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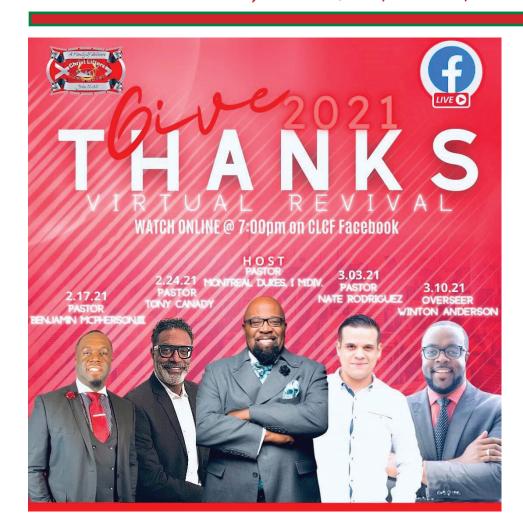
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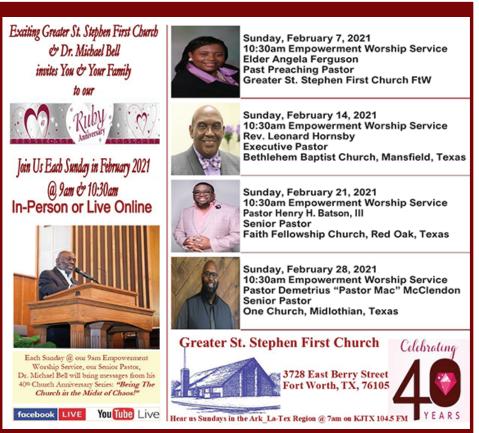
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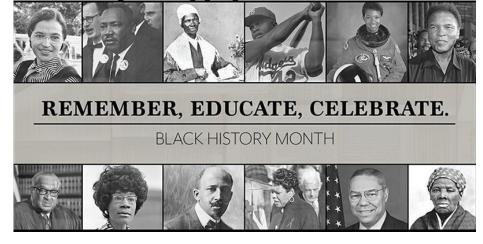


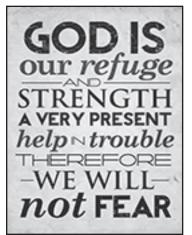
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### "The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

The novel coronavirus pandemic has caused the Church to reassess the way she serves the community of faith. Pastors and Church leaders have been burdened with trying to figure out the next step to take and the right course to chart in these tumultuous times. Many are struggling with reduced online worship attendance, declining financials and membership disconnectedness.

In recent weeks, I've heard from more than a few of my colleagues asking what the Church should do to rebuild and/or restart post Covid. Back in August 2020, Da-Group, said, "Up to 1 in 5 Churches could close their doors permanently as a result of shutdowns from COVID-19 closure orders." written by Michele Conlin, "Most to LifeWay, 26% of churches have seven weeks or less of operating income. An additional quarter only have enough to last eight to 15 weeks." By the time the COVID-19 pandemic has finally run its course, how healthy do you think your Church will be?

Pastor/Church leader, here are a handful of things to consider as you gauge your congregation's post-Covid strategy.

#### 1. Focus on Being Christ-Centered rather than Returning to Normalcy.

I wish I had a quarter for every time someone opined, "I'll sure be glad when things return to normal?" It's becoming increasing obvious that things will not mal sanitation protocol in your return to "normal" for a while, and maybe that's a good thing. For too long, the Church has operated the same way week after week, with little variation or room for the Holy Spirit to operate. I believe that God is calling the ecclesia back to centering herself again on him.

Now just might be the right time to lead your congregation in intentional prayer aimed at recentering the church back on Christ and preparing the way for the future.

2. Return to People, Not Programs.



Programs are not what people want; they want to feel connected. For months some have disconnected from being a part of the Church, Telephone calls, text vid Kinnaman, president of Barna messages, social media touchpoints, and even snail mail can make people feel that they are a part of something greater than themselves. Without people According to a Reuter's article coming back to the house of God, there will be no need for pro-American churches do not have grams. Connect with people to sizeable endowments. According share Christ's love, purpose and encouragement.

#### 3. Be Adaptable.

If you have learned anything over the last ten months, it should be to be adaptable, flexible. By now, you realize that you can't control what is happening to you, but you can control your response to what is happening to you. See the changes wrought by Covid-19 as a chance to evaluate everything. Stop being hardwired to the past, instead adapt to the present situation and needs of the Church.

