



The Question of Salvation

SUP. CHARLES E. SCURLES: What exactly does being 'saved' mean? To some, it means an experience with the grace of God, defined as God's unmerited favor. True. However, it goes much further than that. The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature ..." **page 22**



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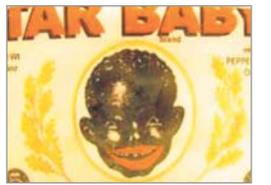
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Ministers Blast Rep. Lamborn's Boycott of Obama's State of the Union Address as Racist in Aftermath of 'Tar Baby' Comment



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Many in the African-American community are concerned over the fact that District 5 Congressman Doug Lamborn boycotted the recent State of the Union Address. A meeting was held with leaders expressing their opinions on this matter.

Pastor Leon Emerson, President of the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance, said: "We are here to make a statement that we are very upset once again by the disrespect shown by U.S. Representative Lamborn, toward President Obama and the office of the President of the United States of America. Most of us are not of that district, but we are of Colorado, and we are one. We are here to let the community know that we are concerned, and that we are the watchmen over the city, and that we fully support Pastor McMearn in his views."

Rev. James H. McMearn, President of Southern Colorado Ministerial Union, said: "The Southern Colorado Ministerial Union met the day after in response to Congressman Doug Lamborn's protest of the State of the Union Address by President Barack Obama. Our group was caught in complete confusion because this action was contradictory to the way Congressman Lamborn had presented himself to many in the 5th Congressional District where he is the elected representative."

"Just six months ago, Congressman Lamborn had met with a racially diverse group of citizens after making a racially derogatory remark about President Barack Obama and for having disrespected and angered a crowd of two hundred

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Bible is Rich in Black History, says Pastor Joyce Edwards

"We are in the Bible, our history screams from the pages of the Bible. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ told us: ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Then we read the inspired words of the Prophet Hosea: My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Don't you want to know who you are?" **p.10**

Wrestling with the Giant of Worry



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I HAVE DISCOVERED THAT PEOPLE IN GENERAL ARE FAULT FINDERS RATHER THAN FACT FINDERS OR BELIEVERS IN FACTS. Facts are things done or something that comes to pass, the quality of being actual or real. It's like the word of God in that most believe that the word is the absolute facts or the absolute truth.

Finding fault with men is easy, but finding their value or worth is more difficult when we won't allow ourselves to understand what's in their hearts and what they believe in. This is easy for God who made us and knows all about who we are. Since God only works thru people it would do us good to try and understand who the people are that we pass judgment upon without knowing who they really are. In Matthew 7:18 it says "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." The outward appearance of man does not necessarily show us who they are. God looks at the hearts of men and cares not so much about the physical which will soon turn back to the dust. When we look for fault in others it keeps the focus off ourselves and thus tricks our minds into believing that we are above or beyond what others are faced with. This is a natural maneuver for Satan whose whole platform is about trickery and lies.

When we look at those whom God chose to represent him in the earth we know that his insight has more weight than ours. For example, David, "The man after God's own heart." No matter what his fault, David possessed certain characteristics such as respectful, trusting, humble, loving, devoted, reverent, obedient, recognition, faithful and repentant.

Peter a disciple of Christ, had many faults, like the denial of Christ, and his lack of faith while walking on the water in the presence of Jesus. Yet Peter was very instrumental in the 2nd chapter of the book of Acts when three thousand souls were saved at Pentecost. The Apostle Paul, with his persecutions of the church was converted on the road to Damascus in chapter 9 of the Acts and went on to become one of the greatest spokesmen for Christ. These few examples should let us know that God uses whomever he chooses. These people may not have been our choice, but we would have to ask ourselves to what purpose would we have considered using them and would our purpose be greater than God's?

Remember when we were in grade school and high school there were always those who felt that certain students would not amount to much, but we know that is not the case in many of our lives. This is why we cannot afford to place certain restrictions on individuals, especially the youth because none but God knows their purpose and worth. All our values went up when we accepted Jesus as the Christ and Saviour of the world.

President Barack Obama said "yes we can". Our words to our youth should be, yes you can. We tend to grow up our children too fast not realizing that they must first be children and then become adults. They must grow within a certain time frame and hopefully with a certain purpose. Jesus himself in the Gospel of Luke 2:40-52 had to grow in stature, in spirit and wisdom. God had a purpose for Jesus, and he also has one for our lives. He is the only one who can keep us on the path he wants for us. Satan would love to see us get off course because that would give him the opportunity to use us in what ever manner he wants.

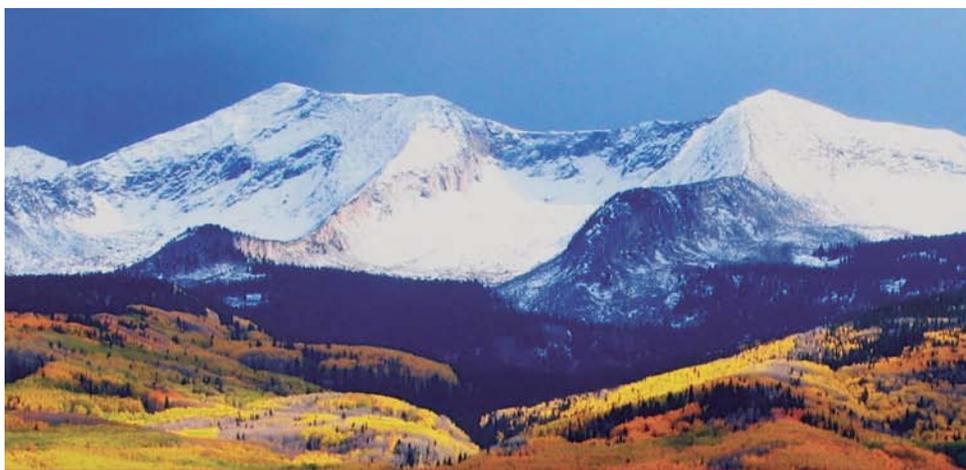
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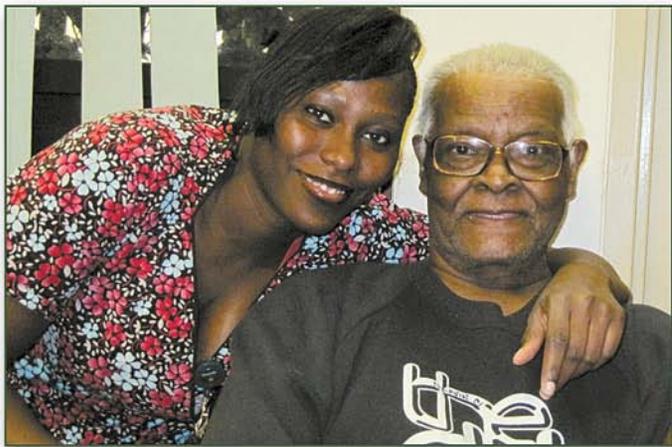
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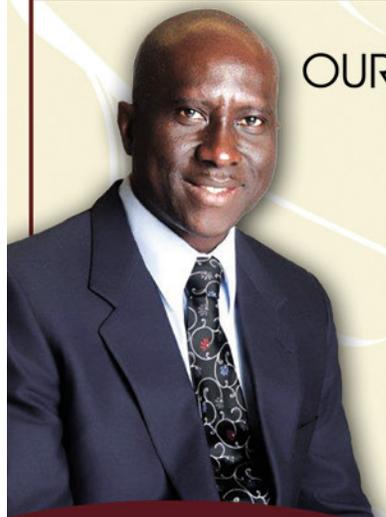
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Healing in the Barbershop

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord..."

— Jeremiah 30:17

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

In the African American community all across America, there are a respected and esteemed places of business that perhaps we may not appreciate as we should. They are in suburban areas, but more likely in the inner city. You can find these establishments even in the most impoverished communities. They have creative and appealing names. These places of business are the black barbershops of our nation.

For decades the black barbershop has served the African American community as a centralized place where men feel comfortable discussing the most important issues that impact their lives: politics, social trends, family, and finances.

There may be lively debates about sports, and light hearted joking and banter about many issues. It is a place one looks forward to visiting. In recent years it has been recognized that the barbershop is a place where people can find better health, and healing.

In October 2007 Dr. Bill Releford started an innovative and creative health outreach, in the Los Angeles area. He started using barbershops as places where health screening and health education was done.

Dr. Releford is a podiatrist and was taking care of people coming in with the ravages of diabetes and circulation issues that led to amputations. He was working to do limb salvage for these afflicted people. He decided to do some work to prevent such suffering and also educate black men about critical health issues. Thus the Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program was born.

It is a recognized fact that black men face a crisis as far as their health is concerned. We have the lowest life expectancy in the nation—about 6 years less than white men and even more when compared to both black and white women.

African American men suffer disproportionately from diabetes, hypertension, stroke, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, and prostate cancer. We may develop hypertension, congestive heart failure, and coronary (heart) artery disease at a relatively young age.

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Dr. Conner

Despite these health concerns, black men are less likely to see a doctor and less likely to even have health insurance.

Many of us go to see a doctor only after our wives, sisters, mothers, and other significant women twist our arms to do so! We may experience racial discrimination, cultural barriers, poverty, lack of insurance, and lack of affordable health services. To help with this crisis we need innovation, creativity and some hard work.

The Black Barbershop Health Outreach Program has become a national movement. In cities all across the nation this program has been done such as: Los Angeles, Oakland, Sacramento, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, and New York.

Concerned health professionals as well as those without formal medical training have spent several hours at a time in barbershops doing blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening, and health education on a variety of topics. This outreach is of immense benefit and is very rewarding for volunteers and clients of the barbershop alike.

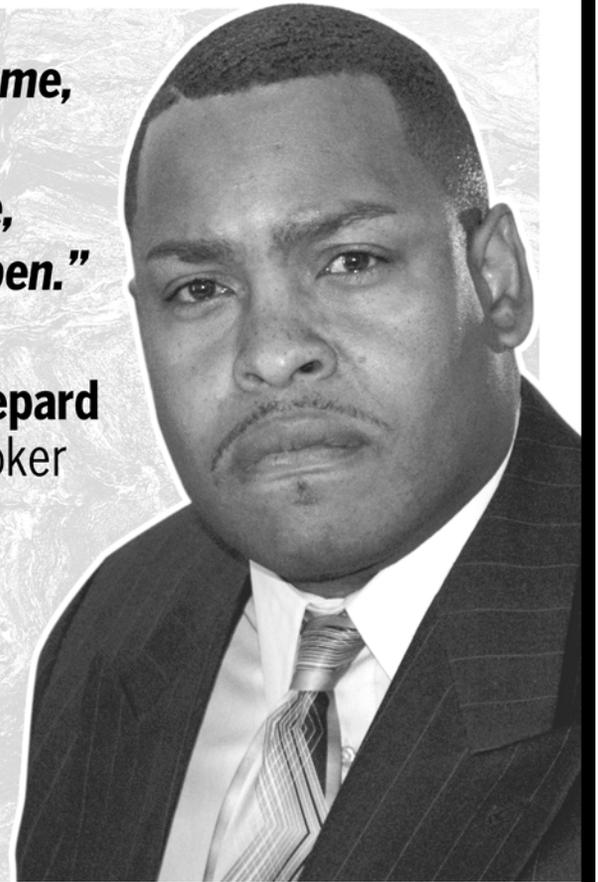
Here in the Denver Metro area, Denver Health and Hospitals has been doing some work like noted above in black barbershops. I personally have had the privilege of doing hypertension screening and health education in my own barbershop—Wright's Barbershop—on York and Bruce Randolph Way, in Denver. Despite this, more work needs to be done.

