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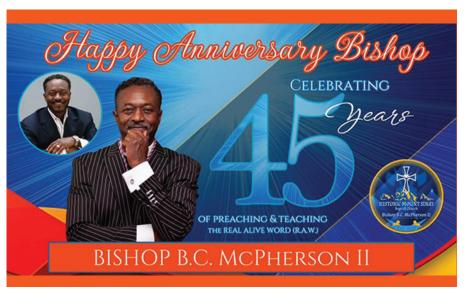
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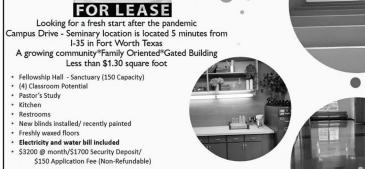
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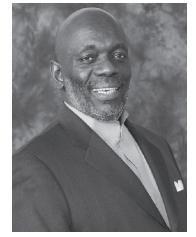
The latest data makes something clear: the average Black Protestant church is only seeing about half the in-person attendance it had prior to the advent of COVID. For example, a church that once ran 200 in worship is now averaging closer to 100. A church that had 100 before the pandemic now has about 50 in the pews. That's the reality. But it doesn't have to be the future.

This month, I want us to think carefully about how churches can change the trajectory. And that brings us to what is called the leadership triad. In every congregation, large or small, rural or urban, leadership makes the difference. Strong churches don't just happen. They're led there. Weak churches don't just stumble into decline. They're led there, too. The effectiveness of any church rises or falls on the quality of its leadership.

For congregations averaging between seventy-five and two hundred and fifty in attendance, this truth is especially clear. These churches are large enough to require thoughtful organization and vision, yet small enough that every decision, every word, every action of a leader can be felt by the entire body. In a church this size, leadership is behind structures or lost in the shuffle. It's seen, felt and experienced by every person who walks through the doors on Sunday morning.

At the heart of strong leadership lies a simple but compelling triad: purpose, direction and motivation. Purpose is what keeps a church anchored. It answers the "why" question and reminds the people of God that we're not just gathering for our own comfort but ministering for the sake of the gospel. When purpose is clear, people sense that what they're doing matters, and that sense of meaning compels them to stay engaged.

Direction is what charts the course. Purpose may tell us why we exist, but direction shows us where we're headed and how we intend to get there. Without direction, people lose confidence, drift into confusion and eventually disengage. A leader with direction provides clarity and points the way



forward, helping the congregation see beyond the present challenges to the future possibilities.

Motivation is the spark that brings it all to life. A church may have purpose and direction, but without motivation it will stall out. Leaders must find ways to inspire, encourage and challenge. Motivation is what moves people from the sidelines to the playing field, from passive spectators to active servants. It breathes hope into weary hearts and stirs up a holy determination to keep pressing forward.

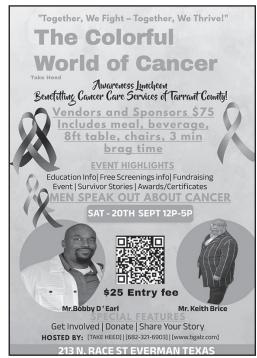
If we want to see attendance grow again, if we want to fill the pews, qualitatively as well as quantitatively with people who are engaged and eager, then leaders must lean hard into this triad. Purpose brings clarity, direction provides focus and motivation supplies energy. Together, they create the kind of leadership that draws people in, holds them close and sends them out to serve.

The pandemic took a toll on attendance, but it also gave us an opportunity. It reminded us that leadership can't be casual or careless. It must be intentional, prayerful and grounded in this triad. Churches that embrace it will not simply survive. They will the ball of the survive.

