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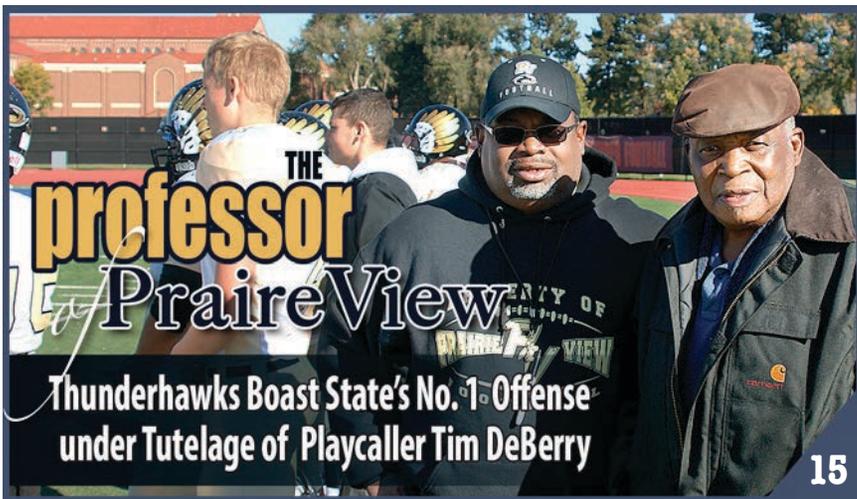
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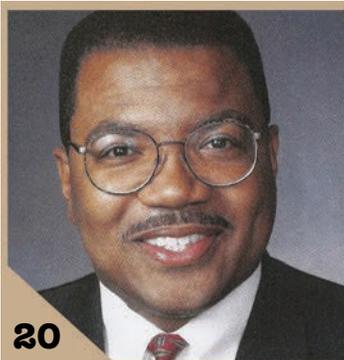
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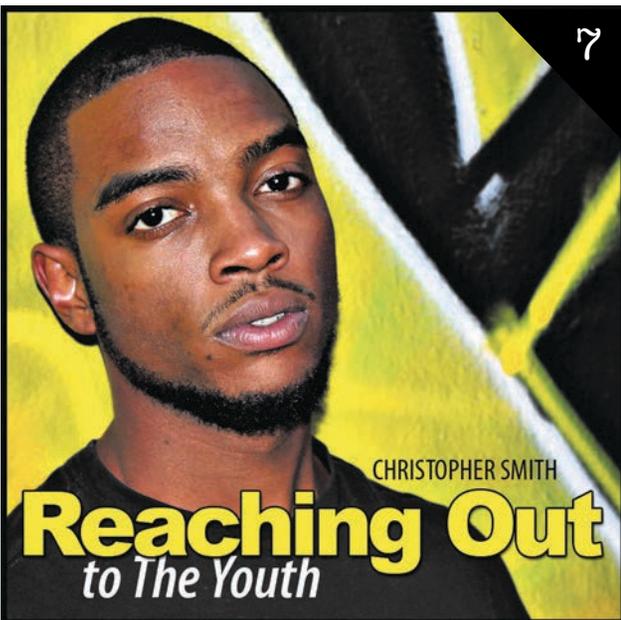
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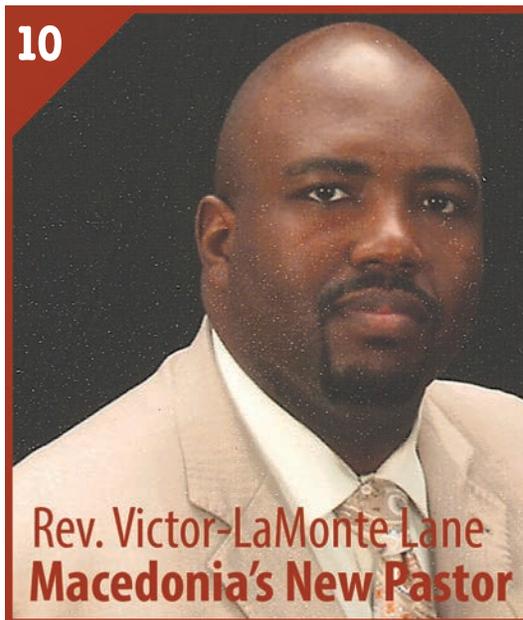
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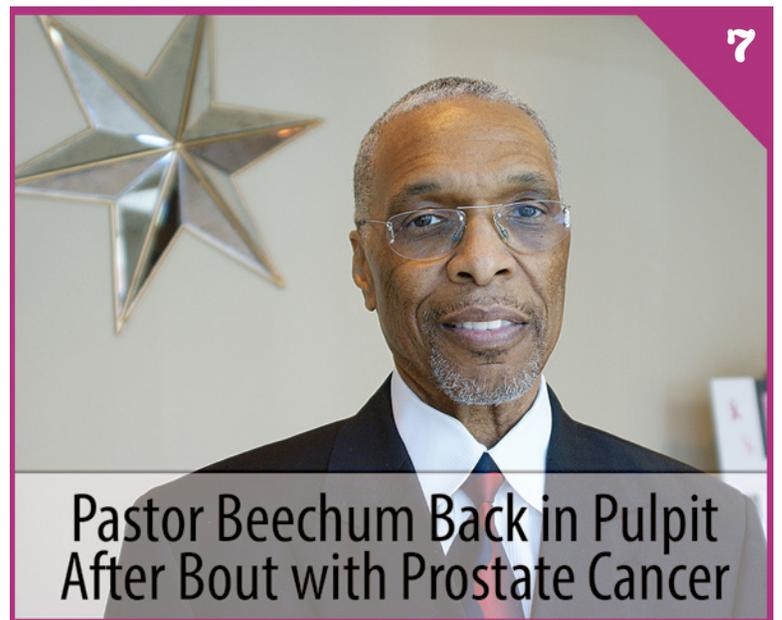
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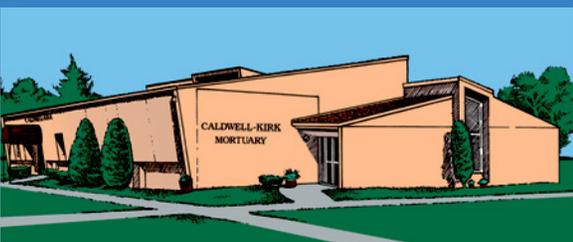
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The question for the people of God is what is your profession? Profession relates to line of work, occupation,

vocation, business, etc... The truth is that there are some within the body of Christ who use their profession very well. As members of the body of Christ all of us should use the professions which God has blessed us with to edify, build up, encourage, promote and advance the Kingdom of God. If you are within the body and your profession is to create dissension, be rebellious, show hostility; demonstrate malice or hatred for the people of God: you should be encouraged to practice your profession elsewhere. These types of actions demonstrate that you are doing the work of another Master and his name is not Jesus. I would hope that we all understand that Jesus Christ is the head of the church.

Psalms 100 tells us the main reason why we should come together as a body of believers. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Malachi 3:10 says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it." At some point we have to stop what we are doing and revisit our charge. We have to remove ourselves from midst of the forest and review our routines and reflect on what we should be about and who we should be about? "Matthew 18:19-20 Says, "Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The key is, is it in the name of Jesus Christ? God has given us a formula to take care of the church if we are compliant to his word. He did not say that we had to have 5000 members or 50 members; he did not say that since you or on a fixed income that you would be exempt from the tithing process, where is your faith? We limit God when we question or alter his word. Just because we can't see or understand how he will provide for us or the church, we simply have to take him at his word. If this is what he called you to do, then you have to trust him. This includes the Pastor and all those who are called by his name. And yet, the blessings God has in store may not apply to you or the churches in the same manner. Our first responsibility is to be obedient to God's word. We must trust him because he knows what we stand in need of.

On many occasions, I have spoken with my family and others about the word of God being likened unto a twoedged sword which cuts both ways or going and coming. I would say to them that when you would go into the House of Prayer that you should go expecting to get cut. The problem with many Christians today is they don't want to be cut but to be coddled. They want to hear about all the good things that Christ did for the people. There were also other measures Jesus took when necessary. If you go to church prayed up and have the right attitude, you should glean from the word and should have your heart pierced. If you go and don't feel any cuts or scratches within, it means that, one, you did not prepare to hear

the word, two, the preacher did not deliver because they were not sent, or there were other distractions. Maybe some of you should accept Jesus as your Saviour before you can absorb the truth or feel the power of it. Many people after hearing the word will leave church feeling that they need to call 911 and others hearing the same word will come away feeling as though they have been renewed and refreshed by the word.



Wil Wilson

In so many instances, some churches have excused themselves from focusing on the word of God. They have allowed so many other diversions to set in that church has basically become a business that has nothing to do with what God's word promotes. If then the church is primarily focused on business, the question is whose business, and who benefits? Are we doing the work of the church or is it church work? In Matthew 21:12-13 It says, "And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

When it comes to truth, many of us hate truth as much as roaches hate Raid. Our young people are dying from the lack of truth. And the truth is, we have already lost several generations and I see no way to retrieve them.