#### 4. Continue to practice heightened sanitation practices as you begin to restart Church after COVID-19.

Continue to practice above-norchurch for the sake of those who (1) physically require a clean space due to COVID susceptibility and (2) have a softer conscience about how to care for those who desire to physically show up for Church. Make it as easy as possible for the largest number of people to choose to physically attend

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### "Speak Life Thought"

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#### "A Good Life"

7 Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. 8 Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. 9 So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. 10 Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. (Galatians 6:7-10)

This is a passage many of us have preached and prayed, focusing on that highly anticipated "harvest." The central theme to the Galatian Church is, "do good." The word good here means, joyful, beautiful, excellent, honorable, and right. There are many ways as believers we can "do good" and one way emphasized here is to support the Pastor-Teacher who dedicated their life to God to fulltime ministry to care for God's people through sound doctrine, prayer, and counsel. The law provided that the Jews support the priests, and the Gentiles' custom was to pay fees and made vows, etc., to sustain their religion. However, the enemy comes in to distort the truth and persuade others to alter their good toward more fleshy (selfish) and sinful pleasures. "That is too much to give to the Church or to a man," some say. This group was making the truth ugly and doing all they could to pull other Christian believers to dummy down to their ugly.

In 1 Corinthians 9:7-14, Paul encourages the Corinthian Church to support the Pastor-Teacher, who God called to teach, support, and care for the flock. Those that benefit from this service should do good by reciprocating their support. The Kingdom principle behind this support is that it is done not out of obligation but out of love. It is voluntary and flows from a willing heart. It goes beyond the minimum requirement of ten percent and motivated by "as God has so graciously prospered you." (1 Cor. 16:2) Giving in word or deed is an opportunity to do good and reap a Kingdom

Paul warns the believers that "God cannot be mocked." God cannot be snubbed by your ill-motive. What you sow, you will reap. This is a natural and spiritual principle. In other words, there is a guaranteed harvest that is determined by what you give out. If you sow evil, you will reap evil. If you sow good, you will reap good. Paul encourages the believer to take every opportunity to do good especially amongst the Body of Christ. Not just a one-time opportunity of good but a persistent, consistent, and constant opportunity to do



good. Just think about it. When you sow for the benefit of God's Kingdom including your spiritual growth, you will receive as a consequence of your own action a Kingdom harvest. The harvest may take a while, but it is sure to come. Don't quit doing good. Don't give up. A tailored made harvest motivated by your good is coming. That is the promise of

I said all that to encourage you not to allow the voices of others to sabotage your endeavor to do good. Just because they ugly does not mean you have to be ugly. They will reap ugly. Just because they stingy does not mean you have to be stingy. They will reap stingy. So dear hearts, be determined to take advantage of every opportunity to do good and anticipate a good harvest.

Dr. Yolanda G. Butler is Co-Pastor and Church Administrator of Praise Center Community Church, where her husband Bishop Donald H. Butler is the Senior Pastor. She is an intercessor, evangelist, mentor, and published author. Follow her on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and at www.firstladybutlerministries.com.

### **Black History Personality**

### Hazel Harvey **Peace**

Hazel Harvey Peace (August 4, 1907- June 8, 2008) was an important African-American educator, activist, and humanitarian in Fort Worth, Texas. The namesake of an elementary school, municipal building, and library youth center in Fort Worth, Peace overcame racial segregation to provide opportunities for African Americans, youth, and women in Fort Worth, Dallas, and throughout the state of Texas.

Hazel Bernice Harvey was born August 4, 1907 in Waco, Texas to Allen H. and Georgia Mason Harvey; the family moved to Fort Worth three months later. Hazel's father was a Pullman porter on the Missouri and Pacific Railroad, and her mother was a homemaker who also owned a children's clothing shop. An only child and something of a prodigy, young Hazel was reading at the age of four. Hazel Harvey attended James E. Guinn Elementary School through sixth grade, then went to high school at the Fort Worth Colored School, graduating at the age of thirteen. A voracious reader, she spent much of her time at Fort Worth's segregated Carnegie Public Library, where she could check out books but not stay and read them.

