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COGIC Installs its First Female Pastor in Denver

The many faithful family members, friends, church members and officials on hand to install Pastor Debra Clay would never have thought that this strong and humble Believer in their midst was once quite afraid to fly – but it's true. It was so rough on her, and she was so afraid, that she would have to take Benadryl or pray through the trip. But today, she flies constantly on the promises of God. Even in her early life, young Debra was overcoming obstacles, reasoning that since God had made her a promise that she would be a pastor someday, then that promise had to come true! "And when [I was on a plane] I realized that I wasn't a pastor, I realized that if the plane crashed, I would live - until God fulfilled all His promises to me." she recalled.

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Encouraging Words

Bishop Roosevelt Dunn, the Chief Officiant and Jurisdictional Prelate of Colorado presiding over the installation service for Pastor Debra Clay, gave his support for her new office, stating that he does not see male or female, "but God's servant." He went on to say that this was no different from other installations - only the person that you install. "This is the 21st century. We live in new times. Things are not going to be like they were in 1865. Everywhere, there are women – in the military, on the front lines – things have changed. Women fly airplanes. So why should we hold qualified females back in church? Right? I have no problem with it."

Bishop Dunn went on to encourage Pastor Debra Clay, saying his hope for her is that she will stay saved and preach the gospel... "I didn't call her, God did, and she says she is a servant of God, so who am I to say she is not?" he said. +

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Rough Times Forged Army's Black Ministry

By Chaplain H. Malcolm Newton
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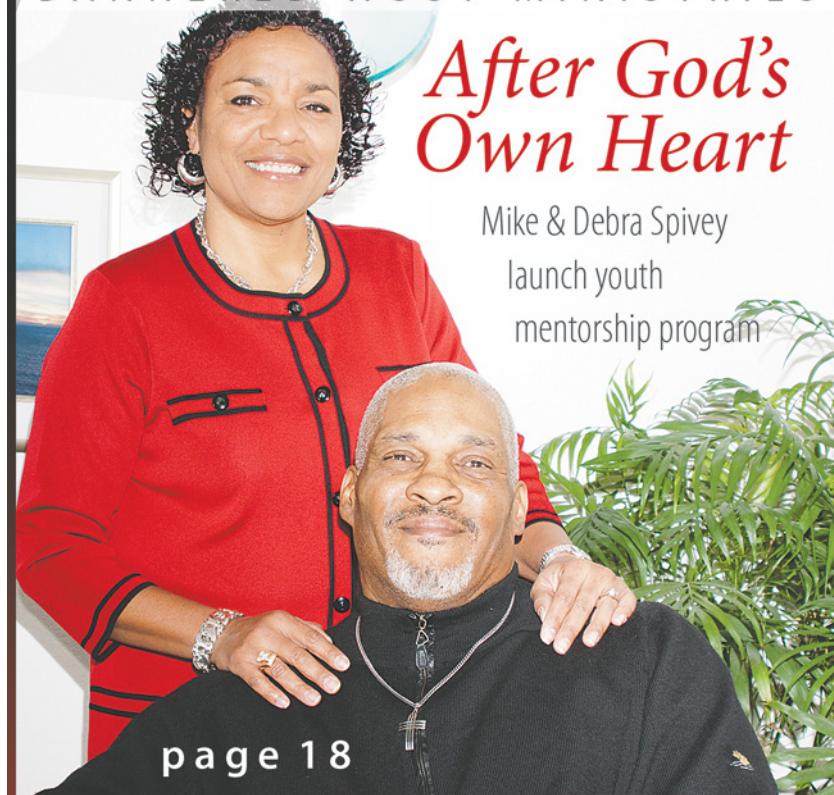
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What Shape Is It In?

WHILE WE VIEW THE CONDITION OF THE WORLD today, the question is, what shape is it in? This question has nothing to do with whether the world is flat or round. This question particularly relates to God's word. There has consistently been an adjustment, exploitation, and a disregard for the absolute word, and those of us who know Christ as our Saviour, should continue to question those who would mislead us concerning Gods word, (AKA) the Truth. In far too many instances, we have witnessed the truth being reshaped, repackaged and resold as if it was in its original form and shape. And many of us did not have any retort toward those who we allowed to go unchallenged.

As we continue making the different resolutions for this year, we should not omit the absolute truth as one of the things on our list that we articulate, be about, or stand for. Remember, it's God's word, and all that the people of God have to do is be a witness to it. Proclaiming God's word is not an arm wrestling contest. In the gospel of Matthew, 10:14 it says, "And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet."

We have observed at different times, and at different events, our children and grandchildren wanting to have a balloonist make different types of figures that they are familiar with. They also wanted to watch, as he or she would make the shapes and figures of their choice. There would be all types of knots, twist, bends, curves, circles, etc., if the balloonist started making an elephant, when they wanted a giraffe, they would question the shape it was in. We should consider this scenario as it applies to the truth. Most of the people of God want to receive truth, but many times we are given something dressed up as the truth.

When the time comes to buy a new car or a used car in particular, we question the type of shape it's in. No one likes to buy something or receive something without trying to understand the condition it's in. Many times the seller will try and deceive you, in order to offload what they have to offer. This is very similar to the false preachers or teachers who will try and hide the real truth while pursuing their own agenda. Just because you were sold something that you find out later is not what you bargained for, doesn't mean that you can't get rid of it. Sometimes we may take a loss with some things, but when it comes to truth, no loss is acceptable. Ingesting deceptive information regarding God's word can be harmful to one's spiritual growth as well as their spiritual outcome.

Why would we as Christians not question the shape the truth is in? Granted, we would have to understand what II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Yes, we will also have to hear

preaching and teachings, in order for us to determine whether or not it is in the correct shape. In the book of Romans, chapter 10:14-15 it says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Many times we are served with what is supposed to be truth, but is it really? On some occasions, mistakes are made regarding the truth, but our responsibility is to continue studying and listening to determine its accuracy.

Truth mixed with anything else changes its Veracity. It would be like mixing water with kool aid but continue to call it water. Subtracting five from ten and concluding the answer is still ten.

In the book of II Peter chapter 2:1-2 it says, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." While we know that there are those who preach and teach a fictitious doctrine, we also know that there are those who stay true to the word, thereby uplifting God and glorifying him as Lord.

According to the gospel of St. Matthew 5:18 it reads, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." The New International Version puts it this way, "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the law until everything is accomplished."

When it comes to people, I don't believe God particularly cares about our outward physical shape, because he surely knows that there are all different types of shapes we as humans sport. In I Corinthians 15:50 it says, "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." Yet, more importantly, God definitely cares about our spiritual fitness as it relates to what shape the truth is in. John 4:24 tells us, "God is spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Although most people don't have any problems taking supplements, diet pills and so on, nevertheless, for too many of us; the truth is a hard pill to swallow.

"The truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."
— Flannery O'Connor

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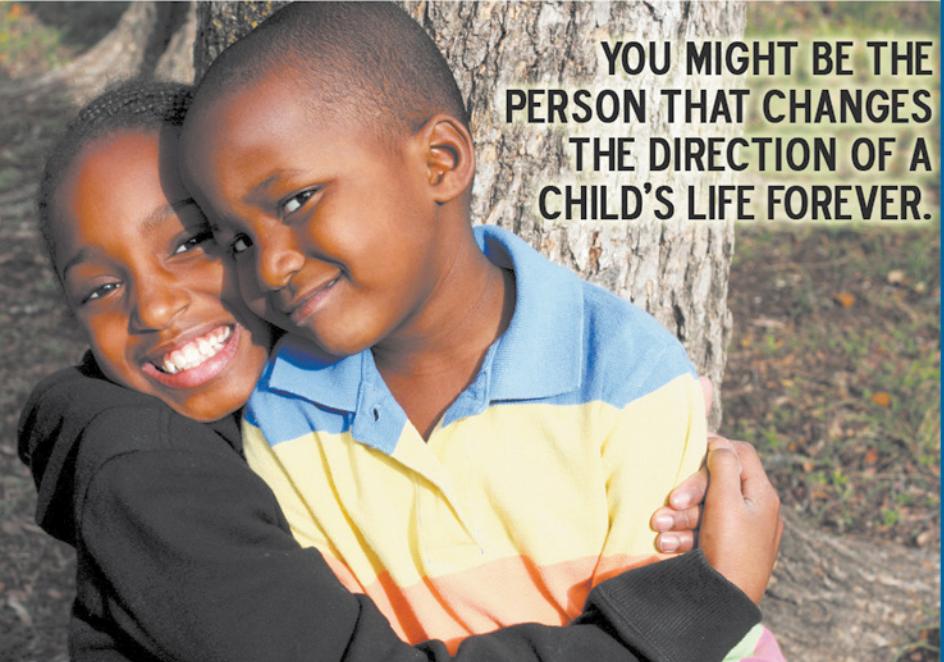
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Is There Hope?

