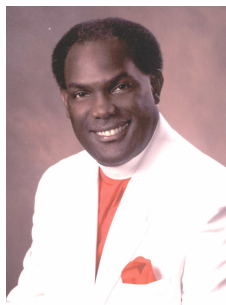




Dear Bishop-Elect Dennison

Q. I am a young adult who has been sexually active before. Since then, I have recommitted my life to Christ. I know that it is only the grace of God that kept me from getting any STDs or pregnancies while I was in fornication. My best friend is 20 years old and has three children. She really does not take good care of her children and I honestly feel sorry for them because their mother neglects her responsibilities. My friend just revealed that she is pregnant and that she plans to have an abortion. I don't want her to have an abortion because I think abortion is wrong. On the other hand, I do not think that she should have another baby. She can barely take care of the kids that she already has. What should I say to her?



A. *First, let me congratulate you for rededicating your life to Christ. That is always a top priority. Because you are a born-again Christian, I recommend that you support and encourage your friend to carry the baby to the full term. If you are in a position to assist her in any way, as it concerns helping pay doctor bills or providing other assistance to make the delivery as smooth as possible, that would be great! Let her know that there are many agencies in the area that can assist her. More specifically, inform her that Compassionate Outreach Ministries offers clothes, food and household items to community members in need. Certainly, discourage your friend about her plans to have an abortion. Over 1.5 million babies are aborted each year in this country and abortion is always murder. God said, "Thou shalt not kill." Human life begins at conception and the heartbeat begins within 18 days. I personally feel that every baby has the right to live and no mother has the right to kill.*

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Dates To Remember

- December 2**
Women's Fellowship Luncheon
- December 8**
LUV Fellowship Shut-In Service
- December 14-16**
Annual Marriage Retreat
- December 17**
Annual Ministry Celebration
- December 31**
Out With the Old, In With the New Worship Service

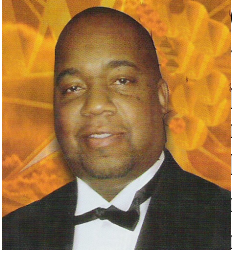
Bible Trivia

Can You Name The Person Who Said?

1. "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city"
2. "You almost persuaded me to become a Christian."
3. "How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

(Answers Can Be Found On Page 4)

About Our Guest: Recording Artist Moses Tyson Jr.



On Sunday, November 19, Compassionate Outreach Ministries hosted the internationally known recording artist Moses Tyson, Jr. Hammond B-3 organs are a difficult tool to master, but few have done it as gracefully as organist Moses Tyson Jr. As the son of a pastor in Vallejo, CA, he grew up with gospel music surrounding him. His mother, a pianist herself, helped Tyson with his first guitar at a young age, but Tyson's insistence on learning the organ led

him to pick up the instrument at age 12. Tyson later recalled that girls motivated him to play the organ when he noticed his church organ players getting attention from the ladies in the congregation. Learning how to play by ear with only a minimal amount of formal training, he was also heavily influenced by Sly Stone, Billy Preston and Rev. Timothy Wright. Since then, Tyson performed and recorded with countless gospel and inspirational artists with his nimble fingers and organic tones. By the 1990s, Tyson's hard work and reputation helped him score a job as an

executive at Bellmark Records. It was there that he began to work on the business end of the industry, eventually putting together his own albums and setting up his own independent label, World Class Gospel, on the side. After seeing this side of the industry, he left it to return to full-time performance. The first example of this was Music, a 1999 release that offered instrumental renditions of several popular Christian spirituals and hymns. Three years later, Music 2 delivered more gospel tracks with a charismatic edge. *(By Bradley Torrance of All Music Guide)*

Reducing Christmas Stress

For many of us, the celebration of Christmas is filled with despair, disappointment and depression as we are overwhelmed with the pressures of having a Merry Christmas. We fail to remember the very reason that this celebration exists. Here are a few suggestions for reducing your Christmas stress.

1. Determine to spend quality time with God this holiday season in prayer and worship. Find the time to put Christ back in Christmas.
2. Reach out to others who are needy by giving the gifts of your Talent, Time and Treasure. Acts of kindness are refreshing to you as well as to those who are struggling or needy.
3. Think of ways to reduce your spending. You need to ask yourself "Do I really need to prepare a long gift list

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Giving Thanks With Your Family

When the month of November rolls around, family members begin to make plans for the Thanksgiving Holiday. As Christians, let us be sure to include God in all of our plans. Here are a few creative ideas for celebrating Thanksgiving with your family.

