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'ESPN wrong for airing Sam's public display of affection'

By Randy Craven

The St. Louis Rams of the National Football League made history in the 7th round of the 2014 draft when they selected Michael Sam, the sports first openly gay NFL football draftee, to become part of the country's biggest sports stage. It's estimated that approximately 64% of all adult Americans watch the NFL and that includes 73% men and 55% women. During the 2014 Superbowl, (my apologies Bronco fans) the game was watched by 198 different countries and territories and broadcast in 25 different languages. This year's 2014 NFL draft also set a record for viewership with over 32 million tuning in as the college players were selected during the first



Randy Craven

and second rounds. Historically, the NFL draft is a very emotional occasion for the draftees who have come to realize a childhood dream by becoming a pro football player, overcoming tremendous odds and getting rich at the same time. Most players, when they are selected by their respective teams, either kiss their mothers, hug their fathers and/or other family members and some kiss their wives and girlfriends. As the first openly gay player to be selected, Michael Sam decided to kiss his boyfriend during the draft announcement and the

image instantly exploded all over media formats causing some to be deeply repulsed and others to burst with joy and celebration.

I'm sure Michael Sam calculated the gravity that an open display of homosexuality would bring to a divided public in such a widely publicized event. Therefore, it appears his calculated display of homosexuality was intended to promote the acceptance of an alternative lifestyle over and above his earning the right to play football at the highest level. And although his decision to publicize his sexual orientation was historic, the truth be told, Sam is not going to be the only gay football player in the NFL.

There are other players in the league who are gay

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Straight Talk

TODAY IS A DAY OF TOTAL ASSESSMENT. One may think an assessment of our progress, our failures, our program, our method, our motives, our employees, students, parents, future, our school, but the complete truth, it is all of the aforementioned.

As administrator I look over my years with Excel and though there has been much joy, there is more sorrow. We have witnessed strong hatred and opposition. We have reached out to those who were literally drowning only to be used until they reach safe shores. We have opened our doors, as recorded in the scriptures "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine, and milk without money and without price." Isaiah 55:1.

We have accepted every person not according to what they could pay, or what they could add to the ongoing of this school, but what we could give in the life of their child. This commitment one would think would afford the same sacrificial response. I wish I could say it did, but it did not. I have watched teachers struggle with patience, and commitment to bring children from insecurities, academic failures, to confident, literate individuals. Yet parents walk away with no regard for what has been given.

We have witnessed parents discussing their discontent or dissatisfaction, their criticism of either the school in general or specific employees, and somehow believe it will not alter the attitude of their children. Students openly show disrespect for the positive we have for each of them due to the open distrust and criticism shown by their parents. I would implore each parent to remember that whatever you say in front of your children should always be beneficial and lend to their positive growth, and development. It should not promote distrust and give permission for children to disrespect or undermine authority. Conversely, it is important to state many parents strive daily along with us to prepare their children. This is when we experience the most success for the child, parent and our school.

Daily I worry about our young people. I know that it will take all of us working together with a unified purpose. I know Excel is unique to this goal. We want the best for all children. We want to prepare them. We understand preparation, we believe we are in this together. Our Founder, Pastor A.L. Bowman believed in all children. He believed that we all were responsible for all of them that were within our grasp. We know our motives remain within the Founder's purpose, but nevertheless it remains questioned and criticized.

We have encountered the wrath of those who did not believe in our objectives and purpose. Those who sought out our imperfections, and magnified them. Those who overlooked the numerous successes and the genuine commitment, and disregarded them.

Excel continues to work within our community to reach outside of our walls and aid and promote the causes of others who would seek to help others. Yet we have witnessed very little help from our community. This has been a difficult, suffering, discouraging battle. But we realize as the encouraging song of praise boldly proclaims... "The Battle

is not Yours it is the Lord's. " That is the only thing that keeps us going. We know what God has called us to do. However, sometimes this is very difficult to remember when you are the target standing on the front line and every weapon is trained on you. I speak for all of us in this battle of teaching children or any God given ministry. We are exposed to every means to test, question, and deny truth. I am also reminded that any ministry, cause or purpose that follows God's Plan will always be under attack. Believe you me, Excel has been blessed over the years but not without pain, suffering and turmoil. But if God is for you, Satan is going to be a constant. One thing about battle you must have ammunition, ours is our faith in God, and God's Word.



Vivian Wilson

Galatians 5:23 tells us that Christian character is produced by the Holy Spirit not by self-effort.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." Over the life of this Institution I have sought to see fellow Christians practice these Godly attributes. We have labored as God has commanded but have found that in this field there are few (at least in Colorado) laboring beside us.

Finally to the parents in our communities... Children are a gift from God, but not just to you, but to the world. We must invest all we have in them. We must open up their understanding through sound teaching beginning with the Word of God. We must require from them the ethics and standards that encompass responsibility, self control and discipline. We must engrain in their very souls the value of humility and gratitude to God and others. We must eradicate their sense of entitlement and awaken in them the reality of service. Imagine a world where all had a mind to serve others. I believe no need would go unmet.

To our Community Leaders, our Churches, what is your focus? What is your purpose? Galatians 5:13: "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Where is the love? Romans 15:1 "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

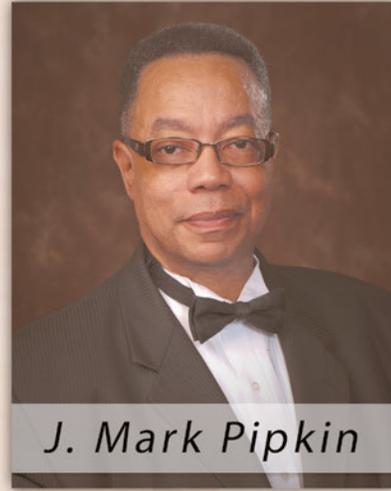
To all of our Excel Staff... The years have been challenging!! They have called out every Godly attribute and secular preparation we have. They have left us battered and worn. But you have been steadfast, and immovable in these times. I am grateful for the commitment demonstrated over the years, and I remain thankful for each of you. Thank you for taking the vision and mission in your hearts, and for your daily provision for all of the children in our care. Keep the faith that God will sustain us through the summer, and continue to provide for us as we look forward to 2014-15 School Term. Have a restful summer and may God's richest blessings continue to be present in your lives!

To God Be the Glory for the Things He Hath Done!,
 — VL Wilson

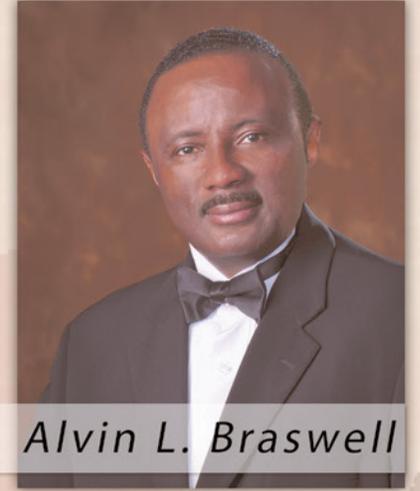


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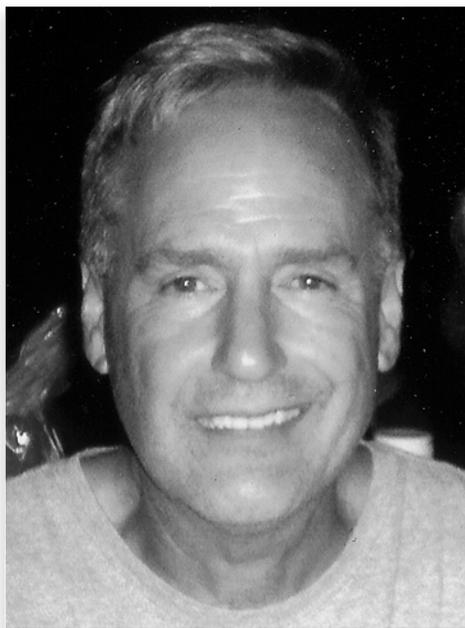
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The Seven Churches — PAST AND PRESENT

By Michael Forti



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2000 years ago, the foundation of the early church was laid as the apostles reached out to a hurting world filled with idolatry. The apostles made it very clear that the only way to salvation was through Jesus Christ. Sadly, the foundations began to shake within the newly established churches because many were trying to change God's grace into a life of worldly pleasure.

