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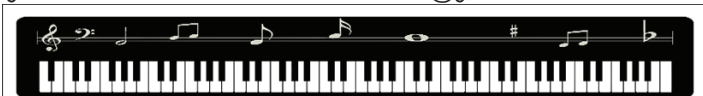
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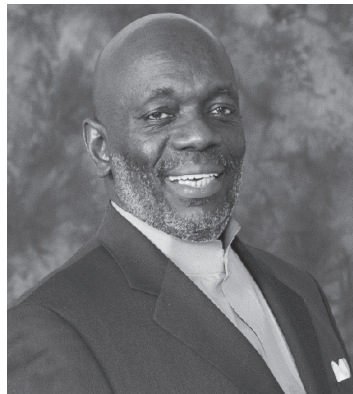
"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Most of us live by or are informed by the mantra "more is better." A representative sample of my pastor friends have talked with me about cutting back on the number of weekend services their church has. During the thick of the global pandemic (*which, by the way, is still in effect*), some pastors may have done like I did, that is, have multiple worship services. The two Sunday morning worship services were necessary due to social distancing and other Covid-related protocols. I mean, pre-Covid, if the church you attended, supported financially and served with had two or three weekend worship services it was a sign that your church was prospering and reaching people for Jesus Christ. For years, the conventional wisdom has been that increasing the number of worship services is the best path to go. You rarely heard leaders advocating decreasing the number of services. The concern is that the reduction of choices results in lower overall attendance.

But, there is substantial evidence that the "more is better" rule doesn't always hold. In fact, I've discovered that more than a few churches have actually increased their attendance when they decreased the number of services. After the Covid pandemic slowed down a little bit, I talked with a pastor friend on the East Coast who had three Sunday services pre-Covid and asked him about the wisdom of going from three worship to one and his answer was simple. He said, "Michael, the attendance dynamics have changed significantly and all we were doing was spreading the faithful over the multiple services and through prayer I chose to have one service that everyone could attend." I listened to his counsel, cut the number of weekend worship services to one and that has revived my church.

Now, there's something here I don't want you to miss: **not all losses in attendance are bad.** Here are a few ways the decline in attendance can be healthy for the church.

First, **the rescheduling to fewer weekend worship services provide**



an opportunity to re-focus. Historically, the church has wagered almost everything on gathering people in a building. But now, growing churches are focusing less on gathering and much more on connecting.

Second, **the pandemic has given many church leaders a clear picture of who the healthy and contributing church members are.** We now know more than ever those upon whom they can depend. They know who their "go-to" members are. I've found that there are a good number of congregants who are hearers of the Word and not doers.

Number three: **The simple church is being discovered or re-discovered.** Many pastors and other church leaders have dared to eliminate many church activities. And, in doing so, they have led their churches to develop a clear and robust process of discipleship. Plus, the more services a church has, the greater the challenge to secure volunteers.

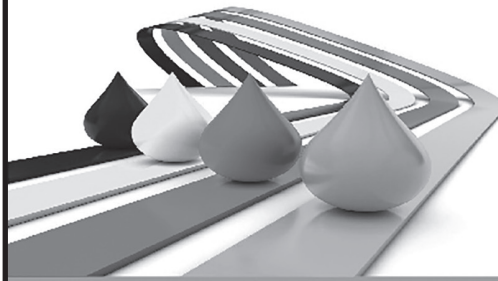
To be clear, I'm not advocating that the decrease in the number of Sunday morning services is best for all churches. But I am suggesting that it might indeed be the best option for a number of churches whose leaders have been reluctant to move in this direction.

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Jesus Christ, the precious gift of life given to all of humanity. As we reflect on this year, the world as we know it shall never be. We have seen such disaster, destruction, and devastation to such an elevated degree it is mind-boggling. The heart of man seems deceitful and spitefully wicked. Elevated prices in groceries, rent, interest rates, and the gas pump, just to name a few, have brought about an economic recession. Senseless mass shootings at retail stores to schools make you wonder if it is worth it to even walk out the door.

While we may live in a hostile world, it is not without hope or life. The Bible declares that

"God so loved this world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). The hope for all of mankind is found through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Living a life of sin and unrighteousness leads to a path of destruction for "the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). As a born-again believer in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, I and all believers are mandated to share the love of God with everyone. For the Gospel is the Good News, the Power of God that leads to the saving grace of the Father (Romans 1:16). The greatest gift given to us was salvation. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ this Christmas season, let us try not to place so much emphasis on the tangible gift as we should on the eternal gift. Gifting giving is indeed a joy, but we should avoid overextending ourselves to where our intentions lead us to unnecessary debt.



