



Bless the Lord!

Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord! Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, all that is within me, All that is within me bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, Who healeth all, Who healeth all, Who healeth all thy diseases.

Who healeth all, Who healeth all, Who healeth all thy diseases.

Who crowneth thee with loving kindness, Who crowneth thee with loving kindness,

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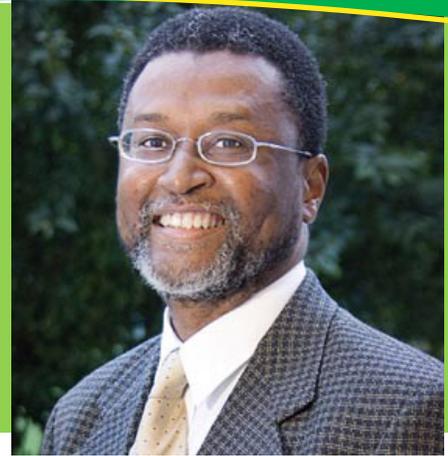
Bishop Charles Price Jones

“Let Floods of Glory Roll: Pondering the Psalmody of Bishop Charles Price Jones”

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Psalmody caught the musical attention of Bishop Charles Price Jones, lodging him in the distinguished league of a small cadre of African American hymnists who have set the Psalms to music. Setting nearly forty Psalms to music, he fashioned some as hymns; others his lyrics are drawn almost exactly from the wording of the psalm in language of the King James Version of the Bible. He consistently stayed in tune with the theology of each psalm that he employed. Bishop Jones believed that the freshness of the Holiness renewal movement warranted fresh music to worship Christ and shape the spiritual life of holiness people within various Christian traditions, ranging from Methodist and Holiness to Baptist to non-denominational. Bishop Jones broadened the psalmody of his era, inviting the congregations who sang his psalm-based and psalm-shaped hymns to join the chorus of people of God who sang unto God these psalms which had been sung for more than two millennia.

As the Scriptures encouraged the first Christians to worship God through the singing of psalms as well as hymns and spiritual songs, Bishop Jones embraced the challenge of the Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Colossians by setting Psalms to music so that Christian congregations, at the dawn of the twentieth century, could worship God with a fuller repertoire of sacred music. Select psalms captivated Bishop Jones with their call to enter worship with gratitude, make joyful noise, and linger prayerfully within the divine presence. He heeded the invitation of the Apostle Paul: “With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”

Dr. James Abbington, a music professor at Emory University, edits and published a psalmody collection entitled: *Charles Price Jones: Seven Psalm-Based Hymns*. His repertoire includes psalm-based and psalm-shaped hymns that Bishop Jones had set to music. These

psalms range from Psalms 6, 27, 63, 91, 93 to 143. Among the titles of these psalm based-hymns are: “Lord, Rebuke Thy Servant Not,” “My Soul, O Lord, Doth Thirst,” “Abiding in the Secret Place,” and “Holiness Thy House Becomes.” Dr. Abbington selects seven out of nearly forty psalm-based and psalm-shaped hymns “composed” by Bishop Jones. Dr. John Witvliet, a professor of Christian Worship at Calvin College, joins Dr. Abbington in crediting Bishop Jones with producing “several metrical Psalms.” These psalm-based and psalm-shaped hymns combined psalms of praise and psalms of lament.

While the vast majority of the psalm-based and psalm-shaped hymns of Bishop Jones drew from psalms of praise, a few of the hymns were tied to psalms of laments. Dr. Claus Westermann, a famous Bible scholar associated with the University of Heidelberg in Germany, classified psalms as psalms of praise and psalms of laments. Psalms of praise sang songs of thanksgiving to God, directing joy-filled expressions to God while psalms of lament, according to Westermann, cried out to God in pain, pouring out sorrow before God.

Among the few psalm-shaped hymns of laments composed by Bishop Jones is “Lord, Rebuke Thy Servant Not” which echoed Psalm 6; the title is lifted from Psalm 6:1a. In the hymn, he has the congregation cry out to God in prayer that they not be rebuked; God’s wrath is unbearable; they do not want to be left in distress and God’s wrath be turned away from them. Following the pouring out of sorrow, the congregation confesses their individual shortcomings and prays for “grace to sin no more.” Since laments often conclude with divine affirmations, Bishop Jones has the congregation proclaim the return of divine favor, the bind

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Today, I'm Thankful

Submitted by Sister Janie Johnson

I'm thankful; I have much for which to be thankful. But, at this season, I want to express thankfulness for something I have overlooked and taken for granted.

For some time, I've been unhappy because the MS laws denied me a piece of my public education; the first 12 years of my schooling. But, the MS laws did NOT deny me of the **village** piece of my education.

