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### From the Publisher...

I was talking to my grand-daughters while taking them to school and we were discussing some Black History and the sacrifices many people, Black and White made that lead to the opportunities they have now to achieve any dream they desire to pursue. I probably shouldn't have been, but I was blown away by the lack of Black History that is taught in our schools today. Now grant you, it's never been a major focus in our educational system, but I still believe that the youth of today, Black and White, can benefit greatly by knowing more about the whole history of this country, especially Black youth who need to know more about what they are divinely made for and how, dispite continued efforts to be marginalized and minimized, they can still achieve equally with others.

Since the schools won't do it, where is the church.

Almost every milestone Blacks have

made to be equal in America, has been lead by Ministers, Preachers and Pastors.

Some people continue to say that Black history is not important and it's time for us to pursue a color-blind society where ethnicity doesn't matter. If that be the case, why do we study and try to live our lives daily with a history book as our guide, The Bible.

If we lose our history, then we lose the very essence of who we are and what we're capable of. For some, this would be ideal, but for us as Black people, it will only lead to further distruction of our knowing what it means to be proud, gifted and Black.

So it's up to us, the Black Church, to fill that gap. We must give some priority to teaching our youth from whence they come.

True enough, they can make it without a historic context of where they have come from, but to truly and deeply appreciate the goodness of God, they need Black history, just like we all need Bibli-

cal history to give evidence of how great we can be and how to live right and with purpose.

Let's get with it and set aside some time, year round, to educate our youth about who they are.

Black history isn't a separate history. This is all of our history, this is American history, and we need to understand that. It has such an impact on kids and their values amd how they view Black people.

- Karyn Parsons

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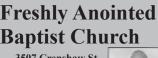
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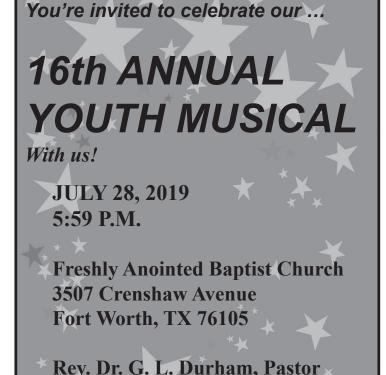
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### "The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Where there is only a vision, the people end up stuck in the mud! Have you ever heard that? Neither have I, but it's just another way of saying that there is a difference between dreamers and achievers. Achievers develop a plan to actualize their dream. Any Tom, Dick and Sally can have a dream. But to execute a plan that will enable us to achieve that dream is what makes a difference.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" and I can say a loud "Amen!" to that. When people don't have God's revelation from the leadership, as to what direction they are supposed to go, their lives begin to "perish." Vision allows you to see where you are going, it gives people purpose, and it sets a destination to accomplish something. Effective Church leadership IS about vision and vision has value for your ministry, your small group, your class, and/or your life group. Vision brings order to ministry because each and every member contributes towards a common goal. When the leadership doesn't have a clear vision others start doing whatever seems right in their own sight. It breeds disarray and tumult in the local body.

I absolutely believe that every ministry leader should have a vision for their ministry. Sometimes a ministry's lack of energy or stagnation can be directly attributable to the absence of a leader's vision. While some leaders are better than others at succinctly communicating their vision, most have a picture in their mind of what they want their ministry to be and to become. A leader's vision may be that things never change. And the problem isn't that the leader lacks vision, the problem is that their vision doesn't produce an attractive or relevant ministry environment. When conflict arises on a Church leadership team,



it's nearly always because two ministry leaders have competing visions and not that either has an absence of vision.

So, we don't have any issues with Senior Pastor Chuck Swindoll's contention that "Vision is essential for survival." **However**, a vision is powerless unless you act upon it. Vision without strategy is wishful thinking. Visions are implemented by strategic planning. A vision pictures a destination; strategic planning maps out how we will reach that destination.

Visions never become reality until someone is ready to make the jump and that means a leap of faith. You're either in the plane, or in the air free-falling to the ground. Goliath never would have been defeated had David not stepped out from the ranks of the Israelites to challenge him. Peter would have never known the thrill of walking on water had he not swung both legs over the side of the boat and stepped out into deep water. And we will never experience the fulfillment of accomplishing the vision God has given to us, if we are not willing to take the risk and make the sacrifice that is required.