"For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

- Romans 8:24 & 25

By Byron E. Conner, M.D.

It may seem hard to believe, but it has now been 31 years since the initial recognition of what we now know is the affliction caused by the HIV virus. In the 3 decades since the start of the pandemic, more than 25 million lives have been lost worldwide. In the United States more than 600,000 people have died since 1981, and today about 1.1 million are living with HIV. For years now the number of new HIV infections in America has remained in the 50,000 range. About 18% of those infected with HIV do not know they have it. Of those diagnosed with HIV infection, 50% are not receiving regular care.

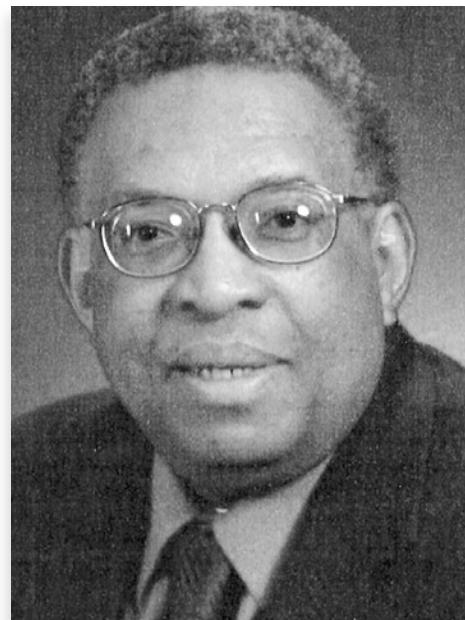
One of the truly unfortunate developments is that African Americans have born a disproportionate burden of suffering caused by HIV/AIDS. African Americans are about 14% of the U.S. population, but 44% of people living with HIV. In other words, HIV/AIDS remains a health crisis for African Americans. It is astounding that we hear so little about this in the news media today.

I have vivid memories of caring for people with HIV infection in the early days of the pandemic. I started giving care to HIV infected patients in 1987. It was truly a disheartening and difficult experience. At that time we had only one drug-called AZT to give people to help fight the ravages of HIV. This drug in my experience, seemed to do little to fight the infection. Patients were prone to develop a multitude of unusual infections. The treatment for various infections involved using toxic drugs that made you wonder as to which was worse-the disease or the treatment?

In addition, those with AIDS were prone to a disfiguring cancer with skin manifestations called Kaposi's Sarcoma, that was essentially untreatable. There were also other types of cancers that could arise. The end result is that the diagnosis of HIV infection in those early days was essentially a death sentence. I saw too many people live for only about 1-2 years after being diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, and their remaining days were often dreadful. There were very few long term survivors.

In 2013, things are different. if someone today asked me now if there is hope for those with HIV/AIDS, my answer is now Yes! Believe it or not, for many living with HIV, they can receive effective treatment to control the virus so that they can enjoy healthy and productive

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lives. No, we do not have a cure, but we do have effective treatment.

In 1987, we had one drug-AZT, now we have more than 35 drugs in six different classes to treat people. In addition, people can take a much smaller number of pills daily. There are even pills that contain 3 different drugs so a single pill has been used to treat some people. We still have to advise people to live a healthy lifestyle which means not using drugs or alcohol, not smoking, eating healthy and to use wisdom in matters of sexual behavior. We should not judge people in regards to their lifestyle, just show them some compassion and give them lifesaving information. There are in fact many long term survivors today with HIV infection thanks to the advances in knowledge and treatment.

We do need to get the word out that one cannot have unbridled, unprotected sexual contact, or inject drugs without a huge risk. Those at highest risk such as those with sexual contact (even a single contact), with someone you do not know is uninfected can be dangerous. There is no absolute protection short of abstinence, despite the fact condoms do help. So we strongly advise testing for HIV for old and young alike, as even the elderly are at risk!

If in doubt, test. It is accurate and maybe lifesaving. Test even if you are feeling well, as one can have an HIV infection for longer than ten years before getting sick with AIDS. Ask your medical provider about HIV testing. If you do not have insurance, there are public health clinics you can go to get help. You can also get tested every 6 months or so if needed. We need to do all we can in addition to also help prevent HIV infection by community education. Learn all you can to help guard your health and well being.

Finally, if you know that you have HIV infection, you need to see your medical provider on a regular basis. You need to take the prescribed medication as advised. If you have side effects, there are many other options for treatment. Do not just stop the medications and experience what used to happen to people in the past.

I do praise God that there is more we can do today to help people with HIV. Space does not allow me to say more, but please pay attention to these words here and may God help you to live longer and better. +

LOCAL EVENT

Gospel Music Festival

The Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame is hosting its 42nd Annual Gospel Music Festival and Academy Awards Ceremony at New Hope Baptist Church, 3701 Colorado Boulevard in Denver, Sunday, February 10, 2013, from 3 – 6 PM. The Academy is presenting Grammy Awards Nominee and recording artist, Pastor Angela Spivey of Chicago, known internationally as the "Princess of Gospel."

There is no admission charge to attend. The public is invited to experience the celebration and to witness the non-stop mesmerizing gospel music by Pastor Spivey. Colorado clergy, choirs, directors, musicians and soloists will be present to share in concert with Spivey. Fifteen awards will be presented by the Academy to deserving individuals and groups.

The Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame was founded to recognize accomplishments and contributions of individuals and organizations that have been true pioneers and faithful community servants in the Greater Metropolitan Denver area. For 42 consecutive years, the Academy has presented awards in various categories for work that occurred in previous years based on activities that exceed three years. The Academy seeks to maintain awareness of Black History and living role models to encourage youth to focus on education.

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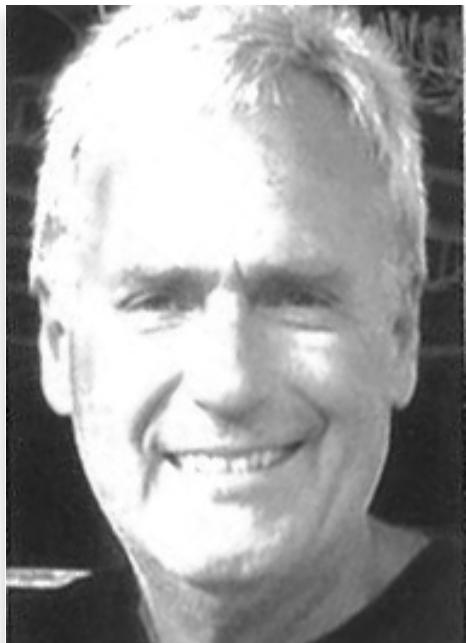
By Michael Forti

2000 years ago when Jesus Christ came, the majority of the people did not recognize Him as their Savior. They were too occupied with the things of this world instead of listening to the Word of God. This is why Jesus, days before He died on the cross, went into the temple, turned over the tables, pulled out His whip, and chased out those who were exchanging money. Because of their greed, they were not looking, waiting or watching for their Lord to come. This is why, throughout the entire New Testament, Jesus taught that when He comes again, He is coming for those who truly love Him.

He teaches that those who are EAGERLY WAITING, WATCHING, and staying READY for His soon return will not only be raptured, they will be totally BLESSED while they are waiting! Of the 332 Old Testament prophecies concerning Jesus Christ, not one failed to occur exactly as predicted. Jesus fulfilled them all.