For this, I am thankful!

I did not realize how deficient my public education was until I took the entrance exam to Harris Teachers College in St. Louis, MO. My piece of education was no match for the kind of information needed to enter college. Nevertheless, by the grace of God, I was allowed to enter college on probation.

I am still amazed.

My college experience was a tough struggle from start to finish. It kept me up late at night and up early every morning. I look back and wonder how I made it with odds against me. My academic piece was down. I was a long ways from home, (519 miles) and this college had just desegregated that year. I was afraid; yes, so afraid. But, regardless of the challenges, I knew I could NOT flunk out. I could NOT let my family down, neither let my **village** down. I had to graduate. (I've graduated twice since 12th grade.)

I say, thank you, Lord!

I didn't realize the value of the **village** piece of my education. I think that it was the **village** piece that kept me encouraged and kept me going. The villagers did their best for me and with me. They gave me what they had and told me to go ahead, "You can make it." They taught me how to pray and how to believe God for the possible and the impossible.

Today, I am thankful!

Before I left the **house**, I knew I was a girl by biological design, not by the choice of my mind. I knew the difference in the behavior of a single girl and that of a married girl. Boyfriends were boyfriends and **not** husbands. Therefore, as singles we were **not** to do that which makes babies. I believed....

Before I left the **village**, I knew that if I wanted to be trusted, first I needed to be trustworthy. I was NOT to get and gain by means of stealing, cheating and lying. I was to give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. I learned how to cook, wash, iron, sew, type, close my mouth and listen. I learned by precepts and example how to ignore racial slurs, to be offended by **nothing** said, avoid and shun bullying and fighting. Don't allow myself to feel uncomfortable by other folks' choice of

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Practical Ways to Reach our Growth Goal for 2015

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The leadership of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA has challenged the entire denomination with a very attainable growth goal of 1500 new members for this convention year. The desired outcome is that we will have a membership of 15,000 as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Bishop Charles Price Jones. In this article, I would like to share a few practical ways to accomplish this goal. I share these ideas with the prayer that you will hear God revealing His thoughts to you for your local context. I would much rather you discover one “God idea” than a thousand “good ideas”.

We cannot assume that every church really wants to grow. As strange as it may seem, there are some churches not interested in church growth. They are content to call themselves the “faithful few”, as if you have to be few to be faithful. They would argue that they are more concerned with quality than quantity, as if you cannot have both. I am the fifth of seven children in my family. I am so glad that my parents did not just focus on quality after number four.

Some think that it is unbiblical to emphasize numbers. My dear friend, numbers were important to Jesus. So much so, that he told of a shepherd who counted his sheep and noticed one missing. He left the 99 to find that one sheep that was lost. Lost sheep matter to God! As long as there are lost people in our community, our neighborhood, our house, we must be concerned about numbers. Every number represents a precious soul. The shepherd in our Lord’s story could have very well focused his attention on making the 99 a “quality” flock, but number 100 represented a lost sheep that needed to be found. Number 100 has a name. Call him John or Jimmy; he is your co-worker and my nephew. She is your neighbor and friend. Numbers are important because they represent people that matter to God.

The starting place for growth is prayer. I say without hesitation or reservation that prayer is key to reaching the unchurched. You will rarely hear of an effective church that does not have a strong emphasis on prayer.

Evangelizing the unchurched is spiritual warfare. Satan and his demonic horde will do anything they can to hinder someone from becoming a believer. Only prayer can effectively break the bonds of complacency, tradition, and nitpicking that keep a church's focus off evangelism.

Much of the praying that takes place in our churches on prayer meeting night can be called an organ recital. We are praying about hearts, livers, kidneys and the like. We are talking to God about Aunt Sadie’s high blood pressure, Sister Jones’ kidney fail-

ure and Cousin Ben’s vision. Could it be that we spend more time praying saved folk out of heaven (prayers for healing), than praying lost folk out of hell (prayers for salvation)?

1Timothy 2:1-4 says, “I exhort therefore, that, **first of all**, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.” The priority of prayer is very clear.

When we pray, we must also be willing to be a part of the answer to the prayer. In Matthew chapter 9, Jesus looks at the multitude and is moved with compassion because he saw the people scattered as sheep without a shepherd. Jesus requested that the disciples would pray that the Lord of the harvest would send laborers into the harvest. Just a few verses later in Matthew chapter 10, it is this very same group who are being sent into the harvest. It seems very clear that the same ones who were praying for laborers were willing to be a part of the answer to their prayer.