- ♦ Thanksgiving Testimony: During Thanksgiving dinner, ask each family member to testify about what the Lord has done for them.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Remembrance: Plan a time of family remembrance on Thanksgiving to give thanks by remembering Christ's life, death and resurrection.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Blessing: Invite a widow, single person or someone who is lonely to share in your family Thanksgiving meal.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Offering: Prepare a Thanksgiving offering to give to a needy family.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Bible Verses: Ask each family member to read a bible verse before the Thanksgiving meal. Suggested verses include: Psalm 31:19, Psalm 95:1-6, Psalm 100, Psalm 107:1, Psalm 145:7 and 1 Chronicles 29:11-13 .

End-Of-The-Year Spiritual Inventory

As the end of the year approaches, it is good to examine ourselves. Take the following true/false quiz to assess your spiritual strengths and weaknesses. Use your results to make improvements in your Christian walk. Retest yourself in a month or so to mark your growth.

1. ___ I can easily detect spiritual truth or error.
2. ___ I am willing to step forward and assume leadership.
3. ___ I recognize the needs of others and the ministry.
4. ___ I often pray for total healing and deliverance of others.
5. ___ I feel relaxed and confident in leading sinners to Christ.
6. ___ I have a good understanding of the Bible.
7. ___ People often look to me for guidance and direction.
8. ___ I inspire others to use their gifts for the Lord.
9. ___ It is easier for me to suffer ridicule and persecution for God's Word than to compromise His Word.
10. ___ It is easy for me to express my words and feelings for God as I desire.
11. ___ I am drawn to helping the elderly, sick, shut-in and those who need comfort and hope.
12. ___ I help protect weak Christians from influences that would weaken their faith.
13. ___ I believe that it is the will of God for a Christian congregation to be unified and not divided.
14. ___ I fearlessly confront people with the truth when they need it.
15. ___ I am able to speak first in a group.

AIDS Walk 2006

Statistics confirm that the HIV virus is disproportionately infecting blacks. In the state of Florida out of 101,013 AIDS cases reported in 2005, 49% were among blacks. As of June 2006, out of 833 AIDS cases reported in Alachua County 448 cases were among blacks. Even more, Alachua County ranks 17th out of 67 counties in Florida with the most living HIV cases. It is time to take a stake in this epidemic. You can help by being a sponsor and/or walking in the 2006 World AIDS Day Walk sponsored by Black AIDS Services and Education, Inc. (B.A.S.E.). The walk will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in front of the Gainesville City Hall building. All walkers, who donate or raise \$15.00 or more, will receive a World AIDS Day t-shirt. As in previous years, Compassionate Outreach Ministries is sponsoring the walk. As such, the name of the church will be on the back of all World AIDS Day t-shirts. Even more, the church will receive a special certificate. If you would like to walk or to make a tax-deductible donation, please See Sister Naima Prince for more info.

Reducing Christmas Stress

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or spend this much money for gifts?" chances are, you don't.

4. Think about the message you are sending to your children about Christmas. It is by your actions that you reflect whether the true meaning of Christmas has been lost or not.
5. Remember that there are responsibilities after Christmas. Be sure not to lose sight of your everyday necessities. *(By Bishop-Elect & Sister Dennison)*

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Bible Trivia Answers

1. Joshua, Joshua 6:16
2. King Agrippa, Acts 26:28
3. Joseph, Genesis 39:9

To Encourage Your Heart

Brenda was a young woman who was invited to go rock climbing. Although she was very scared, she went with her group to a tremendous granite cliff. In spite of her fear, she put on the gear, took hold of the rope, and started up the face of that rock. Well, she got to a ledge where she could take a breather. As she was hanging on there, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens. Well, here she is, on a rock ledge, with hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked and looked, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it just wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight now blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, so she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it. When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the face of the cliff. She looked out across range after range of mountains, thinking of that verse that says, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me." Finally, they walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?" Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it on it's back. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You" I think it would probably do some of us good to occasionally say, "God, I don't know why you want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if you want me to carry it, I will." *(A true story by Josh and Karen Zarandona)*

Special Recognition

Congrats Michael Rutledge!

Michael made the Honor Roll in his report the first nine weeks in his 10th grade year. He is taking all honor courses and an additional sign language class after school. Keep Up The Good Work Michael!

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Ricky & Mrs. Carol Blaylock	10 years	12/31
Mr. Clifford & Mrs. Edwennia Britt	6 years	11/25
Mr. Jethro & Mrs. Blanch Clark	22 years	11/26
Mr. Hal & Mrs. Lisa Davis	17 years	12/29
Mr. Jeffrey & Mrs. Jackie Madison	22 years	11/02
Mr. Curtis & Mrs. Priscilla Reese	31 years	12/05

Happy Birthday

To Everyone Born
in the Months
of November & December.
We Love You, We Do!



A SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*A very special Happy Birthday
to our very special leaders,
Bishop-Elect & Sister Dennison.
We wish you many more!*