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FROM THE PASTOR EASTER Is Still RELEVANT

In this time where people are falling away from the church and turning to their own thinking and their own ways, it is the importance and significance of EASTER. Jesus Christ died for a simple reason and that was to reconnect God's people today, people during ancient times, fell away from God and turned to their own ways and began to put their attention on things around them. They forsook God and God, in some instances, punished them and allowed them to go

through great suffering to get them to remember HIM and what HE had done for them and how HE had kept and protected them.

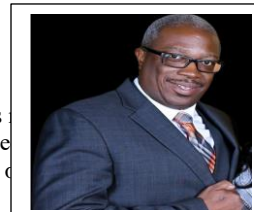
People today are no different, their focus and attention has turned away from God and they have gone after things and replaced attention on HIM with attention on other things. Quite simply, it is easy to manifest a God and place them in front of the one true God. It all comes down to what you think about most. Is it your money, house, job, family, business or car etc.? What do you praise more? What do you recognize most? Whatever your answer is, then that is probably a God to you. God doesn't have a problem with other Gods, they just can't come before Him. (Thou shalt have no other God's Before me)

Redemption was needed because the people before Christ, got really

messed up and turned around from God. But HE still loved them, HE still loves us. That is why EASTER is still relevant because in spite of the fact that "WE" continue to be challenging children, Christ died for us. Even when we get lost in living and enjoying life, God made a supreme sacrifice to reconnect us with HIM. We cannot take that sacrifice for granted and we must take time to cherish it every time we have the opportunity. During this EASTER season, really consider what Jesus Christ did for you and take some moments to thank HIM and give HIM praise for going through with it. You will probably commit another sin and HIS sacrifice will still be relevant because HE died to remit every sin we might commit.

Yours in Christ

Dr. R. D. Anderson, Senior Pastor



UPCOMING EVENTS

Come One Come All
help us celebrate the
**2ND ANNUAL
PALM SUNDAY**
Risen King Choir Concert

SUNDAY APRIL 13 @3 PM

Refreshments will be served following the service.

HELD AT MORNING STAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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PRAYER INTERCESSORY IS AVAILABLE TO YOU

The Intercessory Prayer Team is always willing to assist with sincere and fervent prayers. If there is a time when you need a devote group of saints to touch and agree, they are readily available to pray with you and for you. Contact Sis. Shirley Finch for more information,

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PASSION WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 13 - 19, 2025

Mon - Fri - 6PM * Sat - 5PM

THE 7 WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

<p>Sunday, April 13 Rev. Juan Thornton</p> <p>1st - Father, forgive them... Luke 23:34</p>	<p>Monday, April 14 Pastor Kelvin Lang Bright Lily Baptist Church</p> <p>2nd - Today you shall be with me... Luke 23:43</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 15 Pastor Patrick Irby Oak Street Baptist Church</p> <p>3rd - My God, my God... Matthew 27:46</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 16 Dr. Mathew Hunter, Jr, Pastor First Baptist Church, West Ensley</p> <p>4th - Woman behold... John 19:26-27</p>
<p>Thursday, April 17 Pastor William Douglas Walker New Everdale Missionary Baptist Church</p> <p>5th - I Thirst ... John 19:28</p>	<p>Friday, April 18 Pastor Joe Hill Mt. Hillard Baptist Church</p> <p>6th - It is finished John 19:30</p>
<p>Saturday, April 19 Pastor E. Tramaine Solomon Greater Thankful Missionary Baptist Church ~ Anniston, AL</p> <p>7th - Father, into thy hands... Luke 23:46</p>	<p>Easter Sunday Service - 11:00 A.M. Dr. R.D. Anderson, Senior Pastor Morning Star Christian Church</p>

IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



Sis. Lakeshia Matthews was raised in the Ensley Highland Community and attended Birmingham City Schools; graduating from Ensley High School. She is the second of three girls whom are affectionately known as "Charlie's Angels". She loves to laugh, sing, and dance.



Lakeshia is a people-person and loves to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves. This fact inspired her to attend law school and become an attorney. She

started her law firm, The Fowler-Matthews Firm, before being appointed as Assistant District Attorney in Jefferson County-Bessemer Division, prosecuting criminal cases. She is now an Attorney Advisor for a Federal Government agency. To give back to the community, she has volunteered her time to provide free legal service through a volunteer lawyers program, to those who could not obtain legal assistance due to financial constraints. She is also an entrepreneur that invest in properties in the Birmingham area that requires rehabilitation which will ultimately become affordable housing.