Jesus FIRST writes to the church of Ephesus. He commended them for their zealous defense of the gospel concerning those who were TOLERATING sin. However, they were losing their JOY because of their vigorous efforts in defending the truth. Jesus said, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has LEFT thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou are fallen, and REPENT, and do the first works" (Rev 2:4-5 KJV). He was trying to tell them, "You don't love Me or each other as you did at FIRST. Look how far you have fallen" (Rev 2:4 NLT)! They allowed a root of bitterness to enter into their hearts, robbing them of their love, faith, joy, strength and wisdom. They were so busy doing the work of the Lord, they forgot to take a time-out to kneel before the Lord.

Jesus then sends a message of hope to the church of Smyrna. "I know your afflictions and your poverty--yet you are RICH." There was no warning of repentance for them. "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the CROWN of life" (Rev 2:8-10 NIV).

After that, Jesus sends a strong word of WARNING to four other churches. The Lord starts off by commending the churches of Pergamum and Thyatira for their love, faith, service and perseverance. However, He then rebuked them for their deliberate tolerance of sin. Instead of taking authority over the

fruitless deeds of idolatry, they were allowing idolatry to take authority over them (Col 3:5).

They did not fully realize that they were dealing with the evil spirit of anti-christ and whoredoms (Hosea 5:4, 2 Thess 2:1-12, 1 John 4:3). The characteristics of idolatry is pride and greed which leads to jealousy, competition, sexual immorality, homosexuality, manipulation, swindling and peer pressure which bears the fruit of adultery, teen pregnancy, abortion, suicide, pornography, sexually transmitted diseases, alcoholism, drug abuse, murder, rape, fear and violence (1 Cor 6:9-11, Gal 5:19-26). Their lost societies simply grew up in a culture that was addicted to a good FEELING and SENSATION from sex, drugs, entertainment, fame, fortune, fashion and money. After dealing with the peer pressures of everyday life, the lost would then hit rock bottom. The door for evangelism was opened as people came staggering into the churches.

Then, to attract even more of the lost, church leaders started to compromise the original teachings of the apostles. Instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to convict sin through the end time's mes-

sage of God's wrath and the Second Coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they were allowing the sin to go unnoticed (Rom 1:18-32). Sad but true, church leaders refused to admit that their congregations, including pastors and elders, were still addicted to the idolatrous ways of life. Many were being misled into thinking that salvation was just a good feeling. They were replacing a true born-again relationship with a temporary relief of a guilty conscience. They were hiding behind their prefabricated umbrella of grace (Jude 3-4). Yet while some were truly getting saved, they fell away quickly because they had no solid foundation (Luke 8:9-15). Jesus warns these churches to repent with no hope of a crown. However, Jesus tells a few who were faithful in Thyatira, who were not giving into the seducing spirit of Jezebel, to hold on until He COMES. "To him who overcomes and does My will to the end, I will give authority over the nations" (Rev 2:18-29 NIV).

Jesus then warns the churches of Sardis and Laodicea to REPENT! Why? They were also trying to CHANGE the true gospel of grace. Their ego driven churches thought that they were alive and wealthy, yet Jesus told them that they were dead, wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. Obviously, they were more earthly minded instead of heavenly minded. They had their doctrinal priorities completely turned around. This is why Jesus said to the church of Sardis, "If you do not wake up/be WATCHFUL, I will come like a thief and you will not know at what TIME I will come to you." He then said to the church of Laodicea "I am about to spit

you out of my mouth" (Rev 3:1-3, 3:14-18 KJ- NIV). Again, there was a strong warning to repent with no hope of a crown. However, He then said to those who were faithful, "Yet you have a FEW people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with Me, dressed in white, for they are worthy" (Rev 3:1-6 NIV).

Jesus then gives the church of Philadelphia a strong word of encouragement. They were strong defenders of the faith just like the church of Ephesus. However, they kept the faith and they did not leave their first love. Because of their willingness to bear fruit worthy of repentance, Jesus tells them, "Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also 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 3:7-11, 2 Tim 4:1-8, James 5:1-8). Jesus did not have to remind the churches of Smyrna and Philadelphia to repent because they were faithfully recognizing the fruit of idolatry, and then they were coming out from among it (Matt 3:8, 2 Cor 6:16-18).

In closing, the Lord's message was not only a warning to five of the seven early New Testament churches; it was and still is a warning for today's professing believers. "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 profess to be Christians has come]" (2

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— John 14:27

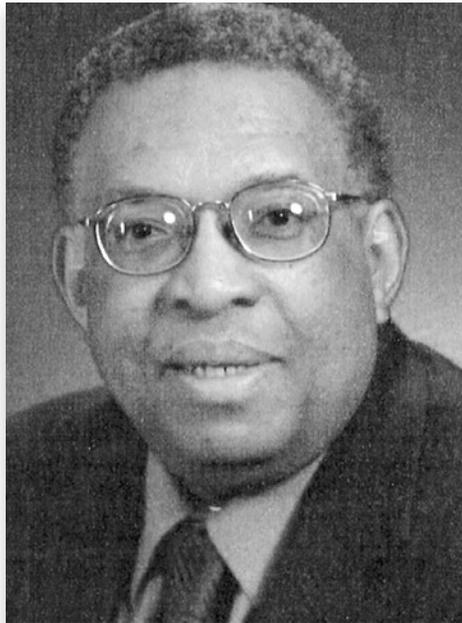
By Byron E. Conner, M.D.

It may depend on your theological beliefs of course, but many of us believe that we are living in what is called the "end time". It is a time prior to the coming of the Lord and an end to this troubled world and the beginning of a "new heaven and new earth": where there is everlasting joy and peace. Why would we not look forward to such an era? However, prior to eternal bliss there is tribulation and suffering and more than likely suffering of a catastrophic nature. The Apostle Paul tells us: "This know also that in the last days perilous times shall come." II Timothy 3:1

Truly the perilous times are here! There are natural disasters, accidents and catastrophic events which cause much death, injury and suffering. One of the greatest threats to our welfare and longevity may not be a storm, earthquake or fire, but another human being that we share this planet with. Too many of us die at the hand of another mortal being who walks the earth as we do. Human depravity and cruelty seem to have no limits. As if that were not enough, we mortal humans are plagued by a host of ailments and diseases that have caused the demise of untold millions.

One of my most enduring memories is working as a missionary in Ethiopia during a time of famine in 1984-1987. I can still see the faces of those who died from lack of food, clean water and shelter. Disease was also rampant among those famine victims. Just imagine that on of the

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Dr. Conner

leading cause of death especially for the children was diarrhea from some type of infection. It was heartbreaking to see that, but also I had to realize that also many lives were saved.

So what should we Christians do in these perilous time we are living in? We should pray and preach the gospel of course, but there are other things we need to do. I realize that everyone may not see things the way I do, especially if you do not have medical training. However, one thing I can say is that far too much of the illness and death that we say is preventable and subject to intervention by a caring person.

A host of chronic and at times catastrophic diseases can be prevented such as heart attacks, strokes, cancer, dementia, diabetes, HIV infection and AIDS. There are some unhealthy habits we may predispose us to have illnesses we do not have to have. These habits include eating an unhealthy diet (too much food and the wrong type of food) excessive alcohol use, smoking, and lack of exercise. Believe it our not, these habits cause the greatest percentage of chronic diseases, and premature death.

As I talk to people and stand at their bedsides in the emergency room, intensive care unit, in a nursing home and in a clinic, it is very easy for me to identify habits and choices that produce the illnesses I am seeing. What I am saying is a large percentage of the illness I am seeing is quite preventable.

What we have in the world today is diseases of the "end time". These are chronic and catastrophic illnesses that are related too often to a toxic lifestyle. The church can intervene in this situation! Churches can teach their members and those in the surrounding community to abandon life-threatening habits that can produce preventable illnesses. They can bring healing to church members and the community.

Leaders of churches can be role models for living a healthy lifestyle. Churches can have seminars, lectures and printed material to teach people about health. Remember the work that Jesus did involved preaching, teaching and healing (Matthew 4:23) . I would like to challenge every church to have this type of ministry. May God bless your efforts. ✝

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Jim Crow is Alive

By T.H. Mack, Sr. APM, NABJ

Let's not forget the majority of the wealthy and influential Blacks initially campaigned for Hillary Rodham-Clinton and against President Barack Hussein Obama. (Robert Johnson, Magic Johnson, Al Sharpton and a host of others...) One of the oldest adages in the world is, "the greatest trick of the Devil is to make you think he doesn't exist".

Are we still for sale? It appears so... just at a much higher price; and now we get a piece of our own bounty. Oh yeah, there's still a bounty on our heads. We've called some of our own Uncle Tom's when really the history of Uncle Tom was exactly opposite of a Clarence Thomas. This, all due to a lack of historical knowledge of self and twisting of lies by others whose agenda we have endorsed, at our own peril. Uncle Tom was actually an abolitionist; why are we so easily duped, tricked or downright hostile to our own without the facts?