She attended Howard University, a historically black university in Washington, D.C., where she became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first black sorority in the United States. Graduating in 1923, Hazel Harvey returned to Fort Worth to teach at her alma mater, by then renamed I.M. Terrell High School, while still a teenager herself. Between school years, she attended summer classes at Columbia University in New York, living at the YWCA in Harlem during the height of the Harlem Renaissance. After earning her master's degree from Columbia, she continued her postgraduate education by taking summer courses at the University of Wisconsin, Vassar College, Hampton University, and Atlanta University.

Hazel "Mama Hazel" Harvey married contractor Joe Peace (1908-1959), a graduate of the Tuskegee Institute, in 1938. She never dropped her maiden name, always using her full name, Hazel Harvey Peace. The couple had no children, but she was nicknamed "Mama Hazel" by her students, whom she considered family.

Peace was known as the "matriarch" of I.M. Terrell High School,



working there from 1924 until it was closed in 1972 due to court-ordered desegregation. She spent nearly 50 years at the school, first as a teacher, then as counselor, dean of girls, and, finally, vice principal. She taught whatever subject was needed, including English, drama, debate, and history. Peace launched a children's theater at I.M. Terrell, where kids from local black elementary schools could attend plays, as well as a debate club. Due in part to Peace's tireless efforts to make up for the segregated school's lack of resources, I.M. Terrell became known for the quality of its college-prep curriculum and for producing most of Fort Worth's black middle class. Known locally as a "monument to black accomplishment," jazz musician Ornette Coleman, Texas state legislator Reby Cary, Harvard professor James Cash, Jr., and legendary Fort Worth journalist Bob Ray Sanders are among Peace's former students.

After retiring from I.M. Terrell, Peace worked in administrative positions at Bishop College and Paul Quinn College in Dallas, Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, and Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View. Texas. She retired from education in 1981.

Peace worked as a volunteer in the evenings at Fort Worth's John Peter Smith Hospital while she was also teaching at I.M. Terrell, and campaigned for "equalization" of black and white teachers' salaries After her retirement, she became more active in the community, as an advocate for youth, women, and the homeless. She served on the Fort Worth Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Fort Worth Public Library Advisory Council, the board of the Women's Center of Tarrant County, the United Way, the Fort Worth chapter of the NAACP, YWCA, and the reading program at Bethlehem Community Center in Fort Worth. She was the chair of the Mayor's Task Force on Housing, the Near Southeast Citizens Commission, and the Near Southside Neighborhood Advisory

Peace was presented with Fort Worth Human Relations Commission's Humanitarian Award in 1977

and 1985. In 1988, she received the United Way's Hercules Award. In 1987, she was nominated to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, but ultimately not inducted.

In 1992, Hazel Harvey Peace received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Texas Weslevan University, and Fort Worth Public Library's youth center was named after her. In 2001, Peace participated as an Olympic torchbearer in advance of the Salt Lake City winter games. In 2007, the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science created an endowed professorship in children's library services in Peace's honor, the first in Texas to be named after an African American woman.

The Fort Worth Public Library held a public celebration for Peace's 100th birthday in 2007. She died on June 8, 2008 at the age of 100 and was buried alongside her husband at Cedar Hill Memorial Park in Arlington, Texas.

Peace made a lasting impact on Fort

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Worth and the educational commu-resentatives Michael Burgess and nity, leaving the proceeds of her Kay Granger. estate to Howard University, Texas Mother of Mercy Catholic Elementary School. Peace's popularity was such that hers was the first public black funeral in Fort Worth, and memorials to Hazel Harvey Peace were entered into the remarks of the U.S. House of Representatives and Congressional Record by U.S. Rep-

Wesleyan University, the Fort Worth In 2009, the City of Fort Worth Public Library Foundation, and Our named its newest municipal building, the Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods, in honor of this local neighborhood advocate. In 2010, Fort Worth ISD opened the Hazel Harvey Peace Elementary School in southwest Fort Worth.

### Dr. Michael Evans, Sr. 1st Black Mayor of Mansfield, Texas

Reverend Dr. Michael A. Evans, Sr. is the proud pastor of the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Mansfield, Texas, where he has humbly served for more than 30 years as the "Under Shepherd." Born the oldest of 6 children and is a native of Houston, Texas. He is married to Mrs. Lisa C. Evans, his high school sweetheart of more than 34 years. To this union, they have two adult children and a beautiful granddaughter.

