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ARE WE AS BELIEVERS VESSELS FOR THE LORD?

A VESSEL IS CONSIDERED as a container: something that holds or carries things that you consider important or valuable. Hopefully the vessel will maintain its content until such time as which you will pour out of it. We as Christians and believers can be considered as vessels because we should be carrying God's word with us where ever we go. At the proper time as the spirit leads us, we should pour out of the vessel that which is necessary and needful for that particular time or situation. Vessels were also used as Jesus performed one of his first miracles in St. John chapter 2, (KJV) The Marriage in Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. In verse 7, Jesus saith unto them, "Fill the water pots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. In the book of Ephesians 5:18-20 (KJV) it reads, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" In St. John 15:5 (KJV) Jesus says, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

If we are God's vessels, we should only pour out that which was poured into us. God does not leave it up to us his children to alter his word to fit or suit those with whom we witness to or those in our presence. It is not our responsibility to judge, but we are responsible to speak truth. As we witness to others about God the creator and his son Jesus Christ, we should be assured that God's word stands on it's own.

We also have to consider the 15th chapter of St. Matthew (KJV) where it speaks of Reproof of the Scribes and Pharisees. Verses 1-4 says, "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death." Verses 11-20 speaks of What Defiles a Man. "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications,



Wil Wilson

cations, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man."

It is also never appropriate for the people of God to question or give their opinions about his word. Being his children, we are to believe and have faith in him and his son. We either believe his given word or we don't, it's our choice. If we lack understanding of God's word then we have to ask for understanding thru prayer and study. In the book of James 1:5-8 (KJV) it says, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." None of us have, nor will ever have a total understanding of God's word because he wants us to depend on him through faith. He is the source for all mankind.

In the present day in which we live, some Christians are on the fence about God's word, and in some cases whether or not there is a God after

all. Being straddled the fence is a dangerous and vulnerable position to be in. The only dealings we as Christians should have with a fence in spiritual terms are: asking the Lord as Fred Hammond did in one of his signature songs written by Sam Cooke: "Jesus Be a Fence Around Me." We all have need of God's protection each and every day. In the 3rd chapter of Revelations (KJV) where it speaks of the "Messages to the Angels," in chapter 3:15-16 it says, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." The previous scripture characterizes what is called: The Thermos Christian. A thermos can hold content which can be hot or cold, but if you leave either for a period of time, they both will become lukewarm. People of God, we have to keep it moving.

As followers of Christ, our main responsibility is to enlighten others and allow the spirit of God to enter into the hearts of those whom he so desires. In the Psalms 119:11(KJV) says, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." The Psalmist knew that it was very important to know God's word and to remember it and proclaim it as it was given. We who are believers in Christ Jesus should consider that at some point and time within this wicked world, the only access we may have to God's word will be that which we have hidden within us. If you don't accept his word into your heart while you have opportunity, then when it becomes necessary and needful by the way, you should not expect his word to be revealed unto you....

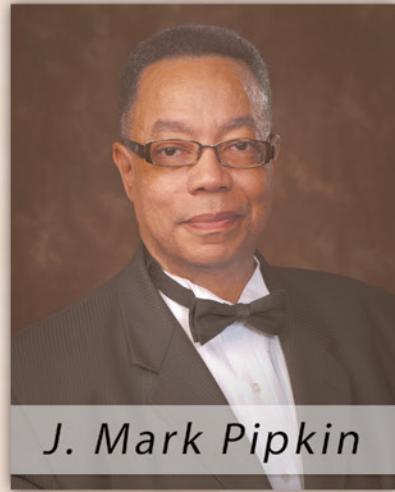
"Ears that do not listen to advice, accompany the head when it is chopped off."
 — African Proverb

— Wil Wilson

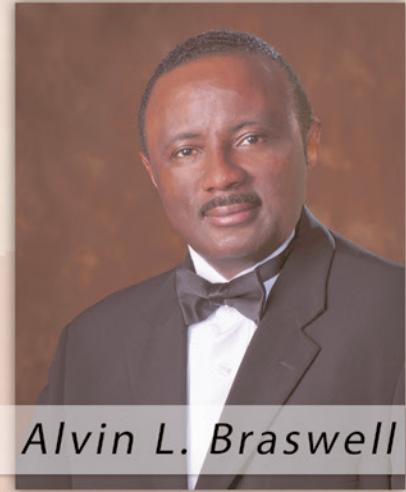


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OBITUARIES

Colorado Civil Rights Icons Suzanne T. Rodgers and Samuel C. Hunter Jr.

As 2013 came to a close, two of Colorado's most fabled NAACP and civil rights icons passed away, reminding us of the obligations of community service and courageous leadership. On December 13, 2013, Suzanne Thomas Rodgers -- a contemporary of Dr. Martin Luther King and the first woman to ever serve as President of the NAACP Colorado Springs Branch — made her transition. She was 85. Less than two weeks later, Samuel C. Hunter Jr. — another Past President of the NAACP Colorado Springs Branch most noted for his military service as a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen — passed. He was 94.

Mrs. Rodgers was born in Harrisburg, Pa. She left a legacy of fighting for economic justice and poverty reduction through the NAACP, the Urban League, Head Start, and the Colorado Civil Rights Commission. The Suzanne Rodgers Diamond Award was established to honor and continue her work. Mrs Rodgers is survived by her husband — also a Tuskegee Airman — LTC USAF Ret. Marion "Rodg" Rodgers.

Capt. USAF Ret. Samuel C. Hunter, Jr. was born in Crockett, TX. He graduated from Colorado Springs High School in 1936 and received a BS Degree in 1940 from West Virginia State College. He also received a degree from Worsham College of Mortuary Science



Rodgers



Hunter

in Chicago. Her was a Documented Original Tuskegee Airman and a recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal. With his father, he operated Hunter Mortuary in Colorado Springs and was the first Black real estate broker in the city. He was known for his housing and business development advocacy during his tenure with the NAACP and is a recipient of the Branch "Living Legends Award for Civil Rights Activism." He is survived by his wife Minny Ray and other family members.

"The example these strong freedom fighters left for us should never be forgotten," said Rosemary Lytle, President of the NAACP State Conference and Immediate Past President of the NAACP Colorado Springs Branch. "At a time when injustice was its most obvious, they faced it head on and created change. Certainly, in their honor, we should do no less today." *

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BLACK HISTORY

Pushing Beyond The Struggle



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By Sparkle Robinson

As a Preacher, Instructor, Motivator, and Activist Dr. Derek King, Sr. (pictured above) is committed to making a difference in the Black Community and beyond. He has a continual commitment to eliminate discrimination, oppression and violence. He believes that many of us have a social responsibility that we must stay committed to and not grow tired in doing so. Dr. King is passionate about making a change in Black America; he gets his passion honestly, his uncle is the late and great Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Derek King's father, Reverend Alfred King Sr. is the only brother of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Dr. Derek King wears many hats on a regular basis; he is presently the assistant to the Pastor at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is also an instructor of religious studies at Martin University in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. King is also a certified conflict reconciliation trainer and of course an activist. While wearing and operating in all of these offices Dr. King believes that God has created a divine path for us as a people to make a difference. He says that one of the best things that we can do is keep poverty at a manageable level. He says that many people are living in poverty but one of the great advantages that we have is that many resources are made available to us.

Dr. Derek King says that many statistics are stacked against us, but what are we willing to commit ourselves to do? One of the things that Dr. King says that we need to understand is Nationalism. He believes that understanding Nationalism is to have an idea of where we have come from and the struggles we have faced but overcame. He believes that we must affirm who we are, where we're going and how to become cohesive in our actions. We must work together and stop turning against each other but turn to each other. We must get back

to our first love, which is God and follow His commandments and speak life in our situations.

