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PRE-STELLAR AWARDS MEDIA RECEPTION AND ARTIST SHOWCASE TERMED A 'SMASHING SUCCESS!'



(Nashville, TN) -- An overflow crowd approaching a thousand people enjoyed some of the world's finest contemporary Gospel music and a lot of good old fashioned southern hospitality Thursday night, July 8th

, during a prelude to the greatest night in Gospel, the 2021 Stellar Awards show that will happen here Saturday evening.

The nationally acclaimed Lead Pastor of The Impact Church of Nashville, Derick Faison, remarked that last night's event drew "Possibly the biggest crowd I've seen at Impact!"

Gospel fans and media from across the U.S. and the Caribbean were treated to performances from a "who's who" of current Gospel stars like Jabari Johnson, Keyondra Lockett and Bishop Cortez Vaughn, Wess

Morgan, Karima, Shontelle Norman-Beatty, Caleb Serrano, Christian Bolar, Kevin Moore, Tyler Little and many more.

The musical anointing was so great, the scheduled two-and-a-half-hour show went on for nearly FIVE hours!The primary organizer



and sponsor of the Showcase was Dallas based Round The Clock Entertainment. CEO Carlton McConnell says last night's affair "was among the top two, if not the greatest, in terms of overall spirit and attendance" in the 31 years that he's been putting on these artist showcase events as a prelude to the annual Stellar Awards

And, McConnell says, "I want to sincerely thank all of the attendees and artists, like the great Dr. Bobby Jones, at last night's showcase. Plus, of course, Pastor Faison and his awesome staff at The Impact Church of Nashville. Wow... what a blessed event this was!"

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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Leadership is not given, ordained or a right. It doesn't come from position or rank. A person can be appointed to a Church leadership position, have the title and the even the Pastor's approval and not be respected as a leader. Leadership in the Church has to be earned. It doesn't come automatically because of our position on the Church's Leadership Team. Instead, it grows out of several complementing attributes.

A respected leader is expected to be competent. Leadership is bestowed on those who, by their actions, demonstrate they know what they are doing. This doesn't mean we have to be perfect to be a leader. It does mean we need to demonstrate competence.

Competence is demonstrated when we prepare properly. When we have taken the time to prepare for what we are doing, we communicate to the people we don't think this is very important. We need to be sure to do our homework, to have our ducks in a row. When we don't, people will not be willing to follow us as their leaders.

In addition, competence is demonstrated when we indicate a growing maturity. We don't have to be perfect. We do need to be in the process of developing our gifts and growing in our faith. Leadership is earned through competence.

A respected leader is consistent. Leadership is based on trust, and trust comes when our people know they can count on us to act and react in certain expected ways. Leaders must earn trust. You must set the example, know that you are setting the example, and have a deep understanding that trustworthiness takes character. To be trusting requires values, to be trusted requires earning the privilege.

There must be consistency between what we say and what we do in our lives. The issue here is congruity. Again, this doesn't mean we have to be without fault. None of us are.



There must be a consistency between what we say to one group and what we say to another. Nothing undermines our leadership like the suspicion on the part of a fellow Church member that our word can't trusted. A commitment to the truth - in our life and in our words - will provide the kind of consistency that earn "follow-

A respected leader must be caring. Before people will allow us to lead them they must know we care about them. Have you ever heard of the "halo effect?" Various experiments have shown a tendency to see those we love in a better light, a willingness to allow some things in those we love that we do not allow in others. How do we get others to love us? We love them - genuinely, unconditionally, individually. The most important step in developing our leadership is to love people.

A respected leader needs to be a communicator. Being able to communicate effectively is the oil in any and all leadership situations. Every book on leadership I have ever read that lists the qualities of a leader always includes something about being a communicator. To be a leader in the Church calls for the ability to express our thoughts and to share our vision with the congregation. It calls for communication.

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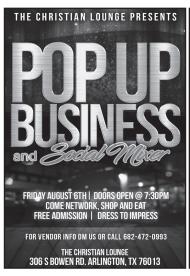
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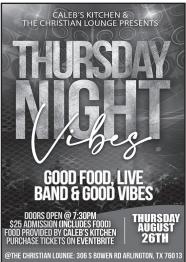
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Speak Life Thought

with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

"A Life That Don't Make Sense"

"Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah] saying, 'Arise, go to Zarephath, ... and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.'" (1 Kings 17:8-9 NKJV)

Prophet Elijah, like most who are full-time ministry, depended on the Father to sustain him. He is sent to a widow woman who is defined as not only poor but preparing for death. She has a son, but he is not of employment age to support her. In hindsight this story makes no sense but wrapped up in this mystery is the plan of God, valuable lessons to encourage faith.

