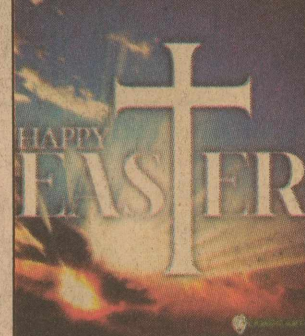
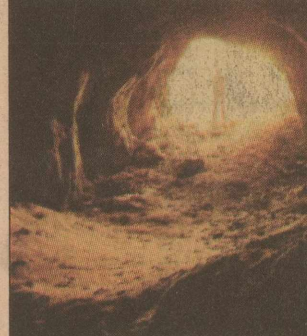
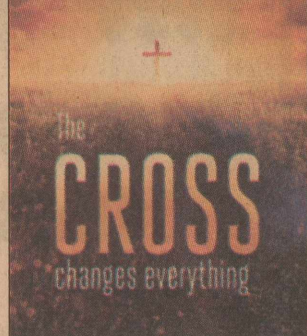
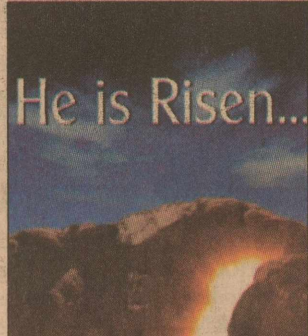
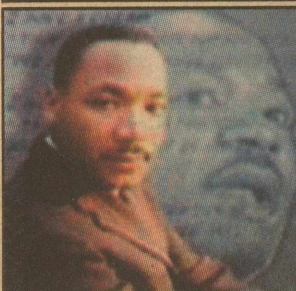




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* Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00 pm at the Patterson Branch Library, 1836 Parkway Drive.

* Hub City Kiwanis meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p. m., Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, East 24th Street & MLK Blvd.

* Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm.

* The Lubbock Branch of The NAACP meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at Life Run, Inc, 8240 Boston Ave.. at 11 a.m.

* Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Branch Library.

* East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 1:00 pm, Great Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

* Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center.

* Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 7:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center, 1301 E. 24th Street.

* West Texas Native American Association meets at 7:00 pm, at the New Jerusalem Baptist Church, 3524 East Broadway Avenue on Tuesday evenings..

* The Unified Juneteenth Commission of Lubbock meets every Tuesday evening at Bryon Martin Technology Center, 3401 Avenue Q, beginning at 5:30 p. m.

* West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men of West Texas meets 3rd Monday evenings at 7:00 pm at The Bridge 1401 Redbud Avenue

* The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings, 7:30 pm at 517 Zenith Avenue, Star Care Center
* Chatman Hill Neighborhood Association meets 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at 2301 Avenue A.

* ROOTS meets every 2nd Saturday at 2:00 p. m. at 2301 Avenue A.

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Federation of Choirs Celebrates The 64th Anniversary On March 25, 2018

The 64th Anniversary Celebration of the Federation of Choirs will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2018, at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, beginning at 2:30 p.m. where the proud pastor is Rev. Larry Polk.

The entire city of Lubbock, Texas is invited to attend. "We want everyone in the City of Lubbock and the South Plains of Lubbock to know about this celebration," said Janet Williams, President of the Federation of Choirs.

There will be a Mass Choir for the Youth, and a Mass Choir for the Adults. Rehearsals remaining for practice will be on Monday and Friday evenings beginning at 7:00 p. m. at the St. John Baptist Church.

All Choirs of the city are asked to please come and join in with the Federation of Choirs and to let all voices to be heard. The theme for the 64th Anniversary of the Federation of Choirs is "God's Grace", because it was God's Grace that held these choirs for 64 years.

The Federation of Choirs has eleven active Churches which sing monthly on the fourth Sunday of each month at a designated Church at 2:30 p. m.

The history of the Federation of Choirs was written by the late Secretary Emeritus, Ms. Maunita Terrell. The Federation of Choirs was in the mind of the late Sister Sedella Solomon. The first organizational meeting was held at the New Hope Baptist Church.

The churches represented at this meeting were: Bethel

African Methodist Episcopal Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Carter Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Rising Star Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and Mt. Vernon Methodist Church. It is assumed that at this meeting they named the organization, Federation of Choirs.

The purpose of the Federation of Choirs was to sing and fellowship with each of the churches in Lubbock, Texas. But in order for the organization to get started, some of the members had to get it approved by the Pastor of their church.

They took their idea to the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, which was a group of Pastors from the majority of Black Churches in the Lubbock Community, to have it approved. The Alliance did indeed approve the organization, and this is how the Federation of Choirs began.

The first session of the Federation of Choirs was hosted by the New Hope Baptist Church on April 25, 1954.

The churches at the first session were: Community Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, St. John Baptist Church, St. Luke Baptist Church, St. Matthew Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, and Christ Temple Church of God in Christ.

In 2009, St. James Baptist Church left the Federation of Choirs, but the First Progressive Baptist Church replaced this church.

The present members of the Federation Choirs are: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Community Baptist Church, Christ Temple Church of God in Christ, First Progressive Baptist Church, Lyons Chapel Baptist Church, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, New Hope Baptist Church, Rising Star Baptist Church, Greater St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, St. John Baptist Church, and St. Matthew Baptist Church.

The first President of the Federation of Choirs was Brother Oscar Iles.

Black History Month Double Elimination Pool Tournament



The 2018 Black History Month Double Elimination Pool Tournament was held on Friday afternoon, February 22, 2018, at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center.

There were fourteen who participated in this double elimination tournament.

The three winners were: Pat Martinez, First Place; General Lee Sims, Second Place; and Joe Martinez, Third Place.

"The Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center is always available for our Senior Citizens who really enjoy attending and participating," says Shameca Wilson, Director.

If you are a Senior Citizen, come and visit and participate!

Alderson Asters Are Helping Others In Lubbock!



These are the Alderson Asters, (originally Parkway Roses) an after school mentoring group with their Coordinator and sponsors at Lubbock Hope Lodge. We are proud to let everyone know these young ladies made a big difference in their community last Monday!

They donated blankets they made with their own hands for the residents living at LUBBOCK HOPE LODGE while they receive treatment for cancer. We saw a video describing the facility (only one in Texas at this time!) and heard testimonials by former residents who had

been given a place to live during their time of need. Afterwards, we presented the blankets!

Many thanks to Mrs. Patterson-Sims (CIS/Sponsor), Mrs. Hernandez (District Social Worker/Sponsor), Ms. Taylor (Third grade Alderson teacher) and Mrs. Edwards (Coordina-



Cameron James and Al Duvall

Cameron James Represented Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club In Austin, Texas On March 4, 2018

One of our Lubbock youth, Cameron James was named the 2018 Boys and Girls Club of the year. He represented Lubbock on March 4 - 6, 2018 competing in the Boys and Girls Club of the Year for the State of Texas.

Although he didn't accomplish his goal, he stood tall for all boys and girls of Lubbock.