Dr. King is a believer of a "village raising a child" because with more hands and hearts more can be accomplished for the next generation. We must not abandon each other during crisis but we must be the strength for each other. Dr. King says that we must get back to the biblical mandate of not sparing the rod because the rod is an instrument of correction, used for direction. He says that these days the village is broken because babies are raising babies.

The village is also broken because many of us have left God's word, obedience, sanctification and holiness. Many people including the black church live beyond their means, which causes people to compromise their integrity. Many people in the church have a predatory spirit, always looking for what God can do for them and not asking what they can do for God. We must get back to what really matters and push beyond the struggle by getting a sense of nationalism, unity as a village and allowing God to be first in all that we do. *

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Alzheimer's Epidemic in Our Community

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"

— 3 John 2

By Byron E. Conner, M.D.

The pages of past human history reveal over many centuries devastating outbreaks of diseases that have taken a large and painful toll of human life. Casualties number in the millions. These diseases include: plague, influenza, small pox, measles, cholera, polio, and HIV. The thing that these ailments have in common is that they are spread from person to person by close contact. In recent years, there are diseases that may not be infectious diseases spread from person to person, but have become so prevalent that they are considered epidemic in nature. One such disease is Alzheimer's Disease which is quickly becoming a modern day plague, and is also referred to as dementia (of which there are several types along with Alzheimer's Disease).

Alzheimer's Disease is a degenerative brain disease that robs sufferers of their memory, causes marked personality changes, and eventually makes activities of daily living such as dressing, bathing, eating, and walking impossible. It is the sixth leading cause of death in America. It is now estimated that the number of people in the US with Alzheimer's Disease will almost triple by the year 2050. It is thought that this disease has no prevention, treatment or cure. However there are some risk factors that need careful thought and intervention, as will be noted below. The largest risk factor is just getting older. More than 10% of all persons over age 65 and nearly half of those over 85 have Alzheimer's Disease.

African Americans need to be concerned as it has been found that the prevalence of dementia is significantly higher in African Americans with esti-



Dr. Conner

mates ranging from 14-100% higher. A major concern is a powerful risk factor for African Americans which is vascular diseases, or conditions that may affect blood circulation to the brain. These diseases that may have an impact on brain circulation include high blood pressure (or hypertension), high cholesterol, and diabetes. Vascular problems may themselves be a cause of dementia.

African Americans have a higher incidence of vascular dementia, which can be a trigger or link to Alzheimer's disease. It has been found that persons with a history of hypertension or high cholesterol are twice as likely to get Alzheimer's Disease. African Americans have a 60% higher risk of type 2 diabetes which is a condition that contributes directly to Alzheimer's Disease.

In view of this, it would appear that the best course of action is to control anything that interferes with blood circulation to the brain and may cause disease of blood vessels. It has been said that what is good for the heart is good for the brain. In other words whatever we advise for preventing heart attack or stroke we should advise for stemming the tide of vascular or blood circulation issues. What this means is the following:

- Get screened for and control high blood pressure
- Get screened for and get treatment of high cholesterol
- Control diabetes and get screened for this
- Stop smoking if needed
- Get about 30 minutes of exercise daily
- Control your body weight and try to at least keep your waist circumference less than 40 men and less than 35 for women
- See your primary care provider as advised

Another thing we should do in the African American community is to participate more in the clinical trials and research efforts to find a cure for Alzheimer's Disease as too few of us do this.

Doing the things noted above will help you to live longer and better and have health aging even if you never get any type of dementia. May God guide you in your personal choices and decisions. ♣

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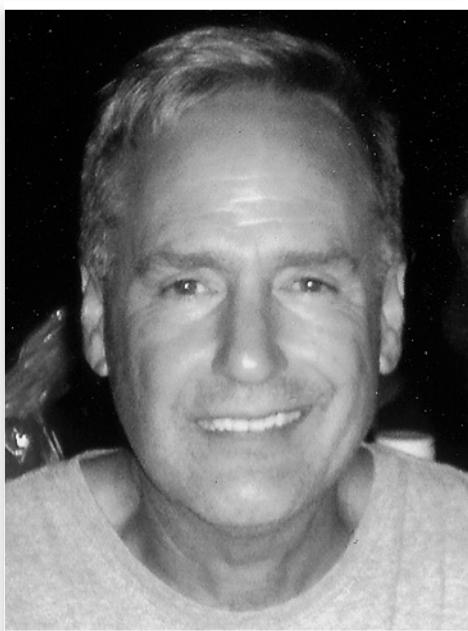
Today's Youth in Crisis!

By Michael Forti

According to the Word of God, we have all been raised within a society that is living in IDOLATRY. We have been birthed into a generation of people that are striving for fame and fortune, thinking that this is a normal way of life. The eyes and heart of many are focused on popular sports figures, movie stars, models, automobiles, fighters, race car drivers, and MUSICIANS. For many years now, most popular stars have been promoted as good role models for teens, hoping to encourage, influence and motivate them to strive for a productive future.

Unfortunately, Satan, prowling around like a roaring lion, is devouring many as he is drawing the hearts of people away from their CREATOR and onto the CREATION (Rom 1:18-32, 1 Pet 5:8-11). His prime goal is to prep the people to receive the entertaining signs and wonders of the coming antichrist. The Lord teaches us that the fruit of idolatry is obvious; the human ego, driven by runaway pride, results in extreme competition, greed, arrogance, popularity and prestige. Yet, while some strive to use their gifts to be a good role model for society, most are using their talents to drive teens into the bondages of peer pressure and devastation. The root of idolatry is a prideful, yet rejected and wounded spirit that makes the choice to walk in the rebellion of Satan instead of the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

It is clear that major changes have taken place within the realm of MUSIC over the past 50 years. It is being used for the theme songs for almost all entertainments. While music is often used to set the stage, mood and emotions of a production or performance, rock bands are using music to sing



Michael Forti

songs with obscenities and satanic worship. Their rebellious pride has steered their ego-driven hearts down the path of extreme competition, which is misleading our youth into thinking that they are nobody unless they can be somebody.

Where did it all start? "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, thus says the Lord God: You were the seal of PERFECTION, full of WISDOM and PERFECT in BEAUTY. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, beryl, onyx, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your TIMBRELS and PIPES--your DRUMS and WIND INSTRUMENTS, was prepared for you on the day you were created. You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. You were perfect in your ways from the day I created you, till iniquity was found in you. By the abundance of your

TRADING, (trying to mix greed with the sovereignty of God) you became filled with violence within, and you sinned; therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; and I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you CORRUPTED your WISDOM for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground" (Eze 28:11-17-NKJV-TANACH). What happened next? "I saw Satan FALL like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18).

The account of 1 Samuel 16:14-23 is a message from God to all who will be living in the last days, including the mainline CHURCH. Because King Saul was rebelling against the will of God, the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him. The Lord then lifted His HEDGE of protection off of Saul and allowed the demonic spirits to devour him. After that, the Lord sent a little shepherd boy, filled with the love of God, to play a harp in Saul's presence. When the shepherd boy walked into the room, the forces of evil could not stay. Keep in mind; God did not send a popular inspirational speaker along with a loud performance praise band into the presence of Saul to provide him with his weekly entertainment fix, an adrenaline rush, or a temporary relief from a guilty conscience. The Lord sent David, the future King of Israel, filled with the anointing and wisdom of God, to take authority over the seducing works of darkness and to remind Saul that he was a servant of Almighty God (Job 1:1-22, 2 Thess 2:1-12).

Too many praise bands today are filled with former rock musicians who forgot to leave their ego back at the bar. The Lord created us to use our gifts to

praise and worship Him and Him only! "Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heavens! (Ps 150:1-6 NIV). "For we are the TEMPLE of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people. Therefore, come OUT FROM among them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will RECEIVE you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor 6:16-18).

