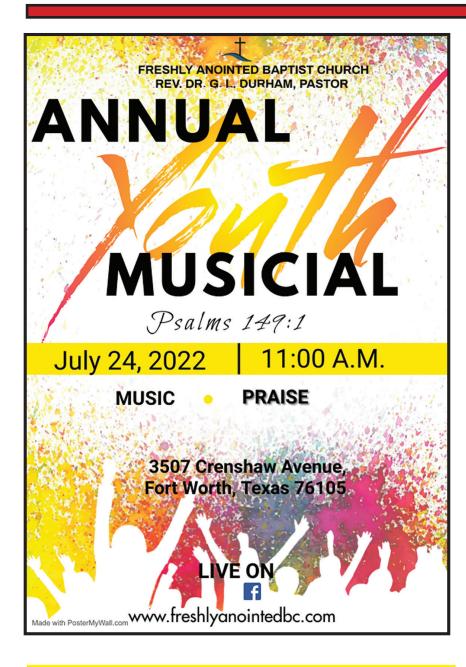


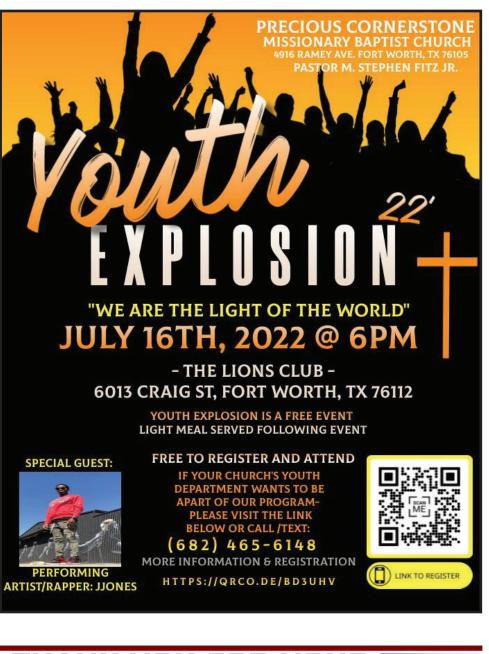
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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell THE LEADER'S EDGE

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We live in the "Age of Distraction." Everybody and everything are out to get our attention. And one way to do that is to distract us from whatever we may have been doing or are trying to do. And if we are a distracted people, a distracted society, it stands to reason that we would also be a distracted church, a church with a diminished ability to think deeply, to cultivate concentration, to plan and actuate meaningful ministry. More and more of us are finding that we just can't stop long enough to read. We can't sustain our attention long enough to study. We can't find the time to connect with God in life-affirming ways. Where prayer used to be the first activity of the day, we now begin our daily routine by checking our social media feeds. Where the Bible used to be a special Book we read and studied, now it's an e-book that competes with our voice mail, text messages, e-mails, and the ever-present seductions of the worldwide web.

Possibly the biggest transition since the emergence of tech-saturated culture is that the church's point of compass is being shaped less by where church leaders are trying to direct it and more by the responses of their followers. A leader's course matters less when those being led won't or can't follow due to a tsunami of distraction, competing messages, and overly stressed lives.

The issue of ministering to an overwhelmed and distracted culture is one of the greatest challenges for today's church. The world is not slowing down anytime soon. **So what can we do?**

By and large, the American church has become distracted and one way to address this constant fragmentation of our time and concentration is **for the church to get back to majoring in what it does best**. Our churches and their ministries seem bent on accentuating extra-curricular opportunities, from mini-carnivals to car raffles, rather than promoting the primary



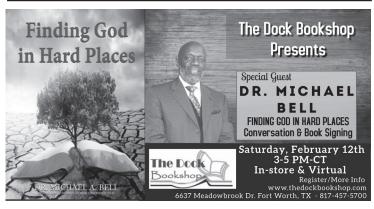
business of the church, which is to bring women and men into a saving relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

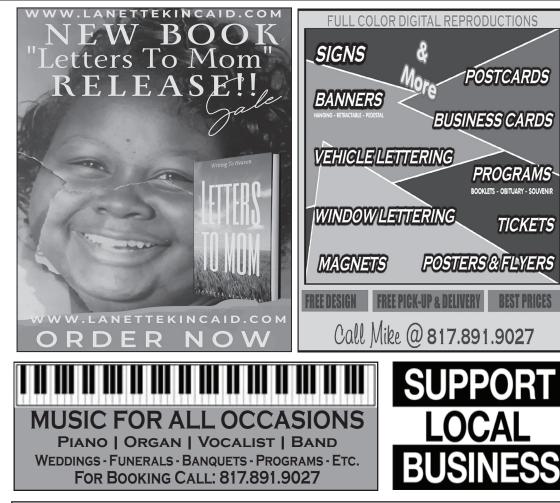
By providing a food-court approach to church functions, we've watered down the importance of the events where the church truly shines. Praying together and engaging the Word of God together have suffered from the presence of too many optional activities. Yes, we can draw more folk to a cookoff than we can to a worship service. Attendance at a church social will dwarf the crowd at any Bible study class, whether in-person or digital. I get it. The church has to use different methods to attract people of all stripes but not at the expense of her core business.

