



#### CHURCHIN'

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

Ministry is about connecting people with God in Jesus Christ and watching him change their lives. That's why your staff and key volunteers need a clear sense of direction followed by quantifiable accomplishments to stay motivated. That's why every church needs to prioritize yearly calendar planning.

It's hard to believe, but we are into the 4th quarter of 2022. As we move closer to the end of the year, it might be a good time to think about your 2023 church planning and what you should be doing now. There is an old saying, "If you *fail* to plan – you *plan* to fail."

Annually, I prayerfully pause to reflect on the year we're in the midst of and look ahead to the incoming year. I've discovered that planning for the year makes it easier to involve other people, strengthens your legitimacy as a leader, and minimizes stress. A well-constructed church planning calendar will provide structure without limiting your ability to respond to opportunities and fresh ideas. Now I'm not saving you need to create a detailed to-do list a year ahead. However, it's wise to decide which events, activities, meetings and special days your church will host during the incoming year. By doing this early, your church leadership and congregants will have an idea about where the church is headed.

Planning helps us stay focused on church priorities that move us closer to achieving our mission. Planning for the year keeps the *why* in the forefront and your ministry more strategic. Just as there is a rhythm in nature, there is a natural rhythm of the church year. (Your church has a rhythm as it relates to giving cycles, membership participation, etc.) School seasons, other ministries, and holidays influence this rhythm, along with community events, traditions, and culture.

Here are some steps to help you prepare for a new year that's even better than the last.

**1. Pray.** Every process should begin with prayer. Pray that God will View by armichaeldeir

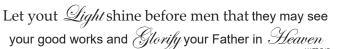
reveal new insights about yourself and your ministry and give you insight into how to apply those insights. Pray for your supervisor to also have wisdom and courage to speak any hard truths to you with love.

2. Involve others in ministry planning. Ecclesiastes says two are better than one. Once you've written the dates, activities, events and meetings all down on one calendar, organize a calendar review meeting. Look back over your 2022 wins and victories, as well as losses and failures as a ministry team and individually. It's important to have all ministry team leaders, the Senior Pastor, and committee chairs participate in the calendar review.

3. Reflect & Review. Revisit your mission and your vision. Remind yourself of your *why*. Why are you doing what you are doing? What did you learn this year that will help you to better plan next year? What are the results you want to see? Reflect upon the year's highs and lows.

**4. Summarize.** Once those questions that emanate from your ministry reflect and review process are identified and addressed, you can create a summary of your year that will inform your plan for the new year.

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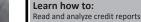




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### Speak Life Thought with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler "A Lit Life" these men were greeted by people

"Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold" (Acts 28:1-2).

When I was a little girl, my cousins and I went to a summer camp in the mountains for the first time. Coming from South Central Los Angeles and not having much, we packed a small bag with very few clothes, no money, and no sleeping bag. I have vivid memories of how cold it was at night. We had never been to a camp and back in the early 70s, this camp was hosted by a white congregation. Despite the color of our skin and our lack, we were treated with kindness, and when the cold evening came, we were invited to come sit by the fire. I'll never forget that fire experience. Every time we came to sit by the fire, we gained strength.

Today's passage is the story of Paul, other prisoners, guards, and the shipping crew who had gone through and survived a dark storm, swam in the open ocean, and came in on broken pieces. Like my campfire experience, these men were greeted by people who were not like them yet showed them extraordinary kindness including inviting them to come sit by the fire. Sitting around a campfire involves warmth, worship, and fellowship.

Come sit by the fire. You may have gone through many dark storms in your life that have left you holding on to broken pieces, but by the grace of God, you survived. You are stronger than you think and the Father is with you, working out all things on your behalf. Come sit by the fire and renew His promises in your life.

Kindness is your portion. The word "kindness" in the Greek means love for and extended toward mankind. Not only are we as Christians to exemplify kindness (the fruit of goodness) but there are those whom Holy Spirit will persuade to pour out kindness on you. The storm may have left you damaged but open your heart to receive help the Father will graciously send in your life to repair those broken pieces.

The campfire was built for you. The campfire is an opportunity for you to receive benevolence from the Father and from those He strategically places in your life. During those cold and rainy



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I don't know what will be, or what God has planned for me, When I face certain needs, where ahead God's Spirit leads, Or what means, He will raise, for my needs in coming days, But as God fills in the blanks, His Spirit fills me with thanks.

God has led me in times before, to what was a closed door, Opening up that door for me, in ways, which I could not see, So I must wait upon The Lord, for by God, I am not ignored, For God will move in His time, in His ways, by God's design.

The Lord's Ways are not mine, for all God's Ways are divine, Far above what I understand, as He moves His Mighty Hand, God moves in ways we cannot, when we are put on the spot. To change the focus of our story as God receives the Glory.