The Local Youth of the Year competition was held on Thursday, January 25, 2018. The Lubbock Boys and Girls Club had four candidates.

Cameron has been a member of the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club for the past 7 years, and is a senior at Estacado High

School. He is also the first Youth of the Year from the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club since 1995. James is a publisher, author, and poet. His book, "The Journal" can be found on Amazon and Barnes & Nobel.

James is a senior at Estacado High School. He has a 4.1 GPA, and has been accepted and will attend St. John's University in New York City this coming fall.

"We are very excited about what Cameron James has done. He is an example of the kinds of boys and girls who attend the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club. We wish him the very best," said Al Duvall, Director of the Ted Phea Boys and Girls Club.



Pictured above are those who participated in the Black History Month Double Elimination Pool Tournament: Lee Martinez, Pat Martinez, Joe Martinez, Scott Sims, Juan Torrez, Santos Martinez, K. D. Kelly, Earnest Peoples, Larry Baynes, Bill James, Dannel Smith, and Sam Tickitt.



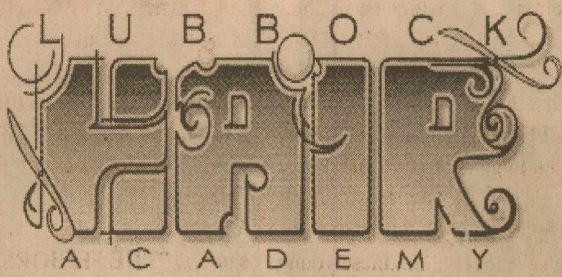
tor/Sponsor) for their dedication and unwavering commitment to a bright future for our children! We also thank our Aster parents, the Alderson PTA for financing materials, and our committed, visionary, supportive principal, Mrs. Cicely Alexander, for allowing us the opportunity to be

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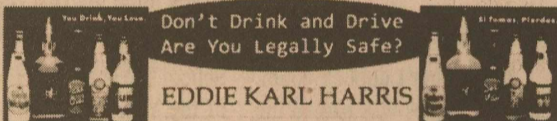


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Spring Health Fair
Saturday, March 24, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm,
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Breakfast Bingo
Wednesday, March 28, 9:00 am, \$2/person
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In Cinque

By Renetta Howard

GUNS OR EDUCATION

We have arrived at a point in time when the future of our country has come to a point wherein we must decide if we are to live in a civilized world, that we must make a decision very soon as to whether we want a life of fear and hostilities or if we want education to be the focus of our living in harmony and peace. Too many lives have been lost or not redeemable due to gunfire in the academic arena and the entertainment world as well. Is this because we are so focused on power and control without the knowledge of the consequences? There are consequences to every action that we take and the most valuable course to getting that knowledge is through our schools. Many of our schools have become holding places or child physical care havens, not academic havens.

Society has evolved to a situation wherein you are a 'have or a have not.' Peace, harmony and happiness are no longer the goals of our society. We put more stock in what we can display as our worldly accumulations not necessarily gained through our knowledge and skills, but any way we can get it. Too often, the way we have gained much is through foul play and skullduggery. Knowledge gained in a forthright manner no longer has any value.

Our children are following in our footsteps or lack of them. They have been left at home to be reared by the television and a world of fantasy. Since they have gained little knowledge from their home environment, they have no choice but to believe what they see on television and some of their friends and neighbors are in the same situation. They have been born into a world of technology and that is

the way they think. There is an app for everything. It is magical and too often misleading.

Sitting in a classroom with a teacher who has been educated the old fashioned way with some idea that they can reach every student, is in for a shock. Their students have no respect for them unless they can do some of the tricks which they have seen on television. Fearful teachers pass them in educational courses because they want to keep their jobs. Good athletes and bullies graduate from high school and barely recognize their own names in car box letters. In some cases parents bully teachers because they are upstanding members of the community or members of the board of education or in close contact with one. Children are aware of this and only those from motivated homes are in school to get an education. The others are passing time or planning how to wreak havoc because the law says they must be in school. When some of them are expelled or suspended they have vendettas and work toward carrying them out. Perhaps it is time to educate those students WHO WANT AN EDUCATION and are willing to follow the guidelines and have alternative plans for those without a desire to learn.

School attendance should be a happy time for students and teachers with no one feeling the need to carry a gun or any kind of weapon. Schools need TSA (Transportation Security Administration) equipment for entrance and security inside and outside. I worked in a public school with 3000 students and plain clothes and uniformed police in the buildings and on the grounds. There was seldom any violence; even then it was only physical, no weapons. There was no need

Beyond the Rhetoric

By Harry C. Alford

25 Years and Going Strong, Part 2

Let me make an exception to the closing of my last article which was Part 1. I stated that "We have no time to fight". Well, sometimes you must stop and fight the "Bastards". We reached that conclusion back in 1996. At the encouragement of our Denver, Colorado chapter, we chose Denver as the venue of our next convention. Herman Malone, president of that chapter, sold us on the endeavor. It seemed to be a good fit. We were honoring Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher, an NBCC board member, who spent a good portion of his adult life in Denver. His reputation was "God like".

Thus, the National Black Chamber of Commerce was coming to Denver to honor the "Godfather of Affirmative Action - Dr. Arthur A. Fletcher" and to detail his lifetime achievements. The PR started ramping up. There was just one thing Herman failed to mention during his campaign for the venue. US West, the local telecom giant, was having a deplorable record of accomplishment in minority business participation. In fact, there appeared to be numerous violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Almost from the beginning Herman wanted us to file a discriminatory lawsuit on his behalf. I told Herman that just didn't make sense. We would need other participants

for technological screening at the entrances. But there is today. This is the way of the world. We must get 'in cinque' and overhaul our school curriculums to accommodate the physical, emotional and social actions of today without teachers having to have guns to maintain civil order. CIVIL home training needs to be a community and family focus.

THIS N' THAT

by T. J. Patterson

THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT THE YOUNG AND THE OLD CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER!! THIS DID HAPPEN AT THE MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER ON MARCH 8, 2018..... THIS N THAT was glad to see at the MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER on Thursday morning March 8, 2018 at the MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER where...FOURTEEN YOUNG STUDENTS of the TRINITY CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOLwith five of their teachers spent their lunch hour1:45 A. M. UNTIL 1:00 P. M. at the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens

Center which was their NOON LUNCH HOURwhich included the bus trip from their school..... THIS N THAT who is a daily attending member of the center recalls how these young people arrived..... There is no doubt about itthese young people were cautious in meeting the OLDER SENIOR CITIZENS..... The young people arrived in the dining areaand found a vacant chair did sit down and began to put their noon lunch on the table which they brought from their home..... At the table where THIS N THAT was there were TWO YOUNG MALE STUDENTS and once they were sitting and comfortable they picked up their lunch and of-

ferred some of it to those sitting at the table and they did this with a SMILE ON THEIR FACE! THIS N THAT noticed the reaction of the Mae Simmons Senior Citizens Center SHE-MECA WILSON who said "THE SENIORS AND MYSELF OF MAE SIMMONS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER THANKS THE TRINITY CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR TAKING OUT OF THEIR SCHOOL SCHEDULE TO ENJOY LUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH OUR PATRONS. IT WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR BOTH THE STUDENTS AND SENIORS!" The activity ended with prayer with all in a CIRCLE!!!

who claimed to be discriminated against by US West - a class action.

