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The Rosa Parks Day Bus Stop Dedication in Memory of Miss Atatiana Jefferson on Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3:00p.m. at New Mount Rose Missionary Baptist Church 2864 Mississippi Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76104. Rev. Kyev P. Tatum, Sr., Host Pastor

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - December 1st is known as Rosa Parks Day across the nation and the community of Fort Worth will acknowledge this important day with the dedication of a Bus Stop in the memory of Miss Atatiana Jefferson.

"The community has a responsibility to remember the legacy of Rosa Parks and now Fort Worth has an obligation to memorialize the life of Atatiana Jefferson," says Pastor Kyev Tatum, New Mount Rose Missionary

Baptist Church.

The church recently adopted the four Trinity Metro Bus Stops surrounding Morningside Middle School and has agreed to help keep the area clean. "Now when people volunteer they will be cleaning with a cause," Pastor Tatum said.

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December 31st @ 10:00 PM. Watch Night Service, Guest: Mt. Horum Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. W. S. Todd

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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

It's one thing to make mistakes in leadership. It's another to make the same mistakes over and over again. So, this month I thought I would offer you a *6-Pack of Dumb Mistakes Smart Churches Make Over And Over Again.*

Mistake Number One: We start new things without eliminating old things. During my first pastorate in Washington, D.C., I talked with a cadre of our leaders the future direction of the Church. All agreed that with changing times, we must adopt changing methods. We discussed a number of things we needed to do and, consequently, we concluded that in order to do these new things some old things would have been eliminated. However, when I suggested some things that might need to be eliminated, they opposed all of the suggestions. Churches have a difficult time with change.

Mistake Number Two: We enlist people for leadership without regard to their spiritual gifts. The relationship between spiritual gifts and Church leadership is important. The Holy Spirit of God grants spiritual gifts to believers for the edification of the body of Christ. Then, the Holy Spirit grants men and women the spiritual gifts they need in order to exercise leadership in directing the Church, teaching and encouraging the believers, and building up the body of Christ. Too often we enlist leaders in order to fill a vacant position on the Church leadership roster and it frequently backfires.

Mistake Number Three: Leaders get caught up in turf battles instead of promoting the work of the Kingdom. It's easy to see how this happens. Someone gets involved in a particular ministry and they develop a real affinity for the ministry. They become passionate about it and it's only a small step from a "passion for this ministry" to "this ministry is the most ministry is the most important ministry in the Church." And, before long trouble ensues because the leader feels he or she has to defend their turf even if it means disrupting the body.

Mistake Number Four: We live in the past. Gratitude for the past should permeate the life of the Church. However, "being thankful for" is not the same as "being hardwired to." Instead of dupli-



cating the actions of the past we need to duplicate the spirit of the past. Our past leaders did what was necessary to meet the challenges of their day using methodologies and strategies that were appropriate to their context. We should be willing to do the same in our day.

Mistake Number Five: We fail to create policies and procedures. To provide stability, safety and consistency to their leadership and members, Churches need clear policies and procedures in place that address issues relevant to their congregations. Since each Church has different needs, the exact policies and procedures will vary by congregation. In general, though, a Church policies and procedures manual will include sections to address how the Church is governed, how finances are handled and policies to prevent harassment and abuse.

Mistake Number Six: We demand leadership but resist it at the same time. Pulpit committees have said to me, "We need you to give leadership to the Church." Then, some of the same folk became unsettled when I did. I remember accepting a call to a wonderful congregation in East Texas and shortly after my arrival I was visited by a fellow pastor who advised me "not to try to pastor the Church." He told me to "go along to get along." Of course, I thanked him and proceeded to shepherdize the flock. In other words, although I did meet substantial resistance within that congregation, I was committed to pastoring the Church... to the Glory of God!

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

A Re-Positioned Life

"And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother." (Genesis 35:1)

After such traumatic family events that transpired with Jacob's daughter Dinah and revenge of her brothers Simeon and Levi, God calls Jacob and his family back to Bethel to re-position. Re-position means to move from one place to another. Ministry has revealed that the greater the calling, the greater the attack. The greater the attack, the more intensive fellowship with the Father must become evident in the life of the believer for His presence and anointing to be prevalent. I have seen too many drop off or give up because they could not handle the pressures of ministry. While the enemy is trying to draw you to a place of defeat, God is calling you to re-position back to a higher place of worship where victory resides.

