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Rev. Yeargin poses with an artifact on display at this year's African Art showcase.

SHOWCASING OUR HISTORY



Dexter and Magenta pose together after performing on the drums.



The Rev. and First Lady pose in front of another piece at the showcase.



PONDER THIS...

do i perpetuate modern day slavery



Stacey R. Johnson

Willie Lynch, considered by some to be an actual man and by others to be a myth, allegedly developed an idea to help slave masters control African slaves.

It is said that he spoke these words in 1712:

"I have outlined a number of differences among the slaves, and I take these differences and make them bigger. I use fear, distrust, and envy for control purposes. On the top of my list is "Age..."; the second is "Color" or shade; there is intelligence, size, sex, size of plantations, attitude of owners, whether the slaves live in the valley, on a hill, East, West, North, South, have fine or coarse hair; or is tall or short.

"Now that you have a list of differences, I shall give you an outline of action--but before that, I shall assure you that distrust is stronger than trust, and envy is stronger than adulation, respect, or admiration. The Black Slave, after receiving this indoctrination, shall carry on and will become selfrefueling and self generating for hundreds of

years, maybe thousands.

"Don't forget, you must pitch the old Black male vs. the young Black male, and the young Black male against the old Black male. You must use the dark skinned slaves vs. the light skinned slaves, and the light skinned slaves vs. the dark skinned slaves. You must use the female vs. the male, and the male vs. the female. You must also have your servants and overseers distrust all Blacks, but it is necessary that your slaves trust and depend on us. They must love, respect, and trust only us."

Whether or not Lynch existed, the idea is sound. We still have young black children who don't think it is cool to get an education or go to school. They would rather make a living "hustling" by selling drugs or engaging in other criminal activity.

There are still men and women who believe that becoming a gangster or a prostitute are their only viable options.

Either these individuals can't see the destruction they are bringing on themselves and others; or they don't care enough to change their lives.

While some would argue that blacks are still oppressed by the race that has historically oppressed us, it is evident that blacks cause more harm to other

blacks than any other race causes blacks.

We have been falling into the Willie Lynch trap for many years "self refueling and self generating" hatred for ourselves as a people. Now, we must take responsibility for our actions and our communities.

So how do we end this desensitizing mentality amongst our people? I suggest we start with our youth and reach as many of them as we can. We need to teach them self worth, self respect and to see their own God-given potential. We have to erase this idea of quick and easy money and instill a true work ethic within them.

We need to teach them about their history to help them understand that they owe it to their ancestors to make an effort to elevate our people.

Our youth must also learn that it's not enough for them to be as good as other racial groups because they will have to work twice as hard to get half as far.

We can't wait for someone else to reach out to our youth. Each of us must act or this cycle will continue.

So ponder this...are you helping to perpetuate modern day slavery or are you taking steps to end it?

think on these things

"You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should."

Desiderata - Words for Life

ministries in motion

upcoming events

CHURCH MEETING

The annual church meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL STUDY

Beginning on the third Sunday in March (3/21), we will be involved in a church-wide congregational study in keeping with our vision of spiritual maturity.

For 14 weeks in the Sunday School, Bible Study and special sessions that will be arranged as needed, we will be

studying from the book He Loves Me by Wayne Jacobsen.

Spiritual maturity begins when we know and accept the unconditional love of God and live in that love.

COLLEGE TOUR

On March 29, several teens from our church and their friends will accompany Trudy Revell, Michelle Hamiel and April Jones on City Temple's first HBCU Tour.

Please keep this group in your prayers while they are away.

Also, please pray that this tour be the inspiration it is intended to be to keep

our children motivated to receive higher education.

BLOOD DRIVE

Please plan to donate a pint of blood, which can save three lives, on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This effort is sponsored by the Women's Ministry.