- 1. God Sends a Word. God told Elijah to get up and go to an uncommon place to be sustained. It made no sense. Whenever God wants to manifest a work in your life, He sends a Word. Sometimes that Word is overwhelming, mysterious, does not make sense, full of symbolism, and leaves you in awe but you can be certain it shall come to pass.
- 2. Obedience is Essential. God told Elijah and the widow he would be sustained by her. In

the natural, this directive made no sense. Jesus even said there were many widows in Zarephath. (Luke 4:25-26) Obedience requires you to listen, receive, and activate your faith. Just like Elijah and the widow you must walk in obedience even if the directive makes no sense. Rest assured; God's Word shall come to pass.

- 3. Testing is Inevitable. The widow could handle bringing the prophet a cup of water but the command for a piece of bread was more than she could handle seeing that she had scraps left. Your obedience to God's Word will be put to the test for every child of God must be proven. God never tests without pre-establishing an escape plan. (1 Cor. 10:13)
- 4. Interruption by Grace. While this widow highlighted her lack, God interrupted her pity party. We serve a Father that knows we get weak and who will gracefully interrupt our plans. (Prov. 19:21) While the plans seem like they are dead, God has a way of resurrecting them back to life.
- 5. Reassurance Keeps You Focused. Elijah encouraged the widow to trust God by giving him the first fruit of her meal even though it made no sense. What a beautiful reminder to always put God first. (Matt. 6:33)



In all that we do the Father deserves our worship as this foster trust. God always smile upon those who trust in Him with their whole heart. (Nahum 1:7)

6. Provision for the vision. Elijah prophesied to the widow that if she obeyed God's Word, provision would be her portion. For every Word God has spoken over your life, He will always underwrite His Word. God will guarantee His own Word will come to pass in your life. (Isaiah 55:11)

The Father's Word spoken to you may not make any sense, but dear hearts be certain that if He spoke it, it shall come to pass. Be determined to walk out that Word for the Father shall perfect all that concerns you.

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INSIDE THE MUSIC

with Elder Judy Neal



"WORSHIPPING IN THE NEW NORM"

Hello to Summer 2021 with another August in which we will absolutely NEVER forget. The pandemic that caused us to have 'church' on our computers has been adjusted to church every other week 'in person' with safety procedures and slightly full sanctuaries. Some of our entertainment events that cancelled last year attempted to present 'in person' shows cautiously. Now some groups have really perfected the 'Virtual' events with real-time emcees and very glitzy video recordings. We have continued seeing impressive entrepreneurship with social media accounts at astonishing follower numbers. And economically, while demands were high for some products, the supply decreased, which has made for extremely high price gouging. Since the fight to insist that BLACK LIVES MATTER, we hitched on to that theme to recognize that FAMILY Matters and SELF-CARE Matters as well. I've seen new video exercise workouts, therapy on-line, telehealth medical visits and mobile delivery of every service you can digitally and new gospel music is being released as many gospel artists have begun traveling weekly to attend award shows and engagements. I'll use this month's ITM article to announce some of the great music and virtual music events you don't want to miss. Let's go inside the August gospel music scene.

The 'Father of Gospel Music', Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey, would be extremely proud of his 88 year old organization today. The National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses (NCGCC) is forging on to present a 2nd Virtual Annual Conference August 4-7, 2021 from 7-9pm CST. The two hour nightly conference will be presented on 3 media platforms: the NCGCC Facebook page, NCGCC on youtube.com and excitedly on RoKu Digital TV channel through 360 WiSE Gospel TV. Expect an inspirational experience of worship with Bishop John Guns. Dr. Jamal Bryant and celebrated artist BeBe Winans. Patrick Lundy, Vincent Bohanon, Geoffrey Golden, Jason Clayborn, Charles Butler and Brandon Gaines are just a few of the many talented artists who will minister each night. And stay locked through Saturday for the very informative Training Institute featuring some of our country's most accomplished Worship theologians and composers. The Stellar Awards show was presented live in Nashville, TN with hosts Ms. Jekalyn Carr and Pastor Tve

lelujah good time.

Download these profound and joyful songs released to radio recently: Brian Courtney Wilson's "STILL"; "I'M NOT ASHAMED" by Monica L Stevenson, "HOLD ON ME" by Travis Greene; "GOTTA BELIEVE" by Tasha Cobbs Leonard who wrote this prior to deciding to adopt her new baby boy; and "FIXED FIGHT" by our local great Jabari Johnson, Tamela Mann's new full album "OVERCOM-ER" releases this month as does Rev Charles Jenkins' "PRAISE PARTY VOL 1". Try to attend Titus Glenn's concert on August 14 at 6:30p out in Glenn Heights, TX at the Freedom Church. And if possible, don't miss the debut concert of Andrea Williams on July 31st in North Richland Hills at the Adamant Believers Council starting at 6pm.

