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Up Close and Personal

Dr. Robert and Mrs. Doris Childress
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Community Spotlight

A Partnership of Purpose: Faith, Media, and Ministry in the Community

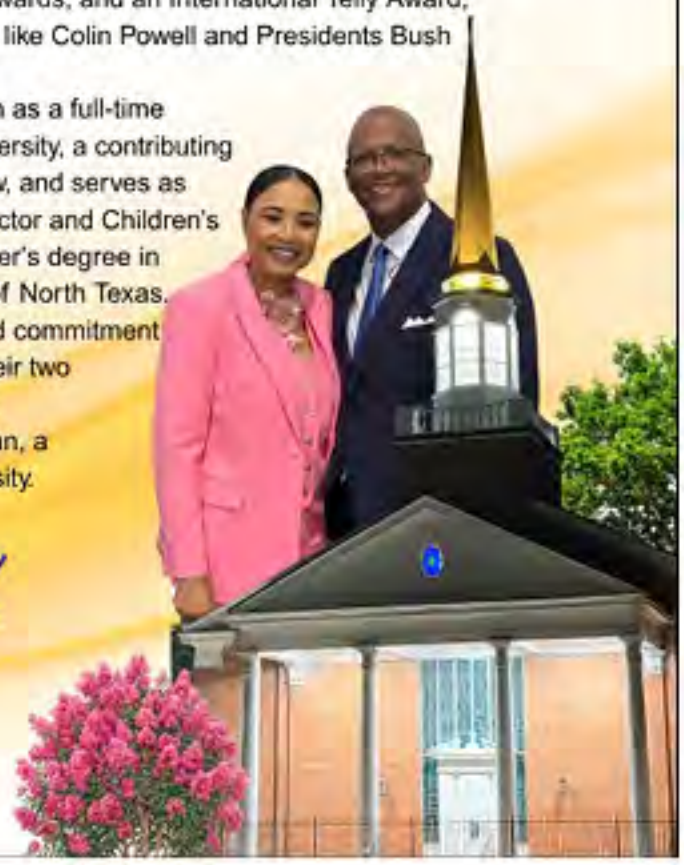
For over three decades, Fort Bend County has been profoundly shaped by the visionary leadership of Dr. Robert Childress and his wife, Doris Childress. Through their ministry at Covenant Glen Church —which serves the community across two vibrant locations in Rosenberg and Rosharon—this dynamic couple has seamlessly blended faith, education, and public service to uplift thousands.

Dr. Robert Childress, a native Houstonian, spent his early years building a robust academic foundation. He earned an associate degree from Lon Morris College, a bachelor's in history and Sociology from Stephen F. Austin State University, a Master of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology, and a Doctorate in Ministry from United Theological Seminary. After briefly teaching in Dallas public schools, he turned fully to pastoring, arriving at Covenant Glen in 1990.

Beyond the pulpit, Dr. Childress is a passionate advocate for community transformation. Through the Liberation Project, a parent organization he founded, he launched the Fifth Street Revitalization Committee. This powerful initiative successfully united the religious and public sectors to transform an impoverished neighborhood into a flourishing, viable community hub. A respected scholar and advisor, he has served on the Texas Southern University Board of Regents and the Wiley College Board of Trustees, earning prestigious honors like the NAACP Community Service Award.

Partnering closely in this life of service is Doris Childress. Before transitioning to academia, Doris was a household name in Houston television, starting in 1993. Her distinguished media career as a journalist and host earned her five Emmy Awards, three National Gracie Awards, and an International Telly Award, featuring historic interviews with figures like Colin Powell and Presidents Bush and Carter.

Today, Doris shapes the next generation as a full-time faculty member at Texas Southern University, a contributing on-air host for Hello Houston radio show, and serves as Covenant Glen's Communications Director and Children's Ministry Coordinator. She holds a master's degree in television and film from the University of North Texas. Married since 1986, the couple's shared commitment to excellence shines brightly through their two daughters: Mackenzie, a law student at South Texas College of Law, and Morgan, a dental medicine student at Tufts University.