In hopes of reaching the lost, all mighty God is now LIFTING his awesome HEDGE of protection off of society by allowing them to reap the consequences of their own actions. The fruit within this modern-day generation is clear. We can see an incredible increase of haughtiness, jealousy, fear, rage, revenge, teen suicide, rapes, murder, drugs, theft, lying, stealing, cheating, sexual immorality, prostitution, unforgiveness, the lack of being grateful, and lack of respect for their elders (2 Tim 3:1-3). Because of their rejection of Jesus Christ, many have been deceived by Satan through much of modern-day entertainment, thus drawing the hearts and minds off of their CREATOR and onto the creation. Friends, I know--because I've been there. By the way, I ask the Lord every day to carve away my ego and pride. "Lord, forgive me and help me to trust in you with all my heart, and to lean not on my own understanding, and in all my ways to acknowledge You. And please, help me to make my path straight." Praise the Lord for the teens that are taking a strong stand for Jesus Christ! Until next time, Jesus is coming soon. Are you going to be ready? ♣

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THE ETHIOPIAN EUNUCH

"Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

— Acts 8:36, 37

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

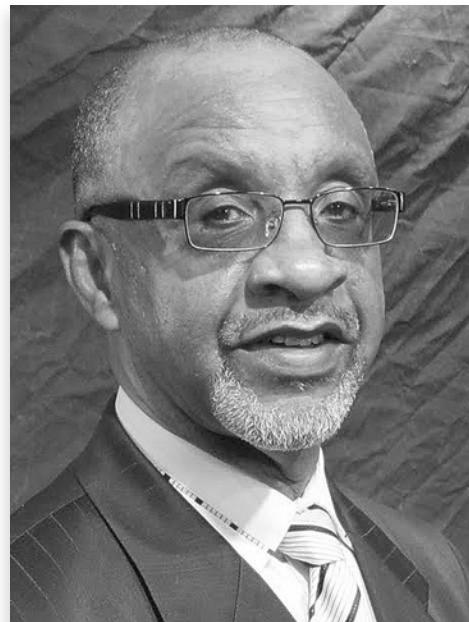
This is the longest passage in the New Testament that explicitly and uncompromisingly deals with black Africa in relation to the Holy Land. As the events in this passage unfold, we find a member of the royal court returning from Jerusalem. He has been to Jerusalem to worship suggesting that he may have been an Ethiopian Jew. He may have been what many would call a god-fearer or a gentile proselyte. One who, though not a Jew, revered the tradition of Judaism. Presumably, if he were a Jew, he would understand the Isaiah 53 text that he is reading. Philip the evangelist, as guided by the Holy Spirit, encounters him and provides a fresh Christian interpretation that evidently is enthusiastically accepted. Philip's witness of Jesus leads to baptism, but only after the Ethiopian has challenged Philip with a provocative question: "What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

This passage is the first in-depth recorded instance of someone of color, a black person, being converted to the faith in Jesus Christ. To understand our biblical identity as Christians we must understand that we as a people are rooted in biblical history. Without a doubt we have a place along side all peoples, nations, and races in coming to Christ. This passage is significant in that it is believed that through the conversion and continued witness of this man, this Ethiopian eunuch, the teachings of Christ came to Ethiopia. God made a special effort to bring Philip in the life of the Ethiopian eunuch that he might be saved and be instrumental in others of Ethiopia hearing the gospel. God had to overcome some obstacles for the eunuch to believe.

He Was Seen Of God In A Most Unlikely Place (Acts 8:26-28)

Sometimes God opens a door of opportunity to minister in the most unlikely places. Gaza is about 50 miles southwest of Jerusalem. The road to Gaza led through rangeland, the kind of country where Abraham and Isaac pastured their flocks. The term "desert" does not mean sandy waste like the Sahara; it means deserted, uninhabited. One has to wonder what Philip thought in his mind that he might find in such a place.

Knowing where the order came from, Philip obeyed promptly. He arose and went. In the desert, Philip was to meet a man of Ethiopia. This Ethiopia was not the same as the country we now call by that name. Its boundaries are not described exactly, but it included the upper Nile Valley south of Egypt. Some students conclude that



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its population was made up of people of color and included Africans from the South, Egyptians from the North, and Arabians from the East.

God may want to use you as he did Philip today. God may direct you speak into someone's life. It may not be a place that you will find convenient to share your faith. It may be in an awkward place, but your testimony may save someone's life.

The Meaning of the Scripture Was Not Clear (Acts 8:29-31)

We know why Philip was sent to this desert place. This chariot carried the man whom God was sending His preacher to meet. The Ethiopian was reading aloud, and Philip recognized the words of Isaiah. Philip's question "Do you understand what you are reading?" was well designed to open the way for his preaching. The man was wise enough to realize that he did not understand the prophecy, and wise enough to rejoice in the prospect of finding some help with it. He invited Philip to join him in the chariot. What Philip found was a man who was seeking something, diligently, sincerely, earnestly, not self-satisfied, reaching out for something more than he had ever known before, and yet a man not understanding what it all meant.

The man of Ethiopia asked a question that puzzled all the scholars of Israel. Obviously, the prophet was speaking of someone—but whom? Was it about Isaiah himself? He was despised, rejected, and persecuted, perhaps killed; but how could it be said that we are healed by Isaiah's stripes? (Isaiah 53:5). How could it be said that Isaiah would justify many (Isaiah 53:11)? If Isaiah was singing of some other man, the same questions remain unanswered.

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him (vs. 35). Philip may have led his hearer through the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah step by step. He may have emphasized especially "with his stripes we are healed" and other statements of redemption. He may have cited other prophets too, such as those of David that Peter had used on Pentecost (Acts 2:25-36). As Peter had done, Philip made a convincing case: Jesus is the Christ foretold by the prophets of God.

As modern day prophets of God the task of those of us who preach, the task of those of us who teach, the

task of every informed believer, is to help others make sense of spiritual things. What we read and hear of the word of God, especially what we read and hear concerning Christ, we need to understand. We cannot profit by the scriptures unless we in some measure understand them. The purpose for coming to worship, and Bible study is to seek a deeper understanding in your relationship with God. We seek and want to know what life is all about. We seek and want to know the meaning of suffering and of the tragedy and the failure of mankind. We seek and want to do something toward the prevention of any such catastrophe again. Thank God, what is necessary to salvation is easy to be understood.

He Was Not Sure What To Do To Be Saved (Acts 8:36-38)

Obviously, Philip's preaching of Jesus had included information about baptism. The eunuch asked, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Philip responded to the eunuch question regarding baptism "If you believe with all your heart, you may." That is, if you believe this doctrine that I have preached to you concerning Jesus, if you receive the record God has given concerning him, and believe that it is true. Those who would believe must believe with all their heart, for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. You must believe not with the head only, by an agreement to gospel truths in intellectual understanding; but with the heart, by

consent of the will. This is the principle peculiar doctrine of Christianity, and whosoever believe this with all their hearts, and confess it, they are to be baptized.

So he commanded the chariot to stand still. Here we see an indication that the Ethiopian traveler had someone else driving the horses. One does not give a command to a chariot itself. It seems probable that the driver held the horses while Philip and the Ethiopian left the chariot. No doubt the two took off their outer robes, at least. Luke does not give details, but gives the essential facts. The two men waded into the water, and Philip baptized the man of Ethiopia.

"When they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip." Apparently, the preacher simply vanished. "The eunuch saw him no more." The traveler must have been greatly puzzled, but "he went on his way rejoicing." He had good reasons for joy. He now understood that puzzling prophecy.

Much more than that, he was forgiven, cleansed, redeemed. He was a new man, born again as a child of God. Philip's preaching led the Ethiopian to faith in Christ. The man's response was the natural one of an honest seeker: he heard the gospel message, understood what God had commanded him to do, and then eagerly obeyed.

We do well to follow the Ethiopian's example when we come to a new understanding of what God expects of us. +

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Why So Mean Part II

By Pastor Wright

Blessings. I hope you read Part 1 of this article last month. I would like to give a shout out to Brother Randy, for all the hard work, sacrifice and commitment he has given this Community for many years. BOC is a staple and a landmark for our Community, Thanks Randy.