I know many doors are starting to open up but please remain prayerful about when and where to go. I pray that you have not found many 'pandemic pounds' or 'Corona calories' like those that have approached me. Keep moving, praising, smiling, praying and singing. God's got this and He certainly has us. We shall overcome. We shall 'make it out' and we shall HUG again. Until this strangeness is removed and replaced by a new godly norm, keep your eyes lifted to the hills from which cometh your help. Our help comes from the Lord. Unto Him we will sing a new song and remain His faithful people.

May Peace Be Your Journey judyneal@comcast.net Holla!

Tribbett. Catch the recording of this fabulous night on the BET network in the early days of August for a halimagine. Music sales have soared T.W. Pope Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Pope Memorial Scholarship Recipients

Jasmine Robinson and Justin Davis have been awarded the T.W. Pope Memorial Scholarship under the auspices of the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church. This inaugural event occurred during the Sixty-Fourth Founder's Day, Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration held June 27th in the church sanctuary.

Both students are 2021 graduates from the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Each recipient completed the necessary requirements, including letters of recommendation and an essay. The Scholarship awards are issued to their university of enrollment for tuition, books

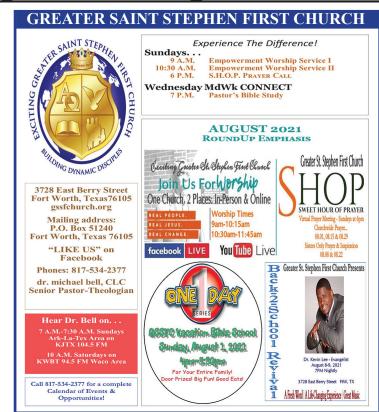
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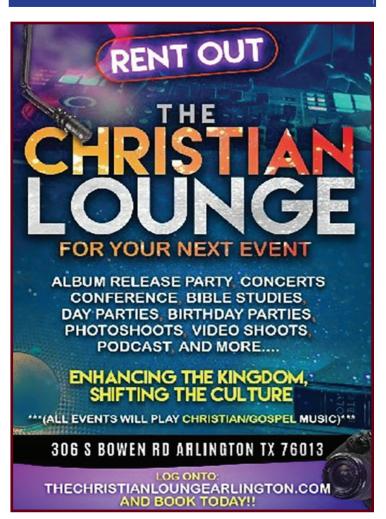
Jasmine Robinson will be pursuing a degree in Business. At Dunbar, Jasmine was actively involved in extra-curricular activities while maintaining high academic status that resulted in her graduating in the top 5% of her graduating class. In addition, Jasmine was enrolled in dual credit and has accrued college hours.

Justin Davis will be pursuing a degree in Nursing. At Dunbar, Justin was actively involved in extra-curricular activities while also participating in academic-related clubs. He maintained high academic status and graduated in the upper-quorum of his graduating class. In addition, Justin was enrolled in dual credit and has accrued college hours.

Congratulations, blessings and best wishes to our 2021 T.W. Pope Memorial Scholarship recipients. Heart-felt gratitude is extended to Pastor Lester Singleton for the vision and establishment of the memorial scholarship; inexpressible gratitude to our generous contributors.









(Pic 1) The Gorman Memorial HS Church Reunion, Hosted by Bro. De wayne Daniel in Crowley, TX. Pastor Gatlon Foreman and Pastor Shaon Ford-Turner present; (Pic 2) 4th Of July Como Parade with Sharor Ford-Turner, Mason Ford and City Councilman Chris Nettles.

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The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word...

Rev. J.R. Brumfield **BACK TO THE BASICS**

Revelations 2:1-7

INTRODUCTION

It is almost time for school to begin and students to attend classes in preparation for another scholastic year. The bands are anxiously preparing for upcoming performances. It's almost time for the football team to begin their grueling practices in the heat of the summer for the rapidly approaching fall season. Days of learning and relearning are upon every student. Teachers are nearing the end of their summer vacations and conscientiously preparing to meet the challenge of instructing students in their classrooms.

Although much can be stated about the principle of back to the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic, I must tell you that the people of God must adhere to the same concept. When it is generally accepted in our society to allow same-sex marriage in our land, we need to return to the basics. We need to return to the basic principles and guidelines given to us in the Holy Scriptures. In Genesis 2:18, God instructs the believer that marriage by God's design is the union of one man and one woman. The blessings of God is upon the life of those who obey God's Word.