I would like to inform you that an organization I have been a part of: the Colorado Black Health Collaborative (CBHC) will be launching a barbershop health outreach program, in February of this year. We will join others in this effort in our community. We will be doing blood pressure screening, health education, and referrals as appropriate for those without health insurance or are underinsured. We hope to help reduce health disparities and promote better health for the men in the barbershop but also for women who visit the shops as well. If you have a barbershop and would like to have your place of business participate, or if you would like to be a volunteer, please communicate at this Email: Coloradobhc@yahoo.com

Let's work together to improve the health of our community by using the barbershop as a place of health promotion and healing. ✚

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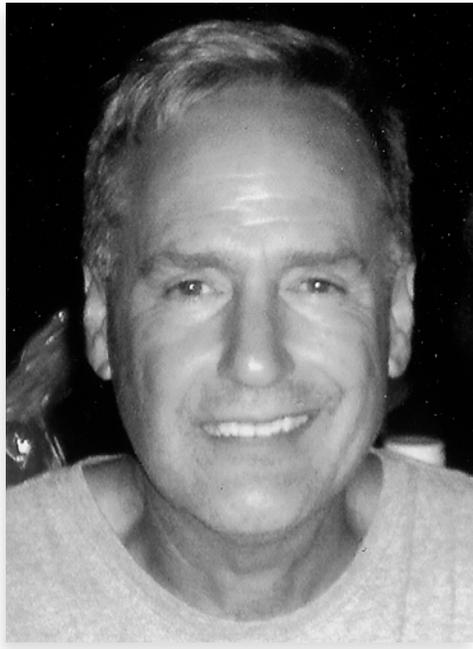
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ALERT: Signs of the Times

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The Holy Bible teaches that in the very Last Days, just before Jesus COMES for His bride, the signs of the times will INCREASE all around the world, and the hearts of many will wax cold. Jesus teaches that there will be a great FALLING AWAY of those who profess to be Christians. Could we be living in that time? "Let no one deceive or beguile you in any way, for THAT DAY will not come except the APOSTASY comes first [unless the predicted great falling away of those who have professed to be Christians has come]" (2 Thess 2:3 Amplified Bible).

According to Revelation chapters 2 and 3, the fruit of an apostate church will be easy to see (2 Thess 2:1-12). The true meaning of GRACE will be changed into a license for immorality (Jude 3-4). The true preaching of REPENTANCE will be eliminated from behind many popular pulpits (Rev 2-3). Many Christians will not be EAGERLY WAITING and WATCHING for their Lord to come, nor will they be observant of the signs of the times (1Tim 6:3-15, 2 Tim 4:1-8, Phil 3:13-21, James 4:13-16). Much of the mainline church will put more trust and faith into popular preachers instead of grounding themselves in the whole counsel of God's Word (1 Tim 6:3-15, 2 Pet 2:1-3). Because we are truly living in that time, many mainline pastors are now reaching this unsaved world through newspaper headlines that read: "Lutherans welcome 7 gay pastors." "Episcopal court finds pastor guilty of theft." "Abortion doctor killed in church." "Pastor takes leave amid allegations of gay sex and the illegal use of drugs." "Evangelical pastor and wife to appear on TV celebrity wife swap." "The Gospel of Prosperity. Who really prospers?" "Minister held on incest charge." "Does God want you to be rich? 'Yes,' say some mega churches. Others call it HERESY!" "Presbyterian Church OKs gay ordinations." "Scholars wrap up vote on Gospels, 80% of Jesus' Words ruled out." "Ohio Episcopalians split on banning gays from clergy." "Church clears minister and finds him innocent for disobeying church rules for performing a lesbian unity ceremony." "Christians addicted to porn." "Televangelist eyed in funds lawsuit." "Prominent clergyman accused of sex assault" (local newspapers).

Keep this in mind: 2 Thessalonians chapter 2:1-12 teaches that the spirit of anti-Christ is already at work. However, the true church is supposed to be RESTRAINING the physical anti-Christ from coming forth. Is much of the mainline church starting to lose its restraining ability? Instead of taking a strong stand for TRUTH, many who say they are Christians are now entering into a one-world ecumenical church movement, claiming that all religious roads lead to eternal salvation, even if they DO NOT KNOW Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 14:1-14, 1 John 2:18-26).

What does JESUS CHRIST say? "No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 3:1-16, 14:1-14, Matt 7:21-23, 1 John 2:1-2). "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other NAME under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-

12). The apostle Paul gave the church strict warning about this issue. "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 their ears AWAY from the TRUTH and TURN ASIDE to myths" (2 Tim 4:1-8).

Friends, this is what happens when the church stops preaching about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. There is no more FEAR of the Lord and no more URGENCY! Are we truly experiencing a FALLING AWAY from the true faith? Could it be that society is becoming more anti of Christ because of this? The church is supposed to be the SALT of the earth (Matt 5:13). "By THIS GOSPEL you are SAVED, IF you HOLD FIRMLY to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have BELIEVED in VAIN" (1 Cor 15:1-2, Matt 3:8). "Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is anti-Christ--he DENIES the Father and the Son" (1 Jn 2:22). NOTE: The Strong's Concordance, Greek #720, gives us the true meaning of the word "DENIES." It teaches that even though professing Christians will preach in the Name of Jesus, they can DENY Him by CONTRADICTING and CHANGING His word into some other Jesus and some other Gospel that DOES NOT SAVE (Gal 1:6-9, 2 Cor 11:1-15, Rev Ch's 2-3, Jude 3-4).

Because much of the mainline church is no longer being that restraining force, much of the unsaved world will be living just the way people were in the days of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:26-37). They will be preoccupied with the lusts of this world with no Biblical conviction. The rebellious and unsaved youth of today are not only dealing with the highest drug and alcohol abuse rate, the highest suicide and murder rate, the highest dropout, violence and prison rate, the highest teen pregnancy, rape and abortion rate, and the highest theft rate, they are also going to be dealing with a 14 trillion dollar deficit. While many are watching satanic movies and playing violent video games on TV, others are wondering how they are going to pay off their collage school loans while trying to

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Should the church be informing this lost world with the reality of END TIME Bible prophecy? The mainline media is! The Word teaches that it is the END TIMES message of the Soon Coming of our Lord that STIMULATES people to wholesome thinking (2 Pet 3:1-2 NIV). It generates the FEAR of the Lord and the URGENCY needed to sustain our Christian walk (2 Pet 3:1-17). After rebuking the teachers of the law and the Pharisees, Jesus did not hesitate to teach that in the very last days, right before He comes for His bride, EARTHQUAKES will INCREASE on a global scale (Matt 24:7-8, Luke 21:10-36). As we see them increasing all around the world each day, we wonder what area of the world could be crushed next. Could California be next? If you look at the most recent earthquake charts in America, you will see that many micro quakes are taking place on the coasts of California. Weekly reports show us that they are increasing not only in VOLUME, but also in MAGNITUDE. The latest 9.0 that hit Japan has set the earth off its normal rotational cycle. The 9.0 earthquake in Asia a few years back in 2004, was sending waves through the ocean at 500 miles per hour. Scientists say that it also disturbed the earth's rotation. The same was reported concerning last year's 8.8 earthquake that hit Chile. "The Chile quake affected Earth's rotation and shortened the day by 1.26 millionth of a second, (news report)." Is All Mighty God giving society a wakeup call?

What's going on in the HEAVENS? "There will be signs in the SUN, moon and STARS. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror and their hearts will fail them, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the HEAVENLY BODIES will be SHAKEN" (Luke 21:25-26). Current reports show that an asteroid the size of an aircraft carrier passed within 202,000 miles from the earth on 11/8/11. Reports also show us that in 2003, one of the biggest sunspots in a decade ejected a massive cloud of charged gases which streaked toward the Earth at a million miles per hour. Another major solar flair

exploded a few days later knocking out high-frequency radio communications across the United States. Revelation 6:13 indicates that the STARS, which translates to ASTEROIDS, will fall from the sky, during the very beginning of the great tribulation, and will hit the earth (Rev 6:12-14). Reports show, dating back 10 years that a 1,000-foot asteroid missed the earth by only six hours. On May 14th 1996, an asteroid passed within 280,000 miles of the Earth--by astronomical terms, "A bullet burn." Reports also show that there is an asteroid the size of a house flying between the Earth and the moon once per day, and an asteroid the size of a football field flying between the Earth and moon, one every month. January 2005 Earthwatch reported a 35-pound meteor hitting a house in Iran. National Geographic Documentary "ASTEROID," showed how a cluster of asteroids hit Jupiter in 1994. Other reports show how another asteroid hit Jupiter in 2009. "And the STARS in the sky fell to the earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind" (Rev 6:12-14- Strong's Concordance-Greek #792 "star" means "aster").

"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to LIVE HOLY and GODLY lives as you LOOK FORWARD to the day of God and speed its coming" (2 Pet 3:10-11).

I am not concerned with being popular, nor am I going to water down the TRUTH of His Word so that I can take up an offering. I am concerned with doing the Lord's will! "And he will go before the Lord, in the Spirit and power of Elijah, to TURN the hearts of fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous--to MAKE READY a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17). I believe, according to the Word, that it is time to SOUND the ALARM! (Eze 33:1-6, Phil 1:17).

Until next time, Jesus is coming very soon, are you going to be ready or LEFT BEHIND? For questions or comments, please call Michael 303-726-5585. ✚

Ministers Call For Accountability From Christian Congressman

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plus people in attendance. At the same meeting, Congressman Lamborn offered to convene a Minority Advisory Committee to ensure he would not make that kind of error again, and to better morally and politically represent all the citizens of the 5th Congressional District.

The Congressman attended the Southern Colorado Ministerial Union celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday and gave remarks of respect and appreciation of the works and progress of America as a result of Dr. King's life and works.