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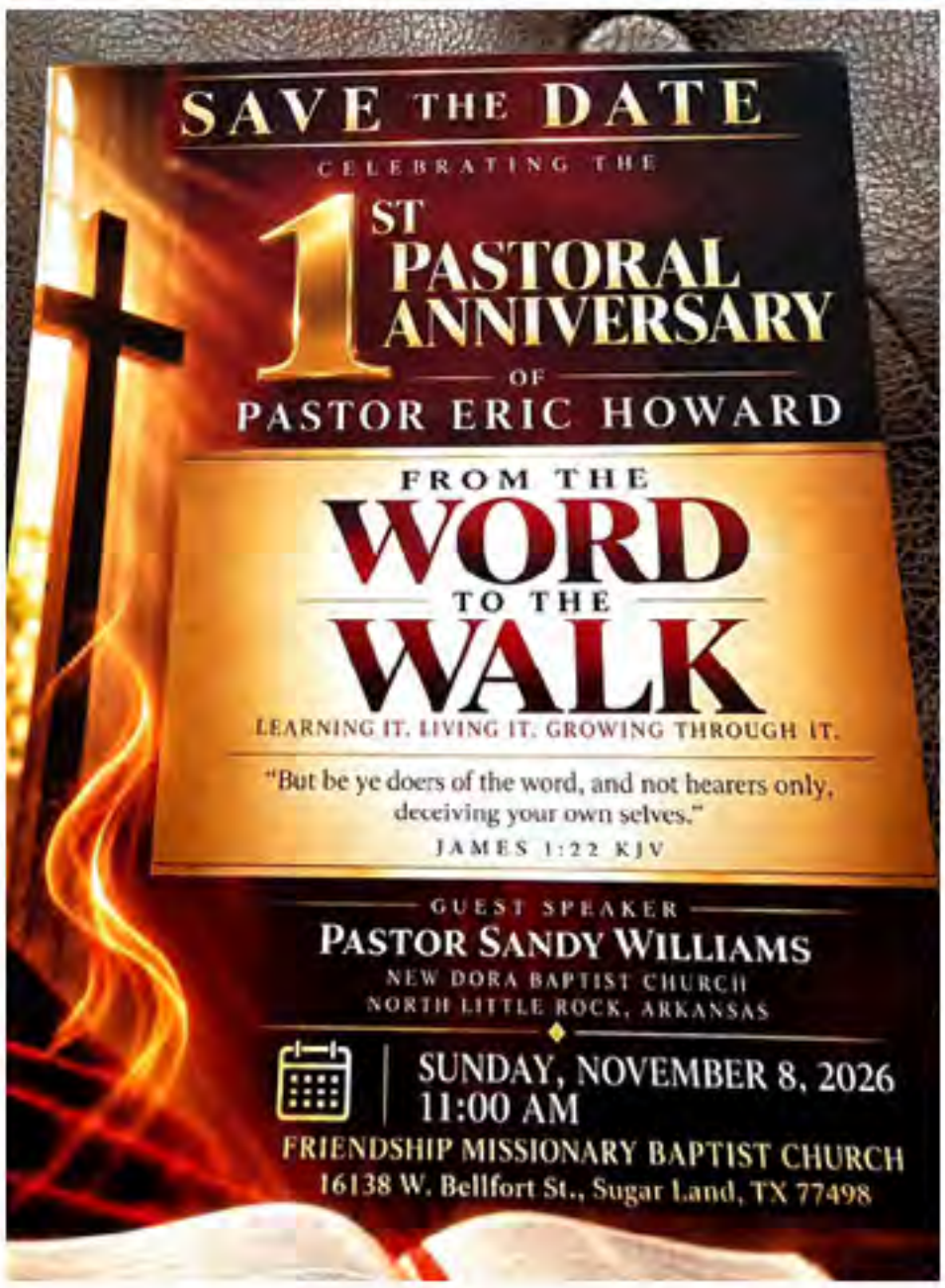

Publishers' Comments

MESSAGE TO PARENTS -

PRAYER, PRAISE, AND POWER FOR TODAY'S SCHOOLS

FROM A MOTHER'S POINT OF VIEW , BY MRS. MABLE L. BUFORD

MRS. MABLE L. BUFORD

A new school year brings uniforms, clothing for special events, and classroom supplies. Yet children need more than material preparation. In a rapidly changing society, Christian parents must also prepare them for the challenges they may face in public schools. Providing the tools for academic success is only part of equipping them;

their spiritual, emotional, and psychological well-being also requires attention. AS PARENTS, WE MUST PRAY DAILY FOR OUR CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. Prayer gives them protection and strength as they encounter temptation, bullying, shifting values, and misunderstanding of their Christian character.