Our emphasis on Praying, Caring, and Sharing is not something that we relegate to the month of September. Praying, Caring, and Sharing is a lifestyle that we practice daily. It is not something that we do in a day, but daily. It not something we do in a certain month, but we do moment by moment. I’ve kept a list of people for whom I’m praying for a number of years now. I praise God that I have seen some, not all, come to know, love, and serve the Christ who has made all the difference in my life.

Invite, invite, invite. You can’t expect your church to grow, if you don’t have new people showing up for your services. You must have visitors/guest. Here are some interesting insights into why people choose to attend church. The number one reason that visitors come to church is because someone invited them. Research shows that:

- 2% come because of Advertisement
- 6% come because of a Pastoral Invitation
- 6% come because of an organized evangelism campaign
- 86% come because of friends or relatives

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ing of wounds, healing, freeing the body of pain, and restoring of "health and peace." In the crescendo of this psalm-shaped hymn, he has the congregation give voice to soul shouting "let the floods of glory roll" and being flooded by glory, Bishop Jones, then, has the congregation testify: "Hallelujah! I am free," a testimony given "by faith, by faith" in Christ.

Among the psalms of praise that Bishop Jones sets to music is Psalm 103. In *Jesus Only, Songs and Hymns* which was published in 1901 in Jackson, Mississippi, Bishop Jones includes his arrangement of Psalm 103. He specifically sets Psalm 103.1-3 and 4b to music with [verse] 1a as the refrain. He interprets the Psalm 103 Christologically, hearing the psalms as a praise sung to Jesus Christ as the Lord spoken about in the psalm. According to a sacred music scholar and professor emerita of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Dr. Melva Costen, many of Bishop Jones's songs were Christocentric. Bishop Jones has the congregation sing in this hymn a triple saying of "Bless the Lord" by voices with higher registers and echoed twice by the voices with lower registers; he, then, has all voices join in singing "Bless the Lord" with the third exclamation of blessing. Midway through the hymn verse 3b is sung: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." With its accent on forgiveness and healing, Bishop Jones focused the congregation's singing on the Lord mentioned in psalm as Jesus Christ, the one who, therefore, is the forgiver of iniquities and the healer of diseases, the one who crowns the believers with loving kindness. For Bishop Jones, forgiveness flowed out of Christ's divine love. In a sense, forgiveness and healing symbolized the centrality of the atonement for him, Christ giving up in his life for humanity.

The Psalms attracted the musical gifts of Bishop Charles Price Jones with their vulnerability to human sorrow, exuberance of praise, and brilliant gazing at God's glory. He stretched the repertoire of psalmody with his love for Christ, hunger for holiness, and gratitude for grace. An amazing servant of God, Bishop Jones surrendered to the lure of the psalms, being swept up into its worship of God.

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words or behavior. And, I was to remember the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you.

My daddy, Herb Dr. Seth Ballard's signature statement was "Do right and go straight."

Today, the academic and technological pieces are up and available in public schools. But, the **village** piece, the people part is down. For **different** reasons of course, that piece of education is hindered by written and/or unwritten laws. My questions: are the boys and girls being ill-prepared, too? Will life be a long struggle for them because they don't know how to be kind and forgiving? Do they know where they can go and to whom to turn when they feel a need to pray or a desire to give thanks?

Today, I give thanks for some answers in the **village**.

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Never underestimate the power of an invitation. Some people don't invite people "because they might not come." When people tell me this, I always ask, "If you invite them, what is the worst thing that could happen?" They generally respond, "They might not come." Then I reply, "If they are not coming anyway, how have you lost anything? After all, they just might come." In fact, it is exciting to know that if you invite them, they will come. Not all will come. Not all will come right away, but if you invite them, some will come.

Tom Ranier says that only 2% of church members are inviting unchurched people to church. That statistic is alarming to me. Just a little improvement in this area could produce dramatic results. This doesn't cost anything other than a little intentionality and a little effort.

Take advantage of the calendar and make the most of Easter, Christmas, Palm Sunday, etc. Back to Church Sunday has been the high attendance day at Sweet Rest Church for the last five years because there is a concerted effort to invite friends, neighbors, relatives and associates to take another look at the church.

Loving unbelievers the way Jesus did may be the most overlooked key to growing a church. Without his passion for the lost, we will be unwilling to make the sacrifices necessary to reach them. The command to love is the most repeated command in the New Testament, appearing at least 55 times. If we don't love people, nothing else matters. Of course, every congregation thinks their church is loving. That's because the people who think it is unloving aren't there! Most of us love the people who make us feel comfortable. Love is more than a feeling; it is a behavior. It means being sensitive to someone else's needs and putting them ahead of our own.

Love is best seen by how we serve others. Good deeds will create good will and present good opportunities to share the Good News.