Pastor Evans received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (Pre-Law) from the University of Texas at Arlington. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School. He participated in doctoral studies at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Baylor University's Truett Theological

Pastor Evans has served as an administrator with the Tarrant County College District, with coordination and oversight responsibilities for the district's ESL and Adult Basic Education Centers. He has also served as the City of Arlington's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. speaker on three occasions; as a consultant on race relations for church, county, and state officials; as Reserve Chaplain in the United States Navy as a commissioned officer; and as a passionate Mansfield community advocate. As part of this advocacy, he is Founder of the following organizations: The BBC Educational Enrichment Corporation, which has helped more than 1,000 young people throughout the Southeast Arlington-Mansfield-Kennedale area with tutoring services, career exploration, and summer job placement; The Hope House Community Service Network, that assisted indigent individuals in Southeast Tarrant County with addiction recovery, medical services, and transportation needs; and The Historic West Mansfield

Texas Community Development Corporation, which encourages quality economdevelopment of the Historic West Mansfield Community, strumental in the



construction of Bethlehem's Pioneer Place Senior Adult Independent Living Complex which opened in 2019. Dr. Evans also serves as Director of the Life Touch Cottage Ministries Inc., a Christian education and evangelism organization serving children and youth in Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria-West Africa.

Pastor Evans is the former Director of African American Ministries for the Baptist General Convention of Texas that involved service to over 800 churches statewide. In addition, in July 2018, for two consecutive terms Dr. Evans was elected as the President of the Baptist General Convention of Texas serving over 5.300 churches across the state of Texas. He was inducted to the City of Mansfield's Wall of Honor in 2007, an award reserved for outstanding service for the city, her people, and the surrounding communities. He has served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Mansfield Independent School District and as Adjunct Professor at Dallas Baptist University's College of Christian Faith. He currently serves on the Advisory Council of Tarrant County Habitat for Humanity, the Methodist Mansfield Medical Center Advisory Board, a member of the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement Advisory Board (Mansfield). He has served as a member of the Tarrant County Commissioner's Court Citizens Blue Ribbon Council on Healthcare Services, and on the Board of Trustees for the Tarrant County Community College District, and as a Regent for Baylor University of Waco TX.

### Dr. Darrell Ward, Sr., newly elected **Pastor of East Saint Paul Baptist Church**

Darrell L. Ward, Sr. Confessed his faith in Christ at an early age and was baptized under the pastorate of the late, Reverend J. D. Hill, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Muncie, Indiana. He entered the US Army, which ultimately led him to Fort Worth, Texas in 1991 where he united with Greater St. Stephens Baptist Church under the auspices of the late Dr. R. B. Grav. There he was called into the ministry in June 1992. Rev. D. L. Ward delivered his first sermon on July 5, 1992, in Killeen, Texas under Pastor H. E. Debose, Simmonsville Missionary Baptist Church. He served as an assistant minister and member of the choir from 1992 through 2001. He was ordained on September 28, 1998 under the late Dr. R. B. Gray, Greater St. Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church.

In January 1999, Rev. Ward attended the Trinity Valley Baptist Seminary College receiving several degrees. He received an Associate Degree in 2000, Bachelors Degree in 2002, Masters Degree in 2004, and on May 5, 2006, he received a



Doctorate Degree in Theology.

Rev. Ward united with Community Missionary Baptist Church under the jurisdiction of Pastor R. J. Mc-Ginty, where he served as an Associate Minister from 2003 to July 2006 until he was called to Pastor the Original Greater Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. In 2008, he resigned as the Pastor of the Original Greater Saint Stephen's Missionary Baptist Church, and went on to organize the Christian Fellowship Baptist Church until 2013; which he considered the worst year of his life, after tragically losing his son.

From 2013 to 2017, Reverend Ward traveled across the country preaching and teaching at various churches, and ministered through evangelism and church leadership workshops. In February 2018. he united with the late Rev. R. L. Rogers at Harvey Avenue Baptist Church. He resigned from Harvey Avenue in December 2018.

From January 2020 to December 2020, Rev. Ward assisted Pastor Howard McLean of Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Hillsboro Texas, until he was called to East St. Paul Baptist Church on January 1, 2021.