Many of our young men and women knowingly or not, are setting up our little children for another form of slavery. They are having many babies with the intention of making money off them by getting welfare, food stamps and other forms of assistance. God gave parents the responsibility of taking care of their offspring not the other way around; God also knows that there are many people who certainly deserve help from these types of programs.

The children grow up being exposed to drugs, alcoholism, profanity, unclean living spaces, no prepared meals etc... They see the mother giving birth to multiple children with multiple fathers. They see manipulations and schemes being devised. They witness the father and mother fighting over money issues and the like. The parents take no thought about how to prepare these children for life because their lives seem to be so messed up. What they don't consider is that they are preparing them for some unknown future. They have no Godly principles or foresight about the ramifications of the acts which they are involved in. When we fail to follow God's truth we place our babies, (yes I said our babies) in a position of potential slavery. This time it's not picking or chopping cotton or doing other field work for free labor. Without taking the time to love and train our children in God's word, they will consequently enter into our prison systems where money is made by others because of them being placed there. It's a known fact that a good percentage of our young men in particular: will ultimately enter into the jail or prison system. We as a people have to take much of the responsibility for many of the obstacles that we face. We have ignored Gods truth and buried our heads in the sand. I once heard someone say that, "When we bury our heads beneath the sands, it leaves our backsides exposed to the world." That's a dangerous position to be in.

We have become a society of me and what is my gain? I'm not concerned about anyone else. By looking through the natural eye it seems that we have about as much chance of turning this society around as a Carnival Cruise ship being turned around in the lake at City Park. This is why Excel has to be consistent in working with our younger children, striving to implant within them now: the values and principles of God. He's the only one who can fix this problem. And yet we still have to do our part believing that we will be successful. God has never told us to stop doing the right thing.

"Infinite striving to be the best is man's duty; it is its own reward. Everything else is in God's hands."

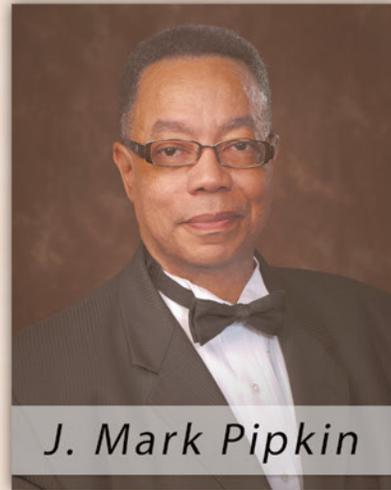
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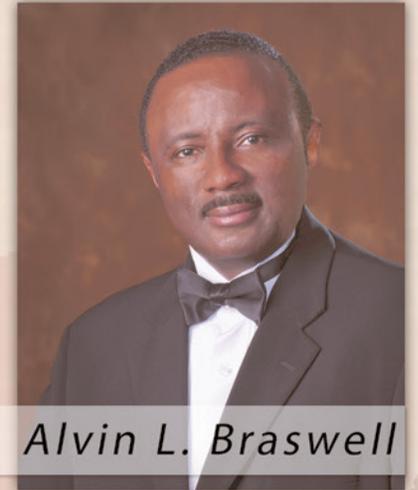


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Fragile, Handle With Care

By Kendra Cotton

I am still amazed in how quickly life can change. In a moment you can go from the poster child of health to the person who is overcome by fear and concern. In my short tenure as a Family Service counselor, I too hit a bump in the road when it came to my health. May I preface this with the statement that sickness has no age requirements. Left unchecked, it can lead to serious and damaging results.

This came about for me on Father's Day of this year. My sleep was interrupted when I rolled over and felt a sharp shooting pain coursing through my chest. After performing a self examination I felt the foreboding intruder in my left breast. In the middle of the night, many of you can attest that the wheels get turning and how quickly you can turn a minor situation into a major catastrophe. My mind as you would image went there, in the dark you ask God, "What did I do to deserve this?", how is it that I help others to plan for their funeral, and now at 41, I must plan for myself, and all the things that are still on my bucket list undone.

As you may have concluded I did little to no sleeping that night and after getting myself ready for another day, I placed the doctor's office number

on speed dial. In the back of my mind I was hopeful that it was all a bad dream, but the throbbing in my chest said otherwise. Like a pit bull to a bone, I pounced on the phone and requested that I be seen the same day, and in true fashion of the managed care department, I was informed the soonest I could be seen was in two weeks. I thought for sure I was going to be dead by then, so then the only good that was to come out this was I wouldn't have to make the co-pay.

After sharing my concern with some of the other women in the office I was informed that the pain was a good thing and that it more than likely it meant that I had a cyst. I was grateful that it meant that I would live and not die, at least not on that day. Then my concern was what if they needed to perform surgery? What then? Needless to say two weeks, can feel like an eternity. I was hoping that it would dissolve on its own, but when the doctor did the exam, my little friend was still there.

Upon going for the mammography exam, when they squish it down to the size of a pancake, it was

still there. I have had the exam performed before, but this was the first time that I wanted to smack the fire out of the radiologist and not even ask for forgiveness. When the ultrasound examiner came, it was still there, and when three others had to weigh in on the image, it was still there again. I have often wondered if some get in the business just to look at bodies all day. I should have asked for a paper sac for my head to go with my opened gown. After all the examination and cross examination I was placed on the "watch list" and instructed to come back in six months.

Kendra Cotton



The good news is, my little friend is gone, and when I return in December I intend to reclaim my title as the poster child of good health. The experience did help me to put things into perspective and to start re-evaluating what is important in life. To love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, to do unto others as you would have done unto you, and to have your house in order, life is still short... even if you live a hundred years. ✚

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Did You Know?

By Terri Richardson

Did you know that Montbello/Green Valley Ranch (MB/GVR) neighborhoods currently have the highest rate of Neisseria gonorrhoeae and second highest rate of Chlamydia trachomatis within Colorado among youth ages 13-24? Data from the Colorado Department of Public Health environment shows that Colorado has a rate of gonorrhea among 15-29 year olds that is twice the national rate. Based on available information, it is also noted that the most disproportionately affected populations are Latinos and African Americans. To put this issue in perspective 1 in 10 youth in MB/GVR will contract a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

For some this is an uncomfortable subject—something they wish could be swept under the carpet. Some may ask why teens are even having sex! Some may blame it on the scantily dressed women on television or on videos or a lack of religious discipline.

Regardless of the cause or whether one agrees with youth having sex, untreated sexually transmitted disease can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease infertility, increase the risk of life threatening ectopic pregnancy (pregnancy outside of the uterus), epididymitis, a painful condition of the testicles, and increase the risk of getting or transmitting HIV. Our youth should not be shunned or ridiculed but need support and guidance to avoid these complications.

These disparities in sexually trans-



Terri Richardson

mitted infections have been a trend for many years in the MB/GVR neighborhoods. Several members of the Colorado Black Health Collaborative (CBHC) decided that tackling this issue requires the collective effort of the community. Rather than complaining behind closed doors, bad mouthing the youth, or "throwing stones" at the neighborhoods, CBHC has decided to take an active, leadership role in helping to resolve this issue.

We strongly believe that achieving health equity is a family affair and recognize that these neighborhoods have valuable assets that can be tapped to help close the gaps. These are our youth and the "family" needs to work together to insure they have a healthful life. We are passionate about work-

ing together to improve the health of the community. Therefore, CBHC in partnership with the community, will embark on a campaign to educate and develop a model that will help get more youth treated. The "Boots on the Ground Campaign" will be unleashed on November 10, 2013, starting at 1:30 p.m. CBHC will be loading up with volunteers who will put on their boots, roll up their sleeves and go to work--marching through the neighborhoods to raise awareness about the high rates of STI's.

CBHC also hopes to recruit more volunteers and seek solutions from neighborhood residents. As we enter this season of thanksgiving, CBHC encourages churches, schools, government officials, and community organizations to join this campaign.

Help stop the spread, get our youth

checked and treated! Just for the Health of it!

For more information about the Boots on the Ground Campaign contact us at 720-579-2126 or email Coloradobhc@yahoo.com. The first session will be November 10, 2013 at 1:30 pm. 2 other sessions will occur on future dates in November.

The Colorado Black Health Collaborative (CBHC) is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to achieving health equity in Colorado's Black community. As a grassroots, community-based organization, CBHC collaborates with a host of partners including other community-based organizations, non-profit organizations, public and private providers, government agencies, and community members to achieve our health equity mission. ✚

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Can The Church Help?

"And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth."

— **John 4: 36 & 37**

"And John answered and said Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not, for he that is not against us is for us."

— **Luke 9 49 & 50**

By Byron E. Conner, M.D.

Last month we focused our attention on what is considered to be the most dangerous cities in America. This article hopefully brought attention to the challenges to the health and well being of those who live in cities such as Cleveland, Baltimore, Oakland and Detroit. Those cities are not the only ones facing daunting challenges. There are problems noted of violent crime, poverty and distressing health issues in many of our cities nationwide. These troubling concerns serve to illustrate the fact that we live in a sinful, dangerous world, but we need to remember that we all are sinners. We can't afford to look down our nose at anyone, as we are all sinners saved by grace. The question we need to ask ourselves is should we, and can we do things to help our cities? We can be sure that local, state and federal governments and even law enforcement are not able to solve our problems. Our medical system is not able to cure all of our health issues.

