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"The LEADER'S EDGE" by drmichaelbell

Donald McGannon (September 9, 1920 - 1984), who ran Westinghouse Broadcasting Corporation during the formative years of the television industry in the United States, once said, "Leadership is action, not position." You're a leader by acts alone, not by title. Authentic leadership is not given. It's earned. not demanded.

As a Pastor, I've witnessed far too often, people who were appointed, elected or chosen to lead a specific ministry, committee or church and, once they were in the leadership position, they did absolutely nothing with the opportunity. Again, leadership is more than just holding an office or a position.

Leadership in the church has to be earned. It doesn't come automatically because we hold a position in the church. Instead it grows out of several key elements.

First, be competent. Leadership is earned through competence. Competent leaders see a need and take the steps necessary to fill it. A leader should by their actions demonstrate they know what they're doing. This doesn't mean we have to be perfect to be a leader. It does mean we have to evince competence.

Competence is demonstrated when we prepare properly. Preparation is essential, not optional. When we haven't taken the time to prepare for what we're doing, we communicate to people we don't think preparation is a big deal. We need to be sure to do our homework, to have our ducks in a row. When we don't, people will not follow us as their leader for more than a few steps.

Competence is demonstrated when we indicate a growing maturity. No, we don't have to be perfect, but we do need to be in the process of developing our gifts and growing in our faith.

Leadership is earned by being con*sistent.* Leadership is predicated on trust, and trust comes when the people you're tasked to lead know they can count on you to act and react appropriately. There must be consistency between what we say



and what we do in our lives. The issue here is coherence. Again, this doesn't mean we have to be without our flaws and foibles. None of us are. Nonetheless, we do need to evidence in our relationships and in our daily engagements and in our family life during the week a commitment to the principles of the Word of God.

Here's another key element: Be caring. Before people will buy into our leadership they must know we care about them. Have you ever heard of the "halo effect?" Various experiments have shown a tendency to see those we love in a better light, a willingness to allow some things in those we love that we do not allow in others. This is the "halo effect." How do we get others to love us? We love them genuinely, unconditionally and individually. The most critical step in developing our leadership is to love people.

One more thing...be a Communicator. Every book on leadership I've ever read that lists the gualities of a leader always includes something about being a communicator. To be a leader in the church calls for the ability to express our thoughts and to share our vision with the congregation or those who are involved in the ministry we lead.

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

A Scarred Life

"My scars tell a story. They are a reminder of times when life tried to break me but failed. They are markings of where the structure of my character was welded." Steve Maraboli

Growing up, my biological father was absent in my life. He made promises to come and visit me and pick me up but no matter how I pleaded he never showed up. His broken promises left some deep emotional scars in my life. It wasn't until I was in my adult years--married with two children, full-time working, and a pastor's wife--that I would be healed from the damage of these emotional scars. Having worked as a paralegal in family law for over 40 years, I have seen the emotional scars of parents, children, and their families because of broken promises. Even though a settlement agreement may be reached the seeds of brokenness are still there. If not attended to, these emotional scars can have debilitating effects. The aftershocks of emotional turmoil can show up in many forms from suppressed feelings, depression, fits of rage, outbursts of anger, addiction, uncontrollable behavior, etc.

As a pastoral counselor, I strongly advocate counseling in both the secular and religious arenas to help address emotional scars. Proverbs 11:14 says, "Where no counsel is, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors there is safety." Professional counselors help identify goals and potential solutions to problems that cause emotional turmoil; seek to improve communication and coping skills; strengthen self-esteem; and promote behavior change and optimal mental health. Pastoral counselors provide therapeutic support and spiritual guidance to people in need of all ages and circumstances. Pastoral counselors' unique orientation and listening perspective help those in need find peace, forgiveness, and acceptance.

The lack of my father's love in my life took me to hurtful places emotionally. However, it was through the safety of counseling and prayer that I found "peace, forgiveness, and acceptance in the arms of the amazing Yahweh, Abba Father. While my father was not active in my life as I had desired, we did have a relationship and were at peace with each other. He passed away in December 2022 and I had the honor to lovingly eulogize his service. Psalm 34:18 NLT "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed" or damaged from a You may have scars but blow.



