THE LIVING CHURCH

METRO CHURCH ROUNDUP

Dr. Samuel Proctor to speak at Providence Baptist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 2, Rev. Dr. Samuel Proctor will make a presentation at Providence Baptist Church's Fifth Worship Anniversary. The anniversary will be held in the church's new facility at 1401 Pennsylvania Ave.

Rev. Proctor, formerly the pastor of Harlem's renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York, is known as the "Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor Emeritus" at Rutgers University. At Rutgers, where he teaches, Dr. Proctor held the King Memorial Chair in the Graduate School of Education from 1969 until returning in 1984.

Dr. Proctor also serves on the governing boards of Rochester Divinity School/Crozer Theological Seminary, Meharry Medical College and the United Negro College Fund.

Providence Baptist Church has been a part of the Christian Community of Baltimore City for over 56 years. Its last five years has been spent in worship service and christian outreach in its new facility.

The church will acknowledge its special anniversary through both services on February 2. Rev. Marcus G. Wood, pastor will speak at the 7:45 a.m. service and Rev. Proctor will speak at the 11 a.m. service. Providence Baptist Church is one of the few solar-heated worship facilities on the eastern seaboard. The community is invited to attend both services as the church celebrates this special occasion and looks toward tomorrow.

An Advocate of Freedom, Justice, Equality

BISHOP DESMOND TUTU makes an important point during his recent appearance at Johns Hopkins Turner Auditorium. Nearly 900 people were on hand to hear the dynamic Nobel Peace Prize recipient. Tutu talked about ways to dismantle the system of apartheid and gave praise to the late freedom fighter, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AN AFRO SPECIAL

The AIDS crisis: a local minister's view

By Rev. Duane Simmons

In the past few decades we have seen many rare diseases reach epidemic proportions. The most recent disease to rise with such widespread magnitude is AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). When the first traits of the virus was found in the gay community, our society incorrectly established AIDS as a homosexual disease. The result of this uneducated belief left many members of the religious community with the assurance that AIDS is God's punishment to the homosexuals.

In addition to the unusual rapid spread of the virus, AIDS is one of the few diseases to be raised by the religious community as a horrible consequence of sexual misbehavior. In fact, recently I heard a well known radio evangelist say that he was going to leave the issue of AIDS alone and employ a "hands off policy" that God may have his way with the homosexuals.

Since only a few churches have responded to the urgent need to educate the youth and the uninfected about the disease, it would be safe to assume that this "hands off policy" is a hidden agenda of many ministers and lay persons.

To those who are dedicated to the assumption that the Lord is having his way with the homosexuals should remember that while they are spending an inordinate amount of time discussing the immoral cause of AIDS, people are suffering and dying from the virus. In a world full of death, the followers of Christ must never forget that our Lord's mission among men is life; therefore, as Christians, living in a world suffering from the darkness of an epidemic, our main concern should not be to point the finger of condemnation, rebuke and blame but rather to educate those who are not infected and aid in finding a cure for those who are infected.

Displaying this banner of concern does not mean that our conviction against sexual promiscuity has changed, for our desire to love, aid and save the sinner does not mean we condone the sin. For example, in the Bible the women caught in the very act of adultery by all merits of the ancient judiciary system deserved to die, and Jesus had every right, according to the holy law, to join in the stoning of this promiscuous woman. Instead, Jesus denied his right to condemn, and looking with the eyes of love, he destroyed the prosecution and encouraged these perverted women to sin no more (St. John 8:11). Therefore, in like manner, let us waver our right to condemn and aid those who are infected, educate the uninfected and band together to end this disease that has paralyzed our society with fear.

Fauntroy celebrates 27 years at New Bethel Baptist

By Timothy Harmon

An observation of his fire sites involvement with an impressive list of movements: civil rights, D.C. statehood, and most recently Free South Africa. In the process he has gained notoriety as one of America's foremost Black public officials.

But on this day it was Pastor Fauntroy that the parishioners of New Bethel Baptist Church gathered to appreciate.

About 600 people congregated at New Bethel Baptist Church to help commemorate the 27th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Walter E. Fauntroy as their pastor. The appreciation came during the 11 a.m. service and the theme of the service was "The Reverend Dr. Walter E. Fauntroy: God's Ambassador to the Family, Church, and Community."