Churches have been and can continue to be agents of social change. That is, if they choose to play such a role. We need to get tired of hearing about another senseless, violent act. We need to get tired of hearing about crumbling cities, and abandoned buildings, and emergency rooms packed with people suffering and dying from preventable diseases. So what should we do?

Let me do some role playing. I would like to assume the role of a physician who is also pastor living in one of the cities I have cited. I do not pretend to have all the answers, but I do have some ideas about some things we can and should do to help our cities. First of all, I have to accept the premise that I am unable to do change things alone. I need to get my congregation to buy in to the notion of helping our community. We need to accept the fact that we do not come to church just to hear the praise team sing and the pastor preach. We need to proceed to help our community--why, because we can!

Let me mention that the single most critical thing churches can do to help their communities is collaboration. I cannot emphasize the word collaboration enough. Look at the texts at the beginning of this article. Jesus said one sows and another reaps, because they are working together. We do not castigate the person who is casting out demons even though they are not a member of our group. Like the saying goes: "the enemy of my enemy is my friend". The devil is our common



Dr. Conner

enemy.

As pastor, I would first make sure my own house is in order with all of the ministries needed such as bible ministry, youth ministry, substance abuse ministry, married couples ministry, single's ministry and of course an array of health ministries and other ministries as needed. After that, the real challenge begins, and that is working in the community and with other churches. I can tell you that I am a Seventh-day Adventist. However, I have had no reservations about working with other churches and houses of faith. I have worked with multiple Christian congregations and even Islamic and Jewish congregations. It is a wonderful privilege to do this, and it has always been an enjoyable endeavor. I intend to do this as long as I can stand and do ministry.

Just imagine how refreshing it would be if we heard in the news about many of the churches in the cities coming together and saying we are going to do all we can to help our community. They could stand as a united front. It would galvanize the city and give people some hope. If I was in that position, I would call, Email, and talk face-to-face with everyone I could to facilitate such a collaboration. This will be the single most effective way to change the city. Such a group can plan strategy and set priorities and really make a difference.

When it comes to health ministry, let me just say that there is much information that lay people can present. You do not have to be a person with medical training to help your church and community. A pastor can have blood pressure screening in his or her church every Sunday. They can remind people to visit their physician, and try to help those be referred who do not have insurance. Organizations such as the American Diabetes Association, the Alzheimer's Association, and the American Heart Association, among others, have programs and information that can be presented by lay people. Such information is needed in our communities. A group of churches is also likely to have health care workers to also help guide the health outreach.

May God bless us as we work together to help our cities. ✚

LOCAL EVENTS

Thanksgiving Worship

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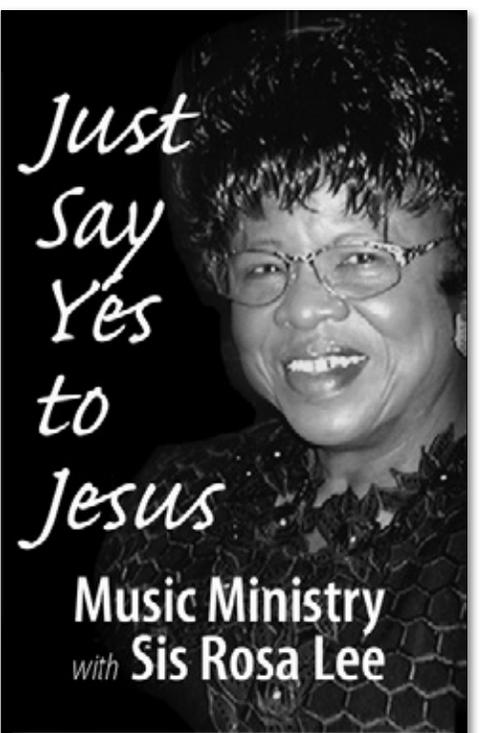
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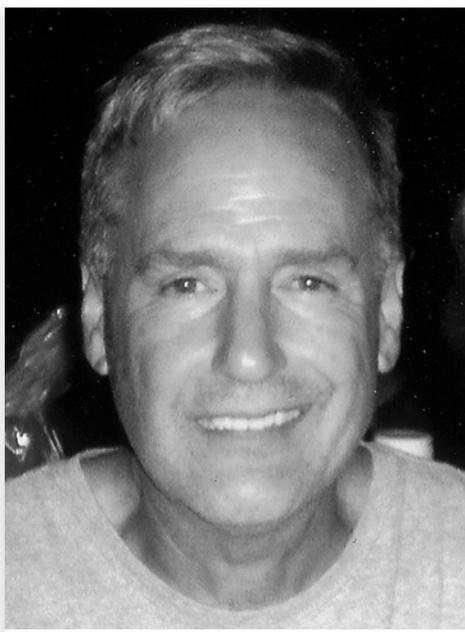
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A Calling to Reach the Lost

By Michael Forti



Michael Forti

I can remember approximately 23 years ago; just weeks after I gave my life to Jesus Christ, I joined the church band and started to play my flashy electric guitar. Leaving the smoke filled bars and a life of drugs and alcohol, not understanding anything about true praise and worship, I was trying to put on a show while playing during the Sunday morning worship service. I am sure that some in leadership were thinking, "We've got to lay hands on this guy before he gets back up to play." As time went on, I began to understand more about worship as I continued to find myself at the altar of grace with tears running down my face.

At the time, the church had a few female directors that would lead the Sunday worship services. After approximately ten months, I fell in love with one of the worship leaders and we were married a short time after that.

Even though I was new in the Lord and a total mess, the Lord immediately launched us out into ministry as we were getting invited to minister at Christian concerts, weddings, youth groups, church services, camp meetings, seminars and conferences. We were also in the process of cutting a demo CD of original songs in hopes of presenting it to a main line studio.

At that time the Lord started to bring everything into perspective. It seemed for a while that we were experiencing the thrill of victory as the doors continued to open for ministry. However, everything took a turn as we started to experience the agony of defeat as God began to close every door of ministry that He had once opened. At that moment, we thought that we were being benched.

The Lord started to open the doors for my wife and me to go into the prisons to sing worship, to preach and to reach the lost. Talk about being out of your comfort zone. We

went from ministering in the churches using thousands of dollars of equipment to include synthesizers, drum machines and a full blown P.A. system with quality microphones, to using only an acoustic guitar with no sound system.

When we first started to go into the prisons, they would not let us take in our own guitar. We had to use the guitar that was provided by the prison. Sometimes it had 6 strings and sometimes we played with one broken string. I remember the time, just after the Lord got us going into the prisons; we went up to the Canyon City Correctional Facility for a concert. We were allowed to bring in one acoustic guitar. I was told that we should expect a large number of inmates to attend the service. When we got there, I asked the person in charge where the P.A. system was. He looked at me with a funny look on his face and pointed to the closet. He then opened the closet door and there was an old broom, a mop and

a bucket. Buried in the corner was an old dusty guitar amplifier, a rolled up cord and one old microphone. We started to piece together the equipment that my wife Chris could sing through while they let the inmates into the gym. After we got it to work, we opened in prayer and then started to sing "Lord I Lift Your Name on High." The place started to explode as the hungry inmates were singing like they never sang before. It was obvious that we were going through boot camp as the Lord was working us out of the flesh, out of our comfort zones, out of our own will and into His will.

As of now, my wife Chris and I have been going into the prisons for over 19 years, with one acoustic guitar and no P.A. system. We still use the old torn song sheets that we were able to get into the facility a long time ago. Even though we have fellowship in a small house with a few faithful believers, we have had an open door for the past 19 years to minister to a countless numbers of inmates in the name of Jesus Christ. As we look back, we realize that it's not about performance; it's about running the race to win and doing the Lord's will.

We can see now, as we continue to get our own lives lined up with God's Word, that He has called us

to defend the truth, to go outside of the four walls of the church to reach the lost, just the way Jesus Christ did, and to go forth in the Spirit and power of Elijah to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and to make ready a people prepared for the Lord's coming. We were called to go into the prisons just the way the apostle Paul and John were called. This is where they were when the Lord gave them His Word for the New Testament church. This is where God could get their heads straight so that they could receive the truth of His Revelation.

