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Black History and the Local Church

by Earon James

As a pastor, I've asked myself repeatedly how black history should be celebrated within the context of the local church. Should local churches. regardless of ethnic composition, acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month? The answer is an emphatic yes. I'll explain why.

In Scripture, elders are charged with the task of shepherding the flock of God. We do this by faithfully preaching the Word of God and teaching sound doctrine. The Church is nourished by sound doctrine and grows by its faithful proclamation and real-life application. So how does the celebration of Black History intersect with sound doctrine? It does so by reinforcing the doctrine of basic human dignity or what some call the Imago Dei.

Celebrating Black History is an affirmation of human dignity. The Bible is clear that all human beings are created in the image of God. Believing this truth guides us in how we treat our fellow man. It compels us to recognize the dignity that God himself has conferred upon everyone.

We can't give dignity to anyone because God has already done so. It is our place to recognize that God-given dignity and treat one another accordingly. When we refuse to recognize the image of God in a person or in a group of people, God is dishonored.

So, recognizing the dignity of Black people means embracing the narrative of Black people. It means learning from Black people. It means drawing encouragement and wisdom from Black people. It means coming alongside and championing the cause of Black people in a manner that brings glory to God.

The unfortunate truth is that the history of Black people in America has been tragically oversimplified and underrepresented. This is painfully obvious in the American church. Black history is filled with struggle, redemption, diversity, beauty, perseverance, and substance. Black history is a wonderful thread that is woven into the tapestry of the nations. Black history is American history. It is world history. If you want to see

shining examples of God's sovereign grace at work, I challenge you to study Black history.

You will find story after story of men, women, and children who had important roles in shaping art, music, poetry, theology, politics, agriculture, science, the military, academics, sociology, sports, and much more. Our brave and gifted ancestors should not be among our bestkept secrets. There are countless figures waiting to be discovered and have their stories told. This endeavor would benefit us all. Any exploration of Church history that excludes Africa and people of African descent is woefully incomplete.

Celebrating Black History in the local church will also serve to fulfill the responsibility to be multi-generational. Our children need to know the richness of their heritage. The assault on the dignity of Black children starts well before they are born. The world that our children encounter is filled with subliminal and deliberate messages that aim to instill complexes of inferiority and perpetuate subjugation. Black dignity should be non-negotiable in the life of the Church at large. It must be part and parcel of the legacy that we pass on to the generations to come.

Pastors and church leaders, sisters and brothers, let us not neglect such a worthy endeavor. Be intentional about incorporating Black history into the life of your church (not just February). Be prayerful and strategic in how you preach and teach concerning human dignity. Generations will be impacted by it.



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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

One of the most important things that Church members and visitors are looking for is caring, effective and engaging leadership in a local body of Christ. Leadership in churches is about far more than just holding a position or wearing a title. It's about how leaders engage with the local body of Christ. It's the leaders that inspire members to keep coming back and help grow the Church. I think it's important for us to note from the outset that leadership is not a matter of getting people to serve the leaders' interests. Leadership is a matter of serving the best interests of others. Jesus said, If you want to be great, you learn to be the servant of all. Without the right leaders, it's difficult for a church to continue to thrive for generations.

Church isn't the same as it was 5 years ago. Frankly, Church isn't the same as it was a year-and-a-half ago, pre-coronavirus pandemic. As times change and culture shifts, so do churches. However, there is always some hesitance from long-term members. For instance, taking your church online might not be well-received by the less-tech savvy members of your Church family, regardless of age.

Leadership in churches is crucial for effectively guiding the faith community through the variegated changes. Leaders help explain the what, why and how in a way that eases the transition and involves everyone in the process.

One of the most important jobs of church leaders is to encourage and motivate members, volunteer or compensated staff and visitors. Leaders keep everyone focused, encourage conversation, explain why things happen and build excitement. When a member is feeling lost, leaders are able to understand their concerns and inspire them. It's not always an easy task, but it's one of the qualities of a highly effective Church leader.