The guest speaker for the service was Rep. Harold E. Ford, (D-Tenn.) a colleague of Rev. Fauntroy's in the U.S. House of Representatives. In his message, Rep. Ford addressed the theme of Rev. Fauntroy's ambassadorship by praising Fauntroy and his church for the work they have done over the years and the task that lies ahead of them.

Rep. Ford, who said that he considers New Bethel his "home away from home," noted that "Rev. Fauntroy is a great minister" and added that the very fact that Fauntroy is at New Bethel after so many years "is proof of his greatness."

Ford told the congregation that "God has sent to this church an impressive list of ambassadors for the past few decades...one in particular is your pastor." He added that as far as ambassadorship is concerned, "The church and the pastor must be one."

He went on and told the responsive crowd of the importance and responsibility associated with ambassadorship, challenging them to aid those less fortunate than themselves.

"We as the church must be ready to assist the masses of people...if we don't, who will," Ford said adding that an ambassador church must be as a leader and not as a follower.

Rep. William Fauntroy

He concluded his message by once again praising his colleague Fauntroy for his friendship and his commitment to ambassadorship for christ at home and abroad, concluding with "Where there is a god, there is a well, and where there is a Walter there is a god."

In his remarks to the congregation later in the service, Fauntroy praised Ford, thanking him for delivering a message fit for everyone. "There was a message in it for all of us," Fauntroy said.

Fauntroy added that he thanks god for seeing that Rep. Ford, one of fifteen children, is a member of the congress. Fauntroy also praised Ford's spiritual commitment by pointing out that when he was first elected to the congress, Ford said that 'Jesus was the best thing to happen to him', and not the election.

Commemoration services for Rev. Fauntroy's 27th anniversary will continue throughout the week and will feature on Sunday, a message from Rep. William H. Gray III, (D-Pa.).

ED STEPHEN'S GOSPEL WORLD

Modern Gospel controversial subject

By Ed Stephens, Jr.

Last week we discussed inspirational sounds that have now hit the dance floors in night clubs across America. We noted two renowned gospel artists who have recently released crossover materials, Tremaine Hawkins and a group called The Winans. Due to what is considered today a modern trend but also a controversial issue among many christians, maybe additional information should be provided.

A merger of contemporary music, gospel's great singing and Christian sentiments has been a goal of the music industry for several years. Such artists as Andrae Crouch, The Clark Sisters, The Hawkins Family and even secular artists like Philip Bailey and Denise Williams have been working on a marriage of black pop and gospel since the early 80's. The idea is as simple as the alphabets, to reach a wider audience and to increase record sales. These artists have begun to realize that a message must be conveyed to the world, so therefore why not compose this thought in a song, to reach all people. I can recall during earlier years in the '70s, artists such as Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles, Al Green (not a reverend then), Brook Benton, Ray Charles, the late Sam Cooke, Ester Phillips, Little Richard and many others just to list a few would record both secular and gospel sounds. And they were expected by those who loved their voices and style regardless of what they were singing. Their fans accepted the artists for their talents, especially Aretha Franklin, the daughter of renowned Baptist minister, the late Rev. C. L. Franklin. Her songs smashed charts across America on both sides. Aretha's "Amazing Grace," "Wholly, Wholly" and every church hymn recorded by her or accompanied with Rev. James Cleveland and The Southern California Community Choir attributed to a successful singing career as a recording artist. For Aretha and many black artists, their roots stemmed from the church singing in the choir on Sunday morning.

Remembering back in the early 70's, gospel artists felt the economical stress of their singing careers due to poor record sales. After being approached by R & B record companies producers to record a crossover sound like "Ride The Mighty High" recorded by The Mighty Clouds of Joy or Rance Allen's "Ain't No Need of Cryin," records sales began to increase and the breaks began to happen. Also included among crossover gospel artists were The Staple Singers who paved their musical careers to television, appearing on Dick Clark's American Bandstand. Once again a wide audience had now been exposed to a different group of people. As years progressed new gospel artists were hitting the music scene and new dimensions were developing all the way to the early 80's when The Clark Sisters made a left-field hit with the inspirational dance song "You Brought The Sunshine." Therefore a connection had been established between the dance audience and inspirational songs which certainly has brightened gospel artists, from a lucrative standpoint. Although some people feel that these artists are selling out, they have learned to face facts, that people will criticize you when you do something that they are not accustomed to. And besides "you can't please all the people, all of the time."