YOUTH CHOIR CONCERT

Join us for a musical delight as the Youth Choir will be in concert on June 13, 2010. For more information, please see Kim Davis, Toinette Woodson, Erica Richardson, and Cheryl Johnson.

teen talk

with Jameela Smith

Throughout these short sixteen years of my life, if not anything else, I've learned at least one thing. Every living creature on this earth wants and needs to be loved.

Love keeps people functioning. My own philosophy is that love makes the world go round. Without love, people feel lost, neglected, and minute.

It doesn't matter if you're gay, straight, bisexual, confused, an animal, a plant. Every living thing needs to be loved and cared for. It's a pity that people won't and don't actually love each other like they should.

If people treated their neighbor the way God instructed, the world would be such a better place. However, no one is perfect and we all make mistakes.

I feel that the biggest sin is actually not learning from previous mistakes. Before you actually love someone, please learn to love yourself. Learn to love your "flaws" by accepting them as who you are.

When you learn to love yourself, it makes it so much easier to love others. In the bible, John 13:34-35, God states: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Remember that God blessed you with the ability to love.

So, put your blessings to work. Love, don't judge.

Let Kindness Come With Every Gift

Our qualifying high school graduates of 2009 made a remarkable impression on this congregation. For this reason, we continue to ask for your support.

We, as Disciples of Christ, need to stand up and support the growing youth of City Temple.

Every Youth Sunday, we ask that you make a contribution to the William A. Bryant, Jr. Scholarship Fund.

If you are not able to make a donation on Youth Sunday, you can use a Scholarship Fund envelope anytime.

For the past 12 or 13 years, we have honored many of our top high school students during Graduate Recognition Day. We have never failed to make one or more presentations.

City Temple, you have shown that good desires come from giving and with gratitude. Please continue to support our high school grads who seek higher education.

black history month narrative

written by Vonda Reed

*O freedom, O freedom, O freedom, over me – And before I be a slave
I be buried in my grave – And go home to my Lord and be free*

Snatched from my homeland
A Pilgrim in a strange land
Times been rough, yet I've come out on the other side
Better than when I went in, because the Lord has been with me
His word is true – He promised never to leave me; and He hasn't
He said He would do even greater things in me; and he has
The Lord has been good to me
He sure been good to me

*We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday
O, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday*

Since that fateful day
When we were brought to these shores
Generation after generation
Helped to build this nation
Slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, discrimination
Repression, oppression, depression
Despite it all, we survived!
Working day after day, month after month, year after year

Trying to make things better for those yet unborn
Why, the very fabric of this country is woven together
With our blood, sweat and tears
With the richness of our people
Leaving an indelible mark upon the landscape
We have made great strides
Yet, we are still trying to find our way

Mother, mother, there's too many of you crying

*Brother, brother, brother, there's far too many of you dying
You know we've got to find a way to bring some loving here today
What's going on, what's going on, what's going on, what's going on*

Some forgot from whence we came
Some gave up and gave in to the pain
Some just couldn't take the stress and the strain
Some have simply fallen away
But, just like the children of Israel
There's a remnant that continues to hold on to the promises of God
Who fast and pray with the hope for a brand new day
With the faith the size of a tiny mustard seed
That says it may seem impossible, but I'm still going to trust and believe

Against all odds, we have become doctors, lawyers, artists, teachers
Writers, architects, scientists, preachers
Philosophers, factory workers, mechanics, mathematicians,
Plumbers, Supreme Court justices, cabinet makers, musicians
Farmers, publishers, entrepreneurs, politicians
Nurses, engineers -- despite our condition
We have survived!
What God put in us
The possibilities are endless

On January 20, 2009, we bore witness
It was a cold and crisp sunny day
We witnessed the inauguration of Barack Hussein Obama
As the 44th President of these United States
A native son of Africa and America
Some said it would never happen
God said otherwise
40 years ago, what others thought im-

possible, Rev. Payne believed possible
40 years later, City Temple still stands as a beacon
Lighting the way for the least, the lost and the left out

*We've come this far by faith
Leaning on the Lord
Trusting in His Holy Word
He never failed me yet
No, can't turn around
We've come this far by faith*

God has brought us, as a people, a mighty long way
With the gifts and talents we've been given
Let us continue to honor God
To be a blessing in our community
To uplift humanity
With pride in our heritage
Let us keep the memory of those who have gone before us alive!