What does Matthew 25:1-13 say? "The virgins who were "READY" went in with Him to the WEDDING BANQUET. And the door was shut. Later the others (who were not ready) also came. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' But Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you. Therefore keep WATCH' (NIV). The faithful will be invited to the wedding banquet and they will be BLESSED! What does Luke 12:35-37 say, "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men "WAITING" for their Master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when He comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for Him. It will be good for those servants whose Master finds them "WATCHING" when He comes.

I tell you the truth, He will dress Himself to serve, will have them RECLINE at the TABLE and will come and WAIT on them" (NIV). How about Philippians 3:20-21? "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we "EAGERLY AWAIT" a Savior from there, the Lord



Michael Forti

Jesus Christ, who, by the power that brings everything under His control, will TRANSFORM our lowly bodies so that they will be like HIS GLORIOUS BODY" (NIV). Hebrews 9:28 says, "So Christ was sacrificed to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to BRING SALVATION to those who are "WAITING" for Him (NIV).

What does Isaiah 40:31 say? "But those who "WAIT" and "HOPE" in the Lord, He will RENEW their STRENGTH. They will SOAR on WINGS like eagles, they will RUN and not grow WEARY, they will WALK and not FAINT" (KJ-NIV). Would you agree that the Lord is going to BLESS all who are waiting and watching for Him to come?

What does the rest of God's Word teach about the REWARDS? Jesus clearly teaches that true believers will ESCAPE the coming JUDGEMENT and WRATH of God if they are waiting and watching for Him to come. Luke 21:34-36 says, "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation,

drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the "WATCH" and pray that you may be counted worthy to ESCAPE ALL that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man" (NKJV-KJV-NIV).

What about 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10? "They tell how you turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God, and to "WAIT" for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead-Jesus who RESCUES us from the COMING WRATH" (NIV). No question, it will be beneficial to be WAITING and WATCHING for our Lord when He comes.

His Word also teaches that there are many GIFTS and BLESSINGS being poured out on the faithful who are EAGERLY WAITING for their Lord to come. 1Corinthians 1:7 says, "Therefore you do not LACK any SPIRITUAL GIFT as you "EAGERLY WAIT" for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed and for Him to COME (1 Cor 12:8-11-NIV-KJV-NLT)." 1 Corinthians 1:7 starts off by offering spiritual gifts for those who are waiting for their Lord to come. It then teaches about the gifts of the Spirit in 12:8-11. Then it ends with a teaching on the RAPTURE. What a great combination!

Titus 2:11-13, teaches what true GRACE really means while true believers "WAIT" for their Lord to come. "For the GRACE of God that BRINGS SALVATION has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "NO" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to LIVE self controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we "WAIT" for the blessed hope-the GLORIOUS APPEARING of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us (NIV)." You can only understand and experience the true GRACE of God while you are waiting for our Lord to return.

As you study the warnings that Jesus gives to five out of seven churches in Revelation Chapters 2 and 3, you will

clearly see that those who are NOT WAITING, or who think that waiting for our Lord is OPTIONAL, will be spit out of His mouth and cast into a bed of suffering. The church of Sardis thinks that they are alive, but in reality, they are DEAD! Why? Jesus warns them to be WATCHFUL and to WAKE UP. "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. WAKE UP-be WATCHFULL! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God. Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and REPENT! But if you do not WAKE UP-be WATCHFULL, I will come like a thief, and you will not KNOW at what TIME I will come to you" (Rev 3:1-3, Matt 24:36, 1 Thess 5:4, Heb 10:28, 1 Tim 6:3-14-KJ-NIV)!

What about your CROWN? "For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the CROWN of RIGHTEOUSNESS, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, will AWARD to me on THAT DAY- and not only to me, but also to ALL who have "LONGED" for His APPEARING" (2 Tim 4:3-8 NIV). "Since you have kept My command to ENDURE PATIENTLY, and have kept the Word of My PATIENCE (cheerful-hopeful-waiting-Strong's / Greek-#5281), I will KEEP you FROM the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth. I am "COMING SOON." Hold on to what you have so that no one will take your CROWN" (Rev 3:10-11-NIV,KJ).

When you are not LOOKING for our Lord to come, your heart can only be in one other place (James 4:4-13). Keep this in mind; being READY and WAITING for Jesus Christ to come is the FRUIT of genuine salvation, the proof of a heart felt love for Jesus Christ, and the desire to continuously follow His teachings and commands (John 14:15-23).

Until next time, Jesus is coming soon. Are you going to be READY? ♣



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NAACP: Changing the Game for 2013

As the New Year begins, the NAACP has started 2013 off as passionate freedom fighters do, winning a Governor's pardon for the Wilmington 10 in North Carolina, a group of wrongly incarcerated and wrongly accused civil rights activists from the '60s that included the young Rev. Benjamin Chavis who would go on to be the National President of the NAACP.

In the NAACP Colorado Montana Wyoming State-State Area Conference, too, the New Year has begun with efforts to ensure the political, social, educational and economic equality of rights for all through the work of the state organization led by President Rosemary Harris Lytle of Colorado Springs.

An award-winning newspaper journalist, inspiring public speaker and sought-after communications consultant, Lytle has dedicated herself to civil rights and social justice through the NAACP and believes that now is the time for the NAACP to experience its greatest victories and make its greatest contributions.

"I have been energized and invigorated by the work of the NAACP since I was 16 years old," said Lytle, who lives in Colorado Springs with her husband US Army Reserves Capt. Ret. Frank Lytle, an engineer, business owner and a leader in their home church, Christ Temple Community led by Pastor Jessie Brown Jr.

"The NAACP for more than 100 years has led the fight for civil rights and social justice and our vision is clearer than ever before," Lytle said. "We are committed in 2013 to changing the



Rosemary Harris Lytle

game in education, in criminal justice, in health, in economic development and in voter empowerment."

Other State Conference officers include First VP Elder Rodney McDowell, Pastor at Beautiful Zion Baptist Church of Cheyenne, WY., Second VP Sondra Agnew Young of Denver, Third VP Dr. Eric Nelson of Aurora, State Secretary First Lady Theresa Daniels, Asst. State Secretary Dawn Williams and State Treasurer Linda LeMieux, all of Colorado Springs.

For more information on the NAACP Colorado Montana Wyoming State Conference, or to become a member of the organization, contact Lytle at (719) 233 0243, visit www.stateconference-naacp.org or email stateconference-naacp@gmail.com. ♦

LOCAL EVENT

REV. DR. WILLIE JENNINGS SERMON & BOOK SIGNING

11am, Wed, Feb. 6, Jennings will give a sermon in Chapel at Iliff, 2201 S. University Blvd. (80201); open to the public. Community meal directly follows in Great Hall; cost is \$5. For more info, contact BGish@iliff.edu.

6pm, Wed, Feb. 6, Reception/book signing feat Rev. Dr. Jennings. This event will take place at Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library & is free & open to the public. Seating is limited, reservations are encouraged. Contact M. Celeste Jackson @ CJackson@iliff.edu or 303-765-3119, to RSVP. Pastor

BLACK HISTORY

Did You Know? Facts from the African-American Story

By Aveyayil

Information and facts regarding the Hebrews – A magnificent race created for the praise and glory of The Most High . . .

Excerpted from *African-American Facts*, by Marcus Williamson, Gramercy Books, New York, copyright 2000, Random House Value Publishing, Inc. pp. 5-10), unless otherwise noted.

■ According to the **1790** Census, the first, there were 697,897 enslaved blacks in the original thirteen states.

■ In **1777**, Vermont, which was not even a state during the American Revolution, abolished slavery.

■ In 1780, Pennsylvania became the first state to abolish slavery.

■ Chicago, Illinois was founded as a permanent settlement in **1773** by Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, an African-American merchant who was born in Haiti, the son of an African slave and a French seaman.

■ In **1862**, slavery was abolished in Washington, D.C. Slave owners received compensation for their lost "property."

■ In **1835**, the Fifth National Negro Convention recommended that blacks remove the word "African" from the names of their organizations. It also asked blacks to stop referring to themselves as "colored."

■ In **1866** the Freedman's Bureau opened 45 million acres of public lands in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana,

Arkansas and Florida. Many freedmen took advantage of the homestead opportunity, creating the first major wave of African-American land ownership.

■ By **1890**, there were 120,738 black farms and by **1910**, there were 218,972 comprising nearly 15 million acres. During the twentieth century, African-Americans were consistently drawn to the industrialized North.