Lakeshia currently lives in Chelsea, Alabama with her husband, children, and energetic Golden Doodle. Most of her free time is spent with her teen son and his sports. She enjoys traveling. Her favorite destination is Costa Rica. She has taken on a new hobby that she describes as "Trying to keep plants alive". She loves attending Morning Star Christian Church and being a part of what God is doing within the church. She is on the usher board, and has taken on a leadership role with the Couple's Ministry which she is enjoying.

Her daily affirmations consist of Proverb 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight".

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



April 6	Sis. Debra Derrico
April 8,	Atpyia Mason Rudolph
April 15	Minister Sandra Maye
	Sis. Tameka Sturdivant
	Sis. Felecia Coachman
April 17	Bro. Raymond Vines
April 20	Sis. Amber Jones
April 21	Sis. Martha Foster
April 25	— Sis. Katie Hill
April 26	First Lady Detamera Anderson
April 27	Sis. Kyndra Heard



HEAVENLY REWARDS

God longs to reward His children today and for eternity.

Children aren't the only ones who like to get rewards. Adults do too! And God's Word makes exciting promises for those who walk in His way.

Some of these blessings are available here on earth—like fulfillment, joy, and good favor; others will be bestowed in heaven. As believers, we are clothed in righteousness through Jesus' blood and need never fear God's judgment.

To help us understand about these benefits, Scripture describes four crowns. The first, which is called incorruptible, is given to those whose great desire is to walk obediently before God. Second, the crown of life is granted to believers who stand firm, enduring trials without giving up or losing heart. Third, the crown of righteousness is bestowed upon those who long for Christ's appearing and live godly lives through Him. Fourth, God will give the crown of glory to those who share His Word with others. And as the Bible tells us, we will be awed by Jesus' glory and honored just to lay our crowns at His feet.

Heaven offers all believers the joy of unending communion with the Lord. Thankfully, though, we don't have to wait to enjoy His presence—whoever trusts in Jesus is indwelt by God's Holy Spirit and has His companionship and guidance for the remainder of life on earth. Won't you put your faith in the Savior and accept God's remarkable gift?

More and more churches are livestreaming their worship services as a way to reach people. Church livestreams let you reach curious new attendees, distant friends and family, and long-time members who can't always make it to services. Join us for Sunday Service and Wednesday Night Bible Study through Facebook@Morning Star Christian Church or Streamspot. @ <https://venue.streamspot.com/?cn=6c083aa4>



Bro. Eric Jackson

HONOUR THY FATHER AND MOTHER

Our children are in a society where children's opinions and ideas are valued more than any other time in the U.S. Some children regularly dishonor their parents and we are unaware that they are held accountable for disrespecting their parent from a biblical perspective. **Welcome, New Members!**

Children who have no biblical training or godly direction are constantly being disruptive and unruly in school. There seems to be no consequences to the action of ill-mannered children that would really get their attention. Instead, they are idolized by their peers in the schools. In today's time the rights of children have been over-emphasized, and the line between discipline and abuse are so thin and hazy that many public schools have eliminated paddling all together. However, there are police and special-forces officers patrolling the hallways inside the school. The end result is that these undisciplined children grow up and continue the same damaging behavior. If

discipline had been allowed, some of them could have been corrected in grade and high school.



THE RESUME OF JESUS CHRIST

Address: Ephesians 1:20

Phone: Romans 10:13

Website: The Bible. Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Hello. My name is Jesus—the Christ. Many call me Lord! I’ve sent you my resume because I’m seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications

- I founded the earth and established the heavens, (See Proverbs 3:19).
- I formed man from the dust of the ground, (See Genesis 2:7).
- I breathed into man the breath of life, (See Genesis 2:7).
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law, (See Galatians 3:13).
- The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14).

Occupational Background

- I’ve only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
- I’ve never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
- My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15-17).

Skills Work Experiences

- Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the brokenhearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
- I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
- I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of your sins, (See 1 John 1:7-9).

ME, MYSELF, AND I

Looking out for number one. That’s the message many in our society preach and follow. In many ways, we have become a nation of people obsessed with self-preservation and satisfaction. Just as long as I’m happy, have everything I want when I want it, then phooey on everyone else!

