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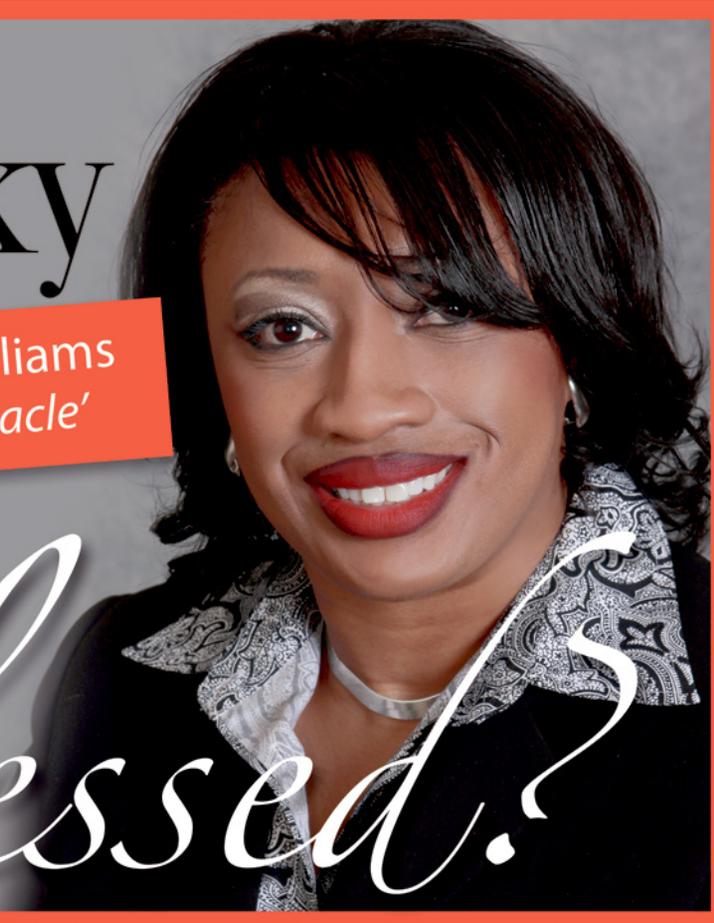
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# Who Do You Really Think God Is?

THE QUESTION I ASK IS NOT AS WE HUMANS WOULD ASK each other in terms such as: who do you think you are? This type of tenor or tone may suggest that we have conflict, disagreement or opposition with the other person. The context with which I pose this question is dealing with the Supreme Being. Unlike many of us, God is truly serious about people and he does not take things lightly, jestingly or nonchalantly. The God that I refer to is the one who sent his only begotten Son to die for the sins of the world. The God who we believe in has certain expectations for those of us who are called by his name. The God with which I speak of is the Creator of the heavens, earth, and all mankind. The God we lift up is the Sovereign of sovereigns, the King of kings, he is Alfa and Omega. He is the Beginning and the End, and is Chief of the Trinity.

Many people say that they believe in a god or higher power, yet they cannot give you facts, proof, documentation or comment on their relationship with their god. They will say that the bible is flawed or skewed. I understand why they think this way because they don't want boundaries placed upon their actions nor their liberty constrained. Neither did the people during the flood or those of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is also true that many parents today have no boundaries or guidelines for their children. God does expect better from his people. When we look at our society today we can understand why we are in a crisis. They refuse to believe in the true God because of the requirements he has for his people. The god with whom they speak of is a god that cannot give or provide eternal life. The god which they believe in has no compass or guidelines for the people. Their god allows you to say and do as you please and anything goes with no expectations. Satan has done a great job of making sin appealing to those of us who are easily motivated by his prowess. All unrighteousness is sin. In I John 1:9 (KJV) it reads, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

In ST. Matthew 4:1-10 (KJV) it says, "Then Jesus was led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, if thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Being tempted is not sin, but yielding to temptation is sin. What has Satan tempted you with?

We being the children of the Almighty God in many instances have also chosen not to heed his word on some occasions. We give more credence to what man has to say even if it's wrong. We have at times, elected to set aside phone calls, e-mails, text, letters or other forms of communications which we may not readily want to respond. But the question is: are we prepared for the consequences of God Almighty if we ignore him? We cannot ignore God and expect a good outcome, and neither can unbelievers. The bible has recorded many such instances.

Who is God? God is Omnipotent: which means he is all powerful, invincible, unstoppable, and has the ability to do anything he wants to do no matter what we think. In Psalms 136:12 (KJV) it reads, "With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth forever." In Psalms 66:7 (KJV) it says, "He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves." Isaiah 26:4 (KJV) reads, "Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength." In the book of Jeremiah 10:12 (KJV) it says, "He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." The book of ST. Matthew 19:26 (KJV) reads, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

The book of ST. Luke 11:20 (KJV) Jesus states, "But if I with the finger of God cast

out devils, no doubt the Kingdom of God is come upon you." I Corinthians 6:14 (KJV) says, "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

Who is God? God is Omnipresent: which means he has the ability to be present everywhere at the same time. In the Psalms 139:7-12 (KJV) says, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If

I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee." Isaiah 66:1 (KJV) says, "Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?" In the book of Acts 17:27-28 (KJV) it reads, "That they should seek the lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." In the book of Isaiah 50:8 (KJV) it says, "He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me." ST. Matthew 28:20 (KJV) states, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Psalms 145:18 says, "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth." The book of Exodus 29:45 (KJV) says, "And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God."



Wil Wilson

Who is God? God is Omniscient: which means he is knowledgeable of everything with an unlimited understanding. He sees, hears and knows all that we say and do. In Psalms 147:5 (KJV) it reads, "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite." Isaiah 40:28 (KJV) says, "Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding." Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV) states, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." ST. Matthew 10:30 (KJV) Jesus says, "But the very hairs of your head are numbered." In the book of Romans 11:33-36 (KJV) it reads, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Hebrews 4:13 (KJV) reads, "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Jeremiah 1:5 (KJV) says, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

We should also be reminded that in Psalms 121:4 (KJV) the Psalmist says, "Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep." This should let us know for sure that all the scriptures we just examined places him as the one and only true God. Now that we've had an opportunity to explore and see just a small glimpse of who God is, or might I say a partial report on who he is, and the attributes which he possesses, I believe that he is all that and so much more. It would be foolish for any of us to attempt to compare ourselves in any manner to God. In ST. John 4:24 (KJV) Jesus says, "God is spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." In the book of Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." So now, the second most important question for people today is: WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? REALLY.

*"We are either in the process of resisting God's truth or in the process of being shaped and molded by his truth."*

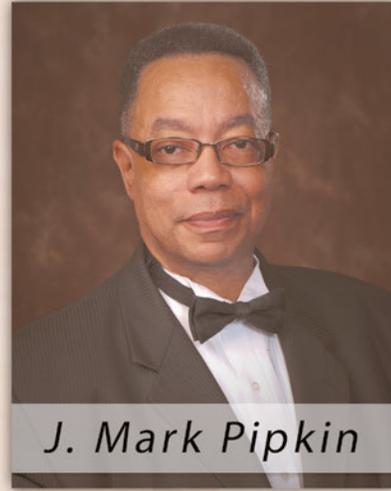
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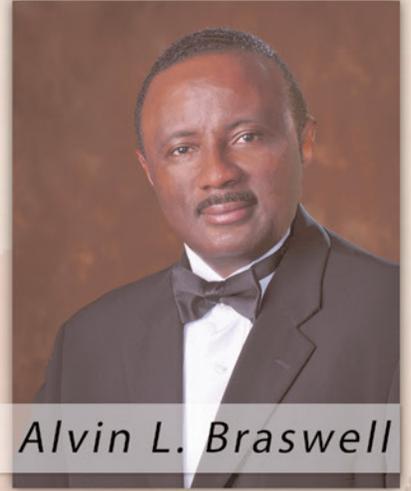


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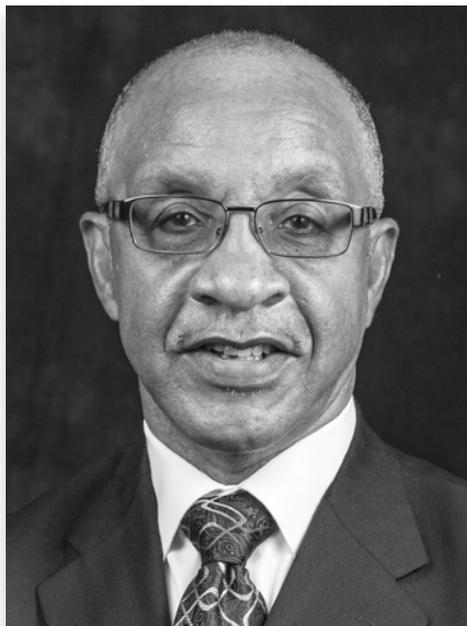
# Justice for Blacks is 'Out of Balance'

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

We enjoy a plethora of African American leadership in our city. We have African Americans in just about every level of government: legislators, Mayor, Chief of Police, Sherriff, Executive Director of Safety, City Council, and many mayoral cabinet members. Many of these live in our neighborhoods. We shop with them in our stores, attend church with them, attend meetings together, and many of their children go to school with ours. By virtue of having elected them, supported them, and in some cases endorsed their appointments, we deem them the best amongst US.

