

# THE Anchor News

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## Mary Evans to co-emcee Pearls event

Native Wacoan, Mary Evans is humbly returning to co-emcee An Evening Anchored in Pearls for the fourth consecutive year. Lively, witty and entertaining, this author, poet, educator and motivational speaker is honored once again to recognize the strength behind pastors in the local area community at this gala event.

Since her first published work, *Thunder and Lightning*, debuted May 2014, has been busy promoting the book through a variety of speaking engagements, school visits, and on social media throughout the state of Texas. Evan's social media presence has afforded her the opportunity to be a four-time presenter at the annual National Black Book Festival, held in Houston, Tx. for unpublished, newly published and seasoned authors.

Her lively interactive session called, "Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Oh My! Social Media 101," introduces basic author platforming. Topics Evans covers include establishing an author presence on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and You-



MARY EVANS

tube, just to name a few. She pours all the tips of the book publishing trade she's learned with other authors during this weekend festival showcasing Black authors from across the nation and abroad which she will present, Friday, October 26th this year. For more information, please visit <http://www.nationalblackbookfestival.com/seminar22.htm>

Evans has continued to maintain an Amazon.com's 5-STAR

Rating for her picture book, *Thunder and Lightning*. Broad distribution of *Thunder and Lightning* is very important, so Evans's main focus currently is getting her picture book in circulation in local, state and nationwide public and school libraries. Currently *Thunder and Lightning* can be checked out at Groesbeck, McGinley Memorial (McGregor), and all locations of the Waco-McLennan County libraries. Schools, libraries or organizations who are interested in Evans coming to speak or give a reading can contact her at 714-366-8270 or at [author-maryevans@gmail.com](mailto:author-maryevans@gmail.com). The official website is [www.maryevans.com](http://www.maryevans.com). If you have not already, please consider supporting this local author by purchasing a couple of copies of the book for children in your life and/or gift them out to a local public or private school library, pre-school or learning center.

Copies of the book autographed by Evans can be pur-

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## Mayra Vargas to co-emcee Pearls Event

She is a wife, mother, minister and business owner. A native Wacoan, Mayra Vargas will again, co-emcee The Anchor News event, An Evening Anchored in Pearls, which is planned for May 19th at 6:00 at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum. The hosts, Anchor News owners, J.L. and Linda Crawford, will honor several area first ladies.

Vargas is married to the man of her dreams, Gustavo (Gus) A. Vargas. They have three boys, Adan, 12, Isaac, 9, and Noah, 3. Vargas has been a member at First Spanish Assembly of God Church with Pastors Frank and Evangeline Alvarado since 2004. She served in the church administration department, choir department, Children's Sunday School department. Currently, Vargas is serving as the Assistant Pastor, in addition to being the youth pastor. Vargas is a humble devoted Christian woman with a great love for her family and love and passion to help others.

A licensed realtor since 2010, Vargas is also pursuing her degree in child psychology. Her long term goal is to help troubled children cope with traumas and to show them the love of God through her profession. Her vision is to encourage them to get an education and become young men and young women filled with God's spirit. She wants to encourage them to help other people come to Jesus through them and through their choice of profession. "Our country needs doctors, lawyers, teachers, preach-



MAYRA VARGAS

ers, law enforcement, judges, etc. who are filled with the Spirit of God to make a change in a dying world," Vargas said.

The owner of AmeTex Roofing, Vargas is proud that the business is a female-owned, family operated business of integrity. This thriving roofing and construction business has won several awards. The Vargas family is known for being people of integrity. They have been serving the community and surrounding cities since 2012, steadily growing their business through Gus's extensive experience in the field and through establishing solid trustworthy relationships. "Our goal is to make honest money. We will not ever take advantage of people," explained Vargas. "If it needs fixing we will tell you; if it doesn't, we will tell you." They have won the Local Love Us award several times.

Gus comes from a line of roofers; in fact, he has been

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## Local pastor to perform stand up comedy at Pearls event

Dr. George R. Harrison, pastor of First Baptist Church NBC for three decades, will return for the second year to perform stand-up comedy at The Anchor News annual event, An Evening Anchored in Pearls. Married to Pearls honoree Marva Harrison, Harrison and his wife are known in Waco as a power house team.

Harrison has served as the moderator of the Willow Grove Baptist District Association for fifteen years. He is Vice President of Texas Baptist Missionary Convention of Texas and the First Vice President



DR. GEORGE R. HARRISON

of Texas Gospel Announcers Guild.

Harrison touts a number of great accomplishments. He received a full scholarship to North Texas State University and the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. He also received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the University and the Governor of the State of Texas. Other accomplishments include being the first African American to represent the University in

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## "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees



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### J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

A co-owner of *The Anchor News*, J.L. Crawford is the director of operations for the paper. He is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher, and a LegalShield Senior Manager. Linda Crawford is co-owner and editor of *The Anchor News*. She is an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher and a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

### FROM THE CRAWFORDS...

As we approach *The Anchor News*' 16th Anniversary in the community, we are so excited. This weekend, we will begin our celebrations by honoring 20 first ladies in Waco and surrounding cities. We call them the "Pearls of the community."

If you are reading this at the Lee Lockwood Library and Museum, it means you are experiencing the ambience of this grand occasion, along with us and these sweet ladies. What an evening! Thank you Waco, Woodway, Temple, Killeen, Harker Heights, Lott, Eddy, McGregor, Riesel, and so many others for your support. You are awesome!

### Former First Lady Darlene Cashaw Head Branch Baptist Church

Darlene Simmons Cashaw is the second child of five born to Gladys Simmons and the late Travis Simmons Sr. of Waco, Texas. Darlene has been truly blessed to have celebrated 26 years of marriage to a wonderful man of God, Rev. Earnest B. Cashaw, former pastor of Head Branch Baptist Church of Groesbeck, Texas. They have three adult children: Natasha White Pearson, Celvah White, and Jehrome White, and a son-in-law, Rodrick Pearson. Their pride and joy are their two granddaughters, ZaRiyah Corujo and Madison White, both of whom they love and adore.

Darlene attended and graduated from the Midway Independent School District. She furthered her education at McLennan Community College in nursing. After working in the medical field for many years, she decided to do something different and went back to McLennan Community College for cosmetology, graduating from the program in December 2010.