Remember the toilet paper shortage of 2022? We saw terrible examples of greediness and selfishness demonstrated in our grocery stores. This attitude is completely opposite from that of the Christian, for the bible states, “For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:21). The child of God must dedicate themselves to a life of service to God and other people. Jesus taught us to, “Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.” (Matthew 5:42). Folks, that means the last roll of toilet paper!

As we co-exist in the church, this attitude is of the utmost importance. Physical and spiritual support come from raising each other up, no exceptions, no exclusions. We all want to be pleasing to God, so the Hebrew writer said, “But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” (Hebrews 13:16) Instead of “Me, Myself, and I”, let us make our life’s ambition to be, “God, Christ, and Others.”

Educational Background

- I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding, (See Proverbs 2:6).
- In me are hid all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
- My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
- I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

- I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times, (See Genesis 1:26).
- I laid down my life so that you may live, (See 2 Corinthians 5:15).
- I defeated the archenemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly, (See Colossians 2:15).
- There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot – the Bible](http://www.dot-theBible.com). You don’t need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

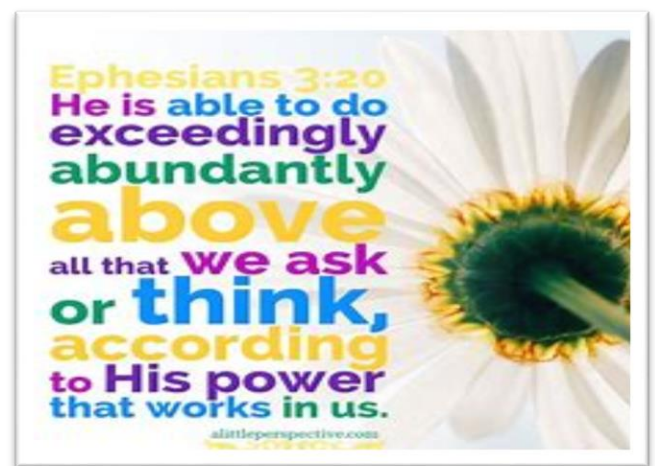
References

- Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healings, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you’ve read my resume, I’m confident that I’m the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6) and lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence, (See Hebrews 3:15).

Share this resume to everyone you know, you never know who may have an opening! Thank you for your help.



PUZZLERS

1. What woman never had a mother?
2. Who was the only woman whose age is mentioned in the Bible?
3. What is the personal name of God?
4. What was the greatest wrestling match ever held?
5. When was the first surgery ever performed?

(Answers on Page 4)

DEACONS AND TRUSTEES

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Happy Resurrection!

After Jesus died; the women went to Jesus' Tomb it was,

Empy, how

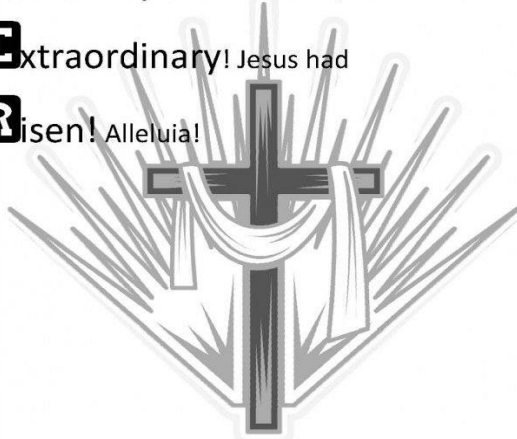
Amazing, they were

Surprised! It was the

Third Day after his death, how

Extraordinary! Jesus had

Risen! Alleluia!



ANSWERS TO PUZZLERS

1. Eve (Genesis 2:21,22)
2. Sarah who was 127 years old. (Genesis 23:1)
3. Jehovah (Exodus 3:15)
4. When Jacob wrestled with an angel (Genesis 32:24-32)
5. When God took a rib of Adam and made Eve (Genesis 2:21-22)

MOTHER-IN-LAW DIES IN THE HOLY LAND

A man, his wife, and his cranky mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, "You can have her shipped home for \$5,000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for \$150. The man thought about it for a while and told the undertaker he would just have her shipped home. The undertaker asked, "Why--- why would you spend \$5,000 to ship your mother-in-law home when it would be wonderful to be buried here and spend only \$150?" The man said, "A man died here about 2,000 years ago. He was buried here and three days later, he rose from the dead." "I just can't take that chance."

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