Well, let's address the Elephant in the room. Donald Tokowitz, now known as the infamous Donald Sterling, an assumed white-man. However, truthfully, he's an Illinoisan Jewish-American, born in Illinois, raised in California, who was a well-known attorney. A human oxymoron, he donates to NAACP, while violating federal laws like the "Fair Housing Act" against African Americans and Mexicans with the knowledge of his fellow constituents, the courts and friends or allies...

The one ally that immediately comes to mind is David Joel Stern, another Jewish-American attorney. Stern's the recently departed commissioner of the NBA (National Basketball Association) and ironically, the manager and broker of a 70% plus African American male work force, with some questionable practices. He had most employees of the NBA scared. But finally, there's an acknowledgement of what has been said for years—mostly by those in hiding, and some others willing to stand-up.

Some are players like: one of the NBA's great 3-point shooters and two-time champion Craig Hodges of the Chicago Bulls. Also one of the NBA's greatest small forwards Elgin Baylor of the Los Angeles Lakers, who also won several scoring titles. Both suited the NBA, both were ostracized by their colleagues and peers.

Perhaps we forgot about the greatest basketball player of all-time, Michael Jordan, coming out of retirement and playing for the bleak, under-achiev-

ing Washington Wizards, to gain the opportunity at ownership only to be duped by the Wizards' owner and with the help of the NBA's David Stern. The result: NO ownership for Jordan.

Last but not least: don't celebrate so soon, because Adam Silver may have made an attempt on a stand-up decision, but now comes the truth. "They don't think Mr. (Tokowitz)-Sterling can be forced to sell." The truth is, there is a morality clause in the privately held NBA Constitution. {Sec. 35a} (the players' half of the constitution is publicly posted; the owner's portion is privately held..... this was also orchestrated under David Stern's watch.) Be careful. Just because you get to sit or even eat with folk, it doesn't mean friendship, partnership, or equality or that true respect has been achieved. Just ask Magic Johnson.

Folks, this isn't about sports; sports are just a fractional microcosm of society's reflection.

We have to be honest. As Black people, we have a history of being scared. We often try to portray fear as being reserved or dignified; however, as an African American we know the truth: it is just plain old FEAR. Unfortunately we've seen this scared behavior from our selves, loved-ones, relatives and our leaders far too consistently. Today's athlete doesn't even closely resemble the same level of consciousness and courage of yesteryears' athletes, when Jim Brown, Bill Russell, Lew Alcindor (Kareem Abdul-Jabbar) stood with Muhammad Ali and a host of other athletes. Yesterday's athlete didn't make 1/100th percentile of today's athlete's money yet; they did so much more and had organizations like BEU (Black Economic Union) which addressed over 25 states and countless cities.

With all the Bentley's & Bling, along with \$200-300 sneakers: do today's athletes resemble "step-n-fetchit," but now with diamonds? Racism at its finest: our Black so-called Elite have to race in and out of the Black community, but comfortably stroll in communities where they're hated, disliked and often spied on. And after our glorious athletes aren't any good for services anymore to the owners and

or the media, they return to the Black Community broke--in spirit and in economical stature--without having made any progressive change of any kind or improvements in the Black community. Yet we accept them back, in the spirit of forgiveness.

Note: Now we are mad at Donald (Tokowitz) aka Donald Sterling. Some of the things he said were painful, but Godly-true. Maybe not about Magic Johnson. Truthfully, only Ervin (Magic) Johnson and God know what he's done or hasn't done for the Black Community as a whole. However, one painful truth is that we know those of us who have means or even positions of management are often very reluctant and downright non-existent when it comes to helping other African Americans.

We as Black people know it to be true. But it's easier to get mad at someone else than to look in the mirror. You got mad at Marcus Garvey, (El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz)-Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Muhammad Ali, Dick Gregory and Minister Farrakhan; you got mad at Shahrazad Ali, Bill Cosby, and Tavis Smiley - are we running out of people to be mad at yet

(Proverbs 12:1) (2 Chronicles 36:16)

The greatest trick of the devil is to make you think he doesn't exist: "the ignorant mastery of being angry with someone else to avoid self-examination". Haven't the signs been there all along? However, we just chose to ignore them even when our true leaders were brave enough to take the risk to stand up and speak out about our behavior and that of others. Our willingness to ignore the signs in front of us: for example, we're now allowing others to stand so that the original sin of America can hide shamefully in others' shadow--such as homophobia or classism. We've aligned these lifestyles with the Civil Rights movement.

Regarding classism: we now separate ourselves by income and means, forgetting that most of us came from the same un-Godly, awful chattel slavery background. And some of our White brethren come from homicidal, mentally-ill, paganistic, immigrant backgrounds. How foolish can we be as a people, and as a nation?

The whispers of the HOOD, "even if you have money you're still a N**** to them" may be true. Neither one of these groups suffered 400-plus years of indignation, slavery or millions murdered for their skin color. Both have the option to simply not disclose; the millions of our ancestors murdered during the middle passage didn't have the option to not disclose; the millions held in captive in North America didn't have the option to not disclose. Those who suffered through Jim Crow didn't have the option to not disclose. Thus came the Civil Rights movement and the struggles that came with it. And, yes, it was so that all could benefit. I'm not saying that anyone should suffer indignation or brutality.

However, before aligning or hiding in some other group's shadow of hardship, don't be so quick to for-

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You Don't Have to be Black to Have a Slave Mentality

By Iris (Diane) Armstrong

Unfortunately, so many people feel like slaves to their jobs, their roles in life, and the many demands put upon them by themselves and others. Feeling unappreciated, just a waste of space on this planet, and doomed to a life of more of the same. What's up with that? Some might ask, "If Jesus died for me to have an 'abundant' life, why do I so often feel that my life doesn't have any hope of becoming fulfilling and exuberantly successful and joyful? Where did I miss it? What are the lies I believe about myself, the world, and even about God and His people? Is there any hope for me? The answer is an emphatic 'YES!'

What is at stake is the difference between going through the motions of life, doing what is expected, and receiving whatever is offered or not too costly to obtain in time, effort, desire and risk—and actually believing that God truly did create me to be unique, blessed and a blessing. Will I dare to BELIEVE? Will I dare to ACT? Will I dare to RISK? What are the risks? And what are the rewards? What blessings have I simply not recognized, stumbled over, buried, not sought, or not received, opened and enjoyed?

It is my challenge to myself and to you—write a list of things you would like to do, places you would like to go, and abilities you would like to further develop. What makes YOU tick? What are the dreams you have shoved aside due to the pressures and disappointments of life? What are your strengths? What do others see in you that you don't? What are your weaknesses? Hopes? Desires? Gifts? Calling? Mission?

What is one thing you can do that will start you on the road to living the life you desire? Promise yourself you will take that first step. If there is some junk in your life—how will you release it? If there are weaknesses—how will you allow the Lord to turn them into strengths? Simply a new perspective? Or does this call for a time of introspection and walking step-by-step through your own muck and mire to the other side—where a bright new day awaits you?

When we are bound by selfish, self-destructive, fearful thoughts, compulsive habits and counterproductive



Iris Armstrong

actions, we feel helpless to break free. The answer is simple, though not always easy—one of the main thoughts in the Bible—"capture every thought"—whether it is about ourselves, our circumstances, or others—and replace those thoughts by "reprogramming" our minds with God's thoughts of Love, Joy, Peace, Truth, Hope, Health, Grace, Generosity and Wholeness. Or, as the Bible says, "renew your mind." When we do this consistently over a period of time, we actually create new pathways in our brain. And these new ways of thinking become easier and easier. We begin to notice positive changes in our lives, which encourages us to continue in the path that is right. Others start to notice that we now behave and react differently, and maybe they want to know how they, too, can experience more joy, peace and tranquility in their own lives.

So, how can I change my thoughts? First of all, we become what we think about, and we also become like the people we spend time with. Spending more time in God's Word, talking to and listening to God during times of worship and prayer, and reading books that will help develop Godly character are all good first steps. Search the Bible, maybe with the help of a concordance which will show you by topic or word how to find scriptures that apply to your situation. One of the main keys is to also spend time with others who are seeking God with their whole hearts. This provides a safe environment to share your daily cares and triumphs in a mutu-

ally supportive "family" environment. Giving and receiving prayer is crucial.