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Speak Life Thought

with Dr. Yolanda G. Butler

"A Life that Obeys God's Laws"

13 "If you carefully obey the commands I am giving you today, and if you love the Lord your God and serve him with all your heart and soul, 14 then he will send the rains in their proper seasons—the early and late rains—so you can bring in your harvests of grain, new wine, and olive oil. 15 He will give you lush pastureland for your livestock, and you yourselves will have all you want to eat." (Deuteronomy 11:13-15 NLT)

"The Bible, the Kingdom of Heaven's constitution, establishes the standards for life in the Kingdom. Unlike other constitutions, however, it also lays out the penalties for noncompliance. In addition to being a constitution, then, the Bible is also the LAW BOOK of the Kingdom of Heaven." (Understanding Your Place in the Kingdom by Dr. Myles Munroe, emphasis added.)

A law is a rule of conduct or procedure established by custom, agreement, or authority. It is also a set of rules and principles governing the affairs of a community and enforced by a political authority, constituting a legal system. The Law of God is the moral principles and commands that provide a standard for mankind to live in righteousness and a path to pleasing God. The Law of God is beautifully described in Psalm 19:7-11. It is "perfect," a rule of conduct that revives the soul. It is the "testimony (witness) of the Lord" that

is sure (trustworthy), making wise the simple. It is the "commandments of the Lord," a direct order that opens the eyes (bringing clarity of purpose and simplicity of understanding). And, it is the "judgment of the Lord," the decisions that are true and right.

Natural law has to do with the inherent (or built-in) nature of a thing. It is the "standard for [the] effective function of everything that God has created." (Dr. Munroe) Natural law is the standard for the effective functioning of everything that God created. Birds were created to fly, live, and reproduce in the open air. Fish were created to live, swim, and reproduce in water. If you take a bird out of its natural territory and submerge it in the water, it violates God's natural law and leads to dysfunction, and it will not live. If you take a fish out of the water and leave in the open air, it violates God's natural law and leads to dysfunction and ultimate death.

God created man to live and have dominion over the earth. When we are born again, we are placed in a spiritual environment known as the Body of Christ and hold a special place in the Kingdom of God. He gives us territory and promises to protect us, love us, and help us if we make His Kingdom FIRST PRIORITY in our lives, obey His Constitution (the Holy Bible), and remain faithful to Him. This is His law (which is perfect), His testimony (witness of who He is, of which you can count on as being true), His statutes (decrees), His commandments (direct order)



and His Judgments (decisions).

If we fail to obey what He has so wonderfully laid out for us, we violate what He has established over our lives. Consequently, it will lead to a dysfunctional lifestyle, a spirit of disobedience, rebellion, and apostasy (to abandon and disregard the things of God), which can all lead to sin. The wages of sin is death (Rom 3:23).

Man has always had a problem with obeying laws because they restrict freedom. It is the basis of many arguments in our government today and why many laws are either repealed or reversed (to cause to no longer be in effect), no matter if they violate God's natural or moral laws. The Father's Law is truth and cannot and will not be reversed. What He says He means. What he declares shall be.

So dear hearts, be determined to obey the Father's Law and stay under His covering.

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Celebrating Hearts That Built the Path for the Future: Fort Worth Tarrant County Funeral Directors Association



The Fort Worth Tarrant County Funeral Directors Association had their Annual Banquet to celebrate local living legends in the Funeral Care industry this past August.

Special Recognition was extended to Mr. Major Williams of Alpha Cremations-Major Funeral Home; Eddie Ferguson of Ferguson-Como Funeral Home and Rev. Charles Williams of Rev's Funeral Parlor. Major Williams serves as President of the organization, Mrs. Ferguson serves as Treasur-

er. Vice President is Chris Jones of Emerald Hills Funeral Home & Memorial Park, Bishop Michael Williams is Chaplin, Secretary is Cernoria Bowman-Ford and Activity Director is Nija Higgins of Higgins House of Rest in Grand Prairie, TX.