By being the only federal elected officer to publicly announce his protest of President Obama's State of the Union Address by not attending was ultimate disrespect to America, not just to the 5th District or to Colorado. The Southern Colorado Ministerial Union views this action as total disregard and intentional disrespect for his newly formed Minority Advisory Committee, since he did not consult with our committee prior to taking this action of which we do not approve. We view the public apology made just a few months ago to be insincere and only given to appease and present a false image (of good) to the citizens. This is a serious violation of biblical/Christian ethics and also a violation of political ethics. We call on Congressman Lamborn to get real and abide by the Godly standards he claims to embrace.

I think that since he convened a Citizen's Advisory Committee that represents all ethnic groups in the 5th Congressional District, and many of us have lived through racial segregation and discrimination, we have been educated and involved in politics all of our lives, and many of us have been pastors for many years, he needs to respect that group to advise him. The group is racially diverse, including Democrats and Republicans, and an African American who is the head of the Tea Party in the 5th District, also the President of NAACP, Rosemary Harris Lytle, three ministers, and others are on the

committee. There is much wisdom within this committee, and Congressman Lamborn should recognize and make use of that.

Superintendent Patrick L. Demmer, V. P. of Political Affairs for the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance, said: "As representatives of the African-American community of metro Denver, we are once again appalled by the manner in which Congressman Lamborn continues to disrespect the office of the President of the United States. In August 2011, Congressman Lamborn referred to President Obama as a 'tar baby.'

"At a meeting with the Congressman, with the Board and members of the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance, he pretended to be unaware of the racial ramifications associated with 'tar baby' and told us it was merely an unfortunate choice of words. Many of us were not persuaded by his apology and were not convinced that he could not have possibly been ignorant of the usage of that word. Nevertheless, as ministers of Christ, we were willing to give him the benefit of the doubt.

"But his actions of this willful boycott of the State of the Union Address clearly demonstrates that he cares little for all the community that he represents. He obviously is not truly concerned about seeking bi-partisan solutions to the economic injustices, housing, employment and educational disparities and the limits many in Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Colorado as a whole are facing every day. Colorado is better than that kind of closed-minded, narrow,



Rep. Doug Lamborn

personal agenda representation.

"In Denver, with only 4% of the African-American population in Colorado, we have elected our second African-American mayor, because this is Colorado. We're better than that. We challenge Congressman Lamborn to serve his constituents and all of Colorado by opening his mind and method of service to greater and a truer sense of cooperation, even when he personally has differing agenda. Like our state's slogan, 'Colorful Colorado,' he must represent people of every color."

"From an e-mail to Congressman Lamborn from Rosemary Harris Lytle, President of NAACP in the 5th District: Congressman Lamborn, as a constituent and a member of your new Minority Advisory Committee, I am writing to express my grave concern

over the announcement that you will not attend the President's State of the Union Address. At this time, when the public impression of Congress has plummeted, and members of Congress have been intentional about reaching across the aisle, a decision to be absent from this important moment in our country's civic life seems ill-timed and uninformed. Our elected representative from Colorado's 5th Congressional District should have a greater profile at this time of challenge, not a diminished one, and politics should never determine engagement.

"In fact, as the person who works for the people of this Congressional District, we cannot be pres-

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Let There Be Light

By Rev. Dr. Ade Ajala

Genesis 1:1-3

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. In the beginning...! What a way to begin the bible. I often ask people what chapter one of the book of Genesis is all about and the answer is always that Genesis chapter one is about creation. But looking critically at this chapter, we can see that it is not about creation, it is about the Creator. The primary purpose of the book of Genesis is to reveal God. It is an introductory piece about the nature, the character, the power, the majesty, the workings and the glory of God.

If you want to know God better, then read the book of Genesis. If you want an understanding about how God works, read the book of Genesis. If you want to learn how to live a life that have purpose, read the book of Genesis. If you want to live a life free of worry and depression, then read the book of Genesis. If you want to learn about the importance of hospitality, read the book of Genesis. If you want to know the implication of living a compromising Christian life, then read the book of Genesis. It is very important to read the whole Bible, but I propose to you that the book of Genesis gives you a taste of the dynamics of heaven's agenda on earth.

I thought I know Him until I begin to read and study the book of Genesis and I found out that I know little of Him. Unfortunately, much of the little I know of Him was distorted and I was in great danger of ignorance. As I read the book of Genesis, I begin to discover that



Rev. Dr. Ade and Rev Adeola Ajala

God is eternal, that His power is limitless and that He can change my circumstance for the better. I begin to discover His unlimited love for me, I begin to discover how His glory gives meaning to my life and purpose to my step with abundance of Joy deposited into my heart. This is the story of the God who is introducing Himself to us today from the book of Genesis chapter 1.

The God whose very presence gives fulfillment to the empty, gives healing to the broken, gives forgiveness to the sinful, gives freedom to the bitter, gives purpose to the meaningless, gives help to the helpless, gives courage to the fearful, gives strength to the weak, gives reality to the religious, gives hope to the hopeless and love to the loveless. This is the God who is introducing Himself to us anew today.

He introduced Himself to us in a very humble way. He did not waste words as we do when we are introducing the nobles of this world. He did not use superlative words to describe Himself. He simply said: "In the beginning God..." This statement means that God is from the beginning. He has been and forever will be. He is eternal.

Then the Bible went on to say, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" This means that everything on the planet was created by God. Nothing exists in this world that was not created by Him. But not only that, this also imply that He is in control of

everything including your life and my life. Because He is eternal and He created everything and He is in control of everything including your life and that of your family, you can rest in His love. God was in the past, He is in the present and He is also simultaneously in the future preparing the way for us and working to answer our prayers of faith.

What are you worried about? I don't know about you, but I only worry about the future. I am yet to meet a man or woman who is worrying about yesterday or what has passed. It is always the future that we are worried about. Let me assure you that God is eternal and He is in control. He is not bound by time and He knows the end from the beginning. He is in charge of the present and the future.

Do not worry about what will become of your children, do not worry about what would become of your financial future and that of your family. Do not worry about your health; do not worry about the future of your career or your job. The eternal God is in control and He has got all of your future mapped out to His own glory!

The earth was without form and void--or in "confusion and emptiness," This globe, at some undescribed period, was a dark and watery waste for ages perhaps, from this chaotic state, the present fabric of the world was made to arise. God created this beautiful world from a state of emptiness and chaos and he turned it to a beautiful place for you and I to live.

May I declare to you today that I do not care what your life is right now or what type of life you had been living before now. No matter the confusion, the uncertainty of your life, God is able and wants to turn it to a beautiful life that all people will see you and behold the beauty of the LORD. The life of some people are without shape and empty, there is no satisfaction, no joy, no meaning. Some lives are empty inside and some are in darkness of ignorance, depression, despair and some are still in the darkness of separation from God. Many are living lives that have no stability or security. It is as if to say they are living on waters. But let me encourage you if you are here today and you can identify with some or many of these things, God wants to bring order to your life. He wants to bring security to your life. He

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Lt. Gov. Garcia Among Group Honored in Memory of King

The Greater Metropolitan Denver Ministerial Alliance (GMDMA) hosted its 28th Annual Interfaith Worship and Awards Ceremony at New Hope Baptist Church in Denver, Sunday, January 15, 2012.

The Alliance agreed with Dr. King's position that a quality education is the right of every child, and they also agreed with **Denver Mayor Michael Hancock** that, "the current achievement gap disparity for Denver Public School students is not acceptable or American."

Hancock gave a rousing and informative keynote message on the 83rd anniversary of Dr. King's 83rd birthday and the 71st anniversary of GMDMA.

Hancock received the GMDMA Presidents Award for his amazingly unique record as a leader and visionary for the people of Denver as evidenced by his relentless work for educational excellence both as the President of the Denver City Council and as President/CEO of the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver. He has a stellar leadership record as a young child and later as a hard-working adult.

Colorado Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia was selected to receive an Education Award based on his past tenacity in pursuing excellence in basic education for Colorado students of all ages and his present fortitude to ensure that all children can learn how to read. His strong views on the value of education for all children date back to his tenure as President at Pikes Peak Community College and CSU - Pueblo and his continued advocacy for total access to learning for all persons

without regard to their economic status.

Garcia said, "I am honored to receive this award from the Greater Metropolitan Denver Ministerial Alliance, because it serves as a reminder that we still have work to do to ensure all children receive an excellent education. We can't consider our public education system a success until every child - including our minority children - graduate ready to pursue a college education or a career.

GMDMA also gave an Education Award to **Allegra 'Happy' Haynes**, an At-Large Denver Public Schools (DPS) Board Member and former DPS executive for her selfless and on-going work for all the children enrolled in Denver Public Schools. The achievement gap for children of color is of deep concern for Haynes and other officials. And, she has publicly vowed to strive for solutions to lessen the classroom disparities that can hamper a child's ability to learn for the rest of their lives. Her advocacy for quality education was evident during her time as a Member Councilor and later as President of the Denver City Council.

GMDMA presented their Freedom Rider Award to **Fidel 'Butch' Montoya**, former Denver Manager of Safety, and current Director of the H.S. Power & Light Ministries. Montoya was cited for exemplifying the kind of bravery and resolve as the Freedom Riders during the bloody Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's when countless people of goodwill, various faiths, different genders, and many ethnicities stood together against inhumane and

un-American practices that deprived Blacks of their God-given rights.

At the height of the civil rights struggle, Dr. King led non-violence protests and received much help from the Freedom Riders that risked their lives to ride segregated buses across the Deep South. Their bravery captured the conscience of the nation and the attention of the worldwide media. "Freedom Rides On," was the 2012 national theme for activities celebrating the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Pastor Leon Emerson, GMDMA President and Senior Pastor of Denver's Now Faith Christian Church said, "We are serious about our decision to make education, voter registration, economic justice, and youth related issues our priorities in 2012. We are reaching out to build meaningful collaborations with elected and civic leaders, which include Colorado Lt. Governor Garcia, Denver Mayor Hancock, Denver Public Schools Board Member Happy Haynes and others to achieve progress for all kids with special work for children of color to reach their full potential. We are committed in our 71st year to making our 60 plus churches the bridge between past victories in the civil rights movement and the struggle of current generations for quality education, economic equality and the right to vote for candidates of their choice. We have come too far to surrender our future and we won't stop until Dr. King's dream is real for everyone."