Now for those that don't like to read long articles, I will tell you the meat of this one. If you are a: Blood washed, spirit filled, holy-ghost believer in Jesus Christ, and know your name is written in the Lambs Book of life, you can claim your place with the redeemed, Praise God! 2014 will bring some difficulties, but God will deliver you out of them all! No I'm not being funny, you will see a marked difference between those that are truly saved, and those that are not. The battle lines have been drawn. If you are not on the Lord's side, 2014 is not going to be your year, or 2015 or 16, 17, etc... You're on the wrong side baby.. Still got time to change sides, but that's your decision.

In Part 1, of this article, I mentioned "going thru." This was in reference to the tuff times, and outright, evil that humanity has been going thru. There is a reason for this "turning" if you will, in the affairs and daily lives of Men and Women and it doesn't look to get any better. I've said this before, and I say it now, when an individual does wrong, they are judged for their actions. But when the leadership of a Country, be it King, Queen, President, Supreme Judge, Congress Person, wilfully and openly defies the True and living God, that whole nation and people suffer. The Bible is full of references of those times when Man thought he could run things better than God, disobey His Laws, and do what they thought best. Wrong, Wrong, Wrong! In 2014 you will see the hand of God in a way most have not seen it, because you weren't born yet. If you know someone



Pastor Wright

who is in the 70's through 90's, talk to them. Ask them what it was like to be in War, to be hungry, to be in a soup line. Ask them how happy they were to get, "hand me downs." (Clothes, food everything)

Pastor Wright, why would you make such a statement? Because I've made it before, in this fine newspaper. Time and time again, but we are here now. As I said if your saved, good. If not oh well. No I'm not being callous, but I want you to know the truth, something we as a people, have been denied both in the Government and the Pulpit for far too long. You simply cannot go against God's word and principals/teachings, and expect to prosper. Oh you can get rich and accumulate goods, and people but in the end you will come to the same conclusion as Solomon. All is vanity. Let's look at a few categories in the United States to see where we measure up.

The Economy

If you believe what's coming out of the Nation's Capital in regards to where we stand financially, you are like a sheep being led to slaughter. This Nation is broke yall. They print

money out of thin air, and then borrow what they didn't have, so they print more, to borrow more, and they give out more, (section 8, food stamps, Medicaid,.. etc.) that they didn't have, so they borrow more... are you getting the picture? Then they Lie, Lie, Lie and say:"we can make it, "Everything is fine." Not! I truly believe that many hidden things and agendas will be uncovered this year. At some point the "bough will break, and down will come baby, cradle and all." They, our leaders know this, but no one will say or do anything about it. Which brings me to another point:

Leadership

There is none. On the National level we have not had real leadership in this country for over 25 years or more. This has trickled down from the top to the people. Lack of true leadership has infected our lives on a level not seen in modern time.

In the book of Judges 16: 6, it reads, "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes." This is one reason why we are seeing such terrible acts against humanity. Some people's eyes are just messed up! Sad to say but it's true. There are some bright lights shining, here and there, but no united front. The body of Christ is scattered, scared, worn out, and weak.

The Church/Christianity

We are being tried on every turn. There is a full frontal assault on what we believe, what we stand for and who we are as a people. True we are to Love and forgive. We have no Heaven or Hell to place anyone into, but the 1 thing we won't do is go against God's Word. I say we won't but little by little piece by piece we are being worn down, which

was always the case, but now we are being set up for Prosecution. It is already here, they will say I'm sorry, but it's the law of the land! Will you stand on God's Word if I cost you your life or the life of your children? Wake up people; it's time to make some decisions. (And the people said, hey preacher let's talk about prosperity!!!!)

Sad but... Well I promised to be short so in conclusion, we, in America are under the hand of God's Judgment. There are 2 types of Judgment, both found in the Book of Joel. One to destruction one to repentance. For now it is repentance. Remember God is Love. He did not make you to destroy you. He takes no pleasure in seeing His children suffer. He desires, and has provided the best for you. Always always, always know that God loves you. Part of the reason we are, "going thru' so much is because we have, (as His people) allowed so much. Men/Women are dictating that there be a change in the course of society. Altering the way we live our daily lives and forcing acceptance of things that are contradictory to God's Word and Godly principals, but we offer little opposition, and now they have become," the law of the land."

How can a Nation under God, pass laws against God. How can anything divided against itself, stand? We are the righteous of God. He will never fail. Stay with Him no matter what this year brings, remember even though it doesn't look like it, it is for your good, or it wouldn't have permission to get to you. Be Strong in the Power of His Might. Go through, stand strong, see His Salvation, strong and mighty. My personal mantra for 2014: I'm Determined. +

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Every Child Deserves a Great Education

Every child deserves a great education, and every parent should have the ability to choose the school that is best for them and their child. ACE Scholarships is a Denver, Colorado non-profit focused giving this choice to low-income parents. ACE provides partial tuition scholarships to low-income children in grades K-12 so they may attend a quality private school and get the head start they need to be successful beyond high school – in college, in their career and in life.

Each year, ACE Scholarships holds events that attract Colorado's most influential business, faith-based, legislative, and community leaders, to hear from a range of locally and nationally-recognized leaders in the fight to give every child access to a quality education. This year is no different. On January, 25th 2014 ACE hosted a community based event during National School Choice Week, a week of events throughout the nation, every January, to shine a positive spotlight on the need for effective education options for all children.

ACE premiered a documentary called "The Ticket" and followed with a panel discussion on school choice. "The Ticket" took the audience on a historic whistle stop train tour across the United States, showing different forms of school choice along the way and the children that they serve. The Panel was moderated by Van Schoales, Executive Director of A+ Denver, and panelists includ-

ed Sean Bradley, Legislative Director, American Federation for Children; Vivian Wilson, Executive Administrator, Excel Institute; and Ann Padilla, Proud Parent of ACE Scholarship recipients.

"The purpose of this event is to educate our community leaders about school choice, and the critical role ACE plays in making school choice a reality for kids," said James Rashad Coleman, Director of Community Engagement at ACE Scholarships.

Since 2000, ACE Scholarships has provided more than 12,000 scholarships worth more than \$22 million. During that time they've received over 15,000 applications from parents seeking financial aid. Today ACE serves 1,760 students in 153 different private schools across the state, but mostly in Metro Denver. These partner private schools have an average tuition of less than \$9,000 and ACE pays up to half the tuition with a cap of \$2,000 for grades K-8 and \$3,000 for 9-12, making a private school option accessible to hundreds of financially strapped families.

"Families are more aware of school choice," Coleman said. "Public school choice has become a mainstay, with more charters and more parents utilizing open enrollment than ever before. Yet there is still a lack of quality public options for many low-income families, particularly here in Denver. Meanwhile, there are hundreds of empty seats in ACE private partner schools waiting to be filled."



"I'm glad that I was one of the lucky ones to receive a scholarship from ACE," Coleman continued. James grew up in Park Hill, and like many of his peers he attended the neighborhood schools. James' mother, Shirley Robinson, knew that James wasn't excelling academically and decided to make a change. In 2000, Shirley was one of the first parents to apply for an ACE Scholarship, and James was awarded a partial tuition scholarship to attend Excel Institute. Today, James is a college graduate, and is thankful that ACE provided him the opportunity to access a great education. He now pays it forward by helping more kids achieve



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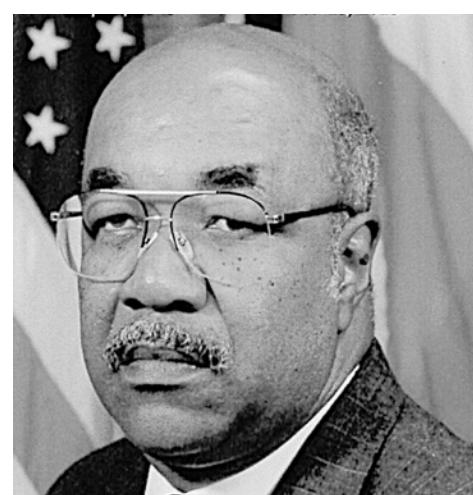
Noble L. Wallace

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Noble L. Wallace was called to be with the Lord on Oct. 15, 2013 in Denver, Colorado. He was born in Harpersville, Alabama to the late John T. and Annie McCoy Wallace. He was married to Christa in Viernheim, Germany on December 27, 1974.