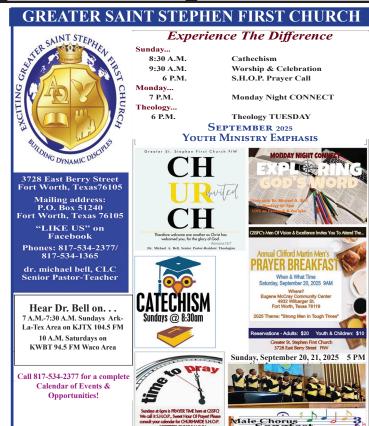
Mr Charles Rowe, a longtime Funeral Director organized this beautiful event and Bishop Williams served as Master of Ceremony. Pastor Floyd Brooks of the Greater Rising Star Missionary Baptist



Church in Lake Como, Texas was the keynote speaker and he gave a heartfelt tribute to the dedication and care these individuals and the organization as a whole gives to comfort families during their bereavement.

The organization's Mission statement is: "To unite funeral service professionals in fellowship, education, and excellence, while advancing the dignity and standards of our profession."

For information on how you can participate in the efforts of this organization, they welcome you to contact them at 817-290-2188 or contact any of the forementioned participants.



The Colorful World of Cancer celebrates and recognizes the cancer warriors

The Colorful World of Cancer celebrates and recognizes the cancer warriors hence "The Colorful World, which represents colored ribbons for each type of cancer. While families have the opportunity to celebrate loved ones and friends, we also acknowledge those that have gained their wings by providing Certificates of Love and Ribbons of Excellence. Applications are given to those of interest as we celebrate on a yearly basis. The past events included guest speakers, music, vendors and a keynote speaker to encourage others, also a great dining experience from local chefs.

The Colorful World of Cancer 2025 has a male take over; we will hear from two phenomenal guys as they share their cancer experience. We look forward to hearing from Mr. Keith Brice a 15-year survivor and Mr. Bobby "Bobby D, Dale currently fighting. Please join us September 20, 2025, at The Everman Civic Center in Everman Texas from 12PM-4PM. Enjoy, food, fun, shopping with local entrepreneurs and the entire experience. Your donations are appreciated and will benefit Cancer Care Services of Tarrant County.

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fulfilled. We've cried. we've worked, we've waited - and now we can worship in the house the Lord has



Here's to new beginnings, fresh anointing, and greater works in this next chapter. ITOP Family welcome home.

The Inspiring Temple of Praise Church was established on March 10, 1996 by a man of God with an immaculate vision that has now flourished into the excellent ministry you see before you. The ITOP ministry is centered around the Word of God, protocol, and order.

Bishop Jordan remembers the

church's humble beginnings."We started out with 12 members in the living room of my house and have now touched the lives of thousands. I believe that unity is the key in the kingdom that unlocks success, peace, prosperity, identity, purpose and power." ~Bishop Reginald D. Jordan VISION STATEMENT:

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Her unwavering commitment to Christ, her church, and her community sets a powerful example for other youth and all who know her. We are BLESSED to have Anyia as a big part of our church family. She has set the example and we are so proud of her.

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In the Community with Pastor Sharon Ford-Turner



Pic 1 & 2; Remembering Mary Rogers-Capers, a 24 year Charter Board Member of Ministry Derek Locke Memorial Music Scholarship Foundation with sons, Willie Capers II and Derrick Capres in Houston TX; Pic 2) At Homegoing Celebration with Board member Preshawn Ford with Children Trinity and Mason Ford.



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Downtown Fort Worth's high-rise buildings and the City of Fort Worth's City Hall have already joined the mission to help save the lives of birds as they begin their spring migration. The decorative lighting on City Hall is dimmed year-round during late-night hours, not just during peak bird migration.