Darlene was raised in the Baptist church and is no stranger to working in the church. She has served in Deaconess/Ministers Wives, youth directress, Sunday School assistant secretary, Drill Team Coordinator, Praise Dance Team Coordinator, head of the Vacation Bible School Arts and Craft Department, choir treasurer, and choir member. Since Darlene was raised in the Baptist church, she is no stranger to working in the church, starting out as a young child at Mt. Calvert Baptist Church in Hewitt, Texas under the leadership of the late Rev. E.H. Hooker. As a young teenager, she was a member of Greater



DARLENE SIMMONS CASHAW

Ebenezer Baptist Church in Waco, Texas under the leadership of the late Rev. G.B. Booker. As a adult, she was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Waco, Texas under the leadership of the late Rev. C.L. Buhl Sr. In 2002, her husband was called to pastor Head Branch Baptist Church in Groesbeck, Texas, where they served for over two decades. Presently, Darlene and her husband are members of Carver Park Baptist Church where Rev. Gaylon P. Foreman is pastor.

They are blessed to open our home to facilitate Bible study, which is taught by Rev. Cashaw. They wholeheartedly enjoy the teachings and the fellowship. Darlene has dedicated her life to living by example and encouraging young people on how to live up to their full potential in Christ.

In her leisure time, she enjoys spending quality time with her family, creating a variety of crafts, but above all, fulfilling the will of God.

### First Lady Dot Clark Believers Christian Cathedral

First Lady Dot Clark, affectionately known as "Pastor Dot," is a bold and dynamic preaching woman of God. She along with her husband, Apostle Billy Clark, pastor Believers Christian Cathedral in Hillsboro, TX where they have served for 32 years. They both share the same birthday, March 2, 1950. Pastor Dot Clark is the founder of Dot Clark Ministries where she has birthed the ministries of Chosen Women Ministries & WINGS Mentoring Program. She is the mother of three children, Tameka Sanders, Patricia Jackson, and the late Minister Everett Clark. She has 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She has 4 siblings who are all a part of the ministry as well. She is also the surrogate mother to several. Pastor Dot is known for preaching the word of God, and keeping it real.

Thru Chosen Women Ministries Pastor Dot host annual women conferences that empower woman from every walk of life to come together and worship freely. Thru her conferences she has reached thousands of lives and strives to continue to carry on the vision that God assigned her to do. Pastor Dot is steadily fulfilling her vision by offering spiritual guidance, real talk, and drawing lives to Christ.



DOT CLARK

In 2018, Pastor Dot will be taking her conference on the road where she will be able to continue to spread the Gospel.

WINGS Mentoring program started as a mentorship program for at risk youth in the community and has grown to so much more. Thru WINGS Pastor Dot is able to feed over a hundred of families each month, provide toiletries, Back to School Giveaway, Mega Christmas Giveaway, and so much more. Pastor Dot's continuing goal is to reach as many souls as she can and to help change the lives of troubled children. She is a woman of excellence prays that she can leave a positive inspiration in each person life that she encounters.

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# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Marva Alexander Harrison First Baptist Church, NBC

Minister Marva Harrison is the first lady of First Baptist Church, NBC. She is a promoter of the desire for excellence within the souls of humanity. Married to Dr. George R. Harrison, Sr., she is the proud mother of six children, 9 grandchildren 3 great grandchildren and 30 god-children; she is devoted to them all.

She exhibits her musical talents by the results of her work as a licensed and ordained Minister of Music for The Willow Grove Baptist District Association and First Baptist Church, NBC and as choir directress for 4 choirs at her church. Harrison is founder, director and promoter of several gospel groups including recording artists Dejuan Adamson & the Anointed Worshipers, Serenity, Men Of Zion, Phyllis Kennedy, Unity, Samuel II and Debra Wilson. She has ministered with renowned gospel groups such as Nero Foster and the Light Ministry Choir, Cross Power and Light Gospel Ministries, and True Vision. Harrison is founder and CEO of Marvelous Joy Ministries and Produc-



**MARVA HARRISON**

tions.

Harrison is extremely active within the Willow Grove Baptist District Association and serves as the Associate Dean, Public Relations Officer and Minister of Music. As a member of the Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention, she serves as Vice President of the Ministers' Wives Division, served as Program Editor, Publications / Designer and serves on the plan-

ning committee for the TMBC Woman's Conference. She also serves as a member of the TSMBC Executive Committee.

Harrison has been the keynote speaker for "The Complete Christian Woman's Conference" "Central Texas God's Woman Conference", Gospel Music Workshop of America, 7-Up Women's Ministry and many other Christian Women's Conferences both locally and throughout the state.

Harrison holds Associate Degrees in Accounting from McLennan Community College, an Associates Degree in Laser & Electro Optics from Texas State Technical College, Bachelors in General Studiers from University Mary Hardin Baylor and Master of Biblical Studies Degree from North Carolina College of Theology. She received a certification as a software developer from IBM's Educational Center in 1978. Harrison has received her certification in The Ministry of Worship – Planning and Leading Christian Worship.

For over 18 years, she performed as Public Relations officer and educational lobbyist at Creative Education Institute (CEI), as well as Educational Consultant. She served as an Independent Reading Consultant for "MindPrime Inc." Min. Harrison presently is the Facilitator for the Midway Independent School District – Alternative Education Program, as well as the Truancy Officer for District.

Among many of her professional accolades, she is credited with training U.S. Military personnel in Laser Safety, development of a computer-based training course in "Advanced Laser Safety", developed and maintained accounting software for several local businesses, promoted and developed training interests between industry and the military.

Harrison is affiliated with the National Association of Black School Administrators, Presidential Reading Advisory Panel, and Board of Directors of the Texas State Gospel Announcers Guild, Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention Executive Board, National Association of Female Executives (NAFE) and Gospel Music Workshop of America.

## First Lady Dr. Kara Alexander Robinson Church of Christ

Dr. Kara Poe Alexander is Associate Professor of English in Professional Writing and Rhetoric and Director of the University Writing Center at Baylor University. She received her PhD from the University of Louisville in 2016. At Baylor, she teaches courses in composition, rhetoric, professional writing, and digital writing.

Kara is married to Dr. Shane Alexander, Minister at Robinson Church of Christ. Together, they have three children: Elizabeth Lenna (12), Peyton Poe (10), and Levi Zachary (6). Kara is actively involved in church activities and teaches adult Bible classes. In her free time, Kara likes to travel,



**DR. KARA POE ALEXANDER**

read, walk, play games, and spend time with friends and family.