As we learn from Jacob, when God calls you to re-position, it is a Spirit-led place of communion and refreshing. God commanded Jacob to get to this place with specific instructions to build and worship. Jacob would later acknowledge this as a place of remembrance where God met him when he was in distress. (Gen. 35:3)

Re-position requires that you break away from some things in your life. It is what Jacob required of his entire household when he told them to get rid of the foreign stuff they had been holding on to. Anything that you allow to consume and interrupt your worship-cell, horoscopes, internet, gossip, fornication, old hurts and bad experiences, etc.-become a distracted idol in your life that can sting and kill your faith. We are mandated to mortify (put away) these things out of our life. (Col. 3:5)

Re-position comes with disconnection. Jacob's journey notes the unexpected death of his wife, Rebekah's nurse Deborah. (Gen. 35:8) Death steps into your life, brings grief, and a part of you lost and disconnected, never to be regained. A rocket uses up 70% of its fuel at takeoff and relies upon the remaining 30% to finish the journey. Not everyone is called or gifted to re-position with you. Not everyone under-



stands what it means to re-position and rather than journey with you they weigh you down. You don't need everyone to re-position with you to finish the journey.

Re-position demands faith and obedience. It wasn't until after Jacob allowed death to take place that God showed up again and blessed him. (35:9-10) You cannot prevail with God unless you have troubles to prevail over. Faith and obedience are the lampposts to re-position. The Father set Jacob up to get him to this place so He could issue a renewal: a changed name, changed life, changed purpose, changed direction. Wait to receive the Father's blessing.

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"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



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Researchers, Dr. Sandi Pruitt from UT Southwestern in Dallas and also serves as the spokesman for David Lakey the UT Health System in Austin groundbreaking research has discovered the 76104 zip code where Miss Atatiana Jef- community reform. ferson was killed by a Fort Worth Police Officer has the lowest life expectancy in the entire State of Texas. Data from the public health at New Mount department and other agencies also show that this same zip code has one of the highest infant mortality rates, the greatest Adverse gmail.com Childhood Experiences (ACE),

bellies up in the lake you look 2/3 of the fish bellies are up in the lake we must start to look at the lake," says Pastor Tatum, who the Faith and Community Leaders United, a group of community stakeholders seeking police and

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We all must travel down this road, and one day give up this heavy load

Of struggle and pain, and all life entails It soon will be time for all of us to set sail My message to you, from across the divide Live worthy of the trip to the other side

Use my exit as an example to follow Treat every day special; don't live life hollow Love the people God put around you Let his love completely surround you

My place has been provided, I am at heaven's door Cry if you must, but soon, you must ensure You live life greatly, and love every minute Appreciate The Hour Glass, and all the time in it

For once we pass through, there is no going back I had my time among you, please thank God for that We will soon meet again, in another time, in another place Family and friends, I can't wait to see your faces

Housed in a new body, no pressure, pain, or past We will meet again one day in a fresh, anointed Hour Glass

In Jesus name, Amen

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son that it's going to be amazing

to hear how it all happens. He

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phenomenal 60th birthday gala

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The Gospel Corner with Proclaimer of the Word... Rev. J.R. Brumfield to worship the new

The Right Time Matthew 1:18-25

Introduction

It has always been the wisdom of God to decide the right time for events to occur in humanity. For instance, every person has been granted a birthday and only God knows when our time will be end. There have been times in history when someone has asked the question, how could this happen at a such a time in history. Although God allows some bad things to happen in history, He still rules and super rules over His creation. The sun does not take a vacation unless the Lord God grants it. The moon must provide the lesser light at night unless the Lord decides to do otherwise.

When we look at the birth of Moses, we find that the Israelites had cried out for a deliverer for nearly 400 years. I am sure that some of the Israelites felt like all hope was lost but God had something to say about their deliverance. It is interesting to note that when God got ready to produce a deliverer in Israel, He used a baby. There was a baby named Moses that was born to woman named Jochebed. I state to you that Moses was born at the right time. As we read the biblical account of Moses, we find that Moses was raised in Pharaoh's house. Our God has a way of preparing His people for the right time. Moses knew the house of Pharaoh and this knowledge was needed for him. It was Moses that when he came of age, he recognized that it is better to suffer for a season with God's people than to enjoy the pleasures of sin.

After the ten plagues, Moses led the Exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt and across the Red Sea. I suggest to you that our God is still capable of delivering his people from the Red Seas of life. God knows the right time for our deliverance despite our limitations.

When the Lord God was ready to produce a deliverer for the world, he sent a baby named Jesus. I suggest to you that the Lord God was working on our behalf. When Christ was born, we find that his birth occurred during a dreadful time in history. Herod the Great died in 4BC and this was a time of political turmoil and religions unrest. Immediately following King Herod's death, the country entered a period of revolution and violence. Although we may live in a time of political unrest, our God knows how and when to bring about a



the wisdom of God in all matters.