Your children may stand apart from their peers. Teachers may value their kindness, respect, and preparation, while other students may dismiss those same qualities as weakness or consider them uncool. Pray with them and for them so they know they are supported and can face each day with confidence. When

children were no longer allowed to bless their food aloud at lunch, my husband and I taught ours to pray silently in gratitude. We also encouraged them to pray throughout the day, especially in

stressful moments. Maintaining that connection with God—and knowing that others are praying for them—can shape how they respond to everyday challenges.

Some children receive little

encouragement at school and may be criticized for not conforming. That makes praise at home especially important. Parents—not outsiders—should be their children's strongest supporters, because every child has something worth celebrating.

Praise can recognize simple strengths, such as washing dishes well or giving a comforting hug. I learned this in fifth-grade art class while stitching a traced design onto burlap. The finished picture was unattractive, but I received an award for effort, and my parents proudly framed it. What stayed with me was not the

quality of the artwork, but their praise for my persistence and best effort. Encouragement like this teaches children to try, remain focused, do their best, and complete what they begin. When praise is consistent, confidence grows.

Christian children should also be reminded that faith in God and trust in Jesus Christ equip them to face disappointment, tests, challenges, and the discomfort of standing apart. They can depend on Jesus' promise: "I will never fail you nor forsake you." Philippians 4:6 teaches us to replace anxiety with prayer, thanksgiving, and trust in the peace of God, which guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. THIS IS REAL POWER! Our prayer is that Christian parents equip their children with the three "P's" this

year: Prayer, Praise, and Power. Teach them to pray in the name of Jesus Christ, praise Almighty God for His blessings, and call upon the power of the Holy Ghost through daily prayer. In Jesus Christ's name, amen.

WOULD YOU?

Would you say that I am unfair? Would you blame me to make yourself look right?-Job 40:8 (NCV)

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON

We are told early on in the Book of Job that in one of God's meetings (yes, God has meetings) that Satan also appears in the meeting, its unknown exactly how he gained access yet he is there. God poses the question to Satan as to what he has been up to and the biblical response is that he has been searching the whole earth to see who he can cause to turn against God. Well, God of all the people in the world brings up Job's name and Satan (who also knows Job) says that he can't get to Job (an indication that he has tried) because God literally has a hedge around him and that he only serves God because he is highly blessed. Oh, and this is just a side note that I just found out to be blessed means to be envied and that is also how you know you are blessed when your enemies launch their most vicious attacks. Although that is Satan's summation of Job but it is not God's outlook on Job and ONLY He knows the true outlook. Therefore, God in order to prove Satan wrong allows Satan permission to test Job but God also gives Satan boundaries as to how far he can go with the test. This of course is proof positive that Satan is not all powerful for those of you that think that he is, because if he were he would just ignore God's boundaries concerning Job but we see in the totality of the Book that he dare not test God. This is not to say that what Satan was allowed to do was not bad but it was not the worse he could have been allowed to do if it were not for God's boundaries. Satan never had and never will have the final say so in any of our lives and that is worth knowing and resting in no matter what you and I go through.

Next, we see the effects of Satan's testing where Job literally goes bankrupt of all his earthly possessions, and that is something that some might be able to handle but soon after all 10 of his children are killed. Now that's a blow that is hard for even your super saint to bounce back from, Just the thought of having to prepare funeral arrangements for all 10 of your children at one time is a grief I cannot begin to imagine what that is like. If that was not enough, Job is soon attacked with some type of skin sickness on his body and the final cherry on the top is when his own wife of all those years gives her emotional counseling to Job by telling him to curse God and die. Not sure which hurt him the most was it the cursing of God or her just wanting him to die? Either of the two carried so much more weight that he is already under that your average man would have buckled under so much depression.

Just as you start to think that Job is about to be shown some sympathy at the arrival of three of his closest friends but they are in such a shock that they can only sit in awe for 7 days with him without uttering a single word of either good or bad. From chapters 3 to 31 there is a two- way conversation with those same 3 friends attempting to convince Job into confessing some known sin in his life with Job consistently denying anything of the sort. Have you ever tried to convince people that you did nothing wrong while at the time they are looking at everything that is obviously going wrong in your life? While we may understand and may relate to Job's friends in their accusations of Job but because we know what took place in the beginning of the Book we know the real story. Did you know that this is exactly how life has worked from the beginning of time that neither of us has all the intricate details of what is going on in our lives but only the effects of what is going on. Many of us fail to see the real culprit behind every attack or every off comment is really Satan simply because we can't physically see him. Therefore, some find it easier to blame God like Job's friends who tried to justify why God allowed what happened in his life. Now while God never tells Job why he goes through what he has gone through God does show Job and us just how much we don't know about life that goes on every day. Look at this one of several questions that God ask Job "Would you say that God is unfair? Would you blame God to make yourself look right? Just because we don't have the honest answers of what you and I might be going through at the time it never gives us the right to falsely accuse God.no matter who leaves, who dies or who walks away. As we are entering the final quarter of this year and not know what will take place as the year ends. For those of you that really don't know God would you blame God if it does not end the way you believe that is should so that you can make yourself look righteous, would you?