Planning from His Heavenly Court, The Lord will not fall short, As He cares for all His own, from His Lofty Sovereign Throne, With the king's heart in His hand, for He rules over every land, God shall take care of all of us, while we trust in Christ Jesus.

The Lord is not hampered by, our conclusions of how or why, We can always trust God's heart, to finish all that He will start; God has purpose in all He wills, and every purpose He fulfills, For the Glory of Jesus Christ, in each and every believer's life.



seasons in your life, come sit by the fire. When you have no more strength in you, come sit by the fire. When you have no more fire within you, come sit by the fire. When you just want to be encouraged, come sit by the fire. When you need fellowship, come sit by the fire. When you need direction, come sit by the fire. If you have messed up, tripped up, or fallen up, come sit by and burn up those things in the fire.

The campfire is a safe place for you to gain strength, be encouraged, and be reignited. So dear hearts, be determined to come sit by the fire and get lit by the Master.

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### Saintsville Baptist Church to Invest 50K to Support Other **Minority Charities & Small Business Initiatives**

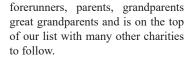


Sponsorship and support for other struggling charities in the minority community may be the bridge needed to connect the dots of our divided efforts to bring about impactful change. Saintsville will target all youth organizations, youth stem enhancement programs, single parents support groups and charities that are imperative to our legacy such as historical or newly organized churches. historical preservation organizations, minority museums, scholarships programs and many other non-profit exempt organizations.

In business Saintsville will offer support to job creativity programs, small business educational programs, mentoring, spiritual and inspirational programs.

Saintsville has selected The Tarrant County Black Historical Genealogical Society (TCBHGS) for it's first primary sponsorship for 2022-23.

The Lenora Rolla Museum is a priceless jewel and a necessity for the true history of Fort Worth and Tarrant county. Our goal will be to assist in helping to establish an annual on-going financial support system that will help sustain this museum's legacy indefinitely. The museum already has a great system in place but our entire community must be galvanized to passionately and aggressively support it. TCBHGS embodies the history of our trailblazers,



Saintsville's most recently "Guaranteed Gift" of \$25,000 to TCBHGS was a great start for a trend that we hope and pray that other businesses, organizations and every citizen in Tarrant County will see the need and catch on with great enthusiasm!

Interested charities. businesses Friends, Family, Concerned Citi zen's May contact us by email: pastorpace @ saintsvillecathedral.org,

> Milton Pace, Sr Pastor Tiffany Pace Whitaker, Executive Lead Pastor



### PALANAKI COMMUNITY OUTREACH WITH URBAN ARTS **COLLECTIVE PARTNERS FOR URBAN ARTS' CINDERELLA** PRODUCTION - A Cinderella full of Hip Hop, R&B and Social Media

Dallas, Texas Dallas' premiere urban theater. Urban Arts Center (UAC), partners with Palanaki Community Out-



reach for their youth-centered production of Cinderella. Palanaki Community Outreach is a guiding light to provide a safe and loving environment for children. They recognize that early physical, cognitive, social, and emotional developments are an important beginning to a lifetime of success.

This partnership brings the early childhood development concepts to the theater for young artist space. **Urban Arts' Cinderella** is an urban retelling of the rags to riches fairytale, told from a young black girls' perspective. With a cast of students from ages 6-17, this Cinderella will feature pop culture and music and dance made famous on social media platforms like Tik Tok.

"Brandy made history in 1997 as the first black princess on TV in Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" shares Urban Arts Collectives Producing Executive Director Jiles King II. "What this representation did for young black and brown girls was life changing. We created this unique, modern version to continue the legacy, while putting the story of the voice of this generation."

Urban Arts' Cinderella is directed by Jiles R. King II, choreographed by JuNene K, with music and lyrics from Shennaya Music, scenic design by Bernetta Sowels, lighting design by Valencia Caldwell and sound design by Devin Bruton.

Urban Arts' Cinderella dances onto the Urban Arts stage December 2nd at 8pm and December 3rd at 3pm and 8pm. Urban Arts Center is located at 807 Hutchins Rd, Dallas, TX 75203. Press night is Friday, December 2nd, 2022, at 8pm.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and can be purchased at urbanartscenter.ticketlocity.com.

#### About Urban Arts Collective:

Urban Arts Collective (UAC) is a Dallas based organization that uses art to engage the voice of black and brown communities. For 13 years, Urban Arts Collective has used theater, music, dance, visual and literary arts to engage local, national, and international communities. UAC is committed to cultivating the talent of emerging artists, providing platforms for career artists and celebrating the work of established artists from the African American perspective. Under the Collectives' umbrella include Urban Arts Center, Urban Arts Magazine, Urban Arts Institute, Urban Films and DFW Black Arts

For more information or to schedule interviews, contact Stephanie Warfield at info@urbanartsonline.com or 214-702-3371.