■ In **1920** there were nearly 1 million African-American farmers in the U.S. Today there are fewer than 18,000, representing less than 1% of all farms.

■ The NAACP was founded as the National Negro Committee in **1909** on February 12th, Lincoln's birthday. W.E.B. duBois was the only African-

American officeholder of the NAACP in its early years. (p. 10)

■ In **1890** the black population of the United States was 8.3 million, 90% of it concentrated in the South. (p. 10)

■ As of **2010**, according to the United States Census, the total number of black people in America who identify themselves as black, either alone or in combination with one or more other races, in was 42 million, or 13.6 percent of the total U.S. population. The black population grew by 15.4 percent from 2000 to 2010. Source: The Black Population: 2010

■ According to the **2010** Colorado Census data, out of a population of 5,029,196, there were 201,737 African-Americans, or 4% of the total Colorado population. ♦

MINISTRY

First Ladies 2013

By Apostle Leslie Richardson

Hello Denver this is Apostle Leslie Richardson reaching out to the city of Denver for the expressed purpose of honoring our First Ladies of the ministries in our city and the surrounding community where The Body Of Christ News is circulated.

In May of 2011 I was sitting in a meeting of one of the local churches here in the city. The celebration was a church anniversary if I'm not mistaken. The Spirit of God gave me this vision on ministering to the First Ladies of our cities.

God spoke to me and told me to do this and I obeyed and He blessed me to work with an awesome team of Men of God and with the favor of God we were able to hold the first of its kind "First Ladies Appreciation" Day on 11/11/11. Bishop Earl Holliman of Bethsaida Temple graciously open the doors of his ministry and allowed us to come in and be a blessing to the First Ladies who were able to make this first event.

The Lord will not allow me to just drop this and He is still dealing with me to keep this going. Therefore I'm reaching out to the First Ladies of Denver who have a heart and a desire to see this vision come to pass and would like to participate in the planning and execution of this awesome event to contact my staff at My Father's House International Christian Discipleship Center at 4821 E. 38th Ave., Denver 80207. Phone: 720 433-2812.

I believe it will take the children of God these women of God minister to who this vision truly resonates with to be granted a platform to express the appreciation for the work they do as co-labor in the vineyard of the ministry in their respective ministries, to carry this out.

The lord has spoken the vision He will not allow it to leave my heart, so I'm reaching out with one thousand dollars of my own money to start the planning process budget. I will wait to hear from both men and women of God in the city who recognize this is long overdue, and we need to do this, to respond to our appeal.

When the Lord gave this to me in 2011, He spoke to me and said the ministries who participate in this event and support it will be blessed tremendously. As I obeyed His voice, it was while I was at the radio station promoting this event God open the door for My Father's House ICDC to move into our very own building. We now have a tremendous testimony of the faithfulness of God. God literally place the keys in my hand to an 11,500 square foot building without a single down payment.

So I realize it is through doing what is right by the First Ladies of the ministries across the country He will increase the impact of our ministries.

There are so many First Ladies who are taken for granite and are never recognized for all they do some from and obscure position and some from a very visible position. However right is right and I have been given the task of challenging Denver to do the right thing. Honor them who labor with us in the ministry.

We will be hosting our first planning session the first week in January via a conference call. If you are interested in being part of the planning session and the First Ladies Appreciation team please visit us at our website at WWW.MyFathersHouseICDC.COM/Firstladies, and sign up. We will send you the information regarding the first planning session via conference call. The scheduled date of this event will be the weekend before Mother's Day, May 3-4, 2013

God has instructed me not to let this vision die, but to extend it beyond my immediate sphere of influence. We have staff and very capable people who can get this done. However our purpose of extending this invitation is to develop a team of people outside of our ministry who will take the ball and run with this vision. I will oversee it and pray it through and sow financial seed into the vision to ensure its success, but it's much larger than one person and one ministry!

Thank you for your time Denver, and surrounding areas. I hope and pray this vision will resonate with both men and women in the body of Christ and we can make this happen. ♦

2013 A Prophetic Look

By Pastor Wright

If I told you exactly what I know to be true, you would hate me? If I told you what I've seen, there would be a "black SUV" parked in my driveway.

Suffice to say I will tell you this.

Pray for President Obama this coming year, especially in the 2nd week of February, and the 3rd. week of August. Pray really hard.

Also I have written many times before about all the Corruption in our Government. There will be many unveilings this year. God is "pulling back the covers. It is a shame that many of or loved one's are held in Prisons, for stealing candy bars, (my analogy) while Men and Women in leadership have conspired to steal Trillions of Tax Payer dollars. This is a well, known fact, Yet not one of them have been bothered in the least bit. Not one investigation or indictment.

The real truth is America is broken. They are printing fake money, propping up a fake system and it will soon collapse like a house of cards. There will be a new system started, (financial) and a great shaking will soon come to pass. It is planned by evil persons, and has been in the works a long time. What you are seeing and living in is a charade, a masterful plan to keep the left hand from knowing what the right hand is doing.

The sad part is we have participated in this plan, and have empowered the very hands that have conspired against us, the American People.

This will be a year of "suddenlies." "There shall be an uprooting, a replanting and rebuilding process that will take place as a result of the faulty values that are lies. The work of repentance will begin to uproot and remove these strongholds in the spirit and that work will also begin to take hold in the natural. You will begin to see the effectiveness in prayer and intercession, in the preaching of the true gospel. The system of lies will be destroyed in those who desire to believe truth and change their hearts and minds back to their first love.

The time has come for these things to happen now. The lies will be dispelled in those who will hear, but the others will fall prey to an even deeper realm of lies and deception. There will be a great divide; those who will hear and those who will not follow me or the truth. But you shall know the difference between the two." It is His will. Psalm 75:2 (Amplified Version) when the proper time has come, [for executing my judgments.] I will judge uprightly, (says the Lord.)

This year you will see a mighty stirring in the Youth. Even the babies will break forth, and a wave of repentance will sweep across the land. God loves America, but His love also brings correction.



Pastor Wright

rection. He will not be mocked!

Civil unions, wrong, Abortions/Shedding of innocent blood, wrong, Unjust weights and measures, wrong, throwing rocks, and hiding hands, wrong, thinking we can remove God from our lives and Nation, wrong. The Church at large has no idea how far it has fallen from God's desired will.

Famine, Terror, (by land and air) will cause many to re-locate. Do not be so attached to a place or position that when God says move, you want to linger. Obey His voice. God has withheld His hand long enough; His purpose will begin to go forth. Do not say, why Lord. He has purposed this time to bring His children back to Him.

There will be a great move of true repentance. Those wearing the, "servants garments" who have a servants heart and mind, and walk in humility, will be able and empowered to lead His people to safety. Humble yourselves watch and listen for His voice and follow what you already know is Truth.

Those that refuse to humble themselves will be lost. Weep not for them, for they will be the author of their own destruction. In this season there will be some patriarchs in the faith that will come home to be in my presence and will leave their present existence with great legacies, and much insight. They leave many answers in their teachings behind them and many mantles will be released.

It is important that my people begin to study seriously and become more acquainted with sound words of wisdom after my sons/daughters have gone from this earthly place. While they were living they should have learned directly from them and even received impartations from their lives."

God bless and keep each of you. +



Pictured are Dr. Syl Morgan Smith, left, Dr. PM Wynn Grove Dr. Bobby Jones & Pastor Lee Grove Jr.

Dr. Bobby Jones Co-Host of MLK Program

The iconic Dr. Bobby Jones was in Colorado Springs to co-host the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Program and support his longtime friend and protégé Dr. PM Wynn Grove.

The celebration, with the Colorado Springs Gospel Music Workshop of America (GMWA) Colorado Springs Chapter Choir, was well attended on a cold and icy Sunday with over 800 people present. Performing on the program were: National recording artists Joy Hill, Pastor Van Roberson, Harold Rapp and the Colorado Springs Children Chorale and, of course, the Colorado Springs Gospel Music Workshop of America Chapter Choir.