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because of the redemptive work at the cross, you can be healed forever through wise counsel and guidance.

Our Savior's scars are written all over His body that He did not erase, cover up or minimize. His scars remind us that every time we doubt, hurt, or fear, we can be healed.

Love the person (you) who sees the scar every day in the mirror because the Father sure does. Dear hearts, be determined to know that while you may be scarred for life, you can be healed forever.

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Introducing Pastor Darlene Dudley - The 1st Local Lady Pastor of a Baptist Church in Fort Worth



Pastor Darlene Dudley, is an Ordain Minister who is a native of Fort Worth, Texas. She is married to the love of her life, Mr. Rickey L Dudley and is the proud mother of 3 children, Shayla Lenear, Sha' Lenear and Michael Lenear. She is also the proud grandmother of 5 grandchildren, Michalia Lenear, Karmora Sturges, Iyanna Lenear, Isaiah Lenear and Sha' Lenear Jr. Pastor Darlene Dudley is a member of First Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist church, under the Pastorship of B.R.Daniels Jr.

Pastor Darlene Dudley was called to the Ministry of Evangelism in 2005 and licensed that same year, under the Pastorship of the late Overseer Roy E. West, at the Stranger's Rest Baptist Church. She was ordained in the year 2013 under the Pastorship of Pastor Michael S. Booker at the Stranger's Rest Baptist Church.

Pastor Darlene Dudley has served as Sunday School Teacher, Women Ministry President/Teacher, Youth Director, Youth Pastor. She has also has served as Board Member for Opening Doors for Women In need Ministry under the leadership of Sandra Stanley. She is also the founder of "The Stretching Out for Christ Outreach Ministry".

Pastor Darlene Dudley is an anointed woman of God whom God has allowed her to endure many painful situations which she believes has empowered her to share her message of hope with the lost, bound and the broken hearted. Her vision is to encourage, empower, and motivate men and women with the word of God for the perfection of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A women after God's own heart!

In December of 2022, Pastor-Elect Darlene Dudley was called to serve as the Interim Pastor for the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. On February 26, 2023, the members of St. Luke voted her in to serve as their Pastor.



St. Matthew MBC 66th Church Anniversary and Homecoming



The St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 66th anniversary with a month-long array of activities and culminating with homecoming service on Sunday, June 25, 2023. Celebration Theme: "Pressing Together and Moving Forward." The homecoming service celebration will begin with morning worship at 10:45 a.m. with Pastor Lester E. Singleton bringing the message. The T.W. Pope Memorial Scholarship recipients will be announced and acknowledged.

The afternoon worship will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will include fellowship, prayer, special music, history update and the spoken word. Pastor Milton West and the Holy Way Baptist Church will be the special guests.

The church is located at 5500 East Berry Street on the southern-most boundary of the Historic Stop Six community. **Connect with us on Facebook @ stmatthewmbc5500.**



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School's out, here's where to get free food for your kids

this summer

Summer feeding programs provide free meals to any child, regardless of school enrollment by Kristen Barton / adapted from the Fort Worth Report

To help fight hunger in communities, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funding to school districts to continue to provide meals during the summer.

The federally funded program provides free meals to anyone ages 18 and younger. Enrollment in the program or school is not required; children simply have to show up to the sites to get meals.

For more information, visit the Summer Food Service program, or to find a site offering the summer meals, go to www.Summer-Food.org. Families also can find resources by calling 211 or texting FOOD to 304-304.

Fort Worth ISD

Fort Worth ISD campuses will serve meals Monday through Thursday, June 5 through 29. Meals times at campuses vary, according to the district. Text FOOD to 304-304 for times.

