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**Community Meetings**  
This is a list of what is happening in Lubbock, to help complete the unfinished, community-building work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

African American Chamber of Commerce, Lubbock, meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, from 5:30-6:30pm at the Parkway Community Center, 405 M.L.K. Blvd., 806-771-1815

Lubbock Area Client Council meets on the 2nd Saturday, 1:00pm at the Patterson Branch Library

Hub City Kiwanis meets every Tuesday, 7:00pm, 1706 Avenue G

Dunbar Alumni Association meets 2nd Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Booker T. Washington American Legion Post 808 meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7:30pm, American Legion Building in Yellowstone Canyon

Forgotten West Riders meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:00 pm, Patterson Library

East Lubbock Chapter AARP meets every 1st Thursday at 4:00 pm, New Sinner's Community Center

Lubbock Chapter of Black Alumni meets every 3rd Tuesday, 5:30 pm, TTU Market Alumni Center

Dunbar/Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association meets every 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm and every 4th Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Dunbar-Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Outreach Center at 1301 East 24th St.

West Texas Native American Association Post Luck Supper meets on alternating months prior to meeting, meetings held on 2nd Saturday of each month at 7:00 pm, Educational presentations and demonstrations.

Texas Juneteenth Cultural & Historical Commission - Lubbock Affiliate meets at Patterson Branch Library every 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

West Texas Native American Association meets 2nd Saturday each month at Groves Library, 5520 19th Street, 7:30 pm.

West Texas Chapter of 100 Black Men meets the 3rd Monday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parkway Neighborhood Center.

The Parkway & Cherry-Point Neighborhood Association meets the 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 pm at Hunt Elementary.

Chesman Hill Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm, at the Fitzsimons Cafeteria.

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## Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church Honored Youth Last Month



The Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church honored their youth Saturday evening, August 23, 2008, with a Banquet and Pageant Show at the Parkway Sommerville Neighborhood Center. The theme was "If you can believe it, you can achieve it." St. Mark 9:23.

The Youth Department has worked very hard over the year, and as a result there was an increase in the number of youth participating with fundraising projects. There were 16 pageant participants, with ages ranging from 1 year to 15 years of age.

Those participants in this year's pageant were: Tiny Tot: Zephaniah McCoy, Ashanti Thomas, Zoe Perryman, Shi'nee Hooker, Sidney T'kya Hall, Josh Perryman, and Melissa T'nae Douglas.

Teen Division: Essence Arty McGruder, Arkeesh Douglas,

Lyana James, Shaundrika O'Neal, Azia Johnson, Arkashia Williams, Keana Reed, and Keandra Hooker.

The Tiny Tot were honored with two Queens: Miss Zoe Perryman, who is the daughter of Claudia Cera and Tyson Perryman; and Miss Ashanti Thomas, daughter of Ms. Shonda Bracy and Anthony Thomas.

The King for the Tiny Tot Division is Zephaniah D'Ray McCoy, son of Pastor Ray E. McCoy and First Lady Barbara McCoy.

The Teen Division first runner-up was Arkashia Williams, niece of Sister Lakeshia Johnson. She sings in the Inspirational Youth Choir, and is a Praise Dancer. Arkashia attends Atkins Middle School.

"Mr. Bethlehem" is none other than Arkeesh Douglas

who is the son of Stephanie Douglas and grandson of Ms. Mellissa Douglas. Arkeesh is a very inspiring young man who enjoys helping around the Church. He sings in the Youth Choir, and is a Praise Dancer. Arkeesh attends Alderson Middle School.

"Miss Bethlehem" is no other than Miss Essence McGruder. Essence is the daughter of Harold and Staci McGruder. She sings in the Inspirational Choir, Youth Choir, and is a Praise Dancer. Essence is a sophomore at Monterey High School.

The membership of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church is very proud of their Youth, and are encouraging them as well as other Youth in the community to reach for the stars, as the sky is the limit.

Ms. Brown.

"Hopefully, there will be many from the Lubbock community who want to participate in this historical event," she continued.

During the weekend, there is a Scholarship Banquet to raise funds for the 'T. J. & Bobbie Patterson Scholarship' for students attending Texas Tech University.

"We just want to give something back," says Ms. Brown.

## Having Fun At South Plain Fair Last Sunday Afternoon



Keimah & Lakeshia Atkins

## Hutchinson Grandchildren Enjoying South Plains Fair

It was a very beautiful day at the Annual South Plains Panhandle Fair for the Hillary Hutchinson, Jr. grandchildren, Keimah and Lakeshia Atkins, who enjoyed themselves last Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2008, riding the merry-go-round. They were happy over the candy apples, corn dogs, and lemonade, which were compliments of their PaPa Hillary Hutchinson. All PaPa said, with a smile on his face, it was a wonderful day with the grandchildren.

Photo by Hillary Hutchinson

## Training For Election Set October 2nd

Those interested in participating in the upcoming General Election will have an opportunity to attend and an Election Training on Thursday evening, October 2, 2008, at the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Center, 1301 East 24th Street, from 7:00 p. m. until 8:00 p. m.

During this training, participants will learn how operate the electronic voting equipment.

Those who are interested in working during the General Election will be paid \$8.00 for training, and \$10.00 an hour by working at the polls. There is a need for both greeters and workers.

This special General Election Training is being sponsored by the Dunbar Manhattan Heights Neighborhood Association. Ms. Billie Russell is president.

## First Black Daily Newspaper Founded

by Dr. Clint Wilson

Thirty-seven years after the first Black newspaper in America was founded in New York City (Freedom's Journal, 1827) the Black press reached another milestone with the launching of the New Orleans Tribune, destined to become the race's first daily news publication.

The Tribune's roots can be traced to another landmark event that saw the first Black newspaper published in the South. That was L'Union (the Union) a paper published in both French and English beginning in 1862 during the Civil War.