Teach our history to our children
Be a positive role model for them to emulate
Remind them, every chance we get, just how precious they are
And that with God all things are possible
To always believe in possibilities
Set goals and never lose sight of them – stay on the path

Trust God in all that you do
Be a reflection of the very best that is in you
Strive to be a positive and meaningful reflection of Black history
Not just one month out of the year, but each and every day
This is the last Sunday of February -- the last day of Black History Month
But, as we go forward, let us live as if every day is Black History Day
The struggle goes on and the journey continues.

kid's fun page

games, puzzles & trivia

Find the words in the list in the word search puzzle.

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A S O L S P F Y W T F P O S X
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O K E K A U Q H T R A E S T E
M A S C E N S I O N K Z W A D

CROSS	GETHSEMANE
STONE	PASSOVER
CRUCIFIX	BETRAYAL
RESURRECTION	THIEVES
LAMB	ROCK
CROWN	ROBE
GOLGOTHA	EARTHQUAKE
TOMB	PILATE
ASCENSION	KING OF KINGS
CALVARY	

EASTER TRIVIA

How many questions can you answer?

1. At Christ's crucifixion, what did the soldiers put on his head?

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| a. Crown of Nettles | c. Crown of Jewels |
| b. Crown of Thorns | d. Crown of Thistles |

2. For what of Christ's did the soldiers cast lots?

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|------------|-----------|
| a. Clothes | c. Donkey |
| b. Jewels | d. Cross |

3. For how many pieces of silver did Judas betray Christ?

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| a. 10 | c. 30 |
| b. 20 | d. 40 |

4. How did Judas betray Jesus?

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| a. By pointing at him | c. With a kiss |
| b. Described him | d. Shook his hand |

5. Christ was led away to which high priest first?

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| a. Annas | c. Caiaphas |
| b. Vitellius | d. Josephus |

6. What was inscribed above the cross?

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| a. Prince of the Jews | c. Saviour of the Jews |
| b. King of the Jews | d. Captain of the Jews |

7. When Jesus dies, for how long was there darkness over the land?

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| a. 3 days | c. 3 hours |
| b. 3 minutes | d. 3 weeks |

8. Who carried the cross for Christ?

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| a. Simon of Cyrene | c. Simon the Zealot |
| b. Simon Peter | d. Simeon |

9. Who rolled away the tombstone?

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| a. Jesus | c. An angel |
| b. God | d. A Roman Centurion |

Coloring Fun!

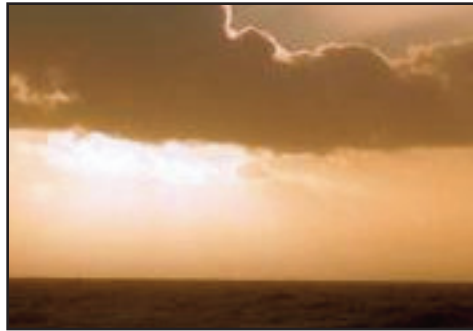


a morning talk with God

submitted by Jacquelyn Allen

Dear Lord, I thank You for this day, I thank You for my being able to see and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me. Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to You. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. And give me the best response when I'm pushed beyond

my limits. Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak...Keep me uplifted that I may have words of en-



couragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and

misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that don't believe. But I thank You that I believe that You can change people and You can change things. I pray for all my sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends and for each and every family member and their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes; that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight. I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it in Your name, Jesus. God, I love You and I need You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