The Alliance also presented Awards of Achievement and Outstanding Community Service to others as fol-

lows:

Colorado State Representative Rhonda Fields, District 42, for her perseverance to achieve justice for her murdered son that was set to give testimony in a gang murder case, and for her activist community leadership that led to her being asked to seek and later winning a seat in the Colorado Legislature. (Achievement Award)

Colorado State Representative Angela Williams, District 7, for her professional and profound labor as a successful local entrepreneur and enthusiastic advocate for Colorado small businesses, which led her to seek and win a seat in the Colorado House. (Achievement Award)

Denver City Councilman Albus Brooks, District 8, for his unwavering belief in the people and economic value of sites in his district, and his dedication to restoring the area to its previous days of prosperity. (Achievement Award)

Denver City Councilman Chris Herndon for his military service as an officer and willingness to commit that talent to champion his district as Light Rail extends from downtown Denver to Denver International Airport. (Achievement Award)

Bishop Clyde R. Nichols, Pastor of Redeeming Love Fellowship Church in West Denver for 25 years of serving hot meals to needy families and providing a food pantry to address on-going issues of unemployment. (Community Service Award)

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ent, and you owe it to us to represent us. Please know that I appreciate the open door you have given our Committee members in the aftermath of some tough times for you concerning President Obama just a few months ago. But when it comes to the State of the Union Address, partisan politics have no place. You must represent all of those you are in office to serve—progressive, moderates, and conservatives alike.

Pastor Emerson, continued, "We would like to see Congressman Lamborn reach across the aisle—because it is apparent that he has an agenda by showing disrespect for President Obama. It sends a clear message to the far right wing of the Republican Party. I do not believe that is the kind of representation that Colorado Springs or Pueblo are looking for. I think they are looking for somebody who would be more open-minded, with a more bi-partisan sense of duty and spirit, so that all of the people would be assured that he is their representative. He represents both Democrats and Republicans, and he needs to keep that in mind. I wonder how the Republicans felt when they heard that he was not honoring the President of the United States?"

"We feel there is a hidden agenda of the Republicans to make sure President Obama is a one-term president. We are appalled that Congressman Lamborn would attempt to stir up old racial wounds, and especially since he says he is a Christian. We want him to do the right thing—realize he is a servant to our entire community, and make

sure everyone gets an equal opportunity to be a great citizen without worrying about racial slurs and other forms of disrespect.

Superintendent Demmer, continued, "How could he have an advisory committee and make a decision to not attend the State of the Union Address without discussing it ahead of time with this committee? I think he believes he is espousing the political ideology of

I believe the time is over for African-Americans to fight this battle of racism in America. I think racism in America has to be fought by the majority of people in this country, which are Caucasians. They now understand the demonization of the racial discrimination that we went through. They are the ones that must fight this battle now,

the Whites in the 5th Congressional District, but many of the Whites that I have talked to and in the newspaper, the statements against him are not from African-Americans. He has not violated African-Americans only, but all those who have confidence in America. It is just as President Obama said, 'when we look at that flag, we see all of America.'

"There is a mindset of some that Congressman Lamborn's action is not and should not be approached from a racial perspective, that it has more to do with a political and philosophical viewpoint. I disagree with that,

whether it comes from Caucasians, or it comes from some misguided African-Americans, who also feel as though there is now a new differentiation of racism.

"I tend to agree with Al Sharpton, 'it may not be Jim Crow, but it certainly is James Crow, Esq. Jr. James Crow, Esq. Jr. is a little more sophisticated, more educated, more articulate, and knows how to approach these things

from a 'misdirection' perspective. But those from our community who feel that 'we are now in the House' (and I thank God—I never thought I would see an African-American in the White House—but I am still very aware he's still not in our House)...the struggle still has not stopped. The problems that are there have not stopped. So, I don't think Congressman Lamborn can separate it.

"It would be wonderful if we could say it wasn't because he (President Obama) is Black, but just because of his political position. However, since he is the first African-American President,

Congressman Lamborn has to be more sensitive in whatever actions he takes, because no matter how pure he may say his heart is in regard to racial injustices and bigotry, it does not come across any different that any other person who is motivated by bigotry and would not have attended. How do we tell the difference?"

Rev. McMearn, of Southern Colorado Ministerial Union, continued, "I will turn 72 in March. I believe the time is over for African-Americans to fight this battle of racism in America. I think racism in America has to be fought by the majority of people in this country, which are Caucasians. They now understand the demonization of the racial discrimination that we went through. They are the ones that must fight this battle now, because it was White America that stood up to vote for President Obama because they knew it was the right thing to do. He is intelligent, and has a broad understanding of national and world politics. I think he has represented America well. The General Manager of General Motors spent months thanking America for coming to the rescue of their company, without ever mentioning President Obama. And no one has really said anything as far as giving him credit for ridding the world of Osama bin Laden."

Pastor Leon Emerson, President of the Greater Denver Ministerial Alliance: I believe this whole incident also reiterates the fact that we need to be sure African-Americans are registered to vote and that they know the power is at the poll. ✚

The Christ They Knew

By Pastor Joyce Edwards

His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters. (Revelation 1:14-15)

As the book of Revelation opens, the Apostle John had a vision of the Lord Jesus, the Son of man. The vision of Christ was quite different from the portrait drawn by Leonardo Da Vinci. Da Vinci portrayed Jesus as a blonde haired, blue eyed, white man while the Apostle John saw a vision depicting the Lord as having feet like fine brass in color, eyes as a flame of fire (Hazel), and hair like white wool. This depiction indicates the Lord was a Black man, a man of color. It's imperative to mention this vision was not startling to John because John had been very familiar with the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry. John was one of the twelve disciples (hand-picked so to speak by the Lord Himself) so it's clearly evident that John would recognize the Lord Jesus. Had the vision of the Lord Jesus Christ been different from the Christ John knew, John would have known the vision was not from God. But this was not the case, the vision was of God; and John recognized the Lord and captured every finite feature of the vision. John lets us know he saw a Black Jesus with white woolly hair, and the Lord God directed John to grasp these descriptive features as a witness for the people of God. [Matthew 10:2-4]

For many years, I struggled with the account of the Lord Jesus being born in a manger. Joseph took his wife, Mary, and went into an Inn (hotel) to secure a room. He was informed there were no vacancies, but the mere fact that Joseph attempted to acquire a room in the Inn strongly suggest he had money. So why did the Inn keeper refuse a man with a pregnant wife and money the comfort of a room, and then turn around and offer them room in the stable. If Joseph and his pregnant wife had been white, the Inn keeper would have found room in the Inn for them.

But Joseph and Mary were both Black and Jews. To solidify this reality, when Herod decreed that all the children two years and under would be killed, the angel of the Lord appeared unto Joseph telling him to take the child Jesus and flee into Egypt. It's an historical fact that Egyptians were Black, people of color. Considering this truth, do you believe the Lord God Almighty would have directed a white man to take his white wife and white

child into a Black country to hide and seek refuge? If a white man wanted to hide, he would go into a white country where he could blend in with the people of that country. He would never attempt to hide in an all Black country. But if I'm Black, that's exactly where I want to be so God told Joseph to take the young child, Jesus, into Egypt to find refuge. [Matthew 2:13,16; Luke 2:7,12]



Edwards

When we acknowledge the true identity of the Lord Jesus and consider His genealogy as recorded at Matthew 1:1-16, we must conclude these men and women of faith were Blacks. Looking back to Abraham the Lord God Almighty gave Abraham the land of Canaan which was situated in Africa.

We know Abraham had two sons, Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael was the son of Hagar, an Egyptian; and Isaac was the son of Sarah, Abraham's wife. As the boys grew, jealousy became an issue so Sarah had Abraham send Hagar and Ishmael away. After leaving Abraham's house, Ishmael dwelt in the wilderness of Paran. At some point, Hagar chose an Egyptian to be Ishmael's wife; while in contrast, Isaac's wife was chosen from among Abraham's kin. Isaac's wife, Rebekah, bore him two sons, Esau and Jacob. We find Jacob was chosen by God, while he was yet in the womb, to be the seed God had promised Abraham. It was Jacob who had an encounter with an angel of the Lord and wrestled with the angel all night. One of the significant results of this encounter was that Jacob's name was changed to Israel.

Ultimately Canaan, the land given to Abraham by God, became known as Israel. Both Canaan and Egypt were part of Africa; and the people, Israelites and Egyptians, were Black, people of color. Case in point: We know the Apostle Paul was an Israelite, a Jew, a Hebrew of Hebrews, of the tribe of Benjamin. While the Apostle Paul was seized by Jewish leaders, the chief captain asked Paul, "art not thou that Egyptian?" The Apostle Paul could not have been mistaken for an Egyptian unless he was Black, a man of color. [Genesis 12:5-7; 16:15; 21:1-3,9-10,21; 24:63-67; 25:21-26; 32:24-30; Philippians 3:5; Acts 21:38]

It's imperative to take a look at Moses. After the Pharaoh who had been acquainted with Joseph died, the new king of Egypt felt threatened by the miraculous growth of the Children of Israel. Therefore, the new king ordered the midwives to kill all the newborn Hebrew males. When this effort failed, the king ordered every Hebrew son to be casted into the river. We've all heard the account of Moses being placed in a basket along the Nile River and by divine providence the king's sister found the floating basket and took the baby Moses raising him as her own child. We know Moses was a Jew and Egyptians were a Black people. For Moses to have intermingled so perfectly with the Egyptians, he certainly was Black, or a person of color. For decades, Moses dwelt

Black Americans are the true Jew, the Hebrew or Israelite; but we lost our identity when we were cursed before boarding the slave ships that brought our forefathers from Africa to America. The Lord is speaking to us trying to awaken us to the veracity of who we are. We are the people of God; that chosen generation; that royal priesthood. If you are not convinced of your likeness to Christ by Revelation 1:14-15; I suppose that explains why the Lord said: out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word would be established.

amidst the Egyptians even enjoying the position of Prince of Egypt. But at the appointed time, Moses began to see the loathsome atrocities being inflicted upon the Hebrews as inhumane. Right here allow me to interject the similarity of the Hebrews' plight with the plight of African Americans.

The Hebrews sojourned in Egypt 430 years, yet they only experienced Egyptian slavery after the death of the Pharaoh that knew Joseph. African Americans have spent four hundred years in American slavery and bigotry. The parallels are astounding, but the only people that have actually spent 400 years in slavery based on Genesis 15:13 are Black Americans.

We are in the Bible, our history screams from the pages of the Bible. This is why the Lord Jesus Christ told us: ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Then we read the inspired words of the Prophet Hosea: My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Don't you want to know who you are? [Exodus 1:8-10, 16-21; 2:2-10, 11-12; 12:40; Hosea 4:6; Matthew 7:7]

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15; I suppose that explains why the Lord said: out of the mouth of two or three witnesses, every word would be established. As such, God has given us a second witness. The Prophet Daniel declared: Then I lifted up mine eyes and looked... His body also was like the beryl, and His face as the appearance of lightning, and His eyes as lamps of fire, and His arms and His feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of His words as the voice of a multitude. This is the vision of the Lord God gave Daniel. What you choose to believe becomes your reality. As for me, I have chosen to believe the Word of the Lord God Almighty. I believe Black Americans are a reflection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Black Americans are part of the lost tribes of Israel; and we are the true Jew.