The word went out on what we were attempting to do. One by one companies doing business in the US West footprint started contacting us. When we had accumulated six trucking companies who had been abruptly fired by US West. Now get this. They were all doing business satisfactorily but were fired - all on the same day within a two - hour period. This stunk be damned! We got motivated.

For this case, I chose to engage Eric Vickers. Eric was known for the swagger of a "Johnny Cochran" with the venomous articulation of a "Minister Louis Farrakhan". His nickname was "Rambo". We went to Denver to introduce Eric to our local chapter and laid out our strategy. To our shock and dismay, the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce started

to instantly turn "chicken" despite the fact that some of our plaintiffs were dues paying members of theirs. I remember one of their officers saying, "We aren't going to fight US West. We have to live with them and they control this city." Eric responded in his patented fashion, "We have come to this city to put our 'foot' up US West's butt. If any of you want to get in our way, then we will put our foot up your butt also."

So, on it went. We were a few weeks into the judicial process when I received a strange phone call from a legal staffer of US West. He informed me that Eric Vickers was screwing up and we were going to get the case thrown out if he didn't deliver certain documents quickly. I asked him why he was being so nice to warn me. He said they wanted to settle the case. "Let's reach settlement and not have to start over." Thus, I went into crisis mode

and contacted my good friend and stellar attorney Robert Webster (now deceased). Bob was Harvard trained, a great litigator and a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement (marched with Rev. King). He was white but pure at heart when it came to racial matters.

We reassembled the team all the while we were promoting our upcoming convention headed by the "Lifetime Achievement of Dr. Arthur Fletcher". US West began to go into "opposition research" on little 'old me. They hired a Black executive who was the husband of one of my wife's college friends. He became instantly famous and a millionaire. In the end, they bought a mansion in Silicon Valley. That did US West no good.

Then they really got sneaky. They hired my first cousin who grew up with me from the "cradle". They pumped him for

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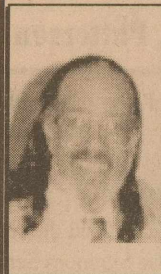
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Revelation 2:7a, Jesus said, He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said unto the churches.

Lord, as I look into **CHURCHES IT'S ONLY A GAME THAT THEY PLAY. THE THINGS THAT'S GOING ON INSIDE; I KNOW YOU KNOW; THAT IS NOT YOUR WAY!!!**

Isaiah 54:8,9 -- The Lord said, For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

***** YES THE CHURCHES ARE ROBBING GOD!!!*****

Lord, in many **CHURCHES; THERE IS SO MUCH OF THE WORLDY THINGS; JESUS IS NOT BEING LIFTED UP AT ALL; SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!**

John 12:31-32 -- Jesus said, Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.

LORD, YOU TOLD THE CHURCH; TO GO INTO THE HEDGES AND HIGHWAYS; AND COMPELL MANKIND TO COME INTO YOUR HOUSE; THAT IT MIGHT BE FILLED.

BUT THE CHURCH; PLAYING CHURCH; GIVING THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT; A HAPPY

THRILL!!!

Mark 7:6,7 -- Jesus said, Well has Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. **HOWBEIT** in vain do they worship me, teaching the doctrines the commandments of men.

Jeremiah 23:25-28 -- The Lord said, I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yes, they are prophets of deceit of their own heart; which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell everyman to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Ba'al. The prophet that has a dream, let him tell a dream: and he that had my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?

THE CHURCHES DIDN'T GO; AND COMPELL THE LOST; TO COME TO JESUS; TO BE SAVED.

THEY WENT PREACHING; RESTROOMS, FRONT OF THE BUS, WATER FOUNTAINS; THINGS MAN PRAISED!!!

Romans 1:25, -- Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.---(THERE IS NO SALVATION IN HUMAN RIGHTS; THAT IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL. DISOBEDENCE GAVE WAY TO KILLING OF ABLE;")

ADAM DIDN'T HAVE TO OPEN HIS MOUTH"; -- THE SAME AS WITH GUN RIGHTS; THE GUN DON'T KILL; IT'S THE HATE THAT'S IN THE HEART!!!-- DON'T NEED NEW GUN LAWS;-- NEED TO OBEY GOD'S LAWS!!!)

ALL CHURCHES ARE SUPPOSE TO BE "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES"; WE'RE SUPPOSE TO GO AND TEACH AND TELL; THAT JESUS IS ALIVE AND WELL.-- WE'RE PLAYING CHURCH; AND SOULS ARE GOING TO HELL!!!-- (HOW MANY WILL YOU TELL ABOUT JOHN 3:16-- BECOME ONE OF "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES" THIS WEEK???)-- THAT IS THE MISSION OF JESUS CHRIST!!!)

Matthew 16:2,3 -- Jesus said, When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O' you hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky; but can you not discern the signs of time?

CHURCH; THERE IS NO SUCH THING; AS GUN CONTROL; THE MISSION IS TO GET JESUS CHRIST; INTO MANKIND'S SOUL.

Luke 23:28,29 -- Jesus said, Daughters of Jerusalem (CHURCH) weep not for me, but for your children. For, behold the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

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Again, we must say, what a wonderful time we had at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, on Sunday morning, March 4, 2018, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Sunday morning services begun at 10:15 a. m. with our Superintendent of the Sunday School, Sister Barbara Johnson, presiding.

The subject of our Sunday School lesson was entitled "A Test of Trust". The scripture text was Genesis 22:1-3, 6-14.

The Sunday School lesson was taught by Rev. Canady. A wonderful job, he did with his presentation.

The Sunday morning devotion was conducted by Sister Shirley Canady and Rev. Tommy Parker.

Pastor Canady entered the Church with the Choir and Congregation singing "Because of Who You Are."

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Canady. His subject was "A Leak of Faith."

His scripture text was St. Luke 5:1-5.

St. Luke 5:4-5: "Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon. Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

Again, it was a very informative message.

The morning announcements were read by Sister Shirley Canady, our First Lady who always does an outstanding job.

The weekly meetings at the St. Matthew Baptist Church are as follows:

The Missionary Society meets on Wednesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p. m.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings, beginning at 6:00 p. m. It's amazing what can be learned when God's people come together and study together.

If you are looking for a Church Home, then come and

visit the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street.

On Sunday, March 11, 2018, the St. Matthew Baptist Church will be celebrating their 70th Church Anniversary.