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR OCTOBER 2026

Sis. Jeanette Washington

WITH SIS. JEANETTE WASHINGTON

Pray alone in your prayer closet; pray daily with your husband or wife; have family altar prayer; pray with a brother or sister in christ Jesus early in the morning/evening; pray with a small prayer group in person or via phone! But pray! Pray! Pray!

Rev. Curtis Johnson

THE PASTOR'S PRAYER FOR JULY 2026

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the privilege of knowing you through your Son, Jesus, and experiencing your presence through your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the promises in your Holy Word: that you will never leave me and that you hear me when I pray. Thank you for providing for me in this life and for the gift of eternal life. Thank you for the forgiveness you have given me and for the intercession you continue to make on my behalf. Please bless our children, your people who have diligently seek to honor and serve you, especially those who are hurting and lost. Hear our petitions concerning our families, our country, and our world. Strengthen me to do the work you have set before me. In Jesus Christ's mighty name I pray. Amen. Rev. Curtis Johnson, Pastor, Newman Chapel UMC, Kendleton, TX.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR OCTOBER 2026

- Pray that the people of the U.S.A. will examine themselves and confess and repent unto God of any known or unknown sins and forgive one another
- Pray that the President of the U.S. A. will humble himself and seek the face of Almighty God for wisdom and compassion to lead all the people of the country
- Pray that the Supreme Court of the U.S.A. will humble themselves and seek wisdom from the Holy Scriptures to make the right decisions and judgments that will be pleasing in the sight of God
- Pray that both houses of Congress of the United States will humble themselves and ask God for a new heart that will enable them to uphold their sacred oath to God and country to uphold the rule of law and to make laws benefiting the welfare of all the people they serve
- Pray that the leaders of our state, county, and local governments and schools will come to understand that they have been elected to represent their "neighbors" who, according to Jesus Christ's parable of "The Good Samaritan", is "anyone in need of mercy"
- Pray for the protection and safe return of all the men and women in the US military who have recently been deployed to the Middle East to fight in the Iranian War; and pray for their families that God will provide for them and give them the faith to place their loved ones in His Hands through prayer
- Pray for the protection of all first responders and their families as they fulfill their oath and promise to "protect and serve" all the people under their charge
- Pray for the teachers of God's precious little ones to have the understanding, patience, and commitment to respect and teach all the children under their tutelage in order that they may obtain the full potential of the gifts God has given them
- Finally, pray for the religious leaders of the U.S.A. to actively teach and practice all of the teachings found in the Word of God that the people of their congregations will become more like Jesus Christ as they move and breathe in their families, schools, workplace, and communities

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with Sis. Sharon Harris

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October 18 - Outing to Rev. William Hutton & First Lady Hutton Anniversary Celebration
at Sullen Missionary Baptist Church 11 AM, Wallace, TX
October 25th - Outing to Greater Zachary Missionary Baptist Church.
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- Contact: Fredy Batres at 713-314-1330 or alztexwalk@alz.org
- Registration/Website: Sign up at the Sugar Land Walk Portal. [1, 2]
- 2026 Walk to End Alzheimer's - Houston, TX
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- Venue & Address: TMC Helix Park, 1885 Old Spanish Trail, Houston, TX 77030
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Bruce Franks

Sunrise - April 11, 1961 Sunset - September 3, 2026

Bruce Allen Franks was born on April 11, 1961, to Fayetta Franks and Leonard Young. From an early age, Bruce was blessed with a vibrant spirit, remarkable athletic ability, and a natural talent that would become evident throughout his childhood and young adult years.

On September 3, 2026, Bruce answered God's called and departed this earthly live, leaving behind a lifetime of memories that will forever remain the hearts of those who knew him and loved him.

At an early age, Bruce confessed his faith in God and accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was a member of the St. Luke United Methodist Church, Rosenberg, TX. He later became a member of Fisher of Men under the leadership of Pastor Sheila Washington; and until his passing, he was a member of The Lord's Kitchen, Inc., under the leadership of Rev. Anthony Becerra. His family finds comfort in knowing that the faith Bruce professed reminds us that death is not the end, but a transition from this life into eternity with the Lord.