Leadership in churches means paying close attention to Church members and noticing when they aren't engaged. It's up to leaders to question what's wrong and talk to members, other leaders, and first-time visitors to see where they can improve. Without the right



leadership, the local body of Christ doesn't get what it truly needs and that's key to keeping members and increasing membership.

Church isn't just a weekend activity. It's the job of Church leaders to continue with ministry throughout the week. This keeps the Church family focused and engaged. From visiting the sick to posting messages on social media, it's important for leaders to show their members that Church doesn't have to be just something that happens on Sundays.

Effective leadership also inspires volunteers to help out. From greeting guests, tweeting on the Church twitter account, writing blog posts and responding to questions on the Church's website to being a shoulder to cry on during difficult times, these motivated volunteers continue the work of Church leaders, allowing for a wider reach all week long.

Bringing in and engaging new visitors isn't always easy in our post-Christian era. Leadership in churches means bringing current members together to be a welcoming presence while making an effort to speak with new visitors about their needs. The right leadership works with existing members to create a more effective strategy for encouraging new visitors. Leaders also need to understand emerging and current trends, such as marketing the Church online, in order to stay in contact with potential members.

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Speak Life Thought

with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler

"A Life of Instruction - Part 1"

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life." (Prov. 4:13)

The Book of Proverbs also known as the Book of Wisdom, teaches that it is the principal thing to life and in all that we do, we should endeavor to obtain it. Wisdom is the ability to apply information, instruction and learning into action. It is that instruction that Solomon says we should guard for it carries life. There are ten areas of instruction I want to encourage you to embrace.

- 1. Hold on. When it seems like everything is falling apart and nothing makes sense, hold on to your faith. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 says, " Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." It is that solid inward conviction that God will step in and turn your adverse situation around in your favor and for your good. No, everyone is not always going to understand you but be settled in your mind, "be on guard, stand firm in [your faith], be courageous, be strong, and do everything with love." (1 Cor. 16:13-14)
- 2. Don't turn back. It may not turn out the way you hoped for, planned for, or prepared for but it does not mean God has for-

gotten you. Do not allow tough, rough, and uncertain times to cause you to fall back into old habits of sin for that will do you no good. Sometimes you have to let things just fall apart just so you can watch God pull it all together. God never intended for your course of life to go backwards. He always tells us to press and look ahead. (Philip. 3:14)

- 3. Move forward by His grace. You may have to take baby steps until you can jog or gain the strength to sprint and leap. 1 Corinthians 9:24 says," Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it [win]." Whatever pace you have to stroll, be sure to stroll by His grace.
- 4. Move with the shift. When driving a stick shift on a 75-mph highway, you cannot stay in first gear. You have to change gears to get to the level of speed and trust the driver to maintain control. The past year we had to change gears and trust God to lead us in the shift. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." You must trust that the Driver knows where He is going and will safely get you to your destination. Enjoy the ride and move with the shift.



5. Be ready to walk the steps He lays out for you. Jeremiah spoke to a people in captivity the Father's Words concerning the steps He laid out for them. 'For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11) Others may not understand the steps you have to take but God certainly does. If He is the one who has established your steps, then He certainly will not lead you to a dead end.

So dear hearts, in the life that you live, be determined to make certain you are guided by the Father's Instructions. Next month, we will finish out the remaining five instructions.

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INSIDE THE MUSIC

with Elder Judy Neal



"CELEBRATE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH"