Dr. D. L. Ward, is truly a man of God who comes to lead God's people. He has retired with 29 years of government service, and three years state service. He married in July 2017 to Alysa Ward and has three children. He is a very faithful and dependable servant of God. Overall, he has 29 years of ministerial experience for all ages and he has a significant background in nearly every aspect of church ministry, i.e., Pastor, preacher, teacher, evangelist, choir, youth, education, and administration.





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### ....."NEW THINGS still came forth"

Happy Blessed and Safe New Year, people of God! We made it! And we all know that the Grace of God allowed it to be so. Like me, you are probably still in awe of how God kept us through that undefinable and unpredictable year that was supposed to be a year of clearer vision and direction. And if there was anything that it did not bring, it was clarity. With a virus that came out of nowhere and government leadership that didn't lead, many days last year were generally hazy, shocking and erratic. I don't want to make this a memorial article, but I can't forget the many, many people who died last year. People who I knew personally, through the community, news headlines, gospel music industry relationships, famous celebrities and one family member - all gone due to an unknown, invisible virus that quickly spread over the entire world. Bless God for those who were stricken with the virus and lived to tell of it. I have heard some of those 'survivors' testify about their experiences. Some had minimal symptoms and others had long term effects even after the virus cleared. Every day we tuned in to hear the experts report what they were learning, while regular life issues continued during a major Election Year. This played out like scenes from a fast action thriller movie full of suspense with strong parental guidance recommended!! Oh Lord, my God, and we still survived! And consider this: some people not only survived, but found their footing to thrive in new and creative ways. In a season where death, loss and forfeiture were abounding, God was enthusing some of us with new ideas, new goals and Holy Ghost Boldness. His Word had already declared it possible; we just needed to see it performed and submit ourselves to the manifestation. And speaking of submission....

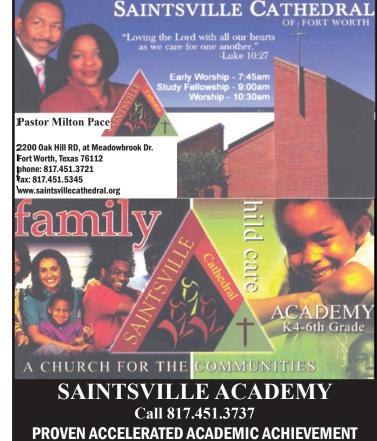
As entrepreneurs, my husband and I surely thought that after 3 months of Covid-19 closure, we'd be hardpressed to continue our 18 year old businesses. With major stores like Pier One. Sears and Stein Mart shutting down, our small business departure would have been understandable. But not so, saith the Lord. Valentino's Beauty Supply and Salon Suites forges on as one of the few Fort Worth Black-owned beauty supply stores attached to a salon of 19+ suites. Each business provides great prices, great services and anointed atmospheres. If you desire to shop Black, we're good ground. Check us out soon! Personally, I thought I would be less active in the gospel

music industry. But I've continued to emcee concerts and even co-hosted a 6 day major virtual conference for the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses based in Baltimore which aired on ROKU. YouTube. Face Book and 3 websites. In 2021, I'm on point to produce a brand new program, the "NCGCC Show" scheduled to air weekly on ROKU, Amazon TV, Apple TV and Fire TV! I can only hear Isaiah 43:19-21-God said HE would do a new thing.....I WILL show forth my

Here are new things 'inside the music' that will come forth in 2021: Watch out for the expansion of Pastors Kenneth and Tasha Cobb Leonard's ministry, The Purpose Place in Spartanburg, So. Carolina. Jonathan McRevnolds has been in L.A. working on a movie: he also started his own record label, "Life Room' and signed Doe Jones as his first artist. Kierra Sheard got married and is now Mrs. Jordan Kelly. Expect David and Tamela's new series entitled "The Mann Family Dinner". Marvin Sapp, JJ Hairston and Jekalyn Carr completed new musicprojects which can be enjoyed now; also Jekalyn is dating NFL Jaguar player Jawaan Taylor, Local Bethlehem BC pastor, Michael Evans is now Mayor Michael Evans of Mansfield, TX. And finally a bittersweet 'new thing' in the DFW was the departure of Heaven 97/KHVN 970 AM as the only 24 hour gospel music station. The station came On Air in 1945 and slowly began targeting the African American audience until it completely locked into gospel music in 1985. Many top personalities, special programs and state events have been created through this well-known national media foundation. But in place of that closure, a very special NEW media enterprise came forth: The Black Information Network (BIN). The iHeart Media Company has been purchasing small radio stations in major city markets and converting them into this new format geared towards black audience concerns. This was their response to needs presented by the Black Lives Matter organization. With the onslaught of civil rights tragedies and social injustices towards the Black community, Black Lives Matters insisted that Black people needed to hear comprehensive news that was trustworthy and constant. So last June, iHeart Media launched BIN under the motto: Because Truth Matters. The network features top media veterans providing continuous news coverage with black voices and black perspective. This is the first and only 24/7 show of its kind. Given what the transition of presidential leadership has been like, Black folks really need to be kept up and empowered with news they can use.

