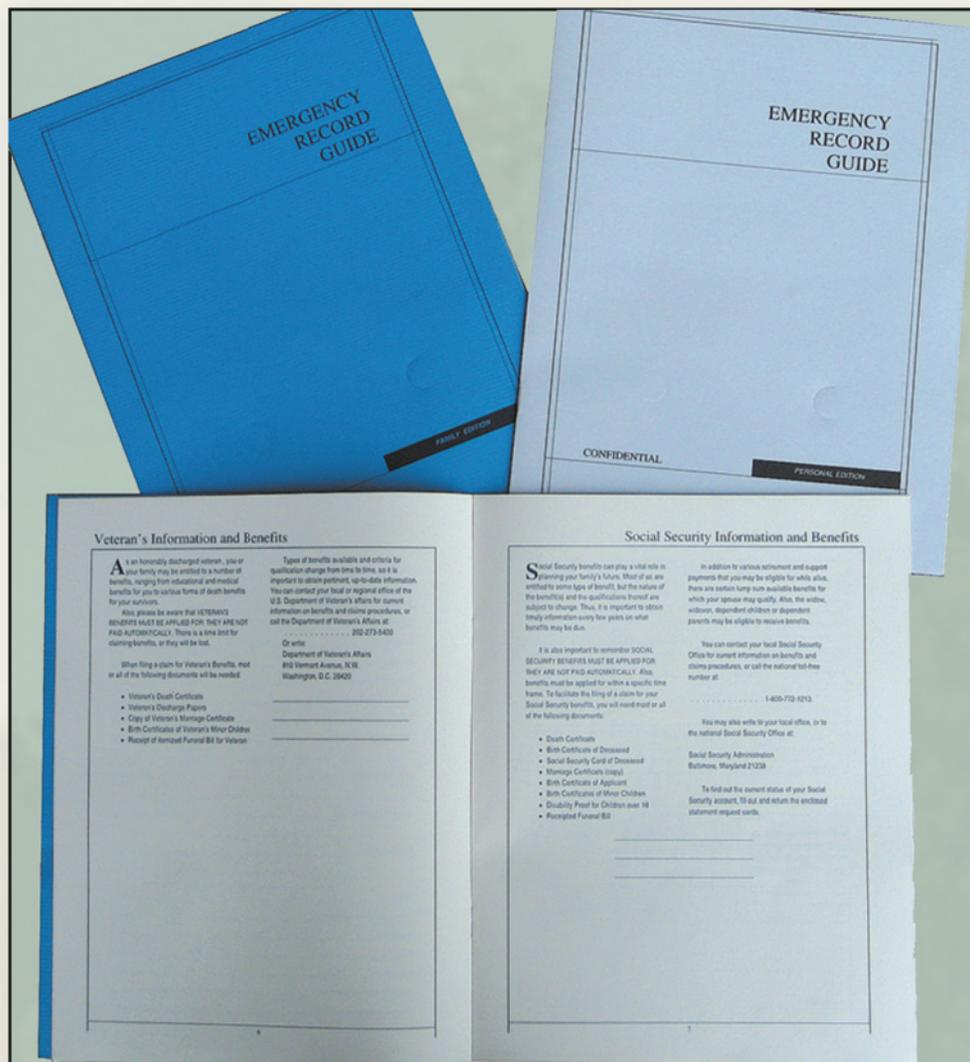
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