In spite of this phenomenal representation in our city, the Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance is concerned about the lack of response and corresponding actions to past and recent events of excessive force and physical abuse of those incarcerated in our jails; for example: Marvin Booker, which resulted in death, and more recently Anthony Waller. Although there are many others these two have been, and are, of particular concern to the Alliance due to the video record that has been observed in the news. As we view these videos, in particular, it leaves little doubt that a violation of

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Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

rights has occurred. (If you are unfamiliar with the Waller case, you can view it online (<http://www.coloradoindependent.com/tag/anthony-waller>).

The Alliance has vigilantly followed the case of the Marvin Booker homicide. We are excited about the recent decision by the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals opinion on Booker's case, which will allow the Marvin Booker case to go to trial. More recently, we have undertaken the investigation of the outright abuse of Anthony Waller.

The Alliance met recently with Mayor Hancock, Police Chief White, Sherriff

Gary Wilson, Executive Director of Safety Stephanie O'Malley, and other high-level city leaders to discuss what we deem an inadequate response to clear abuse by Deputy Brady Lovingier of Anthony Waller. We are concerned about the lack of corresponding disciplinary action for an obvious violation of Anthony Waller's rights. The penalty would have been severe had it been a member of our community who savagely slammed Waller into a wall. Deputy Lovingier was suspended for 30 days.

The Alliance preliminary investigation has found that the establishment of the "disciplinary matrices" used to investigate and discipline those in law enforcement is seemingly out of balance, as it presently exists, and results in a systematic impediment to equality of justice.

As an outcome of our meeting, the Alliance will be collaborating with the Sherriff's department and the Executive Director of Safety as part of citizens workgroups to review: the disciplinary process, methods of officer training (particularly as related to mental health and use of force), and policies and procedures. We will also be conducting regular meetings with our city officials to stay abreast of issues and seeking to share in meaningful dialogue as to solutions.

As spiritual leaders of our community, we want to support our legislative, law enforcement, and civic leadership, while at the same time; we remain extremely vigilant to hold all our representatives accountable. We recognize

that they serve the entire city and that their responsibilities extend beyond our community. On the other hand, they look like us, are called to represent us, and we deem them **the best amongst US!** ✚

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## TESTIMONY

# How Do We Save the Children?

By Carrie McElroy

God spoke a word to my spirit. The cry of my people is the same, it stretches from corner to corner, nation to nation, "Lord save our children!" There is a generation of children who are living their lives without the commands of God. Those who have not been taught that the greatest Love of all is Christ Jesus.

How can we save our children? Through Love and Kindness, He drew us out of darkness into His Marvelous Light. These same powers will work on our children. They are waiting on us, as God's people to show Love and Kindness to them.

We must be slow to speak and quick to listen, and take the time to show them that we do care about them. Many of these children have been raised by grandparents or aunts and uncles, not by their mother because some of the mothers are in prison or on drugs. Some of these children don't know who their father is, or perhaps have no idea of where they are. Some children were born addicted.

In 2005, I opened my business at the corner of 28th & Madison Street. The bus stop was a place that was always full of young black men. Every day, they would meet there with their pants sagging, smoking blunts, and cursing each other with no respect for



Carrie McElroy

anyone. I went to them and asked two questions: What and why. What they wanted to do with their lives, and why weren't they doing it. One of the young men wanted to be a detective; each one had something they wanted to be in life. This group of men called themselves "Cripps."

One day, I noticed there was a fight starting. I didn't lock my door, peek out the window, or call the police, but I went to them with love and I saw them the same way God sees us: complete and living a life full of praise. I

would always let them know that God created them with gifts. I didn't talk about the way they look or how they dress or repeat what they have already heard: that they will never be anything. Instead, I told them what they can be and do with Jesus Christ in their lives, how Love covers a multitude of sin. How He created them and their gifts will be activated through Him.

We would talk about where sagging pants started—not in the jail cells, but in the fields of slavery, so the black men would not run away. God's Word tells us that His people suffer for lack of knowledge. In one at a time, God's words started working. When they see me at the 7-11 or walking past the bus stop, they pull their pants up, stop smoking blunts and cursing in my presence. They always call me "Miss Carrie," and I can feel the love they have for me. But they first had to feel the love I have for them. They come to me when they need advice or just someone to talk to with words of encouragement. They know I am there for them.

I would ask them questions, like "how long will they let our Father's blood run in the streets of Denver." And how there will be no more black babies born because of the seed of man being destroyed. How great it is to be the seed bearer, that carries the next generation. If they don't stop kill-

ing each other, the black race will be dwindle down to little to none.

I let them know the gifts and greatness God has placed in them. Most of these young men dropped out of school. I encourage them to go back to school.

One day, I was asked "if I go to school, who will pay for it?" I told him God and I would. I really wasn't sure how I was going to pay, but I have faith in God and His Word. This young man went to Everest College. I kept my word and took him to take the entrance test. He scored so high that he was given grants. His desire was to become a detective. During his first semester, he had a GPA of 4.0. You could see how much better he felt about himself. Then he was told that he would not be able to become a detective because of his past, which included a felony. I still encouraged him to take more classes and learn all he can because God will give him the desires of his heart.

Another one of my children went to school and now is employed as a nurse and gives the best massage. Another one is in the Job Core, where he wants to get his diploma and learn to cook and one day open his own restaurant. One of the young men has given his life to Christ and was recently baptized. Yes, the Power of Love and Kindness still works today. ✚

# Reducing Your Risk

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

— Psalms 103:2

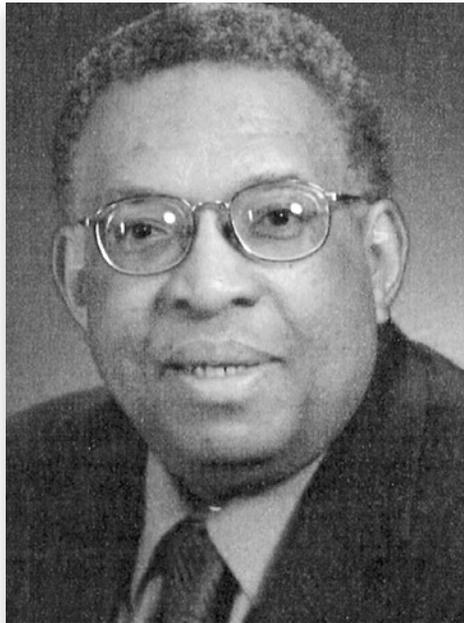
By Byron E. Conner, M.D.

Cancer is one of the most dreaded of all diseases that we can be afflicted with on this earth. The very word invokes images of pain, and suffering for those diagnosed with cancer, but also pain for loved ones. In this modern era there are effective treatments, but a cure for all forms of cancer eludes us. There are a number of serious medical condition perhaps challenging to treat but preventable. Preventable conditions include heart attack, stroke, diabetes, and obesity. You may or may not be surprised to learn that it is possible to reduce your risk of certain types of cancer and in fact prevent getting cancer. It is all about choosing to live healthy so you can be healthy. Even a terrifying ailment like cancer is not immune to a healthy lifestyle.

Cancer has become a global pandemic and causes one in eight deaths worldwide. The problem with cancer in our world is aging, growth of the world population and now involvement of even poor countries in the pandemic. The most commonly diagnosed cancer worldwide are cancers of the lung, breast and colon. We are all at risk.

It is very striking to note that the things we can do to prevent cancer and reduce our risk are simple but not unfamiliar. So what can we do to help stem the tide of cancer--as follows:

Don't use any type of tobacco products. This does not mean cutting down if you are using these things--



Dr. Conner

**QUIT!** It is truly amazing to note that this simple step can help reduce or prevent cancers of the lung, pancreas, bladder and other organs. Tobacco is a toxin we do not need to be exposed to. Seek help from your medical provider as needed.

**Control your weight.** This might be a challenge, but it has a role to play in prevention of cancers of the breast, colon, gall bladder and others. Do not consider this as optional. Limit intake of high-calorie foods. Avoid weight gain at all ages. Eat a more plant based diet. Limit processed meat and red meat. Eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Limit alcohol intake to one drink for women and two for men.

**Get regular physical activity.** For adults this means about 30 minutes at least 5 days weekly and children and teens should get one hour of exercise daily. A simple but powerful practice is being more physically active.

**Get vaccinated.** Several of the leading causes of cancer are caused by infections that can be controlled through vaccinations such as those for hepatitis B and human papilloma virus (The latter can reduce the incidence of cervical cancer). Discuss these with your medical provider.

**Avoid unnecessary sun exposure.** Use proper clothing and sun screen. This will help to prevent melanoma and other types of skin cancer.

**Get needed screening.** Here is something you should certainly discuss with your medical provider. There are tests to screen for certain cancers such as those of the cervix, breast, colon, prostate and others. Consider your family history when getting screened. If you are female, if a mother or sister had breast cancer your risk of this disease is higher. Share your family history for this and other cancers with your doctor.

It has been reported that about half of all cancers were preventable if current medical knowledge in particular lifestyle measures were used. Proper screening is also needed. Discuss this information with your medical provider so you can get all the details you need to reduce your risk of cancer and help to prevent cancer.