At 3:00 p. m., the citizens of Lubbock and the South Plains Community are invited to come and help celebrate this 70th Church Anniversary.

Com and help Pastor Edward Canady and members have an outstanding job celebrating these 70 years.

Shall we look forward to looking forward for your visit? Hope so!!

Thought of The Week: "Lord, open my eyes and my heart to be honest about my attitude toward those who are unkind and unfair to me. Fill my heart with your love, Lord, and help me pray for them."

We are looking forward to seeing each of you on Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2018, for the 70th Church Anniversary of the St. Matthew Baptist Church, beginning at 3:00 p. m.

'Black Panther' Roars To \$910M WW, \$403M Overseas – International Box Office



With \$909.8M at the global box office through Monday, Disney/Marvel's Black Panther has now surpassed Thor: Ragnarok, Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2, Batman Vs Superman, Spider-Man: Homecoming and Spider-Man 3 worldwide. Based on the weekend's numbers, we saw this \$900M+ milestone coming — and \$1B is on the cards next weekend. The film has also crossed \$400M at the international box office with \$403.4M through yesterday. Overseas, the industry sees this one getting to about \$600M, including what sources peg as an ultimately possible \$100M-\$120M in China which bows on Friday.

PREVIOUS TUESDAY, with weekend actuals: With a 3rd leading domestic weekend in a row, and as overseas turnstiles tipped towards \$400M, Disney/Marvel's Black Panther grossed \$899.9M globally through Sunday. With Monday's figures included that will have pushed the Wakanda wonder past the \$400M offshore and \$900M worldwide milestones — we'll have a full update on yesterday's takings later today. The breakdown through Sunday was \$501.7M in North America and \$398.2M at the international box office.

The Ryan Coogler-helmed Black Panther is the 5th Marvel Cinematic Universe title to reach \$900M globally, after The Avengers, Avengers: Age Of Ultron, Iron Man 3 and Captain

America: Civil War. For T'Challa, the \$1B worldwide box office mark lies ahead next weekend. Overseas, the industry sees this one getting to about \$600M, including what sources peg as a possible \$100M-\$120M in China.

Domestically, Black Panther continues to play at the top end of the Marvel echelon while the best overseas comps are Doctor Strange, Guardians Of The Galaxy Vol 2 and Thor: Ragnarok. BP is dominating each of those.

Internationally, this frame was worth \$57.7M in 56 material markets. Overall abroad, holds were generally solid with a 42% decline from last weekend. While Italy and Spain have been notably soft on the Panther, he's come up a bit in Germany versus the early dominance of Fifty Shades Freed. Elsewhere, BP is the highest-grossing movie of all time in West and East Africa; the top MCU title in the Netherlands; and has run past the lifetime of Thor 3 in Hong Kong, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam, demonstrating the strong appetite in South East Asia despite initial concerns.

Next weekend T'Challa takes on China and should take the win with advance ticket sales that have been tracking at the level of Spider-Man: Homecoming. That film opened to \$71M last September, and finalized at \$116M.

In the meantime, Operation Red Sea continues to lead the charge in the Middle Kingdom, rising to \$479M through Monday, after just 18 days in release. It won the international weekend with \$62.6M to top Black Panther for the second frame in a row. Overall in China, it's still being led by its fellow New Year release, Detective Chinatown 2, which is closing in on \$500M at an estimated \$497.7M through Monday (more in the local-language section below the main post).

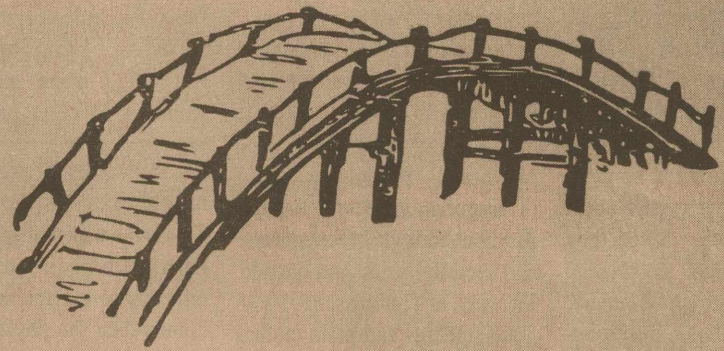
Those two films kept pretty much everyone else at bay in the Middle Kingdom, although as the only new kids offering, Sony's Peter Rabbit had a good start at \$12.7M. That helped it hop past \$100M global. And, multiple Oscar nominee Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri posted a solid art-house launch of \$2.4M on 972 screens.

The weekend's major new opener, Fox/Chernin's Jennifer Lawrence-starrer Red Sparrow grossed \$26.6M in its maiden flight in 67 markets. That's about equal to what the last Lawrence-fronted pic, mother!, did in its lifetime overseas, and is 60% of Atomic Blonde's full run. The movie was No. 4 internationally this weekend, No. 2 among Hollywood titles (more below).

In other Fox news, Maze Runner: The Death Cure has topped both Scorch Trials and Maze Runner internationally.

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Obsequies

Tommy Lee Westbrook

Funeral services for Tommy Lee Westbrook were held on Friday afternoon, March 2, 2018, at the St. James Baptist Church.

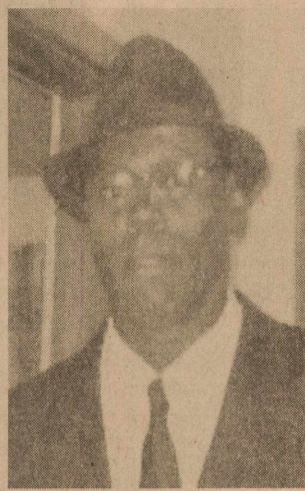
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Tommy, age 63, of Lubbock, Texas passed away Friday, February 23, 2018.

Tommy was born on June 2, 1954 to the late Emmitt and Clara Mae Westbrook.

He received his education in Lubbock Independent School District and graduated from Dunbar High School.

Tommy leaves to cherish his memory; his son, Tomarick Westbrook; his daughter, Trishonna Crowther (Thomas); two



sisters, Erveta Avery and Diane Westbrook; one brother, Ricky Westbrook (Janice); three grandchildren; two nieces, one nephew, a host of other relatives, and friends.

Jerry Wayne Hatchett

Tahoka, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Jerry Wayne Hatchett on Thursday morning, March 1, 2018, at the First Methodist Church of Tahoka.

Interment followed in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Jerry, age 58 of Tahoka, Texas, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Jerry was born on December 7, 1959 to Mr. Ervin, Sr. and Johnnie Hatchett in Tahoka, Texas.

He graduated from Tahoka High School and later attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock where he played football. Jerry loved playing baseball, football, and riding bulls.

He leaves to cherish his mem-



ory; his daughters, Lesley Bibbs (Jerard) and Ashley Hatchett; son, Marion Womack; sister, Johnetta Williams; two granddaughters, Jazlyn and Jordyn Bibbs; one aunt, Ruby Lee Walker; one uncle, John L. Martin; a host of other relatives and friends.