And sometimes deliverance is also necessary—due to the effects of things that we have done, or that have been done to us, and also the results of negative attitudes, actions, abuse, sin, false beliefs and even witchcraft that have been generously handed down through our family backgrounds. One of the "curses" that can be found in African Americans is due to the limits placed upon them by their heritage of slavery in this country.

However, similar limiting curses are found in all ethnicities, and come through people who have actively participated in religious cults, secret societies such as the Masons, where vows have been made to anyone other than the one true God. This is very controversial within both the Black and White churches. And those who are involved at the lower levels are not told the truth of what those at the highest levels truly acknowledge—they worship Lucifer.

Even if you have not actively participated in this type of activity, it is pervasive in pretty much every ethnicity, and the effects of something done by someone in prior generations of our family is quite possibly harming us in ways we do not know. One man in a deliverance ministry says, "The only things we know about our ancestors are the stories we have heard, and the junk in our lives." Our minds and lives can be bound by our own sin as well as unknown ancestral sin. There is no greater "slavery" than that.

In my own experience, something related to this was holding me back in every area of my life—even though it had happened before becoming a Christian. And not until I received

teaching and deliverance by renouncing the vows that are attached to masonry, was I released into my destiny.

Only you and the Lord can decide what is best for you at this time in your life. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you the direction and to lead the way. Let the Father's Love envelope you and bring healing to your heart. Not so sure the Father loves you—or that He is too far away or too busy for you? Make it a point to get with a trustworthy spiritually mature friend, counselor or church leader to pray with you and help you see the Truth of Father God's Love for you, personally, in a deep and meaningful way—deep in your heart—not just some words on a page—or even memorized.

It is time to make God your Very Best Friend, Comforter, Healer and Guide. When we let God love us, and we begin to love Him and ourselves in a greater way, we have His Love to give to others—even to those we don't think deserve it. Ask God how He sees them. Ask Him to show people to you through His Eyes. Yes, he died even for that one, and loves them passionately. Start today. Let God's Love Embrace and Surround and Permeate your entire being—Body, Mind, Soul and Spirit. Spend time getting to know our Heavenly Daddy. Bask in His Love. Hang out with Him. Tell Him your innermost secrets, dreams, desires and hopes. Also your deepest hurts. He is there for you. And He thinks: You are awesome! You are worth it! He sent Jesus to die for you, didn't He? So YOU MUST BE WORTH A WHOLE LOT to Him. He's waiting for your call. Pick up the phone and call Him. It's called Prayer. ✚

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— **Emma Lazarus**

Elder Silke Hansen spoke these are the words as she addressed the congregation at United Church of Montebello in Denver, CO.

Rev. Dr. James Fother, Senior Pastor & Teacher at The United Church of Montebello in Denver, Colorado lead the celebration of the milestone of Elder Hansen one of the Colorado communities' fineness residents.

Hansen a retired US Justice Department Staffer with the Community Relation Services (CRS) has mediated issues throughout the US and mainly on the American Indian Reservation. This force in the Civil Rights movement has lead the training of the MLK Marshalls for twenty-one years.

After the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Hansen went to Memphis and marched with Mrs. Coretta Scott King as she lead the Sanitation Workers march and was instrumental in the Boston, Massachusetts schools desegregation. ✚



Elder Silke Hansen



The State of the Black Chamber

Colorado Black Chamber's of Commerce (CBCC) had their 2nd annual State of the Black Chamber Luncheon where Reggie Rivers former Denver Broncos Fullback was the guest speaker.

Nicole Singleton the President and CEO of the CBCC spoke on the importance of supporting Black businesses and training our youth to becoming entrepreneurs.

Singleton announced the CBCC's Youth Initiative and how the CBCC will host a summer entrepreneur's camp investing in youth students and offer an annual scholarship to graduating seniors. The camp will be held July 14th -18, 2014.

Photographed here are Reggie Rivers, Nicole Singleton and Rich Lewis the Chairman of the Board of the CBCC. ✚



I am Man, I am Woman, We are People

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Colorado Holiday Commission hosted some two hundred high school students and their parents at their annual "I am Man, I am Woman, We Are People" Youth Leadership & Educational Conference (WAPC) on May 3rd where Vern L. Howard the Chairman of the MLK Commission introduces four scholarship opportunities all worth \$2,000.00 each; and was only available to the students in attendance.

Mr. Harry Belafonte Civil Rights Activist and Actor will award the students whom apply and who are selected the funds on Sunday, June 22nd at the Renaissance Denver Hotel.

Another element of WAPC is the professional panel this year's panel discussion was facilitated by Bianka Emerson and Christian Steward and was comprised of members from the political area, a Chemical Engineer, Eco Engineer, Civil Rights Lawyer & Educator, a Scholarship Granter, and a Community Activist. ✚

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and they've decided not to make an issue of their sexuality. Arguably, others have decided to maintain the privacy of their sexual preference as a personal matter. In either case, the NFL's response to Sam's announcement is honorable because they opted to oppose discrimination. This however, does not mean that the NFL confirms homosexuality is a moral idea.

The fact of the matter is-homosexuality is not new to the NFL and there have always been players in the league who have participated in the homosexual lifestyle, just not publically. So, you may be asking yourself, "then why is this an issue?" The answer: because some people have a problem with promoting homosexuality as well as other forms of public affection as moral ideas to display indiscriminately with the community. As such, ESPN is a family oriented sports network intended for the presentation and enjoyment of sports to fans and not a television series that requires a rating (warning) where explicit display is common place. The purpose for having a rating system is to allow parents the opportunity to decide if the content and material contained in the program is appropriate or suitable for impressionable youth who should not be exposed to adult behavior that can be viewed as inappropriate.

Why shouldn't everyday people think critically about what we expose our children to in order to promote standards of right and wrong? For example, adults should not smoke, do drugs or drink in the presence of children. Some people have, as youth, been repeatedly violated by same-sex adults and they have determined that what was happening to them was "normal behavior" by the sex gender. This is not a case of birthright claims it is a socialization problem that causes some to believe in unnatural ideas because of how they were exploited as children. Knowing that impressionable youth watch sports programming, ESPN is wrong for airing Sam's homosexual public display of affection. And, Michael Sam is wrong for being inconsiderate of those who see the behavior as immoral. The issue centers on how we share public space that reflects a spirit of respect and integrity especially in environments where children are present and in an environment where there is a diversity of perspectives. Common decency dictates that you don't blare your music in a public space where others might not like your music. What's wrong with that idea?

There has been no lack of arguments where proponents ask why is his behavior a problem if the other draftees are kissing their girlfriends? Here's the answer, man and woman are the natural standard for sexual relationship and everything else is, at best, debatable. Homosexuality is unnatural and immoral to many people who have the right and

the freedom to hold that position just like the Gay community has the freedom to hold theirs. Do Gay rights advocates exercise the same tolerance for the opposing ideas that they insist upon for their own ideas? Here's the issue, how many people would be if a known polygamist kissed each of his eight wives as he displayed his affection for his loved ones after being drafted? Or, what if a draftee believes in open marriages and he kisses his wife and then each of his other three girlfriends as a demonstration of individual sexual determination? Is alternative lifestyle really a matter for public consumption?

As a football fan, and a former College football player, there are lots of judgments the game has to make concerning the public demonstration of individualized expression in order to protect its brand on the field. Here's the point, let's end any form of discrimination against people for who they are but let's not add the elements of egotistical divisiveness for the sake of publicizing what should be a private freedom.

I give Michael Sam credit for taking a stand on his beliefs. Therefore, publicizing his status while playing college football and being drafted to the NFL is in itself a huge milestone. Why not keep it there. When Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball he did it with class, integrity, and humility. Baseball put his talent on display and character put his humanity on display. ✚

A Rebellious Generation

By Sister Carrie McElroy

Our children: they are not the rebellious generation; they are the Truth of God's Word.

The rebellious generation started in the 60s. The generation that said "It's My Thing and I'll Do What I Want to Do!" Momma can't tell me what to do; she is old-fashioned. I'm going to do my own thing. This is the generation that wanted "free-love," sex in the backseat of a Chevy. We wanted to shack and live with our boyfriend or girlfriend without waiting for a husband or wife. We wanted to get high and smoke weed and cigarettes. And don't forget that first drink.

This generation had no respect for Dad's commandments or our parents teaching us about God and His Commandments. We had to go to church. Our parents followed the Commandments of God (Proverbs 22:6) "Train up a child in the way he should go." But we said things like, "I'm not going to make my children go to church like momma made us. We are not going to make our children fear the Lord like momma



Carrie McElroy

made us. I'm not going to teach them to pray like momma taught us," etc.