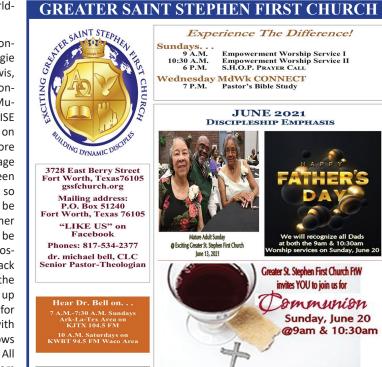
Music can change the world because music can change People! This truth has been echoed by many great philosophers, theorists and all who recognize the power of music. Clearly there is not another group of people that has created life changing music and entire genres than African-Americans. Our musical traditions determinedly survived the violent diaspora experience and in mid-1800s, became widespread through spirituals, minstrel shows and slave songs. Since then, music composed and performed by African Americans has affected, infused, enthused, inspired and motivated people all over the world. Our music has broken barriers and encouraged generation after generation of artists and music lovers. Subsequently, it was a fairly easy proposal to grant, when iconic songwriter Kenny Gamble approached President Jimmy Carter in 1979 to establish June as Black Music Month in America. The actual legislation wasn't secured until

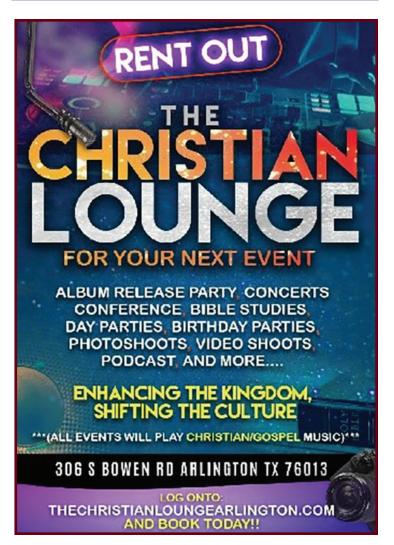
2000 by Dyana Williams. Finally, in just 2009, President Barack Obama proclaimed and renamed June officially as AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH in the United States.

It has been argued that music from Black artists has been the impetus for nearly every type of music in this country. Some say it has brought people together at many significant times, regardless to challenges African Americans were experiencing as a people. "We Shall Overcome", "Oh Freedom", "Lift Every Voice" and many church hymns were the standards during Emancipation pursuit, Jim Crow protests and Civil Rights marches. "Strange Fruit", "What's Going On", "People Get Ready", "Very Superstitious" and "Say It Loud" were the sounds during the 70's race riots and civil unrest in America. From Rap to Hip-Hop, brazenly insulted and frustrated artists were determined to tell their 'keeping it real' stories with "Fight the Power", "Changes", "Stop the Violence" and "Sound of the Police". Their music revealed the cruelty of racism, oppression and strategic domination in the pre-21st century period. But in this millennium, songs like "Stand Up", "Glory", "Mr. Officer", "Freedom" and "I Can't Breathe" have captured even more tragic and devastating times in America. These songs and others have become the sound tracks of our lives as African American artists and composers are creating melodious messages to ring out world-

This month the Black Music Honors Award show will feature Angie Stone, Ginuwine, Ramsey Lewis, Bishop Marvin Sapp and the National Museum of African American Music. The debut launch of 360WISE GOSPEL Network will appear on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon and more to make gospel music a main stage 24/7 and 365. Yours truly has been tapped as Program Director, so expect well-known locals to be featured and lifted to this higher platform. INSIDE the MUSIC will be a weekly talk show highlighting gospel legends and greats. Vicki Mack Lataillade (artist maker) and the new exciting Red Hands Band are up first as guests. Check back here for updates on the ITM talk show with Judy Neal and the diverse shows on 360 WISE GOSPEL Network. All cultures, all creeds and all colors recognize the magnitude of African American musicians and their world influence. As you celebrate everything African-Americans have created musically, think on President Obama's words that summarized his hope for us as we listen: 'This music speaks to universal human emotion to imagine a better world and that we will get there together'. Keep Ephesians 5:19-20 on your heart as you sing and make music from your heart. God's heart.

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PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS

2 Kings 6:1-7

1. Introduction

According to the Dictionary, the word productive refers to one that achieves or produces a significant result. Synonyms include words like fruitful and flourishing, effective and efficient, serviceable and successful. These words indicate that one is experiencing a winning season or situation. The body of Christ is enriched when one member of the body is productive. There are some marriages that may be viewed as productive because children are born into this union. There are some corporations that may become productive when certain employees are added to the staff. This is an example of a productive partnership.