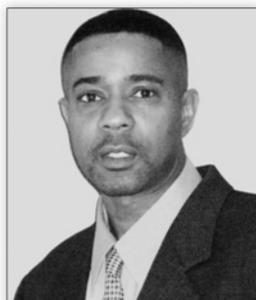
At Revelation 2:9, we read these words of Christ: I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich), and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Surly the Lord was not speaking of Blacks or African Americans because we, for the most part, do not know that we are Jews. But that is exactly who we are, and the Lord God Almighty wants us to know this truth, because the truth we know, is the truth that will make us free. May the ground of our hearts be nurtured in such a way that we will receive the Word of the Lord, recognize who we are, and come together unified as one people. God Bless you. [Daniel 10:5-6; Matthew 18:16; 1 Peter 2:9] ✝

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Hazel Whitsett, Resident of Dahlia Square

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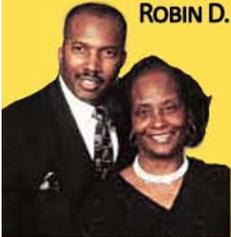
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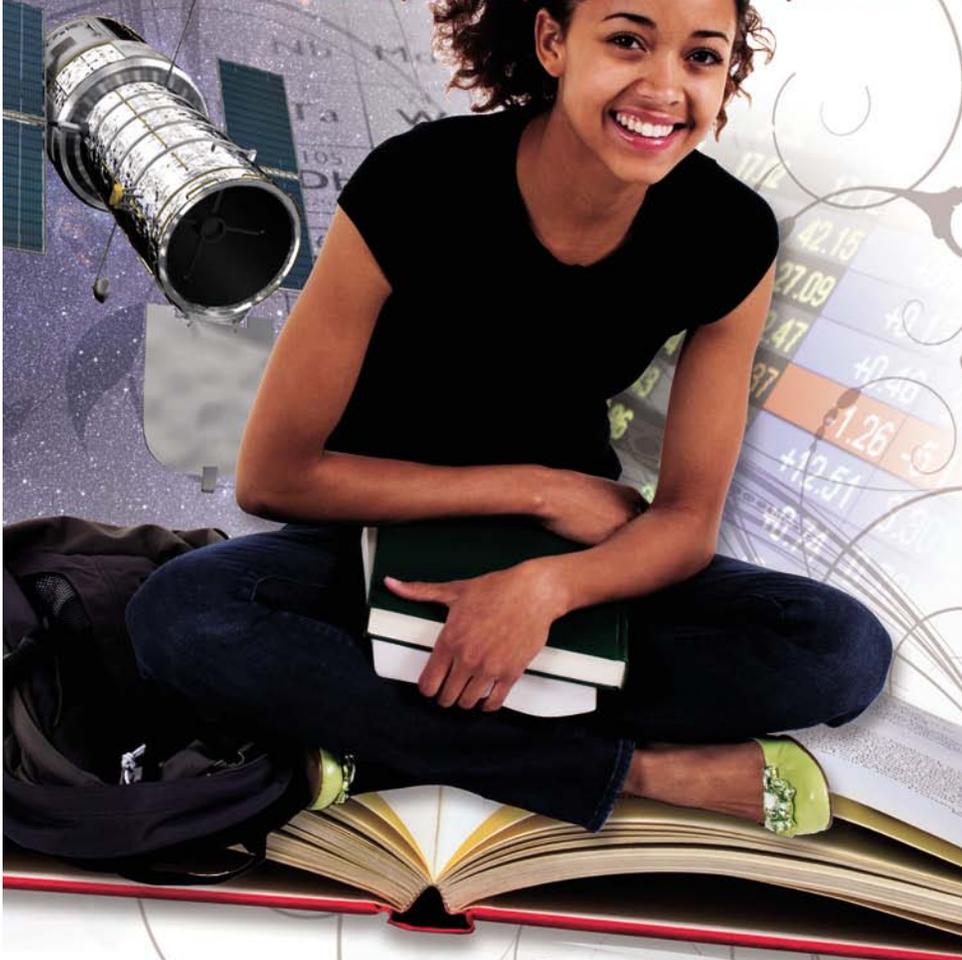
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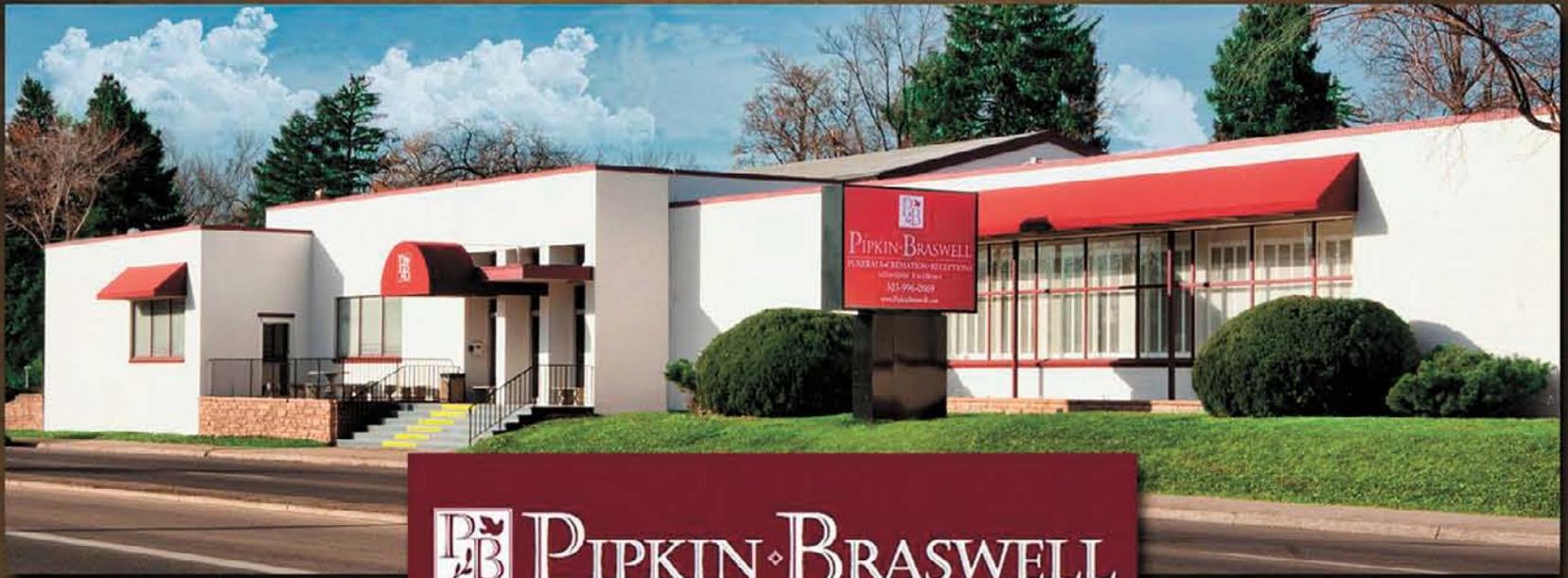
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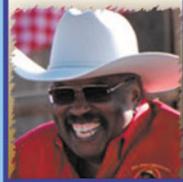
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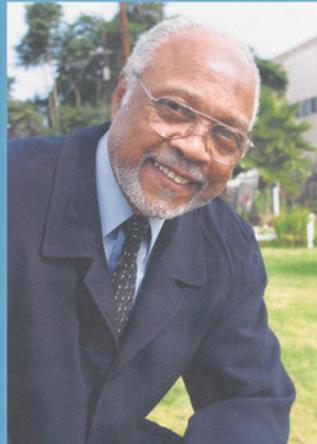
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CHURCH NEWS



Aurora Mayor Greets top Gospel Artist

What a way to kick off the first week of 2012 as Shabach Gospel Music Productions and Divine Love COGIC presented gospel it girl and JDI Records artist Beverly Crawford in a captivating event called "A Fresh Project". The two day event featured her preaching and singing to packed audiences. Aurora Mayor Steve Hogan joined in as the city welcomed her and was charmed by one of the top vocalists of our time.

Riding high on the success of her smash hit single "It's About Time For A Miracle" (#1 Most Added Song at Radio - Billboard), she is known for her highly energetic performances, her zeal for ministry, her down-home manner & her soaring vocals.

JDI Records provided additional background on the psalmist that Beverly is from Gainesville, FL and one of 7 children born to a pastor, she began singing at the age of 3 & joined her sisters as part of the Camps Sisters. In the late 1980's, her husband Todd recorded a home-

made video & submitted copies to several gospel labels, with BET's Bobby Jones Gospel the only one responding. Highly impressed, Dr. Jones invited Beverly & her sisters to sing on his show & after about a couple of visits, Dr. Jones invited Beverly to join his group - New Life. Beverly stayed on BET for over 6 years, where she was a fan favorite every week.

Denver can expect much more of the latest and greatest in good gospel music, says Pastor Michael Harris, one of the sponsors that worked along with Pastor Phillips of Divine Love COGIC for the event.

You can hear Beverly Crawford's music along with lively conversation and other top gospel artists every Friday at 1pm on 1220 KLDC.

The faith based community is in for a treat as Pastor Mike and Shabach Gospel Productions tear up the airwaves and the community with many more high caliber gospel artists and events. It's going to be a great year. Stay tuned. ✝

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LOCAL EVENT

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The inaugural Songs of Our Journey Black History Month concert presented by the Western States Baptist Convention (WSBC) is Friday, February 10, 2012 at Zion Baptist Church located at 933 E. 24th Avenue. This concert will be a night full of prayer, praise, and fun. The evening will feature soloists, choirs, musicians and dance ministries from all over the state of Colorado and Cheyenne, Wyoming.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, [and] into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, [and] bless his name." (Psalms 100:4) We invite everyone from the community and a far to come and partake in this celebration of praise, worship and thanksgiving.

SERMON

Who's Wearing the Pants at Your House?

By **Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington**

There is a story of a man who died and went to heaven to find two signs above two different lines. One sign said: "ALL THOSE MEN WHO HAVE BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES, STAND HERE." That line of men seemed to stretch off through the clouds into infinity.

The second sign read: "ALL THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN DOMINATED BY THEIR WIVES, STAND HERE." Underneath the sign stood one man.

He went over to the man, grabbed his arm and said, "What's the secret, how did you do it? That other line has millions of men and you are the only one standing in this line."

The man looked around with a puzzled expression and said, "Why, I am not sure I know. My wife just told me to stand here."