After L'Union ceased publication in 1864, Dr. Louis C. Roudanez, a wealthy Black physician, bought its printing equipment and issued another bilingual newspaper called La Tribune de la Nouvelle-Orleans - the New Orleans Tribune. The Tribune debuted on July 21, 1864 as a bi-weekly and became

a daily organ in October that year.

The Tribune was a champion of equal rights for Blacks and called for an end to discrimination in employment, education and voting privileges. Dr. Roudanez was vice-president of New Orleans' Freedmen's Aid Association and the following excerpt from the Tribune attests to its work.

"The Freedmen's Aid Association will meet this evening, and will have under consideration several important propositions. Up to this time the interests of freedmen or more generally of the colored people have been very imperfectly protected. Efforts have been made by the competent authorities; but however sincere these efforts were, they have not been adequate to the urgency and the difficulties of the situation. All over the state, the Freedmen are threatened in their lives, robbed of their liberties and deprived of the fruits of their toils and labor.

... in many parts of the state, a system of terror has been inaugurated, to keep down the Freedmen; several have already been murdered and many more will be if we do not resist. The right of self-defense is a sacred right. We read in the American Constitution that it is an immunity of its citizens of the Republic that they can bear arms. Assassins are not brave; and a few cases of self-defense followed by the punishment of the would-be murderers, would be sufficient to plunge into a solitary terror the slaveholders of the parishes. These people must be taught to respect the lives of their fellow citizens. But, to avert the recurrence of murder and ambush it would probably be sufficient to send a few companies of colored troops into the worst parishes. The presence of our armed brethren, wearing the United States uniform, would do a great deal toward bringing the slaveholders to their senses. The black regiments carry with them the vivid and terrible image of

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## First Live Gospel Recording Set For March 2009 With Luther Barnes

The West Texas Mass Choir will be producing a 'live recording' on Saturday, March 21, 2009. It will be held at the Church of The Blessed, 1809 34th Street, where the Johnny Perez is pastor.

If there are those in the Lubbock and West Texas area who would like to be part of this recording may register at this

time. Those who are interested should contact Ms. Faye Brown at (806) 762-3612 or (806) 831-9926.

"We are looking forward to this recording as the director will be Luther Barnes who has been here before and helped to develop the 100 Member Mass Choir earlier this year," said

## Getting Ready For 2008 Annual T. J. Patterson Golf Classic In San Antonio October 28th



In a few weeks, the Annual T. J. Patterson Golf Classic will take place in San Antonio at the Woodlake Country Club on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. This annual event is sponsored by The Texas Association of Black City Council Members (TABCCM). Funds raised are used for scholarships for young Texans.

Pictured above are those who were in attendance in Dallas last year. From left to right standing: Chuck Berry City Councilman in Waxahatchie, Jim Ryan, City Councilman of Victoria and director of T. J. Patterson, Jr., deputy lobbyist for Fort Worth, Seated is T. J. Patterson for the his association is used for the annual tournament. He was also the first president of the TABCCM.

# Chatman Hills Corner

By Doris Reynolds

Let's all go and support the monthly meeting of the Federation of Choirs which will be meeting at the Rising Star Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, September 28, 2008, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Host pastor is the Rev. H. Culver.

Sister Bennie Sims is the president of the Federation of Choirs.

Church services were well attended last Sunday morning at the New Hope Baptist Church where the proud pastor is Rev.

B. R. Moton. Services got underway at 10:50 a.m. with Meditation and Prayer. The Praise Team was at their post of duty and singing with great inspiration. After the morning prayer and scripture, the New Hope Choir sang several selections.

The morning sermon was delivered by Pastor Moton. His subject was "It's Good To Be Here, But You Can't Stay!" His scripture text was St. Mark 8:31-38, and 9:1-5.

It was another outstanding

sermon and was well received by all of us.

Let us continue to pray for all of those in our community who are sick and shut-in. Among them include Sister Octavia Givens.

There are those in the community who have lost loved ones. Among them include the family of Rodney Lewis, Jr. who was funeralized last Saturday, September 20, 2008, at New Hope Baptist Church.

Open House for the Eddie Richardson Center at The Bridge of Lubbock will be held Wednesday morning, October 15, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The Center opened Monday morning, September 8, 2008, and is located at 1301 Redbud Avenue. It is in the former Posey Elementary School, and is for 3 and 4 year-old children from low-income families pre-school education, health services and family support.

those that are sick and shut-in but those that have recently lost a loved one. A special prayer for the Hurricane Ike victims.

Continue to come out and help support the weekly meeting held throughout the week. Remember the only time an individual is to be looked down on is when that individual is being helped up.

**Scripture For Week:** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. Behold if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

## New Light Baptist Church News

On Sunday September 21, 2008 church services got started at New Light Baptist Church, 3013 Idalou Road, where Rev. Kenneth O. Jackson is the pastor.

Sunday School started at 9:45a.m. with Bro. David Chiles teaching the lesson titled: "NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT" The question to ask is what this lesson is about and how can it have an impact on our lives?

Morning worship started at 11:00a.m. with the devoted and dedicated praise team leading the way.

The pulpit devotion was led by: Rev. L. C. Lee. The Senior choir went in the choir stand singing "We've Come This Far By Faith."

The responsive reading read by Rev. L. C. Lee comes from Psalm 145:1-21 and the altar prayer was led by Rev. Jackson with the choir singing "YES LORD."

Sister Rochelette Hood read all of the announcements and

told of all the upcoming events that will be taking place. There was the fellowship period that was held for about five minutes and then the offering was taken up.

The Senior Choir sang "UPON THIS ROCK" and a trio with different sung in it.