May God bless you as you care for your health and that of your family. ✝

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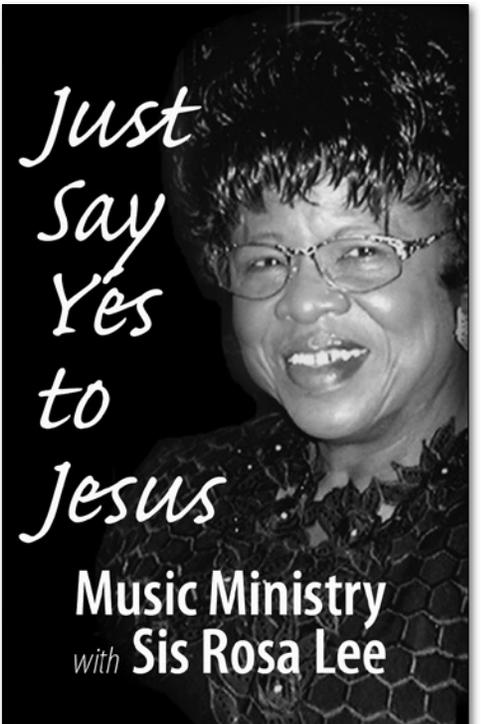
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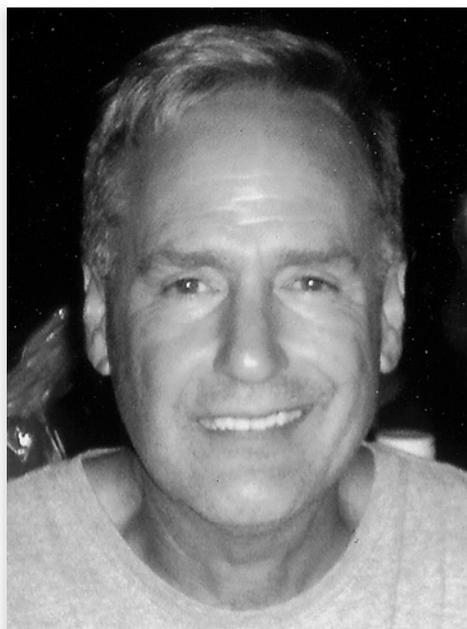
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# Another Gospel in Disguise

By Michael Forti



Michael Forti

As we journey through life, we find two roads to travel on. Jesus said, "Enter through the NARROW gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and MANY enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a FEW find it" (Matt 7:13-14 NIV). While many are lost on that broad and popular road, a few will make the decision to head down the narrow road for healing and comfort. Unfortunately, only after a short time on the narrow road, many will start to miss the road that they grew up on. Because they have no root, they turn away from the narrow road only to head back down the road to destruction. Now, on the other hand, there are those who will make the choice to try and journey down BOTH ROADS at the same time. Our Lord gives a strong warning to "ALL" who make the choice to stay on the fence. "I know your deeds, that you are neither COLD nor HOT. I wish you were either one or the other. So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to SPIT you OUT of MY MOUTH (Rev 3:14-18, Lk 8:9-15, Heb 10:26-27).

As we search throughout the entire New Testament, we discover that All Mighty God ministers to three kinds of people who claim to be Christians. There are those who are on FIRE for the Lord and there is NO TURNING BACK! There are those who have LEFT their first love without realizing it. Then there are those who want to change His grace into a license for immorality so that they can live just the way they used to, yet at the same time, have a sense of secured salvation. Even though many are convinced that they are on the right road, they are falling into a delusional compromise (Jude 3-4, 2 Thess 2:1-12, Matt 13:11-23).

Those who want to know God, yet stay traveling down the compromising road will be attracted to successful, popular, inspirational and motivational speakers that will keep them right

in their comfort zone. MANY preachers will be reading right out of the Bible, quoting scriptures that say, "Test Me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it" (Mal 3:10 NIV). They will also inspire their congregation by reading, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jer 29:11) NIV). Unfortunately, because they refuse to balance out these bible verses with the rest of scripture, many will be misled into thinking that they can have more faith in the creation instead of the CREATOR (Rom 1:18-32, 2 Cor 11:1-15).

What is being left out? "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God. Anyone who chooses to be friends with the world is an enemy of God" (Jam 4:4 NIV). By Jezebel's popular teaching, churchgoers were being deceived into thinking that they could live in sexual immorality, greed

and idolatry, without any fear of God's wrath (Rev 2:18-29). They were putting more trust and faith into these inspirational speakers instead of the complete Words of Jesus Christ.

Many today continuously preach on waiting for a financial blessing, yet fail to preach on waiting for Jesus to come. Many will preach on the GRACE of God, yet fail to preach on REPENTANCE. In the book of Revelation, Jesus ministers to 7 churches that existed 2000 years ago. If you study it, 5 out of 7 churches were falling away from the true grace, love and teaching of Jesus Christ. This is why Jesus does not mention the word "grace" at all in chapters 2 and 3. However, He mentions the word REPENT 7 times (Jude 3-4). Why?

It is not so much what many are teaching out of God's word today, it has everything to do with how much they are LEAVING OUT. It is one thing to preach on the blessings of God, yet fail to preach on the wrath of God (Rom 1:18-32). It is one thing to preach, "well done my good and faithful servant," yet fail to quote, "Depart from me, I don't know you" (Matt 25:31-46). It is one thing to preach about financial blessing, yet fail to preach on GREED and FALSE MOTIVES (1 Thess 2:3-6, 2 Pet 2:1-3). Many will preach on faith and healing yet fail to preach, "See, you are well again. STOP SINNING or something WORSE may happen to you" (Jn 5:14 NIV). It is one thing to preach how God wants

to bring you comfort, yet fail to preach that He will take you out of your comfort zone (1 Cor 11-13). It is one thing to preach that Jesus will never leave you, yet fail to warn their congregation that many have LEFT HIM (2 Tim 2:12, Rev 2:4 KJV). It is one thing to say that no one knows the day and hour of our Lord's return, yet fail to teach that we should be seeing the Day approaching (Heb 10:25, Rev 3:1-3). It is one thing to preach the good news about the great rapture of the church, yet fail to preach that MANY church goers are about to be LEFT BEHIND (Matt 7:15-23, Rev Ch's 2-3)!

Because of this, many mainline Christian preachers will be misleading their congregations into believing in some other Jesus, some other spirit, and some other gospel! They will flavor their chocolate-covered, positive and encouraging sermon with a few bible verses, and then, to convince their church that they are the anointed one, they will say, "look at all of the people that God has sent to this church." Yet God's Word says, "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their OWN DESIRES, they will GATHER around them a GREAT NUMBER of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will TURN AWAY from the TRUTH and aside to myths" (2Tim 4:1-8 NIV).

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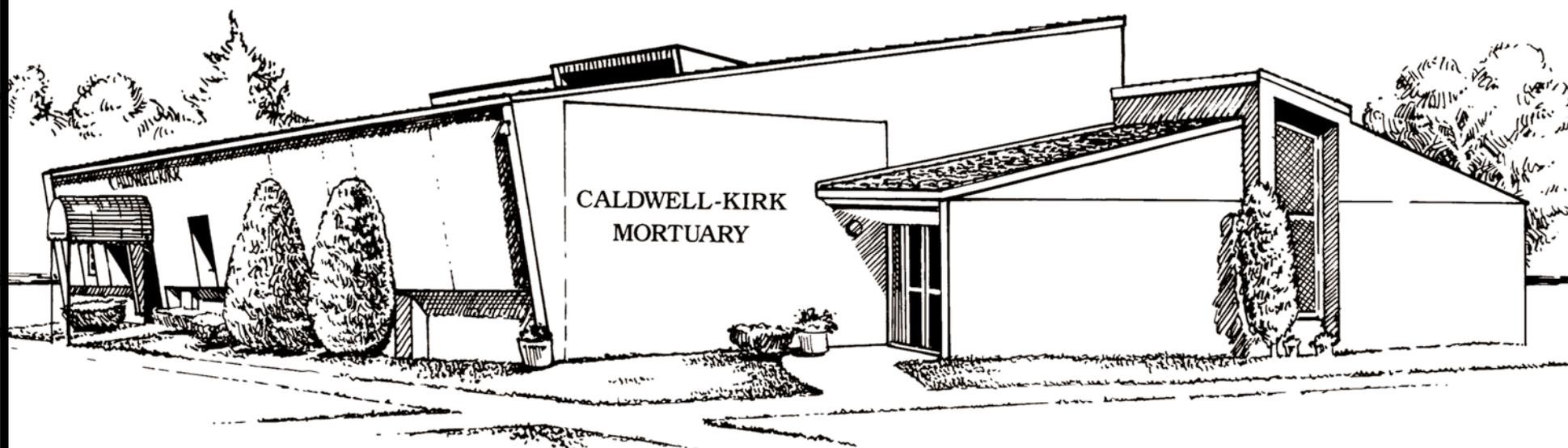
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# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Commanders of The Rite Banquet



**James English, 33°**  
(left)

**Mrs. Freddie Corene Whitney**  
(right)



**E**lvin R. Caldwell, Jr. Vice President of the Denver Commanders of the Rite announced the honorees for the 10th Annual Commanders of the Rite Banquet to be held on Saturday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel, 32nd and Quebec.

James English, 33° mason and a member of Mtn. & Plains Consistory #33

and Mrs. Freddie Corene Whitney member of Mtn. & Plains Assembly #49 are being honored.

Members of the Commanders of the Rite are all 33° masons, the highest level in masonry. The banquet was started in 2004 by Elvin R. Caldwell, Jr., 33°, Tom Lewis, 33° Osie Winds, 33° and the late Bill Wooden, 33°. ✚

# Annual Hiawatha Davis Seniors Luncheon a Success

Mary Blackmon is the current President Council (first elected in 2012) of the Dahlia Square Senior Apartments on Elm Street, where she is a resident. Brande Micheau, City Council Aide, who attends some of the meetings headed by Ms. Blackmon, had mentioned that City Council would welcome more participation from members of the senior community at the Annual Hiawatha Davis Luncheon. It is a free luncheon in celebration of his legacy. Ms Blackmon believes it is perhaps the most prestigious social event of the year for seniors.