\*dr. michael bell is Senior Servant-Resident Theologian at Greater St. Stephen First Church FtW, a seminary adjunct professor, and a certified Life Coach with clients. He conducts leadership seminars and conferences across the country.

### Next Level Youth Leadership Conference

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## "Speak Life Thought" with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

## A Life of Temptations

"The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure." 1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

Life is full of ups and downs, highs and lows, losses and gains. We each face our own struggles, battles, victories, and triumphs. We are literally put to the test every day of our lives. Challenges are a part of life. No one is exempt. The context of the word "temptation" in this text is not being tempted of or attacked by the enemy. Rather, it is being tested by God. The Father sends a test to prove your character, faith, and holiness in Him. The Father will put you on trial not to shame you but to shape you into being the child of God He called you to be.

God's tests have a safety clause. He allows the intensity of the test to be sizeable to the weight He knows you can handle. God's tests are faith builders and never faith destroyers. His tests are

always in proportionate to your strength with the intention of building your faith. Faith, after it has been tried, brings forth maturity, growth, and joy, positioning you for greater Kingdom impact. (See James Chapter 1)

The Father's tests carry a guarantee clause. You can rest assured that during the testing process God will be Faithful to His promise to never leave you nor forsake you. He will make sure the test does not take you out but pull you through. Job 23:10 says, "But he knows where I am going. And when he tests me, I will come out as pure as gold."

The Father's tests have an escape clause. There is an expected win for you to win. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

There is a winner's clause attached to the Father's test. He knows you have what it takes to come out a winner. 1 Cor. 9:24 "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."

There is an endurance clause. En-



durance in Greek means strength under pressure. Through every test you face, God is demonstrating the strength of your character through endurance. Even during your test when you have little to no strength, the Faithful Father is right there for you to tap into His strength so you can pass the test. 2 Timothy 2:3 "You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Dear hearts, take comfort in knowing that no matter how tough the temptation, built in you is the ability to always win through Christ Jesus. Be determined to take and pass the test. You win!

Co-Pastor 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 and at www.firstladybutlerministries.com.

## **Local Teens Gear Up for National Competition in Motor City**

By: Fred Willis

It's time again for the national NAACP ACT-SO competition and this year, teens from the Fort Worth branch are poised to compete against high schoolers from



across the nation. Each year, local chapters of the NAACP host the ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Scientific, Technological Olympics. The competition offers students the opportunity to compete in their choice of 32 competitions in STEM, humanities, business, and performing, visual and culinary arts. This year, the Fort Worth branch boasts competitors in 12 of the 32 categories. Looking to build upon its winning pedigree, the branch hopes to extend its medal count this summer at the national competition in Detroit, Michigan.

While the branch welcomes new competitors each year, there's much to be said about returning competitors who whether they win or lose learn invaluable lessons about life, their art and future profession. Returning from the 2018 national campaign are Kennedi Searle and Selah Hunter. Hunter returned this year to compete in a new category, exploring the full breadth of her skills as a young playwright and Miss Searl returns to try and own the national stage in the Oratory category. Leading the charge to continue the Fort Worth branch's recent run of national top finishes is 2018 national bronze medalist Keith Galloway, Jr. Galloway's melodies in Motown will ring out in the Musical Performance (contemporary) and Music Composition categories. Joining him is a robust group of young hopefuls and aspiring winners comprised of youth and recent graduates from local high schools.

The branch has extended a warm invitation to the public to come and meet competitors at the close of their summer preparation. You're cordially invited to join the Fort Worth branch and competitors Thursday July 11th at 6 pm in the recital hall of Tarrant County College, South Campus.

## 2019 ACT-SO Winners Representing the Fort Worth/Tarrant County Branch

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### **Southeast Fort Worth Church Starts** Its HBCU Partnership Initiative

by Lisa Terrell, Ministry Team Representative for iMPACT

There are 101 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HB-CUs), with more than 228,000 students enrolled, existing in the United States today. According to the U.S. Department of Education, "HBCUs were established to serve the educational needs of Black Americans. Prior to the time of their establishment, and for many years afterwards, Blacks were generally denied admission to traditionally white institutions. As a result, HBCUs became the principle means for providing postsecondary education to Black Americans." Texas has eight 4-year HCBUs.