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Rough Times Forged Army's Black Ministry

Black Chaplains Maintained Faith Through Poverty, War and Prejudice

By Chaplain H. Malcolm Newton

I sure hope you took a little time to discover the historical and cultural contributions of African-Americans this month. Very few people understand just how special Black History really is. That's when droves of black artists, musicians, writers, poets, historians, educators and scientists break out of their studios, offices and laboratories to parade across American campuses and military installations with lectures, workshops, seminars, concerts and pageants. Simply put, Black History Month is a time to celebrate African-American culture.

For Chaplains who happen to be black, Black History Month holds another golden opportunity. It is an appropriate time to take a closer look at military (black) Chaplains – to rediscover their origins and objectives. With thousands of new enlisted and commissioned officers filling our ranks, it's important to shed light on this particular part of military history.

Chaplain Henry V. Plummer

The Federal legislation that authorized the position of regimental chaplain for black regiments was based primarily upon the soldiers need for an education. There seems to be no evidence that any thought was given to the black soldiers' religious tradition or to the appointment of a black chaplain who understood that tradition. It was not until 1884, when Henry V. Plummer was appointed to the 9th Cavalry Regiment, that a black clergyman was commissioned as a chaplain in the regular Army.

When Chaplain Plummer reported to Fort Riley, the garrison was favorably impressed with his ministry and supported him. In one of the first monthly reports, Plummer said that his commander regularly attended services and encouraged the troops to "a higher state of morality and education." His services, Sunday school, and choir were well attended. Others followed Plummer:

Chaplain George W. Prioleau

Chaplain George W. Prioleau (1856-1927), clergyman and chaplain. Born in Charleston, S.C. to slave parents, L.S. and Susan Prioleau. He graduated from Claflin University, Orangeburg, in 1875, and taught in the public primary schools of Lyons Township, Orangeburg County. He joined the Columbia, S.C., Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his father was a pastor at St. Matthews. Prioleau was sent to Wilberforce University and graduated from the Theological Department in 1884. In the spring of 1885 he

Author, H. Malcolm Newton, (Retired U.S. Army Captain (Chaplain) 25th Infantry. Served both as enlisted and commissioned Officer under the leadership of the Chief of Chaplain, Matthew Zimmerman. Chaplain Newton served as assistant Post Chaplain for the Presidio of Monterey California, Honduras, Central America and Fort Ord, California. Presently, Newton is President of the Denver Institute of Urban Studies and Adult College in Downtown Denver (303-562-6467).

Allensworth successfully escaped from his master in 1862 on his third attempt. He joined the 44th Illinois Infantry's hospital corps as a civilian nurse and saw action in the 1862 Civil War campaign.

accepted a commission as chaplain of the 9th Cavalry, which he joined at Fort Robinson, Neb. He served two lengthy tours of duty in the Philippines before his transfer to the 10th Cavalry on the Mexican border in 1915. Two years later, as senior chaplain in the army, he was promoted to major and was transferred to the 25th Infantry at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii

Chaplain Allen Allensworth

Allen Allensworth (1842-1914), businessman, chaplain, educator and town founder Born to slave parents, Phyllis and Levi Allensworth, in Louisville, Ky., April 7, 1842. Allensworth successfully escaped from his master in 1862 on his third attempt. He joined the 44th Illinois Infantry's hospital corps as a civilian nurse and saw action in the 1862 Civil War campaign through Nashville. Then he worked on a hospital ship before enlisting in the Navy in April 1863. In 1886, he accepted a commission from President Glover Cleveland as a chaplain of the 24th

Infantry, a Negro regiment. He began his military career at Fort Supply, Indian Territory, and later served in New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Montana. During his Army career, he became well known for his efforts as an educator.

When Allensworth retired in 1906, he was the senior Chaplain in the Army. On his departure from the service he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel, the highest rank held by a Negro until Charles Young's promotion to Colonel during World War I. Allensworth moved to Los Angeles and organized a company (1908) to aid Negroes who desired to migrate to California. The company sold lots in the new town of Allensworth, Tulare County. The site of the town was designated Allensworth State Historical Park by the State of California.

Chaplain Theophilus Gould Steward

Theophilus Gould Steward (1843-1924), clergyman, chaplain, author and educator. Steward was born in Gouldtown, an old community of free Negroes in Cumberland County, N.J. His parents were James Steward, a mechanic who fled to Gouldtown as a nine-year-old indentured servant. Steward became a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1861. He organized the first Negro school in Marion, Georgia and served as pastor of a congregation in Macon, Georgia.

In 1884, he nearly achieved election to the presidency of Wilberforce University, where he had received the degree of Doctor of Divinity three years previously. In 1891, he accepted a commission as chaplain of the 25th Infantry Regiment. Steward served in Cuba and in the Philippines as well as several western posts before he retired in 1907 to become vice president, chaplain and professor of

History, French and Logic at Wilberforce. While serving as chaplain, he wrote 'The Colored Regulars' in the U.S. Army (1899), reprinted the "Heroic service of Negro regulars" during the Spanish-American War. Steward wrote several articles, pamphlets and books while on active duty.

Chaplain William T. Anderson

William T. Anderson (1859-1934), clergyman, chaplain and physician. He was born a slave in Sequin near San Antonio, Texas, on August 20, 1859. He and his other fled eastward to Galveston during the Civil War. Anderson received Theological Certificate from Howard University and in 1886 graduated from Homeopathic Medical College of Cleveland in 1888. Later, he served as pastor for A.M.E. congregations in Urbana, Lima, Toledo and Cleveland, Ohio. His church in Cleveland, St. John's was the largest A.M.E. congregation in the state. Anderson was appointed to the chaplaincy of the 10th Cavalry with the rank of Captain by President William McKinley on August 16, 1897.

Chaplain Henry McNeal Turner

Henry McNeal Turner (1834-1915), Chaplain, agent of the Freedmen's Bureau, politician, editor, bishop, college president and colonizationist. He was born near Abbeville, S.C., the son of free parents, Hardy and Sarah (Green) Turner. His father died while he was young, and he worked in the cotton fields and as an apprentice to a blacksmith. In 1851, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Licensed to preach in 1853, he became an itinerant minister in most of the southern states.

Later he pastured the Israel Church in Washington, D.C. His sermons urging his parishioners to join the Union Army were brought to the attention of President Lincoln who in 1863 appointed him a chaplain in the army – probably the first Negro to hold this position – attached to the 1st Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops. Mustered in 1865, he was appointed Chaplain by President Andrew Johnson in the Regular Army and assigned as an agent of Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia. He soon resigned and established a number of churches as a base to help the freed Negroes participate in politics. Elected a Republican member of the Georgia Constitutional Convention in 1867. In 1973, he was chosen as one of the three Negroes whose portraits are displayed in the state capitol in Atlanta, Georgia.

The other two are Lucy Laney and Martin Luther King, Jr. Other black chaplains who served during that time period were Charles C. Pierce and Cephas C. Batemen. In 1987, the United States Army, finally received the first highest ranking black chaplain: Chief of Chaplain FORSCOM Chaplain (BG) Matthew Zimmerman. *

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NICOLE Williams. I am currently a junior at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

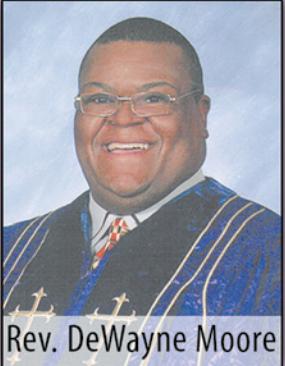
As many of you know, I am a Social Work major and a Spanish minor. This fall semester at ORU I interned at a children's shelter called Laura Dester Children's Center. This is an emergency shelter in Tulsa where kids go when they have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or foster care placement disruptions. I learned a ton at this shelter,

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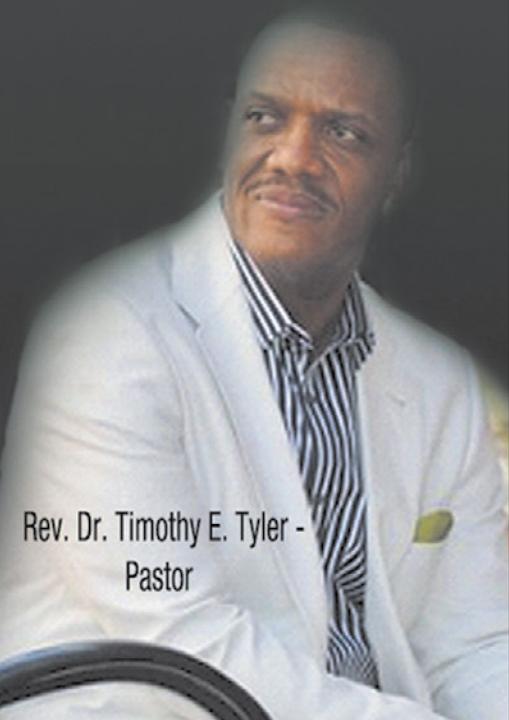
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Celebrating MLK

January 1, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation freeing enslaved people in the Confederate region this only applied the three million of four million slaves in ten states.