Let's pray like momma taught us, and ask God to pull out the mirror and let's take a good look at ourselves. The generations of the 60s remind me of the days of Moses, when he went up to receive the Commandments of God for His people, and when he returned, the people of God were doing their own thing — doing what they wanted to do. God was not pleased then; and He was not pleased with the actions of His people in the 60s. God said "because of your rebellion, I will curse you, and up to the 3rd and 4th generation," Exodus 20:5

Yes, our children are smarter, but weaker; their eyes are blind and their ears are deaf. God wants to save our children. But we must REPENT for our sin and ask God to forgive US! Because, you see, it is not "our thing" and we can't "do what we want to do." It has always been God's Thing, and because of His Love, "He allowed us to do what we wanted to do!" He always gives us the freedom to choose to do either the right or wrong thing. Because of our rebellion, He has cursed us and our children up to the 3rd and 4th generation.

Now, look in your mirror. Can you see yourself in the 60s generation? Did you obey the Commandment of God? And the teaching of momma? Or did you "do your thing?"

If you will look again, you will see the TRUTH of God's Word. He really wants to save our children. Please read with me: Psalms 78. ✚

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Checking in

By Maya Wheeler, MHA

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

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, approximately 9 million Americans age 65 and over needed long-term care in 2012, with that number expected to rise to 12 million by 2020. Family and friends provide most long-term care, but sometimes we may have to get long-term services from outsiders such as community organizations, agencies, or residential facilities.

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

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- Changes in tidiness or cleanliness of the home or yard
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- Evidence that medications are not being taken properly
- Physical symptoms
- Weight gain or loss



Maya Wheeler

- Unsteadiness when walking or getting up and down from a chair
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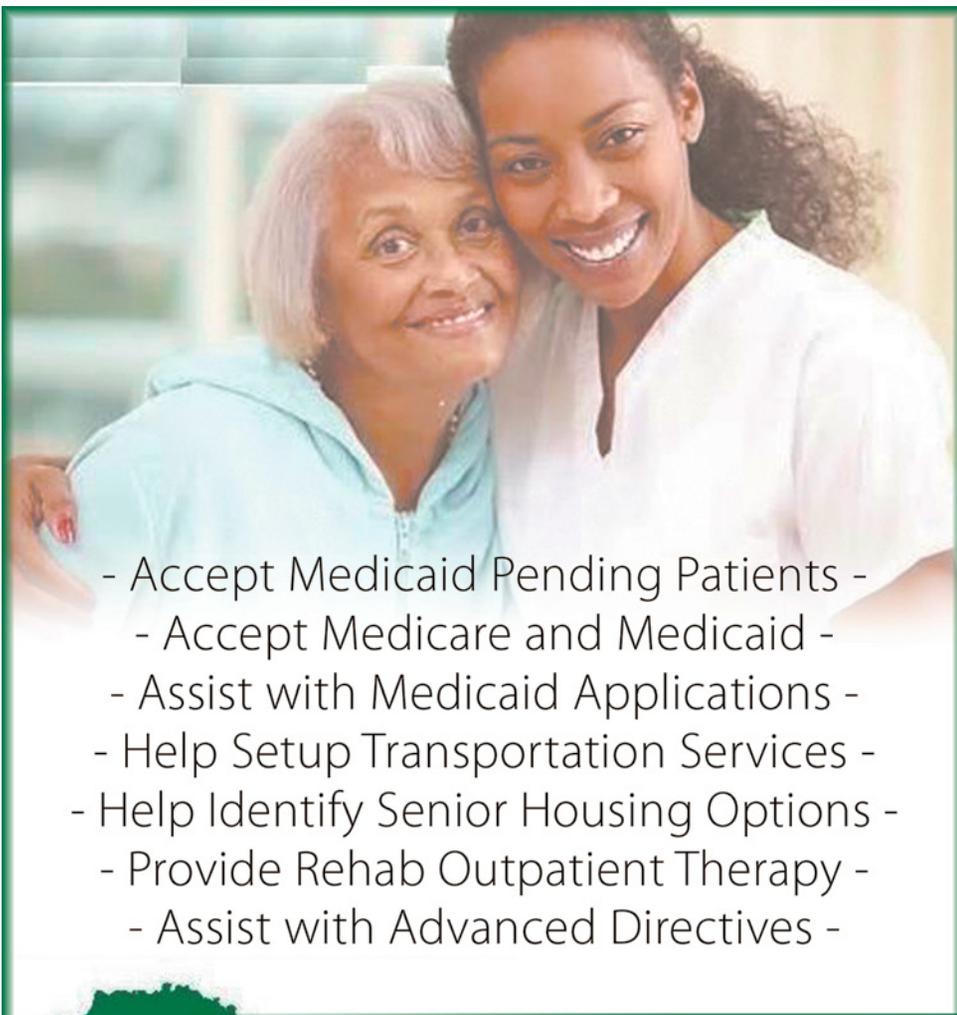
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get or dismiss your own, and the backlash from it. It is with the same arrogance and foolhardiness that make some think that 468 years of degradation, murder and inhumane conditions could be healed in 150 years of written freedom. In this 150 years, 48 years of voting rights that aren't permanent and (1) oval office leader for possibly 8 years--and this can and has healed the wounds and fears of both the oppressor or the oppressed?

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We forgive others, so we can be forgiven. ✚

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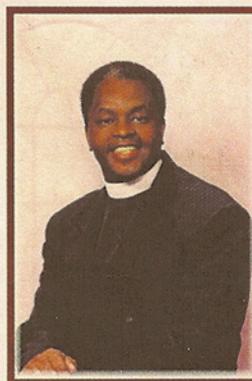
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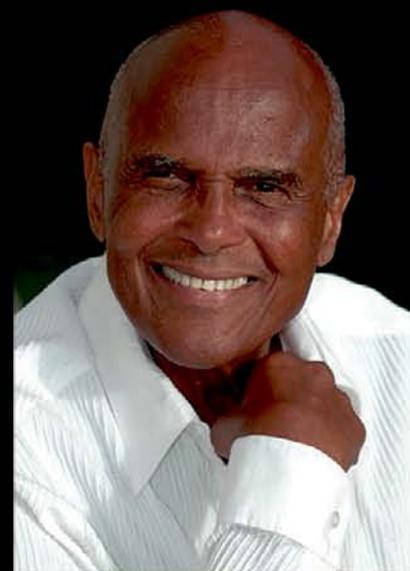
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2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and the 30th anniversary of the MLK Holiday in Colorado

Thirteen (13) scholarships will be presented the evening of the Gala by one of the lions of the civil rights movement Mr. Harry Belafonte (Activist, Actor and Vocalist).

All proceeds generated from the "I am Man, I am Woman, We are People." Gala will support scholarships and other statewide events throughout the year, including the Parade, The Humanitarian Awards, "We Are People youth leadership Conference" and the Civil Rights Stories.

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Inaugural Royal Blue and Gold Gala



Pictured here are the windows along with President James (CAMWMW) — photo / Vern L. Howard

The Colorado Association of Ministers' Wives' and Ministers' Widows' (CAMWMW) held their Inaugural "Royal Blue and Gold Gala" on May 17, 2014.

President Lexine C. James mentioned how GOD had given her the vision for this Gala over the last five years.

As Minister Tonda Kelly introduced the widows and the widows were escorted in they lit up the room with their smiles and when Dr. Marilyn Chipman spoke the words of encour-

agement she included the widows as they filled in the blank with the names of each individual Husband, Pastor or Minister which has passed away.

Christian Marital & Premarital Counselors and Marriage Educators Elders Ronnie and Jackie Calloway spoke about the importance of Christians working through marital difficulties, infidelity and emotional abuse as well as Ministers addressing the needs of their wives and how they have taken 33 cruise just to celebrate one another. ✝



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Scholarships from Mountain Plains

The Mountain Plains Consistory #33 awarded two \$1,000.00 dollar scholarships to Tristian F. Bryant and Avery Lynn Johnson-Reagor at their 10th Annual Spring Banquet. Where in addition they honored Loyal Lady Freddie Corene Whitney and Nobel James English. Dr. Alvin Scott Pastor Emeritus St Luke's Presbyterian Church stood to speak on the merits Loyal Lady Whitney while Pastor Johnnie Jenkins, Jr. (Solid Rock Baptist Church) spoke on behalf Nobel James English. Both of the honorees are pillars in their churches and the Denver community. ✝

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Hope and Education Prevail

A message of hope was the focus for family caregivers attending the 11th Annual African American Caregiver Support Conference held May 19 in Denver.