In closing, here is a strong word of encouragement for those who are going out to reach the lost. "Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you stood your ground in a great contest in the face of suffering. Sometimes you were publically exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated. You sympathized with those in PRISON and you joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourself had better and lasting possessions. So, do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when

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 Morning Worship10:45 am
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Reaching Out to The Youth

By Brianna Wilkins

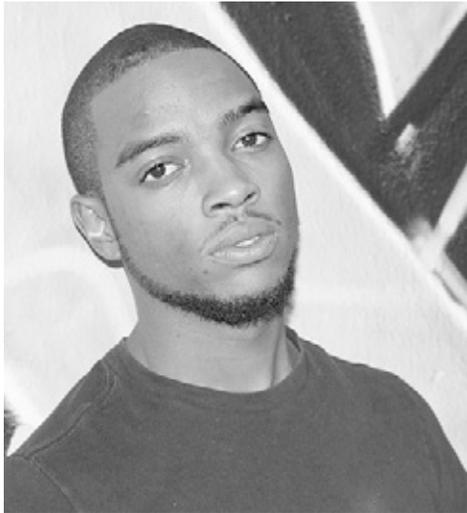
At the age of 23, Christopher Smith has achieved what most would see as a success; graduating from college and getting a decent job. However coming from a single parent household, life was never easy for the Denver, Colo. native.

Growing up as a young black male in an urban environment can be tough, especially with the lack of guidance from a male figure. "I grew up living with my mother. I had a complicated relationship with my father; he was definitely in my life, but loosely," said Smith.

Despite the hardships that life handed him, Smith graduated from George Washington High School in May of 2008, and then attended the Community College of Denver that same fall. "I did two years at CCD just to get my feet wet in the college world, and then transferred to Colorado State University in 2011."

After completing college in December of 2012, and receiving a Communications degree with an Ethnic Studies minor, Smith now works as the outreach intern for a local nonprofit organization called Colorado Youth at Risk. "Our main mission is to get our students to graduate from high school, lower the dropout rate, and get teens to make choices that will positively impact their future."

Smith notes that he previously interned with Colorado Youth at Risk while he attended CCD, and decided to work with them again because of what all they do to better the youth; in fact, he was once a mentee himself. "Another reason why I got involved is because I am a product of this program; I was



Christopher Smith

involved from 9th through 12th grade. It was great having someone outside of family be there at both of my graduations, and to teach me about life from a different perspective."

You too can become involved with this organization. Colorado Youth at Risk is continuously looking for people ages 21 and up to become mentors to students in need. "We're looking for vibrant, enthusiastic people who are willing to sacrifice a bit of their time to help the youth. One of the main things we need is for people to be consistent."

Many of these students come from environments where they might not be fortunate enough to have a consistent role model in their life to guide them towards a positive path. Smith's story proves that participation in Colorado Youth at Risk can lead to successful outcome, and there can be many other stories like his with your help. ✚



Brianna Wilkins

For more information on how to get involved with Colorado Youth at Risk call 303 - 623 - 9140, or visit their website at www.COYAR.org.

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Beechum: Pay Attention to Your Body

He never had a major operation in his life until he turned 68. On September 16th, 2013, Apostle Ralph E. Beechum was scheduled for an emergency colon atrophy operation at the Aurora Medical Center. For the last two years he had noticed a radical change in his body. It wasn't until he was 67 that he finally filed for social security and got his health plan going. He scheduled his colon atrophy, just a regular procedure. During the procedure, the doctors went down into his stomach to examine him and found a tumor. After performing a biopsy on the tumor, it was diagnosed as cancerous. The surgeon immediately scheduled an emergency surgery.

Apostle Beechum's symptoms included weight loss, a diminishing energy level, and though he had an appetite he was not gaining any weight or energy. His strength level and endurance was low. There were little pains and hard knots in his side. He knew something was there but with no medical knowledge, he did not know what it was. During the biopsy they found it was a cancerous growth, the surgeons detected he was very anemic and had to give him blood before the operation. During the procedure the surgeons removed a third of his colon, his enlarged appendix, the cancerous growth, and 25 lymph nodes.

"Because of the cancer" the doctors told him, "your body's [strength] has gone down and it will take a while to build up the stamina that you need to push through an 8 hour day. Just as your body went down over this two year period, you will need to allow your body to heal and allow your stamina to come back in a natural progression." His diet no longer includes a lot of meat but craves much more fruit; especially watermelon.

To the Black men Apostle Beechum says this, "The prostate is very

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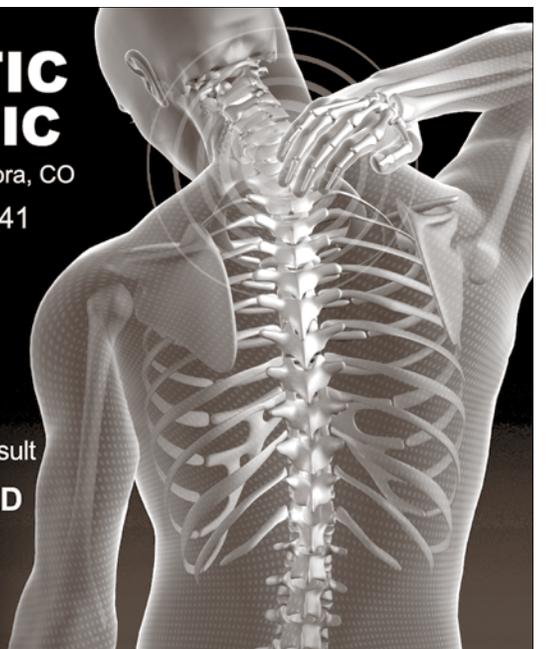
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— 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

By Peggy Mitchell Norwood, Ph.D.



Peggy Norwood

The holidays are upon us! This is a season of gathering around the table with family and loved ones and enjoying time together. But perhaps in your family, the simple request of, "Pass the potatoes," turns into a food fight! Depending on your perspective and past experiences, family togetherness can be seen as a blessing or a curse. I once heard a preacher say that BIBLE stands for Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth; in it we can find guidance for every circumstance and challenge we may face in life. What if we took Paul's teaching to the Corinthian church about love and applied it to our own family interactions? Here are a few strategies

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drawn from 1 Corinthians 13 to help you and your family experience a jolly time this holiday season:

Cultivate Patience

Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate difficulties without becoming easily angry or upset. Remember that your family members are who they are and you can't change them. It is pointless to expect them to be other than who they have always been. Be patient during stressful exchanges and remain calm. Take the other person's perspective and imagine how you would feel in their place. Offer them the same concern and care you would like to receive if the tables were

turned.

Be Kind and Gracious

Remain polite, respectful, and considerate during your time with your family. I know you are asking, "Even when they...?" My answer is, "Yes!" A courteous and pleasant response is the best option when Aunt Mabel asks you for the third year in a row, "Haven't you met ANYONE yet, dear?" and insists you are being too picky. Despite your family's rude comments or inconsiderate behavior, don't keep score and don't be rude or proud in return; instead, "kill 'em with kindness." My dad once told me, "Kindness doesn't cost you a thing, but it could win you the world."

Remain Hopeful

You don't want to walk into the same hornet's nest year after year, but you can be hopeful that maybe this year will be different. Some people define insanity as doing the same thing over and over yet expecting different results. It would be insane to expect your family's holiday gathering to be any different if everyone approached

it the same way every year. But what if YOU did something different this year? Changing your expectations can have a powerful impact on the way you interact with your family members and the way they respond in return. You can be hopeful that changing your behavior and attitude will have a positive impact on your family interactions.

Persevere

Despite your best efforts, the holiday may still be a disaster. But there's always next year. Don't give up. The bible says that perseverance develops character. Spend time improving yourself in the coming year. Take an honest look at yourself and identify some areas that you can work on. Become a better listener. Let go of grudges. Learn to communicate in a loving and honest manner and rejoice with the truth. Make a commitment to be less judgmental and more accepting of others. Pick one little thing at a time to work on and stick with it. Persevere and maybe next year will be even better. May your holiday season be filled with joy and peace! ✚

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If Not Now, Then When?

By Rev. C.C. Duncan

This question is often presented in aspiring visions and goals of born-again believers or a bright-eyed ambitious clergyperson that is sidetracked by the entanglement of church life.

There is a vast difference in the Kingdom life and the church life. Mind you, the term 'church' referred to here is not the one of the bible, it is the one we have developed and formatted to suit our needs and purposes. According to the scriptures we are the church, this is the momentum of the shifting in the atmosphere taking place in the body of Christ. There are many dreams, visions and gifts that were set on the back-burner while life swiftly moved past us on the time continuum.

Many readers will quickly recognize her name as Psalmist, Sister or

Ms. Largressa Munnerlyn, a world renowned voice of Gospel and Gospel Jazz. There is a tremendous history behind this woman of God (see bio on page 7 of GC Magazine) that finds her in the presence of many who we deem famous or stars of the entertainment and Christian entertainment industries. She has had the opportunity to work with names like, T.D. Jakes, Myles Munroe, Dr. Marilyn Hickey, Dr. Betty Price, Dr. Ernestine Cleveland-Reems, Bishop Iona Locke, Prophet Andrew Wutawanashe of World Vision Church, Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa and many others.

For close to thirty years Largressa Munnerlyn uses her God given gift of singing with power to penetrate circles in and outside of the Kingdom lifestyle. Largressa's gift has escorted her to glorious places in her life thus far. The call to preach or the call

to sing, that is the question today? The question was bellowed for the final time in such a solemn tone, as Evangelist Largressa describes it reverberating in her mind, with her saying, "who me?", "why now?", or "I am good doing this (singing), were some of the responses she made to God's preaching call on her life. If we are honest many of us have experienced the hesitancy in accepting our call or shifting our focus as God gives the utterance.