Bruce grew up in Rosenberg, TX, where he attended schools in Lamar CISD. He proudly graduated from Lamar High School in 1980 and later attended Bishop College in Dallas, TX. From the beginning, Bruce excelled in multiple sports, football, baseball, basketball, and track. There are cherished memories of him scoring six touchdowns in one football game. He was a gifted all around sportsman whose natural ability, determination, and competitive spirit set him apart.

Yet Bruce's life was about far more that touchdowns, baskets, baseball games, and victories. Beyond his athletic accomplishments was a man deeply connected with his family and friends. He will be remembered for his generous smile, his charismatic personality, his boundless laughter, and the many good times he shared with those who loved him. It was also noted that he had a compassionate and listening year to friends and strangers alike being able to bring comfort to many he met at the Lord's Kitchen. The love and memories he leaves behind will continue to live in the hearts of those who saw and read the pages inside the book that were more than the revealed cover.

Remembering Those Who Have Passed This Way

Only a Moment Ago...

Remembering those who have passed this way only a moment ago who have given more than they received; left more than they took; and helped more than they hurt. To the families, communities, and churches of the following individuals, we honor the following men and women with these special words of encouragement that surely speak from their legacy.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." *(Philippians 4:8 ESV*

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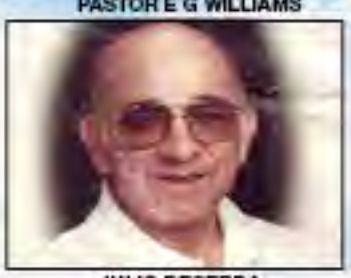
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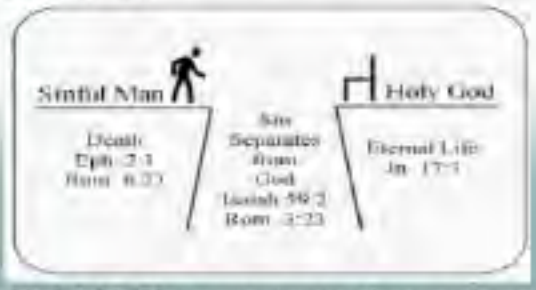
"GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION"

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life. This passage tells us that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the way to possess eternal life is to possess God's Son. The question is, how can a person have the Son of God?

Man's Problem SEPARATION FROM GOD

Isaiah 59:2 But your sinful acts have alienated you from your God; your sins have caused him to reject you and not listen to your prayers. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. According to Romans 5:8, God demonstrated His love for us through the death of His Son. Why did Christ have to die for us? Because Scripture declares all men to be sinful. To "sin" means to miss the mark. The Bible declares "all have sinned and fall short of the glory (the perfect holiness) of God" (Rom. 3:23). In other words, our sin separates us from God who is perfect holiness (righteousness and justice) and God must therefore judge sinful man.



Habakkuk 1:13a You are too just to tolerate evil; you are unable to condone wrongdoing.

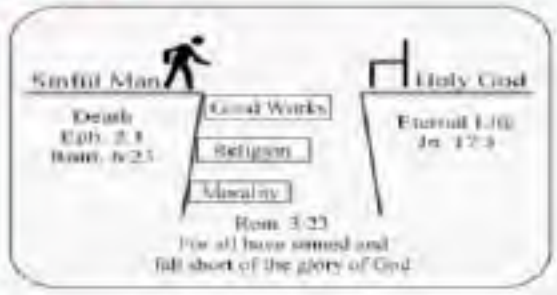
THE FUTILITY OF OUR WORKS

Scripture also teaches that no amount of human goodness, humanworks, human morality, or religious activity can gain acceptance with God or get anyone into heaven. The moral man, the religious man, and the immoral and non-religious are all in the same boat. They all fall short of God's perfect righteousness. After discussing the immoral man, the moral man, and the religious man in Romans 1:18-3:8, the Apostle Paul declares that both Jews and Greeks are under sin, that "there is no one righteous, not even one" (Rom. 3:9-10). Added to this are the declarations of the following verses of Scripture:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 it is not of works, so that no one can boast.

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us, not by works of righteousness that we have done but on the basis of his mercy, through the washing of the new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us in full measure through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life.