One hundred years later Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered the "I Have a Dream Speech" on the steps of the Lincoln memorial at the mall in Washington, DC, where Dr. King stated: One hundred years later, the Negro still is not free. One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination.

On April 16, 1963 Dr. King wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Dr. King annotated these words along with over six thousand other words in the margin of a newspaper where he was in jail in Birmingham, Alabama for parading without a permit in opposition to

segregation.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Colorado Holiday Commission will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the 50th anniversaries of the March on DC, and the letter from the Birmingham jail during the 2013 calendar year, with the theme being: "Injustice is still a threat."

The *Body of Christ News* published a few of the events the Colorado Holiday Commission will host during this year.

Rev Dr. Derek B. King, Sr. the nephew of the late Rev Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Denver, and over a three-day timeframe delivered training, speeches and sermons on non-violence and on his famous uncles peaceful movement.

At the request of Dr. T.S. Mayes of the Aurora Ministerial Alliance and as a guest of the Colorado Holiday Commission, Dr. King attended the Marade

awards and scholarship program on Saturday, Jan 19, where the Holiday Commission along with Dr. Derek King, awarded \$12,000.00 in scholarships and presented their annual awards. The next day Sunday, Jan 20., Dr. King preached at Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus as a guest of Pastor Paul and Evangelist Dallas Burleson with a action packed day Dr. Derek King had two other appearances that Sunday one at the Aurora Municipal building where he spoke at the "Aurora Embracing Nonviolence" and later that evening Dr. King preached at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Greater Metro Denver Ministerial Alliance Interfaith Service.

On Monday, Jan. 21, Dr. King offered the occasion at the Marade where he also served as one of the Grand Marshalls.

Enjoy the surrounding photos of many of this year's events. ♣





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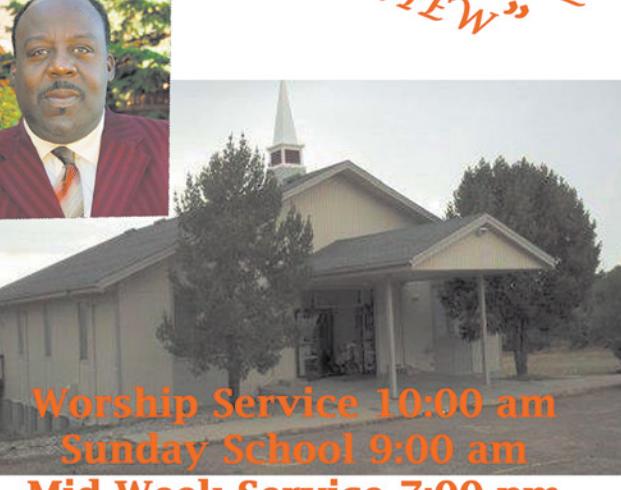
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Good News for Uninsured Coloradans

By Maya Wheeler, MHA

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Medicaid is a program that provides health coverage to low-income Colorado residents. The program covers families with children and pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities, if state and federal guidelines are met. Legal residents who are not U.S. citizens may be eligible for Medicaid. Non-citizens who do not have immigration documents cannot enroll in the program, but may be covered if treated for an emergency condition.

According to the Denver Post, state analysts believe that more than 750,000 people in Colorado did not have health insurance in 2011.

It is believed that the expansion of Medicaid will lead to improved physical and economic health for all of Colorado. The reasoning behind this idea is that thousands of individuals and families will now have access to primary and preventative care, early diagnoses and treatment needed to live healthier and higher quality lives.

The Medicaid overhaul is one of the two main ways Obama Care expands coverage to 50 million uninsured U.S. residents. The other will be the through the use of health exchanges to subsidized private coverage for the



Maya Wheeler

middle class.

The Colorado Health Benefit Exchange will open for business in October 2013. It will be an online marketplace, supported by a call center and a team of navigators located across the state to help Coloradans understand their options and find a health plan.

Colorado will be one of at least 15 states and Washington, D.C., that have indicated they will expand Medicaid. A Supreme Court ruling last summer made the expansion voluntary for states, rather than mandatory.

For more information regarding Colorado Medicaid, eligibility, and enrollment, contact your local County Department of Human Services, or call 1-800-221-3943. For more information regarding the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange call 720-496-2531.

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Evening – Bible Institute & Academy of Ministry – 7:30pm

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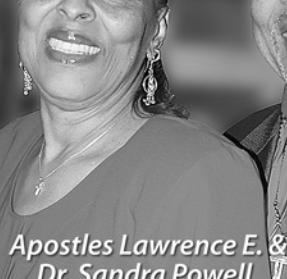
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Flow with the Season

By Dr. P.M. Wynn Grove

I was encouraging a good friend of mine Rev. Dennis Mose, in Colorado Springs, a few weeks ago. I was reminding him that God knows how much we can bare. We agreed that many Believers right now probably know Psalms 13 by heart! "How long will thou forget me, Oh Lord forever?" I don't encourage Believers to become content however when it comes to "seasons in your life that seem hard to bare we must be content, like Apostle Paul was. To be content simply means to flow with the season your life is in right now. The great preacher of Ecclesiastes wrote; "to everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."

Seasons come and seasons go, the season is either a good one or a bad one. Believers must come to accept that whatever they are experiencing right now has come about because this is the season for them to go through it. We must learn to not be dragged down by our circumstances but instead adjust to the flow of our circumstances.

One of the best biblical stories that come to mind regarding going with the flow would be Apostle Paul. Somehow I feel that this was how Paul looked upon his life. Now of course Paul had many bruises on his back. After all, he was being persecuted on every hand. But still, he was content. This wasn't easy for him because he was an important man. He had begun as a tentmaker in his early Christian service, but he had gone on to become a globetrotter messenger for the church. Eventually, he would write some two -thirds of the New Testament scriptures. Now he has been placed in the most difficult of circumstances, and he had the grace to say that he didn't want anyone to feel sorry for him.

Paul knew that his days were numbered, that he had about finished his course on earth. But, before he got out of that prison, he hoped that what he was enduring would help others who found themselves in the same situation. So, while he was in prison he wrote letters. Paul wasn't trying to get something from his readers; he was trying to share something that he had learned. He had learned that he could be content in whatever state he found himself. He had learned to flow with the season.

He had lived a balance life. He now knew how to be abased and how to abound, how to be full and how to be hungry, how to have plenty and how to



Evan. Dr. Wynn Grove

suffer need. He knew what it felt like to be exalted, or uplifted, and he also knew what it felt like to be put down and be humiliated. How, after experiencing all of that, he was writing to say that he was still content.

In order to be content when you're down, you first have to know how to be content when you're up. That's the problem with many of us who, as we say "have arrived." Once they arrive, they forget where they came from. That's dangerous. You might be on your high horse today, but don't get too comfortable because the same God who took you up can bring you back down. Paul had learned something. He knew how to act when everything was going well. He could handle it. When people had their arms around him, he didn't let it excite him too much. He knew that not everyone who patted him on the back was pleased with his progress. So he knew to stay humble when he was on top. If any man had a reason to boast, it was Paul. But he wasn't about to do it. When they tried to tell him how great he was, he responded, ..."It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

When you give God the praise, when you give Him the glory for everything in your life and get it out of your head that it's you, then your life will go to another level. That's why God can't bless some people. As soon as He blessed them and lifts them up and men begin to pat them on the back, they begin to rob God of the glory due

Him. They act like they deserve what they got, but if they truth were to be told, everything that we have came from God. We are where we are only because He brought us this far. And we can advance further only as He takes us onward.