The temptation to judge a book by its history or 'cover' upon first glance of a profile picture is present and initiated in many instances. The reader then goes forth to read this article believing their preconceptions to be developed from the initial thoughts after viewing the profile picture. The preconception, no matter what it is, is arrogance at its finest. The thought that anyone can know the answer of whether to sing or preach as it relates to Largressa Munnerlyn, or anyone including oneself until we seek the Lord is sheer nonsense spiritually. Quickly it is resolved in ones mind that she is the psalmist; therefore she is to sing with everything she has unto the Lord. As an individual with more than one gift God has blessed me to execute; the accurate guide is spiritually discerned as to when specific gifts may be used in one's

lifetime.

The title of the article postures where our attention will rest thinking of a shift in the atmosphere. "If not now then when? There has been a spiritual upheaval over the past year in the area of the body of Christ. The upheaval is a removal of old hardened ground upon the heart, the hard outer crust is tossed to the side (losses) and replacing it with the greater revelation (new dimensional faith) and therefore power in a spiritual walk.

As I spoke with the, oh so eloquently elegant woman of God; Evangelist Largressa Munnerlyn, over bacon, grits and sweet rolls with coffee on the side ("ah, I digress"), I am enthralled in the sincere grace that saturated the atmosphere. My first question reveals the heart of the woman of God, the psalmist and now the Evangelist that is, "Who is Largressa?" She responds, "I am, an anointed single mother, grandmother of six who loves God, loves to give to others, and accepts the challenge of doing things the right way."

The description reflected more of her heart while sitting in her daily environment. The heart of the servant is clearly revealed, but as it is with many of us, the postponement of destiny happens when we sit on our gifts.

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you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For in just a very little while, He who is coming will come and will not delay" (Heb 10:32-39 NIV).

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19 NIV).

Did the Lord bench our ministry, or, did He give us a promotion? Have you found your calling yet? Continue to seek the Lord. He has a plan for you! Until next time, Jesus is coming very soon. Are you going to be ready? ✚

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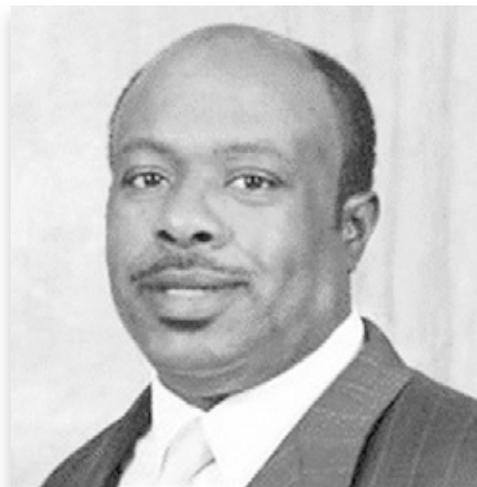
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Is Your Family Mediocre?

By Dr. Daniel Haupt



Daniel Haupt

This is a question I have often asked myself because God has been calling me and my family to live our lives north of average. Having a family that is average may be safe for some and less demanding, but is it what God wants for me and my phenomenal clan?

These are questions that I have meditated on for years that have lead us as a family to be intentional about not being a wondering generality but destiny specific as a family. Our family's lives and sense of destiny is an epic cornerstone to our purpose and what drives each and every one of us in ways that we don't even imagine. In Genesis 18:18-19 God said, "Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

If your family is going to fly and live in a place positionally north of average (our land of promise) we need to understand that leading our families is like the flight of an airplane. Before your plane (family) takes off, the pilots (parents or the heads) must have a flight plan (destiny vision). A vision that is authorized by the Kingdom's air

traffic controllers (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit).

During the course of the flight (destiny) the wind (spiritual forces), rain (ebb and flow of increase and scarcity), turbulence (trials and test), air traffic (uncontrolled circumstances), human error (people), and other factors will act (war) upon the plane (family) taking the plane off course 80% of the time. This is a life phenomenon that is unavoidable and can be an intentional or unintentional reality that moves our families in different directions, off of the prescribed flight plan (destiny vision).

Don't let your hope be differed or make your family's soul sick (Proverb 13:12) because even the best of families, during their pursuit of being phenomenal (living north of average) experience deviations from the flight plan (destiny vision) because of weather systems (culture) and unusual heavy air traffic (economic and social constraints) that bottleneck the flow of destiny and cause major deviations.

Keep your hope alive because God is in control in the tower of your life

and He sees the high places and valleys before you experience them and He has plans and provision for the evil hour. (Ephesian 6:11) During these times the tower (God) and His instruments (prophetic gifts and voice) will give you constant feedback in your devotional life, and He will use the instruments of direction (wise counselors and pastors) He surrounds your family with for protection and direction. Ten of the most dynamics ways of keeping our families on course to live north of average begins with establishing Jesus' Lordship (the boss).

This invites God's leadership in your family and promotes emotional and spiritual safety for every member in the family on the principle of God's Kingdom domain and access based on relationship with God. Destiny vision answers the question, "what is your family's inspired view and destiny for today and tomorrow?" which gives everyone a template to interpret personal vision and values that preserve the family's end in mind. Priorities enable the family to manage time, talent and treasure to preserve the family vision and relationships, because the family resources must be employed in

ways that get the whole family's needs met to reach their destiny vision (end in mind) without being bankrupt of its assets.

Your family church is a prophetic greenhouse that is an atmosphere synchronized by God to meet the needs of your whole family. It functions as the equipper for your marriage, children and life with truth and models that function as a spiritual reference group that you do not just attend but assemble with in life and destiny (Heb. 10:25). The education of your family is powerful and essential to the activation of destiny because it unconditionally controls your family's choice, habits and behavior. We must educate our families with a shared knowledge unique to our destiny as a family and specific to each member's calling.

If you would like to learn more family action steps and have a bigger conversation with me about the other five dynamics of the phenomenal family and how we the Haupt family implement these dynamics, email me at info@voiceofdestiny.org and tune in to our daily broadcast the Voice of Destiny Show on www.voiceofdestinyonline.com. ✚

Dr. Daniel Haupt is a social entrepreneur and minister of the gospel of Jesus Kingdom culture; leading Voice of Destiny Ministry and Youthpreneur Institute to mobilize a generation to be, do, and have what God has destined for them in life and ministry.

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Annual Back 2 School Prayer

By Cenece Dixon

On August 24th, Cenece Dixon's Ministries host their 4th Annual Back to School Prayer. In the tragedy death of Travon Martin that was killed February 26, 2012 we dedicated the annual Back to School Prayer in memory of him. The Back to School Night took place at Life Changers Ministries where leaders, church members, parents and children came together by worshiping, dancing and praying.

The message that leaders bought to the students were to return to school with strength, love, peace and joy. The leaders' emphases to the students don't fear because God is your protector. The closing of the ceremony Parents and children came to the alter to dedicated their lives to God. We the leaders of the body Christ are working together to cover our children on a daily basis and to open our doors of the church to the schools in Denver CO. We charge you the community, parents, churches and leaders to cover our children daily. If we don't, Who will?

I would like to thank my cover-

ing Bishop Ray Whittington and first lady Rita Whittington for supporting me in this event. Special thanks to Psychologist Sharon Topazz McBride offering her service to the families. To



Cenece Dixon

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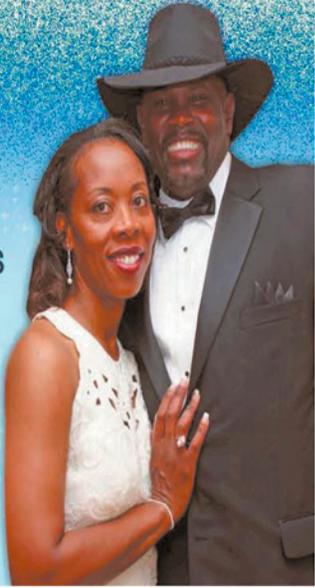
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The resistance imposed by Evangelist Largressa Munnerlyn extended over many years and finally one night God captures her spirit attention that ran to the depths of her soul. A jolt of volume supports the statement she hears in her spirit, "DO IT NOW!" Gracious, is the presentation and interaction received in this interview, the spirit of a teacher was present. The best teacher is experience and she knows and she stands wisely in what she shares with as many as will listen.

partially with receiving two licenses in her lifetime, but the significance and popular gift was singing in the entertainment driven culture of churches today. The grand scheme of things remain in the hands of God and ones destiny is never fulfilled until all that God has ordained you to do is accomplished.