Ms. Blackmon immediately began looking for people she could depend upon to help her. She recruited a total of 15 people to be on the planning committee, starting with some at Dahlia Square Senior Apartments, and branching out to other contacts within the senior community.

The event was held on December 19, 2013, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel and was attended by 626 people, including Chief White. The seniors enjoyed being served by members of the Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Blackmon spoke on the Luncheon's theme, "A Season to Remember." Mistress of Ceremonies was Traci Winchester. Dr. Nita Henry was a speaker. Keith Joiner, Manager at the new Walgreens at 35th and Colorado Blvd. was also chosen to speak. At the suggestion of Councilman Albus Brooks, he had previously reached out to the seniors in the community, asking for their opinion on products his store should carry. Sister Claudette Sweet sang the National Anthem.

Two Annual Awards were presented. The Lifetime Achievement Award went to Hazel Whitsett, who has been in a leadership position with the Women's Center for 25



Mary Blackmon

years and also worked for one of our Senators. She has given much of her time and service to the community.

Dixie Trimble received The Unsung Hero Award. Each summer, at the City Park Pavilion, she hosts the King Trimble Summer Tea for seniors, to honor her late husband.

Wanting to bring entertainment as well as speakers into the event, Ms. Blackmon approached Pastor Armington from the Central Baptist Church, who gave his approval for their praise dance group to perform at the Luncheon. The seniors were very enthusiastic about the presentation. Ms. Blackmon has received very positive feedback from members of City Council and participants at the luncheon. She looks forward to the possibility of planning the Hiawatha Davis Luncheon for 2014 as well.

Retired since 2006 from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Ms. Blackmon continues to use her communications and organizational skills on behalf of seniors. Recently, the Majors at the Salvation Army Red Shield asked her to be their Senior Program Coordinator, where she will organize activities for seniors. Mary Blackmon says, "My passion in life is to elevate the spirits of the senior population at Dahlia Square Senior Apartments and within the Denver community at large." ✚

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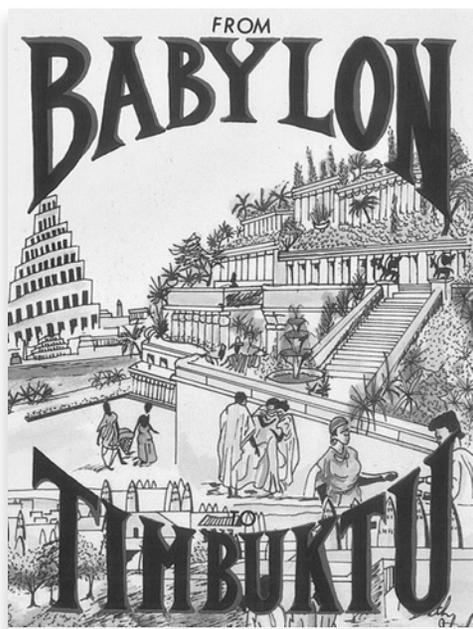
Author Dr. Rudolph R. Windsor says, "We shouldn't be surprised about the existence of Black Hebrews, because according to the Bible, the Hebrews were in Egypt during the time of Moses, and that is in Africa. So at least in North Africa, we have documented evidence from biblical sources that the Hebrews were in Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, if not in other parts of Africa. Many people know about the Falashan Jews, which are the Black Jews of Ethiopia. They can be traced back to the time of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. We have records of Blacks and Jews in Egypt and Ethiopia as early as the 9th and 10th Centuries B.C. The existence of Black Hebrews in Africa was one of the astounding and surprising discoveries that I made at that time and is what primarily made me want to research more about the Hebrews in Africa and made me want to write the book, 'From Babylon to Timbuktu, A History of Ancient Black Races including the Black Hebrews.'"

Dr. Windsor wrote the book in 1967-1969 after learning from his research of African History and Black Hebrews that a lot of information from scholars such as Allen H. Godbey, of Duke University in North Carolina, who wrote "Lost Tribes of Mes-East," included a section on African Jews and Hebrews. The history of Black people at that time (written in the early 1960's) gave little or no attention to the Black people in the Bible, or Black Hebrews in the ancient world. There were men like Dr. W.E.B DuBois, who wrote a book on Africa, and A. J. Rogers also wrote five or more books at the time. Dr. Windsor saw there was a need to get the information out, because there was a great deficit in the history books about Black civilization and about Black people.

"The White Jews of today are as a result of conversion and migration into different parts of Europe," explains Dr. Windsor, "Just as in the United States today, the longer we stay in America, the lighter and lighter Black people become."

One might wonder how did the Blacks in Timbuktu become Muslim? Dr. Windsor answers, "Arabs came into Africa after the 7th Century A.D. and they began to conquer and convert the people of Northern Africa to Islam. Later, the Moors and other Libyan people of North Africa began to penetrate the Sahara Desert to the south, and go into such countries as Niger, Chad, Mali, Nigeria and a few other places. Prior to converting to Islam, many were Hebrews or of the various other tribal religious cultures."

He says, "The reason Biblical char-



acters depicted in Hollywood movies in the past and also the ones coming out now, such as "The Son of God," "Noah's Ark," as well as other depictions of Biblical stories is because we live in the Western world, and we are given history from a White perspective, in a White-dominated world, and their objective is to perpetuate the falsehood that was developed during the early period of slavery and that also developed in Europe over the years after the conquest of the continent of Africa and the rest of the world."

Dr. Windsor continues, "Because the Europeans were dominant in their conquest, they began to take many of the great heroes of the ancient past and of Africa, and they began to make them White, and to paint their pictures White, as a psychological tool to enhance their own culture and to perpetuate their civilization by showing the people as being White."

"At the same time," states Dr. Windsor, "in America, for example, they were able to subjugate and suppress the Black people. Their objective was to make Black people feel inferior, and believe they did not have a place in history. When they made everyone of importance White, it made us feel that White Supremacy was a legitimate doctrine—and that they must be correct, because everyone was White—pictures of Jesus and all his disciples, and all the prophets of the Bible are depicted as being White, so they must be superior. But that was all the psychological indoctrination that was fomented to deceive the Black people and keep them in mental slavery."

He continues, "Until after the Civil War ended in 1865, Black people in this country still remained in mental slavery because even though they were freed from chattel slavery, they were

not freed from the psychological slavery of the false indoctrination about the Black man's culture and history. The way we can change that around is by teaching more about Black history in our schools."

"First, we need to begin in our homes and our neighborhoods in our community. We have to set up programs in our neighborhoods, and in the home. Black people need to read about their own history. Black kids today go out and get into trouble because they don't have any pride in who they are. If you don't have a good self-esteem, you will do anything. So we have to be taught to appreciate ourselves and love ourselves. If you don't love yourself, and who you are, how can we expect anyone else to love us and treat us right?"

Dr. Windsor notes, "That is why we have cases like Trevon Martin and Jordan in Jacksonville, Florida, where a man shot the boy because he was playing loud music in a gas station. You are going to have situations like that when children are not properly taught about their culture and appreciate who they are. White people consider us as being inferior because we don't know anything about our history and they think we behave in a 'bizarre' way that is different from them."

"So," continues Dr. Windsor, "this particular White man said that since the kid started playing loud music, he thought that is typical of Black youth, and they are inferior, so they deserve to die. That's what it amounts to. They have the 'stand your ground' law in Florida. He felt that since he didn't like the looks of the Black guy (and when he said something to them, the Black guys gave him a harsh look) and so he felt threatened, and therefore justified in shooting him, which was in his mind, self-defense."

One answer, says Dr. Windsor is, "if we know more about our history and our culture, and we are taught more, and learn to respect our parents and our elders, we wouldn't have to

be playing all of this loud music, and our minds would be concentrating on education and learning more. If you would take a survey, you would probably find that those who are playing the loud music are deficient in their reading skills."

He reiterates, "Many high schools in the Black communities across the United States are being closed because of poor academic levels. We have to build solid homes with two responsible parents. When boys are raised in a home without a father, they don't know how to be men. They don't even listen to their mothers when they reach a certain age. If we don't reach them by age ten, it is usually too late. If there is not a father in the home, there should be some other substitute male role model, someone who can guide them through life, teach them how to be men, and what to do, and not to wear their pants hanging down over their behinds. There is no strong man around to tell them not to do these things, and to discipline, and talk to them and guide them, and to make sure they are directing their energies in the right direction so they can go to school, or learn a trade or go into business, so they can be a credit to themselves and society, rather than ending up in jail or six feet under the dirt."

Continuing, Dr. Windsor says, "We need to teach our young men how to be good husbands and good fathers and to teach the girls the same way—not to have babies that have to be raised by one parent, without being loved and wanted, and then the mother is angry at the father because he is not giving any (emotional or financial) support, or the father didn't love the mother in the first place. So we have to learn to postpone sexual gratification and pay more attention to our studies and how we can develop ourselves."

"I am not saying that everyone needs to go to college," says Dr. Windsor,

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By Rhonda Carol Williams

I remember a poem I once read called "The Dash". An excerpt from the poem reads:

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He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears,

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For the dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.

And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

With that being said, I, Rhonda Carol Williams, born on December 14, 1968, stand before you, by God's grace and mercy, thankful to be living the dash.