Locations: Carter-Riverside High School Arlington Heights High School South Hills High School Diamond Hill-Jarvis High School Dunbar High School Eastern Hills High School North Side High School Polytechnic High School Paschal High School Southwest High School Western Hills High School O.D. Wyatt High School Benbrook Middle School Young Women's Leadership Academy Young Men's Leadership Academy Daggett Middle School Forest Oak Middle School William James Middle School Kirkpatrick Middle School Meadowbrook Middle School Meacham Middle School Riverside Middle School Rosemont Middle School Stripling Middle School J. Martin Jacquet Middle School Wedgewood Middle School Leonard Middle School Benbrook Elementary School Burton Hill Elementary School Carroll Peak Elementary School

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Crowley ISD Location: Deer Creek Elementary, 805 S Crowley Rd #805 Date: June 12 – 23 (Monday – Friday) Breakfast: 7:15-8:15 a.m. Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rocketship Public Schools Texas Location: Rocketship Dennis Dunkins Elementary School, 3520 E. Berry St. Breakfast: 8-9 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Other sites

Lake Worth ISD and Arlington ISD also iare participating in the program. The details for the campus sites and times can be found online or by texting FOOD to 304-304.

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The City of Fort Worth also provides several summer meal options in partnership with the Department of Agriculture. Find all of them here.



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HISTORY MOMENTS



1973, Hughes was the head coach of historic I.M. Terrell High School, an all-black school in Fort Worth, Texas where he refused to let society dictate the future of his players, often placing otherwise forgotten young men in junior colleges in the era of segregation in the South. When the school shut down in 1973, Hughes landed the job at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School where he would stay for 32 years. In all, the toughminded and beloved coach won 1333 games with his fast-paced, full court high flying brand of basketball. The show was above the rim, and Hughes pushed his most athletic players to the limit. The 2003 National High School Coach of the Year led his teams to five State Championships and 35 District Titles, but the greatest pleasure for Hughes was seeing

his players work hard to experience success on and off the court.

One of Hughes' greatest achievements was his election to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on March 31, 2017. Additional halls of fame include: Texas Basketball Hall of Fame (1993), High School Basketball Hall of Fame (2003), and the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame (2013).

Hughes was selected as the NHSCA National High School Coach of the Year in 2003, and received the Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2010.



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7 Ways Churches Can Cooperate, Not Compete by Kevin Harney

ing the seeds of God's love, grace and message of salvation, we have an enemy. The problem is, we often think that enemy is the church across town or across the street. Too many Christian churches and ministries feel a sense of competition with other Bible-believing and Jesus-loving congregations. We forget that our battle is not against flesh and blood, but spiritual forces in the heavenly places (Eph. 6:12).

The only way we will move forward as a powerful force for the gospel in our world is together. When I say together, I mean all believers in Jesus praying, serving and reaching out in partnership. This does not mean tossing out denominational- or church-distinctive or stylistic preferences. There is something beautiful about the diverse styles and unique characteristics of different churches. We should not lose this. But we are family. We are the body of Christ. We are still one church.

I grew up in a loving, relatively healthy, pagan home. I had no meaningful connection with any church until I was almost 16 years old. But when I became a follower of Jesus. I was amazed at the beauty of the local church. I was also captured by the idea that God could change this world if churches would stand together rather than nitpick and quibble with each other. As the years have passed, my conviction that we need to scatter the seed of the gospel in partnership with other believers in Jesus continues to deepen and grow. Here are some ideas to help us walk this road together.

1. Thank God for his church.

Get in the habit of actually thanking God for other local churches and their ministry. As you drive by other gathering places where Jesus is lifted up and honored, thank God for your brothers and sisters.

2. Pray passionately for other churches. Be committed to praying for churches locally, nationally and internationally. Offer driveby prayers for churches you walk or drive past. "God of glory, pour through these brothers and sisters as they worship you, grow in faith and seek to reach the lost!

Even pray for other churches in your worship service. We do this weekly at the church I pastor. We call other local churches, ask for one big need and pray for the church and their pastor by name. This sends a message that we are in this together. It also unleashes the power of heaven for the sake of the gospel.