People outside of the church want to know that they are loved and that there is hope. You will grow if you create an atmosphere of love and acceptance. You will grow when you offer hope, help, and healing to hearts and homes that are hurting. As John Maxwell says, smile and your church will grow.

In summary, you don't have to purchase anything in order to begin to **pray** for unsaved and unchurched people. When you raise the importance and priority of prayer, you will re-discover the power of prayer to reach the unsaved. Remember, somebody prayed for you.

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Taking the Gospel to Muslims

Short Summary of an Approach to Share Christ To Muslims

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Romans 1:16

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MUSLIMS? This was a question that many Christians are not as familiar with as we should be. So much has been happening recently among many terrorists groups which has roots in this religion. The dedication of many Christians pales in comparison to the commitment level of persons within these religious organizations. This question concerned me a few years ago as I anticipated a trip to Africa. I thought it best that I prepare myself and a few of the members who traveled there in the same year in case we needed to share Christ with those who are of this religion. It turned out that I met more professing and dedicated Christians there than I did Muslims. Each of us should be much more ready to give an answer to the hope that lies within us. We should know the WORD of God so that we are prepared to present the gospel clearly to all who are in the WORLD of God.

Have you ever heard of the 10/40 Window? The 10/40 Window is an area of the world that contains the largest population of non-Christians in the world. It is home to the majority of the world's unevangelized countries. Geographically, it's an area which extends from 10 degrees to 40 degrees North of the equator, and stretches from North Africa across to China. In general the "un-evangelized" are people in this region have a minimal knowledge of the gospel, and have no valid opportunity to respond to it. While it constitutes only one-third of earth's total land area, nearly two-thirds of the world's people reside in the 10/40 Window.

WHAT DO MUSLIMS REALLY BELIEVE?

Islam Is the Original Religion. Muslims believe that Islam (meaning submission to Allah) is the original religion since the creation of Adam, the first prophet. Jesus is also a “great prophet,” not God the Son. Muhammad is the Final Prophet. Man habitually strayed away from the way of Allah revealed through the prophets until about AD 610 when Allah sent the last prophet, Muhammad, to Arabia who united the Arab tribes and turned them from idolatry to Islam.

WHO IS GOD?

Allah Is One. Islam is rooted in the commitment to the belief in one God.

Allah Cannot Be Compared. Allah is transcendent and cannot be compared to humans or any other created thing. Therefore he is never described in human family terms; i.e., “father” or “son.” In Quran he reveals his will for mankind to obey, not as a person for man to relate to and know.

Christianity's Trinity is problematic to them because in their eyes: $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$; when Christianity's view of God is just the opposite: $1 \times 1 \times 1 = 1$.

WHAT DO MUSLIMS BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?

The Quran is the only trustworthy Scripture. Many prophets before Muhammad were given Allah's Word: Moses (Torah), David (Psalms), Jesus (Gospel) and all of these were corrupted, BUT God sent Muhammad who was given the Quran to correct what was corrupted.

How Was Quran Received? Allah sent the angel Gabriel to Muhammad in Mecca, Saudi Arabia in AD 610. Over 22 years Gabriel revealed chapters to him with the command to recite it to others. Shortly after Muhammad's death in 632 his followers compiled his sayings and wrote them in the Quran.

- It is considered divine in its Arabic form, which they memorize and recite only in this pure language.

Is this Religion Growing Fast in the U.S. and abroad?

According to a recently released study, Muslims will be more than one-quarter of the Earth's population by 2030. The number of U.S. Muslims will more than double, so you are as likely to know a Muslim here in 20 years as you are to know someone Jewish or Christian today. Studies say their growth trend will go from 2.6 million to 6.2 million in the next 20 years.

WHAT IS THEIR SALVATION / PARADISE?

In terms of their reward or penalty the Quran says, “Those who reject Allah, will face terrible penalty, but those who believe and work righteous deeds will receive forgiveness and a great reward (a garden paradise and an eternal place of sensual and spiritual pleasures).

There is no Savior, so “salvation” is impossible. All men should fear judgment day as each person's deeds will be weighed on a scale; “recording angels” keep a list of every deed (good and bad); all will be judged based on the “Pillars of Islam” which include *Confessing the Faith, Giving of Alms, Prayer, Pilgrimage to Mecca, and Fasting* – these were the practices of Muhammad

WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE IN SHARING THE GOSPEL TO THE MUSLIM?

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It is helpful to have invite cards, door hangers, or other resources but you can **invite** people to your church without any of these. You don't need to purchase anything in order to invite people to experience something special at the church that you attend.

Loving and accepting people are not things we get from a campaign kit purchased from LifeWay or OutReach. Love is the birthmark of the believer. This is how people know that we are his disciples. This is our Lord's great command.