When we get a little too high, a little too proud, God knows how to bring us down. He lets a little trouble come into our lives because when we don't have any troubles, we don't praise Him nearly enough. When we don't have any troubles, we're too busy for prayer. So every now and then God has to say, "I know what you need, a little trouble to coming your way." When things are going good you have plenty of friends around. But when the bottom falls out, you will look around for those same friends and see how quickly they are gone and can't be reached. You were there for them but for some strange reason they can't return the favor now. Believers know that God is at work teaching you to trust Him and not your friends. God will leave the windows of adversity open over your life to teach you to stay on your knees. The Lord knows how to get your attention!

Through every stressful period in your life afterward there will be a test. So don't just shout off the teaching. Get ready to pass the test. You probably know how to find the scripture "No weapon that's formed against me will prosper,"... When God allows a weapon to be raised over you, it's not to threaten your life. It's to see if you can pass the test. As I mention to my friend Rev. Mose, you may think that God has forgotten about you. It appears He's blessing everybody else but you; it's only a test for the season you are in.

There's no reason to be stressed, after stressing the problem is still there. So, why not rely on the goodness and faithfulness of God. The word states; "Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. (Psalm 121:4) If God is going to be up on your behalf why don't you go on to sleep? We can trust God to fight our battles and He already knows what are problems are. He wants to see if when the going get tuff will you trust Him and not doubt Him. Paul believed in the goodness of the Lord, and that allowed him to remain content, regardless of what he had gone through, Paul could flow with the season because he knew God.

How many of us could have been thrown into jail in a pit with snake bits, lack of water and food and still gracefully pen letters of faith, trust, love and salvation to others that have their freedom. That's what the great Apostle Paul did! And we stress out when we have a bill due and don't have the money...shame on us for the lack of trust and faith in God. If you know anything about seasons, you know that they come and they go. So whatever season you are in right now it won't last forever. Things will change, we have to adjust and embrace change when it comes into our life. If you know anything at all about God, you know that He unlike friends will never change on us. He will always give us unconditional love. He never changes. So rest easy in His love.

The number one killer today is not AIDS. It's not cancer. It's not some plague. The number one killer

is ignorance about the goodness of God. His Word declares, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6) So rest in His bosom during your storm. God said He will never leave you nor forsake you." Learning how to flow in your season usually means making some changes that might mean cut back on your spending. Or you might be incarnated maybe while in prison it's time to think about your associations you should cut loose. It might mean come off your high horse and take a job paying less, some money is better than no money. It might mean as a ministers, elder, associate pastor, evangelist etc. don't allow the devil to tell you "you should be preaching every Sunday"...God will elevate you under a pastor, into an ordain position, All of a sudden your friends (not really friends) will start saying "why don't you preach or you preach better then that or associate minister" Don't allow the devil to possess a spirit of pride on you. You see, right after an elevation of ordination there will be a test of humbleness and simply serve. Will you pass the test? You will if you go with the flow of the season. Once you have been ordain God will open the door for you to start preaching more or teaching more but first you have been ordain to learn more under the leadership of the pastor who has ordain you.

Some of us have learned to keep praising God-even when we don't have a dime in our pockets and we don't know where our next meal is coming from. We can still praise Him because we have learned, and we can pass the test. Paul was "instructed." Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29) "Learn from Me." is what Jesus was saying. Jesus had a stress-free life. Paul learned to have a stress-free life. And you, too, can have a stress-free life.

After you've established a relationship with God through the person of the Holy Spirit, you may, as we say, "get down," but you won't stay down long. According to the Word of God, the Holy Ghost becomes your Teacher. "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (John 14:25-26). "If you establish a relationship with Me, "Jesus was saying, "you are then My Child, and I will prepare you for every test. My Spirit will teach you and will bring to your memory all the things I have taught you." When we get down and burdened, we can't stay that way for long. The Holy Ghost brings something to our remembrance that will carry us through any dark night. Remember, to trust in God and never doubt Him. Go with the Flow of the Season you're in. Don't stress rely on God. He knows how much you can bare. *

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Bannered Host Launches Youth Mentorship Program

Back in 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. would write words from a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama that would years later, ring in the spirit of a young Michael Spivey. Those words were: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." (Martin Luther King Jr., 1963 "I Have a Dream"). These words would resonate in the spirit of Michael Spivey until they were ripe with faith and the corresponding actions to step out in faith with a vision for the youth in the Denver community. Bannered Host Ministries is a teaching, edifying and helps ministry aimed to build the mind of Christ within the youth participants. This is a program designed to promote life building skills, strong interpersonal skills, and reassert a sense of hope for the future. The mission of Bannered Host Ministries is to instill the principles of RESCUE: Responsibility, Empowerment, Serving, Commitment, Understanding and Ethical values.

Many of us remember Michael (Mike) Spivey as the distinguished football player at the University of Colorado in the 1970s. Not only did he attend the University on a full-ride scholarship from Houston, but his athletic abilities garnered him the prestigious titles of Second Team All-American, as well as First Team All Big Eight. And this was not the end of his football career. From C.U., he went on to be second round draft choice for the Chicago Bears and play with other such professional teams as, the Oakland Raiders, the New Orleans Saints and the Atlanta Falcons. Today, however, Mike is on a different award-winning team - he's the first round draft pick on God's team to mentor and develop the business, as well as the biblical skills of young men, women and young adults in the Denver community.

For this necessary endeavor that will begin at the end of March, 2013, Mike and his lovely wife, Debra

Spivey intend to "love" participants into quality youth. Debra herself brings not

only a heart for excellence for our youth, but has been a successful business woman with nearly 36 years of experience in a major communications company, and for the past ten years has been the Director of Dance at Bethsaida Temple Christian Center. She is hopeful that her gift in dance ministry will be an addition to the Bannered Host Ministries program over time.

HOW IT ALL HAPPENED:

Mike is no stranger to mentoring youth or getting out in the community to serve. As God's preparation for Bannered Host Ministries, Mike is involved in the Synergy Program at Fort Logan, mentoring and teaching youth how to become successful men. "We will build on this in our immediate community with a program called "After God's Own Heart," - a program designed to mentor young men and women ages 11-16 with a curriculum that includes a code of purity, financial planning, job readiness, college preparedness and martial arts/self-defense.

This mentorship program will equip young men and women with the core values expressed in Daniel 6:3 ["Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."] to develop strong men and women of God and to equip them with a spirit of excellence. MENtorship and LeadHERship will always be the underlying message and direction of this Ministry.

"After God's Own Heart will be the first program that we officially launch in a structured format,

because all that I have read in the Bible shows the excellence, giftings and talents of the people of God are exceedingly greater than those that the world has," said Mike. "We see in Luke 16:8 [And the lord commanded the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.] that the children of the world are craftier than the children of Light - we are the children of Light," explained Mike, "but then, there is an answer to this in Luke 21:15 [For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.] where God said "I'm going to bless you so that the world dynamics will turn around for you and that the world no longer will have more advantages or access to education and wealth than we do," said Mike. "We need to start doing this [dynamic] with our youth so they know how to compete in the marketplace - so they know how to get a job and go on an interview, and they know how to put together a resume and present themselves, for not only a first interview, but for a second and even a third if necessary. We want to teach them how to interview in front of a panel of people, not just one-on-one interviews. These are the job situations and types of challenges we want them to be trained and prepared for." Mike said. God has further solidified Mike's qualifications for this program as he is currently involved in one-on-one mentoring with young athletes in addition to his position as Chaplain at the University of Colorado where he stresses to young male athletes that ". . .they do not want to just be known as a football player, but a man, and a well-versed man, well-educated. I didn't get to enjoy the wide variety of things available to me because we [athletes] were put into a box."