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My dear hearts, let us be creative in our giving to others in the tangible but ever so freely be determined to share the Good News of the Gift of Life. Merry Christmas to you and your family and I pray a prosperous and purposeFULL New Year be your portion in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Students will experience arts-integrated, project-based learning across subject areas and conservatory programming in dance, digital media arts, literary arts, music, theatre, and visual arts. The middle school program is an exploratory opportunity for students to learn and develop pertinent skills to make informed decisions about AVPA's high school conservatory programs for which they'll audition in the Spring of their eighth-grade year.

Another hallmark of AVPA is its dedication to personalized learning. This is bolstered by a commitment to provide a safe, challenging learning environment that cultivates, sustains, and promotes academic and artistic excellence. AVPA culture focuses on five tenets of well-being by addressing the needs of students enrolled. By addressing physical, psychological, social, emotional, and economic needs AVPA students are more apt to succeed academically and artistically.



Several community meetings have put residents and prospective students in direct communication with AVPA founder, Superintendent, and Principal, Stephanie Love. With enrollment opened, Dr. Love seeks to spread awareness of the school with faith and community leaders and the residents they serve. If you wish to learn more about the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts or wish to speak with Dr. Love, visit the school on the web at: www.avpaschools.org.

Some of the world's foremost entertainers the likes of Kirk Franklin, Major Attaway, Sedrick Huckaby, Leon Bridges, Tatiana Mayfield, Ornette Coleman, Dewey Redman, Channing Godfrey Peoples, and several others hail from Fort Worth, a city without a major school for the performing and visual arts in their home communities. Though proximity is not always the immediate crisis, opportunity equity, and impedances to fine arts-enriched programming, yet abound. AVPA seeks to fill this void and make futures in visual and performing arts a possibility for more students with the opening of their school.

We mourn the loss of Supt E. Charles Barrett, Pastor of Rising Star Church of God in Christ, Fort Worth, TX



Supt. E. Charles Barrett was born in Palestine, Texas a small town in East Texas. He is the 8th child of eleven children born to the union of Bishop Tyree and Queen Esther Barrett. Supt. Barrett was brought up in a very strict home, where he attended a Methodist church and was taught the word of God.

Supt. Barrett received his diploma from Neches High School in 1970. After finishing high school he came to Fort Worth, Texas, where he worked for a blueprint company for over 23 years. He later enrolled in air condition and electrical classes, where he received his certificate in air condition.

In 1971, Supt. Barrett married the love of his life, Ida M. Busby and they have been married 39 years. To this union, the Lord has blessed them with two precious children, Kathy and Charles. They have been blessed with a beautiful daughter -in-law (Annie) and five precious grandchildren.

The Lord saved and filled Supt. Barrett with the Holy Ghost under the leadership of the late Supt. Robert L. Macklin,

who was the pastor and founder of The Rising Star Church of God In Christ. Supt. Macklin became his spiritual father and mentor and trained him for the great task that was ahead of him.

After serving as a Junior Deacon for a short time, the Lord called Supt. Barrett to preach the gospel. After Supt. Macklin observed him and the love he had for the people, Supt. Barrett was appointed the Assistant Pastor of The Rising Star Church of God In Christ.

Under Supt. Macklin, he served as the Y.P.W.W. president for over 25 years. He organized the video ministry and as the Assistant Pastor, he served in numerous capacities of the church. In the Starlight District under District Supt. Macklin, he served as the District Sunday School Supt. and treasurer. In 2004 the Lord saw fit to call Supt. Macklin from labor to reward. Before his demise, Supt. Macklin let it be known that he wanted Supt. Barrett to succeed him as pastor of this great church. After Supt. Macklin's demise, Supt. Barrett was installed as Pastor of The Rising Star Church of God In Christ by the Jurisdictional Bishop,

Bishop James Edward Lee, prelate of The Texas East Jurisdiction. Souls have been added to the church, and God's favor continues to be upon the church. God told Joshua, "So I was with Moses, I'll be with you". The church has advanced to the next level under the leadership of Supt. Barrett.

After being installed as Pastor, the Lord has steadily exalted Supt. Barrett. As we all know Promotions come from God. He was promoted and installed as an Assistant District Supt, under the District Supt. Johnny Castleberry and after Supt. Castleberry resigned as District Supt. Supt. Barrett was promoted and installed as District Supt. of The Starlight District.

In 2009, he was promoted and installed as a Special Assistant to Bishop James E. Lee, Prelate of The Texas East Jurisdiction.