Rev. Jackson preached the sermon titled: "CHILDREN YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE", Eph. 6:1-3. After the sermon Sis. Angela sang the song "Trust In The Lord". The invitation to discipleship was offered and there was a couple who came up for prayer.

Sister Angela Johnson welcomed all visitors that was present.

Last Sunday afternoon, New Light was on program at Mt. Zion in Floydada for their 83rd Church Anniversary. Rev. Kenneth Jackson preached the sermon titled "Unshakable Commitment, Neh. 4:6 & 6:3. There were several other churches in attendance.

Continue to pray for not only

## Meet Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez Of The Church Of The Blessed



Meet the Pastors of the Church of the Blessed. The Church is located at 1809 34th Street. They invite those looking for a Church Home to come and visit with their congregation. The number of baptisms is 40. The Church of The Blessed is still visiting the Lubbock County Jail with it's Jail Ministry where there were 24 saved and continuing. Prayer at the Lubbock County Jail is held at 5:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Sunday evenings English Services begins at 7:00 p.m.

## YOUR INVITATION TO A NEW BLESSING!

Pastors Johnny & Pat Perez and the family at Church of the Blessed invite you to join them for service this week

## Church of the Blessed

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## FASHION FUN

by Shirley Robinson

### LIVING IT UP IN LACE

Embrace the enchantment of lace, its delicate weave and feminine grace transforms a basic design into the extraordinary.

Ladies you can add a touch

of lace to your outfit, giving it an updated look. A little or a lot, you will always be in style.

This season, lace comes in so many beautiful colors... Plum, green and rust colored lace will certainly turn heads.

Ladies, you can also find lace covered jewelry in a variety of styles and colors... HOW GREAT IS THAT!

IT'S EVERYWHERE!

Fashion tip... just for



the fun of it!

Fashion... Just for the fun of it!! Just keep on looking your VERY BEST!!!

## Phea Boys and Girls Club is back!

As the 2008 - 2009 school year begins so does the program year of the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls Club. This will be the first full year of the unit director, Dr. Robert L. McKenzie and his staff and they are looking for great things to happen. In the past the focus on the club has been on that of the sports program, but that will be changing this year. Sports will only be a portion of what will be happening at the club.

Parental involvement will be a major part of what will be going on and in the past the stats say that when parents are an active part of the process then the environment of the club, home, community and school changes. Through a new program called "Family Plus" the Phea Boys and Girls Club will change the kid by changing the environment of the home as well. A part of this success will be the involvement of local churches in East Lubbock and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program as well. Parents and community leaders will be asked to serve on the clubs advisory council in order to assist in giving leadership and develop of the clubs impact on the home and community.

The club will also assist parents in bettering their economic

status by receiving some technical assistance from the Phea Club to enhance their economic situation. There will be tutoring for adults and parents that will assist them in obtaining promotions and acquiring jobs in general. Therefore by getting the parents involved in the overall program of the Boys and Girls club it will foster a stronger club and a stronger family.

This year at the Phea Boys and Girls Club students will be undergoing a high degree of tutoring in order to increase their overall grade point average. This will be done by a joint effort with LISD to provide the tools needed to bring grades up and maintain academic standards.

We will also have a wide variety of sporting activities for kids and their parents to get involved with as well. So as you can see the Theodore Phea Boys and Girls is poised to be a major impact on the homes, schools and community of East Lubbock. We encourage the community to stop by and fill out a volunteer application and become involved in what the kids are doing at the club.

## TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION AND THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROCUREMENT AND HUB EXPO 2008

The Texas Facilities Commission and the Texas Department of Public Safety are co-hosting a HUB Outreach and Educational Forum on Tuesday, 9/23/2008 from 8:30 am-1:30 pm. Meet purchasers and key decision-makers from DPS and TFC and attend educational seminars about obtaining bonding, marketing to prime contractors and "Writing a Winning Proposal." This event includes breakfast and is free-of-charge. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://portal.tfc.state.tx.us/hubexpo/>

## First Black Daily Newspaper

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the things which has happened in the history of the Black Press. The Black Press has come a mighty long way.



Here we get the habits, in general, they're large and usually have longer ears and legs.

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# Church News

## FROM THE DESK OF PARSON D. A. SMITH

### "Black Males: Reaching For The Top In America"

The story in last week's Southwest Digest about "Dewberry Discovers His Family Roots Attending Reunion in Bullard" is a great one. The story is one that young black Americans males should be made aware of in today's political environment. It tells the story of how blacks have come from the lowly state of slavery to the present day America where it appears as though young educated whites look with disdain on the less than animal treatment of other human beings.

In July of this year while attending the "Pettigrew Family Reunion," in Tyler, Texas, my childhood friend (Melvin Owens) drove me around showing me the growth of Smith County. One of the communities (Bethlehem) that we visited was the area that included a plantation. This area has developed to the point where houses exceed or close to the value of one-half million dollars. An elementary school in the area far surpasses any school in any of the Lubbock area districts. Guess what? The area is not predominantly white. Blacks have a piece of the pie.

This community that include names from the Dewberry family that I remember from a boy includes: Jean, Columbus, Dave (nickname-Tigun) - fed the

Stanton High School (late Robert Gaines, Principal from Watson, TX; East of Marshall) in New Hope Community located on U. S. 69 South of Tyler. The towns from the area were Graham and Flint. The communities were Bethlehem and Lee Springs.

Those blacks in the area that did not give their acreage of land away to move to Dallas to live on a plot have an investment in America that was provided by their fore-parents who understood one must own a piece of the rock to be an equal partner in America.

The former statement leads me to encourage young black Americans to be productive citizens. Barack Obama as a candidate for the President of the United States of America from a principle party should say to young black males: "get your you know what... together." If you are going to survive in a global society you must go to school and strive to be at the top of the class and move from the negative of yesterday to the positive of tomorrow.