James "Bug" Adams, Jr.

Funeral services were held for James "Bug" Adams, Jr. on Saturday afternoon, March 3, 2018, at the Griffin Mortuary Chapel.

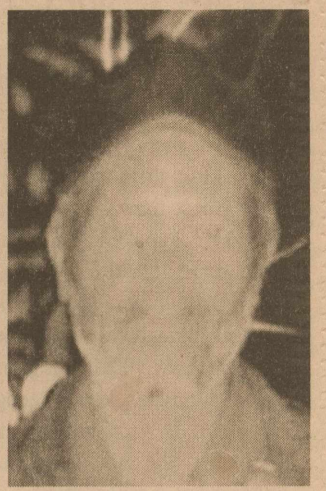
Private Disposition was held under the direction of the Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

James, age 61 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

James was born May 21, 1956 to James Adams, Sr. and Josephine Bailey.

He worked at American Cotton Grower's and retired as a Head Foreman at Lee Lewis Construction. James owned his own lawn care business.

James is survived by six daughters, Doris Jones-Adams, Latrice Adams, Marsha Sangster-Adams, Aretha Jones-Adams, Jackie Adams, and



Yolanda Adams; one son, Quentin Adams; one brother, Charles Adams; five sisters, Katherine Artlip, Betty Andrews-Adams, Patsy Adams, Jacqueline Smith-Adams, and Celeste Cooke; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

James "Uncle James" Bradley

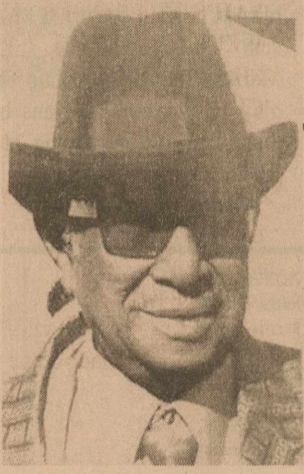
Funeral services for James "Uncle James" Bradley were held on Saturday morning, March 3, 2018, at the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church with Rev. J. J. Johnson, pastor, as Officiant and Eulogist.

Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

James, age 91 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2018.

James was born May 30, 1926 to the parentage of the late Essie Mae Ward and George James Bradley in Bursleson County Texas,

James worked for Golden Age Nursing Home until retirement.



James leaves to cherish his memory; one sister, Mary Ware; two sons, Mark Bradley (Brandice) and Deon Maxwell; step daughter, Carrie L. Ware; five grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Robert "Uncle Jr." Hastings

Funeral services for Robert "Uncle Jr." was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 7, 2018, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Pastor Larry Polk as Originate/Eulogist.

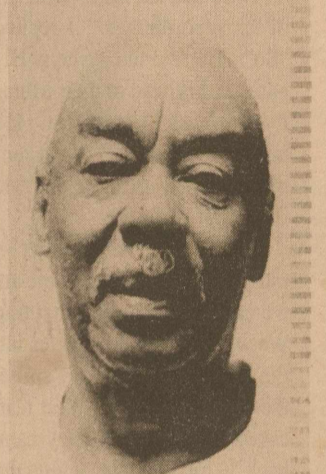
Interment followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Robert, age 72 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Robert was born December 17, 1945 to Lee Verne Jones and Sarah Alice Hastings in Lubbock, Texas. He attended Lubbock Public School.

Robert worked at Frank Brown and Reese Air Force Base. Robert served as PTA President and volunteered at Wheatley Elementary for many years.

Robert leaves to cherish his memory; four daughters, Mary

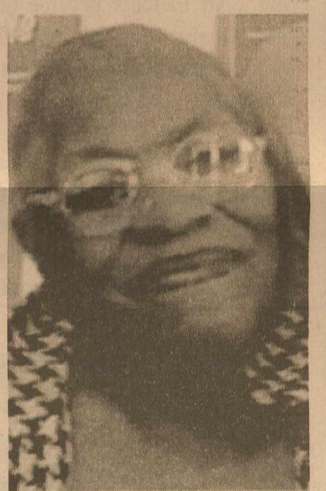


Jo Randle, Vera Davis, Dana Furnace, and Gayle Hastings; six sons, Tim Davis, Robert Smith, James Furnace, Danny White, James Robert Simmons, and Jae'Ante Hastings; two sisters, Donna Gilbert and Robbie Johnson; a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Rosetta Cruse Gormany

Funeral services were held for Rosetta Cruse Gormany on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Ossia Curry Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Don Armstead of the greater St. Mark Baptist Church, officiating.

Interment followed in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial



Park under the direction of the Ossia Curry Funeral Home.

Rosetta, age 66 of Lubbock, Texas, passed away on Friday February 23, 2018.

Rosetta was born December 3, 1951 to the parentage of Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Lee Cruse, Sr, who have preceded her in death.

Rosetta obeyed the gospel on December 1, 1969 at the Twentieth and Birch Street Church of Christ.

She leaves to cherish her memory; three sons: Willis, Reginald, and Tyrone, all of Lubbock, Texas; three daughters-in-law: Shaunna of Portales, New Mexico, Lampha of Lubbock, Texas, and Adrianna of Dallas, Texas; four grandchildren: Cambren of Dallas, Texas, and Tyrone, Jr., Zamyra, and Zedrien, all of Lubbock, Texas; two brothers, Merrill Cruse, Jr. and Charles Cruse, Sr.; one sister, Debra Cruse Griggs, all of Lubbock, Texas; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

New Light Baptist Church

3013 Idalou Road Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson, Pastor
Lubbock, Texas 79403

On Sunday morning, February 18, 2018, church services at the New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, were full of "Praising The Lord! The dynamic pastor is the Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson.

Church School begun at 10:00 a. m. with Sister Alvera Johnson as Superintendent teaching the lesson which was entitled "Faithful Disciple," with the scripture coming from Acts 9:36-43.

The Morning Worship begun at 11:00 a. m. with the Praise Team leading the way. There was the testimonial period where members participated. The response reading came from Psalm 24:1-8. The altar prayer was led by Pastor Jackson with the congregation singing "My Soul Loves Jesus."

Sister Linda Green read all of the morning announcements and told of all upcoming events which will be taking place.

The morning offering was taken up by appointees.

The Choir sang several selections which were: "Let My People Go," "I Shall Not Be Moved," "O' How I Love Jesus," "Pass Me Not," and "Shine On Me." The Church Theme Song, "Amazing Grace", was sung before the sermon.

Pastor Jackson preached the morning sermon which was entitled, "Prayer Changes Things" with the printed scripture coming from Acts 16:25-34. If you want to experience God in 2018, rely on your conversation with God. There was a saying that stated things change at midnight. Different things come up in our life that cause us to have a mid-night situations that have come

up in our life. Different things come up in and out of our life. This can change your disposition.

People say things that are designed to distract you and cause you to have a midnight situation. Prayer changes things!