We have all heard jokes about "who wears the pants in the family." Yet, leadership in the home is no laughing matter. During the last few decades our culture has redefined the meaning and responsibilities of



Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington

man and woman in society and in the home. Many men are confused and insecure. Many do not know how to act in the home. Growing up, they lacked a good model for leadership at home and have no mental picture of what it means to lead a family.

Consequently, they do not lead effectively, or they do not even try. Increasingly, many men are becoming passive in the home. They've decided that the easiest thing to do is nothing. The simplest thing-with the smallest risk-is to stay on the fence with both feet firmly planted in mid-air and let the wife do it.

When a man is married to a strong wife who will take over, he often lets her do just that. ✚

For more information regarding **Rev. Dr. Henry L. Armington, Sr.** visit Central Baptist Church this Sunday morning for a dynamite worship experience at 10:45 a.m. located 2400 California Street, Denver, or visit cbcdenver.org

LOCAL EVENT

Ministers Wives, Widows Annual Leadership Conference

The Denver Local Council of Ministers' Wives & Ministers' Widows will host it's Annual Leadership Conference & Luncheon

on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at the Red Lion Hotel located on N. Quebec/Smith Rd. beginning at 9:00 am for Ministers' Wives & Widows only. The featured Speaker for the 12:00 Noon Luncheon is Evangelist Michell Alexander & open to the public. For further information contact Sis. Marilyn Hicks/Evangelist Gloria Alexander at 303-872-3287.

Joash Repairs the Temple
—2 Chronicles 24

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Restore the Temple

Use the code to discover how the people reacted to King Joash's proclamation.

One hundred and two years had passed since Solomon had died, and the temple had fallen into disrepair. Joash became the king when he was 7 years old. Years later he decided to restore the temple. He issued a proclamation in Judah and Jerusalem that everyone should bring to the Lord the tax that Moses had required of Israel (2 Chronicles 24:8-14).

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— **Philippians 4:6-7, NKJV**

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

Modern medical research has proved that worry breaks down resistance to disease, more than that, it actually diseases the nervous system—particularly that of the digestive organs and the heart. It causes stress, headaches, upset stomachs, anger, fear, isolation, and a host of other ailments. There is no disputing the fact that, nine times out of ten, worrying about a thing does more damage to those who worry than the actual thing itself. Not only does worry not help, it often has the opposite effect. Proverbs 12:25 (NIV) declares, "An anxious heart weighs a man down."

That's all worry accomplishes. It is like sitting in a rocking chair. It will get you started as you move back and forth, but it is never going to take you anywhere. Lot's of energy expended and no forward progress. It is futile to sit in a rocking chair and think that you are going to get to work on time, and it is just as futile to think that worrying is going to do anything to resolve some difficulty in your life. Worry has no rightful place in our lives.

There is a difference between concern and worry. Concern is when you can do something to help a situation, so you do what you can do. Worry is when you cannot do something, but you do not want to leave it up to God. In other words, worry is concern-gone haywire.

Some of us however have moved beyond concern and are wrestling daily with the giant of worry. Concerned about things we cannot change, about things that might happen, of situations and opportunities that may or may not present themselves. How are we to wrestle the giant of worry and be victorious? How are we to find peace in the midst of the storm? In this passage, the apostle Paul gives us some insight.

The Way To Worry About Nothing Is To Pray About Everything (vs. 6). We cannot help having concerns in the world: concerns about our livelihood, concerns about health, concerns about significant matters, concerns about those near and dear to us, concerns beyond our immediate circle of friends, and for people in general and for the church. However, though we cannot help having concerns in this world, we are not to be harassed by concerns, as though we had to bear them ourselves. Paul says the remedy is "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Every part of life is to be connected with prayer. There is nothing too small to be connected with prayer. Paul declares in the text "in everything." That is, in everything, in each emergency, little or great, as it arises, pray; cultivate the habit of referring all things, great or small, to God in prayer.

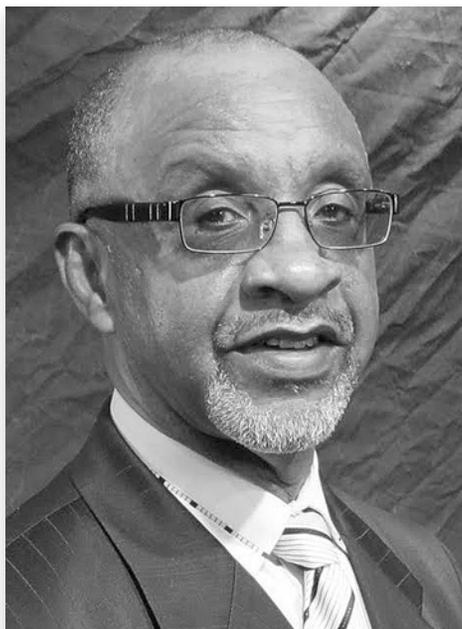
Prayer is the remedy for concern. We are clearly invited to bring our anxieties before God. We are to be anxious about nothing, worried about nothing, by making appeals to God about everything. Thus, as the area of prayer advances, those of worry recede. The lack of prayer is the secret of much unconquered anxiety. Thanksgiving perfects the remedy. Anxiety and worry tend to distort our memory. When we are able to have grateful recollection of the past, recall what God has done for us, and to be thankful, it will greatly ease anxieties about our future. The first step in wrestling with the giant of worry is to pray about everything.

God's Peace Is The Fruit Of Prayer (vs. 7). It is only when we are anxious for nothing, and prayerful in everything, that we may expect to enter Divine peace. When we are willing to let go and let God, God answers the prayer of anxiety with a gift of peace. His peace is to guard our hearts and our thoughts. Wicked desires cannot enter the heart where the peace of God keeps guard. His peace that surpasses all understanding comes to you when you trust Him fully.

Prayer takes the focus away from you, away from your circumstances, away from your troubles, and places it on God who can work miracles. One of those miracles is a peace that surpasses all understanding. This peace is not just happy feelings. It is not a pill. It is not a comedy at the movie theatre. It is a supernatural umbrella. How does it work? You open it up and just hold on. Your spiritual umbrella will not stop the rain. The rain will start to pour, the lightning will flash from heaven, the thunder will rumble, but you just hold on. It will not stop the lightning. It will not stop the thunder. However, it will keep you from getting wet. True peace is the calmness and the tranquility of God that overrules the circumstances of life.

Continued Peace Requires Getting Control Of Your Thoughts (vs. 8). Many of us focus on failing more than we do success. A Christian must not focus on what people think or on our circumstances but only on what is "excellent or praiseworthy" (Phil. 4:8).

In the Bible, we find this truth: "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7). It is an interesting and important fact that we can only think of one thing



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at a time. Try it and see! Try adding up a long column of figures while, at the same time, paying close attention to something on the radio or TV. Your mind will simply hop back and forth from one thing to the other often with poor results for both. Paul capitalizes on this peculiarity of our minds. He tells us we should fix our thoughts purposefully on certain great positives in order to live a holy life. Our minds belong to us. We can direct it out of depression and toward things that are good. Holy thoughts lead to holy living.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:34) Jesus taught the multitude to "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Worry and trust in God cannot occupy the same mind at the same time.

That is the theme of this entire passage. For one to borrow tomorrow's difficulties and so increase today's anxiety is most unprofitable. Each day has enough difficulties of its own. The person with an untroubled mind will be best able to meet, or perhaps even to avoid, today's difficulties.

Paul does not simply say that from now on I no longer want you to think of any bad thoughts. He instead goes the positive route. He says, I want you to think on good thoughts. If you want to stop thinking about something, you should redirect your thoughts somewhere else. He does not just say stop thinking your bad thoughts that are dragging you down in your Christian life, but let your mind be on exalted thoughts worthy of praise. Think on the things that are good and honorable. That is the positive way that Paul gives us to keep our minds right before God.

The apostle Paul concludes his remedy for anxiety and worry with these words. "The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (vs. 9). What have we learned, received, and heard? What are we to do? Through prayer, we can wrestle with the giant of worry and obtain God's peace.

If you are a chronic worrier, here is a suggestion you might find helpful. First, find a shoebox. Tape the lid on, and then cut a little hole in it. Call it your "worry box." Whenever you feel tempted to worry, write your worry on a piece of paper, and drop it in the box. You can say, "Lord this is my concern, and it has the potential to become a worry. You have told

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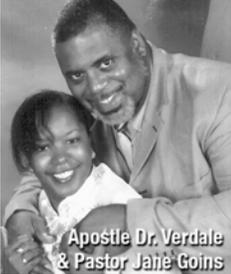
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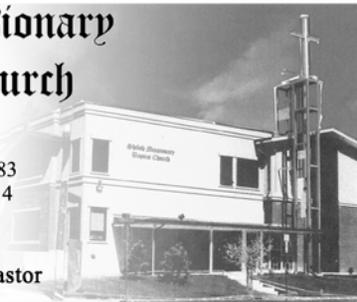
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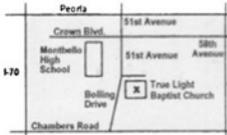
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me not to worry, so here is what I am going to do. I am going to put it in my worry box and let you take responsibility for it. Anything that I put in this box will be there because I cannot handle it. Once it's in the box, I'm going to trust you to handle it for me, Lord." Will a worry box keep your problems for going away? Probably not, but it'll open the umbrella for you, and it will keep you from getting wet when the rain comes.

To overcome anxiety, to overcome worry, you must deal with overcoming your overwhelming fear of the future. You need something that you can anchor your life so that no matter what happens, you will not be blown off course. The only thing that can anchor you is God, and the only way you discover who He is, is through Jesus Christ. Ultimately, if you build your relationship with Him, God will enable you to face whatever is happening in your life and to come out victoriously. You may go through difficulty, hardship, or trial—but as long as you are anchored to Him, you have hope.

The first and primary step, then, to overcome worry is to make sure that you have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. If you have not trusted Jesus as your Savior, the biggest problem in your life is a sin problem—a problem of unbelief. That is the root of worry. Worry is evidence of a serious lack of trust in God and His unfailing promises. Worry is a sin against God; it is a sin against ourselves. When you do not trust God for the future, we have no one to trust. The result is fear. You cannot be truly secure about any other thing in life until you secure your relationship with the Lord.

Part of your security in accepting Jesus into your life, as your Lord and Savior is the promise Jesus makes that he will never abandon you. He will never leave you. Jesus promised, "I'll never leave nor forsake you."



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Christian Gathering Place for 'Holy Shout Victory Dancing' and Socializing, Yes! Yes!

