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SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 2, 2019 (11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.)
First Lady Dana Jones' Luncheon
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SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2019 (10:45 A.M.)

Samaria Baptist Church

Pastor William McKinley Jackson, Jr.

WEDNESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 6, 2019 CFMBC Darlings & Dudes Tribute to Pastor Jones (Noon) CFMBC Youth Ministry Pastor's Birthday Celebration (7:00 P.M.)

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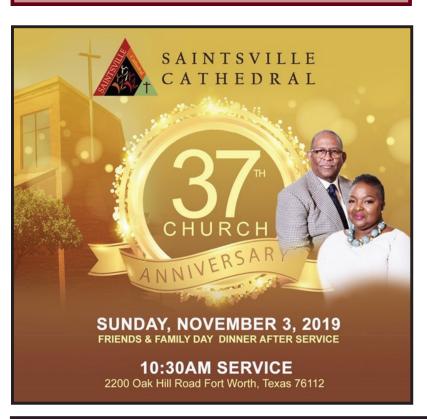
Pastor Ralph P. Taylor

SUNDAY ~ NOVEMBER 17, 2019 (10:45 A.M.)
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From the Publisher... Just A Minute

"Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" Matthew 5:16

We mourn with family of recently deceased, civil rights Congressman Elijah Cummings. During the many great comments about his life and contribu-



tions to America, especially the African-Americans and fair treatment for all citizens, I heard of his inaugural speech to the institution. In that, I think I found my newest favorite poem, one that I felt ashamed not to have heard or read it before. So I share it with you in hopes that it will bless you as well.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

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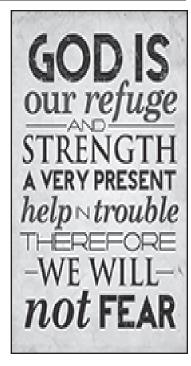
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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Churches should always have and express the desire and commitment to improve. But, truth be told, too many of our churches are complacent. Complacency is what the writers of the website Pulpit & Pen meant when they posited, "The vast majority of the professing church loves the world. The vast majority of the church would rather spend their days watching sports or indulging in self-gratification than carry out the Great Commission 1. Be Aware. Pay attention. Docand proclaim the Gospel."

Complacency is disinterest. To be complacent is to go with the have to acknowledge that comflow, to go along to get along. Complacency doesn't require discipline, accountability or even action. Complacency or the lack of a sense of urgency in a church is one of the main hindrances to change and progress. I read somewhere that "Complacent Churches are on a journey to nowhere."

Once upon a time, the complacent church may have been thriving, on fire for God, reaching their communities with the redemptive Gospel of Jesus Christ. But now, the baptismal waters are rarely stirred, there's no articulated strategy (vision and mission answer the why and what of your church, strategy answers the how) to bring in and minister to young people and children, and the church is making a little or no appreciable impact on the community. From what passes for teaching in Sunday School, to getting business decisions approved/clarified, to developing a relevant blueprint going forward - in almost every area of corporate church practice and Christian interaction, complacency has become the norm. When a church is complacent, she is easily satisfied with incremental growth and minor achievements. The complacent church resists resist being "pushed" or "challenged."

I, personally, subscribe to the John Maxwell Team's core philosophy, i.e., "everything rises and falls on leadership." Leaders solve problems, promote progress and lift people. If we become complacent as leaders, we will never experience all that God has for us.

Here are 5 practical ways to help eliminate complacency among your church leaders:



- tors know it's hard to treat a patient until a diagnosis is made. You have to face it to fix it. You placency exists in order to ad-
- Consistently working on achieving your goals removes complacency from your life. Only about 33% of people consistently work toward their goals. Consistently doing something each day, or X number of times a week, stops complacency in its tracks. By actively making progress towards a goal, you will stop the complacent mind-
- 3. Imbue your goals with purpose and meaning. Purpose is your why and complacency likes to reside in those who don't understand their why. If you want to stop being complacent, you have to know your purpose behind the goal.
- 4. Remind yourself you're running out of time. Ask yourself, "If I don't make progress to achieve this goal today, when will I do it?" Complacency lives, moves and have its being in goals that are not time sensitive. To cancel complacency, you must create a timed deadline. You must commit to achieving the goal in a certain period of time.
- Continuously learn and adapt. Things are changing and continuous learning is a way to adapt to changes by putting time aside to keep up with them with new skills and knowledge. Attend conferences, sign up for webinars, keep an audio book in your car's media system, etc.

We'll talk more next time. Blessings!