Notable graduates of HBCUs include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Thurgood Marshall, Alice Walker, Spike Lee, Toni Morrison, and Taraji P. Hen-



son. HBCUs are still an integral part of the Black higher education experience in this country.

Earlier this year, the membership and pastor of Exciting Greater St. Stephen First Church, located in Southeast Fort Worth at 3728 East Berry Street, made a commitment to partner with an HBCU. The college or university did not have to

was accredited. The Church committed to financially supporting an HBCU for 12 months, then start a new partnership with another HBCU for another 12 months. Jarvis Christian College, an accredited, private, co-educational, Church-related college, situated one mile east of Hawkins, Texas, and four miles west of Big Sandy, Texas, on U.S. Highway 80, was chosen as Greater St. Stephen First Church's first HBCU partner.

On Sunday, June 23rd, at 6 P.M., Greater St. Stephen First Church held its Annual Graduate Recognition Program. The event was hosted by iMPACT, the Church's ministry to young adults. The Church's Scholarship Committee is a ministry of iMPACT. This year, six college and one high school graduates were celebrated. The evening's guest speaker was Dr. Tessie Bradford, Vice President of Student Services at Jarvis Christian College.

Dr. Bradford encouraged the honorees and everyone in attendance to PUSH towards goals and never give up because of circumstances, challenges or critics. She also shared Jarvis' history of starting with \$1,000 of seed money. Dr. Michael Bell, Senior Pastor of Greater St. Stephen First Church and a graduate of three HBCUs, presented Dr. Bradford with a monetary gift of \$1,000 from the Church to Jarvis Christian College to begin the 12-month partnership, matching the initial seed money that started the college. The Church hopes that its action will challenge other faith communities to form partnerships with our HBCUs.





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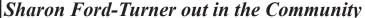
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## **INSIDE THE** MUSIC

with Evangelist Judy Neal



### Celebrating the **Father of Gospel Music** 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 staff of the National 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 esteemed, Thomas Dorsey would say, "I've been thrown out of some of the

best churches in America"!

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 family, 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 and often feeling suicidal. Finally he went to a Faith Healing revival with Bishop HH Haley. At

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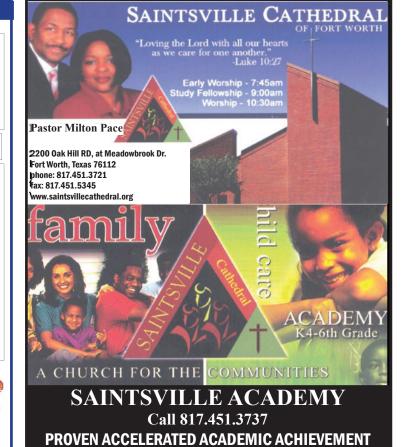


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Dr. Dorsey became the Music Director at Pilgrim B.C. and traveled to spread his music as he established gospel choirs to sing it. While on the road, he received news that Nettie had died during childbirth and also their son two days later. Thomas locked 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

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

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### THE COST OF FREEDOM

Esther 2:5 - 7:10

### I. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the history of our nation, man has sought to be liberated from the oppressive forces of its generation. While freedom is the long sought after right of the American people, yet all people are not truly free. Since the early origins of our country, our freedom trail has been challenged and enhanced with timelines such as the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Nat Turner uprising, Underground Railroad tactics, Civil War, the battle for Texas Independence, World War I and 2, the Korean War, the Civil Rights Movement, Desert Storm, Iraq War, and the Women's Movement. Freedom is the most fundamental principle in our constitution. Yet, there have been barriers and prohibitions to our freedom. Slavery and Jim Crow segregation laws have been dark moments in our guest for freedom. We have had voices to speak against such dilemmas. These great men and women of our Black History have given voice to the need for freedom. Many of them have given eve-witness accounts of their struggles. sorrows, aspirations, and triumphs in their lives. Many of them have given hope to the hopeless and encouragement for lost souls. Nat Turner was a preacher that had seen enough mistreatment of black people and he wanted to do something. He felt inspired by the Lord to lead a revolt. Today, Nat Turner is credited for helping to expedite the Civil War for the abolition of slavery.