We would encourage young black males to obtain a piece of the rock. Beside investments you should own a piece of land. Let your investments be legal and always consult and keep on a retainer if need be, an attorney. Do not try being a jailhouse

lawyer or an internet lawyer. Hire the real deal!

Black males are encourage to follow the rules of law to the letter (not spirit) if they want to climb higher mountains. While it appears that you are free, it is only in part! The English language is one of the most complex languages in the universe. While something may read as if it is exact, does not necessary mean that it is identical in mathematical value or logical denotation. 2 plus 2 may equal 4 in common mathematics. However, 2 plus 2 may equal three in a chemical analysis. A guarantee under the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution states that one must treat individuals or class of individual under the same as it treats other individuals or classes in like circumstances. Equal protection under the law means an employer who agrees not to discriminate against an employee or job applicant because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, physical or mental disability or age. If this were true there would be no need for the EEOC.

Again I cannot state it emphatically enough in our present political, economic and social environment, for black males to succeed, they must follow the "rule of law". This allows them to climb higher  
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## We Thank God for Jesus

### "Are You Carrying Your Cross?"

Written by Evangelist Billy "B.J." Morrison, II - Your brother in Christ Jesus always.

**Matthew 5:11-12** - Jesus said, blessed are you when men shall revile (Defame) you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake, Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

As I was working mowing in a field the other day, on Cedar Avenue, a Jehovah Witness confronted me about the cross on my hat. Her name was Sister Ruth.

**Matthew 10:37-38** - Jesus said, he that love father or mother more than me is not his cross, and follow after me is not worthy of me.

She said, the wearing of the Cross offends the Jehovah Witness people. I said, the Cross is a sign from God, and should be worn only his people!!

**Revelation 22:3-4** - There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.

(When you see the Cross on my hats, the devil and his eps to get upset with me. I use wore the caps with all the devil's markings on them about his

killers: Cigarettes, Beer, Whiskey, sexual and curse words I would advertise for my Master the Devil, but I've been BORN AGAIN, AND I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW, AND I WILL ADVERTISE FOR MY LORD AND SAVIOUR, EVEN DOWN THE SIDE OF MY PICKUP: IS THE WORDS "LORD'S WILL I WILL." ON MY HORSE BRIDLES. THERE IS ALSO A CROSS, SO DEVIL GET THE HELL UNDER MY FEET!!! JESUS SID, IF HE LIFTED UP, HE WOULD DRAW ALL MEN UNTO HIM).

Sister Ruth said, "To me if someone had a gun, and shot and killed your child. And you saw him everyday with that gun. Would your face have a smile???"

**I Corinthians 1:17-18** - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

I told Sister Ruth that if someone killed my child, and I was a Christian, I would forgive them. That's what Jesus did when he was on the Cross. He said, "Forgive them!!!"

**Luke 23:34** - Jesus said, Father forgive them for they know not what they do.

\*\*\*\* What Would You Do??? Would You Go And Kill That Person??? That's Where Thou Shall Not Kill Come In!!! \*\*\*\*

Sister Ruth said it's wrong to wear a Cross, and I hat is what you'll do. I said, the Cross represents Christ, without it, there is no Salvation for me and you!!

**Galatians 6:14** - God forbids that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Sister Ruth said, beside the word Cross is not in the Bible, it's not even a Biblical word. She said, Jesus was hanged on a stake in an upright piece of wood. Have you not heard???

**Galatians 3:13** - Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us, for it is written, cursed is every one that hanged on a tree.

I said, if it's not in the Bible, then how could Jesus say, "Pick up your Cross and follow me! Sister Ruth was lost for words and, in her eyes that I could plainly see!!!"

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# St. Matthew's Baptist Church News

Church services at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, 2020 East 14th Street, were well attended last Sunday morning, September 21, 2008, where the proud pastor is Rev. Edward Canady.

Church services got underway with Sunday School beginning at 10:00 a. m. with Superintendent perintendent Sister Shirley Jackson in charge. The subject of the morning lesson as "Finding True Happiness. The scripture text

was Matthew 5:1-16. The morning lesson was taught by Sister Nina Davis, and reviewed by Pastor Canady. It was another wonderful lesson with much knowledge offered.

The key verse was: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." **Matthew 6:33.**

The morning devotion got underway at 11:15 a. m. with

Sister Ethel Williams and Sister Nina Davis in charge. The St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir again sang out of their hearts and souls.

Rev. Canady delivered the morning message. His subject was "A Trouble Conscious." His scripture text was Matthew 14:1-14. What a wonderful sermon presented to these in attendance.

Let us remember those who are sick and ad shut-in this

week. Among them this week includes de Sister Beverly Roberts, the daughter of Rev. Canady.

Let us pray for the family of those who are ill. Just think, it could very well be you and I this week. God is able.

Let us remember our weekly Church Services: Wednesday evening, Mission Ladies, 5:00 p. m. Also, Wednesday evening, Bible Study, 6:00 p. m. Friday evening, Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p. m. Saturday evening, the Ushers will meet at 11:00 a. m.

*The perfect righteousness of Christ is free to everyone, but we, by faith, must take that gift and trust; precious Son.*

**Thought For The Week:** "No one is good enough to save himself; no one is so bad that God cannot save him."

The St. Matthew Baptist Church is in need of a Musician. If you are interesting please call Rev. Edward Canady at (806) 744-2445.

**Held On To Your Crown**  
*Revelation 3:11, "Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."*

When God appeared to Moses as I AM THAT I AM out in the backside of the desert. He commissioned him to deliver the Hebrews from their slavery in Egypt. But Moses was fearful to take on such a task. He had no strength of his own to accomplish it. God then said to him, "What is that in thine hand, Moses?" (Exodus 4:2).