## Lady Tracy Baldwin Victorious Life Church

Tracy Baldwin is a self-described God's girl who loves being Tre's wife and their children's mother. She earned her bachelors degree in political science and African studies from Baylor University in 2003 and earned her Masters degree in social work from the Baylor School of Social Work in 2008. Tracy says that her graduate school experience changed her life for the better: she gave her life to Christ her first year of graduate school and met her future husband her second year of graduate school.

She married Pastor Marshall Baldwin, III (Tre') in 2009 and they have 3 children - Camden (7), Camille (5), and Campbell (4). She has a passion for women and because of her passion and God's purpose for her life, she is blessed to serve as the Women's Ministry Director at Victorious Life Church. She has served in this capacity since August 2017.

Prior to this, she worked with her own ministry Rock Your Pearls and served on the women's ministry team



**TRACY BALDWIN**

at Abundant Love Fellowship. Shoes, shoes, and more shoes, chocolate, good coffee, and earrings put a big smile on Tracy's face.

She loves sharing the Word of God with women, sharing what she has learned about marriage and raising a family, and about learning to live out life according to God's plan, purpose, and promises. She enjoys journaling, reading, cooking, traveling, eating out, and spending time with her favorite people.

## First Lady Sandra Kay Harrison Eighth Street Baptist Church

Sandra Kay Harrison is the first lady of Eighth Street Baptist Church of temple, TX. She is the president of Mission One and the Willow Grove Baptist District Association's Woman's Auxiliary and first vice president of the Texas State Missionary Baptist Convention's Woman's Auxiliary and president of the Church Women of the Temple Area.

Professionally, she worked for Texas Utilities for 20 years in the engineering and customer service departments. She also worked for Temple College in adult education and the Temple School District in alternative education. She was one of the first African American students at Incarnate Word College in San Antonio in 1960 and was selected in 1963 with a few other students to present Mrs. Jackie Kennedy a bouquet of roses the day before the assassina-



**SANDRA KAY HARRISON**

tion of President John Kennedy.

Sandra has been married to the Rev. Roscoe Harrison, Jr. for 51 years, and they are the parents of an adult daughter, Corinne Jones. The Harrisons have three grandchildren.

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## First Lady Carwander Tompkins New Generation Church, Inc.

Pastor Carwander Tompkins was born December 28, 1961 to the late Pastor Clifton Cross Sr. and Bessie Cross in Marlin, Texas. She is a 1980 graduate of Marlin High School in Marlin, Texas. She is the loving wife to Bishop Willie Tompkins Sr. Pastor Carwander Tompkins received her certificate in business from Mansfield Business School in Dallas, Texas where she later became employed with the Grand Kempiniski Hotel as front desk clerk. In the year of 1990 she relocated to Houston, Texas and pursued a child care director's license from Child Care Council of Greater Houston and became director of Mema's Daycare. Carwander later became the owner of Davis Creative Learning Center in Marlin, Texas in the year 2001.

In 2012 she received her Associates of Arts degree and Associate of Arts in teaching degree from McLennan Community College in 2014. She plans to complete her bachelor's in teaching in the Fall of 2018. Pastor Tompkins is presently employed with EOAC Head Start as a teacher here



**CARWANDER TOMPKINS**

in Waco, Texas. She is the Elect Lady of New Generation Church Inc. where she holds an office over the Women Ministry. Pastor Tompkins is also the Sunday school teacher for the children's ministry. She has three children, Pastor Jamie Cross, Minister Robin White, and Jeremy Davis and ten grandchildren. In addition, she is a spiritual mother to many. Carwander is a powerful woman of God and an inspiration to many.

## Emeritus Elect Lady Barbara Rauls New Mount Olive Baptist Church

Emeritus Elect Lady Barbara Louise Rauls has worked in the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, at Baylor University for 29 years. She currently serves as Administrative Associate and Development Coordinator, under Department Chair, Dr. Patrick Farmer. In April of 2017 Barbara received the Baylor University "Outstanding Staff Award." This recognition comes through nominations by co-workers for exceptional achievements in her job assignments, supporting the fulfillment of the University's mission, and contributions through service at Baylor, the community, and her church. Only eight people are chosen each year for this award.

Barbara was married 45 years to the love of her life, Pastor Ara L. Rauls Sr., (deceased) former Pastor of the New Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church for 21 years). In her church, she serves as director of the Youth and College Ministry, serves as a teacher of the Women's Ministry Mission Auxiliary; is director for the Male Chorus, and Voices of Inspirational Praise - (VIP) choir, is secretary for the Bible Study Class, and serves as musician when needed.



**BARBARA LOUISE RAULS**

In the community, through her church and as advisor of sorority groups, Barbara volunteers at food drives for Caritas and collects and distributes food to needy families in McLennan County. She works with the Junior Women Ministry in her church to give away blankets to the Church Under the Bridge in the winter, and provides bottled water, hand towels and soap during the summer. In her church in Women's Ministry, she helped prepare blessing bags for their prayer breakfast outreach

ministry, and assisted with gathering toiletries for local nursing facilities when her youth group visits. She also works with her church college ministry group to distribute blow fans during the summer and heaters in the winter to senior citizen in the community. Barbara also volunteers at the Elegant Ladies Haven, a community ministry that gives away free personal care items, diapers, wipes and paper goods.

Barbara's church is a part of the Union Baptist District Association. She serves with the Minister's Wives and Widows, and is a chorister with the Women's Ministry Auxiliary. Ms. Barbara also assists with the Sunday School and BTU congress activities as needed. She served as past Vice-President of the Interdenominational Association of Ministers Wives and Ministers Widows (IAMWMW) here in Waco until the group became inactive. She is a member of the Texas Association (TAMWMW), and the International Association (IAMWMW), and is also a member of the Missionary Baptist General Convention of Texas Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows Conference.

Barbara is an active supporter of her family, especially her 4 children. Minister Yvonne Wyatt-Rose, Pastor Ara Rauls Jr. (Pastor of the New Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church), Coach Joseph Rauls, Austin, TX, and Coach Ira Rauls. Barbara has always had three goals in mind with her children: that they have their own personal relationship with the Lord, graduate college, and become financially sound. Barbara is humbled, but proud to report that all her children are living Christian servant-hood lives, they are all Baylor University graduates, and they can care for her in her mature age. Hallelujah!

Barbara loves and adores her six grandchildren and if you spend a moment around them, the affection is mutual. In her spare time, she loves to shop for bargains, watch good movies on her Firestick, drink lemon-berry slushes from Sonic, and eat tea cakes. Her restful time is tending to her horses (Big Baby and Rita), and loving on her dog Oreo and her grand-dog Josie.