The event is hosted each year by the African American Caregiver Services program, part of the Older Adult and Caregiver Services (OACS) arm of Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains. The conference is sponsored by OACS, donations from community businesses, the Fresh Fish Co. restaurant and individual members of the African American Caregiver Support program.

Some 70 attendees received vital caregiving resources, informative caregiving and self-care tips and, most importantly, reasons to have hope. The caregivers heard many positive messages throughout the day, especially from featured speaker, Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock.

Hancock told the crowd he comes from a large family of ten, a family that faced many economic challenges and struggles. Although running the City of Denver is a consuming task, he still finds time to serve as a caregiver to his mother, Charlene.

"Just like the one out of every four people in this country, I have ended up in that sandwich generation," Hancock said, referring to caregivers who have to divide their time between their own children and aging loved ones who need care. "The challenge is immense. We have to care for our aging parents and grandparents and, at the same time, make sure our children matriculate through life."

The mayor noted that family caregivers often end up putting their own health aside, as they focus on caring for a loved one. "We make sure the taxes get done, the meds get picked up, the appointments are kept," he said. "But we need to take care of ourselves as well, because if we don't we can't take care of our loved ones."

"Many of us who have to, stand in the gap as family caregivers," Hancock added. I am here today because I walk alongside you. I appreciate your great contribution to our community. And I want to thank you for joining me on this journey."

Attendees also heard from attorney T.A. Taylor Hunt and Dr. Mary J. Davis, along with writer Michael Jones and nutritionist Evelyn Gordon.

The African American Support Services program serves Northeast Denver and Arapahoe County. It is partially funded by the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). The program connects caregivers to community services, caregiver education/training, mental health counseling or in-home respite care. It also offers a popular support group that meets regularly in Denver. ✝

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Gathering of Pastors, Prophets, Apostles

JUNE 12— Sat. 7a - 3p. Come and share your testimony or enjoy hearing those of your sisters at the 1st Annual Woman's Testimony & Fellowship service. To participate call 720.278.5891. Refreshments will be served after 1p. @ Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 12400 Hoffman Blvd. Aurora, 80010.

Men's Celebration

June 20 & 21 — Men's Advance Celebration Event at Second Baptist Church of Boulder Colorado, located at 5300 Baseline Road, 80303. Friday June 20, will run from 6:30pm to 9pm, and will include gospel music, scripture readings, prayer, and sermon. Sat. 21 from 6:30a to 6p, starting with sunrise prayer The day will be facilitated by Pastor Wayne Syas, of Life More Abundant Christian Church. The format will be interactive. Topic: SALVATION; and Donations of \$20 are being accepted. more info: 303-499-4668, or access www.sbcboulder.com. Pastor Bruce Merriweather: 303 475-7798 masterschoice@me.com.

Usher Celebration Weekend

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Dinner and Dancing for the Homeless!

JUNE 22 — 5p The Scott United Methodist Wesleyan Choir along with Director of Music Minister E. Hayward Hobbs presents the Scott UMC Wesleyan Choir in concert The Church is located 2880 Garfield St, Denver, 80205.

Building Fund Service

JUNE 22 — Fresh Anointing Christian Church is having a building fund service, 4pm @ the Holiday Inn located at 3333 Quebec Street, Denver..

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MANdatory — Standing Your Ground

"Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so."

— **Charles de Gaulle**

"The lesson taught at this point by human experience is simply this, that the man who will get up will be helped up; and the man who will not get up will be allowed to stay down. Personal independence is a virtue and it is the soul out of which comes the sturdiest manhood. But there can be no independence without a large share of self-dependence, and this virtue cannot be bestowed. It must be developed from within."

— **Frederick Douglass,**
SELF MADE MEN'

By Apostle Leon Emerson

We are standing at the crossroads of significance or inferiority. With the constant challenges brought upon us as men, it's vitally important that we make a decision if we're going to stand and reclaim our dominion or are we going to fold and allow future generations falter from no guidance or support? When there is a void of men in our communities, we are left with young men seeking validation from other sources, no matter the dangers or consequences that awaits them. How long must we see yellow tape and



Leon Emerson

white chalk outlining our young people who have become victims to senseless violence? How long must we tolerate broken families, poverty and ignorance that paralyze the hope that we chanted in unison for a Senator from Chicago who became the first Black President of the United States in 2008? And how long will we remain mute to the outcry of injustice that's plaguing not only our race, but other cultures as well?

This is why on June 14th 2014, Apostle Leon Emerson, pastor of the Now Faith Christian Center Church is giving the clarion call for men, fathers

and their sons to come out and be a part of our annual father's day breakfast. The theme this year is called "MANdatory - Standing Your Ground. Apostle Emerson is determined to release the mental, spiritual and psychological chains that keep men stagnant from living their full God-given potential. This event is going to be packed with round table discussions, speakers and insightful information that will gear all men in reigniting their purpose in becoming Godly men of significance and courage. Some topics that will be covered: Developing a greater relationship with God, living healthier lives, eliminating poverty and other important topics.

Our guest speaker is Dr. Kervin J. Smith. He is an International Conference Speaker, Teacher, Motivational Speaker, Lecturer and Consultant. He is the Founder and President of Kervin J. Smith Ministries. He travels around the world and is known for his keen and accurate prophetic insight, expository teaching, and powerful healing ministry. His ministry crosses denominational lines and transcends racial barriers. Kervin J. Smith has been given a strong mandate from the Lord to provide a clear prophetic voice to the Body of Christ.

All men are invited to attend this important and impactful event. Tickets are on sale now for only \$10 and kids under 12 can eat free! ✚

40 Years of Reflection

By Evangelist Dallas Burleson

Evangelist Dallas Burleson, wife of Senior Pastor Paul Burleson, Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus, was born and raised in Colorado. Her mother was an Evangelist, and her father was the first Black horse trainer in Colorado. He started out with The Happy Valley Stables, which he owned in Littleton, Colorado. He boarded, trained and rented horses. Evangelist Burleson also taught horseback riding lessons, showed horses and rode in rodeos, and the Gym Kana. Her brother Charles rode Brahma bulls and saddle Broncs. Her two other brothers raced horses. And her older sister, Georgeanne Redd, who came up with the name for the church, also worked with saddle-bred horses with their father, and has ridden at the National Stock Show. The family also showed horses at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo.

Evangelist Burleson's paternal grandfather was a farmer who had started out by working for a White man in Kentucky who had a stable of horses, and there he learned the trade. He later came to Denver and started his own stable. Her mother, who was also originally from Kentucky, recently passed in October, at the age of 92, and was an Evangelist for most of her life. Evangelist Burleson relates, "She was a very firey, wise woman of God, who received a lot of revelation from the Lord, and had a powerful prayer life, and many say I have a similar anointing."

Evangelist Burleson says, "Progress was slow in the beginning of my ministry. However, a wise woman doesn't need to push herself off on anyone. Your gift will make room for you. The main thing that I encourage women, even of today is to make sure that you

make adequate preparation, so when you are called upon to preach or to teach, you are ready."

She continues, "I was raised in the Baptist Church. After we started our church, I would go there on Sunday morning, and at night, because I desired more and felt there was more, I would go up to House Of Joy Miracle Deliverance Church, or to Campbell's, back when Bishop Jordan was alive, and I would fellowship with them. Then I got filled with the Holy Ghost while I was attending a program for one of the Holiness churches."

"Even though many people call me 'Pastor,' " says Evangelist Burleson, "My husband is officially the Pastor of our church. I am on the ministerial staff, and I do a lot of traveling, and I also fill in for local pastors when they are out of town. I have also had the blessed opportunity to preach under Pastor Shoeboot, who was a very well-known Baptist pastor here in Denver for years. He was in his 90s and they asked me to preach for a Women's Day. A lot of times, they will just ask women to preach from the floor, and not go into the pulpit. But, after I finished preaching, he told me he had to 'eat crow' and invited me up into the pulpit."

And there were other times, as Evangelist Burleson remembers, "Once, when I went to a Church of God in Christ in Oklahoma, the Bishop there had me preach from the floor. And when I finished, he also invited me up into the pulpit. And Pastor Lamar Kennedy invited me up into his pulpit years ago when I was running a revival for him. It is just a case of making adequate preparation, and being who you are in God; not trying to impress people with what God has given you, but just be who God has ordained you to be and be prepared."

Regarding people who have weak-



Dallas Burleson

nesses, "demons" and struggles, Evangelist Burleson reminds us, "God hates sin, but He loves the sinner. And He loves the sinner so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for them, so they would not perish, but have a right to the Tree of Life. So, He hates all sin, whether it be homosexuality, lying, adultery, fornication—all of that—He just hates sin, and that is why He sent His son, to deliver us from our sins."