What was in his hand? A shepherd's rod. Nothing fancy. Nothing powerful. Just a simple rod he used each day to guide, prod and protest his flock. God took that plain shepherd's rod and made it a mighty weapon in Moses' hand. Whenever he stretched forth the rod mighty

miracles happened. It released the plagues upon the Egyptians. It showed forth God's mighty power.

Sometimes you wonder what you are doing in your home. Your friends have high-powered careers and are raking in the money. You are trying to make ends meet from day to day. Your family remind you that you are wasting your life and your education.

But what is in your hand? It is the rod of motherhood. It may look insignificant, as Moses' rod did, but it wields a mighty power. Motherhood is the most powerful career in the nation. As a mother, you determine the course of the nation. You are in God's hands preparing your children for the purposes God has laid out for them before the foundation of the world. This is a top notch job. It is high powered!

Mothering is your crown. It has been invested in you by God himself. It is your anointing of womanhood.

## Outreach Prayer Breakfast

### "Passing Down Faith To Others"

II Timothy 1:3-7

People go to great lengths in order to ensure that property and wealth are bequeathed to favor family members, or Christians. Some people tragically spend so much time preparing for materials possessions to be passed down after death that they overlook what their life could import now.

The Christians most vital asset is faith while belief involves personal choices. Our children and friends can receive from us an inheritance of righteous principles and a model for godly living.

Faith worth passing down is based on biblical truth and the confident conviction that God is who he says and will do all he promises, that is to say, we ourselves must experience a growing personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In order to share it with others, we cannot hand down principles we have only read or heard about from someone else, it simply will not work.

A question we should ask ourselves is, "Am I comfortable dying with the faith I have lived by? Many people pick and choose religious philosophies to guide their life but discover in

in their final hours, the folly of a self-centered perspective, a faith worth passing down can face the end of life with the knowledge that we are eternally secure in the Living God, whose Son died on Calvary for our sins.

A faith legacy is the greatest

wealth we can bequeath to those who come after us. Unlike money, a good example cannot be squandered. We can begin now to reach future generations by passing our faith on to those around us.

God has given each believer at least one spiritual gift to build up the body of Christ. (Why no use it!) Are you???

Let us pray for the entire world, Saints!

Here is an article we'd like to share with each of you from the Outreach Prayer Breakfast:

### Destined for Greatness

by Pastor Greg Laurie

"He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When others are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us." - 2 Corinthians 1:4

*It has been said that it takes a steady hand to hold a full cup.*

*God was planning to give a full cup to the apostle Paul. So He took Paul away and put him into obscurity in the desert of Arabia for a time. We are not told what happened there, but we can only presume that he drew close to the Lord in fellowship and communion. It was there that Paul refined his theology, as evidenced in the New Testament epistle that God inspired him to write.*

This was typical of how God dealt with many people. He was preparing for greater ministry assignments.


When Elijah obediently delivered God's message to King Ahaz and Queen Jezebel in their court, he was led away to

the brook Cherish for a few years to wait on God.

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# Obsequies

Rodney Lewis, Jr.

Funeral services were held for Rodney Lewis, Jr. last Saturday morning, September 20, 2008, at the New Hope Baptist Church with Rev. B. R. Moton, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

A former resident of Lubbock, he passed away in Aurora, Colorado on Sunday, September 14, 2008, at the University of Colorado Hospital.

He was born to Cecelia Robinson and Rodney Lewis, Sr. on August 24, 1977, and was partly raised by his aunt, Glenda G. Mooney Tobe in Lubbock.

Rodney graduated from Estacado High School in 1996 where he participated in the Medical Professions Magnet Program, was a member of the Academic Decathlon as well as a member of the Estacado High School Marching Band.

He enrolled and graduated from the University of Texas in 2000 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. There, he was a liberal arts student with concentrations in both Anthropology and African American studies. Later, Rodney received a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Boulder School of Law in May 2004.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his parents; grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor and William "Sonnyboy" Mooney; a sister, Nadia Lewis; two brothers, Tamangi and Margus Lewis; aunts: Glenda G. Mooney Tobe, Nell, Eleanor, and Teresa Williams; uncles: James and Olda Lewis, Glenn, Ray, David, Julius and Melvin Williams; a host of special cousins; great-aunts; uncles and friends.

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(NAPS) - Experts say college students who understand their spending limits, adhere to a budget and make credit card payments on time can build a solid foundation for future financial success. To learn more about managing credit card debt, visit [www.TrueCredit.com](http://www.TrueCredit.com).

In her groundbreaking book, actress and math genius Danica McKellar sets a few things straight: Acne sucks. Mean people suck. But math is actually a good thing, and she proves it in her book, "Math Doesn't Suck: How to Survive Middle School Math Without Losing Your Mind or Breaking a Nail" (Plume).

The United States Department of Labor has a number of worker training and assistance programs, and more information on resources available for workers can be found at (877) USA-JOBS or online at [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov).

Laymon D. Brown



Graveside services for Laymon D. Brown were held Saturday, September 20, 2008, at the Lorenzo Cemetery under the direction of Griffin Mortuary & Funeral Home of Lubbock.

God Is Able Always!

### A Common Cause Of "Senior Moments"

(NAPS) - When people in their 60s, 70s or 80s experience unusual feelings - lost time, suspended awareness, confusion, seizures - they may think they're a regular part of aging. But they could be signs of epilepsy, a condition that affects 300,000 older Americans.

Epilepsy is a functional disorder of the brain, a kind of occasional glitch in its electrical system that controls everything we feel and do. These brief malfunctions, called seizures, may temporarily block awareness. They can also cause uncontrollable shaking, convulsions, confusion or affect the senses.