## First Lady Erika Doyle Greater New Life Missionary Baptist Church

Erika Monique Doyle is a wife, daughter, sister, soon-to-be mother, follower of Christ, passionate photographer, advocate for children and families and is the distinguished First Lady of the Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church of Waco, TX.

Erika was reared in the home of Rev. Dr. Kerry and Min. Doyce Burkley, and is a proud 2003 graduate of Waco High School. Her love for parents and children led her to receive a degree in Development and Family Studies at University of North Texas. Her present work is at Klaras Children's Center, where she specializes in Early Childhood Intervention helping children as well as their families with a developmental disability or delay. In this capacity, Erika is also



**ERIKA DOYLE**

able to teach parents how to cope with their child's disabilities but she also teaches parents strategies on how to help

their children reach certain developmental milestones and goals to prepare them for a successful future.

A devout Christian, Erika accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior at a young age and was baptized at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. For the past eleven years, she has been a faithful member of the Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church where her father, Dr. Burkley, serves as pastor. There, she served in the Choir, Youth Bible Study Leader, Media Department, and Vacation Bible School Leader.

In November of 2017, she married her husband and pastor, Rev. Samuel J. Doyle. The two are expecting their first child in October. Erika joined Greater New Light in October of 2017. She joins her hus-

band, Samuel in ministry partnership: teaching children is her passion, serving as the Wednesday night children's bible study teacher, children's Sunday teacher and assisting in the Beautification Ministry.

Erika has a heart for the homeless and less fortunate. In addition to helping families obtain resources for food, clothing and shelter, she loves to cook for, converse with and feed homeless individuals in downtown Waco.

Erika lives by the words of Paul in Romans 8:28, "All things work together for the good of them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose". Her desire, this year, is to walk in everything God has for her and to allow His word to be a lamp for her feet and a light on her way.

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## First Lady Cindy Davis Good Samaritan Baptist Church

Cindy is the wife of Pastor Larry M. Davis and the mother of Matthew Davis. She is the daughter of J.L and Jessie Price and is the daughter-in-law of Sis. Callie Terrell and the late Rev. Oscar Terrell. For the past year she and her husband have been blessed with the honor of shepherding the Good Samaritan Baptist Church. Prior to this ministry they labored for 21 years at New Zion Missionary Baptist Church of McGregor.

Service is a passion and a ministry for Sis. Davis. It is with joy that she endeavors to serve the McLennan county community in whatever capacity that she can. A particular love is focusing her efforts towards the needs of children. For the past 35 plus years she has had the opportunity to work with children from hard places. She has been blessed to have worked



**CINDY DAVIS**

with emotionally disturbed children in residential placements, children with visual impairments, mothers and infants in pre-natal settings and at risk youth within the pub-

lic school system. She has also been able to pour into young people through Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and church youth groups, and to serve as the Peer Assistance and Leadership instructor for juniors and seniors in high school. Each of these opportunities have helped grow her as much as it helped the youth. She is forever grateful for the opportunities to walk alongside some incredible young people.

Sis. Davis is a God Chaser! Running hard after God! Seeking His face. Not satisfied until in the grasp of His manifest presence. Consistently asking God to turn His face and His favor in her direction. And because of this she is willing to work for the Lord, but most importantly she is dedicated to worshipping the Lord.

## First Lady Kimone Dansby God's House of Deliverance

Kimone Dansby was born Dec. 6, 1964 in Ennis, Tx. She graduated from Ennis High in 1983 and has an associate degree in general education. She has always loved to basketball and volleyball.

She has been married to Pastor Thomas Dansby for twenty five years and they have two daughters and one son. She also has two stepdaughters and recently welcomed another grandson to the family, making a total of six grandchildren.

Kimone says she loves spending time with her husband foremost and then family and friends. The Dansbys live in Mexia and are about to celebrate their 7th Pastor and Wife anniversary. The first lady of God's House Of Deliverance, she sings in the choir and loves to sing praises to God. She is



**KIMONE DANSBY**

the president of Sisterhood and oversees the Youth.

Kimone says she loves to help and see God's people happy.

## Interim First Lady Loretta E. Oliver Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church

I am excited about what God is doing in the lives of those who are the born again, baptized, believers of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! I love Him with all my heart! I was born to the late Rev. Lorenzo Hartfield and the late Mrs. Evelyn "Etta Mae" Hartfield. I have the distinct honor to be the middle girl of three.

Even before the foundations of the earth God so ordained that I would be the blessed and highly favored Wife of Rev. C.J. Oliver, Pastor Emeritus of Greater New Light Missionary Baptist Church and I consider it an esteemed honor to have given birth to our four daughters: Nikitha, Chloe, Loren, and Kone'e. My husband and I, being the adopted children of Christ, are blessed to have adopted (engrafted) four sons into our family: Waymone, Jeffrey, Daylon and Matthew. I am also the proud grandmother to Doron Jamil, Aziyah, Kennedy, Ty'lah, and Bryson.

It is indeed an honor to have served as First Lady serving alongside my husband who was the Senior Pastor at Greater New Light from May, 1991 until September, 2015 when he re-



**LORETTA E. OLIVER**

tired. On August 6, 2017 we began another chapter in our life, serving as Interim Pastor and First Lady at the Greater Zion M.B.C.

On November 9, 2015 Inner Peace Outer Beauty (IPOB) Salon & Spa became a reality for me and my family. IPOB is a family owned business serving predominantly Waco residents along with clients who travel from other Texas cities. Entrepreneurship is an exciting part

of my life.

In March of 1996, I had the blessed opportunity to travel to Haiti with Mission Waco and World Hunger Relief Farm where I was able to witness and perform manual labor duties in Ferrier and Port au Prince. This was one of my dreams to come true

I have been given the opportunity to speak life into the lives of women as a women's ministry leader and conference speaker. I have a passion to see girls, ladies, women healed from the hurts of the past. I truly believe that I have gone through the battlefield of life to minister effectively to others, and I am a willing vessel to be used by God. I formerly served as a board member for Waco Habitat for Humanity, Mission Waco and I currently serve on the Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center Board of Trustees.

Without God, none of my journey in this life could have been possible. One of my favorite scriptures is Deuteronomy 28:1-14. It speaks blessings into our lives, because we, as a family, have chosen to bless and to serve God!

## First Lady Evelyn T. Outland Greater Christian Tabernacle Church

First Lady Pastor Evelyn T. Outland has served faithfully since June 5, 1993 as co-founder of the Greater Christian Tabernacle Church. She was ordained in January 2011. Lady Outland has been devoted to "The Tabernacle" for the last 25 years serving as, youth and senior choir member and director, Sunday school teacher, women's ministry president, as well as, a church and community leader, and conference coordinator.