3. Major on the majors.

As you pray and partner, keep your focus on the gospel of Jesus and the mission of the church. There is far more that should bind us together than divide us. For three years I served as a teaching pastor at Cen-

When it comes to the gospel and scatter- tral Wesleyan Church in Holland, Michigan, and as teaching pastor at Faith Reformed Church in Dyer, Indiana. I had people press me and ask, "How can you serve both a Weslevan and Reformed Church at the same time!"

> The tone of this question always had a sense that these two groups are so radically different that they really can't work together! I would respond, "I preach the Bible and I lift up Jesus in both churches." To everyone's apparent amazement, there was never a problem at either church. We really are one body and on the same team.

4. Honor differences.

When it comes to style, let's not talk about "right and wrong" and instead commit to honoring distinctive ways churches do their ministry.

When I have someone visit our church and say to me, "I really don't connect with the more contemporary music or style of ministry that marks your church," I just smile and encourage them to visit nearby Carmel Presbyterian Church. I love and trust Rick. the lead pastor, and I know they do amazing ministry. They are a bit more traditional than we are, but they do dynamic and biblical ministry.

When someone is looking for a more intimate-sized church than ours, I encourage them to visit Cypress Church, where Ben, a dear friend, is the pastor. Their outreach and discipleship is fantastic. I love that we have many God-honoring churches and leaders in our community. We can honor the differences and work together for the gospel

5. Learn from each other.

God is moving all over the planet. Let's commit to learn from anyone who is effective in outreach

lead an organization called Organic Outreach International. A dear friend, Ed Stetzer, leads the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism. We see each other as friends and partners, and we actively encourage each other. Rick Richardson also serves at the Billy Graham Center and teaches evangelism at Wheaton College. We partner closely, love and respect each other, and I have learned a huge amount from his books and teaching

Lee Strobel, Mark Mittelberg and Gary Poole are developing the Center for Strategic Evangelism at Houston Baptist University. I consider all three of these men teachers in my life through their writings and teachings, and I learn something every time I am with any of these amazing leaders. We are not competing but working together, and our organizations support and supplement one another.

6. Work together. Our partnership should go beyond a theoretical thumbs-up. Let's not just say, "We love each other and are in the work of the gospel together." Let's actually move into mission together and connect in meaningful ways. I meet with other local pastors once a month to pray, keep each other accountable and dream about how to serve the church and community more effectively. We collaborate whenever it makes sense.

On a larger scale, the leaders at the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism are convening groups of movement leaders as well as theologians from a variety of traditions to pray, strategize and learn best evangelism practices from each other.

The Organic Outreach International ministry is working with numerous local, national and international groups who want to become more effective in growing an evangelistic culture in their denomination, region or movement. These groups represent many church traditions, but what they have in common is a passionate desire to move believers and local churches out into their communities with the amazing news of the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ alone

Give stuff away.

When you come up with something that is effective for outreach or mobilizing churches and believers to share the good news of Jesus, share it. Do all you can to avoid putting a price tag on it. Be sure you don't protect your idea so no one else can use it. Instead, give it away.

I work with a team that has created free outreach-training videos that we post online. We also have resources for leading groups and teams to share faith naturally. These are all set up as free downloads at OrganicOutreach.com. We are committed to continue developing tools and resources and giving them away for the sake of the aospel.

No more isolation. We are not alone in the work of the gospel. We are a family of faith and we will spend eternity together. Let's start acting like a healthy and loving family today. Let's humble ourselves and learn from one another. Let's be generous and share what we discover and develop.

And for the sake of Jesus and the world he loves, let's lock hands and hearts and scatter the seed of the gospel together!

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Topic: WHAT TO DO

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5 Garment's folded edge (1 Sam,

7 Worship images (Gen. 31:30)

3 Pillaged (1 Kings 14:26)

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13 "Christ is the ____ of his body, the Church" (Eph. 4:15)

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18 An Ethiopian prince

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- 16:24) 35_____West
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- (Gen. 14:13)
- 37 Assembled listeners: abbr. (Acts 25:24)
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41 Son of Caleb (1 Chron. 4:15)

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40 King Omri's son (1 Kings 16:28) 42 Hurl insults (| Sam. 25:14)

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