### Knowing The Facts

"For a long time epilepsy has been seen as a condition that affects young people, but now we know it can affect anyone at any age," says Dr. Ho Leppik, director of research at MINECP Epilepsy Care Center in Minneapolis and past chairman of the Professional Advisory Board of the Epilepsy Foundation.

It's a truth that Jennette Fisher knows all too well. She had never experienced seizures in her life when, at 76, she started blacking out, turning rigid and exhibiting signs of dementia.

A former resident of Lubbock, he passed away Sunday, August 31, 2008, in Long Beach, California.

He was born April 23, 1969 in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to Minnie and Laymon Brown, Sr., who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his aunts, Magic Langston and Emma Chatham; an uncle, Edmond Turner, Sr.; brothers, Weymon E. Brown and Roy M. Brown; and grandmother, Carrie Jackson.

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### Pastoral Banquet Set For Supt. W. D. Haynes October 4th


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# Editorials • Comments • Opinions

## THIS 'N' THAT

by L.J. Patterson

AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT IS ABOUT, BUT WAS NOT USED BY LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL! THIS 'N' THAT wants to remind the LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL of why we have the SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT in the City of Lubbock. As back in the 1980's there were those brave men and women of all RACES who saw a need for the SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT here because there was a Lubbock City Council plus a mayor who all lived in the same area of the city and actually could be located by using a silver dollar to locate them on a city map thus being known as the SILVER DOLLAR CITY COUNCIL. In those days there were citizens who referred to this proposed single member district as a WARD SYSTEM. Just a few weeks ago

the Lubbock City Council was asked by a group of AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN to schedule the PUBLIC HEARING about the upcoming CITY BUDGET but was denied the moving of the time from 7:30 A.M. UNTIL A TIME IN EVENING so those citizens who work would have an opportunity to attend the public hearing and give their input but the seating LUBBOCK CITY COUNCIL said NO as MAYOR TOM MARTIN polled the members to change the meeting publicly and vote was 6 TO 1 with LUBBOCK CITY COUNCILWOMAN LINDA DELEON voted to change the time. Now it has always been the understanding of THIS 'N' THAT for public hearings to be held where it is important for citizens and the taxation issue and budget would be in that category. Anyway hopefully

in the future when there are issues which pertain to the input of the TOTAL CITY the seated Lubbock City Council will take note and become sensitive to such matters after all INVOLVEMENT is what City Government should be about. PENNY HASTINGS THE BARBER SAYS: 'COMING TOGETHER is a beginning KEEPING TOGETHER is progress WORKING TOGETHER is success coos!' COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR EAST LUBBOCK WILL WORK! THIS 'N' THAT is hoping there are those who reside in EAST LUBBOCK will see the need for a COMMUNITY COLLEGE to be developed in this area of the city as there are many opportunities for such an institution. Plus it will give young people HOPE of what can happen in their lives. Not only this but prestigious EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES make neighborhoods and communities what they should be. How many of you remember DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL did for East Lubbock when there appeared to be no hope in this segregated community. If you believe in this proposed COMMUNITY COLLEGE then why not attend a meeting for this issue on Monday night SEPTEMBER 29, 2008 at the Estacado High School beginning at 7:00 p.m. This proposed effort really needs your success support. It can happen that is if there are those in the East Lubbock Community who want to see these kinds of things happen. Really it can happen! Will you be there? Hope so!

Recently, this writer wrote in this column about some things that was wrong as the distribution of services to some parts of the City of Lubbock. As far as services, we are concerned the distribution was and still is unequal. Some things that was already on the drawing board and still was cut down or removed. For example, the ball diamonds on East 19th Street which were approved by the citizens for three by the voters in a bond issue of 6.2 million dollars. Only two were completed. Therefore, the bond issue was not fulfilled as it was supposed to be done. Really, in the opinion of this writer, it was ignored! We wonder why? Along those lines just take a look on East 19th Street and East Broadway Avenue approaching and exiting the ball

fields. It looks like a small field forest which gives a bad impression for visitors and newcomers to the area. Even the old timers are immune to and familiar with the area its an every day occurrence to the residents. As far as the Gateway Funds are concerned, the fly by from the Slaton Highway to the Preston Smith International Airport was concerned it was number twelve on the list of the Lubbock Metropolitan Planning Organization in 2004. Then for some strange reason it was removed from the list even though Mayor Tom Martin was on the committee. Hopefully, one day, he will inform the citizens what happened.

That project, in the opinion of this writer, could stop a lot of confusion from citizens from outside the area trying to get to the airport. It is just a confusing means of transportation when trying to get to and fro in this community. There are those who even get lost at the Slaton Highway and Martin Luther King Blvd. which carries those driving under pass when the fly by could handle this problem without confusion it could

PERSONNEL PRIVILEGE or POINT OF ORDER. Let him know we appreciate what he has done and will do but let's advise him of the sensitivity of why the SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT was established. Really once this posture is done things will begin to happen. Oh yes THIS 'N' THAT knows there is no such thing as a SILVER DOLLAR CITY COUNCIL but there is something called FOUR which means when that number is in place it will be a difficult battle but just keep on working for what is right and things will happen. Anyway let's be aware of why there is a SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICT in Lubbock.

One of the major problem areas is 34th Street with the bad water lines and many other problems. You see, we have no objections to progress and development in the right vein, but don't omit what you already have to move into new territory. Let's take care of home first. You cant loose what really never had and we can move down the road and do bigger and better things for all of us. WHY NOT GO THE PANHANDLE SOUTH PLAINS FAIR! THIS 'N' THAT says we should all SUPPORT the FANHANDLE SOUTH PLAINS FAIR by going and seeing what's on display. Of course there are many delicious foods there but don't eat too much.