Have you ever had a wonderful evening and enjoyed one another and then all of a sudden things go on to cause you turmoil. We all have had a midnight situation, but when you call on the name of Jesus, the devil has to flee.

Mothers have lots of things they are confronted with that cause them a midnight situation. But how do you handle the midnight situation? By praying, because Prayer changes things. It doesn't matter what you are going through. Prayer changes things. Prayer moves mountains. It supports you and gets you through sickness and restores your health, turns sorrow into joy and negative into positive

situations, regardless of things. Prayer will make a way out of no way. Prayer lifts you up when you are down. It doesn't matter what people say or do, or how they treat you, prayer changes things!

Having a conversation with Jesus is the best thing that can change your midnight situation. When we rose this morning we knew that God was gonna take care of us. When doctors have-closed the book, pray about the situation. We all know what prayer does. Prayer will sustain you. Prayer will and has always changed things. Let the Church say AMEN!!

The song sung after the sermon was "O' How I Love Jesus."

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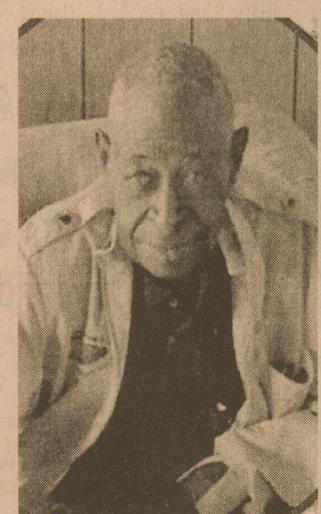
Deacon Robert "Clyde" Williams Emeritus

Littlefield, Texas -- Funeral services were held for Deacon Emeritus Robert "Clyde" Williams on Wednesday afternoon, February 14, 2018, at the First United Methodist Church of Littlefield, with Pastor Ray Travenia officiating.

Interment followed in the Littlefield Memorial Park in Littlefield, Texas under the direction of McCarty Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Deacon Williams, age 82 of Littlefield, Texas, passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2018.

Robert was born October 15, 1935 in Frost, Texas to Sam



Williams and Lucy Glenn-Williams. After Lucy's death,

Sam later married Laurie Hightower. Sam and Laurie raised Robert in Bula, Texas. Robert graduated from Dunbar High School in 1954. In 1957, he married Christine Vine. He was employed by Wayne Winfield and Byers Grain and Feed. After retiring, he owned Robert's Lawn and Feed.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Twilla Williams; and two sons, Sammy Ray Williams and Vernon Williams.

He leaves in mourning; his wife, Christine Williams; four sons: Benny and Michael

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Now you are Christ's body,
and individually members of it.
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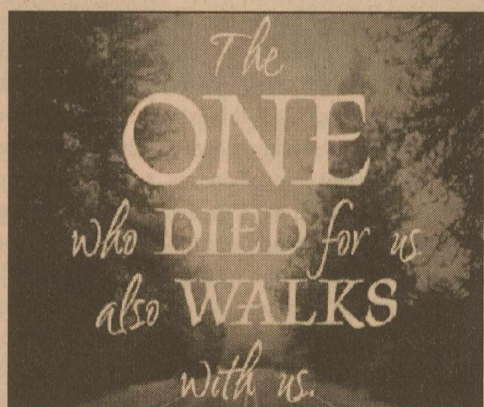
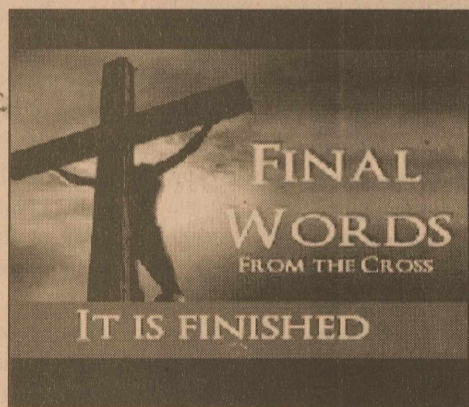
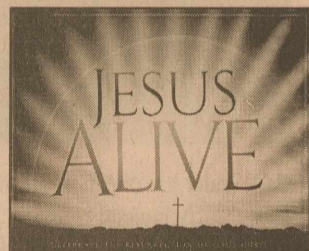
information. I called him and asked how he could do this. He replied the money and title were good. I told them they couldn't break you so there was no harm. No harm? I spoke in San Francisco at the annual luncheon of our affiliate there. While walking back to my hotel I noticed an attractive lady walking at a fast pace behind me. I soon recognized her. It was Charlene my old flame. She smiled and tried to work her famous "mojo". I casually said, "good afternoon" and walked on by (as Isaac Hayes would say). She was noticeably upset. The nerve! They were trying to set me up in an extra-marital.

As they say, "God does not like ugly". On my next trip to Denver, I was contacted by a Denver businessman. He stated, "This is true so help me God. The CEO of US West is having an extra-marital affair with one of his subordinates." I replied, "So". He retorted, "She is Hispanic and is head of their Minority Business Department. Her husband is an US West employee also. She is the one who fired your plaintiffs!"

Wow, I said to Bob that we must get them to depose me and we can lead them into that trap. We weren't twenty minutes into the deposition when I "spilled the beans". The US West team asked for a recess. They came back 30 minutes later stating that they will settle the matter. We settled, and all our plaintiffs received handsome payments. The NBCC received \$1,000 memberships from each of our plaintiffs. I nor the NBCC received anything else. The victory was sweet enough!

From that point on, the NBCC became known as a "Giant Killer". Herman Malone and the Colorado Black Chamber of Commerce? We kicked them out. Art Fletcher became our new Chairman. Nearly 1,000 participants attended our convention. A total success!

Mr. Alford is the Co-Founder, President/CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce @. Website: www.nationalbcc.org Email: halford@nationalbcc.org



Viva Aztlan Festival Celebrates its 24th Year of Ballet Folklorico Competitions & Mariachi Concert

- Viva Aztlan Festival (VAF) is celebrating its 24th Anniversary of Ballet Folklorico Dance Workshops, Competitions & Showcase and Mariachi Concert on March 9-10, 2018 held at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. VAF is honored to hold the record of longest running Ballet Folklorico competitions and invites everyone to come and witness why it continues to thrive.

Lubbock Centro Aztlan Organization is under the umbrella of Ballet Folklorico Aztlan, was founded by the late Bidal Agüero in 1989 with a purpose to enrich the community with the Mexican and Mestizo culture through art and stage productions. The production of the event, "Viva Aztlan Festival" began in 1993 with Ballet Folklorico competitions and Theatre productions, but as time passed the festival continued with only Folklorico competitions and later added Mariachi workshops and concert.

VAF folklorico workshops will begin at 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Friday. The workshops are taught by the invited Maestros from Coahuila, Mexico and Austin, Texas.