It doesn't get any more practical or basic than this. If you **pray** for the lost and unchurched, **invite** them to church, and **love** them as Jesus does, your church will grow. It doesn't get any more basic than living a lifestyle of Praying, Caring ,and Sharing.

In Loving Memory

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Sharing the Gospel – God By Any Other Name

They say: "There is only one God, Allah, with no partners or parts – and Muhammad is his messenger."

We say: For purposes of explaining and applying the good news of Jesus Christ to our Muslim neighbors and friends Christians don't have to spend a lot of time attacking the Quran – but should help them understand why they should accept the Bible as revelation from God and therefore believe its message.

Portions of the Quran affirm the Bible as true revelation from God. But if they are consistent with their own teachings, they must accept the 5 books of Moses, the Psalms and Gospels as revelations from God!

Muslims cheerfully agree with Christians that there is only One God and He is Sovereign, Omniscient, Omnipotent, Merciful, Just, Holy, Righteous...

This gives two implications...

- Muslim and Christians stand in the same relationship to God as Creator to creature
- Man will have to give an account to God for our lives on earth because He will judge all unrighteousness and punish the wicked.

SO – How will anyone be reconciled to God and enter His presence?

The Person of God cannot be divorced from the work of salvation which was fulfilled **only in Jesus**

Throughout the Bible- calling on the Name of the Lord is synonymous with receiving salvation.

Abraham – Genesis 12:8, 13:4; 21:33

The Psalmist - Psalm 116:3-4, 13

The Prophets - Joel 2:31-32; Zechariah 13:8-10

The Apostles – Acts 4:10-12 Peter's message after healing crippled man – "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other NAME under heaven, given among men by which you MUST be saved."

The Doctrine – Romans 10:13 – "Everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved."

They say: To "call on the name" does not narrowly mean Jesus Christ.

We say: As the Great Commission states:

- "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the NAME of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit":

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My Musical Journey That Runs Through the Past

I never cease to be amazed at how God brings a plan together. This strategy of God spans decades and culminates in a concert of the music of Charles Price Jones at Indiana Wesleyan University, the institution where I teach church music.

The backstory includes my experiences in a rural Alabama church where we sang from the *Church Hymnal*, a collection of convention songs, gospel songs, and hymns. I remember many songs that impacted me including “Come unto Me,” “Deeper, Deeper in the Love of Jesus,” and “I Would Not Be Denied.” These songs impressed me as a new believer. The composer was unknown to me but was surely a gifted and godly person.

Let us fast forward 33 years through my time as a minister of music and as a professor of church music at Indiana Wesleyan University to January 2014 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. While attending the Symposium on Worship at Calvin College, I was confronted with the beautiful music of this allusive composer. Who was Charles Price Jones and what was his story? As Dr. Lester Ruth and Bishop Dale Cudjoe shared about the ministry of C.P. Jones in Jackson, Mississippi, I had a “moment.” You know those moments when God steps in and reveals a mystery to you. As I connected the music of C.P Jones with the songs from my childhood and with his story, it was as though God was speaking to me, “Michael, take these songs to your students. Let them learn of the life of my faithful servant, Charles Price Jones, and allow the melodies and messages that affected you as a youth to penetrate their hearts and bring new life.”

As I explored this possibility, I contacted Bishop Dale Cudjoe. In our conversation, I mentioned my desire to share the music of C. P. Jones with my students, many of whom are preparing for ministry in the church. The Bishop graciously talked and offered resources. A few days later I received a package in the mail- a bulky package. Included in the parcel was a copy of His Fullness Songs, the stories of the hymns of C. P. Jones and a CD. As an avid collector of hymns, I was thrilled. I started to sing the songs, sight-reading many of them and delighting in the “new” expressions (to me). I began to read of the stories and circumstances leading to the composition of the songs and was, again, amazed at the grace of God and of the creativity He gives to his children.

I sang through the monumental song, “Jesus Only,” and found myself instantly bombarded with creative thoughts as instruments and vocals filled my mind. So I set aside some time to work on the choral arrangements with a journal book, a pencil, and a piano. I went from song to song and wrote down lyrics with chords and rhythmic notation. There was a flow in the Spirit as I played and

worshipped. The styles in my arrangements varied from upbeat gospel to ballad to contemporary. Through the process, my love for the music and “heart” of C. P. Jones was growing more and more. After some Finale notation work, I introduced the songs to my chorus, the University Singers. Almost immediately, they were singing the harmonies and melodies as if they had known them for years. Their joy and enthusiasm was evident.

