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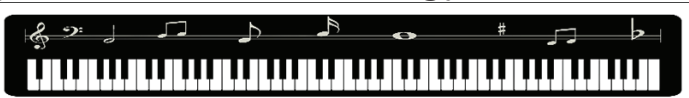
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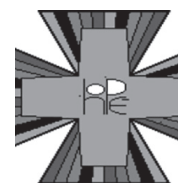
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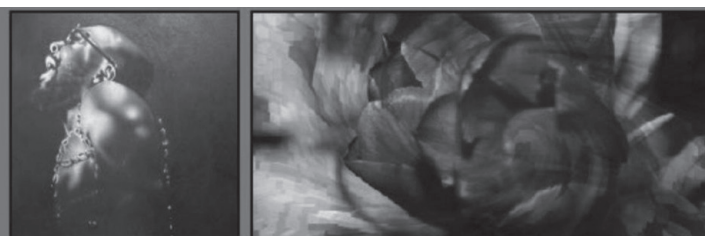
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## “The LEADER’S EDGE” by drmichaelbell

The “summer slump” is a well-known phenomenon in the church year as families head out for vacation, mission trips, and other destinations. Churches see attendance hit an all-time low as the migrating birds return to their summer homes, college students travel back to their home states, and parents are looking for ways to occupy their children during the break from school.

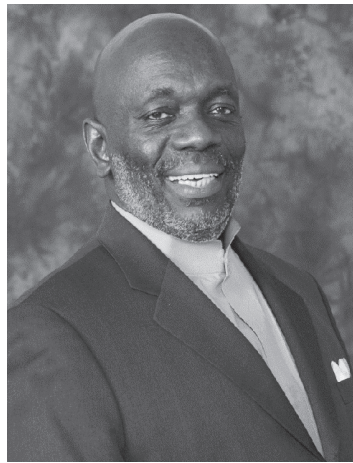
The summer slump means a drop in attendance, decreased participation, and reduced giving. The summer slump can be discouraging to church leaders and financial administrators as the ministry attempts to make progress toward the vision with fewer people and less money. But this summer doesn’t have to be what summers normally have been at your church. Instead of backing off on ministry during those “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer,” consider making changes to your church’s approach to summer.

Summer’s coming. What should we make of this season?

First, we must **have a plan!** Wise ministry leaders see the slump coming and conceptualize plans that might stem the tide. Should you modify your ministry’s meeting time and/or day? If you’re a pastor, would it help to adjust your Sunday schedule in June and July?

Another way to leverage the summer slump is to **set realistic expectations.** Don’t be discouraged when you see the summer slump start to impact your attendance. It’s normal for all churches to see a dip in people showing up for worship and/or ministry meetings, and it is generally unavoidable. By setting realistic expectations, you won’t be disappointed or discouraged when those numbers start to dip.

During the summer months, it might be difficult for some people to show up consistently on Sunday mornings. But that doesn’t have to mean that they’re disconnected from their church home during this time. **Look for ways to minister to your members and community outside of your normal service times.** Look for potential community engagements and service projects that you can participate in as a church family. And don’t forget to take pictures. Whenever you have members participate in the

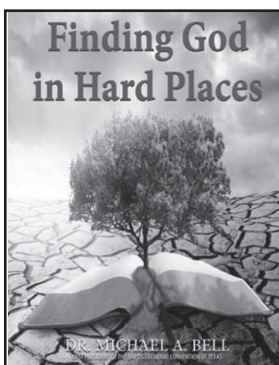


community, post pictures on social media and your church’s website to engage those who couldn’t be there. It can also inspire them to attend upcoming events and get more involved.

Another tip: encourage members to **invite friends, relatives, associates and neighbors!** Personal invites are always a great way to get more people to church. Often, people are waiting for somebody to ask them to come, even though they may not even be aware that’s what they were wanting. You never know what people are going through, so encouraging regular attendees to reach out to folk in their circle could have a positive benefit. Ask the brothers in your men’s ministry to invite at least one other brother to your monthly or bi-monthly gatherings. Incentivize your youth to bring a friend to the youth outing. With fewer people attending church in the summer, new visitors can actually feel more comfortable. With a familiar face by their side, guests feel at home and are more likely to return.