On February 2017 she was appointed by Overseer, Bishop M. A. Outland, Sr. as the pastor of the church. Evelyn is a graduate of Jefferson Moore High School and McLennan Community College. Evelyn is the Community Relations Director and Public Information Officer at Waco Center for Youth where she's worked for the last 29 years.

Pastor Outland celebrates life with her husband of 36 years, their



**EVELYN T. OUTLAND**

five wonderful children sons, Pastor Michael Outland, Jr., (Jodi), and Mikal Cuffee-Outland, daughters; Chellani Outland, Destiny Alliniece (Michael), and MiChaelya Outland. They have six grandchildren; Michael Outland III, Michael Gonner, Jr., Trenton and Trinity Outland, Maliyah Alliniece, Step Grandson Jaylen Alliniece, and baby Alliniece due in August.

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## First Lady LaTisha Hartsfield Marlin Missionary 1st Baptist

LaTisha Hartsfield is the eldest daughter of the late Odis and Flora Washington. LaTisha is the wife of Rev. Vincent Keith Hartsfield Pastor of Marlin Missionary 1st Baptist Church located in Marlin, Texas. She is an active member in Mission 1 where she is the newly elected secretary.

In her private time, "Tish" works full time for the Doris Miller Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Waco where she has been employed for 29 yrs. She is the proud mother of a blended family including 9 children.

Her greatest title is "Gigi" to her 4 beautiful grandchildren Makhi, Cameron, Messiah and Ayziah who are her pride and joy. In her leisure time Tish enjoys spending quality time with her family she enjoys



**LATISHA HARTSFIELD**

reading most of fulfilling the will of God is her purpose. She feels her calling is to teach others about the goodness of God and life with Him is forever!

## First Lady Jeanie Berry Gloryland Church

Pastor Jeanie Berry along with her husband Brandon serve as senior pastors for Gloryland Church in Waco, Texas, a ministry dedicated to building God's Kingdom one family at a time. They have three beautiful children-Landyn, Haven and Zaryn Grace. Pastor Jeanie grew up in Lacy Lakeview, Texas, and graduated from Connally High School with a softball scholarship. She attended McLennan Community College in Waco and the University of North Texas in Denton. Currently, she is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in business administration. Her gifts include secretary for their family business, church administrator, musician, teacher, missionary to Africa, conference speaker and author.

No task is too challenging



**JEANIE BERRY**

for Pastor Jeanie. Her unwavering faith in God including her bubbling personality encourages others to see who they are in Christ and to use

their God-given gifts for God's glory. She is passionate about helping others, especially women, to mature into the person God has called them to be. Her book entitled Beauty in the Eyes of the Beholder inspires women to embrace their "true beauty" by viewing themselves through the eyes of God. In her book Pastor Jeanie shares her personal challenges about her self-worth and how she overcame them by accepting God's love. She is in the process of completing three books that will soon be released.

### **PHILIPPIANS 3:13**

*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.*

First Lady and singer, Shavonne Beck, is married Pastor Dexter Beck. Their ministry is called Kingdom Culture Ministries. As artists, singers pour their experiences into their music. Shavonne Na'tey is no different. Her brand new single, So Amazing, released by Lottie St. Entertainment, was inspired by a hurtful church experience. The track, relatable to anyone who has been disappointed and felt the hand of God pull them out of a difficult situation, So Amazing is the latest song from the very talented inspirational songstress. Blessed to have opened for gospel greats Rance Allen and Tamela Mann and as the niece of Gap Band member, Oliver Scott, Shavonne Na'tey is well on her way to making So Amazing one of her most popular hits. The song is currently available on iTunes, Amazon and other digital music outlets.

So Amazing relays hurting experiences that happened to Shavonne Na'tey at a former church. Rejected and ostracized, she was continually mistreated and abused. Ultimately, she left the congregation. In So Amazing, she explains how she rose above the negativity and how God gave her the grace to come out on top. Lyrics like these highlight her experiences: "They had time to apologize, yes they had time to dry

## First Lady Shavonne Beck Kingdom Culture Ministries

my eyes, but they let pride reside letting their egos rise so I let God's love reside." The soulful, beat-driven track flaunts Shavonne Na'tey's emotive voice and her ability to take the listener wherever she leads.

Unfortunately, her former church was not the only place she encountered abuse. "I was engaged in a relationship with someone in the church," she recalls. "He was manipulative and verbally abusive, the type of person who would lift you up and then tear you down. But I stayed because I longed for love and acceptance. I am thankful for the prayers of my mother. Her prayers brought me out of the situation." Now those abusive experiences are in Shavonne's past and she learned a few things during the experiences.

She wants to help those who are in similar situations and has some words of wisdom. "I recommend that people who are being abused leave the noise," she advises. "In other words, tune out the voices of those who don't have your best interest at heart. The voices of the people can infiltrate your spirit and confuse your mind and your



**SHAVONNE BECK**

thinking. Whatever it takes, get away and refresh your mind. It's only when you get away from the chaos that you will be able to hear God clearly. Without hearing the voice of God, it's easy for people to forget who God called them to be and the purpose He has for their lives."

It was the deliverance from those situations that encouraged Director Sophia Strother to tap Shavonne Na'tey as one of the women who recounts their stories of abuse or do-

mestic violence in her documentaries called "Our Journey Alive". The series celebrates women who overcame, and through it, Strother hopes to inspire others who are currently in abusive situations.

Shavonne Na'tey says, "Since that situation, I have moved beyond it. I have a husband now who treats me like a queen. As a matter of fact, my husband, Pastor Dexter Beck and I have started our own ministries." Their ministry is called Kingdom Culture Ministries. The goal is to help people to understand that their lifestyle goes beyond the church walls. They want people not just to have a relationship with God at church, but outside of church as well. The ministry also hosts community events and ministry conferences geared toward bringing families closer to God and healing broken people. As an evangelist and prophetess, Shavonne Na'tey is passionate about seeing others walk in their callings.