I pray 'new things' are coming to you or that you will prepare for the "New" in your life. Why wouldn't you? God promised He would make all things new and bring a new beginning each day. This includes you and all that concerns you. We're made new to love one another. We're made new to have new minds and thoughts. We're made new to sing new songs to praise Him. And we are definitely made new to have a new spirit. I pray you receive it, believe it and come forth to do greater works.

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Exhibit Event; Pic 2) At Turners Chapel COGIC of TX, in the Forest Hill, TX

### The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word...

### Rev. J.R. Brumfield

### I Can't Keep It to Myself

Acts 4:1-12,19,20,21

#### 1. Introduction

God is to be celebrated because of His presence. The Lord God promises us in His Word that he will never leave us nor forsake us. God will be with His children and he offers divine protection. The bible informs us in Isaiah 43:2 the following; "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." "When you walk through the fire. you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Aren't you glad that God has been present in your life? The chapters in the book of Acts that precede Chapter 4, gives a picturesque view of no trouble by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. Everything is going well. The sun is shining in Chapters 1, 2, and 3 but there is a Chapter 4 in every believer's life.

In Acts Chapter 1, we find that Jesus is present despite the obstacle of a locked door. It does not matter where you are in this life, the Lord can still get through to you. In Acts Chapter 1. we find that Jesus entered a locked room and ate with his disciples. This was infallible proof of Jesus's resurrection from the dead. It was stated that Jesus walked the earth approximately 40 days between his death and His ascension. He appeared at intervals to his apostles and others. Jesus commanded his disciples that they were to wait for the promise of the Father. Jesus repeatedly promised that God would send them His spirit. The apostles had to wait for the day of Pentecost. Ten days after Jesus ascended back to Heaven, then the Holy Spirit appeared in Chapter 2.

The apostles mission of spreading the gospel was the major reason the Holy Spirit empowered them. The Great Commission was given in Matthew 28:19,20 to Christ's disciples but they needed the presence of the Holy Spirit to be effective. No one can do anything on God's program successfully unless they are empowered by the Holy Spirit. We need the Lord's presence in our lives.

In Chapter 2, we have the coming of the day of Pentecost. The bible informs the believer that they were on one accord in one place. Afterwards, there was the sound of a rushing mighty wind. The Holy Spirit ascended like a dove and every man spoke fluently and every man heard in his own language. I suggest to you that when the Lord shows up, He can show out. Peter stands up in 2:14 and gives a scripture reference to the prophet Joel. Peter preached the gospel that day and approximately 5000 men were saved that day! A vital church grew, and souls were added to the church. I suggest to you that the sun was shining that



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In chapter 3, a lame man was healed from his mother's womb. Peter told the man that was lame to rise from his position of a beggar and walk. Afterwards, Peter took the lame man by the hand and immediately the man began to walk and praise God. This notable miracle in this passage was witnessed by many people in the temple.

#### 2. Conflict Arose, v.1-4

Although the sun was shining in the life of Peter and John in Chapters 1. 2. and 3. we soon find out that trouble is on the horizon in Chanter 4. The bible informs the reader that the priest, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees confronted Peter and John regarding the preaching of Jesus Christ. Peter and John preached Jesus and His resurrection from the dead. The resurrection of the dead includes all the happiness of the future state. The gospel gains ground because when the Lord's servants preach the Word, then the Lord will add a blessing. In Chapter 4, we are informed that 5000 men were saved, and this number does not include the women and children.