One more word for Pastors, please remember that there are no throw away Sundays! Whether it’s March, July or November, **there are no throw-away Sundays.** Every Sunday counts. Every Sunday should be game-on in terms of our readiness to reach and serve people.

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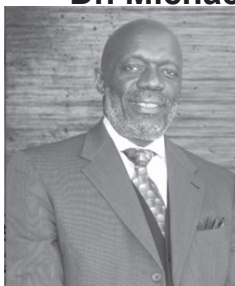


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## Speak Life Thought

**with First Lady & Co-Pastor Yolanda G. Butler**

### “A Not-So-Okay Life”

*“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.” (Psalm 34:18)*

As believers, we are encouraged to live a life of honesty and integrity. The Father is displeased with those who choose to live a life of deceit and dishonesty (Proverbs 12:22). Living a life of honesty is living in a manner that honors the Father in every area of your life. This also means that you must be honest with yourself. Often others will ask you, “How are you doing” or, “How was your day.” Most times you might be quick to say, “I’m okay” and leave it that. You either do not want to involve people in your troubles or you just do not want to talk about it. But the reality is when we say we are okay, we are not okay.

The word “okay” has several meanings. One definition is to be all right, permissible, or acceptable. In other words, your situation may not be what you want it to be, but it is tolerable. Another meaning is to be sound, feeling well, or safe. So, the statement, “I am okay but I’m not okay” can also be said, “I am alright but honestly I am not doing well.”

I am admittedly a busy woman by design and choice. I am a woman first, wife, mother, grandmother, pastor’s wife, mentor, preacher, intercessor, entrepreneur, daughter, friend, and sister. My life’s mission is to speak life one heart at a time. I endeavor to live a fo-

cused, balanced, and determined lifestyle that honors God and encourages others. However, every now and then I may appear to be okay but in actuality, I am not okay. I can be plagued with exhaustion, family or ministry dynamics, or physical challenges. I may say, “I am okay,” but the reality of the facts testify I am not okay.

I submit that this is the case for ALL of us. We wake up, wash our face, clean ourselves up, put on our best hair, put on make-up to perfection, put on clothes that accentuate the figure and shoes that are on the hit, walk out the door, and sport a smile that says, “Hey world, I am OOOOkay!” Outwardly we look like we got it all together. We even fool ourselves into believing we are okay. We push ourselves because we are convinced, we are okay. But as our day gets going, just as we woke up this morning so did the pressures and stresses of life, unhappy feelings of brokenness, disrespect, frustration, and disappointment from family, marriage, job, bills, and constant pains, ailments, and afflictions in the body. They are all still there.

You may have tried hard to convince yourself that you are okay. I want to encourage you to be honest with yourself and admit that you are NOT okay. If you struggle with sharing it with your leaders or others then go to the Heavenly Father. Lay at His feet and say, “FATHER, I AM OKAY BUT I AM NOT OKAY.” It is okay NOT to be okay BUT DON’T STAY STUCK THERE.

Stuck says, “I cannot move. I am trapped. I am in a tight fix. I cannot go anywhere. I am a failure. I



*have fallen and I cannot get up.” But the Father says He is close to those who are broken (hurt) and saves those who are crushed. He knows that you are not okay. “Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before His eyes, and He is the one to whom we are accountable” (Heb. 4:13). Since we cannot hide anything from our Creator, why not be honest with the Creator and ask Him to help you through your situation? The Father does not desire that we live in the stuck zone. It is why He said, “Come to me and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11:28) And, again He has said, “He led me to a place of safety; He rescued me because He delights in me.” (Psalm 18:17)*

So dear hearts, be determined to be honest with yourself and with God. You may have not-so-okay days. It is okay to admit it but do not linger there. Go to the Rock that is Higher than you to help you out of your stuck zone.

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## After Juneteenth, what does this 4th of July mean for Black Americans?

*What does independence mean when your protests against racial injustice are called anti-American, anti-police and anti-military?*

This July 4th, America will celebrate over 245 years of independence from British rule. However, when President Joe Biden signed into law Juneteenth as a federal holiday, it forced Americans to take a sterner look at what this July 4th means.