With that thought in mind last year one of the hottest album that swept the countryside "I Want To Know What Love Is" recorded by The New Jersey Mass Choir. Each selection recorded signaled a message in inspirational lyrics which reached thousands of listeners breaking music barriers among people. Of course there shouldn't be a music barrier especially among black people. What's suitable for gospel formats shouldn't be separate for any other format providing the message can loudly be heard without verbal distortion. Or relaying message for public awareness like the situation for hunger in Ethiopia through the tune "We Are The World" or the rebellion against apartheid in South Africa through the Winan's "Let My People Go." They do not feel that they are selling out but reaching out to all people, crossing over but not crossing out.

Special Thought - "Learn to lean on the one who won't let you fall."

FIRST MARANTHA CHURCH OF BALTIMORE

Walter Arties, world renowned vocalist/producer will be in concert at the Woodlawn Senior High School, 1901 Woodlawn Drive, on Saturday, February 1, at 6 p.m. Special Guests will be Brothers' of Washington, D.C. This concert is for the benefit of the Building Fund of First Marantha Church of Baltimore. Also appearing will be the Corneilius Thomas Chorale and Bettye Brock of Baltimore. This is a free concert, all are invited to attend.

Union Baptist Church
1219 Druid Hill Ave.
The Coffee House Ministry
SPONSORS AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG
"Accord To The Book Of Common Prayer"
FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
The Conversion Of St. Paul The Apostle
7:00 p.m. Sat., Jan. 25, 1986
Preacher, The Very Rev. Constatine M. Monios, Dean
Greek Orthodox Cathedral Of The Music:
Choir of Men & Boys
Old St. Paul's Church —
Rodney Hansen, Organist-Choir Master
Reception Following —
The Rev. Dr. Vernon N. Dobson, Minister
Dr. Lorenzo C. Handy, Director

REUNION
City Wide Young People's Forum
If you or your family were members of The Forum, (1931-1940), the usher board or forum choir, or if you attended the Forum Friday night meetings at the Sharp Street Methodist Church or Bethel A.M.E. Church, please call Juanita Jackson Mitchell or write, 523-5063 or 523-6275, 1324 Druid Hill Ave. Join us in planning a spring reunion of the Forum. If you have any AFRO clippings, pictures, Forum programs or stories of your family attendance, please contact ME.

THE DEACONS CONFERENCE OF BALTIMORE AND VICINITY ANNOUNCES ITS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S 1986
REVIVAL
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
JANUARY 26-31, 7:30 P.M.
PLACE
NEW SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
Fremont Avenue and Lanvale Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21217

DR. HAROLD A. CARTER

"Everyone welcome to share this New Year Spiritual Pilgrimage in the Word of God!"
Deacon J. Martin Capehart, Pres.
Deacon Sidney Johnson, President Emeritus

—Area Obituaries—

Mrs. Myrtle G. Lyles

Services were recently held for Mrs. Myrtle Genevieve Lyles, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel (Ada) Tynes of Calvert County.

She attended public school in Calvert County and completed high school at Frederick Douglass High.

On April 22, 1934, she married the late Samuel E. Lyles

After her marriage she attended various schools and workshops: Apex College of Beauty Culture, Workshop in Political Education, and the Neighborhood School for Parents. She was also a worker with the old Fourth District Democratic Organization.

She will be remembered for her kindness, particularly to Morgan State students who need a home away from home.

She was a member of the Maxola Pinochle Club.

She died Jan. 11 after a brief illness.

She is survived by two sisters -in-law, Mrs. Ianthia M. Lyles of Clarkesville, MD. and Mrs. Sadie Crawford of San Diego, CA; five nephews; five nieces; and great nieces and nephews as well as other relatives and friends.

She is buried at Baltimore National Cemetery.

Mrs. Rwayter Sheppard

Funeral services were recently held for Mrs. Rwayter Sheppard of Shullerville, SC.

She attended public schools in Shullerville and was a member of Wesley A.M.E. Church there.

In 1928 she moved to Baltimore and joined Fountain Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board for over 20 years.

In 1946 she married the late Elisha Sheppard.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John (Mary) Small, she died on Jan. 6.

She is survived by her two sisters, Mrs. Esther Small and Mrs. Fannie Mae Small; three brothers, Alexander Davis, Melvin and John Small; four sons, Shawndell Powell, Allen Timmerman, Alonzo Reese and Gregory Vincent Nealy; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Stevenson, Mrs. Mary Lee Covington, Ms. Patricia Hammons; and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ora E. Brooks

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Mary) Robinson, Mrs. Ora Estelle Brooks died Jan. 13.