## In Cinque

by Renetta Howard



Howard

of rain on a tin roof and can sleep and sleep, it is very disappointing to wake up the next morning to find the stain of rain on your ceiling. With the continuous rain, it is difficult to find a roofer whom will repair your roof. They do not prefer working in the rain. Because so many homeowners find that they have a leak, it is still difficult to find a roofer who is available. You wait and pray that the rain will stop. When it does, you get help and then feel good again until the next encounter of the unwanted kind.

Your leaks are repaired and the fun begins again when you go to your bread box and find that the leftover cornbread has a colony of ants in it and your breadbox is contaminated with ants. You find their path of entrance, spray on the big killer, clean up and put boric acid in all the places you think the ants found to hide and feel that you have won again. A couple of days later when you reach for your cereal box to get your breakfast, you find that ants like Maple Pecan Crunch as well as you do. They did not care for Cheerios and Raisin Nut Bran when they could infest the Maple Pecan Crunch. Another round with the ants and this time you feel you have got them licked. Just wait until the night when you need something from under the sink and find ants trying to get into your syrup bottles. A new attack approach is needed. Ant bait seems to have proved helpful, but it has been painful to watch them going into the bait in the same way in

which they ate my bread, cereal, cookies and granola bars. They actually ate through the paper on the granola bars.

After several nights of doing battle with ants, it was not a pleasant experience to open my front door to be descended upon by the infamous 'love-bugs.' I wonder where they came from as I have no memory of them as a child growing up. I remember the fireflies which we called 'lightening bugs' but not the 'love-bugs.' They appear to be more plentiful than Kudzu with the exception that Kudzu does have some useful being. It is edible. Politics can get us caught up in the frenzy of the times, but things like leaks, ants, 'love-bugs' and Kudzu can make us get in cinque and put our priorities in order. Let us make certain that we are registered to VOTE by October 3, 2008!

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT NOVEMBER 4, 2008! PLEASE VOTE!!**

Southwest Digest Apologizes For Family Photo Of Obama Family!

The Southwest Digest wants to take time and space to apologize for running the photo in last week's edition, September 4, 2008, showing a negative posture of Senator Barack Obama's family. It was not the intent to portray this posture of a Black man who may be elected the President of the United States of America. This photo came off the internet, and it is one example of what is being done to discredit his candidacy. He has made an outstanding contribution, and will still be standing tall when election day comes on Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

Let us all vote for this man who will make an outstanding contribution to the United States of America.

Again, the co-publishers and staff of the Southwest Digest apologizes for this mistake!

This has been one of the most long, dramatic, serendipitous, and sometime obnoxious election periods in the history of the United States. The strands getting the most attention are race, gender and political expertise. Like the French Revolution, there are plots, counterplots and subterfuge as the candidates scramble down the home stretch to Election Day November 4, 2008.

In the mean time, eligible citizens whom are of voting age but who have failed to register to VOTE and who intend to VOTE on November 4, 2008, must register by October 3, 2008 as the deadline day. October 4 is on a Saturday and is usually not a work day in most places. Too often we get caught up in other things which cause us to lose time and sight on deadlines. Sometimes trivial things can make us lose our bearings. The past couple of weeks have been such a time for me.

The first thing that helped me to lose grip was the continuous rain and wind from the storms, Fay, Gustav and Ike. Continuous rain on some of the best roofs especially with blowing wind, can seek and find a leak. When you love the sound



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Lubbock, TX – The Depot Entertainment District will be rockin' for two nights when the fourth annual Lubbock Music Festival hits the "Hub City" Sept. 26-27. The event kicks off Friday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. when nationally-known recording group KC & the Sunshine Band take the stage. The music continues

the following night, Saturday, Sept. 27 at 8:00 p.m. with Texas Country star Wade Bowen.

Aside from two headline acts, attendees can enjoy live music performed each night in diverse venues throughout the Depot Entertainment District from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

"People who come out to the festival can expect a real festive atmosphere, great entertainment for little money, great food from vendors and restaurants and music from all genres," Don Caldwell, the chairman for the 2008 Lubbock Music Festival, said.