Romans 4:1-5 What then shall we say that Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh, has discovered regarding this matter? 2 For if Abraham was declared righteous by the works of the law, he has something to boast about (but not before God). 3 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his pay is not credited due to grace but due to obligation. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in the one who declares the ungodly righteous, his faith is credited as righteousness.



No amount of human goodness is as good as God. God is perfect righteousness. Because of this, Habakkuk 1:13 tells us God cannot have fellowship with anyone who does not have perfect righteousness.

In order to be accepted by God, we must be as good as God is. Before God, we all stand naked, helpless, and hopeless in ourselves. No amount of good living will get us to heaven or give us eternal life. What then is the solution?

God's Solution

God is not only perfect holiness (whose holy character we can never attain to on our own or by our works of righteousness) but He is also perfect love and full of grace and mercy. Because of His love and grace, He has not left us without hope and a solution.

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the good news of the Bible, the message of the gospel. It's the message of the gift of God's own Son who became man (the God-man), lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sin, and was raised from the grave proving both the fact He is God's Son and the value of His death for us as our substitute.

"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,

For It Is The Power Of God For Salvation To Everyone Who Believes, To The Jew First And Also To The Greek." (Romans 1: 15 - 17)

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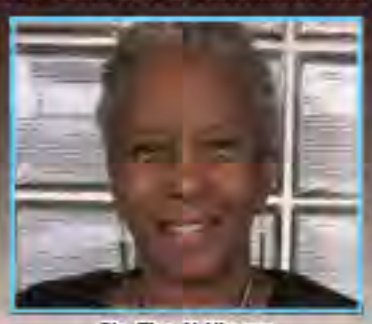

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Sunday Morning Worship FACEBOOK LIVE ..... 10 AM
Monday evening YPWW BIBLE STUDY ..... 7 PM
Tuesday and Thursday MORNING PRAYER ..... 9 AM
Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY ..... 7 PM

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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
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Teachers Meeting (TUES)..... 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehrs (TUES) ..... 7:30 p.m.
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Thursday:
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Combined Choir Rehearsal ..... 7 pm
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Brotherhood (1st Saturday) ..... 10 am
New Members Orientation ..... 10 am
Youth Bible Study ..... 12 pm
Sunday: Church School ..... 9 am
Morning Worship ..... 10 am

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Choir Rehearsal (MON)..... 7:30 p.m.
Brotherhood (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Jr. Mission (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Sr. Mission (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (THURS)..... 7:30 p.m.
Teacher Meeting/Bible (THURS).... 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study (FRI)..... 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:15 PM
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*Men of Zion - "Sharpen for Purpose" . . 1st/3rd Mon
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Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
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WED: Prayer Meeting ..... 7:30 p.m.
THURS: Men's Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.
FRI: Free Christian Movies ..... 7:30 p.m.

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Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Choir Rehearsal ..... 7:00 p.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sr. Choir Rehearsal (TUES) 7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED) 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS) 7:00 p.m.
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Sunday Worship Service ..... 11 AM
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PASTOR MATTHEW JONES

DON'T LET ANYTHING OR ANYONE STOP YOUR GROWTH

BY PASTOR MATTHEW JONES

Scripture References:
St. Mark 16:1-7; St. Luke 24:28-35

I can't believe I did such a thing. How could I do such a thing? He said I was going to do it, but I didn't believe him. I just could not have imagined I would ever do such a thing. I am so embarrassed and ashamed. I have made such a fool of myself. How can I ever show my face in public again? What will my friends and companions think of me now? Will they ever accept me back into their fellowship or forgive me? More importantly, will Jesus my Master and best friend ever forgive me?

These were probably some of the thoughts that entered Peter's mind immediately after he denied knowing the Lord on the night Jesus was betrayed and turned over to his enemies. To refresh our memory, when our Lord was betrayed by Judas and turned over to his enemies in the Garden of Gethsemane, the other disciples forsook him and fled. According to Matthew and John's Gospel accounts, Peter had made an effort to defend the Master by cutting off the ear of Malchus, the servant of the high priest. And as our Lord was led away by the mob that had come to arrest him, Peter followed him, but at a distance.

While our Lord was being questioned and tried in the residence of the high priest, Peter was standing outside in the crowd warming himself by the fire when someone accused him of being a follower of Christ. Peter promptly denied knowing Jesus. Later on someone else identified Peter as a disciple of Jesus, and again he promptly denied knowing Jesus. Yet a third time Peter was identified as a follower of Jesus, and for the third time he denied knowing Jesus. According to some accounts Peter cursed and swore that he did not know Jesus. According to Luke's Gospel, at the very moment of his third denial, Jesus turned and looked directly at Peter. Then Peter remembered our Lord's prediction that before the cock crowed that very day Peter would three times deny knowing the Lord. Then Peter immediately went off by himself and wept bitterly.