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

A Life of a Servant Leader

"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Matt. 10:44-45)

Anyone who accepts the role as a servant leader must serve wholeheartedly. Half-hearted service is not acceptable and is disrespectful to the Gracious God that called the servant leader. A servant leader is one who is called to lead through service. Servant leadership is not easy. It requires discipline, hard work, self-sacrifice, and a solid prayer life. Three important areas a servant leader must develop and maintain are conviction, commitment, and courage.

Conviction means one who has a firm belief in something that cannot be easily persuaded against. As a servant leader, you must have a clear understanding of your calling, purpose and assignment. You must be willing to do whatever is necessary to walk in a lifestyle that is conducive to the standards of holiness and righteousness that the assignment demands upon your life. You must have a made-up mind to stand firm to the vision written upon your heart by God. Your conviction must be so unwavering that you refuse to allow anything or anyone to contaminate what God has entrusted to you.

Commitment means to be dedicated to a cause. Commitment can be equated with the fruit of faithfulness. As a servant leader, vou must understand that commitment means you may face rejection and criticism. You may even have to stand alone and take some risks. However, your love for God and your appreciation of the gift of grace over your life motivates you to hold tight to your confession of faith without wavering that faithful is He that called you to be a servant leader. (Heb. 10:23)

Courage means to be brave. It is what the Father encouraged Joshua to live by when he became a servant leader. (Josh. 1:6) Courage means you must do something even if you are afraid, the opposite of brave. Although the fear of failure may try to consume your thoughts, as servant leader be quick to pull out your arsenal found in the Word of God that says, "De-



spite what may seem bigger than me, I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. (Philip. 4:13)

Jesus was the epitome of a true Servant Leader, providing a solid example for us to emulate. You would do well to glean from His life left on record to develop you as servant leader through conviction, commitment and courage. Be determined to be that servant leader that the Father at the appointed time will look upon and declare, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (Matt. 25:23)

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Thanksgiving Starts with Prayer

by Jerry Ousley

Here we are, once more on the brink of the holiday season. This week starts it off with one of the biggies for me: Thanksgiving. As you know I'm always talking about food. What better holiday for a guy who loves food as much as I do than one that is centered on eating? I'll never forget that first bite of turkey that I remember anyway. My family was celebrating the feast at



my Dad's mother's house. We sat down to eat and one bite of that bird had me hook line and sinker! I've loved it ever since and I for one never seem to tire of turkey leftovers.

A few years ago at a thanksgiving celebration at my Mom and Dad's found a large crew gathered for the feast. One of my uncle's was there who was noted for having a fair sense of humor and he was asked to lead the prayer over the meal. Personally I've learned to keep my prayers over meals as short as possible yet covering all the important issues. I have to confess that I've heard some prayers that just seemed to go on and on. Here you are sitting or standing with all those aromas drifting around in the air. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, dressing and homemade yeast rolls and all the while this person is going on and on those smells are tempting your mind away from the prayer and on to how good those culinary works of art are going to taste. You nearly find yourself saying "I wish this guy would hurry up! Doesn't he know that the food is getting cold?" Anyway, my uncle spoke this prayer: "Lord bless us and bind us, tie our shirttails behind us and poke us through a crack where the dogs can't find us. Amen." It drew a lot of laughter but maybe it wasn't quite appropriate for the occasion. It could have been a little longer, don't you think?

However, we need to realize that "thanksgiving" turned the other way around is "giving thanks" and that is prayer. Thanksgiving should always begin with prayer.

In the book of Nehemiah we read the account of the people of Israel returning from seventy years of captivity that began with the Babylonians. They had sinned greatly against God and as He had predicted a few hundred years before, their punishment was captivity. The years had been fulfilled and now they were being allowed to return to their land. One of the things they did was to re-establish the Passover and in Nehemiah 11 and 12 we read of a great thanksgiving celebration. 11:17 tells us that a guy by the name of Mattaniah had been put over the ceremony and with all the great things that had been planned it says that "Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader who began the thanksgiving with prayer" How important that was.

You see we have made a great holiday from that first thanksgiving feast celebrated by the Pilgrims. They were thankful to God for the bountiful harvest they had been granted and they didn't forget their Native American friends who had showed them how to plant corn and yield such a plentiful crop. I believe that it is a wonderful thing to put aside a day for all to be thankful to God. Of course we should be thankful to our Lord each and every day of our lives. Each new morning should be the start of a day of thanksgiving. But at least one day a year despite our problems with prayer in school, prayer in public and protests against God, our nation is at least influenced by a time of thanksgiving.