A sense of humor is not slack in this woman of God, and equally complimented by her candor and wisdom in the word of God. There was a true call to preach heard and answered

That description grasps at the heart of the servant of God. Many of our readers may be thinking when did you hear the call and what did He call and bless you to do? Read the interview synopsis in its entirety with Evangelist Largressa Munnerlyn in Gospelcentro Magazine. (www.gospelcentromagazine.com) ✝



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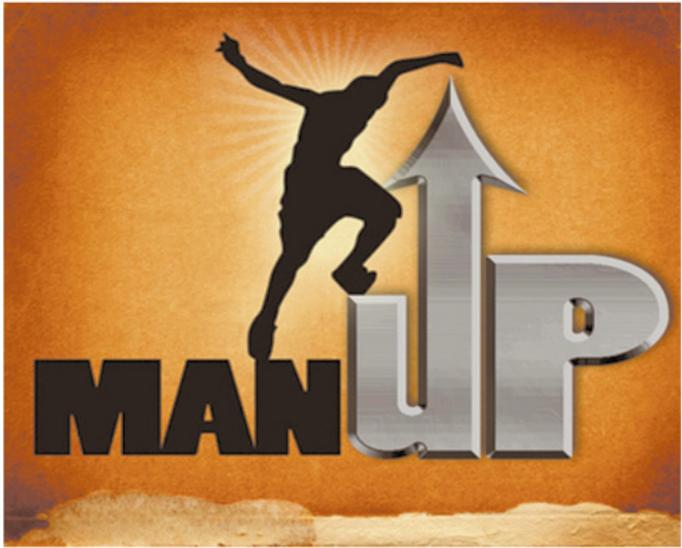


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Judgment is Coming

By Christine Coleman

Since this summer, the Lord Jesus Christ started visiting us, 12 prayer warriors who gather every night to powerfully pray in our church. Every night He shares His heart with us and He has been warning us of upcoming judgment that will take place soon not only in Colorado but to the whole world.

In September, the Lord told us "Colorado floods are just the beginning of My judgments". After we shared that, there are some people who came to us and said that the God of love does not judge, that He is not the God of the Old Testament but of the New Testament.

When we talked to the Lord about this He said "... Read the New Testament. My father judged me on the cross. He is not a God who is afraid to judge. Throughout all of history, He has judged. I may have paid the price, but those who refuse to accept it and refuse to know me and refuse to continually know me, they are not spared from the judgment because they are not covered by my blood. They are like the people who did not pay the price and the collector is coming.

Ask them, "What father does not discipline his children? What man would not wash away the old and broken, ruined land? Why would he not get rid of the ruined land, burn it, destroy the grossly deformed crops, burn them to dust, and start anew? What farmer would not do that?"

Tell them I am a God who stays the same. Read the Old Testament. Didn't they predict of my coming? I came to fulfill the law, paying the price does not mean I wash away



Christine Coleman

the old law. My commandment stays the same: do not lie, do not steal, do not kill... they all stay the same. Ask them if my holy day still stays holy. Why would my judgment be any different than it was before? Why would my heart change?"

Asked whether judgment was only upon Colorado, the Lord said that it was not only in Colorado but that the beginning of His judgment was already being felt around the world. He said "Look around the world. Look at the stars, look at the sun. It is all polluted. The sun is sick. The stars are sick. Even the sky and even the air, they are all polluted. Look at the air in China. Look at the war and destruction in Syria.

Look at the oceans, the creatures all around. They are all dying. Look at the humans. They are killing each other. They are killing their young. Their skin is covered by marks and wholes. Their hearts are not whole. Judgment does not come to one place alone; it comes to the world as a whole."

The Lord also told us that "What's happening in Syria will come to America." He keeps reminding us of the time we are living in. The sins of the world have reached up to the sky like in the days of Noah, like in the days of Lot! Judgment is coming! We absolutely have no time left. Those of you who are sitting, doing nothing but waiting for the next moment to be raptured, it is not what the Lord wants you to do. He wants you to reach out to the lost souls with both hands. So don't meet people and leave without introducing them to Jesus. The Lord said:

"I will not rescue you my children Until the very last moment I want you to reach as many souls as you can

I am going to shake the people I am going to break their legs till they fall to their knees

When they fall on their knees, you will be the one I will use; you will be my voice calling out from the wilderness. You will be a voice yelling from the mountain tops." ✝

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Tim DeBerry has Thunderhawks flying high

Offensive Coordinator Tim DeBerry has the Prairie View Thunderhawks racking up yards as the football squad enters the 5A high school playoffs as the state's top-scoring team behind its bruising, top-ranked rushing attack.

"We run the rock, and we're pretty good at it," DeBerry said on the eve of the team's first-round date with Grandview.

Two Thunderhawks players are among the state's Top 10 rushers for the regular season: Cole Barone, at No. 5, with 1,295 yards on 132 carries; and RJ Ramirez at No. 8 with 1,145 yards on 102 carries. That amounts to more yards on fewer carries than the state's top rusher, DeBerry points out.

With 15 years of coaching offense under his belt, DeBerry reveals the secret: working hard, teaching through reps, and keeping things simple. Its a recipe that's working: the Thunderhawks are averaging 445 yards and 45.3 points a game this season.

The style of offense they run is one also used by college teams. This technique is called the "Deleware Wing T". It's a type of offense where the small athletes don't have to be as heavy as their bigger opponents.

It is the angle in which the athlete hits his opponent that allows this offensive strategy to work for teams that aren't that big.

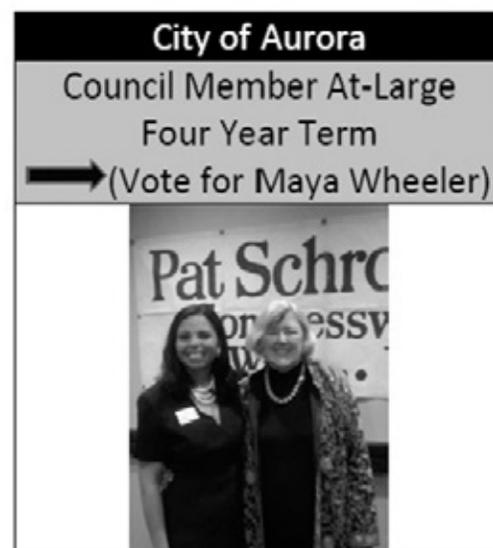
"We don't block straight ahead. We block angles so we knock guys down from the side when they're used to getting hit in the front, and that's a big key to it" says the coach.

Is a college coaching job in DeBerry's future? Perhaps he'll consider it one day, DeBerry said. For now he's focused on the Thunderhawks and the state playoffs. ✝

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After God's Own Heart

Six months, 550 hours, 11 new bank accounts, and a concert later twenty one young people stood before God, their parents, and the community and entered a covenant of purity, success, and obedience. The inaugural "After Gods Own Heart" youth mentoring program has engaged, challenged, and inspired these young people to seize the day and live like Ambassadors of Christ!

In grand fashion on October 6th the participants experienced a combination commencement/wedding ceremony. Each graduate was presented with a framed certificate acknowledging their completion, followed by a ceremony where they individually stood with their parents/guardians and took vows to stay pure until marriage. The vows officiated by Pastor Mike Spivey and the (Silver) rings to symbolize this covenant were provided by Bannered Host Ministries. Upon completion of the vows each graduate signed an 11 x 14 framed Commitment which displayed the vows they had just formally recited.

Words simply cannot capture the excitement, sincerity, and the tone of this exchange. These students in one moment were serious about God, family, purity and success. Parents simply stood with honor and tears of joy as they faced their child.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Ryan Ross where he challenged the graduates from the book of Ephesians, chapter 6 to put on the Full Armor of God. He boldly encouraged to them that this is only the first step and that there's much more to do and accomplish. Using metaphors of the fabled Donkey story and personal experiences he emphasized to the children that there is no need to settle on being mediocre or good because they are destined for greatness.

"We are so very proud of each and every child that participated in the program and their faithfulness and willingness to join a generation not afraid to take a stand for Jesus with an open display of commitment to purity. In our last session on 9-21-13 the students were told specifically and directly about what would be expected of them during the ceremony and were asked to stand if they were willing to move forward in taking the commitment. As if it had been rehearsed, simultaneously the room was on one accord and with one sound all the chairs scooted back and the children unanimously stood up."

Mike and Debra Spivey have responded to the call of God to reach our youth by adding to their spiritual upbringing in areas of finance, spiritual warfare, college preparedness, nutrition, self-defense and of course purity!

"These past 6 months have been so very rewarding! We saw our young people open up and discuss issues they face daily! Their issues are real! The enemy really wants to hurt our children, they are the future and Satan is trying to cut them off at the root! We have instilled in the graduates that because of who they are in Christ they are like an eagle in a chicken coop. The chickens make up a lot of noise and clique together and have all the friends but they cannot fly! Our prayer is that we can continue to impact multiple generations!



Students between the ages of 11 and 16 participated in Bannered Host Ministries "After Gods Own Heart" Youth Mentoring Program

Parents have already expressed desire for their children to return for the next phase. We plan to stay in touch with all that come through the program and our first group has without a doubt told us they want to come back!

Going forward we will be evaluating where we need to improve, cut back, change etc... We ran out of time to get everything thing in that we had planned, a nice problem to have... We have received requests to bring parts of the program to churches for single seminars, both locally and out of state. We will continue to be led of the Lord on how HE wants us to enhance or expand the program."

If you have a child between the ages of 11-16 that you would like to have participate the program you may download an application from our website at www.banneredhost.org.