I would imagine that the night of his denial of Jesus was the worst and loneliest night that Peter ever spent in his life. He had before made a number of blunders and had embarrassed himself on any number of occasions. Even a casual reading of the Gospels reveals Peter's inclination to have foot-in-mouth disease. However, all his efforts, faults, and failures notwithstanding, his denial of Jesus was by far his most grievous, embarrassing, and shameful act.

During the course of our lives we all make a number of mistakes, any one of which could wreak havoc with our lives and our faith. But there are some that stand out as the most embarrassing and shameful that, more than all the others, have the potential to wreck our faith, our lives, our careers, our families, our marriages, and our relationships. Some wounds cut more deeply than others. Some exposures cause more embarrassment than others do. Some things, if they were to come to the light of day, would cause more shame than others would. Some things seem almost unforgivable and unrecoverable in the sight of others if they were ever discovered.

How do you continue to hold your head up and continue to function as a husband, wife, friend, father, mother, sister, brother, minister, Pastor, teacher, doctor, lawyer, social worker, professional, or president when you hand has been caught in the "cookie jar" and everybody knows it? How do you continue to look people in the eye when your business is out in the street and everybody knows it? How do you relate to people knowing that they know some of your private failures but not knowing what they are thinking when they are looking at you in the eye? When the truth gets out and you cannot deny it any longer, how do you look at people in the face when you know and they know that you have betrayed their trust in you? What do you do when you feel lower than low? That was the reality Peter faced on the night in which he denied knowing the Lord.

Perhaps that was why Peter received his own personal invitation to behold his risen Lord in Mark's Gospel of the message that the angels delivered to the women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of the Lord on that first Sunday after the Lord's crucifixion. According to the text, the angels told the women to "go, tell his disciples and Peter that (Jesus) is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." Peter's pain and shame were so deep – and God was so loving and forgiving – that the angels called his name specifically to let him know that he was forgiven, and that Jesus still loved him. And if anyone asked him how he could dare face Jesus after what he did, Peter could always say that he was there because he was personally invited to behold his risen Lord. The words of the text were also an invitation for Peter to grow beyond his shame and his pride and to maintain his place of leadership in the fellowship where he belonged.

PRAISE

For God's Ultimate Justice

OCTOBER 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Devotional Reading: Psalm 9:1-12

Background Scripture: Psalm 9; Ecclesiastes 3:16-22

Printed Text: Psalm 9: 1 - 12

(PSALM 9:1-12 FOR THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC. TO THE TUNE OF "THE DEATH OF THE SON." A PSALM OF DAVID.)

1 I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.
3 My enemies turn back; they stumble and perish before you.
4 For you have upheld my right and my cause, sitting enthroned as the righteous judge.
5 You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.
6 Endless ruin has overtaken my enemies, you have uprooted their cities; even the memory of them has perished.
7 The Lord reigns forever; he has established his throne for judgment.
8 He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity.
9 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.
10 Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
11 Sing the praises of the Lord, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.
12 For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not ignore the cries of the afflicted.

KEY TEXT

He rules the world in righteousness and judges the peoples with equity. -Psalm 9:8

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

In what one specific way can you serve as the Lord's hands and feet in being a "refuge for the oppressed" this week?

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

BY DR. D. SPENCER

Signing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by President Johnson

The Voting Rights Act was signed into law on August 6, 1965, by President Lyndon Johnson. It outlawed the discriminatory voting practices adopted in many southern states after the Civil War, including literacy tests as a prerequisite to voting. It enforced the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution and was signed into law ninety-five years after the amendment was ratified. In those years, African Americans in the South faced tremendous obstacles to voting, including poll taxes, literacy tests, and other bureaucratic restrictions to deny them the right to vote. They also risked harassment, intimidation, economic reprisals, and physical violence including murder when they tried to register or vote. As a result, African American voter registration was extremely limited. In 1964, numerous peaceful demonstrations were organized by Civil Rights leaders, and the considerable violence they were met with brought renewed attention to the issue of voting rights. The murder of voting-rights activists in Mississippi and the attack by white state troopers on peaceful marchers in Selma, Alabama, gained national attention and persuaded President Johnson and Congress to initiate meaningful and effective national voting rights legislation. The combination of public revulsion to violence and Johnson's political skills compelled Congress to pass the voting rights bill on August 5, 1965.