Noble began his Department Of Correction (DOC) career in 1985 as a Correctional Officer; from 1987 to 1989 Co Specialist III; 1989 to 1990 Case Manager; Promoted to Major in 1990; 1991 to 1993 Major at youthful Offender Services (YOS); 1993 to 1998 Operations Manager at (YOS); 1998 to 2007 Warden, Denver Women's Correctional Facility (DWCF) and May 2007 Retired from DWCF.

Noble Wallace had been an integral part of the Criminal Justice arena in the state of Colorado and Nationally. As a local chapter member of NABCJ (National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice), he was a trail blazer and mentor on the local and national level. On the local level Noble held the following positions with the organization; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. He was a local member of the NABCJ for over twenty years and was a lifetime member of the organization. Nationally he served two terms as the Southwest Regional Representative and chaired numerous committees, which identified and addressed concerns and issues within the Criminal Justice System. Noble's commitment, dedication, unselfishness, hard work and his compassion for others will truly be impacted by his absence. Noble was



Noble L. Wallace

an active member at Greater St. John Baptist Church in Denver, CO.,

He was preceded in death by his father and mother John T. and Annie Wallace, sisters Barbara Wallace and Geraldine Gentle brothers David Wayne and John Wallace. He is survived by his wife Christa Wallace of Aurora, CO son Jody (Wendy) Wallace of West Virginia, daughters, Shayna (James) Coleman of Aurora, CO., Stacy Howard of Ft. Meyers, FL., brothers, Arthur (Peggy) Wallace of Bradenton, FL., Selassie (Bobbie) Wallace of Carrollton, GA., Tyron (Odell) Wallace of Lansing, MI., three sisters Lovie Canada and Dorothy Mae Wallace of Wilsonville, AL., 9 grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. +

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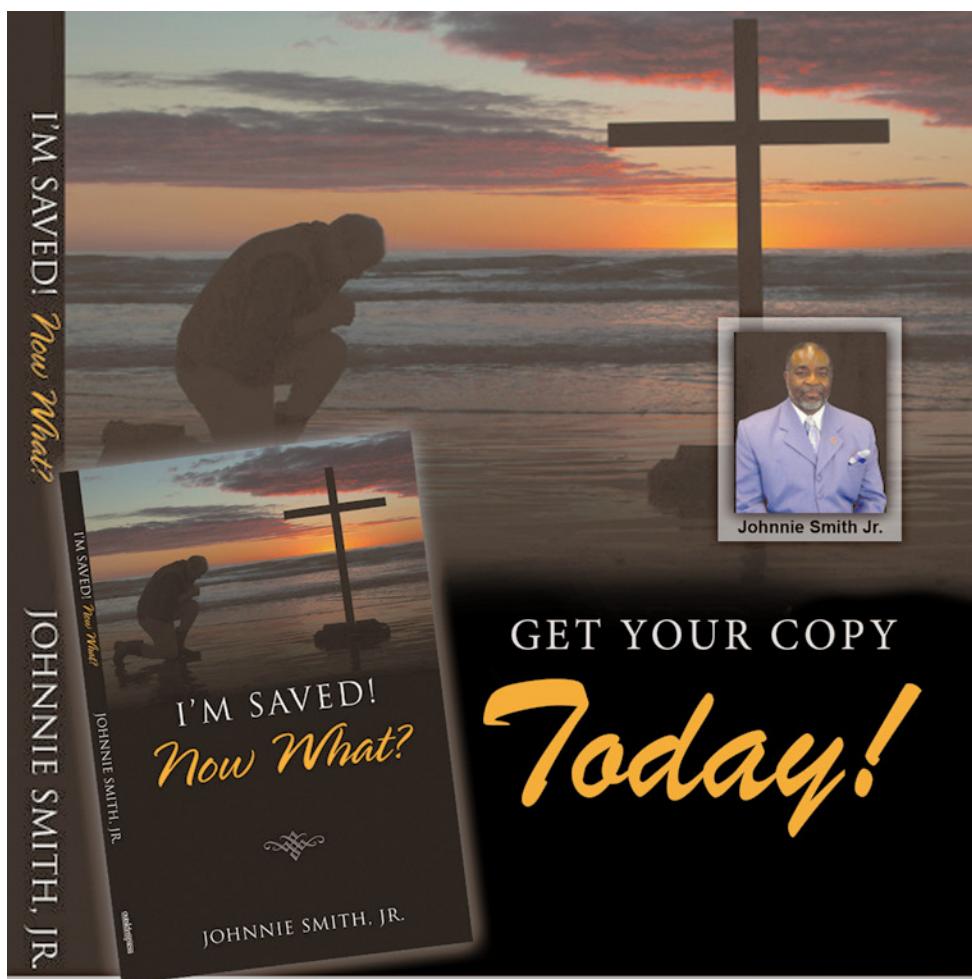


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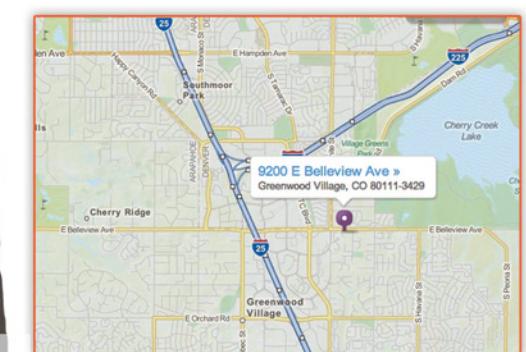
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Sandy Thompson, Gospel Radio Host, 1220AM KLDC

By Chaplain Joanne Beveal-Thompson

The Body of Christ News visited Gospel Radio Host Sandy Thompson at the KLDC Studios, in Aurora, Colorado. We sat down and talked about her career in radio broadcasting in Denver. Her sweet melodic voice has been heard over the radio air-waves for 33 years.

Sandy's radio career began in 1981 when she was hired to work as receptionist at 1510 AM KDKO Radio which, at the time was located in Greenwood Village. Sandy has always had a desire to be on the radio however, she had no formal training. Once she had her foot in the door, she was able to move from receptionist to Creative Copy Writer and wrote the majority of the local commercials that aired. She gives credit to Concert Promoter Lu Vason who was responsible for giving her the opportunity to be on the air—after he insisted she voice and produce his concert commercials. From that point on, her career blossomed.

Program Director, Byron Pitts, liked what he heard and offered her an over-night shift. She went on the air from midnight to 6am as the "Late Night Delight" playing favorite R&B love songs. Her radio career spanned from 1981 to the present. She worked at a multitude of radio stations with various music genres. Her play list includes R&B; Golden Oldies; Middle of the Road, Classical; Jazz; Contemporary; Christian and Gospel. The radio stations she worked for were KDKO, KOOL-105, KHOW, KOSI 101, KVOD, KJJZ, KLTT, 56 KLZ and 1220 KLDC.

Mr. Donald Crawford is the owner of KLDC, KLVZ, KLZ and KLTT radio stations in Denver. KLDC is the only Gospel Radio station in Colorado and the surrounding states. Sandy began working for Mr. Crawford in 1991, when he first bought 560 KLZ



Joanne Beveal-Thompson

Radio. She left KLZ in 1995 and returned to Crawford Broadcasting in 2007 to work on the air at 1220 KLDC.