You see, the dash, this gift called life, seems especially precious to me since there was a time in my life not long ago, when one of my friends could have easily been standing to speak at my own funeral and referred to the dates on my own tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

After years of enduring endometriosis, where I experienced chronic cramps, one surgery in my 20s and another in my 30s, I finally made the decision to have a partial hysterectomy. This wasn't an easy deci-

sion. Because as far back as I can remember playing with my doll baby Nancy's hair, I always wanted to have children. Heck, I was supposed to be married at 25 and have my first child at 27. I wanted three kids.

Then as time passed with no husband in sight, I decided I would settle for having one child of my own. However, this was not to be. Just over a year ago, at the age of 44, when the pain from the endometriosis was so unbearable and none of the doctor's prescribed treatments were working, I decided to have my surgery.

I went into the hospital on December 21, 2012. I was only supposed to be there overnight. My mom had planned to come stay with me for a week while I recuperated. I remember at my bedside before surgery, I was surrounded by my mom and my two godmothers from my church, and by cell phone speaker, I could hear my pastor saying a prayer over me. I felt blessed to know that I was in God's hands and that I was loved by those with me.

I remember coming out of surgery fine. They had me up and walking the halls later that day. I remember the doctor telling me the next day that they were going to keep me an extra day because they wanted to monitor my kidney levels. I have had to piece together what happened next by listening to the stories from others later and reviewing text messages I had sent to friends giving updates, such as saying it wasn't looking good and that they were getting ready to wheel me into ICU on Christmas Eve. I remember the doctor telling me that if my situation worsened, they would need to put a tube down my throat to help me breathe. Next, I remember the doctor telling me that it was time. As they were putting the breathing tube down my throat, I kept saying to myself, "I am

the righteousness of God. I am the righteousness of God."

The rest is pretty fuzzy. You see, I was put into a coma and on a breathing tube. I also had a blood transfusion. When I came around, I first saw my dad who had flown in from Tacoma, WA to be with me, and one of my best friends. The doctor told my mom that we needed a miracle and we got one. That was a pretty powerful statement coming from a doctor. Wouldn't you agree?

It was several more days before I could leave the hospital, but a total of 13 days in all. I had suffered complete respiratory failure; a condition called Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS). They say it could have been caused by the flu or pneumonia. But the cause is not known. When I got out of the hospital, I had to follow up with my family doctor. She told me that most people don't make it through what I went

through and that I should feel lucky...Hmmm. Lucky? Definitely not the right word. How about blessed! According to the doctor, I am a living miracle, after all.

I am blessed and thankful to still be living the dash. I realize that life is a gift from God. I am still trying to understand God's purpose for my life. I believe that He saved me for a reason. I will continue to explore my talents and develop this life God has given me. I will touch lives and change hopeless situations. I will live out my passions and my dreams.

In living the dash, as the saying goes, "I will accept my past without regret, handle my present with confidence, and face my future without fear." And every step of the way, I will take God with me. I am thankful to be living the dash. ✝



Rhonda Williams

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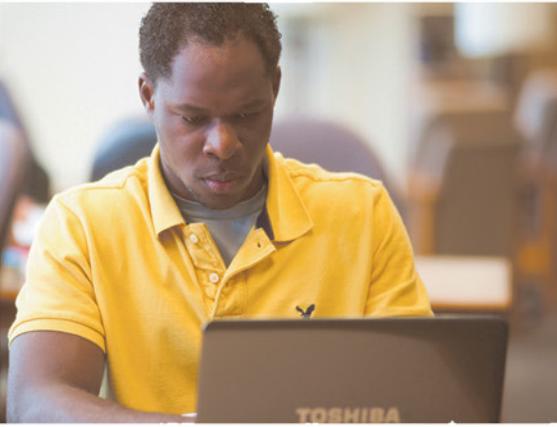
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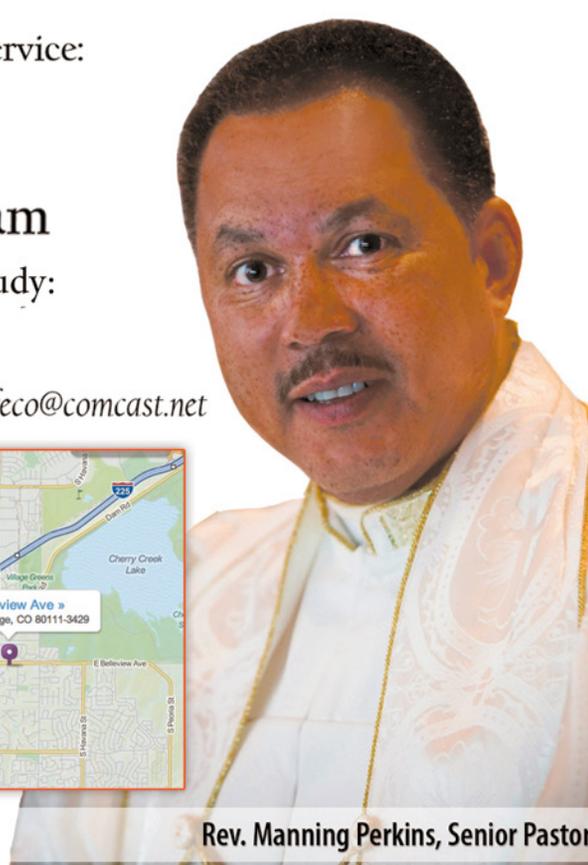
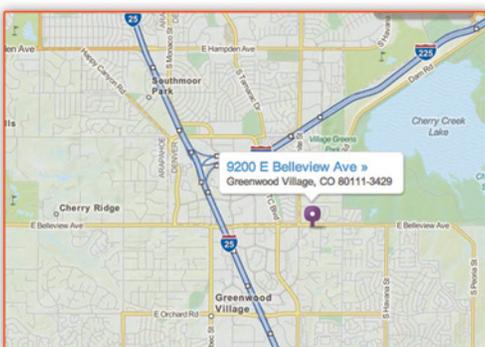
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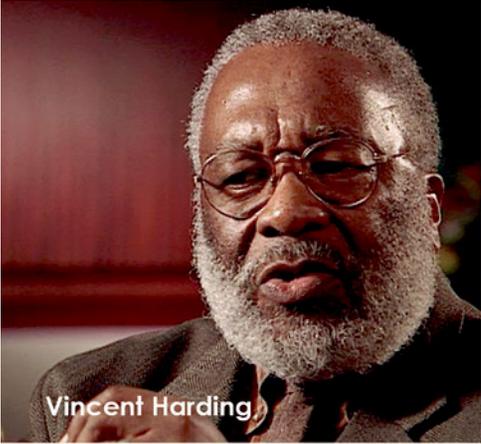
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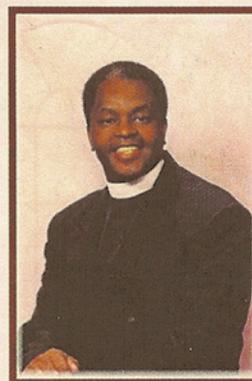
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# 'A Donkey's Point of View'

*"And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?'"*

— **Matthew 21:1-11, NKJV**

**By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.**

You may or may not be aware, but the Bible contains an instance of a talking donkey. In Numbers 22:21-30, Balaam's donkey, like Francis the talking mule, Mister Ed the talking horse, and more recently Eddie Murphy's vocalization of Donkey in the movie *Shrek*, spoke to him after being beaten for crushing his foot against a wall. Although a unique circumstance, one could surmise that donkeys, at least under the power of divine inspiration, are able to have some cognitive thought, and yes, even to speak. It may be a bit of a stretch, but as we view the Palm Sunday triumphant event of Jesus into Jerusalem, let us suppose that the animal on which Jesus rode had some thoughts about what might have been going on. What do you think might have been his point of view?

**A Bit About Donkeys (vs. 1-3).** When we read Matthew's gospel, we find that the colt was actually tied up along with an older donkey, and both were brought, and Jesus decides to ride on the younger. He probably decides to ride on the one that has not

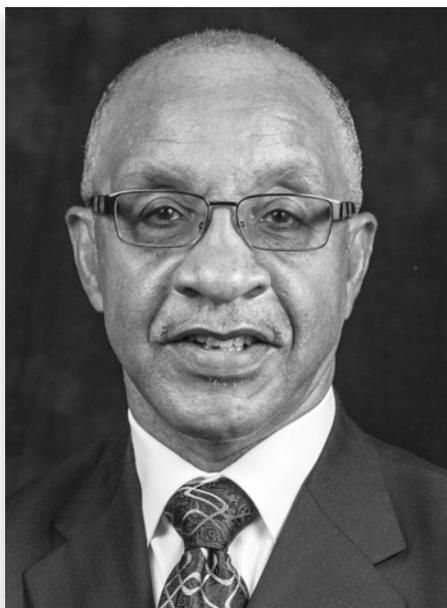
been ridden before, and for good reason. Donkeys are creatures of habit. I am told it is quite popular in certain parts of the world to have donkey rides for children at the seaside. The donkeys have their fixed path. They will walk so far up the beach, turn around, and walk back again. It doesn't matter how hard you try, you will not get that donkey to go in any other direction, or any further, than its normal path. If you want to go in a different direction, then you have to use a donkey that has not been ridden before. Jesus rode on the colt it had not previously been ridden, had not been forced to carry any burden, and had not become used to a particular route. Therefore, it wouldn't be tempted to try to go its own way.

Oh, behold the wisdom of God. If we want to be used by God then it is important for us to be like an unriden donkey. Some of us cannot serve God if we already have our own preconceived ideas of where He wants to take us. If we want God to use us, we cannot use routes that we have been down before as a guide to where God is taking us as a church now. We must be open to God doing a new thing.