She was born on Aug. 24 in Mathews County, VA, and attended public schools there. She was an active member of Ebenezer Church. On October 4, 1930, she married Benjamin Franklin Brooks.

In 1959, Mrs. Brooks joined the Berea Lutheran Church. where she served as a Sunday School teacher and as a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

She is survived by her three daughters, Ms. Bernetta V. Mitchell, Ms. Myrtle B. Stanley and Ms. Ruth B. Young; six grandchildren; great - grandchildren; sons - in - law; granddaughters - in - law; grandsons - in - law; sisters - in - law; and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Oralee Beasley

Mrs. Oralee Beasley, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Ophelia) Johnson, dead at 59.

She was born in Darlington County, SC, in 1927 and received her education in Timmonsville, SC. Having moved to Baltimore, she joined the Pentecostal Holiness Church in 1967, where she became a minister and missionary for the Lord.

In 1963 she married Henry Beasley.

She died Jan. 5 at Maryland General Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She is survived by four stepdaughters, two brothers-in-law, five sisters-in-law, one uncle, one aunt, and other relatives and friends.

She is buried at Eastview Memorial Park.

Clifford L. Mayo

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lee (Dietra) Mayo, Clifford Lee Mayo, Jr. was born on Oct. 29, 1961, in Baltimore, Md.

A graduate of Carver Vocational High School, he worked as a cashier at a Seven Eleven convient store.

He died on Jan. 1 at age 25.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Lisa Delthea Mayo; a brother, Eric Termel Mayo; grandmothers, Mrs. Naomie Powell and Mrs. Annie Powell; grandfathers, Harry Powell and Jenkins Davis; a great grandmother, Mrs. Henry Terry; cousins, other relatives and friends.

He is buried at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dorothy E. Hill

Services were recently held for Mrs. Dorothy E. Hill of Atlantic City, NJ.

She was born, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Florence) English, on September 5, 1915. Upon completing high school, she attended Chaney State College and later the Community College of Baltimore, where she received her license of Practical Nursing. She earned her R.N. from Coppin State College.

She died on Jan. 6.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Wallace Hill; four sons, Hector Bradford Quamina, Stanley Quamina, Charles Warren Quamina, and Kinzie Alexander Quamina; two daughters-in-law, Jacqueline and Sharon; seven grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

She is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Crawford

Mrs. Elizabeth Betsy Crawford was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Sarah) Braxton.

She received her education in the Baltimore Public Schools, whereafter, at age 18, she moved to New York City. In New York she met and married the late Bruce Crawford. She remained in New York for most of her life and until the death of her husband.

Her funeral services were held at the March Funeral Home-West, on Jan. 10.

She died on Jan. 6 and is buried at Arbutus Memorial Park.

She is survived by her two sisters, Mrs. Atha Spence of Baltimore, MD and Mrs. Rosie McIver of Jamaica, NY; and other relatives and friends.

Nathaniel White, Jr.

Funeral services were recently held for Nathaniel White, Jr., born on August 17, 1945. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel (Elizabeth) White, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Roslyn Marie White; his mother, Elizabeth Howell; one sister, Mary Howell; six children, Marie, Rebecca, Gregory, Lisa, Jenni and Nathaniel, III; two grandchildren, nephews, nieces, aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.

He is buried at Baltimore Cemetery.

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319 N. Schroeder Street
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Pastor TYRONE B. GRIFFIN, Founder
(301) 523-9883
Sunday, Jan. 26, 1986
9:30 A.M. ..... Fellowship At School
11:00 A.M. ..... Fellowship At Worship
Preaching by the Pastor
3:30 P.M. ..... Word of Life Anniversary
Rev. Cleveland Mason, Preaching
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. ..... Bible Class
Thursday, 7:00 P.M. ..... Prayer Meeting
Sunday, Feb. 2
5:00 P.M. ..... The Singing Deacons will be in a Musical Service
The general public is invited
"A CHURCH OF LOVE AND FAITH"

Green's Baptist Temple
3600 Rogers Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21207

Green's Baptist Temple will have its First service at their new church home, Sunday, January 26, 1986 at 11:00 a.m. A motorcade will form and leave the old home site at 3303 Ridgewood St. at 10:30 a.m. Pastors and ministers of various denominations will participate.