So on November 11, the University Singers of Indiana Wesleyan University presented a worship concert on the songs of Charles Price Jones. This concert was the culmination of a semester long process of focus on the life and ministry of C. P. Jones. Connections between the struggle for faith and living holy resonated with the students as we read through the lyrics and searched the scriptures and prayed. I emphasized the invitation of Jesus from Matthew 11:28 and then taught the refrain to “Come Unto Me.” The infusion of joy in coming to Jesus was a novel concept to many who have been weighed down with condemnation in church. The optimism and hope of the music pervaded the room.

We also read the words of Jones as he explained the stories behind the hymns. Jones’ struggle with depression resulting in the song “Deeper, Deeper” made a huge impact on many of the Singers. I could visibly see students being impacted by the words. I prayed the words and had the students to sing the refrain as a prayer to the Lord. Those were holy moments.

We continued to work on these songs for our worship concert for the next two months: “Jesus Only,” “I’m Happy with Jesus Alone,” “Come Unto Me,” “I Would Not be Denied,” “How Great the Mercy,” “Where Will I Be,” “I Will Make the Darkness Light,” “Jesus My All in All” and “Deeper, Deeper.” We had soloists to sing many of the verses and the chorus to sing the refrain.

We memorized music and lyrics so we could be free to worship with our whole bodies. I gathered a band to play the music – piano, Hammond organ, bass, drums and saxophone. I arranged the music and worked to retain the character of the song and the contour of the melody and found a new perspective to each song. The band worked so diligently, and I shared many of the stories with them. Our final rehearsals were very good and we sensed something great happening.

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The NAME is singular! The NAME of God most fully is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

WHY TRINITY?

- God the Father – chose us in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight (Ephesians 1:4-6).
- God the Son – provides us redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7).
- God the Holy Spirit – produces in the sinner the marvelous work of the new birth, and seals the believer with his inheritance (Ephesians 1:14).

SUMMARY

- The Christian’s view of the Trinity is essential to any notion of salvation from sin and judgment. We accept the Trinity ultimately because God reveals Himself to us in the Bible as one God in three Persons.
- Since Islam is a revealed religion that affirms the Torah (Moses writings), the Psalms (David’s writings) and the Gospels, intellectually honest Muslims must also accept the revelation of God’s triune nature.
- We cannot know God except He has revealed himself to us in His Word. Be confident that He is who He says He is!

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The concert was amazing. God’s presence was evident as the congregation responded and joined in on each song (via PowerPoint). The clapping, singing, and the joy of the Lord was overwhelming. The concert was truly a taste of heaven as those from many backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities were represented.

May these words be ever on our lips in our lifetime on earth and beyond:

I’m happy with Jesus a-lone!
I’m happy with Jesus alone!
Tho’ poor and deserted, thank God I can say,
I’m happy with Jesus a- lone!

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THE MAN, THE MOVEMENT, THE MUSIC CELEBRATING THE MUSIC AND WRITINGS OF BISHOP CHARLES PRICE JONES

Sunday, December 7, 2014, the South Central Diocese celebrated the 149th anniversary of the birth of our founder, Bishop Charles P. Jones, under the leadership of Bishop Joseph Campbell. Our theme was “The Man, The Movement, The Music.” Bishop Campbell had a vision of making a CD/DVD with only Bishop Jones songs and with the help of Elder Christopher Taylor this vision came to fruition.

The South Central Diocese Choir was anointed and we sang to the glory of God, under the leadership of Elder Christopher Taylor and Director Taryn Johnson. God was truly in the house.

Dr. Anita Bingham Jefferson wrote the Congregational Litany, which was led by our own Elder Gervis Kendrick; Master Bertram Goodloe Jr, recited “*The Little Black Boy*” written by Bishop Jones; he gave a splendid oration of this poem. Dr. Janice K. Neal Vincent and Sister Michelle Williams rendered an oration of Bishop Jones’ writings; “*The Opportunities of Our Times*” and “*Be Kind and Polite*” respectively. These Ladies were outstanding! Sister Tessika McClendon, with her eloquent soprano voice, sang “*O Hide Me.*” Her performance

was magnificent!

Our musicians were Brother Adrian Finley (organ); Brother Jalen Taylor and Elder Brian Jefferson (trumpets); Minister Rafael Jackson, (drums); and Minister Calvin Bogan (saxophone).

We were graced with the presence of Bishop Ronnie Crudup, New Horizon International Church; Bishop Duncan Gray, Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi; Dr. Eric Pratt, Vice President of Christian Development of Mississippi College; and Dr. Jim Goode, Church Relations and Planned Giving Officer of Belhaven University.

We ended the celebration with ice cream and cake, coordinated by Sister Lynette Jackson.

Bishop Jones left a rich Legacy for us to be very proud of. Let us celebrate his vision and songs with the same quality and exhilaration of our worship.