By Nathaniel Stanforth

Greetings, Saints, in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. That's right, it's time that we Christians start to call ourselves saints again. The old-time saints back decades ago did so, and of course they did in the Bible days. Now we call ourselves Christians, and it seems as almost anybody including sinners are calling themselves Christians. But they will think twice before they call themselves a saint. The Roman Catholics come together and choose who they think should be a saint, but a saint is not made by men's choosing. A true saint is made only by the precious, living, loving Blood of Jesus. Never forget that

I truly believe God has given me this copyrighted vision, titled, "Holy Shout Victory Dancing." It is a gathering place for the Christians/Saints, of all denominations. It is a gathering place where we saints can come and testify (and they overcame the devil by the words of their testimony—Rev. 12:11), and a place where we saints can come and "Holy Shout Victory Dance." That's right, cut the rug, like the old-time saints. I will personally teach all races, black, white, brown, red, yellow—how to "Holy Shout Victory Dance." Yes, it can be taught. The Holy Ghost did not fall on King David when he danced. But the King danced because he was so happy and excited—2 Samuel 6: 12-16.

You know when you sing in the choir, or play the musical instruments in the choir band, that you learn how to sing and play first, then you practice, then you sing and play on Sundays. You do not wait for the Holy Ghost to fall on you. It is the same with "Holy Shout Victory Dancing." You can be taught, then practice, then dance. Now if the Holy Ghost falls on you, then go for it. You may do a dance we have never seen before; until then, I can and will teach you these "Holy Shout Victory Dances."

First, I will teach The Eagle Mount (they shall mount up with wings of eagles—Isaiah 40:31). Then I will teach you the "Holy Shout Victory Dances: The Kick, The Cut, The Gallop, The Double Up, The Hot Foot, The Two Foot Stomp, The Classic, The Jericho March, and The Jericho March in Place. We Christian Saints will do these ten "Holy Shout Victory Dances." Each time someone gives a mighty, holy, joyous testimony, the Holy Shout Victory Dancing Band will start to play the music, and we will cut the rug.

I hope to have a video playing on a TV, showing you these dances, as soon as you come in, and I hope to have a video on DVD that you can give a donation for, and take the video home and learn/practice the dances.

"Holy Shout Victory Dancing" will be a gathering place where the saints can come to unwind, relax, pull out their laptops and work, network, communicate, socialize, connect, and prepare for these last day end times. You can drink hot and cold non-alcoholic beverages, eat food, and listen to beautiful gospel songs/music in different parts of the building when one is provided. No worldly songs/music, no worldly dancing, no line dancing, no man-woman slow dancing; just "Holy Shout Victory Dancing." When you testify, you will have about 2-3 minutes. If you start to preach, the microphone will be turned off.

"Holy Shout Victory Dancing" will be in a building that is not connected to any church, to avoid pastors or denominations thinking we are trying to steal their flock. The first free gathering will be at the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, at Historic 5 Points, 2401 Welton St., Denver, on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., until we can obtain a location.

If you are a Christian/saint, brother or sister struggling with lust, coming to pick up a sister or to be picked up by a brother, the Blood of Jesus is against that. The Blood of Jesus is against my struggling flesh, too. Now, if God blesses you to find your mate here, thank God. I hope my Black brothers find themselves a precious Black sister. No, I'm not prejudiced, but no other man has forsaken his woman in any race like the Black man has, and I'll add



more to it, and never take it back. Yes, I have desired and even lusted toward all races of women. God's creation is beautiful; but I have learned and am still learning.

God has given this vision to this struggling and fighting lust and gluttony, overweight African American — me — to get it going in 2012. I believe that it is going to be the beginning of a mighty revival starting here in the Denver/Aurora, Colorado area, then across America, then the world—starting right here at Historic 5 Points, during Black History Month, at the Blair- Caldwell African American Library.

My unemployment checks will not be able to put this mighty revival together. I'm going to need much help: a live Christian/Saints band to play the "Holy Shout Victory Dance" music, a microphone, P.A. system, a TV with DVD player, etc., etc., etc. This is going to be for all races.

There are hundreds, even thousands of nightclubs, lounges, and bars in Colorado for the sinners, and there will be only one place, for now, for Christians/Saints, and I believe in the future that the "Holy Shout Victory Dancing" Gathering Place for the Saints, is going to need a big building in the future, for the big crowds, perhaps 500 saints and more. So all those that desire to help me start this mighty, soon-to-be-world-wide revival, starting here in Denver/Aurora, Colorado, please e-mail me at eze122128@yahoo.com, and mention Holy Shout Victory Dancing in the subject line.

Saints, I truly believe that the most mighty revival is getting ready to start, first, right here in Denver/Aurora, Colorado, one mile high, one mile closer to God. Then, across America; then the world. And I truly believe that this most mighty revival is going to start with the saints, as we gather at Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, as we pray to God, and prophesy, and speak into the earth this thing. (and this thing is this: that the actual, precious wooden cross that our creator and savior and Lord, God in human flesh, actually died on—that the same real wooden cross be discovered and, and be intact in one piece, and the wooden chairs and tables and other things that Jesus our Creator, the Creator of the Universe, after he became a man, the things that he made on earth as a carpenter, that some, if not all of these wooden chairs and tables, etc. be discovered intact).

When we come together, we shall also take our point/index finger and point it toward heaven, and in an act of faith, we're going to write our names, cross the t's and dot the i's, for our names are written in heaven, and since our names are written in heaven, and since our names are a real part of us, that means a real part of us is in heaven right now.

These two copyrighted revelations that God has given me is something that we will do before we start "Holy Shout Victory Dancing"! If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this. God bless all you saints. Please make 10 or more copies of this story and pass it on. Thank you, and God bless you. — Nathaniel Stanforth, eze122128@yahoo.com

SERMON

The Question of Salvation

By Sup. Charles E. Scurles

In today's society, there is the constant barrage of statements especially in expressions given by persons both young and not so young, that they are saved and filled with God's Holy Spirit. But what exactly does that mean? To some, it means an experience with the grace of God, which is defined as God's unmerited favor. True. However, it goes much further than that. The Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor 5:17.

The Word of God is extremely emphatic when it describes Christian converts as "new creatures," that is, "new creations," so then the things you used to do, you don't do them anymore! The places you used to go, you don't go anymore! The people you used to associate with, you don't associate with them anymore! Why? Because, you are now saved, and salvation makes a difference! The mindsets and opinions of the world change with the passing of time, but the Bible says Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). There is a "changing of the guard," so-to-speak, so that you can say with the gospel songwriter, "a wonderful change has come over me." Yes, salvation is real, not just a game or afterthought. It requires complete surrender to God in a way that defies logic.

Salvation transforms your thinking process as found in the Book of Romans 12:2, which says, "and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove

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what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God." Yes, salvation is real and the Bible is right! How do we know it's right? It has proved itself right over and over again with its prophecies, predictions, and recommendations that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people (Prov. 14:34).

To be saved is to be separated from sin. We were "born in sin, and shaped in iniquity" (Ps 51:5). Jesus is our Savior, He died on the Cross of Calvary that we might live, so it comes down to whosoever will, let him come (Jn 6:37).

Yes, it is true and the Word of God is right, for it declares in Heb 2:3, "how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Yes, there is a question of salvation, for "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so!" Are you saved? That's a personal question and all of us must give it a personal answer! ✝

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Mommy, Mommy, Mommy ...

By Sparkle J. Robinson

If I had a quarter for every time my children called my name, I could go into retirement right NOW, laughing out loud...just joking! Seriously, my children say, "mommy," in one day more times than I can count, although it can be overwhelming and somewhat annoying, I am honored, humbled and excited to be called mommy because it was only by God's grace I was able to conceive and deliver two babies.

They call my name for various reasons; the most popular reasons are if they need help, if they get hurt, if they want something if or if they are telling on each other. Depending on how they say Mommy, I can tell right away what they are about to ask me each "mommy" seems to have a certain tone to it, or it could be that I know what they are about to say because they are my children and they have been calling me for many years.

Regardless of how many times they call me or what they are calling me for, I always want to help them. I realize that I can help them in a few different ways; I can immediately grant their request and help them, or I can instruct them or I can allow them to figure some things out for themselves.

Regardless of the approach, they are getting their request met. Of course there have been times when they didn't like my approach and just wanted me to immediately help them or rescue them but with that approach I realize not much is gained. If I instruct them they are able to exercise their listening and comprehension skills and gain confidence because they helped me, help them.

Finally, with the last approach, if I take the approach that causes them to figure things out on their own, I



Sparkle J. Robinson

get to observe my teaching in action. All three approaches remind me of the heavenly father, He will at times rescue us immediately, and then there are times when He will instruct us through His word, a prophetic word or through an action taken.

Lastly, God will also allow us to do things on our own utilizing the instruction he has already given us, although we may feel alone, we are not. As many times as my children have called me mommy, I have called on God thousands of times more, and I am grateful to say that He has NEVER failed me.

There have been times when we all have needed to call on God because of our situations. We may have needed His help because we got hurt, or because we needed something or because we needed to tell on someone.

Whatever your situation has been, NEVER stop calling on Him because he is honored when you call His name. After all, He is most capable to deliver what you need...Father, Father, Father we need you! ✝

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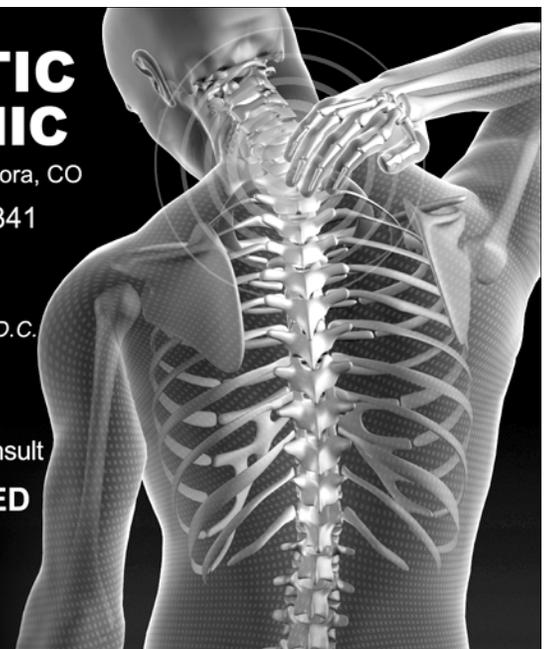
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By Maya Wheeler, MHA

Our loved ones have always been there when we needed them. So it's hard when we find a family member or a friend in a position where they can no longer take care of themselves. Today many of us face the fact that we may have to become a caregiver to a loved one as a result of a sudden crisis (e.g. stroke or accident).

According to the Alliance for Health Reform, approximately 10 million Americans age 65 and over needed long-term care in 2010, with that number expected to rise to 12 million by 2020. It is no wonder that 1.7 million of these individuals live in nursing homes, 520,000 live in assisted living facilities, and the rest are cared for by a family/friend caregiver. This number is only expected to grow as Baby Boomers begin to turn 65 this year.