Due to the economic depression throughout the past few years, KLDC has had some very trying times and struggles. Even through those struggles, KLDC remained on the air. Because of Mr. Crawford's heart for KLDC; the clients and the listening audience, he has kept the station on the air in the hope that it does, and will continue to bless the Gospel community. That is exactly what KLDC has been to our community—a Blessing. Sandy personally thanks Mr. Crawford for the opportunity he has given her to be a part of this wonderful station. It has been a joy and honor to work for Mr. Crawford and Crawford Broadcasting.

Sandy was raised in the church; she was baptized in the Seventh-day Adventist church at the age of 12 and continues to be active in the church today. She grew up singing around the piano with her 7 siblings. Her mother Janetta was a pianist and singer and her Dad, Noel, was a drummer and had a career in printing.

After a wonderful 22 years of marriage, Sandy lost her husband Donald to cancer. They have 2 children, Jordan, 23, Michelle 19 and one grandson Justin 3. Her two children and grandchild are the joy of her life. She received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice/Criminology at Metropolitan State College in 2004. She worked in law enforcement as a Victim Advocate for 4 years. Sandy is currently attending Regis University where she will receive her Master's Degree in Criminology in 2015.

We asked Sandy what has been the most meaningful experience during her 33-year career in radio? She replied, "When God opened the door for me to do His work, my fulfillment as a radio personality was



Sandy Thompson

complete. My job is not about me, it is about sharing the Good News of the Gospel, making sure people know about the LORD's incredible love, mercy and grace. I am so glad that I can do the work of the LORD on the air. Listeners will call in for prayer, and I love to pray with people. It's not just the music we play that blesses our listeners; KLDC has many Pastors and Ministries on the air whose programs are powerful and life changing. We are doing the work of God by sharing His Divine Word. My life is dedicated to the LORD, and I love the LORD with all my heart. He is the center of my world. As long as it is His will, I pray to continue spreading the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the radio."

Sandy Thompson is the Public Service Director at KLDC Radio. She can be heard on 1220AM KLDC or 1220klc.com Monday through Friday 6AM- 7AM; 9AM-11AM and 5PM-6PM. ♣

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Black Health Forum

MARCH 8 — Colorado Black Health Collaborative's 1st 2014 Health Forum. This year's overall theme: "Cultivating & Empowering Our Community Towards Health Equity". Our exciting first forum, "Building and Nurturing Healthy Relationships within our Families", will be held - Saturday March 8, 1PM- 5PM

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TESTIMONY

Good Communication Means Speaking Truth in Love

By Peggy Norwood

Communication is an essential part of who we are as human beings; we are constantly engaging in some form of communication. Good communication is not just about one person talking. It involves each person speaking and listening. You speak, I listen. I speak, you listen. But I haven't communicated if you haven't also understood. Poor communication creates enmity and strife and is a barrier to unity and intimacy in all of our relationships. I believe one of God's goals for communication is unity — with him and with one another (Ephesians 1: 9-10; 2:11-22; 3:6; 4:3-5; 4:11-13).

What if instead of giving chocolates and roses on Valentine's Day, we gave each other the gift of good communication? How would we accomplish that? The Apostle Paul suggests that mature believers speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). Imagine what would happen to our relationships, interactions, and ministry if we consistently gave the gift of loving, truthful communication — not just on Valentine's Day, but every day.

Some people justify their unloving

They think their opinion makes something true and they share their opinion in an unloving way.



Peggy Norwood

remarks by saying things like, "I'm just keeping it real." They think their opinion makes something true and they share their opinion in an unloving way. We are told we should "put off falsehood and speak truthfully to our neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25), using God's word as our standard for truth regardless of what we think or how we feel. Additionally, we are taught to avoid unwholesome talk and make our speech helpful and beneficial to others (Ephesians 4: 29). The Apostle Paul further instructs us also to "get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice and to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each

other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4: 31-32). Remember, one of God's goals for our communication is unity.

So how exactly do we speak the truth in love? We can find a description of love (and therefore good communication) in 1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 7: Love (good communication) is patient, kind, doesn't envy, is not boastful or proud, is not rude or self-seeking, is not easily angered, keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil, rejoices with the truth, and always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres.

A few things to consider before you speak: 1) Examine your motives. Are they immoral, impure, or self-serving? 2) Is what you're saying building unity and edifying others? 3) Be mindful of what you say, how you say it, when you say it, and the consequences of what you say. 4) The person you are communicating with is God's child and your brother or sister in Christ. God loves that person as much as he loves you. 5) Satan wants to wreak havoc in our communication because it destroys our unity. But remember, he's already been defeated and we already have the victory. Happy Valentine's Day! +

Dr. Peggy Mitchell Norwood is a mental health consultant, ordained minister, and author of the book, *Do Something Different For a Change*. You can reach her at peggy@drpegonline.com or 303-745-4944.

EVENT

Provocative Professor to Deliver Keynote Address

The Rev. Dr. Donald H Matthews will deliver the keynote message for Black History Observance at New Life Christian Fellowship, in Greenwood Village, CO, on Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 10:00 am.

Dr. Matthews is a professor of Religious Studies and Lead Faculty of the Master of Divinity Program at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. Dr. Matthews, recently suspended, was reinstated for

staging a silent protest against what he identified as institutional racism against himself and other minorities at the university.

Dr. Charles Lief, President of Naropa, was recently quoted as saying the university is seeking to hire a well-qualified Director of Diversity to address and avoid such issues in the future. Dr. Matthews stated he came back to the university because of his love for the students, faculty, and the work at hand.

Rev. Manning Perkins, Senior Pastor of the New Life Christian Fellowship said he extended an invitation to Dr. Matthews because "he brings a wealth of experience and insight to the community of diversity. It is a neighborhood he has labored well in both from an academic and practical standpoint." Pastor Perkins went on to say, "many with blighted vision have come to see more clearly and appreciate more fully the many tenants who occupy the house we call diversity because of the tireless efforts of this seasoned sage."

Dr. Matthews earned a BS and a MA from Northwestern University, M.Div. from the Pacific School of Religion, and a PhD from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. He is the author of "Can This Church Live?: A Congregation, Its Neighborhood, and Social Transformation" and several other books. +



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Are You Your Sister's Keeper?

By Maya Wheeler

In Genesis 4:9 God ask Cain, if he is his brothers keeper. In the same way that God expected Cain to look after his brother Abel. He expects the same of us as women. Therefore, I pose the question, are you looking out for your sister's, mother's, or daughter's physical and mental health? Today, an estimated 59% to 75% of women provide the primary informal care for their spouse, parents, parents-in-law, friends and/or neighbors according to Family Caregiver Alliance. Although men also provide assistance, female caregivers spend as much as 50% more time providing care than their male counterparts. The toll of caregiving can lead to higher levels of depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges in women, while men tend to respond to caregiving responsibilities in a different way, women typically make the decision to stay home to provide care for a loved one. Men respond by delaying their retirement to help cover the financial burden associated with paying for long-term care. The impact of intensive caregiving can also be substantial to the health of women including:

Higher levels of hostility and a greater decline in happiness

Higher caregiver related stress

Poor health (i.e. coronary heart disease, elevated blood pressure, increased risk of developing hypertension; lower immune function; slower wound healing; and an increased risk of death)

In addition, minority and low-income female caregivers may face additional challenges such as accessing paid sources of care. In fact, lower-income caregivers are half as likely as higher-income caregivers to have paid home health care or assistance available to provide support for and relief from their caregiving functions.

Despite, the fact that caregiving can

In addition, we also provide a community outreach liaison program to assist caregiver's navigate the healthcare system to gain access to resources and information that will allow them to maintain their health and keep their loved ones safe.