Our Thanksgiving should begin with prayer. Each day of our lives should begin with prayer. How can we give thanks to God without talking to Him? How can we talk to Him aside from prayer? So I'm going to begin this week of Thanksgiving with prayer. Pray with me now. "Father God, we are thankful for all of Your bountiful blessings. How could we live even one day without You at our side ever leading the way through our day? As we begin this week of Thanksgiving we thank you for work. We thank you that if some of us have not had jobs that somehow You have provided for us to be here this day. We know that despite our health, our physical condition, our financial status or lack of these things that You are in control. And we want to take this moment to let You know that we are thankful. Father I ask you to bless each one who hears my voice this day. Let us all be thankful without murmur or complaint and acknowledge that You, Almighty God, are indeed in control. We give all glory to You. Amen."

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by Robert D. Morri

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Others would rather the obstacles be removed; the road to be easy and light
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But here is a word to the wise; the plow has a guardian up on a tower

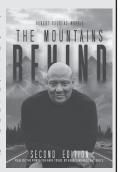
Christ gives the plow direction and protection; to endure life's worries Forging ahead to glory; one valley at a time; not knowing the end of the story Those of us who have been called to be first, know what I speak of It is difficult to be the plow; when all you seek is love

Being in front means you face it all before the others
Making the way easier for your sisters and brothers
This life we choose to lead can also have its good days; it's not all bad
Being the plow allows us to see the road ahead, and follow a distinct path

Imagine seeing the final destination; first in line for a reservation
Plowing a little faster with eternal rest being our inspiration
In our ears we hear, "seek after me and you will receive a gift"
Your reward is at hand, your work is approved; you were indeed made for this

In Jesus Name, Amen

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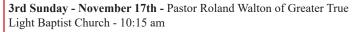
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1st Sunday - November 3rd - Pastor Mark Harris of Cooper Missionary Baptist Church -3:00 pm

2nd Sunday - November 10th - Associate Minister Jimmy Davis of Abundant Life Community Church - 10:15 am



Male Chorus Federation 3:00 pm followed by the 78th Homecoming Musical

Saturday, November 23rd - "Happy Birthday Strangers Rest Baptist Church" -1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

4th Sunday - November 24th - Pastor Gilbert Ross of Little Canaan Baptist Church, Belcher, LA - 10:15 am

Pastor Joseph Williams of South Fort Worth Baptist Fellowship Church -

We look forward to seeing you at one of our worship services.



Pastor Sharon Ford-Turner "Out in the Community"

Madame Carrie Roberson 85th Birthday Celebration at Samaritan MB

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3. Family Night Outing with Jackie Carden Elementary School At Ft. Worth Museum of Science and History. Principal Dr. Patricia Brooks and Coac laywood with Trinity and Mason Ford.

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I absolutely love the sacred music in this season. November starts the holiday-based period where our songs celebrate our Sovereign God and His blameless Son for His gift of life and love. Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas, gives the Believer many reasons to praise God through special programs filled with heartfelt songs. As a nation, we can thank God for using President Abraham Lincoln to declare a 'Thursday" in Nov as Thanksgiving Day! He did that right after signing the Emancipation Proclamation in Jan. of 1863, so his heart was clearly in a righteous place. Now, to all my choir director and Worship leader friends, I thought I'd remind you of the righteous themed songs to consider ministering this month. The rest of you should check them out too.

Walter Hawkins' classics "Thank You Lord" and "Be Grateful" can be sung without rehearsal, as well as Bishop Hez' "Grateful". But a sleeper song entitled "Thankful" on Byron Cage's Faithful to Believe project a few years ago is worthy of another listen. Pull up the Mississippi Mass Choir's "Lord We Thank You", Israel Houghton's "Thank You Lord for Saving Me" and Smokie Norful's "Still Say Thank You" for more great throwbacks. But don't stop reminiscing there. Go on and prepare Marvin Sapp's "Never Would Have Made it" and "Thank You" by the maestro Richard Smallwood, his ensemble Vision and soloist Evg. Charisse McIntosh. When that woman of God finishes singing God's Word throughout the song, you will be in worship posture with your hands up. Songwriters Leonard Burks and Joseph Price wrote "Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving" and "Lord I Thank You for These Blessings" respectively for our traditional tastes.