Dr. Green will be preaching the 11:00 a.m. service. Good singing by the church choir. At 7 p.m. service Pastor Richard W. Phillips, with his congregation, the Faith Christian Center, will be our special guest. Hear this man. He's one of God's great prophets.

All old members of the church are requested to be present. Friends and the public are invited to attend all of our services.

Dr. J. Webster Green, Founder, Pastor

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. BALTIMORE STREET BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21223
ELDER C. GREEN, Pastor
"Take eat, this is My body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Me."
I Corinthians 11:24
Sunday, January 26, 1986
9:00 A.M. — Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. — Live Radio Broadcast
WYST 10:10 A.M. dial
11:00 A.M. — Divine Morning Worship Service
A Salute to the Memory of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
1929-1968
Elder C. Green, preaching
4:00 P.M. — The First Holy Communion Service of the year.
Come and partake of the Lord's Supper.
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DOUGLAS MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Lafayette and Madison Aves.
"The People of the Way"
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music
Juanita Hall Davis Organist

Sunday, January 26, 1986
8:00 and 11:00 Services
Officiating Minister: Dr. Marion C. Bascom

MUSIC:
8:00 A.M.
Welch Choral—Reese-Jones
Every Time I feel the Spirit —Arr. William Dawson
11:00 A.M.
Heavenly Light —Arr. P. Wilhousky
I've Been Buked —Arr. Hall Johnson

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

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Lafayette and Arlington Avenues
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The Rev. Donald O. Wilson, D.D., L.H.D., Rector
The Rev. Robert T. Ford, ED. D., Deacon
Mr. Maurice Murphy, MUS. D., Choirmaster-Organist
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1985
8:00 A.M. ..... Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. ..... Family Service — Church School
11:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OBSERVE
ANNUAL MEN'S DAY
AT
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
"THE PRAYING CHURCH"
BOND STREET AND ASHLAND AVENUE
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21205
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986
ORDER OF SERVICE
8:00 A.M. THE CHURCH IN REVERENCE
Early Morning Worship
Preaching: Rev. Junior Chambers
Assistant Pastor of Faith Baptist Church
9:15 A.M. THE CHURCH IN STUDY
CHURCH SCHOOL — Member Orientation Class
10:30 A.M. THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
Worship — Morning Message: Dr. Walter E. Paige, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church
3:00 P.M. WORSHIP featuring the Men's Day Chorus in Concert
5:00 P.M. THE CHURCH IN SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP
Social Hour in the Multipurpose Room of the Center
6:00 P.M. THE CHURCH IN TRAINING
BAPTIST TRAINING UNION
Theme for the day
"Christian Men Taking a Firm Stand for Christ"
"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."
Brother Francis P. Dennis, President
DR. WALTER E. PAIGE, MINISTER

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH OF CHRIST
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METROPOLITAN SPIRITUAL CHURCHES OF CHRIST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986
10:50 a.m. ..... Morning Worship
Dr. Kearse, Preaching
8:00 p.m. ..... Evening Worship
10:05 p.m.-11 p.m. ..... Broadcast Service over WITH, 123AM
"ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THEM THAT BELIEVE"

Providence Baptist Church
Welcomes
Dr. Proctor
Pastor of Harlem's Renowned
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to its pulpit on
Sunday, February 2, 1986 at 11:00 a.m.
in celebration of the 5th Anniversary of Worship in the New Facility
Services
7:45 A.M. Rev. Marcus G. Wood, Preaching
11:00 A.M. Rev. Samuel Proctor, Preaching
"Looking Toward Tomorrow"
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue. Rev. Marcus G. Wood
Baltimore, MD Pastor

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette STreet
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 1986
8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL — Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR — Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. - Epsilon Omega Chapter
TOPIC: "Human Sexuality: Getting the Message to Our Children"
PRESENTERS: Mrs. Charlene McCargo & Mrs. Marie Long
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "I Hae Set Watchmen Upon Thy Walls" ..... Kirkpatrick
THE SPIRITUAL: "Cert'n'y Lord" ..... Hall Johnson
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director of Music
PREACHING: "Greater Works We Must Do" ..... Pastor Ray
3:30 p.m. ..... The Senior Ushers Annual Anniversary
Wednesday, January 29, 7 p.m. ..... Martha W. Preston Bible Class
Revelation 17th Chapter
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

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