**The Donkey Was Essential To The Fulfillment Of Prophecy.** Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem had been prophesied centuries before. When questioned of his disciples as to what they were to say in taking the donkey, the gospel writer Matthew, in a parenthetical statement, an 'oh, by the way kind of statement,' (vs. 4, 5), "All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: 'Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The prophet who had made this declaration was Zechariah, prophet to the exiles who had returned to Jerusalem following their exile in Babylon (Zechariah 9:9).

**Jesus Was Lifted Up!** (vs. 6, 7). The disciples went to fetch the donkey and the colt, found them, and the owner willing to lend them as Jesus had said. They brought the donkey and the colt. They did not have a saddle for the colt, but the disciples threw some of their clothes upon it, and sat Jesus thereon.

As the mother donkey reflected on the disciple's words to the owner about Jesus request, "The Lord has need of them," and as she watched, she may have wondered who this man Jesus was. His disciples had said, "The Lord." Was he royalty? If so, why did he need a donkey? Wouldn't a horse be more suitable, more dignified, and more majestic, more in keeping with royalty? It must have caused the donkey to wonder, who is this man? The colt was probably too young to understand the significance of the moment, but his mother did. If this man is the Lord, if he is the Messiah, a majestic stallion would surely have been a better choice!



Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

Jesus did not choose the proud, prancing mare. Nothing about the donkey took away from Jesus. The donkey later would have thoughts that it was all about him, but it was about Jesus and nothing was intended to detract from his presence. Being on the donkey was simply the fulfillment of prophecy and from a practical standpoint and position made Jesus more visible. When we humble ourselves, Christ becomes more visible to others. Because Jesus was visible, a crowd was drawn. Jesus told us (John 12:32) that when He is lifted up He will draw all men unto Himself. This day He is lifted up on a donkey in celebration, the week that follows on a cross for crucifixion. Today they cried, "Hosanna," in a week, "Crucify him."

**Who Are These People?** (vs. 8). As Jesus entered into Jerusalem, they gave him a royal welcome. It was customary that when a king would arrive in a town for the people to spread their outer garments on the road as a sign of respect for the great hero. They would also lay leafy branches on the road. They knew that Jesus was their conquering hero. However, Jesus was a different kind of conqueror than the people expected.

These were common folk in need of a Savior. These were people like you and me looking for deliverance from our daily circumstance and situations. However, Jesus focus was to deliver them from sin unto eternal life. To live better in their circumstance and situation was a byproduct, but his focus was not to deliver them from it.

**WHAT IS THIS THEY CRY?** (vs. 9). They that went before, and they that followed, cried the same thing. They shouted these four phrases. The first phrase is "Hosanna!" Hosanna has come to mean praise God, but that was not the meaning that the crowd had in mind. It literally means, "Save now," with the implication that it is God who would do the saving. The people wanted to be saved from Roman authority. They did not understand that Jesus had come to save from oppression, but it was not the oppression from Roman rule. It was the oppression from sin.

The second phrase is, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" They knew that God had sent Jesus. The understanding was that God would anoint a great man, as he had anointed the kings of Israel's past, and that great man would throw off the oppressors and set up God's kingdom on earth, and Israel would return to the glory days. They did not understand that Jesus just didn't come from God he was God. They thought of the Messiah only in human terms. They couldn't conceive that Jesus was God in the flesh. Their expectation was that God would select a great leader, as he had selected King David in the Old Testament.

The third phrase is, "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" David was considered as the greatest king in the history of Israel. They did

not understand that Jesus' kingdom would not be an earthly kingdom. It would be, and is, a spiritual kingdom. Earthly kings die, and their kingdoms are often divided among the heirs. They become mere shadows of the times past. Jesus' spiritual kingdom will not pass away. It will not be divided. It will last forever. The fourth phrase is, "Hosanna in the highest!" Here again, we encounter the phrase, "Save now," but with an addition. This means, "Save now, O Great One." It is again an appeal to save from earthly oppressors. They did not understand what kind of salvation Jesus was bringing.

What kind of Savior do we expect Jesus to be? Many times, we don't get it, even with the advantage of looking back on the biblical events. Sometimes we think of Jesus as our earthly Savior. We expect him to set up his kingdom here on earth, so our lives will be better. We expect him to bail us out of trouble. Jesus focus was and is to save your soul, not to pay your bills, but faith in him will help you live better, be better, and do better.

**Who Is This?** (vs. 10-11). As we begin holy week, the week leading up to and commemorating the trial, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, many are asking who this man is. What is all this Easter hullabaloo about? Is he some prophet? Is he some benevolent saint? Is he just a person that people celebrate for his deeds? Is he another Martin Luther King another Gandhi? Who is this man? What was it that made him special?

What those people misunderstood 2000 years ago is what we misunderstand today. Jesus did not come to be the king, president, prime minister, or leader of a political system. He came to be the king, president, prime minister, leader, and Savior and Lord of our lives. Jesus can be the Lord of our lives today. He can change our heart. He is not the earthly conquering hero, but he can conquer sin in our lives. He can give us relationship with God. That's what Easter is all about. It's about the opportunity for each one of us to have that relationship, and our responsibility to share that opportunity with others.

The donkey awakened the next day, his mind still savoring the afterglow of the most exciting day of his life. Never before had he felt such a rush of pleasure and pride. He walked into town and found a group of people by the well. "I'll show myself to them," he thought. But they didn't notice him. They went on drawing their water and paid him no mind. "Throw your garments down," he said angrily. "Don't you know who I am?" They just looked at him in amazement. Someone slapped him across the tail and ordered him to move. "Miserable heathens!" he muttered to himself. "I'll just go to the market where the good people are. They will remember me." However, the same thing happened. No one paid any attention to the donkey as he strutted down the main street in front of the market-place. "The palm branches! Where are the palm branches!" he shouted. "Yesterday, you threw palm branches!" Hurt and confused, the donkey returned home to his mother. "Foolish child," she said gently. "Don't you realize that without him, you are just an ordinary donkey?"

Just like the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem, we are most fulfilled when we are in the service of Jesus Christ. All of what we think about ourselves amounts to nothing. The bible says; we are sinners. . Without him, all our best efforts are like "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6) and amount to nothing. When we lift up Christ, we are no longer ordinary people, but key players in God's plan to reach the world. It is only as Christ is lifted up that people are drawn to him! Jesus wants to make a triumphal entry into your heart and home today; will you take Him there? Will you allow him to enter? ✚

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## TESTIMONY

# Are You Listening?

By Peggy Norwood, Ph.D

I used to have a dog named Dallas. I wrote about her in my new book, *Doggie Tales: Lessons on Life, Love, and Loss I Learned From My Dog*. I adopted her during a visit to Dallas, Texas, just one day after getting divorced. Never having owned a dog before, I was caught off guard by the way that Dallas stirred something deep inside of me. She was a lot of work in the beginning and remained a challenge until the end, but through it all, I loved her.

I believe God brings people and experiences into our lives exactly when they are needed and when we are ready for the lessons they can teach us. It's our job to welcome and invite them into our lives, even if we don't want to or understand why. All of our relationships can serve as a mirror to show us our own character and personality traits—the good and the bad. We can see ourselves reflected back through others in a way that we can't see by ourselves. All relationships can be your teacher and a difficult relationship can be your greatest gift.

What qualities or traits is God developing or refining in you through your relationships? Like a good gardener, God prunes us so that we will bear more fruit (John 15: 2). What fruit are you bearing? What fruit do you need more of? Patience? Self-control? Compassion? God is not random. If you ask him, he'll show you. Ask him, "Lord, what do you want me to know about this relationship?"

I never would have thought to get a dog to help me heal from my divorce. But God knows exactly what we need and the best way to meet that need; he is not limited by our conventional thinking and his ways and thoughts are higher than our ways and thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9). He knows where we might be defensive and he knows who or what has the best chance of getting through to us at any particular time. So, don't be surprised when he gets your attention in an unusual way.

My experience with Dallas was not



Peggy Norwood

the first time God used an animal for his purposes. The bible provides us with one example in the story of Balaam, a sorcerer whose greedy motives displeased the Lord (Numbers 22). Balaam was on his way to go see Balak, the Moabite king who wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites, when Balaam's donkey saw the angel of the Lord in the road. Afraid of the angel, the donkey turned off the road into a field. Despite being beaten by Balaam to make him keep going, the donkey would not continue on and eventually lay down. Finally, God caused the donkey to speak to Balaam. As a result of his interaction with the donkey, Balaam's spiritual eyes were opened and he repented.

In another situation, God also used ravens to tend to Elijah's physical needs by directing them to bring him bread and meat (1 Kings 17: 2-6). God cares about us and will sometimes use unconventional means to get our attention, meet our needs, show us his loving kindness, or bring us to a saving knowledge of Christ—he might even use a donkey, a raven, or a dog. But we have to be listening for what he is trying to tell us.

After my divorce, it was good to have a cuddly little companion like Dallas with me when I was alone in the house. Certain sounds would put me on edge, but I noticed that Dallas only barked when someone was at

the door. Her little ears would perk up before I even knew someone was approaching the house. And then the doorbell would ring and she would run to the door barking. I didn't have to be afraid of every little sound I heard, because Dallas was listening for the ones that really mattered and I could be confident that she would respond accordingly.