When we examine biblical history, we find that God's people have also been challenged with the reality of cruelty and hatred. As we review the life of the Israelites, we find they had to endure harsh taskmasters and unfair treatment. Although, the Israelites were God's chosen people, yet they had to go through unfair trials and bitter herbs. Nevertheless, the Lord has not forgotten His people. Today, many refugees and Muslims face the reality of not being allowed to seek safety in America. Seven Muslim-majority nations were placed on the temporary ban list. Although the President may sign an executive order to ban foreigners yet the church must be encouraged because the Lord is on the side of the stranger. We must remember that our country is a nation of immigrants. As a result of the recent political tactics, demonstrations have arisen in this country. The Women's Movement has spoken out in this country and throughout the world that we should all have certain unalienable rights as endowed by our Creator. We must always be mindful to present a peaceful protest to help free people of every nationality. If one man or woman is not free, we as a nation are not free.

As we approach the text, we will find that the Lord will make a way for strangers, women, downtrodden, and the outcast of society. Let's delve into the Word and see what the Lord has to say to the body of Christ.

### II. ESTHER'S START, 2:5-7

As we look at the Book of Esther, Chapter 1 ends with a recommendation for a replacement Queen because of Queen Vashti's refusal to respect the King's commandment. A diligent search is made for the replace-



ment Oueen.

In Chapter 2:5-7, we find that Esther was an orphan and has been reared by her older cousin Mordecai. Esther was a Jew from the tribe of Benjamin who grew up as an exile in Persia but rose to great prominence in the land. The biblical account of Esther reminds the church that it does not matter how you begin in life but it matters how you end. Both Mordecai and Esther could have used several excuses regarding their lowly estate in the kingdom. However, as a body of baptized believers we know that the Lord can make a way out of no way. Essentially, the Jews were powerless in the Persian Empire. It does not matter how much money one has or does not have. The only thing that matters is "are you on the Lord's side?" Esther was a poor orphaned young lady but the Lord gave her something of value. The bible declares that she was a beautiful young lady.

It is noteworthy to state that the Lord has given every person something of value. According to the parable of the talents, the Lord gave one person five talents and he made an return on investment by acquiring five more talents. What are you doing with the talents and gifts that the Lord has given you? Are you sitting on the Lord's talent or are you making good on the Lord's investment? We as a body of baptized believers must not use our current state of affairs as an excuse not to glory where we dwell. We must seek to rise above the struggles of this life and seek higher ground. What the Lord has done for others, He can do for you. What if Esther would have said, I can't be queen for I am only a poor peasant girl without a mother or father? No. she seized the opportunity and was a blessing to her country. What are you doing to help your church, your community, and your country? In Chapter 2:17, the biblical account tells us that the King Ahasuerus loved Esther above all the women and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all of the virgins. As a result, the King Ahasuerus placed the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

### III. ESTHER'S STRUGGLE, 2:21-4:1-14

When one reads the 2:21, one finds that there is a plot to kill the king and it is uncovered by Mordecai. Afterwards. Mordecai reveals it to Esther and she reveals the matter to the king. As a result, two of the king's chamberlains were hanged. This event gives way to the promotion of Haman and now Haman is promoted above all of the princes in Persia. Haman is now in the position of authority. One of the lessons to learn from this cause of events is that sometimes different people can come to power but God is still in control. In 3:3, we find that all of the king's servants bowed and reverenced Haman with the exception of Mordecai. Of course, this action by

Mordecai angered Haman. As we take a deeper look at Mordecai's refusal to bow, we too must acknowledge that there are somethings in life worth standing up for. If we don't stand for something, we will bow for anything. This action of Mordecai angered Haman to the point that Haman desired to kill all of the Jews.

In Esther 3:11, the king tells Haman to do as he pleases with the Jews. It was written and sealed with the King's ring that all the Jews would be killed. This included young and old, children and women. In Chapter 4, we find that Mordecai and the Jews are now in sackcloth and ashes because of the decree to kill the Jews.