The bible has some examples of productive partnerships. In Luke 5:5-8, we find the words, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing, nevertheless, at your Word, we will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So, they signaled to their other partners in the other boat to come and help them. The disciples entered into a productive partnership when they obeyed the Master of the sea. The partnership between Jesus and His disciples was very successful because after a long draught, they caught a great number of fish.

In Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, it speaks of two being better than one. There is a great benefit when we pool our resources together with mutual assistance. The two are better than one and the two are happier jointly than either of them could be apart from each other. The two are mutually serviceable to each other's welfare. This is an example of a productive partnership. In Luke 10, Jesus sends his disciples out in groups of two. In Exodus 17:8-15, we find that Aaron and Hur helped to hold up Pastor Moses hands and Joshua defeated the Amalekites. Teamwork makes the dream work!

A team of horses can pull more weight jointly than they can individually added together.

As we delve closer to the text, we should take note partnerships are very powerful. The right partner can enable you to gain an advantage in life that you may have never experienced prior to the relationship.

2. Partnerships Are Powerful, v.1-3

As we begin this text, we ascertain that the number of the prophets at the current location had grown substantially. Because of the increased growth at the college of the prophets, a collective decision was made by the sons of the prophets. The college was located at Gilgal and the prophet Elisha was the resident instructor. The place of the college was also near the Jordan River. It was at this place where the sons of the prophets got together to take advantage of higher learning from Elisha's instructions, councils, and prayers. All the prophets wanted to be near the prophet Elisha. The



they needed more room

There are times when more room is simply the better option. Sometimes churches need have been blessed so much that they must seek a new church building. This is a good sign that the church has been productive in its current location, but a new need has arisen. It was a very wise decision for the sons of the prophets to come to a collective agreement and made their request known unto the prophet Elisha. Before the sons of the prophets undertook this maior task, they wanted the prophet Elisha's permission. Also, they wanted the prophet Elisha to go with them.

Too many times, I have seen couples get married but they did not consult with the Lord God. As children of God, we should make every effort to make sure that we ask the Lord God prior to getting involved into any relationship or accepting any job. WE should not take matters into our own hands and engage in the business of life. Before you say I do, please make sure that Lord has sanctioned the marriage. Before you take that next job, please make sure that the Lord God has sanctioned the move. When the people of God involve God in their business adventures, nen they are engaged in a powerful partnership. If you want to climb higher, make sure that you have the right partner in life. The sons of the prophets requested permission to go to the Jordan. The business plan did not only include Elisha going with them, but the sons of the prophets had a work plan. The work plan stated that every man would take a beam and make a place where they could enlarge their territory.

In these verses we find that after the request was made by the sons of the prophets, the prophet Elisha commanded them to go and he went with them. Here, I am reminded of an old 1976 American Express marketing slogan. "Don't leave home without it." This phase became a catchphrase and a cultural reference. All believers should make sure that Jesus is on board so that he can navigate your life. It was to the sons of the prophet's advantage that the ophet Elisha went with them

3. Partnerships Are Personal, v. 4-5 We know that life has some uncertainties that are just a part of life. It is good to have some additional insurance at times. When one starts off on life's journey, the sun may be shining for a moment, but dark clouds can gather. When the sons of the prophets were at the Jordan cutting down trees, the bible says that a problem arose. The bible says that one of the men lost their ax head. The ax head fell into the water and it was temporarily lost. The loss of

this one man's ax head rendered him unproductive for the moment. The reason why some people have additional insurance is in case something happens then they have something to fall back on. Since the prophet Elisha was on board then the student prophet was able to ask the prophet Elisha for some assistance.