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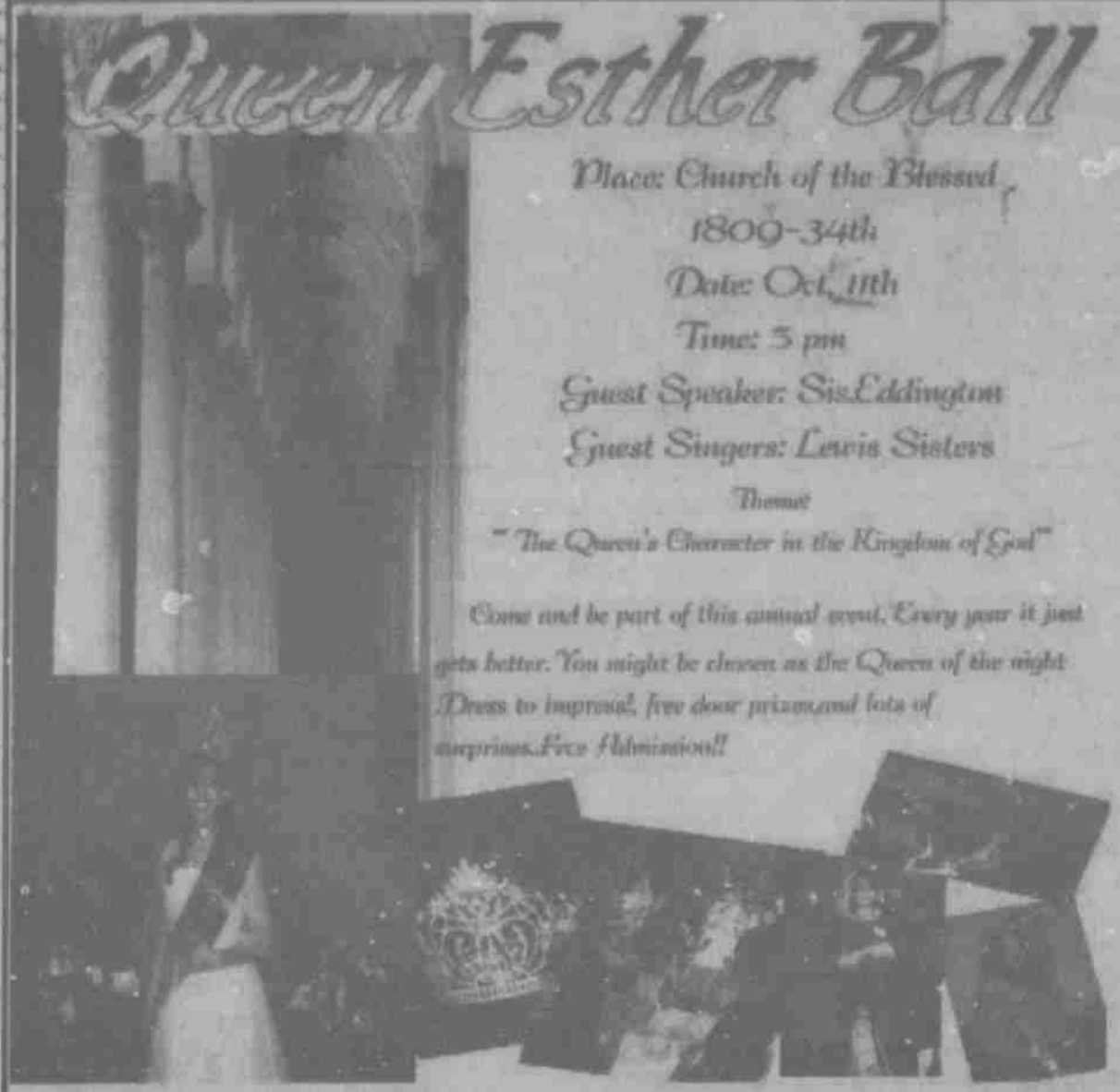
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## State of the Black World' Conference Aims to Set Post-Election Black Agenda

by Hazel Tree Faney/NPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NPA) - Unemployment for Black people has crept back into double digits for the first time in three years; currently 10.6 percent in comparison to the 5.4 percent unemployment rate of Whites and the 8 percent rate of Hispanics. While Black unemployment hasn't reached 10 percent since November 2005, a search of data bases of the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that White and Hispanic unemployment rates have not reached that high for at least the past decade - if ever. Unemployment stats are just one illustration of social and economic disparities

that persist between the races in America. From education to health care to the criminal justice system, the scale still holds that when America gets a cold, African-Americans get pneumonia. This is one of the reasons that a group of seasoned Black community activists and organizers will gather in New Orleans Nov. 19-23 well after the Nov. 4 election - to discuss the "state of the Black world." "We're excited about the prospect of Obama winning the White House," says Dr. Ron Daniels, co-convenor of the conference. "But we must work to create and advance a progressive Black agenda no matter who wins the White House. The crisis afflicting New Orleans, before and after Katrina, is a metaphor for the conditions facing Black people across America," he says. "We must not make the mistake of believing that the new President will be able to resolve all our problems without a powerful grassroots movement to promote our agenda. This is very much in keeping with Barack Obama's position that change comes from the bottom up." Daniels, president of the New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st Century, says the event will be a rare gathering of Black civil rights leaders from all walks of life. The line up reads like a who's who of the "Black world." They include radio talk mogul Bev Smith and Harvard law professor Charles Ogletree, who will modify a town hall meeting, the opening event of the conference. Panelists will include Marc Morial, president/CEO National Urban League; Rev. Al Sharpton, president, National Action Network; Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr., president, National Rainbow/PUSH Coalition; Ben Jealous, the new president/CEO,

NAACP; Dr. Julianne Malveaux, president, Bennett College for Women; Dr. Ronald Walters, Professor of government and politics, University of Maryland; Dr. Ilse Scill, president/CEO, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation; Dr. Iva E. Carruthers general secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc.; Faya Rose Sanders, founder, Voting Rights Museum, Selma, Alabama; and, Dr. E. Faye Williams, president, National Congress of Black Women. Minister Louis Farrakhan, Leader of the Nation of Islam, has also been invited as a panelist for the Town Hall Meeting. Other activities will include a Dana Smith Leadership Development and Organizer Training Institute; Katrina policy roundtables; a special session on Haiti; a Pan-African policy forum; a Black Family Summit; and a wide range of issue-oriented work session and intergenerational dialogues. "The Conference is timed to occur two weeks after an historic presidential election. While people of African descent are excited about the prospect of an Obama victory, most seasoned observers concur that a myriad of issues rooted in institutional racism and poverty will continue to plague Black people in America and the world whoever wins the White House," says a statement issued by Daniels. His sentiments reflect those of civil rights leaders who spoke at a "Unity Breakfast" during the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

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mountains in their efforts to reach the top rung of the ladder.

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**IN THE BIBLE 28 TIMES!!!**  
I told Sister Ruth the word Cross was in the Bible many, many times!!! But she kept saying, no it's not so, and said, you must be out of your mind!!!  
(Sister Ruth reminded me of the woman Jesus met at the well. She wanted to talk about her religion. But Jesus only wanted her to hear the truth. About the Living Water!!!)  
Sister Ruth had Sister Williams with her, and there was also Sister Williams' son. They sat there and witnessed Sister Ruth's teaching, and thought she had won!!!  
**Matthew 5:10** -- Jesus said, Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake. For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.  
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