Esther is challenged in 4:14 by Mordecai to go unto the King and tell the evil plot of Haman to destroy the Jews. Now this is a difficult time in the life of the young Queen Esther. In verse 14, it states, "Who knows whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? In verse 16, we learn something about Esther's character. We learn that she gives a message to Mordecai that she will fast for three days and then she will go unto the king. If she perishes, then she will perish but she will do what she must do." It could have cost Esther her life to go unto the king because she has not been called to do so but now she must speak truth to power.

### IV. ESTHER'S SUCCESS, 5:8-7:10

Esther appears before the king and after hearing Esther's request, he is prepared to grant her petition. Esther's petition is to let the king and Haman come to the banquet that she shall prepare for them. We find that in the preceding verses that Haman bragged about being invited to Esther's banquet and thus he was filled with pride. Now it was suggested by Haman's wife and his friends to have gallows made for Mordecai to hang on due to his decision not to bow. Haman decides to have the gallows made so that his enemy could be hanged.

In Esther 7:6, the evil plot of Haman is exposed by Queen Esther unto the King at the banquet. It is stated that that adversary and enemy who choose to destroy the Queen's family is Haman. In Esther 7:10, the king issued the command to have Haman executed on the gallows. We as a Christians must be careful not to set traps for other people because sometimes the very trap that we try to use for someone else's downfall is meant for our own downfall.

Let us remember to do all the good while we can because we will never pass this way again. It is nothing wrong with trying to protect America but we must not discriminate on the basis of race or religion. This is against our founding father's idea of freedom of democracy. In conclusion, Esther's quest for the freedom of her people gives us an example of how we should conduct ourselves in this troubling time. We must rely on the prayer of faith and depend on God to work on our behalf.

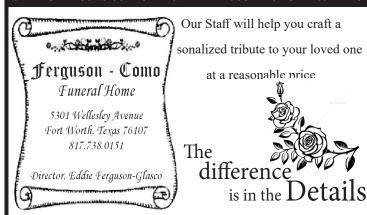
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tions to Larry Davies at larrydavies48@gmail.com . The deadline for him to receive back these nominations is June 30, 2019. I am sorry for the late notice but attempting to reach all over the state. Please list the nominee's name and an email address or phone number if you know it so that we may contact them to verify their interest in participating. The categories will be listed below and you can send your nominations in a regular email to Larry but make sure you have your name listed, how you are connected to the gospel music community and the other information about the nominees.

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### **Bishop Marvin Sapp to Lead The Chosen Vessel Cathedral in Fort Worth**

By: Fred Willis

Sunday afternoon during your after-church nap or another go-round at the buffet, news broke that shook the gospel music and church community in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Bishop Marvin Sapp has been selected to succeed Bishop Robert Young at the Chosen Vessel Cathedral in Fort Worth. Bishop Sapp made the stunning announcement on the heels of simultaneously announcing his retirement from the church founded by him and his late wife. Malinda.

Bishop Sapp will assume the helm of **Chosen Vessel on Sunday September** 15th of this year but will remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors at Lighthouse Full Life Center and will continue to provide spiritual oversight, according to the press release. In addition to a robust, decades-long gospel music career replete with awards and honors. Bishop Sapp currently serves as Metropolitan Bishop within the Global United Fellowship, under the leadership of Presiding Bishop Neil C.

Bishop Young says of the decision of his impending retirement to Emeritus

status: "This ministry is one that I have spent the majority of my life building, and I want it to go to the next level. I know that Bishop Marvin Sapp will be committed and will lead Chosen Vessel to new levels, and that is why I asked him to be my successor."

Shock, surprise, disbelief and even skepticism were the result of the breaking news but Bishop Sapp who is no stranger to Bishop Young and his ministry had this to about his decision to assume the pastorate at this great church: "I received the call directly from Bishop Richard Young that he planned to retire this year and wanted me to take over his church. After considerable prayer and counsel, it became clear to me that this request was predestined. Bishop Young was like a brother to my spiritual father, the late Bishop William C. Abney. In fact, Bethel Pentecostal Church, which Bishop Abney led for more than 50 years, was founded by Bishop Young's father. This is why I cherish the opportunity to continue the legacy of the great men of God who have impacted my life. It is something that I know in my heart is meant for me to do."