More than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, and two months after the end of the Civil War on April 9th, 1865, enslaved African-Americans in Texas found out they were free on June 19, 1865, called Juneteenth. Also, it's known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day.

With two wildly disparate celebratory liberation narratives about independence, America must reconcile its founding ideals with her spotty lived-reality.

In 1852, Frederick Douglass called America out on its hypocrisy in his speech, "What, to the slave, is the Fourth of July?" In it, Douglass stated that a country in the throes of slavery has to close its sizeable gap between the ideals of the United States and its dastardly deeds toward people of color. His words still resonate today.

"What have I, or those I represent, to do with your national independence.... I am not included within the pale of this glorious anniversary! Your high independence only reveals the immeasurable distance between us.... This Fourth of July is yours, not mine," Douglass said.

African-Americans have fought in every war defending this country, starting with the American Revolution in a segregated military until 1948. Crispus Attucks, a brother of African and Native American ancestry from Framingham, was the first martyr for America's independence in the American Revolution. Prince Estabrook, an enslaved man and Black Minuteman

from Lexington, was wounded in the American Revolution's first battle.

The fight for Black independence was ongoing during the American Revolution, too. Enslaved Africans who fought for the British, called Black Loyalists, were ensured their freedom. Sadly, enslaved Africans who fought against the British remained enslaved. They were reluctantly acknowledged as Black Patriots, even today in July 4th celebrations.

But Black patriotism is exhibited not only on the battlefields of America's wars but also in America's streets and sports arenas.

For example, in 2016, San Francisco 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick began to protest police brutality against Black Americans and other forms of social injustice by taking a knee during the national anthem. His action was seen as polarizing, un-American, and unpatriotic. However, when patriotism is narrowly defined, it can only be accepted and exhibited within the constraints of its own intolerance.

Case in point, former President Trump, in particular, stoked the flames of Kaepernick's expression of protest. Trump publicly criticized Kaepernick and his allies, calling them S.O.B.s and saying that taking a knee during the national anthem was against the American flag, cops, and the military.

To Kaepernick's defense, former Attorney General Eric Holder tweeted a photo of one of the first images of Martin Luther King down on his left knee in Selma, Alabama on February 1, 1965. Holder tweeted, "Taking a knee is not without precedent, Mr. President. Those who dared to protest have helped bring positive change." King said in his Montgomery Bus Boycott speech on December 5, 1955, "The great glory of American democracy is the right to protest for right."

The controversy of taking a knee during the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner," America's beloved national anthem, brought heightened attention to the anthem's racist history. Francis Scott Key, who penned the lyrics, supported slavery and came from an influential plantation family in Maryland. The song's third verse, no longer sung after the Civil War, included the lyrics, "No refuge could save the hireling and slave / from the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave."

In depicting the mangling grip of white supremacist domestic terrorism on Black lives, Malcolm X said in 1965, "That's not a chip on my shoulder. That's your foot on my neck." Last year, the world got to see a nine-minute and 29-second video of former Minnesota Police officer Derek Chauvin's murdering George Floyd by placing his knee on Floyd's neck.

Floyd handcuffed, lying face down, and saying, "I can't breathe," went limp. Last week, Chauvin was sentenced to 22 and a half years in prison. However, the ongoing struggle against police brutality persists.

This Fourth of July, people will once again sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or reenact the Continental Congress of 1776 or watch reproductions of the "rockets red glare and bombs bursting in air." America will showcase her indomitable spirit of bravery and patriotism as vaxxed or non-vaxxed citizens during this ongoing pandemic.

However, this 4th will be different from the previous ones. Juneteenth can no longer stand in the shadows of America's celebration of independence. Juneteenth highlights how independence is inextricably linked to America's core values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all Americans.

### Around the Community with Pastor Sharon Ford Turner



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**5. Ministry and Outreach:** Churches often run programs to teach financial literacy. These ministries serve not only their members but also the broader community. By equipping people with financial knowledge, churches extend their outreach and positively impact society.

In summary, financial literacy within a church fosters responsible stewardship, reduces stress, encourages generosity, supports holistic well-being, and enhances

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## FORT WORTH METROPOLITAN BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESPONDS TO CITY COUNCIL'S ACTION ON MWBE POLICY

The Fort Worth City Council caught many in the minority community off guard when it reacted to a contract dispute between its principal waste disposal contractor and that company's minority-owned subcontractor. In an attempt to remedy the problem, the City Council voted to remove the MWBE (Minority and Women Business Enterprise) requirement in the original contract.

The Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, as a prime advocate for minority businesses, goes on record to say it opposes any actions which would diminish our city's commitment to include MWBE language in contracts with the city.

That is why when the Black Chamber surprisingly learned that prime contractor Waste Management was dissatisfied with the garbage collection performance of its

subcontractor Knight Waste Services (a Black-owned company), Chamber leaders began meeting with city officials to gain an understanding of the complex contractual agreement and what the city was doing to mitigate the impact on a major minority business.

During those conferences, the Chamber representatives were pleased to hear that the City, while rightly insisting on a "commitment to excellence for solid waste services," also reiterated its commitment to business equity and its "continued support for our MBE program." The city has released a statement to that effect, noting that it will continue to work with its Business Equity partners, namely the Fort Worth Metropolitan Black Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Chamber and the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber, toward that end.

"While the Black Chamber is en-

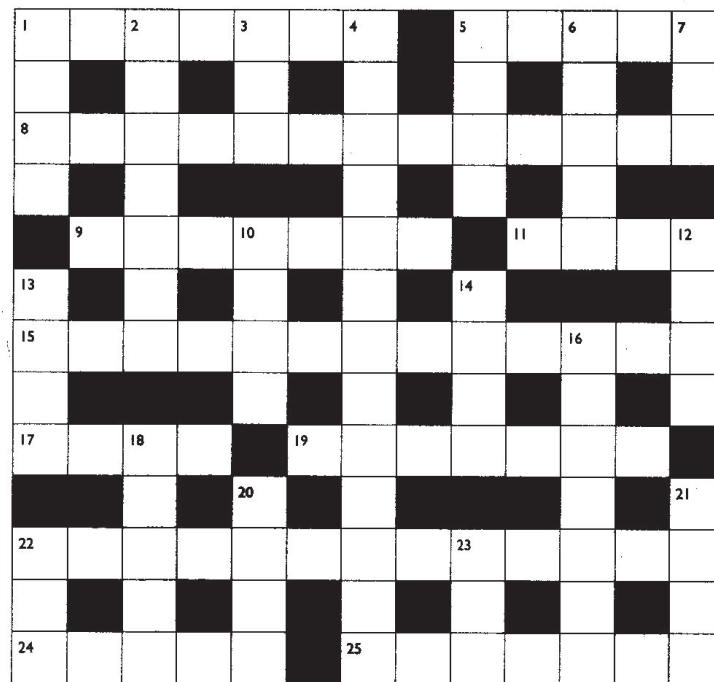


couraged by the city's reaction to our concerns, we also understand that we and other leaders in the minority community must remain vigilant to ensure Fort Worth will diligently work to fulfill its commitment – indeed, its promise – regarding its commitment 'to advancing opportunities for minority-owned businesses through Business Equity,'" said President & CEO Michelle Green-Ford.

For more information, contact the Black Chamber at 817-871-6538.

## BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Topic:ALMOST THERE



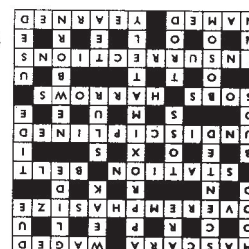
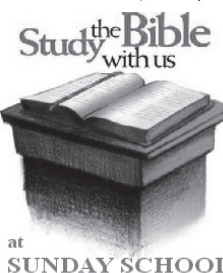
### ACROSS

- 1 Eye cosmetic (Jer. 4:30)  
 5 Engaged in, such as war (Rev. 17:14)  
 8 "Learn to be wise ... and develop good judgment and common sense! I cannot \_\_\_\_ this point"; stress too much (Prov. 4:5)  
 9 Position, such as an army (2 Chron. 33:14)  
 11 "May those curses return and cling to him like his clothing or his \_\_\_\_"; waistband (Ps. 109:19)  
 15 Lacking self-control  
 17 Weeps aloud with convulsive gasping (Gen. 27:34)  
 19 Breaks up plowed soil before planting (Hos. 10:11)  
 22 "When you hear of wars and \_\_\_\_ beginning, don't panic.... The end won't follow immediately"; revolutions (Luke 21:9)  
 24 "The man \_\_\_\_ his wife Eve (meaning 'The life-giving one')" (Gen. 3:20)  
 25 Longed for with an aching (Isa. 62:1)