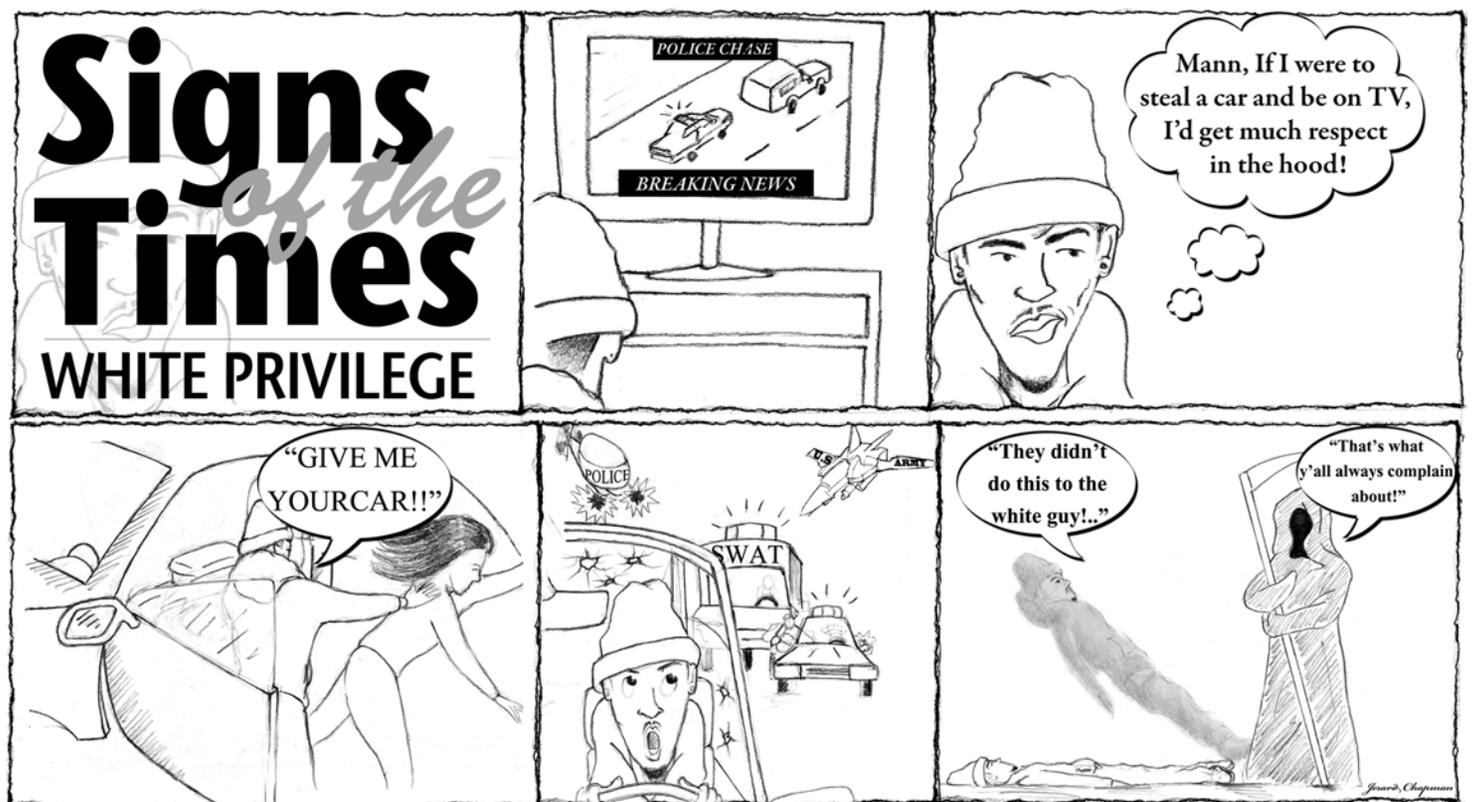
Hearing is a passive activity; as long as your ears are working and a sound in your environment reaches a certain volume, you will hear it. In contrast, listening requires you to be alert, make the effort to pay attention, and be ready to respond. If you are listening, you are filtering out distractions and focusing in on a limited range of stimuli.

It put me at ease to know that Dallas would only bark when it really mattered. She was able to hear things that I couldn't, but she was not distracted by the random noises that caused me to be fearful. She listened for the sound of footsteps approaching the house—she was alert and ready to respond if necessary.

God is always communicating with us, but he speaks in a gentle whisper (1Kings 19:12b). We will hear him if we will just open our hearts and listen. Listening begins with focusing in on the Holy Spirit and the sound of Jesus calling our name. Have you ever been in a situation that didn't work out well and afterwards you said, "Something told me not to do that"? Well, that something is the Holy Spirit.

We need to become familiar with the sound of his voice so we will recognize it and listen when he is speaking to us. (John 10). He may speak to you through a person, a situation, a song, a billboard, his word, or even a dog....Are you listening? ✝

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# Checking in on Loved Ones

By *Maya Wheeler, MHA*



Maya Wheeler

Today many of us face the fact that we may have to become caregivers to a family member. We may see the needs of our loved ones changing, or have to take on more responsibilities for our aging parents, or as the result of a sudden crisis such as a stroke or accident have to become a caregiver.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 9 million Americans age 65 and over needed long-term care in 2013, with that number expected to rise to 12 million by 2020. Family and friends provide most long-term care, but sometimes we may have to get long-term services from outsiders such as community organizations, agencies, or residential facilities.

The decline in mental and physical capabilities is inevitable with aging. As people are living longer and healthier lives, it may be hard for us to determine when a loved one needs outside care? But in general we should look for changes that pose a threat to medical or physical safety. Some changes that may signal the need for help may include:

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Today, because of this MAJOR DOCTRINAL DISASTER, many churchgoers do not understand biblical salvation. They believe that if the church building is packed and their inspirational and popular preacher quotes a few bible verses, it must be of God. Many are substituting a true born-again, saving relationship with Jesus Christ for the temporary relief of a guilty conscience, along with a one-hour adrenaline rush during the Sunday morning church service. Unfortunately, too many are MISLEAD into thinking that it is "OK" to remain on both roads. There is NO MORE CONVICTION! It's bad for business! (1 Thess:2:3-6, 1 Tim 6:3-15, 2 Pet 2:1-3, Isa 29:13, 30:9-10, Jer :23:13-22, 2 Thess 2:1-12). Friends, the Lord gave me a strong word in my heart. He said, "Michael, watch your life and doctrine CLOSELY. Persevere in them, because if you DO, you will SAVE both yourself and your hearers" (1 Tim 4:16 NIV). Until next time, Jesus is coming soon. Are you going to be READY? ✚

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"But, if you don't go to college—maybe go to a vocational school and learn carpentry, masonry, or how to be a plumber or electrician—or learn how you can go into business. We have to be guided in the direction and point our youth in the right direction so they don't end up on a dead-end street in life and in society. That requires a community objective, with the entire community working together."

Dr. Windsor encourages, "That starts within the home and with the neighbors in the neighborhoods. That is how we can fight and win our struggle—beginning in the home, we must plan and organize, instead of everybody just sitting at home all the time, watching television—or playing with their i-phones. We need to organize. We spend too much time watching movies, DVDs, television, etc. We need to spend our time on productive things. That's why the foreigners, when they come over here, are surpassing us and being successful—because they are working together and helping one another, and we're not doing that." ✚

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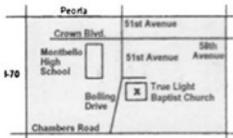
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Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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### Sunday

Early Worship ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.

### Wednesday

Bible Study & Prayer ..... 6:45 p.m.

# Madame W. M. Andrews

March 1993 — March 2014

Madame W.M. Andrews was one of the first female gospel announcers and a pioneer of the gospel airwaves. She was born in Bryan, Texas, to Mrs. Leona McCoy Andrews and Walter Andrews. She was the youngest of four siblings: Artist, Fred, Georgetta, and Madame.

Madame began singing at the age of three under the direction of her mother, Leola, a minister, teacher and songstress. After the loss her parents, she went to live with her Aunt Sweet, Mrs. Clara Barnett and husband, Morris Barnett, in Boley, Oklahoma. At the age of nine, she was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. She was taught the ways of truth under the leadership of Bishop C.H. Mason and Pastor Elder T.A. Lewis of the Churches of God in Christ.

As a child, she was given a prophecy by the late Bishop C.M. Mason that she would be a great leader in her time. And so it was. Her mellow, bluesy, jubilant voice captured audiences all across the United States. She traveled as an Anointed Child Gospel Singer, singing and playing the piano for revivals, churches and



Madame W. M. Andrews

conventions.

After coming to Denver in the sixties, Madame became a member of the Church of God in Christ, Elder Lagway Pastor. Later, as a member of the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Rev. E. Lewis, Pastor, she was appointed the Musician and Directress of their youth choir. This choir became jubilant, spirit-filled, and the top youth choir in Denver. Madame later

became a member of The City of Refuge Tabernacle, Bishop Wilson, Pastor, where she was the Minister of Music since 1968.

Madame Andrews was a very unique, well-educated lady with many talents and a beautiful personality. Her style of preaching and singing blended together, demonstrating the power of an All-mighty God.

Madame was educated at Boley Elementary and High School. She continued her education at Arkansas City Junior College, El Centro Junior College, Barnes Business College, LaSalle University, Elkins Institute, Signal Radio & TV School of Broadcasting, J.F. Image Academy, and Barbizon School of Modeling. She graduated from Imperial Valley Community College, and proceeded to Colorado Christian University, receiving a BA in Human Resources Management. She also earned a Masters in Biblical Studies and a Doctoral Degree from Survine Bible College.