When we consider the "back to the basic" theology for developing our communities, our churches, and our country, we must form solid relationships. Since God is relational, then He expects the believers to reach out and touch someone else. In the days of old, communities would host community events for the churches to get together. During the time of the Civil Rights Movement, the Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, and other Protestant churches would come together and acknowledge that we are one people united for the cause of freedom in America. If the church would speak out as one people, then we can solitarily address the issues of police brutality, racism in America, poverty in our communities, hunger among our people, homelessness in our communities, educational disadvantages, and etc. We can accomplish more when we do it together. In other words, we do it better when we do it together.

When the church can return to the basics of true authenticity, real and personal relationships, we can accomplish much. The same is true in our families. Many families are so busy with daily activities that they forget to pray and eat together. Have we lost the fire of faith in our homes? As we approach our thematic text, we will observe that we need to guard our hearts against leaving our first love.

The Lord's Proclamation, v. 1 We find that in the book of Revelations, there is a Word that is directed to the church at Ephesus. This was a church that had been watered and governed by the Apostle John. This epistle or



letter was sent to John and it starts off by saying, "These things saith He that holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden can-dlesticks." When we take a telescopic perspective of this text, we see that the stars represent the called ministers that God holds in his hand. It is noteworthy to state that God knows us by name. He is the one that fills each called minister with light and influence. If the Lord did not support His ministers, then they would become as falling stars. Also, the bible tells us that God walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks and this informs us that God has a relationship with His church. The Lord knows the stars and the golden candlesticks. He knows our frailties and he cares for us. Yes, the Lord takes pleasure in knowing His people. Don't you know that you can know the Lord better when you pray? The more we acquaint ourselves with God, then the more we can stand against the wiles of the devil and be the church that we profess. We want to profess and possess the light of the gospel.

The Lord's Evaluation, v. 2, 3

According to v. 2, the Word tells us that "I know thy works and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou cannot bear them which are evil." As people of God, do we go along to get along or do we stand up for what is right in the eyesight of God? The church at Ephesus had some good qualities because they were diligent in their services and they exercised patience. Also, the church at Ephesus could not tolerate hypocrisy among them. They were exercising a labor of love and attended regular worship services. They were present at the Lord's Supper and rejoiced when members were added to the church. Do we forsake the assembling of ourselves and find other things to do on Sunday morning? Do we allow the Holy Spirit to refresh us so that we might keep going and moving upward toward Do we endure hardness as

a good soldier of Christ? Christ keeps an account of every good work and he has the best accounting system that humanity has ever known. Although the church at Ephesus had some admirable qualities, yet something was found amiss in them. The bible teaches that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. In verse 4, we find that the Lord had discovered something that was not quite right in the church at Ephesus.

The Lord's Exhortation, v. 4, 5, 7 "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love." Remember from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place. As members of the body of Christ, we want the Lord to bless. our efforts but something is amiss. When we start to engage in samesex marriages, alcoholism, racism, child abuse, child pornography, organized crime and inequalities in government, or washing our cars on Sunday morning, we are showing signs of leaving our first love. If we as members of the body persist in sinful activities, then the Lord will punish his people. Will you be ready when the bridegroom comes? When members of the body of Christ are walking in the light, then the world can see a clearer picture of what the Lord requires. In v. 7, it states, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." If you have backslidden or drifted away from the peaceful shore, the Lord is available and ready to help you in your time of distress.

In closing, please know that if people of God would repent and return unto the Lord, He will bless your life. Let's return unto the attributes of caring about our neighbors, and recovering our zeal. Let's walk in the light. Let's take a retrospective view and remember that it was the Lord that hath brought us a mighty long way. We must pray earnestly and watch diligently. Revive us O Lord! Let's love and live so that others might see our Father and glorify Him on earth. Let's go back to the basics of Christian principles and Christian doctrines.

Rev. J.R., Brumfield is a member of Berean Bible Fellowship Church in Plano, Tx., Pastor Rev. Kenneth West.

Look forward to his monthly articles covering Sunday School and Bible Lessons each month. Please direct all comments to Rev. Brumfield at his contact information listed

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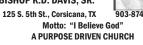
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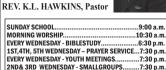
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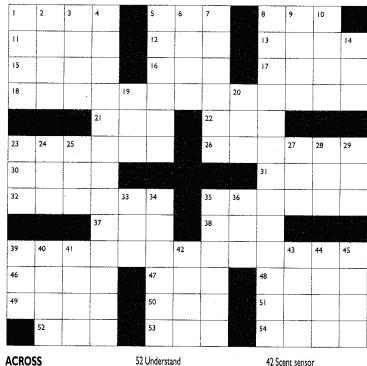
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