If one decides to live for Jesus, then one will have some trouble in their life. Up until this point, we do not find that rulers, elders, and scribes gave any trouble to Peter and John. When the people of God choose to live according to God's will, then they will face persecutions and hard trials. We must understand that although the Sanhedrin were composed of priests, they were jealous for their priesthood. The priests were joined with the Captain of the temple. It is believed that the captain of the temple was a Roman officer and the governor of the garrison in the tower of Antonia. A part of the Captain of the temple was for the guard of the people. The Sadducees denied the being of spirits and the future state. The bible records that the chief priests, scribes, elders, and Sadducees were incensed against the preaching of Jesus Christ by Peter and John. These religious leaders thought that if they put Jesus to death, then His disciples would go away shameful and afraid to own Him. It really vexed the religious leaders of that day to see Jesus preached in the temple. Miserable is the future state of those who reject

The suffering of Christians in this world represent a test of faith. We

should not fear the trials of this world for "with God all things are possible (Matthew 19:26)." It is apparent in scripture that Christians will experience trials and tribulations in their life. There is nothing uncommon about suffering for Jesus. All who desire to live a godly life will suffer persecution as outline in 2 Tim. 3:12. We should not be surprised at the fiery trials of life when they come. It is only a test that can develop into a testimony.

In Chapter 4:3, we ascertain that the Jews detained Peter and John overnight in jail because Jewish law did not permit trials at night. It had been too late to convene the Sanhedrin that afternoon, so the apostles would be facing a hearing the next day.

### 3. Conference of the Sanhedrin, v. 5-12, 21

We have here the trial of Peter and John before the judges of the ecclesiastical court for preaching a sermon regarding Jesus Christ. The working of the miracle was another circumstance that bothered the Sanhedrin council. These causes were charged upon Peter and John as a crime. When we look at today, it is often ironic that sometimes the ruling powers may allow some things to go unpunished. Jerusalem is the place where His disciples were told that they must expect to suffer hard trials. We must observe that when one is placed in a high degree of authority and responsibility, it is important that one upholds law and order. The disciples should have been embraced for bringing others to Christ. When sin abounds in a land, then sometimes lawlessness is rewarded. This same council allowed Barabbas to go free and Jesus was sentenced to die on an old rugged cross. The judges of the Sanhedrin court were rulers, elders, and scribes. scribes were men of learning, but they had not learned to accept Jesus as their personal Savior. If the Gospel had not the power of God, then it could not have made the impact that it has made. The world was against the gospel of Christ, but God had a plan for the world.

In verse 7, we ascertain that the prisoners are arraigned. Peter and John are brought before the Sanhedrin Council and they are sat in the middle. The question by the Sanhedrin was, "Who commissioned you to preach such a doctrine regarding Jesus?" The Sanhedrin Council knew that they preached Jesus, vet they wanted to ask them this question anyway. Jesus had already told His disciples that they would be brought before the rulers of the religious sector. Nevertheless, they were commissioned by Jesus to preach the gospel.

Peter stated in verse 8, that Jesus is the chief cornerstone that was rejected by the religious group. Peter preached that he spoke in the name of Jesus Christ and that he was justified to speak in that name. For we know, that it is only by Jesus that man can be saved. Peter stated in verse 12 that there is no salvation except in the name of Jesus. They were arraigned in verse d21.

#### 4. A Charge to Keep, v. 19,20

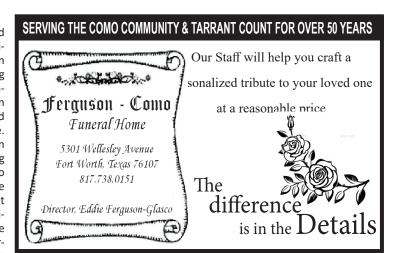
Peter and John answered the Sanhedrin Council and stated boldly. "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge." "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Peter and John had a made-up mind to do God's will. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a made-up mind to do God's will and the segregation barrier begin to come down. As a people of God, we may not have all that we want but things are better. Let's remember that sometimes. we must speak truth to power! I believe that when we as Christians get

to the point that we have a made-up mind to do the will of God, things will get better. The preaching that got Peter and John in trouble, got them out. As believers in Christ, we should not get intimidated by the world and its agenda. We need to focus on the Great Commission that is outlined in Matthew 28:19-20. If we as the church do our job, then the world will be a better place for you and me!

If the Lord has done something for you then, you need to spread the good news of the Gospel. I just can't keep it to myself!