The Voting Rights Act outlawed literacy tests and provided for the appointment of federal examiners with the power to register qualified citizens to vote. In addition, Section 5 of the act required covered jurisdictions to obtain "preclearance" from either the District Court for the District of Columbia or the U.S. Attorney General for any new voting practices and procedures. Section 2 applied a nationwide prohibition of the denial or abridgment of the right to vote on account of race or color. The use of poll taxes in national elections had been abolished by the 24th Amendment (1964) to the Constitution; the Voting Rights Act directed the Attorney General to challenge the use of poll taxes in state and local elections. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was the most significant statutory change in the relationship between the federal and state governments in voting since the Reconstruction period following the Civil War. The Voting Rights Act had an immediate impact. By the end of 1965, a quarter of a million new Black voters had been registered, one-third by federal examiners. By the end of 1966, only four out of thirteen southern states had fewer than 50 percent of African Americans registered to vote. It was immediately challenged in the courts. Between 1965 and 1969, the Supreme Court issued several key decisions upholding the constitutionality of Section 5 and affirming the broad range of voting practices for which preclearance was required. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was readopted and strengthened in 1970, 1975, and 1982. However, in 2013, the Court struck down a key provision of the act involving federal oversight of voting rules in nine states. Question: If your vote does not matter, why has so much effort been placed on controlling who can vote?

THE GOOD NEWS MONTHLY

SPECIAL SALUTE TO BLACK COWBOY LEGENDS

HERBERT JEFFERIES

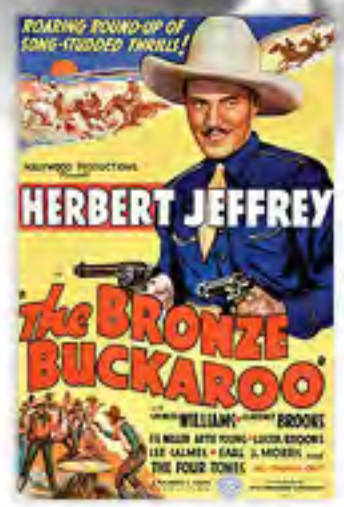
THE BRONZE BUCKAROO (BLACK COWBOY WESTERN MOVIE LEGEND)

Herbert Jeffries was born Umberto Alexander Valentino on September 24, 1913, in Detroit Michigan, a mixed-race father and an Irish born mother. Jeffries started singing professionally in Chicago at the Savoy Dance Hall where he met Louis Armstrong. Armstrong urged Jeffries to record several songs in 1933. Jeffries grandfather had a small dairy farm in Port Huron Michigan where Jeffries learned to ride a horse.

In the mid 1930's, westerns began to dominate the Saturday afternoon matinee screens; making stars out of singing cowboys like Gene Autry and Roy Rogers. African Americans, however, rarely appeared in these films. Jed Buell, an independent producer, was looking for a black cowboy to play in one of his movies. Buell had heard of Jeffries but didn't think Jeffries was dark enough to appeal to black audiences. To remedy this situation, Jeffries wore makeup to darken his skin.

Jeffries's first film, Harlem on the Prairie, appeared in 1937; followed by Two-Gun Man from Harlem, The Bronze Buckaroo, and Harlem Rides the Range. Jeffries sang and performed his own stunts as "Bob Blake" in these low-budget movies with all black cast. Jeffries became famous in the black matinees, but the white matinees & TV never heard of Black Westerns. This is the reason why the black cowboy movies are so rare today. Some have been lost forever, like The Harlem on the Prairie, staring Herb Jeffries.

In 1998, Jeffries received a star on the Hollywood walk of Fame. Jeffries was inducted into the Western Performers Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Herb Jeffries died of heart failure at the age of 100 in West Hills Hospital, Los Angeles, California. Herb Jeffries was known as Hollywood's first black singing cowboy. Herb Jeffries died on May 25, 2014.

The Black Cowboy Museum, located at 1104 3rd Street, Rosenberg, TX, features memorabilia, artifacts, and pictures about the history of the Black Cowboy. There are also posters of Black Cowboy western movies and even a CD of a full-length Black Cowboy Western, (black and white), available in the museum's collections. Larry Callies, founder and CEO, invites the public to come, see, and experience the once hidden history of the Black Cowboy while touring its vast collections and listening to the historical accounts by Cowboy Larry.