I. Jesus's Birth, v. 18-21

The gospel writer Matthew informs the reader that Mary was espoused to Joseph before they came together. It is good to have courtship long enough to get to know someone. Marriage is a sacred privilege and the institution of marriage should not be entered unwisely. Here is an example of Joseph's intention to marry Mary. This passage tells us that before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Although Joseph was a just man, he still could not understand what was happening in his life at this time. However, the Lord God has a way of making known His will to His children. The Lord God used a dream to communicate His plan for man's salvation. The bible states that God called Joseph by his name. "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife for the baby that is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. The scripture informs us that God told Joseph in a dream that the name of the child shall be called "Jesus" for he shall save his people from their sins. It is at this point in Joseph's life that he accepts the baby Jesus as his son.

All of this was done so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. Jesus is the fulfillment of Scripture and He came in the fullness of time. The arrival of Jesus birth did not catch God off guard. Jesus came at the right time. It was foretold before the foundation of the earth that Jesus would come for lost humanity. The prophet Isaiah stated that "behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. The interpretation of Immanuel means "God with us."

As a child, I am reminded of numerous Christmas songs that depict the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The song entitled, "Joy to the World," is a very familiar Christmas song. The words of the song, Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let every heart prepare Him room. When the wise men came

to worship the new born King, there was great joy exhibited by the Heavenly chorus. Yes, creation knows how to celebrate the King of Kings! Although the world may sing this song at Christmas time, are you ready to accept Him as the Lord of your life? Are you ready to accept the reality of that song? Do you accept the biblical account that Jesus is God wrapped up in human flesh? The apostle Paul said in Romans 3:3-4 these words. "For what if some did not believe? Shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbids. Yeah, let God be true and every man a liar. We cannot deny or doubt the Virgin birth. It was stated by Dr.

Walvoord, the president of Dallas Theological Seminary, "the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ is the central fact of Christianity."

II. Joseph's Obedience, v. 22

For we know that at the time of Jesus Christ, there were some who accused him of being an illegitimate son, a child born out of wedlock. Some stated that Jesus was the son of a Roman soldier who cohabitated with Mary, and Mary was and adulteress thus Jesus was an illegitimate child. These were the kinds of slanderous information that was going on at that time regarding our dear Lord.

As we look at Joseph, we find that he was a just man and he obeyed the voice of God in a dream. Joseph represents an example to all men who want to lead godly lives before their families. When we obey God, we are blessed. Joseph and Mary were blessed with other children. Jesus was born so that today's world may have an opportunity to eternal life. We are thankful for the Virgin birth and the salvation message of the cross. Jesus came at the right time!

Yours in Christ,

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Black Musicians Association of Tarrant County Legends of Gospel 2019 Honorees

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Hall of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. The concert was presented to a sell-out audience of family, friends, church members and well-wishers of the honorees. This year's event honored four living legends and three posthumous legends whose musical legacies are indicative that only the best is considered reasonable service when one recognizes the calling that has been placed on his/her life. The legends were selected based on their notable musical contributions to church music and other musical genres as well as civic and community involvement. Those honored as Living Legends were Mr. Jerry Allen Perry, Mrs. Rebecca Mack Wilson, Ms. Jewell Blanton Kelly, and Rev. Joe Allen Foster. Memorial recognitions were presented to the families of Posthumous Legends – Ms. Avis Michelle Fisher, Mr. Richard Augustus Hawkins, and Mrs. Verta Lee McEwing.

Again this year the highly acclaimed retired journalist and human rights advocate, Mr. Bob Ray Sanders served as the Master of Ceremony. After the "Pomp and Circumstance" entrance of the LOG Honorees, Reverend Wm. McKinley Jackson, Pastor of the Samaria Baptist Church set the tone for worship with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise. The evening of music commenced with a rousing bravo performance of Donald Lawrence's Matthew 28 by the sensational BMATC Choir and the incredible Band. The concert was highlighted with the virtuoso vocals of Ms. Andrea Wallace and the dynamic soul-stirring performance of Rev. Lawrence Thomison who jointly escalated the evening with songs that stimulated music as an art and music for the heart. The ambiance of welcome, comfort and safety was ensured by the meticulous assistance of the Forest Hill Ushers Union. The evening culminated with a lovely and delectable honoree reception prepared by At the Table Catering, Mrs. Janice Kenerly, proprietor. Mr. David Washington captured the event in photography.

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cussion on the movie "Just Mercy",

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