Maya Wheeler

have negative health effects women, it is important to note that it can also be rewarding if the right provisions are put in place. At Forest Street Compassionate Care Center, we are our sister's keeper and recognize support services can make a real difference in the day-to-day lives of caregivers. This is why we offer respite and long-term care services to enable caregivers to remain in their caregiving roles longer, with less stress and greater satisfaction. In addition, we also provide a community outreach liaison program to assist caregiver's navigate the healthcare system to gain access to resources and information that will allow them to maintain their health and keep their loved ones safe.

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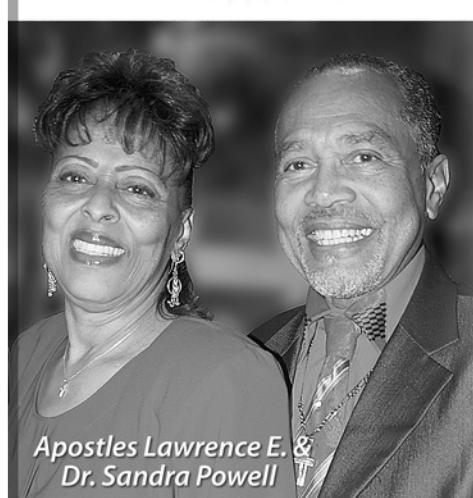
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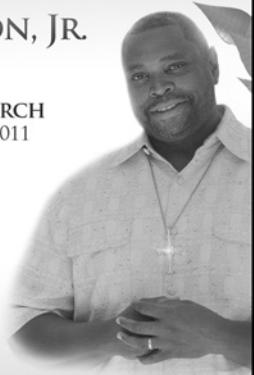


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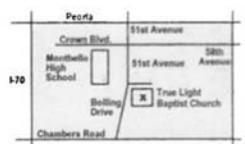


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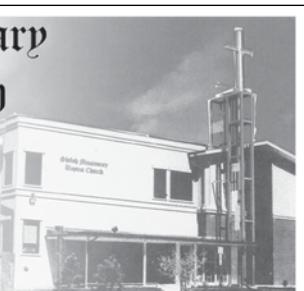
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A REPORT CARD FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY & ITS LEADERS

By T.H. Mack, Sr.

Well, Black people, it's that time: time to look in the mirror and at our choices, whether individually or our leadership choices. I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but over the past 20-plus years Black business in Denver and Denver Metro has fallen to just 28% of what was once a thriving Black Business Community. This has to be embarrassing to our leaders, but more importantly to those of us who put them in the position of leadership, notwithstanding our beloved clergy, leaders of the pulpit.

Over the last two decades, the African American community in Denver has sat aimlessly by and watched business after business close and not be replaced by any new vibrant African American-owned businesses either within in the Black community or outside of it. This Holocaust on the Black Business Community is obviously by design; the question is no longer whether it's "by design," but "who helped design it." Our leadership has not been accountable to the Black Community. Equally, we've been just as complacent and uncommitted. The days of a Black leader(s) putting it all on the line are over and have been non-existent for more than four decades. Since leadership is the definition we choose to use (which is almost laughable for our entire community), we desperately need to adopt the policy of representation instead of leadership (John 13:16).

Our clergy has been either left out of the process or just didn't engage to make a difference. (Not media sound bites, but True Change is needed). For those of you who say "how dare you speak about our clergy," as I understand it, we're supposed to be Christ-like, (John 13:4-17). So let us ask ourselves a question. Jesus Christ washed his disciples' feet and fed them first before he ate. How many of our clergy would be willing to wash our feet or let us eat first or make sure our needs are met before theirs are?

Let's review the economic desolation of the Black Business Community. The following information may be overwhelming. The bad news is that this is a true and factual part of our community; the good news is we have the opportunity, with the right representation, to correct past and present devastation. The question is "will we do it?"

Let's talk about the newest Black residential community, a middle-class housing community, called Green Valley Ranch. Green Valley Ranch has the highest income for African Americans in the Denver Metro Area, actually for the whole state of Colorado. With that being said, there aren't 2% **Black-owned businesses in the whole community. (**Black-owned business = Owner of the business, owner of the building, owner of the land!)

With all of the educated middle- to upper-middle class Negroes, no one owns more than residential property in their own community! Now as God-fearing people, and only fearing God, we as adults are telling our children to stay in school and do the right thing. However, a good job isn't as appealing as maybe it was 20 or 30 years ago. Our ancestors certainly knew a "good job" was an oxymoron. We had more **Black owned businesses 60 years ago than we do today. We're always talking about the impact on us. Here is something we can do: let's ensure our leaders can truly lead. Jesus led by example (water into wine, sight to the blind, raising the dead. {John 2:1-11, John 9:1-11, John 11:1-44}). So how is it our Black leaders expect us to follow blindly just because of color? We must be careful, for those of us that studied American History as it relates to Slavery, know that the only one fast enough to catch some of the slaves were other Africans who were being used at their own peril, during the heinous Middle Passage and immoral and Un-Godly North American

Slave Trade. Is that tactic still being used in the Black community today???

We're still waiting and have been waiting for over 40-plus years for a certain African American community such as Five Points to bounce back to its once brilliant, highly respected business and entertainment, economic stature. There are whispers from the imported Negroes and others who don't have a true stake in the community, and that are possibly controlled by outside forces. Unfortunately they seem to be the subsidiary key holders; not true key holders. Holders of enough to block, but not holders of enough to truly build or rebuild. Will those in and from the community benefit or be exploited again as usual!!!!

Black Leaders, Preachers and Politicians have their work cut out for them

- Are our leaders promoting producers or consumers?
- Black males are graduating at an all-time low, also an all-time low in college enrollment
- Our women are 20 times more likely to have HIV vs. White women
- Mental Health, recreational substance abuse is still detrimental in the Black Community
- We retain less than 1/10th of the wealth in our households than White households retain
- Shrinking in actual population down to approximately 7% of Denver Metro
- Still struggling with gangs, despite all the money we've received from the Federal Gov't
- Still double-digit unemployment
- Still the first to be institutionally punished in a 7:1 ratio in the court system vs. whites
- Still the first to buy luxury items, and the last to purchase property (Real Estate)
- Still first in divorce per household vs. Whites, Hispanic or Asian
- Last in teenage employment
- Leading in marriage infidelity among men and women alike
- Still less likely to receive an institutional loan (bank/credit union) than whites at a 13:1 ratio

In conclusion, I'm not saying we should be monolithic or even racially exclusive. However, I am saying we should be equally (well) represented and not for the leadership's (his or her) private group(s) and/or funders, but for the community they supposedly represent. This includes, but not notwithstanding: black leaders, preachers and politicians. We should pray for them, and also hold them accountable. Remember, most if not all, leaders choose to be in their role. The \$64,000 question is Why?

Last but not least, I don't want to point out problems or issues without a functional and ready solution. We should first pay attention to who we appoint or allow to become our self-appointed leader(s), in the Black Community. Second, evaluate how and where we spend our dollars. Third, if you're in a church or religious entity that only serves based on exclusivity, hold the pastor, priest, or bishop accountable. Remember, Jesus served a multitude. Fourth, talk to our young people, get a different perspective from our own; don't be afraid to learn or try something new. Fifth and final, don't be so critical of our own without equal criticism of others, including those that are popular, but not productive. Remember when electing or defining a leader, make sure you know where you're being led!

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The incomplete list of shuttered Black-owned businesses.