Music, for Shavonne, was a calling early in life. She was surrounded by a family full of musicians and singers. In addition to her uncle, Oliver Scott, a member of the Gap Band who wrote

their megahit, "Yearning For Your Love", Shavonne's mother sang with Dorinda Clark Cole and Karen Clark Sheard as part of a live recording of the Church of God In Christ. Another family member, her uncle Willie Joe Scott, performed classical music overseas. At the age of 6, she joined her first group, The Cathedral Girls, in Oakland, CA. After moving from the Bay Area to Waco, Texas, she continued to sing, but crippling stage fright seemed to always threaten to hamper her ministry. But at the age of 15, she recalls standing in the front of her church, preparing to sing. "I remember asking my uncle - who was my pastor at the time - if I could host a revival," she recalls. "At the revival, when I got up to sing, I literally felt the spirit of fear leave my body and ever since that time, I have sung with absolutely no fear," she says. With the formation of Shavonne Na'tey Ministries, she seeks to inspire others with the love of Christ. She's been a worship leader at several churches in the Waco area and sings, preaches and teaches the Word of God in Texas and around the country. For more information on Shavonne Na'tey on Facebook and Twitter. You can also find out more about [thediademclub.wordpress.com](http://thediademclub.wordpress.com)

# "An Evening Anchored In Pearls" Honorees

## First Lady Nicole Hemphill-Hewitt Macedonia Baptist Church

My name is Nicole Hemphill-Hewitt. On July 14, 2016, I married my longtime childhood friend, Leslie Hewitt, who is the pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church in Hubbard, Texas. I am the daughter of Mr. Claude Hemphill and Mrs. Margie Gibbs. I had the honor of becoming a mother in April of 1988, when I gave birth to my daughter, Kristle. Soon after I attended Tarrant County Junior College, while working for the Fort Worth State School.

In the year of 1990, I begin working for Fort Worth ISD, as a teacher paraprofessional. I was an active member of Trinity Temple Church, under the leadership of Robert E. Young until moving to Houston in August 2000. While residing in Hous-



**NICOLE HEMPHILL-HEWITT**

ton, I worked at the Houston ISD, where I received my commercial driving license to drive

buses. Although I had moved from my hometown, I never stopped my spiritual journey. While living in Houston, I attended Garden of Gethsemane Church, where I became a choir member, with Robert E. Daniels as my pastor.

In 2014, I decided to move back to Fort Worth, TX when my mom was diagnosed with breast cancer to help assist with her care. Once I moved back, I retired from the Independent School District with twenty-five years of service. Children have always been my passion, but nothing has brought joy to my heart, the way my two grandchildren have. In my spare time I enjoy horseback riding, considering I was a member of a horse riding club for many years.

## First Lady Misty Renee Plump Reset Church

Misty Renee Plump is the proud wife of Bishop Victor Plump, and the mother of 11 children: ages 22 to 8 months. Most of her ministry up until this point, has been nurturing her husband, training her children in godly ways, and making her home a haven of peace for her family. She has also been a supportive helpmeet in her husband's last 19 years in the ministry. Misty's primary focus and calling has been on the integral role of the woman in her marriage, her God ordained role in the life of her children and home, Biblical womanhood including childbearing, modesty, and femininity. Misty also ministers in her part time job as a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), in a busy Emergency Room. She is honored to be able to stand in place of her mother-in-law, Lady Elect Eula Brown, and take up the mantle she so diligently worked towards in her ministry: biblical Womanhood.

Misty has come to realize that current culture and the rise of Feminism has failed in teaching girls and women how to be effective and godly wives, mothers and daughters of the Kingdom. Her goal in the next few years is to continue to teach her daughters God's Word as it applies to womanhood, and branch out to also teach the community in the ways of biblical girlhood and womanhood. She



**MISTY RENEE PLUMP**

truly believes that God's Word for His women is going to be pivotal in changing the culture of women in society, thus restoring and preserving marriages, and effectively training children to the Glory of God. Her training in social work and counseling allows her to minister to any age girl or woman in ways that are effective and consistent with the Word of God. God has also placed many serious life situations in her path as relating to children, marriage and personal crisis, in order to allow her to counsel with empathy, love and victory over crisis. This combinations of God's calling, extensive education, and a true love for God's people are what propels her to continue in her ministry with patience and vigor for each individual she encounters.

## First Lady Carolyn Cummings Rising Star Baptist Church

First Lady Carolyn Cummings is the wife of Robert Cummings, Jr. of the Rising Star Baptist Church in Waco, Tx. The two met at a revival through mutual friends and family members. It wasn't until two years later that the couple realized that God was up to something. They were joined in holy matrimony in June of 2016. Carolyn takes great pride and joy in being a wife, a mother and grandmother. She believes that the first ministry starts at home so she strives to be an example of a virtuous woman, a woman who is yielded to God in every area of her life.

A native of Mexia, Texas and a graduate of Mexia High School, Lady Cummings graduated from Hill College with an associate's in child development. She continued her education at Texas A&M University in Commerce, TX, obtaining a Bachelor's of Science in General Studies and holds a master's degree in elementary education, specializing in reading from Stephen F. Austin University. She is currently employed with Waco ISD as a reading coach serving two elementary school campuses. Her philosophy is that all students



**CAROLYN CUMMINGS**

have a right to a quality education. Coaching teachers and teaching students is an opportunity to minister, an opportunity to act as a guide by providing opportunities that peak curiosity and direct learning toward academic excellence. Her motto is changing lives one child or person at a time. As an advocate for children, she stresses that no child should be left behind.

At an early age, Lady Cummings accepted Christ and began serving in ministry teaching, speaking and singing at Alexan-

der P.B. Church where her father, the late Elder H. V. Chambers, Sr., served as the pastor for many years. In 2012, Carolyn was called to the ministry while serving at the Behind the Veil Church in Fairfield, TX. There she served as youth pastor, a member of the praise team and developed a love to worship through dance in the dance ministry. She later moved to Dallas and became a member of Believers International Church under the leadership of Pastor Mike Horne. There she was an active member and served as a member of the praise team.

As a helpmate to Pastor Cummings, she began to work diligently in the ministry at Rising Star Baptist Church. She has a heart to serve and loves God. She is a dedicated member of the church, serving on the praise team, singing in the choir, and facilitating a prayer ministry. Lady Cummings humbly serves as the leader of the Rising Star Women's Ministry. She believes that no job is too small when working for the Kingdom. She is a leader that is dedicated to serving the community and establishing relationships that will impact the Kingdom.