Bishop Sapp is slated to announce his successor at soon and will conclude his pastorate at Lighthouse Full Life Center on the first Sunday of September and will be in Fort Worth to begin his tenure at The Chosen Vessel Cathedral on the third Sunday of the month. As churchgoers and gospel music listeners take in the news, the buzz is truly authentic with this partnership brimming with possibilities. Bishop Young has risen to immense heights in the PAW (Pentecostal Assemblies of the World) denomination, currently serving as Diocesan of the Texas State Council. His choice of a successor in Bishop Sapp is a thoroughly gifted preacher and singer who possesses the potential to carry the ministry to even greater heights.

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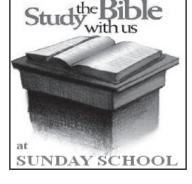
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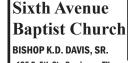
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### **ACROSS**

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- I Jesus' apostle Simon was also called "The \_\_\_\_" (Acts 1:14) 4 Profane; lacking reverence for sacred matters (Lev. 10:1)
- 7 "It is destined that men die only \_\_\_\_, and after that comes judgment" (Heb. 9:27) 8 Ruler who exercises absolute power (Eph. 1:21)
- 9 Killed for one's beliefs (Rev. 16:6)
- 12 Plead; appeal (Gen. 50:17) 15 River branch in Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:14) 16 Realm of many countries
- (Ezra 1:2) 17 "The idols of Babylon,
- and Nebo, are being hauled away on ox carts" (Isa. 46:1) 19 "God called the light 'daytime,'
- and the \_\_ 'nighttime'" (Gen. 1:5) 24 "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but

cheer up, for I have \_\_\_\_ the

- world" (John 16:33) 25 City where Paul was under house arrest for two years (Acts 28:16, 30)
- 26 Harsh ruler with absolute power (Rev. 11:7)
- 27 Mourn; bewail (Isa. 16:9)

### DOWN

**BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE** 

Topic: THE END IS NEAR

- I City of David; Jerusalem (2 Sam. 5:7)
- 2 "The Lord himself will come down from heaven with a mighty shout and with the soul-stirring cry of the \_\_\_ (1 Thess. 4:16)

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- 3 "Right now God is ready to welcome you. \_\_\_\_ he is ready to save you" (2 Cor. 6:2) 4 Laban's relationship to Jacob
- and Esau (Gen. 28:5) 5 "This \_\_\_\_,' Laban continued, 'stands between us as a witness of our vows" (Gen. 31:51)
- 6 Release from restraint (Ezek. 7:3)
- 10 "The star was called Bitterness' because it poisoned a of all the water on the earth" (Rev. 8:11)
- II "Jesus spoke to the within the man and said, 'Come out, you evil spirit'" (Mark 5:7)
- 12 "Fire and\_ rained down from heaven and destroyed them all" (Luke 17:29)
- 13 Mood of joy and high spirits (Judg. 15:14)
- 14 Wound with a pointed weapon (2 Sam. 20:10)

- 18 Diplomatic messenger (Isa. 37:8)
- 20 "His unchanging plan has always been to us into his own family" (Eph. 1:5)
- 21 "Come, \_\_\_\_ before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God" (Ps. 95:6, 7)
- 22 Judean city given to Caleb (Josh. 15:13)
- 23 "Since everything around us is going to \_\_\_\_ away, what holy, godly lives we should be living!" (2 Pet. 3:11)

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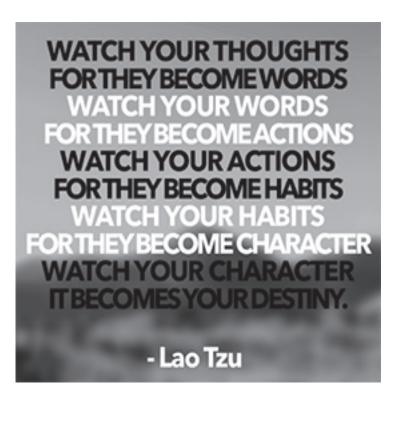
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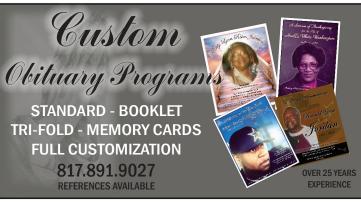
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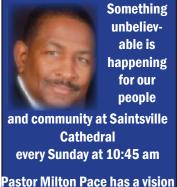


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