Praise and Worship will usher God right on in if you decide to sing a medley of "You Deserve It' by JJ Hairston, Todd Galberth's "Lord You are Good" and "Give Thanks" memorably recorded by The Potter's House of Dallas. Add to the

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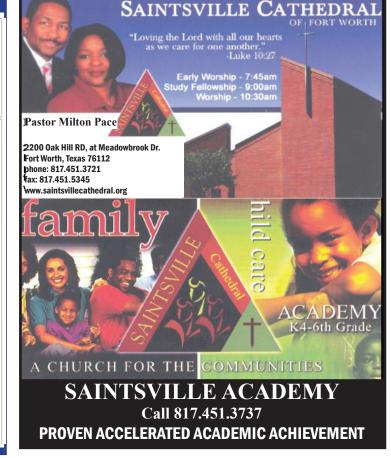




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beloved Christian songs is "Thank You" by Covenant Worship. The words go deep into my truth when I begin to sing "Singing out Thank YOU, with all of my voice, all of my heart; and if YOU never did

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How to Survive in Your Hard Place Gen. 28:10-22

Introduction

As we canvas the life of Jacob, we will find that he offers some helpful hints when trying to survive in your hard place. The hard place represents areas of one's life where difficulties become insurmountable. Rivers seem hard to cross and valleys are too steep and too deep. If we are going to make it in the hard place, we must have some hold-on capability. Although Jacob had received a name change from Jacob to Israel, he had to deal with some personal struggles in life. Allow me to help the reader in this case, everyone has some personal struggles. Some of our personal struggles can help us along the way.

When Jacob came out of his mother's womb, we ascertain that he held onto his brother's heel. If you are going to survive your hard place, you must have the ability to hold onto your faith. One should have enough faith to hold onto God's unchanging hand in times of hard trials and tribulations. If I can get a prayer through to the Lord, then I know that He can make everything alright.

Another sign of Jacob's hold-on capability is demonstrated regarding his ability to hold onto his mother's word about the way to succeed in life. We know the biblical account of what can happen when we plan without God's approval. It is because of this plan; Jacob deceived Isaac and was awarded the birthright instead of his brother Esau. In Genesis 27:30-38, we find that Isaac informed Esau that I have already blessed Jacob due to his deceit and cunning ways. Jacob came unto Isaac and disguised himself as Esau. Esau stated in these verses that Jacob has taken away his birthright and now he has taken his blessing. After this encounter with his father Isaac, Esau had made up his mind that he was going to kill his brother Jacob. This represents the hard place that Jacob now finds himself engulfed with great despair. Sometimes we can hold onto the wrong advice and this can cause us great grief.

Another way that Jacob depicts his holdon capability is when he wrestles with the Angel of the Lord. Jacob informs the Angel of the Lord that he can't let Him go until He blesses him. If we can hold onto the Lord, then we too can experience the power of change in our life. We can see those walls of insecurity come down in our lives. We can see our families and friends getting along with each other. We can get rid of police brutality and injustice in high places. We can envision a day when all of God's children will walk together in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

I. The Hard Place, v. 10-11

In verse 10, scripture informs the believer that Jacob went upon his journey towards Syria. Although Jacob was away from his earthly father, his Heavenly Father was with him. It is here recorded that Jacob made a long day's journey from Beersheba to Bethel. This journey was approximately forty miles. The providential will of God brought Jacob to a convenient place that was shaded with trees so that he could rest that night. Jacob had travelled a great distance and was in great distress. The bi-



ble tells us that he stayed in this place all night.

In verse 11, the Word informs the believer that Jacob took one of the stones and he laid his head upon it. One might say that Jacob has a rocky pillow. The bible tells us that Jacob went to sleep. It is imperative that we understand that Jacob is not complaining about the provisions he had to rely upon. Jacob could have stated that he felt since he has the birthright and the blessing, surely God would provide a better pillow. Jacob could have said, "Why should I not have better provisions in life?"

Jacob was exposed to the elements of the stars in the sky. Yet, it is imperative to note that Jacob was familiar with hardships because he was a plain man that dwelled in tents. Jacob had a comfort in the divine blessing that he had just received and he could lie down and sleep upon that rock. As believers, we may found ourselves in a hard place where our comfort is a rocky pillow. We should not become dismayed or be tired but we can be assured that future comforts are on the way. Although Jacob did not have the luxury of a fine hotel, he had the love of a just God's blessing upon his life. When we find ourselves in difficult places in life, we must remember that we are a part of a royal family. The Lord will make sure that we have what it takes to survive if we can continue to trust Him in times of trouble and turmoil. Can you trust the Lord when you can't trace Him? Can you go to sleep and rest upon the promises of the Lord when times are tough? Jacob is an example of what every believer should be able to do when we are confronted with adverse circumstances. Jacob made himself content with his circumstances and he went to sleep upon the rocky pillow. When Esau was hot after Jacob, we do not find that Jacob had a restless night but the bible tells us that he went to sleep and had a dream. Jacob had confidence in God's divine protection. When you are confident in your God, you can dream about higher places in life despite your current situation. There is a brighter day ahead for all of God's chil-