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MD's Restaurant	80205
Ms Ethel's Restaurant	80205
Zona's (The Pig Ear Stand)	80205
True Value Hardware	80205
Hue-man Bookstore	80205
Root's Corner Store	80205
Russell's Record Store	80205
Sid's Supper Club / Beehive Club	80207
Mr J's/ 19th Hole Club	80207
Marion's Lounge	80216
Smitty's / Ebony Rose Lounge	80205
Big Al's Lounge	80205
BJ's Lounge	80205
715 Lounge	80205
Big Al's Thrift Shop	80205
Capre Lounge & Restaurant	80205
McGill's Barbershop	80205
Troy's Barbershop	80205
Club Spice Lounge	80239
Dukes Bar & Grill	80205
Underground Bookstore	80239
Howard's Drug Store	80205
VFW Club (in Black Community)	80205
Mortgage Financial Services	80205
Dr Thomas Hickman (served Black Community)	80205
Dr Bookhardt (served Black Community)	80205
Dr Phillips (served Black Community)	80205
Q's Hair Salon	80239
KG's corner store	80205
Butler Fish Market	80205
Tommie's Floral Store	80205
Wise Harris Liquors	80205
Brown Sugar Restaurant	80205
Dixon's Shoes Repair	80205
Gill Ford's Shoe Repair	80207
Junior's Corner store	80207
Johnny Copeland Liquors	80207
Tony Richards State Farm Insurance Agency	80205
KDKO Radio Station	80205
The Crest Movie Theater	80205
The Roxy Theater	80205
The Montbello AMC Theater 6	80239
House of Beauty	80207
The Picture Man's Studio	80207
Conoco Gas Station	80207
Texaco Gas Station	80205
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D's Laundry Mat	80205
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NOTE unfortunately there are many more

Temptation Through Anger

By Evang. Dr. P.M. Wynn Grove

We have all experience a bad situation that really made us mad and tempted to do or say the wrong thing. What's worst is we actually react to the temptation. Thank God that HE constantly forgives us all! Let's look at a couple of situations in the Bible.

Moses was extremely fortunate. He was saved from Pharaoh's cruel edict that midwives must kill the infant sons of Hebrew women, his mother had hidden him when he was three months old in a snug basket in the bulrushes by the riverside. Well you know the story Pharaoh's daughter discovered the infant and took him to the palace. Here he was brought up as the princess' son and as a grandson of the mighty Pharaoh of Egypt. Young Moses, lived a privileged lifestyle. It was really hard for him at times to see how his people were being treated and not be able to do anything about it.

One day, when Moses was walking through the city, he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew. Moses, furious at this brutality, was overcome by the temptation to do violence to the cruel Egyptian. Well as the story goes.. Moses gave in to his temptation. As the Bible says, "He looked this way and that way, and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand." With no other Egyptian in sight, Moses felt that he was safe, for he did not have to worry about any of his own people betraying him – or so he thought. But just a day later, the princely young Moses again came upon two men brawling in the street. This time two Hebrews, the stronger was bullying the weaker. Again Moses grew angry over the injustice, just as he did when the Egyptian was beating the Hebrew. He addressed the bully sharply stating, "Why are you striking this fellow?" Now you



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know nobody wants to be interrupted during a fight. The bully turned to Moses and said "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?"

The words stuck Moses like a slap in the face. His secret was out! What he thought no one knew or saw was in fact slowly becoming the talk of the town. Moses realized his secret was out and he knew that once the word got to Pharaoh the law would be to punish him, and Pharaoh would punish him. Then Moses became afraid, he started thinking about what people would say when they learned he had killed a man. Moses fled town before Pharaoh's men could stop him. You would think something like this would end his career and the story of Moses. But, under anger he did what his temptation dictated to him. How many of you all know this was all

in God's master plan for Moses to lead God's people out of Egypt.

Because Moses had such a temper God had to take him down this road. When God has a purpose for you He often works in strange ways to bring it to pass. (AMEN) God had to discipline hot headed Moses until he was trained for leadership. Moses worked hard, He married. He grew much wiser in the company of his father-in-law, Jethro, the Lord's priest. He learned to listen for God's voice. This was God's way of leading Moses through temptation to triumph. Well you know the rest of the story, later on He (God) commissioned Moses to return to Egypt to deliver his people from their bondage. Under His hand a murderer who had yielded to terrible temptation was transformed into the deliverer of a nation.

There were many others that were tempted in the Bible but that was just part of their walk with the Lord and the plans He had for them.

Let us not forget Satan even tried to tempt Jesus. When Jesus came back from being baptized from John the Baptist Satan didn't waste any time as Jesus came back from the Jordan river and was in the wilderness for forty days. Fasting all that time and the end of his fast when Jesus was at His weakest, the devil appeared to Him and said, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

It is this "Power of the Spirit" which can always be counted on, the power and Holy Spirit of God will help those who are struggling against the troubles of our world and wiles of the devil.

The devil put the test in the most pressing terms he knew, for Jesus had been almost six weeks without food. In whatever terms Jesus felt this temptation, we know this: He did not yield to the temptation. He answered the devil sharply. "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone." As you know the devil tried once more. And Jesus answered him the second time by saying, "you shall not tempt the Lord your God." There was nothing more the devil could do.

It is this "Power of the Spirit" which can always be counted on, the power and Holy Spirit of God will help those who are struggling against the troubles of our world and wiles of the devil. From earliest times to times of now people have been encouraged and strengthened by the way Jesus withstood His temptation in the wilderness. As He received help from God, so can we. The Apostle Paul writes, in one of his letters: "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13)

We will find strength through weakness. Let us remember when we feel tempted in life that our God said in His Word, "He won't put more on us than we can bear." Whatever has tempted you to do the wrong thing it has also helped make you the "Believer" you are today with more wisdom! God has a blessing with your name on it.

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OBITUARIES

Petra Antonia Gonzalez de McCulley

April 14, 1936 ~ December 2, 2013

Petra Antonia Gonzalez de McCulley, 77 slipped away peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2013. She was born April 14th, 1936 in Panama City, Republic de Panama to her proud parents, Juan B. Murillo and Juana Heredia Gonzalez, who proceeded her in death along with her siblings Efrain, Juan, Hector, Margarita, Cecelia, Mercedes and Gabriela, her mother-in-law Juanita Young Morris and father-in-law William Sonny McCulley. Petra was the co-owner and founder of the Angelus Chapel Mortuaries in Pueblo and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Petra's connection to the Pueblo community began immediately upon locating here with her husband Charles. She served the Pueblo community in a number of charitable, beneficial ways. She was active in numerous organizations and committees. As a notary Public, she gained useful experience in dealing with the public and legal matters. She assisted numerous future American citizens with translations, immigration papers and legal services.

In 1968, she became Vice-President of Angelus Funeral Directors and worked side-by-side with her hus-

band and her children, partnering to develop a well-respected business in Pueblo and the surrounding areas. She was a member of the National Funeral Directors Mortician Association, National Funeral Directors Association, and Colorado Funeral Directors Association. Her personal care and touch given to every family she served showed her genuine concern and respect for all. She personified the Angelus philosophy. She and her husband Charles were truly humbled to have received the Small Business of the Year Award from both the Latino Chamber of Commerce in 2008 and the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce in 2013. She and Charles were so elated when selected to be the Grand Marshalls of the 2004 Colorado State Fair Fiesta Day Parade. Petra loved the people of Pueblo, the city of Pueblo and she especially loved the Bessemer and Minnequa Heights neighborhoods that she called home, where she built her marriage, her family, her faith, her business and her friendships. It's not good-bye, but see you later on.

Petra leaves her legacy to be cherished by her loving husband, Charles



Gonzalez de McCulley

W. McCulley, her children; Franklin O. McCulley, Joseph (Claudia) DaCosta McCulley, Vilkins (Greg) McCulley-Matthews, Juanita (Jerry) McCulley-Santos, Yaneran (Donnie) McCulley-Sedillo, Tamisha McCulley and lil Joseph F. McCulley; twelve grandchildren a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many, many friends. *

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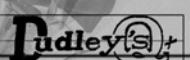
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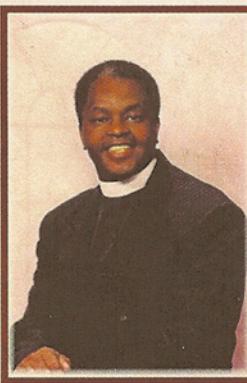
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