VAF folklorico competitions begin at 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday. The competitions are open to the public because all performances are unique and very entertaining, but above all crowd participation is encouraged! Participating groups arrive in Lubbock from Hobbs & Albuquerque, NM, and others from cities within Texas. The crowd's energy will help fuel the groups' entire performance; although, technique and skill is the ultimate judge. Three qualified Maestros (master teachers) will score all participating groups and hold the final tally until Saturday night where VAF will crown, 'Best of Festival!'

Following the day's competitions, Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m., VAF will feature a spectacular showcase by the previous year's 'Best of Festival' winner, Grupo Folklorico Desoluna from Albuquerque, NM. During the showcase there will be an explosive concert featuring Mariachi Mexico Lindo. The Mariachi is a local group that plays in various locations but most known for playing at a local restaurant. Their many

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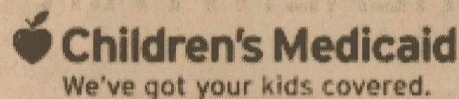
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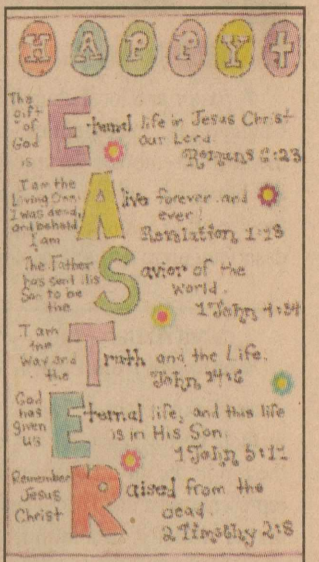
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Deacon Emeritus Robert Williams

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Williams of Littlefield, Texas, Tommy Williams of Levelland, Texas, and Eric Williams of Florida; five daughters: Linda Williams Hood and Della Williams of Littlefield, Texas, Kelli Williams of Grapevine, Texas, Angela Williams of Midland, Texas, and Cassandra Coleman of Dalhart, Texas; eighteen grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.



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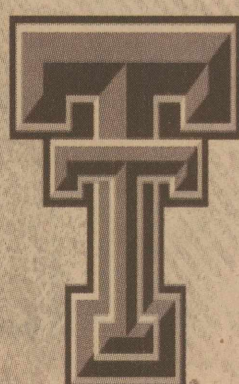
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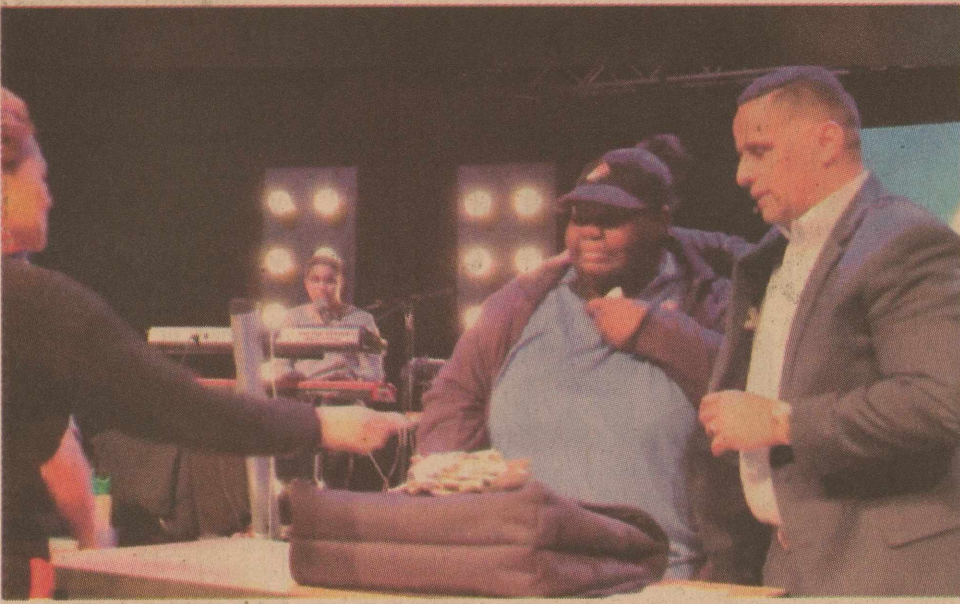
John 15:1-27 ~The Vine and the Branches~

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Church surprises pizza delivery woman struggling to make ends meet with shocking tip



A pastor at a local church in Chicago is encouraging its members to embrace the process of honoring others — and they're off to a good start with a deserving pizza delivery person.

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years of experience is displayed in their performance as one of the top in the city. The evening represents what this Festival embraces which is to continue to educate the community about the richness of the Mexican Mestizo culture through music and dance.

The entire festival is open to the public. Tickets for Saturday all day is \$7 and is available to purchase online www.vivaaztlan.org or can be purchased at the door. For more information, contact Zenaida Aguero-Reyes at rey24@sbcglobal.net or 252-2828.

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After being called to deliver pies to New Life Covenant Church, Monique Hall arrived to a full service where Pastor Wilfredo De Jesús was standing on stage. Hall went up to give him the pizza and was given a \$100 tip. But little did she know, that wasn't all she'd be receiving.

Pastor Wilfredo continued to ask just ten other churchgoers to stand up and contribute to the tip. A few moments later, a flood of members were handing Hall generous sums of money.

"I was nervous," Hall told WGN. "I did not understand why so many people had stood up for a pizza delivery person. I definitely wasn't expecting it, but I knew that I had been struggling for a long time."

Hall shared her story on air with WGN, where she explained that she is a single parent to two children, whose father is not present in their lives.

It takes a real damper on you, especially trying to make ends meet," she continued. "So when they did that, I was overwhelmed and I was shocked. I felt so loved by them — all I could do was cry."

The emotion and gratitude expressed by Hall is exactly what Pastor Wilfredo intended, as he told WGN that the idea of honor

has been lost.

"We at New Life Covenant realized that this element of honor has been missing in our culture," he said, "and a lot of the problems that we're facing in our culture, if you really get to the root of it, is because of this lack of honor."

In turn, the pastor has been incorporating honor of other people and both small and large accomplishments into church services. From an 8th grader who had perfect attendance, to a local high school basketball coach, the members of New Life Covenant are realizing that "honoring is contagious."