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

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







### "Meet & Greet" honoring JaMycal Hasty by Carlton McConnell

When it comes to pro football loyalties, 'one size does not fit all,' even in the home region of the Dallas Cowboys, the squad dubbed "America's Team." There are several groups of fans across the DFW Metroplex who are devoted to other NFL teams, including the San Francisco 49ers. (FYI – There are more than 7.3-million people living in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex - which is more than the population of 38 states!)

One of the San Francisco booster groups, called the 'Niner DFW Empire Fan Club' got together recently to meet and greet a 49ers player who's living in



Arlington, recovering from a season ending injury.

San Francisco rookie running back JaMycal Hasty, was the guest of honor at the fan club's get together on Sunday, January 3, 2021, to watch the 49ers season ending game versus Seattle. It was a "Meet & Greet" organized by Carlton McConnell, CEO of Round the Clock Media & PR Firm. Dozens of 'niner fans' came out to the beautiful Walk-On's Sports Bistreaux located at 401 E. Interstate 20 in Arlington. They got to 'fist bump' with Hasty, take photos with him and get his autograph.

The 24-year-old Hasty, a native of Longview, Texas, played in 8 games for San Francisco this past NFL season. He broke his collarbone in a game in early November, had surgery in the Bay Area, then came back to Arlington, where his mother lives, to recover and to rehab from his injury. Hasty, a free-agent from Baylor University, where he became among the top 12 rushers of all-time, impressed the 49ers enough to be signed to a two-year contract. "Hasty's" play and enthusiasm caught the attention of San Francisco fans and he quickly became a fan favorite on social media as well as mainstream sports media in the Bay area and beyond.

During his time at Baylor, Hasty twice was chosen to the Big 12 All-Academic second team. He graduated with an undergraduate degree in health, kinesiology, and leisure studies in August 2018. And since then, he's been pursuing a Master's degree.







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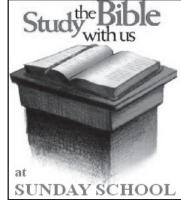
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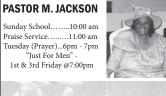
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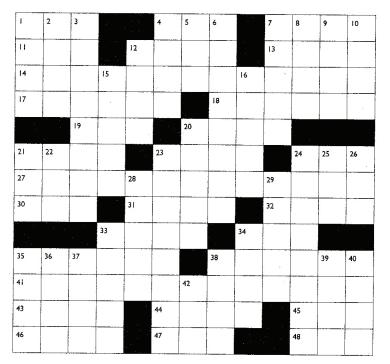
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4 Wicked (Gen. 2:9)

7 Humans' homes: slang

II Top off

14 Evangelist #1 (2 wds., same

first name)

19 Postal code

20 Cotton or hay form

24 Federal regulator

first name)

32 Hard and unyielding (Gen. 4:22)

38 Warning devices

41 Evangelist #3 (2 wds., same

48 Drunkard

12 Musician \_\_\_\_ Winans

13 Leave out (Lev. 5:16)

17 Matchmakers

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21 Trim skin

23 Nevada city

27 Evangelist #2 (2 wds., same

30 Bachelor of Applied Science 31 Author James \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam.

23:11)

33 Roasting skewer 34 Follows chick or sweet

35 Value highly (Prov. 22:1)

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43 Church body: abbr. 44 Not far

45 Intl. Bible Soc.

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I Hybels's church: abbr.

2 Hawaiian island 3 Apostle Paul's coworker

(Col. 1:7)

4 Honey makers (Deut. 1:44)

5 Amer. Bible Soc.

6 Bold disregard (2 Kings 19:16)

7 French maidservant

8 All: prefix

9 Food plan 10 Pigpen

12 Contractor, for short

15 Food press

16 Eskimo's home

20 Hem in

21 Toxic benzene compound

22 Surprise expression

23 Military unit (Acts 10:1) 24 Inhabitants of modern lewish

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25 Dove sound

26 Turner's network

28 Garment's folded front

29 Falsifiers

33 Worsted suit fabric

34 Ship's home

36 Plated horse feet

35 Homo (Behold the Man)

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37 Strong flavor

39 Mount where Moses viewed

40 Complete computer: abbr.

Promised Land (Deut. 32:49)

38 Festoon

47 Salt waters

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