### DOWN

- 1 State of mind or emotion (John 7:32)  
 2 Filled with an odor (Song 5:13)  
 3 "You \_\_\_\_ the world's seasoning, to make it tolerable" (Matt. 5:13)  
 4 Nearly correct (Josh. 7:4)  
 5 "My power shows up best in \_\_\_\_ people"; lacking vigor (2 Cor. 12:9)  
 6 "We \_\_\_\_ along the tides of time as swiftly as a racing river, and vanish as quickly as a dream"; move smoothly (Ps. 90:5)  
 7 "In \_\_\_\_ season Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only Almighty God"; appropriate (1 Tim. 6:15)  
 10 "We beg you not to \_\_\_\_ aside this marvelous message of God's great kindness"; cast (2 Cor. 6:1)  
 12 Be enough to allow one to get by for a time (Heb. 9:10)  
 13 Partly-opened flowers that developed on Aaron's rod (Num. 17:5)  
 14 Aspersions (Gen. 30:23)  
 16 Neonatal infant (Exod. 1:22)  
 18 "We should behave like God's very own children, adopted

into the \_\_\_\_ of his family, and calling to him, 'Father, Father'; heart (Rom. 8:15)  
 20 Stepped upon (Rev. 19:15)  
 21 "Do not let any part of your bodies become tools of wickedness, to be \_\_\_\_ for sinning" (Rom. 6:13)  
 22 The Hebrew spies stayed at an \_\_\_\_ operated by Rahab (Josh. 2:1)  
 23 Beverage made by steeping shrub leaves (Hos. 4:12)



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## What updates do you want to see at Mosier Valley Park? May 25, 2024 / CITY NEWS

Fort Worth Park & Recreation wants residents to help plan future updates to Mosier Valley Park, the historic community where the first freed Texans settled after news of the Emancipation Proclamation spread across the nation.

**Event details:** Share your thoughts at a public meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, at Mosier Valley Park, 11220 Mosier Valley Road. District 5 Councilmember Gyna Bivens will host the meeting.

**Historical background:** Mosier Valley was established in the 1870s on the north bank of the Trinity River just south of Hurst, Euless and Bedford, according to the Texas State Historical Association. It was founded by Robert and Dilsie Johnson and 10 other emancipated slave families.

Trinity River bottomland was given and sold to the freedmen by the Mosier and Lee plantation families, and the families established a close-knit farming community.

The heyday of Mosier Valley was from about 1910 through the 1930s. During this time it reached its peak population of perhaps 300. The area was annexed by Fort Worth in 1963.

In 2014, the City Council approved acquiring about 4 acres of land on the south side of Mosier Valley Road and west of Vine Street and Knapp Street from the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District and Tarrant County to build Mosier Valley Park.

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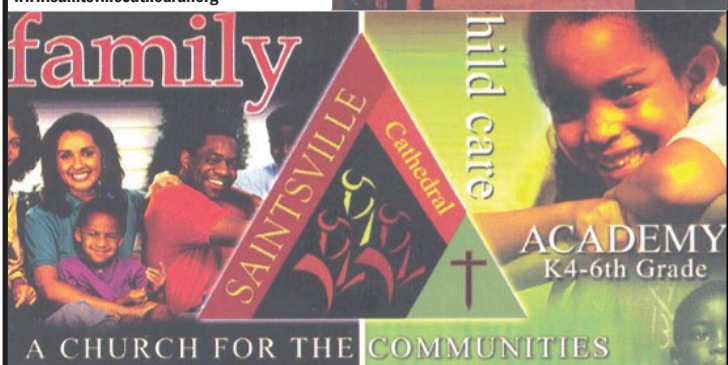
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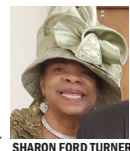
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11:30 am 1st Sunday ...Village Creek  
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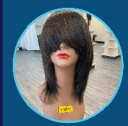
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