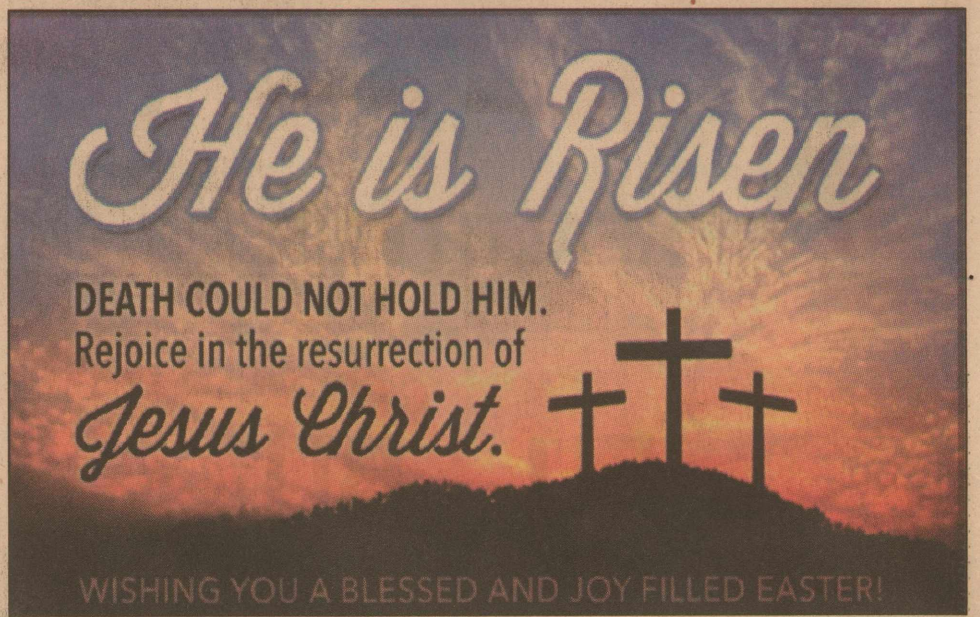
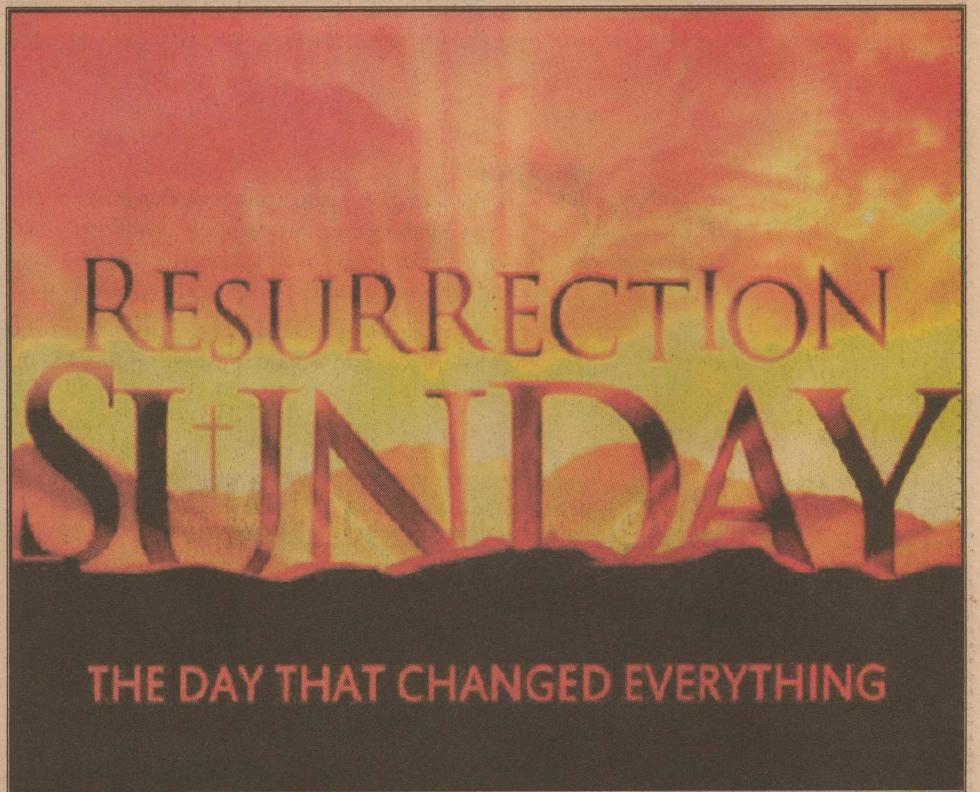
"All I asked for was ten people," Pastor Wilfredo said. "And you saw the response."

The pastor's message certainly seems to be working, as Hall then split up the tip she received to share it with others at her workplace.

"I felt like some of my coworkers were just the same as me, in the same place," Hall said. "So it was only right that I give to them, since I was given to."

The video of Hall receiving the tip, which was posted to Facebook, has gone viral with nearly 6 million views.

Praise God!!

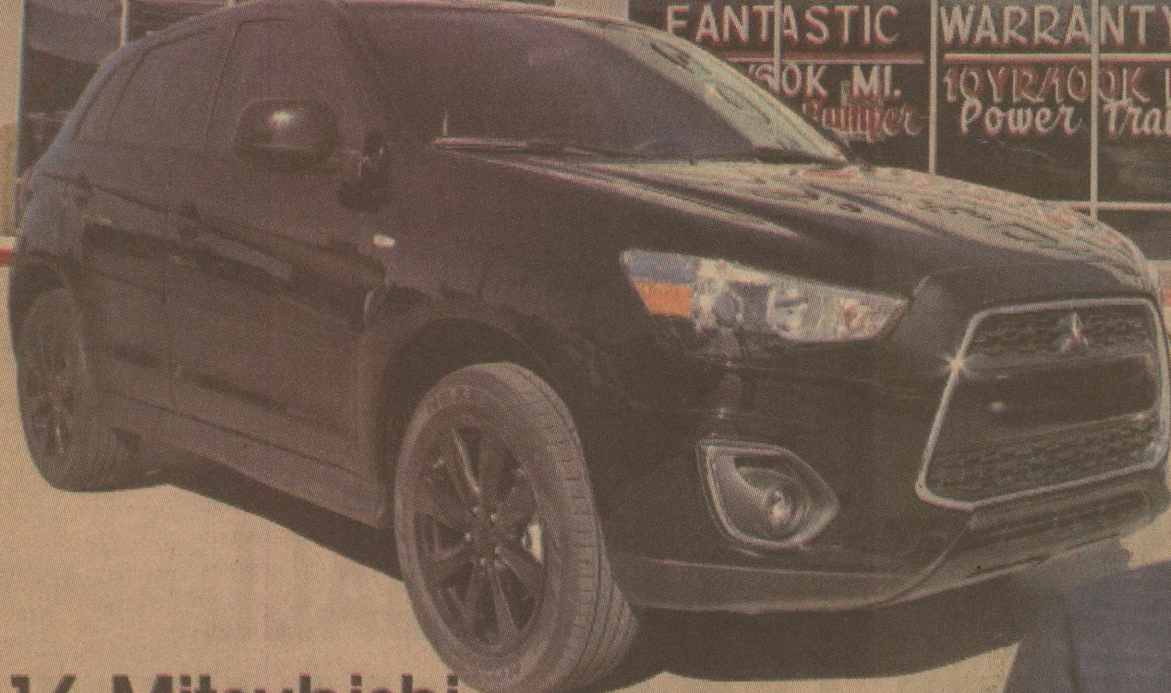


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