When Jesus wants to measure how we are doing as a church he's looking for one thing - "How are you doing with the one thing I asked you to go and do - make disciples of every nation." Perhaps we need to realign ourselves to his original call and start re-evaluating how we are really doing? How are we doing with not only producing a disciple - but reproducing disciples, who are making disciples, who are making dis-

The coronavirus pandemic has exposed the stress fractures of the American church. isn't it high time the Church wake up and returned to majoring in what we do best?

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A Life to Offer

"Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar." (Genesis 8:20)

The word "offering" means a thing offered especially as a gift or contribution as a sacrifice or token of devotion. After stepping foot on the new earth, Noah's first act of gratitude was leading his family in worship by offering the best clean sacrifice. The "sacrifice" represents total dedication to the Lord, atonement for sins, and thanksgiving to God (Lev 1:4, Job 1:5). As parents/caretakers we are the first teachers of worship for our family. Like Noah, we must offer our entire family to the Lord.

In response to Noah's faith, obedience, and worship, the Father said in "His Heart" that He would not add to man's affliction another universal flood (Genesis 8:21). He further declared that, "Where the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22). The continuing of seasons upon the earth is evidence of the Father's restraint from destroying the world by way of the universal Flood. Without these seasons and this promise, we would not have assurance or promises of necessities in life. As much as the southern summers can be brutal, we must nonetheless respect what the Father ordained to be so for all of mankind. The cycle of the earth rotating brings forth day and night, seasons, and years to help sustain the earth and the universe.

What is most interesting about this passage is not only what the Father promised, but the actions behind Noah that provoked the Father to make such a declaration and a promise. Noah's actions remind us how pleased the Father is when we honor His presence with an offering and worship (1 Chronicles 16:29). As the Father's children we would do well



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to gather the entire family and teach them to offer Him 1) all of us (Romans 12:1); 2) praise (Hebrews 13:15); 3) the best of our possessions/substances (Proverbs 3:9); and, 4) our humbled and willing yes (Matthew 26:39).

So dear hearts, be determined and diligent to be an example of giving and worship and teach your family to do the same. By doing so, you honor the Father's Word as well as invoke His promises in your life as long as the earth remains. Now that is a legacy worth living.

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Celebrating the Father of Gospel Music Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey

Recently, the One Dallas Metro Union of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses held a concert to celebrate their Founder. Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey. Dr. Dorsey (born July 1, 1899) is credited with creating the genre Gospel Music. He described Gospel Music as the marrying of 'secular blues to sacred text' using syncopated notes within 8 bars of a Blues structure. Can you hear that? In 1929, the Father of Gospel Music first experienced the controversial rejection that other gospel music trailblazers would ultimately encounter. Andrae Crouch was rejected by the church after working on Michael Jackson's "BAD" project. Dr. Mattie Moss Clark co-signed Twinkie's song "YOU BROUGHT THE SUNSHINE" and experienced major backlash as Director of the International COGIC Music Dept. Twinkie's hit song was on the turntables of major dance club DJs across the country. And you know the reaction our own Kirk Franklin received when "STOMP" was released with the sampling of a Parliament Funkadelic hit undergirding it. On his way to being epically esteemed, the musical pioneer Thomas A. Dorsey would often declare "I've been thrown out of some of the best churches in Amer-

It was divine intervention that set Thomas A. Dorsey up to become the most influential person to impact Gospel music. A preaching father and musician mother taught him all they knew about both. He dropped out of school at 11 to help the familv. but his love of Vaudeville music had him hanging downtown around the theaters and speakeasies. The young adult Thomas moved from Atlanta to Chicago to form his own band and play for Ma Rainey, the smooth moaning blues singer. He was good, but he had a 'Jonah Spirit' upon him that seemed to stress him while living a life that was anything but holy. By age 21, he suffered a nervous breakdown and dealt with bouts of depression. His mother begged him to 'turn his life over to the Lord' as she saw him struggling. After his recovery he went back to composing and playing the blues with great success and popularity. He married Ma Rainey's seamstress Nettie during this time, but suffered another nervous breakdown 2 years later. This time he would be disabled for 3 years, unable to write



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that 'the Lord had too much work for him to let him die'. Thomas Dorsey immediately gave his life to the Lord and began to write sacred music.