Supt. Barrett and the Rising Star COGIC is one of longest tenure supporters of CHURCHIN' Monthly and he will truly be missed. We continue to lift the family up in prayer.

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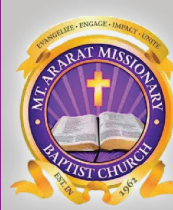
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Gospel Musicians...Who are they?

Gospel music originated when African Americans began to fuse traditional African sounds with Christian lyrics.

Gospel musicians play a form of religious music to express their personal Christian beliefs or those of the Christian community. They use a variety of instruments to try to generate intense feelings in those who listen to the music. Gospel music is played as part of the regular Sunday worship service or for the personal enjoyment of the musician. Since its inception, gospel music has become increasingly popular, and an entire genre is devoted to it within the music industry.

Gospel music may be played as part of a regular Sunday worship service.

The lyrics of the gospel songs they sing are written in a call and answer manner where the singers call out a line and wait for the audience to repeat. Gospel singers often have strong vocal chords and an ability to harmonize with various instruments or other vocalists. They may perform solos, in small groups, or as a part of a choir. Some gospel quartets and groups perform without the aid of backup musicians. Others, like the Blind Boys of Alabama, perform with only one or two other instruments.

Country music has been influenced by gospel music.

In other gospel groups, the melody is played by pianists, organists, drummers, and guitarists. Gospel musicians focus their energy on the feeling behind the musical notes and strive to play more than just what is written on the page. These musicians attempt to create emotion in their audience with the sounds emanating from their instruments. They may play the note louder to create excitement and urgency, or they may play softer to

create a feeling of sadness or despair.

Gospel musicians may perform as part of a church choir.

Gospel musicians and singers are taught various chord progressions to enhance the feeling of the worship service. They may use shouting and praise chords to encourage parishioners to sing, clap, or dance while shouting praise to God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit. Musicians may use worship chords to infuse feeling into the ceremony. Preaching chords are taught to musicians so that they may use their instrument

or voice to enhance the preacher's sermon.

Traditionally, Gospel musicians were of African-American descent, but they now include people of all backgrounds. The music originated in the early 1800s as a means for African-American slaves to learn the Christian faith. It was also used to reinforce the doctrine of slavery. The music progressed through the holiness-Pentecostal movement, and from there, it was played on the radio. Traces of gospel music are found in a variety of musical genres such as blues, country, jazz, and rock and roll.

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SERVICE TIMES

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Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in your faith... 1 Peter 5:8-9a ESV

We can tell if we are in the flesh or the Spirit by our symptoms. Every symptom I have listed above is of the flesh. These are all warning signs that we are walking by sight and not by faith. In themselves, they are all sins that lead to more visible outward acts of sin.

For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin. Rom 14:23b ESV

When we are in the flesh it is as if we are standing on a slippery slope, one wrong step and down we go into more sin. So, do you understand why the enemy wants you in the flesh?

Thankfully, in Christ we are protected from sins condemnation, we are under grace and no longer under the law (Rom 6:14). But God does not want us in turmoil that leads to outward acts of sin that can hurt us and others. He wants us walking by faith in the Spirit. This is the only way to defeat the flesh and naturally produce the fruits of the Spirit.

The only permanent solution is to stop doubting and believe God's promises all out. We must trust our heavenly Father. His peace and power are ours; we just need to believe and trust Him completely.

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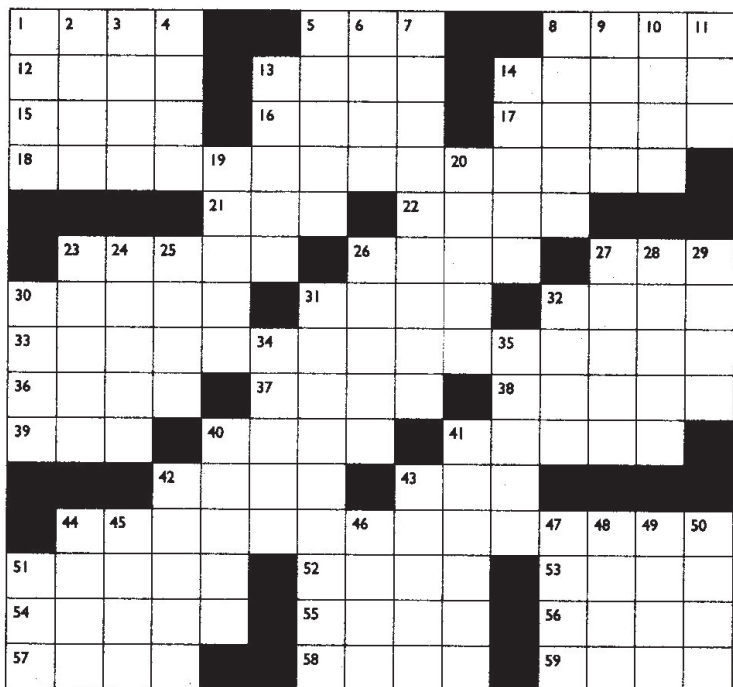
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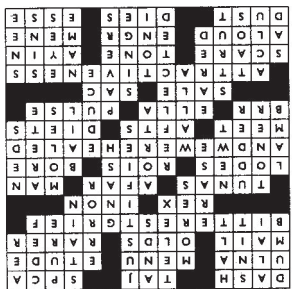