"We were very blessed to have a group of volunteers that helped us execute this program with excellence!; Robert Parsons (CPA Coach), Beverly Coleman & Jamel Russell (Bethsaida Temple), Shaun & Carol Daniels (Zion Temple), Georgia Burselson (Compass Christian Fellowship), Dr. Ryan Ross (Shorter AME) and Lisa Smith (Boots on the Ground Ministries).

Other speakers/presenters from throughout the community were



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a blessing to us as well; Cory Peterson,(Young Americans Bank), Richard Dean (Hua Quan Dao Dojo of North America), Heaven Roberts (Strings from Heaven), Ann Yannacone (Compass Christian Fellowship, Cards for Hospitalized Kids), Ruvencia Boyd (Rue Jewels), and Audrea Jenkins (Next Level Fitness LLC).

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We look forward to what God is going to do next! Our volunteers have agreed to continue with us and all our guest speakers have all offered to return. We have an expectation and faith in the Lord that the program will continue to grow and each round exceeds the previous!" ✝

Family Caregivers Month

By Maya Wheeler

Are you caring for a loved one? According to Rosalyn Carter from the National Family Caregivers Association, "There are only four kinds of people in the world – those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers and those who will need caregivers".

Balancing your role as a caregiver and your own personal needs can be hard. You may be thinking what can you do to help balance your caregiving responsibilities?

The first step is to ask yourself a couple of questions:

Are you taking advantage of all available resources?

Are you trying to do it all alone, rather than asking for help?

One such resource is the Family Caregiver Act which was fully implemented in November 2010 in Colorado. The act allows individuals who are enrolled in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) for the Developmentally Disabled, or HCBS for Supported Living Services, or HCBS for Children's Extensive Support waivers to receive services in a place of their choice and by a person of their choice. Specifically, an individual or guardian may choose among the following:

Services in the family home, provided by a family caregiver as an employee of a program approved service agency.

Services in the family home, provided by an unrelated staff or provider.

Services outside of the family home (i.e., individual's home, agency owned home, group home) provided by a family caregiver.

Services outside of the family home (i.e., individual's home, agency owned home, group home, host home) provided by an unrelated staff or provider.

Until 2008, the Colorado developmental disability system did not allow certain services to be delivered in the patients home or allow their family members to be paid for providing services. The benefit of the Family Caregiver program is that it increases flexibility, choice and allows the individual receiving services to remain in their home when desired.



Maya Wheeler

To find out more about eligibility requirements for the Family Caregiver Program please contact the Division for Developmental Disabilities at (303) 866-7450.

If you determine that you are trying to handle all your caregiving responsibilities on your own, there is a tool that can coordinate help from family and friends. Lotsa Helping Hands is a private, web-based caregiving coordination service that allows family, friends, neighbors and colleagues to create a community to assist caregiver's with the daily tasks that become a challenge during times of medical crisis, caregiver exhaustion or when caring for an elderly parent or a person with a disability. To learn more about this caregiver option call 1-800-445-8106.

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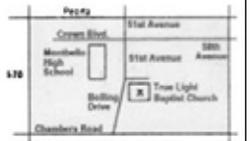
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important. God says 'My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge'. We have to pay attention to our bodies. There are so many things that are there that cause us to be the recipients of the medical platform. We have to pay attention to the things that are prevalent. Black men no longer have to suffer these things if we would just go and get checked out. Some say they get colon atrophy procedures every year, or every two years. Be sure to get into a routine so that you are more in tune to what your body is saying and doing. It can happen to anybody. I thought I was in good shape."

Much prayer and supplication needs to be offered for the leadership and pastors of our churches. They see themselves 2-dimensionally and not 3-dimensionally as people do. When we notice weight loss or fatigue we need to express that and talk to our leaders about it. A lot of times people just don't perceive what's going on around them while others that have the medical knowledge or that have gone through procedures see the different signs and can recognize them. It pays now to pay attention.

Apostle Ralph E. Beechum is back preaching again where he serves as the senior pastor of the House of Joy Miracle Deliverance Church located at 3082 Leyden St. Denver, CO 80207. Services are held Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00AM. ✝

What an Awesome Experience

They were just awesome! While many in attendance said that they had never been to a Wild West Show or knew nothing about the history of this unique form of Old West entertainment, all were simply amazed as they sat on the edge of their seats as Buffalo Bill announced a progression of awe inspiring performers. The Buffalo Soldiers of the American West displayed military drills and sharpshooting while galloping on horseback followed by Jose Torres' dancing horses, a whirlwind performance by Mikala Neal (National Barrel Racing Champion), unbelievable sharpshooting by Annie Oakley, astonishing roping by Craig Ingram, and a

breathhtaking horse race between rodeo champions.

It was our great honor to also pay a special tribute to the Black Cowboys of the Great American West during this 2013 Wild West Show of the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center. It is no coincidence that Colorado has among its prominent citizens, dozens of African American cowboys (and yes, cowgirls). Though seldom seen or acknowledged in local media, they consist of national and international rodeo champions, ranchers, descendants of homesteaders, as well as country & western entertainers. Their contribution of countless hours to inspire and encourage youth to strive for

excellence makes Colorado proud. These unsung heroes and heroines preserve and represent the finest character and personal values of the Great American West in their personal and professions lives.

If you missed it, highlights of the Wild West Show can be seen on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BAWMHC and during our 2013 Pride & Progress Gala November 30, 2013 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Tickets can be purchased at the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center or online at www.blackamericanwestmuseum.org ✚



OBITUARIES

Lt. Governor Joe Rogers, July 1964 - October 2013

Those of us who knew Lt. Governor Joe Rogers can reflect on his awesome rendition of the Dr. Martin Luther King "I Have A Dream Speech." He believed it was one of the best speeches ever written. Joe had ample opportunities to deliver that speech and it was part of his desire and passion to keep the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King alive!

Just as Joe recognized the lasting legacy of Dr. King's speech, he had put together a lasting work of his own. It is a record that expressed the desires of his heart, a record that shares how he valued life, family, and expressed his faith. He left a written testimony, not a eulogy, but an expression of his desire to see a continued legacy.

Joe authored a book entitled, "A

Letter to My Son." It was the result of my asking him to be one of the speakers for a Men's Day event. And as recorded in the book, his prayerful response to my invitation resulted in a letter to his son. Although entitled "A Letter to My Son" it is dedicated to all his children: son, daughters, and is a message that is profitable for all of us, as well. It speaks to what he valued, deemed important, and wanted to see continue.

We celebrate the home going of Lt. Governor Joe Rogers. He has been selected and unanimously elected of God to assume an eternal position. He can no longer assume the classification of Republican or Democrat, he is now known only as a child of the King.

No matter what the earthly polls may have said, no matter what the people's opinion may have been, the decree of God is that he has "fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith." God's decree is, "Well done, well done, well done, my good and faithful servant, well done." Somewhere in heaven at this decree of God echoes a word that for Joe frequently used, almost in place of Amen.

It was Absolutely. At his arrival, all throughout heaven was heard a resounding echo from all God's angels, shouting Absolutely! Absolutely! Absolutely! He loved well! Absolutely! He lived well! Absolutely! He died well! Absolutely! Joe, thank for sharing your life. ✚



Joe Rogers

Dorothy Lou Francis Johnson, April 1921 - Oct. 2013



Dorothy Johnson

Dorothy Lou Francis Johnson was born on April 17, 1921, in Canmer, Kentucky to her parents, Matilda Ann Massie Sims and John Sims. She was the ninth child born in the family. She was raised surrounded by her brothers, Robert, Charles Allen and her sisters, Lucille, Ruth, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret, Pauline, Eliza and Martha. Growing up in Canmer, Dorothy loved picking blackberries, she loved listening to music, she loved to dance and sing. She and some of her sisters were given the nickname "Dooney Sisters." They were girls who were not easily intimidated and would stand their ground if necessary. Dorothy completed her early education in Canmer, Kentucky.

On March 13, 1942, Dorothy united in holy matrimony to George Johnson, Jr. They first met in Horsecave, Kentucky. To this union, GeorgeAnne, Robert, Charles, George, Dallas and Johnny

were born. Dorothy was a mother who cared for her children, while her husband traveled as a horse groomer and trainer. She loved caring for her family and they shared many happy and precious moments together. She and George were married over forty five years, when he preceded her in death in 1988.

She was later blessed as grandmother of Ronnie, Ricky, Michelle, Johnny, Kelli, Dana, Angie, Michael, Marie, David, Stacie, Paula, Darrel and Zet. They lovingly called her "Grandma," "Granny," or AKA "Madea" and fondly remember her cooking skillet size pancakes and homemade syrup.

Mother Johnson was a fun loving woman, who enjoyed life and those she encircled. She is remembered as having a supporting role in the movie "The Black West." In her free time, she loved sharing with her family in church, min-

istering with her son Robert in outreach ministry. She loved reading the bible, she continued to love writing music & poetry and she loved to cook and eat good food.

She is preceded in death by her husband, George Johnson, Jr; three sons, Charles, George and Johnny; her parents and all her siblings.