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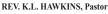
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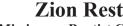
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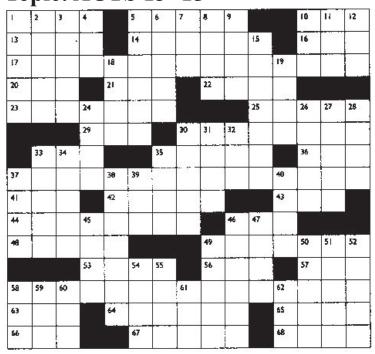
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am 7:00pm

Prayer Meeting Youth Bible Stu





BIBLE CROSSWORD PUZZLE Topic: ACTS 13-15



ACROSS

I Mrs. Bush, among friends? 5 Sneeze

10 Scottish assent

13 Fever with chills

14 Hindu deity or Indian bull 16 Apollo's chariot

17 Main characters of these chapters (Acts 13:2:3 wds.)

20 John Mark to Barnabas, acc. to

Col. 4:10 21 ____ Cruces, NM

22 Often, the fat lady who sings

23 Site whence Saul was sent (Acts 13:1)

25 In Acts | 5, it was whether Gentiles could be Christians

29 Eye problem

30 Some church members, acc. to Accs 13:1

33 ____ Sajak

35 Box

36 Stool pigeon

37 Aposties' actions (Acts 14:3: 2 wds.)

41 Priestly robe

42 Agrees to

43 Speedwagon

(Acts 13:32; 2 wds.) 46 RR depot; abbr.

48 Famous violin, for short

56 Huge amount 57 Dir. traveled in Acts 13:14

58 "We should not. for the Gentiles" (Acts

15:19, NIV)

63 Pub offering 64 "Saul has slain his thousands,

and David his

sands" (1 Sam. 18:7, NIV) 65 A cheese

66 Yang's companion

67 Late-right host Jack and family 68 What some matches are made of

DOWN

I Russian pastry

2 Once more 3 A kind of offering (Heb. 10:6)

4 Sun Yat-____, Chinese states-

5 Monastic office

6 Collision

7 "What God promised our fathers he ____ fulfilled for

us" (Acts 13:32-33, NV)

8 The agriculture dept. in

Columbus (abbr.) 9 Atlanta arena

10 Abijah's successor (2 Chron.

I I "We too are only men, human

like ____" (Acts 14:15, NV) 12 Pipe elbow

49 A divided district (Acts 14:1, 4)

15 Dear Abby colu

19 Belt 24 Spanish believer (comb.) 26 Grounds for a suit!

27 Heavenly (comb.) 28 Superlative endings

18 Much (2 wds.)

30 Belonging to actor Donahue? 31 Fragrant waters

32 Asbury Theol. Sem.

33 Captain 34 A lattice of vines and branches

35 Talon

37 Periodicals, for short

38 Passageway 39 A short guitar, for short

40 Hussein foe

45 Risk

46 What a jokester (like those in Acts (3:41) does

47 Brand of home permanent

49 "You intended to harm me,

but God intended

good" (Gen. 50:20, NIV) 50 Get used to

51 Dark

52 Divvies

54 Rung

55 Writer Ferber 58 "... that you ____ bring salva-

tion to the ends of the earth"

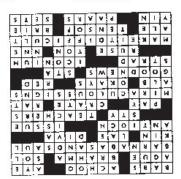
(Acts 13:47, NV)

59 Boxing champ

60 Scope of knowledge

61 it comes before Jar. 62 Dan Rather's co.

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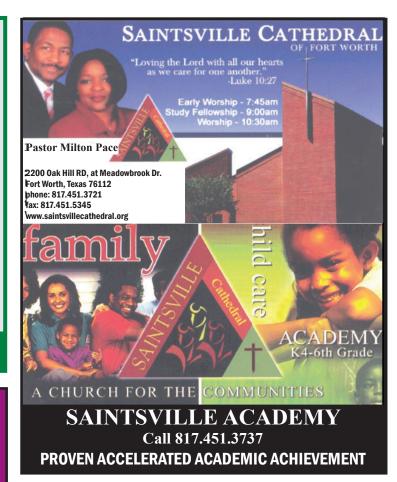
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