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- 1 A pinch of a recipe ingredient
- 5 Atlantic City casino
- 8 Humane org. abbr.
- 12 Armbone
- 13 Bill of fare
- 14 Musical exercise
- 15 Armor
- 16 Auto pioneer
- 17 More unusual
- 18 What the "man of sorrows" was acquainted with (Isa. 53:3)
- 21 Tyrannosaurus or Oedipus
- 22 One of the plotters of (2 wds.)
- 23 Sandwich salads
- 26 A long way off
- 27 "A ____ of sorrows" (Isa. 53:3)
- 30 Veins
- 31 French rulers
- 32 "Yet it was our grief he ____" (Isa. 53:4)
- 33 "He was lashed— ____" (Isa. 53:5)
- 36 Appropriate, formerly
- 37 The backs of boats
- 38 Slimfast and Weight Watchers
- 39 Exclamation of a cold person
- 40 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
- 41 Sign of life
- 42 Transaction
- 43 Pouch
- 44 "But in our eyes there was no ____ at all" (Isa. 53:2)
- 51 Spook

DOWN

- 52 Musical sound
- 53 Hebrew letter
- 54 Vocally
- 55 Operator of a RR train: abbr.
- 56 A word on Belshazzar's wall
- 57 What man was made from
- 58 Expires
- 59 Being (Lat.)
- 30 "He was brought as a ____ to the slaughter" (Isa. 53:7)
- 31 Sent back light
- 32 Bond
- 34 ____ Walla, Washington
- 35 Draw out
- 40 Like some vases
- 41 Cement workers
- 42 March ostentatiously
- 43 Burn slightly
- 44 Human rights watchdog: abbr.
- 45 New Mexico town
- 46 Home permanent
- 47 Handle
- 48 "In God's ____ he was like a tender green shoot" (Isa. 53:2)
- 49 "But he was wounded and bruised for our ____" (Isa. 53:5)
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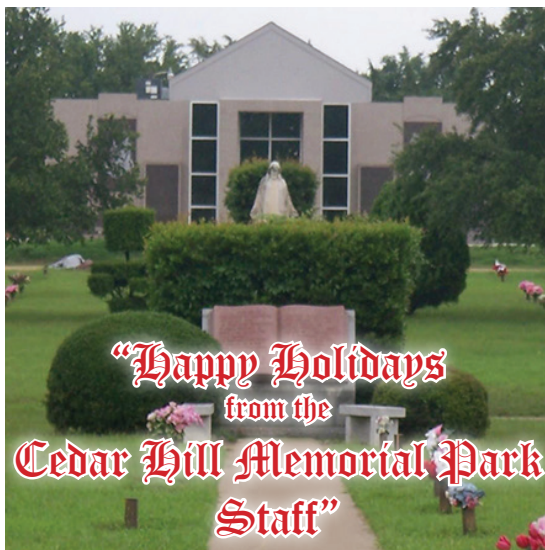
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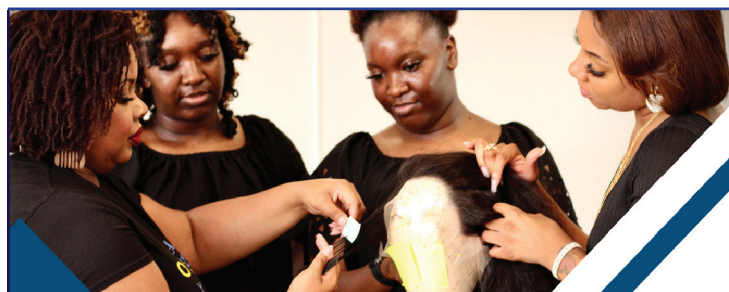
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