This situation became personal because it was a borrowed ax head. This servant had to borrow an ax head so that he could be productive in helping to building another place. Everyone should aim to be productive in whatever task that their hands are assigned to do. It was especially disturbing to the prophet because he borrowed his ax head. Iron was expensive and relatively rare in Israel at that time and the student prophet as very poor. The ax head was loaned to the prophet since he could not have afforded it on his own and would have had no means to reimburse the owner for it.

have seen too many times when have loaned someone a tool and they did not show the proper considerations for things that were borrowed. Have you ever loaned someone something that was valuable to you? Was it valuable to them? Did they return it to you?

Since the student prophet had engaged in a prior agreement then he had access to his partner in the time of need. This student prophet was in a panic and he cried out to Elisha, "Alas master! For it was borrowed. When you have the Lord Jesus in your life then you have the best partner you can have. The bible informs the believer that we can ask what we will in Jesus name and it will be granted unto us. I am glad to report that the prophet Elisha responded to the student prophet's request for

4.Partnerships Are Productive, v. 6-7 As we move toward a close of these verses, we note that the prophet Elisha asked a question. ' 'Where did it fall?" The next verse states that the student prophet showed the prophet Elisha the place where he lost it. The blessing in the passage is that the prophet Elisha cut off a stick and threw it in the water. Elisha threw a stick in the river at the exact spot where the ax head entered the water. The stick caused the heavy iron object to float to the surface. This miracle is an example of how the Lord can provide for one who is faithful to Him. Afterwards, the student prophet was able to be productive in building another place for instruction. This was another example of a productive partnership.

How many times have the Lord God showed Himself faithful to you? Do you trust the Lord after all that you have been through? If you can hold on to God's unchanging hand, then He will surely bring you out. The Lord God can bring about a miraculous change in your life!

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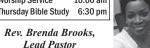
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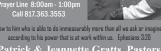
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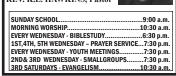
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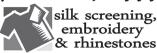
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2 Terrible fate

5 Sets up

6 Lines on paper

7 Verbal beholder

(Deut. 23:25)

10 Fabricator

for short

(2 Kings 25:29)

4 Featherweight champ

lofre (1 Chron. 23:23)

8 Small unspecified amounts

9 Isaac's favorite son (Gen. 25:28)

11 Buddhist monk (Mark 15:34)

19 Feeleth ill (Gen. 21:17, KJV)

22 Temple assistant (Neh. 7:48)

23 Closed cylindrical container,

3 Right-wing Prot. denom.

54 Sounded, as a bugle (Judg. 3:27)

ACROSS

| Advantage

5 Go astray

8 Where wicked go 12 Oppress (Exod. 5:9)

13 Regret (Luke 11:42, KJV)

14 Ancient Turkey (1 Cor. 16:19) 15 Tender

16 Father of Shimei (1 Kings 4:18) 17 Son of Caleb (1 Chron. 4:15)

18 Hugged

20 Babylonian plain (Dan. 3:1)

21 The same

23 Intestines 27 Nahor's concubine (Gen. 22:24)

31 Salt water

32 Grass or sword part

33 Duration

35 Jupiter's son: myth. (Acts 28:11. KIV)

36 Giant of Hebron (Josh, 15:14)

38 Without a date 41 Team dialoguers (1 Cor. 1:20) 46 Jacob's priestly son (Gen.

35:23) 47 Heavy Hebrew judge (1 Sam.

4:18) 48 Tablecloth shape

49 "So be it" (Deut. 27:19)

50 X

51 Deep mud 52 Combines with plank or way

25 Gain victory 26 Starting a battle (Jer. 37:11) 28 Pallet

29 Bother

24 Mineral-bearing rock

30 "___ name is 'woman' (Gen. 2:23)

34 "He ___ my soul in the cleft of the rock" (hymn) 35 Bungalows

38 Waste from smelting 24-down 39 Son of Ishmael (Gen. 25:15)

40 Part of street address (Hos 10:8)

42 lesus' resurrection site 43 "Deliver us from the One" (Matt. 6:13)

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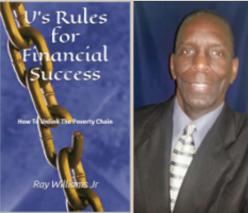
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