Dr. Dorsey became the Music Direc-

gan traveling and establishing gospel choirs to sing his music. While on the road in 1932, he received news that Nettie had died during childbirth and also their infant son two days later. Thomas locked himself in a room for 3 days and emerged with "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". This song, birth out of turmoil and sorrow, has been translated in over 50 languages, is in every American church hymnal and considered one of the most beloved gospel songs ever written. Through his music presentations, Dr. Dorsey went on to discover Sallie Martin, Roberta Martin and Mahalia Jackson. In 1933, he founded The National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses as the first gospel music organization and workshop. Many iconic artists such as Della Reese, Dinah Washington, Aretha Franklin, Donald Lawrence, Hezekiah Walker and the future King of Gospel, Rev. James Cleveland grew up and 'cut their musical teeth' in this incomparable convention. The awarded Hall of Famer and composer of over 500 hymns died Jan 23, 1993 with Kathryn, wife of 52 years and children by his bedside. The 1982 documentary, "Say Amen Somebody", features Dr. Dorsey and several gospel greats in their later years as they present a 'gospel music history lesson'. Recently restored, the film is currently featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

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3 Reasons Why Hymnal Music Is Still Relevant

A 2015 survey conducted by Duke University polled four thousand congregations across various Christian denominations about types and styles of worship. The result was that traditional worship is in decline. Organs and choirs are used less and drums are used more. Informal praise and worship with a contemporary Christian music flair is much more prevalent. Can hymnal music still carve out a place in contemporary congregations? We think it can and here is why:

1. Hymnal Music is a Christian Treasure

A part of Western Christianity since the 1830s, hymnal music has been a revered part of worship, both in the church and at home. These treasured books are still found in new racks across the United States and are much more intimate and comforting that the large screens that seem to dominate contemporary churches. Hymns are known to invoke the spirit of God and create a sense of reverence. They may not be as trendy as contemporary Christian music, but they are the very roots of Western Christian music.

2. Hymnal Music is Time Honored When we think of a worship space, we likely think of subdued lighting, mesmerizing organs, traditional incense, pews, an alter, a lectern, and other traditional symbols of faith. We don't typically think of loud drum sets, large white screens,

fog machines, and stage lighting. We have enough screen time and flashiness in this high tech world in which we live. Worshipping according to time honored traditions is a good respite from our busy lives and hymnal music is at the center of traditional worship. Hymnal music is a rich trove of theological teaching that isn't found in modern praise and worship music.

3. Hymnal Music Promotes Note Reading The lyrics presented on big, white screens during contemporary praise and worship do not include music notes. The congregation lacks guidance as to how to sing each song. They only have the lyrics to use, not the actual music. As a result, most contemporary praise and worship is limited to the most popular songs that people already know so that they can sing along. So many hymnal stories and so much theological context is lacking from the modern songs, which are more like rhythmic trance songs. Hymnals allow worshippers to remain focused and concentrate on the beautifully composed music and enriching lyrics. Church goers learn to read music notes when hymn music is part of the service.

Although church communities are experiencing a decline in the use of traditional hymnals, those committed to composing and performing hymnals are unwavering because of the tremendous spiritual value of hymnal music.

Around the Community with Pastor Sharon Ford-Turner

Pic 1) Mansfield Juneteenth Celebration 2022 with Mayor Dr. Michael Evans; Pic 2) With Della Sapp Commitee Board Member and Family; Pic 3) Fathers Day Event at McDonald YMCA Annual Juneteenth Minister Derek Locke Memorial Music Scholarship Foundation Backpack with Supplies free Give-A-Way with Min. Felton, CEO Gang Banging for Christ; Pic 4) with Melvin Lee, McDonald YMCA Assistant Manager.



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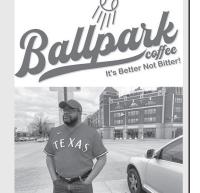
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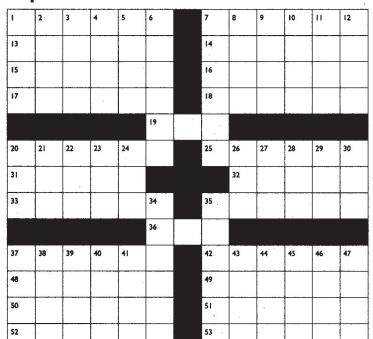
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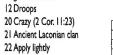
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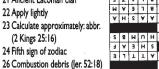
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