*Submitted by
Sister Linda Campbell (SC)*

JESUS, STILL THE ONLY

Bishop Charles P. Jones was a real person in real time and place writing about a real God of time and space who transforms reality in the personality of humanity. His songs are an inevitable byproduct of the Holy Spirit's work in his life. In **History of My Songs** Bishop Jones stated, "Perhaps none has a more glorious history" than *Jesus Only*. In reflection he realized *It was the NAME OF JESUS for which the Apostles suffer shame (Acts 5:41). It was for My name's sake I said you should be hated of all men.... It was in the NAME OF JESUS that miracles were wrought.... It is the Name of Jesus alone that has salvation in it.... Christ must be all. Holiness belongs to God. Christ is the life. All else is failure. The Spirit came to show us Christ and the things of Christ. He can glory in or exalt no one else (John 15:12-15)....*

Bishop William A. Washington, D. D. has written, *the songs in "Jesus Only" and "His Fullness" carry the message of the movement (The Church of Christ Holiness).... These songs are in the truest sense Gospel Songs. For in them the fundamental doctrines of salvation are definitely set forth.* It is impossible to exhaust the plethora of Bishop Jones' songs; and break the boundaries of Jesus' birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, rapture and heavenly reunion of the redeemed.

Through his music one inescapable truth is what the Reformers called *the sufficiency of Christ. Jesus Christ is made to me, All I need. He alone, is all my plea. He is ... Wisdom, righteousness and power, holiness forevermore. (He is) My redemption full and sure.* Perhaps the most beloved of the songs written by Bishop Jones, as demonstrated in the variety of those who inside and outside of the Church of Christ (Holiness) USA sing, *I'm Happy with Jesus Alone.* It demonstrates the timeless unequalness of Jesus in the life of one who possessed only Jesus. First line, verse by verse — *There's nothing so precious as Jesus to me.... When sinful and doomed to a life of despair; When nothing but death for my ransom could pay; 'Twas Jesus who called me and showed me the way. Should father and mother forsake me below; I'm happy with Jesus alone.... Though poor and deserted, thank God, I can say, I'm happy with Jesus alone.* He alone can fill. He alone can satisfy. He never slumbers. He never sleeps. He never goes on strike or suffers the ills of the economy. Come what may, *Jesus only is my motto. Jesus only is my song. Jesus only is my heart thought. Jesus only all day long. None but Jesus, Savior, Captain. None but Jesus help me sing. Fill me ever with Thy presence. Jesus, Jesus, LORD and King.*

In this cacophonous world where trusting is arduous, and we are more likely to go it on our own, throwing up our hands, pondering the difference in our own private shame. Can ancient remedies be today's answer to questions yet to complete? Jesus, still,

is the only. Jesus is the only security. If one were to search Google, LexisNexis, Wikipedia one could find no better answer than the Ancient of Days. He who created the universe still molds the heart and mind of mankind. He who commands the stars in space knows my name, walks and talks with me. Jesus only shall command me. Jesus only (shall) guide my way. Only He to choose my changes. None but Jesus every day. None but Jesus, Savior, Captain. None but Jesus help me sing. Fill me ever with Thy presence. Jesus, Jesus, LORD and king.

*Elder Trevor B. Jefferson, M.ME, Slave of Christ
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Medically Speaking. . .

Did you brush your teeth today? Is it time for your bi-yearly cleaning? Have you been to the dentist? If you have not, shame on you!

Oral health is something that millions of Americans tend to ignore until it is too late. Ninety percent of oral care is preventative. Basic oral health includes brushing, flossing, getting regular check-ups, cleanings and eating an oral healthy diet. These few steps are important because of the hardest substance in the body; enamel. This is what our teeth are made of and it is harder than bone! We need to protect our teeth. It is meant to be white and enhance the amazing smile that God gave each one of us.

Basic dental care is very important because it prevents tooth decay and prevents gum disease which leads to loss of teeth and eventually the bones that support them. Providing a small amount of attention to your oral health does several things. First, it saves you money. The less work you have to have done by the dentist, the less money you have to pay. Second, it prevents bad breath. Brushing and flossing prevents the bacteria build up which is what causes bad breath. Last but not least, the twice a year cleanings and daily oral care help keep your teeth white and prevent staining from food and drinks. Brushing should be done at least twice a day and flossing once a day. Always use toothpaste with fluoride unless otherwise instructed by your dentist. For those of you, who are mouthwash users, consult your hygienist as to whether you need one with or without fluoride. Always look for the products that are approved from the American Dental Association.