The Ministry plans to accomplish their goals by operating as a "Ministry of Helps" within the community with an emphasis on young men, young women and young adults to have an understanding of who they are in today's times and to be valuable assets in schools, the marketplace, and churches. "Our schools have removed Christ and our children MUST be taught at certain Biblical levels because so much more can be added to them. Debra and I intend to fill in the gap and do this through Bannered Host Ministries which is based on the Scripture in Song of Solomon 2:4 [He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love.] to help the youth recognize that we have a banner of love over us. I Corinthians 13:13 in the Bible talks about faith, hope and love and says that the greatest of these is love. [And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.] So what we want the youth to connect with in this Ministry is that this banner of love never fails, and the opportu-

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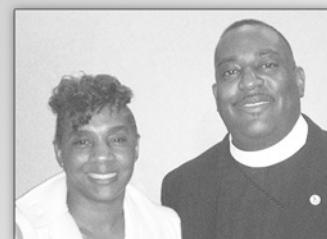
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Angela Beckley

The truth is, I don't have to wonder – Black History Month offers all of us the opportunity to see the future of a child who needs a home. Bo Diddley is not just an incredible rhythm and blues musician; he represents the future of a boy who might be adopted by a cousin when his parents are unable to care for him. Malcolm X is not just a legendary civil rights activist; he represents the future of a youth whose parents may have died or been institutionalized, and lives with friends and family. Eddie Murphy is not just a hilarious comedian; he represents a boy who spends a year in foster care while his mother is sick and there is no family available to help.

In Denver, we have six African-American children waiting for an adoptive home right now. As we search for families that will allow these children to grow and thrive into the next generation of leaders for our country, we will have to let our rich and wonderful history inspire our vision of what could be for a child in need.

Angela Beckley is an Adoption Liaison for Denver Human Services Child Welfare, specializing in African-American recruitment. For more info. on becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please call 720-944-4000 or e-mail angela.beckley@denvergov.org.

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nity to demonstrate this love in our communities is to have a program that shows our youth and young adults the capacity of the love of Christ and what it can do," asserted Mike.

THE PROGRAM:

For those interested in the Bannered Host "After God's Own Heart" mentoring program, applications are now available on the Bannered Host website [www.banneredhost.org]. Completed applications can be mailed to: Bannered Host Ministries, P.O. Box 17808, Denver, CO 80217. The deadline for turning in the application is February 21, 2013. For further questions, applicants may call (303) 373-4000. The program will meet once a month on Saturdays for six months. Friends of Mike and Debra have opened their Home Care building in Aurora to facilitate the program. Said an enthusiastic Debra, "We are happy to begin our program by the end of March. We are so excited to pour into the participants, the resources, talents and experience that God has blessed us with. We have received excellent volunteers and are looking forward to seeing the move of God!"

Mentorship sessions will include subject-matter experts – not just sports figures, but experts in business and financial sectors as well. "We want to step up to the forefront to teach and develop the applications that Martin Luther King wanted us to utilize" emphasized Mike. "This is what he was saying way back in 1963, out of the Book of Amos 5:24, that justice and righteousness would roll down like a mighty stream, meaning we would have the opportunity for equality and we would have the knowledge and wisdom from God to compete in the seven mountains of influence in our own nation – the seven mountains being Education, Business, Government, Family, Media, Arts & Entertainment, and the Church., so that we have transferable skills to achieve our dreams."

Mike and Debra are very encouraged for the future! "As we grow, we will be able to expand to other age groups. This program is so important because it will not just prepare our youth for college, but life as a whole, and will stress a developing rela-

tionship with God so that He is never left out of our pursuits." Under the Pastoral leadership of Bishop Earl O. Holiman, Mike and Debra will be using the things they have learned in church, learned about in spiritual warfare and the challenges related to their life in order to apply faith in action to meet the adversities facing our youth today. "This is a spiritual and an educational program, because ultimately, salvation of their souls is the most important thing. And this is where they will need to have a growing relationship with God, in order to fulfill The Purity Code.– We want them to have a heart to do the things of God that we are teaching," said Mike.

In addition to the six times that participants will be meet for training, Mike and Debra hope to have team building activities in the community that will connect the youth back to the community. This aspect of the training is a major part of the program; to give back to the community, to serve and help others and understand the joy that this brings. This part of the program is called "GO," in which the participants are encouraged to go out into the world and fulfill the great commission. Mike has been undertaking such commission activities since 1980 and as part of these ongoing efforts, the ministry recently adopted two families over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Spivey's contend that as the program grows, the training will expand to develop the minds of the participants so that they speak well, are educated, are able to compete in the marketplace, become wise, are good athletes, are intelligent, dress well and present themselves well in all situations.

According to the Spivey's, the initial program will begin at the end of March and will run one Saturday per month for six months. Curriculums are now being developed and each session will include Purity Code training, Financial Planning, and will alternate with different subjects such as Job Readiness, Self-Esteem, College Preparedness, Personal Appearance, Interviewing Techniques and Martial Arts/Self-Defense Techniques). Only 40 applicants will be accepted into the initial program, and all applicants are required to write a 200-word essay concerning

their goals in their natural and spiritual lives in order to be accepted in the program. Whoever fills out an application will be considered for entry into the program, but 40 participants is a manageable number for Mike and Debra to successfully train (at this time). "These are the last days when the hearts of the fathers return to the children to teach them the unfailing love and how to be a servant of God," said Mike. "There are so many things in the Word of God that have not been applied and need to be applied [in our lives] to enhance the quality of life for our children. This is our objective."

Mike and Debra are currently meeting with a core team to determine and to identify issues to include in the curriculum for training. "At this point, we have determined that the program sessions will range from four to six hours. We are grateful to the Lord for all those He has sent to help in this endeavor" explained Debra.

Others who have partnered with Bannered Host Ministries to bring forth this program represent the following materials, churches companies and organizations: Bethsaida Temple Christian Center, Agape Care Community, Kingdom Services Training, Ranch Oil Companies, Hua Quan Dao Dojo of North America, Teq Media Group, Boots on the Ground Ministries, Young Men of Purpose LLC, HomeWord, Options Hair design, Dr. Thomas Perry, Ph.D., University of Arizona and Dr. Ryan Ross, Ph.D., University of Colorado Denver. *



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Pastor Clay has been an evangelist missionary for 38 years, beginning her life in the ministry at the young age of 22. She grew and became strong in her relationship with God under the watchful and loving eyes of her father, Bishop Lee A. Jordan, a minister in the Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.) here in Colorado, at Campbell's Memorial, at that time, located at 2530 Washington Street (now on 28th and Fairfax Street). Her father began pastoring when Debra was just ten years old. Her mother, Odessa Jordan was also a district missionary in the church.

Her day of installation began with inspiration, as Pastor Acen Phillips called and encouraged her, remarking that "Your dad is dancing in heaven!" – "I sure hope he is right," she smiled.

Her vision for her church, St. John C.O.G.I.C. is to minister to the broken. "I want the people who have walked away from God broken - I want them to come back and give Him another chance. Because I believe that if we offer them love, (and that is what we are going to do at St. John), love and Christ – righteousness and not religion – HOPE – if we do this, I believe we can fill the church."

Concerning young girls and women, Pastor Clay intends to give them hope and intends to teach them to hold on to the promises that God has given them. "If God said it, no matter how impossible it seems, - if God said it – He will surely do it! I would like to tell all the women not to take on issues of depression or being cast down, because it is not what happens to you, it is what happens in you. And if you take your problems and make them stepping stones, and not stumbling

blocks, - if you take what you've been through and help the next person come through, then you will be victorious in whatever you go through and realize that you are not the only one."

Pastor Clay pointed out that she is not the first Black woman to be ordained over a church in Colorado, noting that she is actually the second in Colorado, but the first in Denver, which she says is more overwhelming. "I wake up at night and I am overwhelmed because I always thought that I would have to leave the church to pastor. So when God called me to pastor, I said, "God, if this is really what You want me to do, then open the doors in Church of God in Christ – and He did. And every time I think about it, I wake up at night and I just say "Wow!"

As someone who reads the Bible daily, Pastor Clay says that the first obstacle she had to overcome was to realize what God had called her to do and understand that the people used in the Bible all had to overcome traditions of man. She recalled that when she was a little girl, women were not even allowed to sweep the pulpits, "...so this is a transition for me that I would never have taken, if I were not absolutely sure that God told me to."

A humble servant, Pastor Debra Clay does not think that her service installation as pastor was just for her benefit. She was emphatic and happy, stating that her ordination is breaking down barriers, thoughts, beliefs and stereotypes.

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