What does Evangelist Burleson think about the temptation for the younger generation to try drugs, especially now that Colorado has legalized marijuana? She says, "We have to train up our children in the way they should go, and when they get old, they will not depart from it. We need to be closer to our children and train them in the old way. Some people call it 'old school,' I call it 'Bible School.' It's what the Word of God says. And whatever the Word of

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Who is Your Father Now?

"Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me.'"

— **John 8:42**

By Rev. William T. Golson, Jr.

While Jesus did not discount the importance of earthly parents, nor discount the pride of their family ancestry he raised a question of eternal implications. Jesus concern for them and for us was and is not who you claim as father by physical birth, but who you claim as father by spiritual birth. No matter who may give claim to your physical birth, who your father is now in the spiritual realm will determine who you are, what you become, and ultimately where you spend eternity.

Each Of Us Has A Physical Father. None of us had a choice of who our physical father would be. That was a choice made for us by our mothers. Some in your opinion may have made good choices. Some in your opinion did not. But be as it may we all at birth had someone whom we can attribute to our birth. Someone supplied the sperm, which fertilized the egg, which caused the pregnancy, and ultimately gave way to our birth.

Although we all have fathers, some of you may consider yourselves fatherless: having never physically known your father, having lost your father to death, as a result of a broken marriage, or, due to a break in relationship as a result of some disagreement. In spite of how you may feel about him, in spite of what the circumstances may be we all have a father. Maybe he was not physically present, maybe not available to provide, or to counsel, but we all have a father.

In the physical realm we had no choice, what we have been given we have been given. If you don't like it, there is not much you can do about it. But beyond the physical, you have a choice to make, because God's plan for your life extends beyond the matter of the physical. Each of us must stand before God as individuals and who your earthly physical father was will make no difference. Only who your spiritual father is will matter. Who's your father now?

You Cannot Claim Salvation Through Your Parents. Most of us take great pride in our family name. It is the label that relates us to other human beings, to our earthly family. In conjunction with our name, we each have a genealogy, or, what we often call a family tree. A variety of things may hang from our family tree. Some of us may have lots of nuts in our tree. Some of us have alley cats caught up in our tree. Some of us have members who are ever so fruitful, other have just existed and dried up on the vine. Some of us can boast of a family line of lawyers, of civil rights activist, of prosperous farmers, of brilliant scholars. In the human realm that is good, it is even impressive,

but in the eternal reality who your relations were and are has little to do with you. People may be impressed. It may give you a sense of being and belonging, but, when you meet God face to face it won't matter who your human relationships were only who you have chosen to be related to spiritually. Who and what your father is down here was or wasn't won't make a bit of difference up there. Each of us will have to give account for ourselves. The faith of your mother, the faith of your father won't save you. Each of us must come to Christ on our own. Each of us must personally confess Christ as Lord and Savior.

What Is It That The Truth Will Set You Free From? In our society there are many who are often unknowingly incarcerated within their own existence. Some people have been brought up in environments where they have no idea of what it means to share, that giving is better than receiving, that selflessness is better than selfishness. Some folks have grown up in environments whose life and lifestyle has become so ingrained within that the reception of the truth is often not received. They have become so hardened, so callous, truth seemingly is not heard or it invokes no response. We all have family, friends, and acquaintances with whom we have shared our concern for their lifestyle. It is obvious to us that they are operating under some kind of bondage, maybe its: alcohol, drugs, greed, consumed by their work, depression, etc. We recognize that in spite of the freedom they may feel, they need to be set free from that way of life.

Young people as you grow up there will not be someone constantly standing over you telling you what to do or what not to do. There are times when you will be on your own to make decisions. What will be the basis for what you do or don't do? Will it be fear of going to jail, of being incarcerated for some long period of time, of not being able to go where you want to, of going when they say go, coming when they say come, jumping when they say jump, speaking when they say speak, being silent when they say be silent. Surely, this is not the way anyone would want to live. A dog has more freedom to do what he wants than that.

Or, will you be governed by a higher law. One that is rooted, grounded, and founded in your love for and relationship with the risen Christ. Paul records in 2 Corinthians 5:14 that it is the love of God that constrains us. It is the love of God that internally controls us. We are called to live right for a number of reasons: fear of punishment, wanting to make our parents proud, because of our upbringing. Yes,

all those things go into being a moral upstanding citizen. But above them, all our actions are governed by our love for God. Your love for God will cause you to do right when no one else around you is. Your love for God will make you get rid of some evil thoughts even when no one else knows what you are thinking. Your love of God will cause you to desire to do good things even when there is no one around to applaud and give you praise.

WHO'S YOUR FATHER NOW? "The greatest of God's blessings, the gift of eternal life, is made available to us if we confess our sins, believe on Christ, and receive him as our personal Lord and Savior. A great blessing awaits us for having overcome the world and endured to the end. A great inheritance awaits us. And to receive it we must only believe and let that belief be reflected in our everyday relationships with family, friends, and acquaintances.

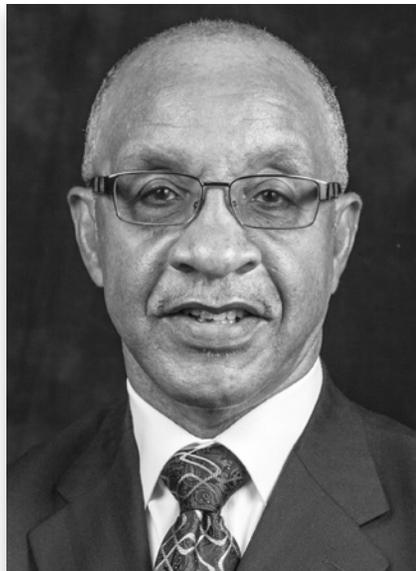
The devil doesn't want you to have what he can't have. He would rather you keep your eyes fixed on the temporal, on the things of this world, and who you are related to or not related to. He would rather you believe that somehow God does not love you because your family situation is not all that it could or should be. He would rather you miss out on your inheritance and join him in hell experiencing an eternal damnation. For

that reason, he sets out to convince you that the promises of God are lies, that this thing of eternal life is just a hoax. He sets out to convince you that you should live now, and pull out all the stops, for when you die that's it; finished, the end, no more. He would have you believe that what you are and ultimately will be depends solely upon yourself. He would have you believe that the way things are is the way they have always been and always will be; that you have no power to change, that you are weak and powerless.

Be not deceived God is in control of the lives of his children. Jesus Christ on our behalf defeated the devil at the cross. In Christ, it makes no difference what family you may have been born into. It makes no difference what kinds of nuts and alley cats are in your family tree. It makes no difference whether you come from a rich or a poor background. It makes no difference if your relatives are known for living less than reputable lives. The only thing that matters is that you know Jesus. Because if you know Jesus, whoever your earthly father is or was; you have a new father now. The devil doesn't want you to know that. He would rather you live in discouragement, depression, and fear rather than to be victorious in Christ.

Who's your father now? This is a question of eternal destiny, of eternal implications. Who your spiritual father is will determine your eternal destiny. Some spend a lifetime searching for their physical father, trying to find who the source of their birth was. Some put too much emphasis on trying to know who daddy is and not enough on who our real father is.

Each of us had a physical father at birth. However, the question that each of us has to resolve is not who is our earthly father but who is our spiritual father. This is not to negate the need and necessity of earthly fatherhood, but the decision, the choice you make as to who your spiritual father is has eternal consequences. In this life, we have only two choices. Both choices have eternal ramifications. One choice leads unto eternal life, the other unto eternal damnation. No matter what the memories, fond or otherwise, mother or father, what really matters is "who's your father now?"... ✚



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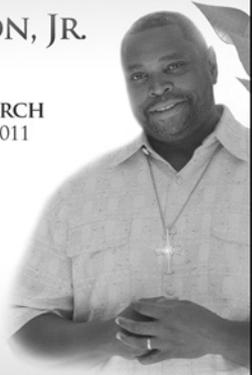
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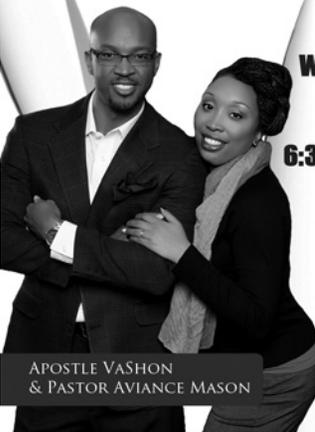
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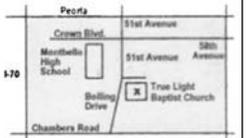
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OBITUARY

"The Maestro" John Alexander Bowen, Jr.