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### First Lady Cynthia Green Inspiring Word Christian Center

Elect Lady Cynthia Green is a native of Waco, TX. Gifted with a unique, bold approach to presenting God's Word, she accepted her calling to ministry in 2010. With a heart to serve God, she is an influential voice who is determined to represent Christianity. She is eager to be used of the Lord, ready to reform lives, and excited about advancing God's kingdom. Cynthia is the founder of women of Purpose, an arm of the churches ministry focused on promoting positive self worth and spiritual security in the lives of wom-



CYNTHIA GREEN

en. She ministers at conferences, banquets, revivals

and other spiritual events. Several of her greatest passions include witnessing on the streets, helping others in ministry, feeding the hungry, and meeting the needs of God's people. Her continual prayer is that God keeps her humble and always flowing with fresh oil.

Cynthia has been married for 20 years to Bishop James Green Jr. She is the proud mother of six children and a "YaYa" to ten beautiful grandchildren. Cynthia serves along side her husband at Inspiring Word Christian Center in Fairfield, Texas. This dynamic duo is a relevant model for Christian leadership and administration. Cynthia loves the Word of God. She is adamant about Proverbs 18:21-- "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

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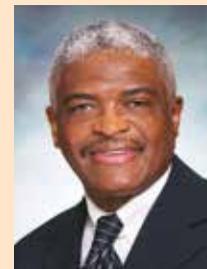
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speaking engagements and the premier group called the New Edition, currently called One Voice, and he was music director for the Miss UMHB Pageant for four years, writing several original music compositions for the event.

Harrison received a Master's level degree from ATSA – School of Engineering and Science Topeka Kansas, 1979 and he studied in the a master's level graduate program at South Western University and Baylor University. In

June of 2000, he received a doctorate in crisis counseling from ITGW seminary, an extension of Minnesota State University. He is yet pursuing a degree in gerontology from Baylor.

Harrison can be called a Renaissance man. He served as the first African American Liaison for Baylor and served there for 12 years in various capacities. He also served as Director of Cultural Affairs for W.I.S.D. for several years, and as the Director of Cul-

tural Affairs and Community Service for the University of Mary Hardin Baylor. To date, he is the first African American meteorologist to air on a major network affiliate station KCEN-TV (NBC), for a number of years.

Harrison is a published author with Seeds Magazine of the Baptist General Convention of

Texas, and for 8 years, he hosted and produced Channel 10's (CBS) television program Forum. He has pro-

vided staff development training for Luby's Inc. Golden Coral, Baylor, UMHB, Rice Univ., University of Texas, A&M Univ., McLennan Community College, City of Temple, Houston, Atlanta, New York, Washington D.C., L.A. Tyler, Longview, Gatesville, City of Belton Texas and others and has presented for several school districts including Waco, Temple, Belton, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Houston, Midway and others.

The recipient of sever-

al awards including the Outstanding Male Image award of Texas, Harrison owns a personal business "Optimum Impact" – a professional development company where he has been contracted to train a plethora of public and private entities. He is very concerned with youth, education and community development and actively participates in each one. Harrison loves making people laugh, which is why he enjoys be a stand-up comedian.

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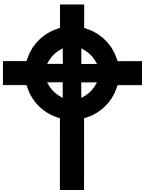


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BY MONA DUNKIN

Networking is a vital part of social capital. As in all areas of business, we want to be both effective and efficient. Following are ideas for disengaging from the prolonged networker.

Set limits. If there seems to be no end to the saga, hold your hand up as if to indicate, "Stop". Jump in with the assumption that this could take a while and that you have other obligations. Smile and graciously go on your way.

Ask for a conclusion. Assertively set boundaries by asking him to skip the details and briefly give the result. Firmness shows respect for you and kindness shows respect for the bore.

Use Archer Bunker humor. Rather than gesture hanging yourself, in a playful manner act as though you are dozing off. Make your exit and go home to go to bed or the washroom to splash cool water in your face. No other ex-



MONA DUNKIN

planations necessary.

Act as if. Give the individual an easy out by acting as if you have been monopolizing his time and offer to let him go. Then do it.

Stand up - physically as well as for yourself. If you are seated, stand up. Whether in an office setting, your living room or a barstool, when you stand up it gives a powerful non-verbal message that the encounter is over. In a stand-

ing encounter, give the physical stance of departure.

Pass the buck. I hesitate to suggest this, even though I have used it on more than one occasion. Using the networking strategy of acting the host, draw another person into the conversation then make an amiable exit (to entertain others, of course). Later, make it up to your unsuspecting pawn by taking her to lunch.

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**BY: REGINA MARTINEZ,  
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Is working capital an issue for you? Is waiting for payments from your customers keeping you from paying your own bills? Do you spend more time and energy on accounts receivables

than on growing your business? So, what can you do?

Don't panic. One of the greatest misconceptions about cash flow problems is that they only happen to companies that are doing badly. Most commercial clients, especially large companies, pay invoices in 30 to 90 days. They pay slowly for a very simple reason: it helps their cash flow. Unfortunately, many startups and even growing companies don't account for payment terms when plan-

ning their finances.

A whopping 82% of businesses fail due to poor cash flow management skills<sup>1</sup>. You must take positive steps to make sure you don't become a statistic. Knowing how to help yourself is critical to the continued operation of your business.

Some options are better than others. You can finance yourself using your credit card. Typically, not a great idea. Credit card rates can be high, and if your plan to pay it off when the mon-

ey comes in doesn't pan out, you could be up the proverbial creek. You can get a loan. Small business loans can be a lifesaver, but know what you are getting into. Friends and family? Loans among friends and family can cause more problems than they solve. If you take this route, put everything in writing! You can sell part of your business, but selling when you are under pressure can often be a bad deal for you, and undervalue your business.

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**EVANS**

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Evans's passions lie in education, community relations, the arts, and sharing her faith. A math educator in Waco ISD, Evans has her Masters in Educational Administration with Principal Certification from Baylor University and is also ESL certified. Believing in "writing the vision and making it plain", her future aspiration is to found her own school, Mary Evans Academy right here in Waco, TX. She is a mentor to many young people; her no-nonsense approach speaks love and truth to teens who often have no positive role models in their

lives. She is a resident speaker at NeighborWorks Waco's Project Aspire Spring Break and Summer camp.

This fall, Evans, along with local barber, Ivan LeBlanc at Look At Me Now in Waco, will be celebrating the two-year anniversary of the reading program, "Promote Literacy." The program rewards boys who read a book from the shop's community and author donated collection, while they get their hair cut and get rewarded \$2 for their efforts. It's become an exciting and inspiring community initiative that has brought reading into the barbershop and garnered local publicity and support from people in the community and local organizations

Always connected to the community in some way, Evans has served as a member of the Friends of the Library Board and a Board of Director for the Central Texas Genealogical Society. She is a member of Antioch Community Church, where Jimmy Seibert is the pastor. She serves at the children's ministry check-in desk as the kioskaire and leads a life group for singles. Evans's favorite scripture is 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

In her spare time, Evans enjoys writing, blogging, photography, technology, public speaking and spending time with her 8 year-old, long haired Dachshund, Faith Elizabeth.