II. The High Place, v. 12-15

In these verses, we find that Jacob had a pleasant dream. The bible reveals the content of Jacob's dream. It is here that he saw a ladder which reached from earth to heaven. There were angels ascending and descending upon this ladder and God was at the head of the ladder. As believers, we can ascertain that this dream of angels going up and down and the ladder represents that there is constant conversation between heaven and earth. The counsels of heaven are executed on earth. The actions and affairs of earth are all known in heaven. There is nothing that happens here on earth that heaven is not

cognizant of. Our God knows when each flower fades in the garden. Our God knows when His children have some unforeseen troubles in their lives. The actions of earth are judged in heaven. God is the righteous judge and he knows everything about us. The angels are engaged as ministering spirits to serve all of the purposes and the designs of the Lord. These angels do not rest day or night but are actively engaged in the duties of their assignments. As the angels are actively engaged in the work of the Lord, believers should endeavor to live as the Lord commands. We must obey God rather than man.

The vision that Jacob saw in this dream allowed him to have a comfort that let him know God is his guide. The God of Jacob preserves our going in and out of situations. As we study this ladder, we must know that we have a bridge between earth and heaven. Jesus is the mediator of the Covenant. He is the ladder. Christ is the way from earth to heaven. If God dwells with us and we are with Him, then it is by Jesus Christ.

The Lord God had encouraging words to say to Jacob in this vision. From the head of the ladder, the Lord God told Jacob that he would be the same to him as He had been to Abraham and Isaac. The Lord God told Jacob that his posterity will multiply exceedingly as the dust of the earth. It is also stated by God that the Messiah would come from his loins in whom all of the families of the earth would be blessed. Jesus Christ is the great blessing to the world. Jacob was apprehensive of danger from his brother Esau but God promises to keep him. If the Lord makes a promise to us, then He can fulfill all of His promises. Are you resting on the promises of God? The Lord God knows how to give his people comfort in the midst of any trial. The Lord God promised to preserve Jacob in all places. The Lord God has promised believers never to leave us alone.

III. The Holy Place, v. 16-22

It is in Jacob's hard place that he receives the blessing from a high place. In these verses we find that Jacob was surprised to see the tokens of God's special presence in this place. Sometimes we meet with God in places where we think are less likely to have God's presence, power, and promises. Jacob was not puffed up with pride from having this experience but rather he had the right spirit. Jacob stated that he has respect for this place and he would set up a monument to remember God's special provisions in this hard place. Jacob had a humble spirit and he erected a lasting monument to the Lord God. Jacob poured oil upon this monument and he dedicated it to the Lord. As believers, we should remember the blessings of the Lord in our lives. We should remember that we are never alone in this life!

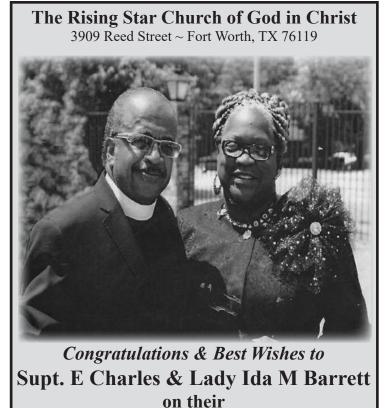
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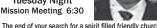
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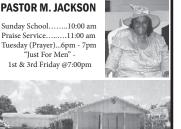
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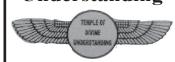
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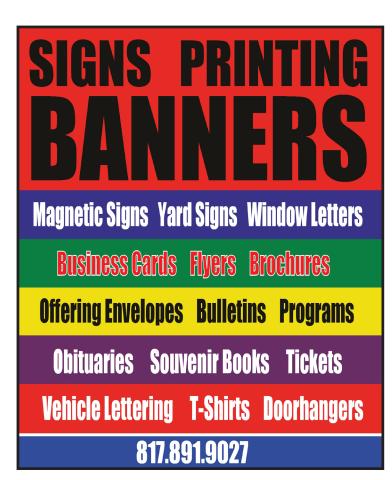
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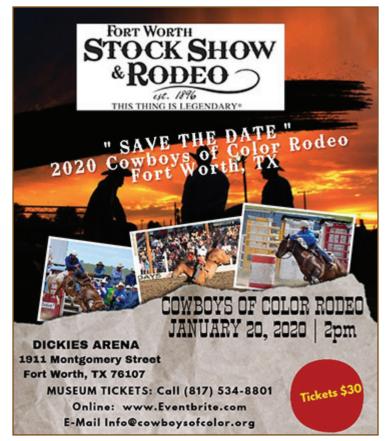
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