June 25, 1939 – March 23, 2014

John A. Bowen 74 was born June 25, 1939 to the union of Rev. John A. Bowen Sr. and Virgie Lee Bowen in Memphis, Tennessee. He passed away peacefully with family at his side on March 23, 2014. A master musician and retired teacher John served with numerous choirs, churches and community groups throughout the city. As a child John loved music, especially classical piano. At the age of 15 he began formal piano lessons and upon graduation from Manassas High School, in Memphis, he moved to Chicago, Illinois where he became an applied music student at the Chicago Conservatory.

In 1963 he married his soul mate Annie Louise Major.

John became very involved in gospel music while working on his music edu-



John Bowen Jr.

ational degree at DePaul University. Mr. Bowen has a Bachelor of Science degree in music. He served in the military from 1961 to 1965, fulfilling his military duties as a pianist and percussionist in the U.S.A.F band. He was a member of the American Federation of Musicians., MENC and an active member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. While in Chicago, he became a staff musician at the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church and worked with the renowned Roberta Martin singers and countless other gospel artists. In 1978 he produced a gospel album with the Mt. Pisgah Baptist church entitled "Praise God." He was also a music teacher in the Chicago public school system from 1972-1980.

He moved to Colorado Springs in August of 1980 and was hired by Scholl District 11 and became the music teacher and choral director at Wasson High School. After twenty years of service with District Eleven, Mr. Bowen retired in the year of 2000. In 1981 he became minister of music at the Trinity Baptist church where he served for more than twenty years. While residing in Colorado Springs, John worked with a host of church and community choir and well known artist. He was the lead Minister of Music for the GMWA Colorado Springs Chapter choir, Emmanuel

Missionary Baptist Male choir, Trinity Baptist Male chorus, Voices of David, just to name a few. Throughout his career, Mr. Bowen was the recipient of numerous awards such as; National Association of Negro Musicians Inc. (NANM) in July 2010. Minister of Music of the year 2001 – 2002 by the Colorado Baptist Southern District. The very last award Mr. Bowen received was the Community diversity Award from Colorado College on January 20, 2014. The "Maestro" as he was affectionately known was preceded in death by his parents, John A. Sr. and Virgie Lee Bowen, brothers Harold L. Bowen of Los Angeles, California, Charles E. Bowen of Gary, Indiana, One sister, Barbara Bowen of Memphis, Tennessee and a close Aunt Luella Manuels "Auntie" of Memphis, Tennessee.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Annie Louise (Major) married for fifty years. Three brothers, Jerry Bowen of Hollywood, Florida, James (Mamie) Bowen of Memphis, Tennessee, and Isaac (Ernestine) Bowen of Whitehaven, Tennessee. Three sisters, Helen (OZ) Rogers of Chicago, Illinois, Joyce Mitchell of Miami, Florida, Brenda Bowen of Miami, Florida and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He will be missed but never forgotten. ✝

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The Power of Looking Forward

"One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

— **Philippians 3:13-14**

By Pastor Dennis Leonard

No matter who we are, we all have regrets from the past. We've all done some things and wish we could hit the "erase" button. We've made mistakes and look back and say, "Why in the world did I do that?" We have done things and said things that we regretted. We wish we could go back and correct all those mistakes and resist all those temptations instead of falling for them. But we can never go back, and continuing to look back with regrets steals our future.

On the other hand, when we are looking forward and moving forward, we are consumed with what God has called us to do. We tend to be more productive, more creative, and a lot happier because we see

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progress in our lives. We are becoming more and more like Jesus. We see the fruit coming forth and the harvest coming in. We see the steady manifestation of our inheritance in Jesus Christ and the flow of God's blessings as we bless others.

Paul knew this, and we can be like Paul. We can live in the revelation that walking in forgiveness toward ourselves and others is the miraculous way to live a life of no regrets. We can move forward and leave our past behind.

Paul wrote the book of Philippians during his first imprisonment in Rome. While he sat in that prison, he wrote these words, "I'm forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead" (Philippians 3:13, my paraphrase). Just read this out loud right now: "I'm forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead."

Imagine that. Paul spends his days in prison looking forward to his future! He could look forward to his future because he was forgiven. His future was in God's hands. He knew every day on earth would be lived to the fullest because he was living it with the Lord, no matter where he was or what his circumstances. And ultimately, he knew that when his days on earth were over, he would go straight to heaven.

Looking forward is powerful when you see things God's way, through the lens of His Word and in the glory of eternity, and that's what Paul was doing. He had nothing to fear because his days belonged to God and God's promises were all true. In chapter 4, verse

6, of his letter to the Philippians, he exhorted believers to "Be anxious for nothing." He could encourage them to not be afraid of their future and to move forward in faith and confidence because he knew God was faithful in all situations. He had proved it in his own life.



Dennis Leonard

Paul went on to say in Philippians 4:12-14, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Paul had learned to be content no matter where he was or how he was being treated. Whether people loved him and received his message or hated him, rejected the Gospel, and threw him out of town; Paul had learned to be content. And I want to take this one step further. Paul had learned to be content with regard to his past. He had forgiven himself as God had forgiven him, and so he had no regrets.

How did Paul learn to be content? What was the method God showed him? I believe it was the power of looking forward. He had read Jeremiah 29:11 over and over, where God says, "For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope" (nasb). Paul was content and had no regrets because he was forgiven, his conscience was clear, he was fulfilling his divine destiny, and he had a great future ahead of him. www.HeritageChristianCenter.com ✚

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God says is right. It's not about what I say, or what any preacher says; it's about what does God say? What does His Word say? That's what we need to stand upon."

Bible studies are available at Friendship Baptist Church Christ Jesus. Evangelist Burleson says, "My husband has the Mind Lifting School of Truth, which is classes for ministers. And this year I started the Blood Covenant School of Deliverance and Empowerment. We have classes that deal with Godly and Ungodly Sexual Soul Ties, Spiritual Warfare, Seven Steps to Deliverance, and How Do You Know You Need to Be Delivered? A lot of people don't know that. There are a lot of people who are still sitting on church pews who have never been delivered. And if they don't know the truth—it's the truth KNOWN that will set us free. So, we want to give them the truth of God's Word. The Word of God deals with 16 different strongholds that are recorded in the Bible. And a lot of people don't understand that the reason they can't go forward in God or in ministry as they ought to, is because they are still bound."

The 16 strongholds that are recorded in the Bible are: Spirit of Divination, Familiar Spirit, Spirit of

Jealousy, Lying Spirit, Perverse Spirit, Spirit of Haughtiness or Pride, Spirit of Heaviness, Spirit of Whoredoms, Spirit of Infirmity, Dumb and Deaf Spirit, Spirit of Bondage, Spirit of Fear, Seducing Spirits, Spirit of Anti-Christ, Spirit of Error, Spirit of Death

Evangelist Burleson continues, "I just finished teaching a course for six Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Minister Addison is going to teach for the next seven weeks. I will be preaching at Soul Care on June 27, a Friday Night, for their Women's Conference, and at Central Baptist Church on Sunday, July 27. Two weeks ago, I preached at Divine Destiny Full Gospel Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, for a new couple that just started their ministry, Pastors Allen and Beverly Render."

The women of Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus are planning an Appreciation Luncheon for Saturday, June 14 at 11:00 a.m., at Parkhill Golf Course.

Friendship Baptist Church of Christ Jesus is located at 880 Fairfax Street, Denver, Colorado. Their phone number is 303-321-5529. Fire and Breakthrough Service is on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday nights is Warfare Class at 6:00 p.m. and the regular Bible Study for all ages at 7:00 p.m. On Thursday night is the Mind Lifting School of Truth, which is a class for ministers. ✚

(Rev 2:18-29, Heb 10:26-39, 2 Pet 2:19-21)? Those who are not turning from the ways of this world are not looking for our Lord to come (1 Tim 6:3-15, 2 Tim 4 :1-8). "By their fruit you will know them" (Matt 7:13-23, 25:1-13 NIV, 1 Thess 1:9-10 NIV, 2:3-6, Luke 21:34-36). NOTE: All NIV Scripture is used from Copyright 1973, 1978, 1984). Until next time, Jesus is coming soon. Are you going to be ready? ✚

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Thess 2:3 Amplified, Heb 10:26-27). Therefore, "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"(1Thess 1:9-10 NIV). Did you happen to notice that those who are TURNING from idolatry are also WAITING for their Lord to come



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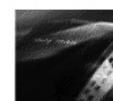
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