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- **Set Realistic Travel Times.** More traffic is on the road when teenagers head to school, so caution them to set their alarm clock a bit early. If your son or daughter has slept in, tell them



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to accept the delay. You don't want them speeding, tailgating or weaving through traffic to make up for lost time.

• **Aggression Isn't Worth It.** Make sure your teenager knows not to engage aggressive drivers. If your teenager meets an aggressive driver on the road, tell them to move out of the way and let the other vehicle

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# We are all God's creation, but we are not all His children, Part 5

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Continued from the April issue of *The Anchor News*.

(If you haven't read the previous parts of this series, I ask that you log on to: [www.theanchornews.com](http://www.theanchornews.com), click Archives, then click the month of the current issue.)

I can't begin to express just how much God loves each and every one of His creation. However, His creating us doesn't automatically make us His children—only His creation. I've heard pastors, preachers, evangelists, apostles, etc. say that we are all God's children, and no matter what one does, how badly one acts, He still loves you. Yes, it's true that God loves all souls, but the souls that continually sin and disobey God's Word will go to hell. Their father is the devil.

Babies are being born from the seeds of even very young teenagers, yet some of them will grow up not even knowing anything about the one who fathered them—sometimes, the mothers don't even know who the father is. It's impossible for one male to abide in all of the different houses of their babies' mommies, since they can't successfully live in but one house at a time. All of those babies need both of their parents at all times.

Fathers are supposed to be the priests in their homes. The mandate was given to them to provide for their household, protect them and teach them the WORD of God, (1 Timothy 5:8; Deuteronomy 6:4-9). How can the young provide for their babies when they still need someone to provide for them? Do the majority of them have skills and the financial means to support the babies that they are fathering? The cycle continues, we, the Church, have zipped our lips, and they know nothing about living holy. We, Citizens of the Kingdom of God, will have to give an account (2 Corinthians 5:16-21).

Precious people, you have to repent by changing your minds from sin to godliness. Tell God that you are sorry and begin to live like it. He is willing to forgive and restore you (Isaiah 1:15-20; 1 John 1:9, 10). If not, you will suffer the consequences. Take your life into your own hands, download a FREE Bible app, let your smart device read it to you, and obey what you learn.

"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you—don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:9-11). The Word of God is to sin as



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a strong detergent is to dirt. Parents, you will have to give an account to God for not teaching His children that He allowed you to steward (Ezekiel 16:20, 21).

It is as easy for some to commit adultery and fornication as it is to drink water—thanks to the 'MEDIA'. However, the participants are not in any wise innocent. But this is what Jesus is saying to the 'MEDIA' and to all of the other guilty culprits—the 'CHURCH' included.

"...I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. So anyone who be-

comes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me. But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea.

"What sorrow awaits the world [MEDIA], because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting. So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father" (Matthew 18:1-11).

Can't you see that we are not all God's children, only His creation? When Jesus was talking

to His disciples, he said, "I tell you the truth, you will weep and mourn over what is going to happen to me, but the world [His creation], will rejoice. You will grieve, but your grief will suddenly turn to wonderful joy" (John 16:20).

All Scripture is taken from the New Living Translation unless otherwise stated. Please join in next month as we continue to expound on this series. You may not believe me, but...just what if I'm right?

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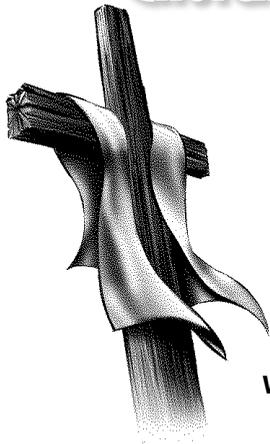
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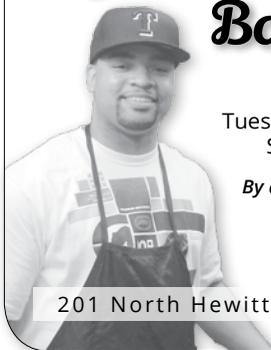
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# Evangelicals seeking help from the World

BY MATTHEW REED

The Church seeking help from the world to end abortion is akin to asking Satan to do the work of God. The world is not going to aid us in any of God Jehovah works. The church has to work in conjunction with the scriptures. We all should know a house divided against itself will fall. Matt. 12:25 says, "And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.'" Asking for laws to end some abortions that are not medically warranted is good. But we should know that the world is not going to rise up against itself. Mark 3:26 says, "And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end." An abortion law will be about the same as civil rights laws to eradicate racism and hatred by law. You have the laws on the books but not in the hearts of men do you feel me. The church ought to know laws don't work because of the weakness. Ro-



PASTOR MATTHEW AND LADY HELEN REED

mans 8:3 says, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh."

To expect the world to give us a law that will end abortion is not spiritually astute. The true problem is the church has lost its salt. Matt.5:13 says, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Following senators, governors, mayors, presidents, false, ignorant teachers without the anointing has caused

the light has gone out. Now the world doesn't have a light and we can't lead people in the way of God because our light is gone out. My grandmother used to say "What a pity; what a pity." To get people to follow you, you have to have influence. You can't influence people to try God when your talk doesn't match your walk. The insane murderous practice of abortion on demand will only end when church people live in obedience to God's word.

No one will come under conviction in anything the church is putting forth as long as the church is a main stay for a bunch hypocrites. The power to influence and convict people is in righteous living according to the Bible, not according to what we or our pastor thinks. Why would I be concerned about what you think, when you won't judge righteous judgment in all things such as police brutality and other human rights or when you can't articulate God's doctrine in a coherent manner, neither rightfully divide it?

At the end of the day we

the church will only have power to influence in matters of abortions or any other matters when we begin to live what we proclaim. To become an effective Christian, we must be taught by teachers ordained of God, not by a university. University ordination alone is not enough. The work of God is a very detailed, very precise work. Hit and miss won't cut it in this work.

Try and remember this:

God's word is demonstration and power. If we live according to the scriptures in the name of Jesus, God's power will show up to convict and bring change. That is what salt does. All of us— from the pulpit to the backdoor should be students of the Bible. We may not be mathematicians or English majors nor have degrees from universities, but we can all be students of the word of God. Amen!

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