As our loved ones are living longer and healthier lives, it may be hard for us to determine when they need outside care? But in general, we should look for changes that pose a threat to their medical or physical safety such as:

Behavior changes

- Changes in personal hygiene
- Changes in tidiness or cleanliness of the home
- Unopened mail or unpaid bills
- Odors (e.g. from spoiled food)
- Missed appointments
- Getting lost in familiar places
- Evidence of safety risks (e.g. burned pots)
- Evidence that medications are not being taken properly

Physical symptoms

- Weight gain or loss
- Unsteadiness when walking or getting up and down from a chair
- Evidence of incontinence (e.g. odor of urine in their home)
- Unusual thirst
- Darkened house with the shades drawn
- Decreased contact with family and friends
- More withdrawn, less conversational

If you find yourself noticing any of these changes, don't rush in and take over. Instead discuss the issues with

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your loved one, their primary care physician, a gerontologist, or a senior care specialist. Once taking these steps and you determine more help is still needed don't panic there are organizations out there to help you get the "4-1-1 to avoid having to call 9-1-1".

Remember your responsibility to your loved is to ensure that they are safe from harm, receive the proper nutrition, and the best care that can be afforded to them. Part or all off this care can be delegated to someone else, or arrangements such as adult day-care, home healthcare, assisted-living, or even nursing home placement can be arranged.

At Forest Street Compassionate Care Center, we understand and know it can be very stressful placing a loved one in a nursing home. Families may feel guilt over placing their relatives and anger at the circumstances that made it necessary. By working with families, we believe we can communicate more effectively with one another to help avoid and resolve problems in a timelier manner, and help families feel more empowered.

To get the "4-1-1" on support for caregivers or more information on Forest Street Compassionate Care Center please visit the facility at 3345 Forest Street, Denver, CO 80207, go to www.forestst.org, or call (303)393.7600.

For more information on community resources call or visit the below organizations:

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- The Caregiver's Guardian: caregiversguardian.com/ccg/
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Formed in the Fire & Wondrous Love in Mystery

By Evan. Dr. P.M. Wynn Grove

As we all agree to make changes and goals for 2012, we must remember God knows what He's doing. He chooses us to be formed in the fire. Why? He knows we'll come out stronger than we were before the refining process.

When God confronts our sins and speaks us into purpose, His Word empowers us to change. (Mt 24:35) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Words will never pass away".

God declares His purpose, and holds "mysteries" in reserve for us, so that we'll give Him the credit He is due. God alone gets the glory. The Word Of God declares; ; "May God receive glory. He is able to strengthen your faith because of the good news I preach. It is the message about Jesus Christ. It is in keeping with the mystery that was hidden for a very long time." (Romans 16:25)

There are times God will even end relationships and cut you off from certain people. At times, He allows the enemy to run amuck in your relationships...but remember; it's all part



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of the process. Nothing and no one should take His place in your life.

(1 Timothy 3:16) "There is no doubt that godliness is a great mystery.

Jesus appeared in a body. The Holy Spirit proved that he was the Son of God.

He was seen by angels. He was preached among the nations. People in the world believed in him. He was taken up to heaven in glory." Here is a mystery. When God speaks into your life you won't know that it's really God unless you endure the complete oppo-

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- Learn how to build strong relationships and families.
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Skloot Weaves Captivating Story of Discrimination, Dilemmas, Discovery

By **Thelma Craig**

February is African American History month, a time set-aside for all people to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions African American have made to this country. The *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot, is one of those gems that tell a significant part of African American history that remained relatively obscure until this book became a best seller. This is truly a book for all mankind to read.

Henrietta Lacks is probably turning over in her grave in awe at the significant contributions and the lives she saved after her untimely death. With the backdrop of the pre civil rights era, the author tells a captivating story of racial discrimination, medical ethical dilemmas, and scientific discovery. Though this is a non-fictional account (all the characters are real) it is not just a sterile accounting of the facts. No this is an magnificent book. There are many lessons and pearls throughout the masterpiece. It ultimately is a reminder that life is precious we need to respect and value each other.

As I began reading this book it was clear that the author was destined to write this book, to tell a truth that will continue to set us all free. She was destined by God to tell a story that otherwise would have remained untold. This book clearly proves to me that God is in all things and that science doesn't escape the grasp of God. How else would this seeming impossible immortality arise? Ms. Skloot's initial interest came when she was a rebel in an alternative high school. She was hanging on by an educational thread. When the teacher mentioned that the HeLa cells were the advent of cures for many diseases. She wanted to know more. Her thirst began.... Who was the person behind the cells? How were they obtained, what did this all mean? Her journey began and the truth was astounding and illuminating. Later after completing college she was compelled to investigate and tell about the woman behind the cells. Skloot's skillfully and with compassion conveys the extraordinary contribution this woman has made to science and the world. She had the amiable tenacity to share the story of the woman who was exploited in the name of scientific advancement. It was by the grace of God that Ms. Skloot was able to interview Henrietta's family members and use this to convey the human elements of the story. You get to know the charm and the heart of the woman scientists seemed to dismiss as human during their experiments and research. I believe Ms. Skloot was not alone in weaving the tale, as I read, I had an uncanny sense that Henrietta herself had a hand in this revealing manuscript. . Writer Rebecca Skloot researched and uncovered the journey of those cells and became obsessed with the desire to tell the



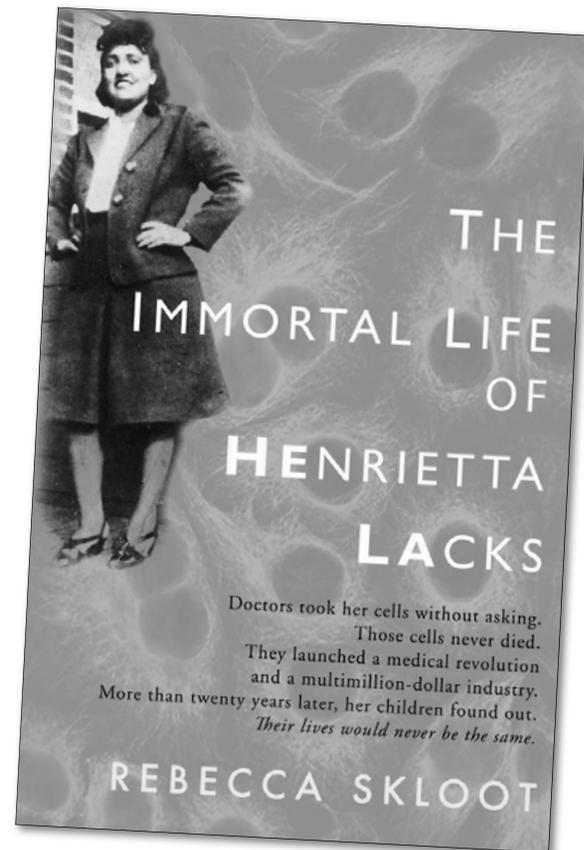
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story of the woman, which the cells came from, and her family. There were articles in the 60's and 70's written about the HeLa cell, but none acknowledged and highlighted the unfortunate medical condition of this Black Woman that had produced the cells.

So what is the overarching significance of this true story? History has revealed that African Americans were frequently subjects of abuse and misuse when it came to science and public health practices. Beginning with slavery, African Americans were abused and used in the health care system. Skloot's documents accounts of slave-owners putting fear into the potential runaway slave about the body snatchers, how if they escape, their bodies will be used to inflict disease and body parts will be used for experiment. The fact is, these were true accounts. There are many instances where scientists used the bodies of unknowing and unwilling African Americans for their scientific study. The Tuskegee Syphilis is one of the most well know of the medical atrocities. "For forty years between 1932 and 1972 (well beyond slavery and the emancipation proclamation- 1863),

the U.S. Public Health Service conducted an experiment on 399 black men in the late stages of syphilis. These men, for the most part illiterate sharecroppers from one of the poorest counties in Alabama, were never told what disease they were suffering from or of its seriousness. Informed that they were being treated for "bad blood," their doctors had no intention of curing them of syphilis at all. The data for the experiment was to be collected from autopsies of the men, and they were thus deliberately left to degenerate under the ravages of tertiary syphilis—which can include tumors, heart disease, paralysis, blindness, insanity, and death. "As I see it," one of the doctors involved explained, "we have no further interest in these patients until they die." The memory of a wrong is long remembered and thus the lingering distrust among African Americans of the health care system and environment.

The scientific exploitation conveyed in this book is equally as significant as the Tuskegee study. Henrietta Lacks grew up on a tobacco farm in southern Virginia; a sharecropper. She got cancer at the age of 30, which in retrospect was probably related to the multiple sexually transmitted diseases that she had. After being diagnosed with cancer. Henrietta's cells were taken in the "colored ward" of Johns Hopkins Hospital, by an enthusiastic scientist that wanted to make human cells grow in a tube. As an aside, Johns Hopkins Hospital was erected and founded to serve and provide health "care" to the indigent, poor blacks especially the black children. The zealous researcher took biopsies from her cancerous tumor and experimented on them without her knowledge,



in 1951. The cells were given the code name HeLa for the first two letters of her first and last name. Henrietta's cells became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta's cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and most disturbingly ---most of her family members can't afford health insurance.

This woman's cells provided a portal for the cure of polio, increased the study and research for the cure for cancer and other diseases. They used her cells to learn the intricacies of how cells worked. They sent her cells up in space missions to see how the cells would react in gravity. There may be some KKK members rolling around in their graves related to the fact that they benefited and were treated and healed by these "black cells".

Black history month should be celebrated year round given the magnitude of the contributions we have made to American society. This is an incredible story of how someone so devalued in our society simply because of her race made contributions that extend out unto infinity. Ms. Skloot's, in her gem *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, helps us to understand the rarity of this occurrence, cell life after death and that the advances afforded by this nigger, colored, negro, Afro-American, Black, and African American cells are enduring. God had a plan and he has the master plan and blue print. Read this book. READ. African Americans were once punished for trying to learn to read. Read this book and be edified. ✚

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site of what He has spoken. Why?

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This is why God shows you "new things" when you're still in darkness. He tells you that you're going to be wealthy when you're raggedy" as you can be!

He tells you that your child is going to be delivered when it seems like she/he has lost their mind. God will tell you that He's going to raise up your ministry when you're still cleaning toilets. God reveals your purpose, and then He

takes you through a process of refining to bring you out of an ungodly lifestyle.

This process forms your faith so that it becomes unshakable.

Whatever opposes God's Word in your life today has to GO, because the Word has already gone before you. So be encouraged! Believe the Word of God. Don't believe the lies of the devil.

If you submit to God's process and keep praising Him while your faith is being tested, the enemy's weapons won't prosper, and you'll come out much stronger than before. 2012 will be a year of change for the better if you remember the furnace is part of the process for growth in your faith and your walk with God! ✚



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