Mother Dorothy L. Johnson departed this life to embrace the Lord on October 21, 2013, in Denver, Colorado. Those left to cherish her memory and mourn her loss include her son, Robert H. (Sarah) Johnson; two daughters, GeorgeAnne Redd and Evangelist Dallas L. (Pastor Paul) Burleson all of Denver, Colorado; 14 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins other relatives; the Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus Family and many friends. ✚

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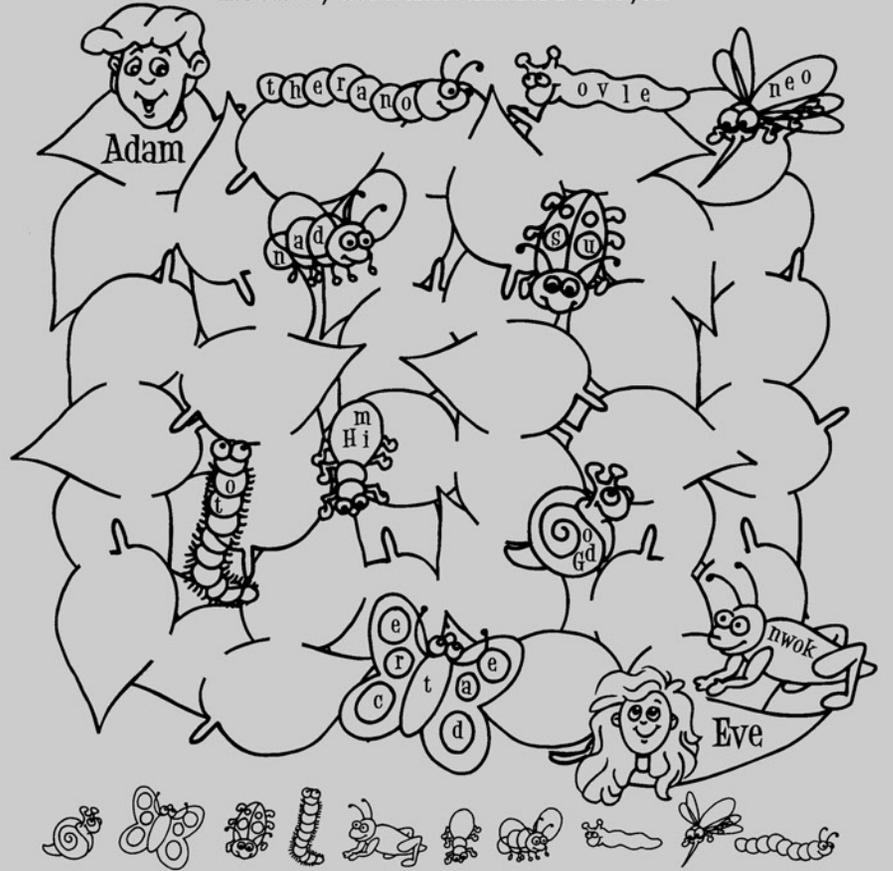
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The Challenge

Genesis 1:26-31

God created Adam and Eve and gave them the Garden of Eden to live in. Unscramble the words on each insect, and then write the word from each one below the matching insect at the bottom of the page. You'll find out why God created Adam and Eve and you!

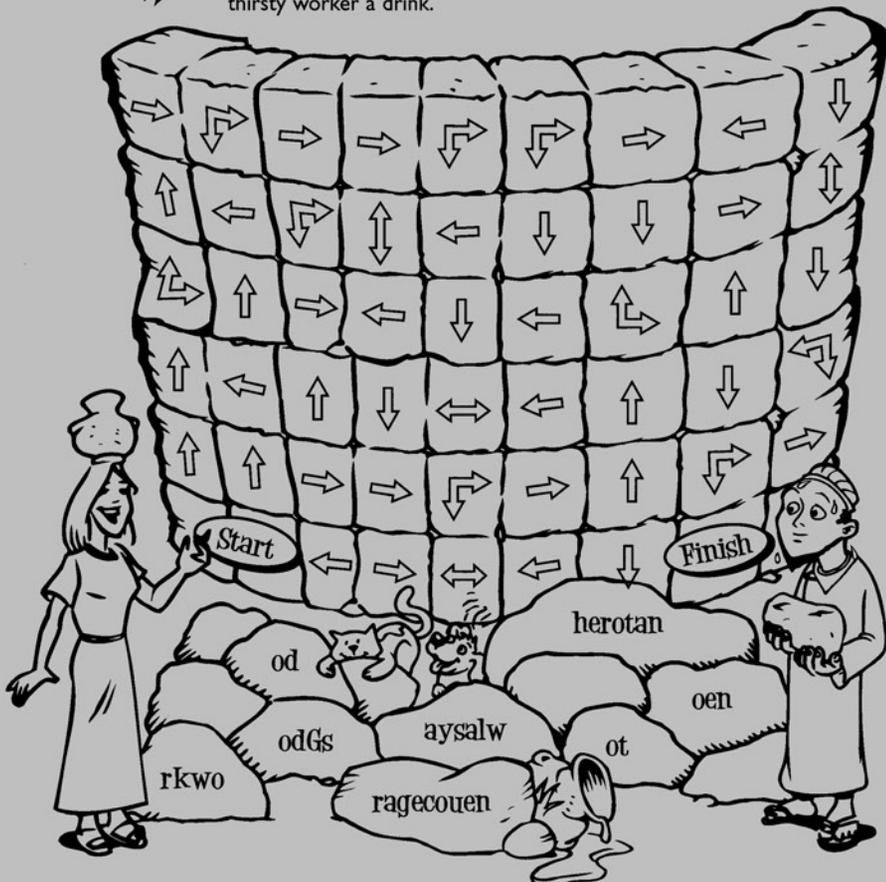


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The Challenge

Nehemiah 3

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The Super Challenge

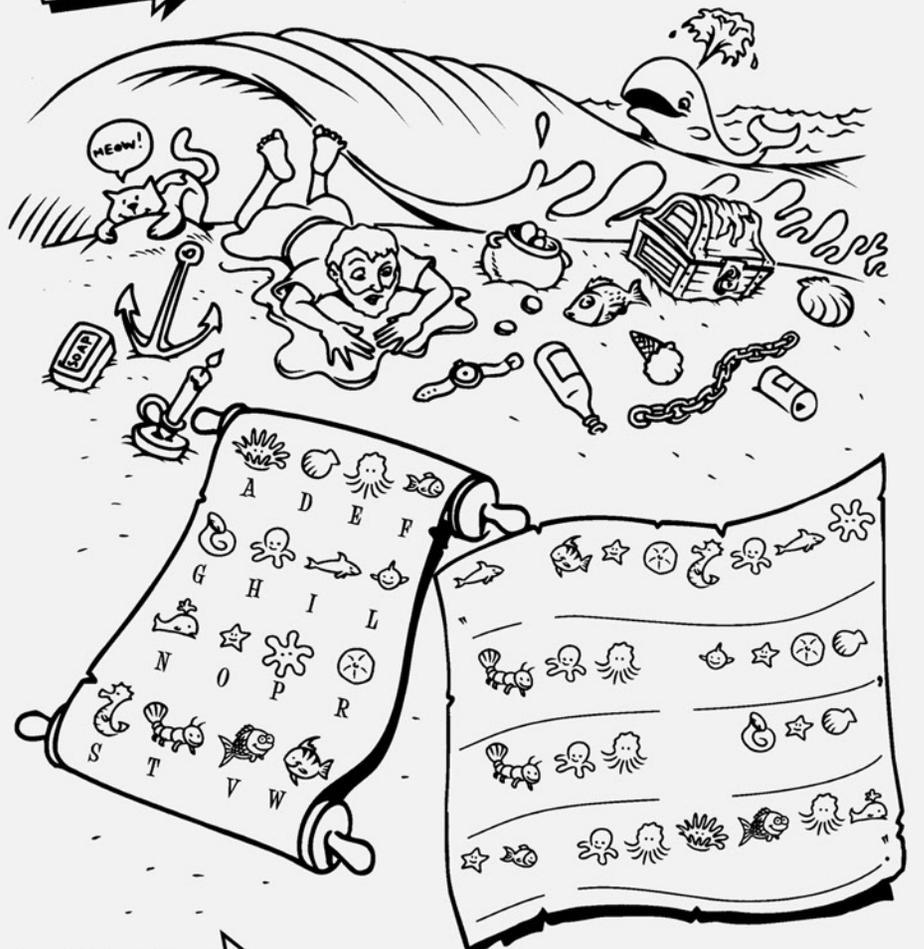
Unscramble the words in the rocks for some important words from God.

JONAH'S ALL WASHED UP!

The Challenge

Jonah

Break the code to discover what Jonah said in Jonah 1:9 about God.



The Super Challenge

You know what happened to Jonah. There's something fishy about all the stuff washed up on the beach. Eyeball the picture for a minute; then turn over the page to see how many items from the picture you can write down.

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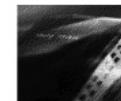
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