Madame Andrews was a gospel singer, songwriter, musician, gospel reporter and radio announcer

since 1968. She also produced the Unified Gospel Show on DC-TV and The Gospel Chime Hour, as well as the Unsung Hero Award Events. Madame appeared on the cover of Black Gold Magazine as Ms. Black Gold and also was featured in Jewel Records Magazine and Westword Magazine as Announcer of the Month and Announcer of the Year. She sang with many famous artists, as a soloist for the National Baptist Convention, and appeared on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour on CBS.

Madam's first recording was with the Martineers of Monterey, California. Then she formed her own group, The Paigettes and they recorded with Gospel Corner Records. After coming to Denver, she recorded with The Heavenly Echoes. She was a featured artist at many festivals, including LoDo, Cherry Creek, Boulder Creek, and others. Westword Magazine said she reigns supreme as the "Gospel Queen of Denver." She was named Best Female Vocalist of the Year 2002, and her CD was No. 1 on KGNU Radio Gospel Chart in 2002. ✝

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### COMMUNITY

## The Great Denver Cleanup

Denver residents it's time to clean it up and take advantage of free disposal and recycling! The Great Denver Cleanup is back for one day – and one day only, Saturday, April 26, 2014, from 9am to 2pm. Clean up your property, block or neighborhood and haul the debris, recyclable and reusable items to a free drop site.

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- Cherry Creek Transfer Station (S. Quebec St. & E. Jewell Ave.)
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- Fred Thomas Park (26th & Quebec St.)
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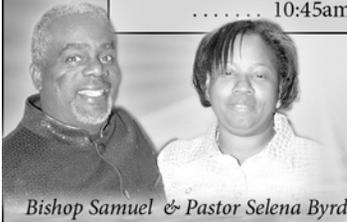
For a complete list of acceptable (and non-acceptable) items, call 311 or visit [www.denvergov.org/kdb](http://www.denvergov.org/kdb).

Are you looking for a volunteer, community service project for yourself or your group? Individuals and groups (of up to 15 people) can sign up to help keep Denver Beautiful on April 26th (free supplies are provided).

To register your project, request free cleanup supplies, volunteer for a cleanup project or for more information, visit [www.denvergov.org/kdb](http://www.denvergov.org/kdb) or call 311. ✝

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 Tuesday  
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# Do You Know Him?

By Evang. Dr. P.M. Wynn Grove

God was manifest in flesh. In person of God was Jesus Christ, he took the form of servant and was the likeness of man.

Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary and the carpenter Joseph. Jesus grew in body, during his boyhood and advance in knowledge and wisdom.

At the age of 12, Joseph & Mary realized that Jesus wasn't in their caravan. They went back to Nazareth, there Jesus was in the synagogue carrying on a conversation with doctors and scholars.

At his baptism he received divine confirmation of his mission about to unfold and the anointing of the Holy Spirit on Him for the fulfillment of it.

Immediately after his baptism He encounter "temptation". The temptation was an effort of Satan to break Christ's dependence on the Father. Jesus response to Satan was, "Man cannot live by bread alone."

After being equipped by the baptism and seasoned by the ordeal of temptation Jesus was now ready for his life works. Jesus made his headquarter Capernaum. He went forth usually in company with this disciples to challenge the people from city, towns and villages with the message of the Word of God.

His ministry consisted of many wonders and miracles. Healings, exorcisms and more. He met many who had many disease of sorts and many had demons.

Jesus of Nazareth the Promised One had come.



Wynn Grove

Although He had revealed the mercy and power of God at work in God's anointing, many had rejected him in Galilee. His message was about the Kingdom of God. When Jesus cast out demons that was an invalidation of the kingdom of Satan.

Much of Jesus teaching was done through parables, taken from various phases of nature or human life.

Jesus performed miracles such as; when he feed 5,000 with two fish and one loave of bread, healing the sick, making the blind man see, healing the woman with the issue of blood. Commanding the winds and the waves to obey His will, casting out many demons, changing the life of the woman at the well from being stone and much, much more.

The disciples were so amazed at His observation in action they could feel the strength and mystery of His personality.

Christ had courage, Our Lord showed great compassion. Jesus, clothed himself with humility. Our Lord's charter is crowned with perfection. It is inevitable that sinners should fell the touch of Christ.

Christ is the conscience of the world. He is the light of the world when we turn from the light we walk back into deeper darkness and are without hope.

Do You Really Know Him? The Resurrection is the most important doctrine of our Faith. It is not only important to Christianity as a whole, it is the "sine qua non (main thing) of the Christian faith. Without the resurrection, there would be no Christianity. Without the resurrection, Jesus' revelation would be false. His anointing would be counterfeit; His crucifixion would be bogus; His atonement would be a sham. Everything rises or falls based upon the significance of this great historical event. Jesus resurrection in fact is the doctrine that distinguishes and elevates Christianity above all other religion of the world.

Please re-read these scriptures in your spare time;

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Understanding the ministry of the Resurrection-Luke (24:44-47)

The Prophecy of the Resurrection (Hosea 6: 1-3).

The Proof of Resurrection (Luke 24:1-7)

The Pronouncement of Resurrection (Luke 24: 8-12)

Understanding the Validity of the Resurrection (Luke 24:25-27)

And finally Understanding the Price read (Isaiah 53:5-8)

Please read these scriptures to revisit the power and the provision of the payment.

The Resurrection was essential because it proved, validated and verified that the price was paid for the penalty of humankind for our sins.

As we reflect not only this month but on a constant basis, about the price that was paid for our sins, take time out to fast and pray. Let us continually give God the Praise Glory and honor for sending his only begotten Son, Jesus who suffered on the cross for us all. His blood at Calvary, washed away our sins. Nothing but the blood of Jesus could do that.

Jesus Christ now sits at the right hand of God continuing to intercede for each of us. God, we thank you for sending your darling Son, Jesus Christ. ✚

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## OBITUARY

### Mae Rita Simmons-Shaw

June 1932 — January 1914

Mrs. Rita Simmons-Shaw, a long-time resident of Aurora, Colorado passed away on Monday, January 27, 2014 at St. Dominic Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi. Her services were on February 1, 2014. Survivors include:

one son, Clarence Anthony Shaw (Tony) of Harvey, Illinois, two granddaughters, Brandy Mabon-Shaw of Harvey, Illinois and Saline Shaw of Denver, Colorado; one great-grandson of Denver, Colorado; one sister Catherine Hill of Euporia, Mississippi; one brother, William Earl Johnson (Jessie Johnson) of Moss Point, Mississippi; one sister in law, Marie Shaw Payne of Cleveland, Ohio.

She leaves to mourn a host of nieces and nephews of Detroit, Michigan and her church family and friends of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado as well as a lifelong friend, Juanita Fuller-Scott of Villa Rica, Georgia. May was born in Calhoun County, Mississippi. When Mae was very young, her mother passed away.



Mae Rita Simmons-Shaw

She was raised by her oldest sister, Tella Daniels. At age 5, she relocated to Detroit, Michigan with her older brother and sister in law. She spent most of her young life in Detroit, Michigan and graduated from high school there. In 1959, she relocated to Denver, Colorado to live with her biological father, Clarence Lawrence Shaw. She was employed at St Joseph Hospital for 35 years as a nurse assistant. She loved her job and enjoyed working in the new baby ward. Mae was blessed with an artistic ability in that she was a great painter.

She was a proud member of the Macedonia Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado for approximately 45 years. She loved her church and church family. She sang in the Senior Choir and was a member of the Ruth Circle #5 Missionary Society. Mae had a very sweet spirit. You could see the love of Jesus in her! She was easy to love. To know her is to love her! ✚

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### Ledell Reynolds

August 1928 — February 1914

Ledell Reynolds, fondly known as "Pete" by many of his friends and patrons at this Barbershop was born in Pittsburg, Texas. In 1957 he wed his beautiful princess, Mary L. Caple and to this union seven children were born

Ledell recognized early on the importance of having Jesus Christ in his life and accepted the Lord while a young-man in Pittsburg. Ledell left Pittsburg to study barbering at the Tyler Barber School run by HM Morgan. After receiving his training he made the decision in 1953 to relocate to Colorado Springs, CO and pursue his vocation as a barber. His first job was with well known, Arthur Price. Later Ledell would open his own Barbershop at the current address 317 S. Hancock Street. In 2012 it was estimated that he had cut more than half a million heads in Colorado Springs during the course of his 58 year career. He literally wore a hole in the floor where he faithfully stood influencing lives one head at a time.

Throughout his life, Ledell was a person of great wisdom, discipline, fortitude, and independence. His commitment to God, his family, his church, his customers and

the greater Colorado Springs community will forever stand as his legacy. He was a member of Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church where he also served as a member of the Brotherhood; Male Chorus; Sunday School Teacher for Men's class; chef for the Culinary Ministry for many years. Laughter was never a stranger to his stories.

Ledell is preceded in death by his father John Reynolds, stepfather Clinton Holmes, mother Dollie Holmes, son Bart Reynolds; brothers; Raymond, Butler and Bill. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 57 years Mary Lee; his children Bernestine Downing, Billy Ray Reynolds (Dana) Bobby



Ledell Reynolds

Gene Reynolds (Holly), Benjamin Ledell Reynolds, Brett Reynolds (Tiawatha), Benita Reynolds. His siblings; sister, Nell Marie Preston (Paul), Betty Ruth McGill, and his brother, Albert Holmes; 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren, other devoted family members included; Kathy Reynolds, Trina Reynolds, Yolanda Kay Reynolds and Karey Downing. Also a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. ✚



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