in our hearts

& in our prayers

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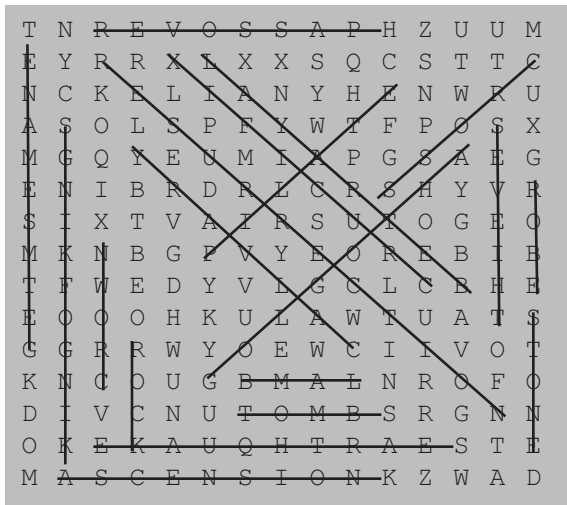
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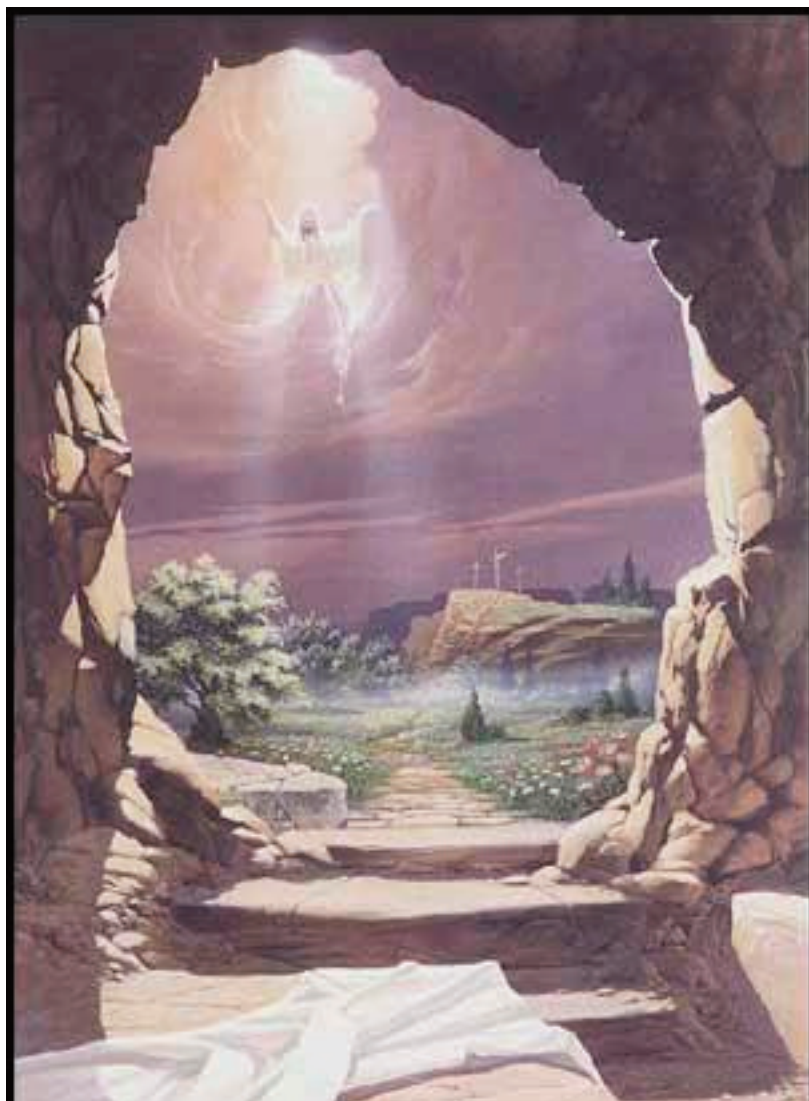
KIDS CORNER ANSWERS

Word Find



Trivia

1. B
2. A
3. C
4. C
5. C
6. B
7. C
8. A
9. C



And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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