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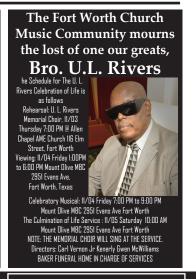
to renowned religious leader and Grammy-winning singer.

It's a story of resilience, a lesson he learned after losing his wife, Dr. Malinda Prince Sapp, to cancer in 2010. They had been married 18 years.

It's always reassuring to be reminded that even life's most traumatic and tumultuous circumstances. God has a way of mending it and he always gives you the ability to move forward and to be what he's called you to be.

Pastor Sapp was installed as senior pastor of The Chosen Vessel in Fort Worth, Texas November 2019.

The movie "Never Would Have Made It" is showing now on TV One.





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### Welcome to Fort Worth Save Our **Children Learning Center**

4217 AVENUE M | FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76105 | 817-536-3033 Elder Vernon & Sis. Linda James, Founders

We have very humble beginnings that evolved from a spiritual vision given to Mrs. Linda James in 1985. As the Lord ministered, she and her husband. Elder Vernon James went to work and a daycare was founded.

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We are located on the southeast side of Fort Worth, Texas.

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Founders Elder Vernon James and Sis. Linda James founded this daycare in 1984 which later became a davcare and a school.

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### Around the Community with Pastor **Sharon Ford-Turner**



Pic 1) Breast Cancer Awareness with Balloons Release and Free Give-A Way and Voter Registration Drive and Texas Tribe Football Association Homecoming Game Pastor Sharon Ford-Turner Sponsor & Community Food Bank; Pic 2) Congratulations To: Texas Tribe Football Association Homecoming Court, 5U King: Mason Ford, 7U Queen: Trinity Ford

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Wednesday Services Wedn<mark>esday Prayer</mark> Se<mark>rvice & Bi</mark>ble Study 7:00 P.M.



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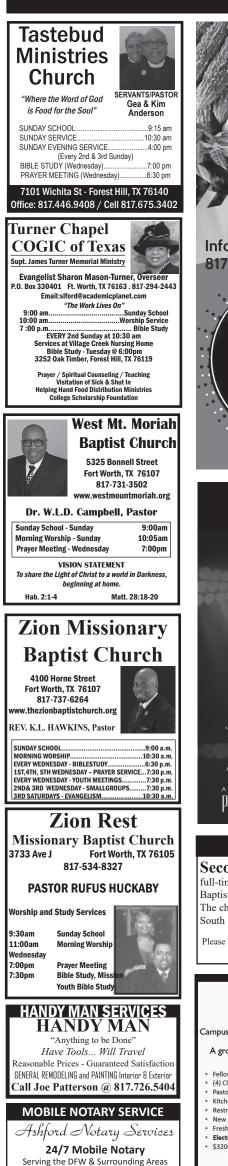
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	Bible Band	7:00 PM
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Mother Ida Barrett, First Lady		
"If you go with us,	we will do you good!"	

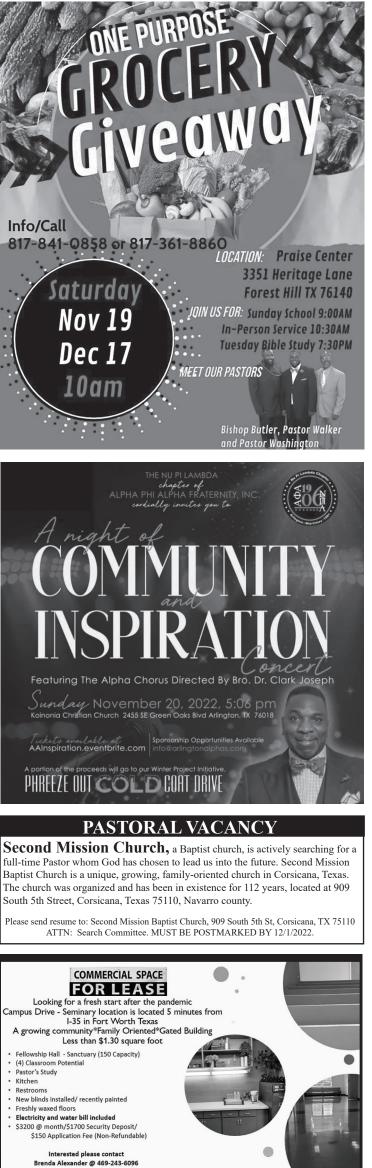


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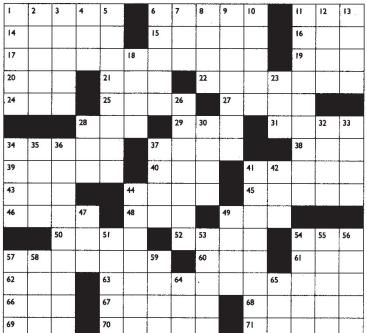


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