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“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 22:6, King James Version of the Holy Bible

In the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Burnis Bass, it was GOD first and then MUSIC. Through the discipline of bible teachings, music and academic education, strict family structure values and “hard work” ethic, the Bass girls, Constance, Ruth, Rose Mary, Lois and Joyce, were reared in the very safe village of like-minded relatives and neighbors in the city of Los Angeles, CA.

Christ Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) USA was the foundation of our being. Its teachings were taught through daily home devotions, prayer, songs from “Jesus Only” and “His Fullness” hymnals and real life examples by our parents, church members and the community.

Before his death, Bishop Charles Price Jones would visit our home every Thursday morning, offering prayer and giving encouraging words of wisdom to our mother, Hazelle Catherine Parker Bass. An account of his visit was shared by mother at the dinner table.

Our father, Rev. James Bass, was the eldest of fourteen children. Our grandparents relocated from the south to Chowchilla, CA in the 1930’s and became the first African American Dairy Farmers in the San Joaquin Valley of California. After serving as associate minister at Christ Temple, Rev. Bass pastored First Church in Merced, CA and later Second Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) USA until his transition to be with the Lord in 1985.

Hazelle Catherine Parker Bass was the fourth of five daughters. Born in Pine Bluff, AR, she moved to Memphis, TN until moving to Los Angeles, CA at the age of fifteen. She loved music and taught each of her daughters to read music, as well as play the piano. Violin lessons were also provided for each daughter from a private instructor.

Growing up at Christ Temple in Los Angeles was where the Bass Girls honed their musical skills, participating in the choirs vocally, playing the violin, piano and/or organ.

Ruth, at the age of twelve, was the accompanist (piano and organ) of the Christ Temple Cathedral Choir under the direction of Dr. Garfield Tucker. She is the Minister of Music at Faith Congregational Church in Hartford, CT and is teaching the choir the Charles Price Jones Hymns. Ruth is the featured pianist in the CD: “Spirituals: Reflections and Meditation” produced by VISTA Records and the Bass Sisters Music.

She is the organist in the CD: “HYMNS – Bishop Charles P. Jones” produced on the same label. Dr. Ruth is the Founder and President of The Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the

Arts and President of Bass Sisters Music.

Lois began playing the piano at age three. She accompanied the Cathedral Choir in their rendition of Handel’s Messiah at the age of seven under the direction of Dr. Garfield Tucker. After his retirement, she served as pianist and director of the Cathedral Choir until 2001. She is a member of Christ Temple, pastor Bishop Emery Lindsay. Lois is the Director of Music of the Bass Family and Friends Chorale. She is the pianist in the CD: “HYMNS – Bishop Charles P. Jones” and serves as the Chief Financial Officer for Bass Sisters Music and The Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the Arts.

Rose Mary participated in the choirs at Christ Temple from an early age, singing and playing the violin. She has served as pianist for Second Temple Church and played for Bible Study at New Testament. Rose Mary is currently the pianist for Macedonia Church of Christ Holiness under the leadership of Pastor Rev. Frank Reed in Compton, CA. She is the Secretary of Bass Sisters Music and Project Manager and Board Director for the Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the Arts.

Joyce sang in all of the choirs and was often the soloist at Christ Temple. She conducted the Youth and Adult Choirs at Second Temple under the leadership of her father, Rev. James Bass. She has rejoined this ministry after serving at Liberty Tabernacle Church for many years. Second Temple Church of Christ (Holiness) USA is presently under the leadership of Pastor Rev. Calvert Wright. Joyce is the Project Manager for Bass Sisters Music. She is the Historian and a Board Director for The Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the Arts.

Constance (Connie) sang in all of the choirs at Christ Temple as well as played the violin. She is the leader in creating Bass Sisters Music and The Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the Arts in honor of our parents and to serve mankind by offering our gifts of music to all people. Connie is Vice President and Director of Marketing for Bass Sisters Music. She is the Secretary and Director of Marketing for The Hazelle Catherine Bass Institute for the Arts.

Our children, grand and great grandchildren are continuing the legacy by participating in the Bass Family Chorale, presenting concerts sharing their gifts of singing, instrument playing and spoken word.

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The inspiration for producing the CD with twelve Hymns by Bishop Charles P. Jones came from a request by our late paternal aunt, Dazettia Ligons Walker.

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“In all thy ways, acknowledge Him and He will direct thy path.”
Proverbs 3:6

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1 Corinthians 6:19-20 states “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.” We belong to Him, we were created to praise Him and I challenge you to take care of what you have been given. Let’s take care of our mouths so that we can give our God the ultimate praise that He so richly deserves.

*Joi Adams, RN
Northern Diocese*

News from the Western Diocese. . .

Founder’s Memorial Service

Praise the Lord! We celebrated on December 9 the 150th birthday of our beloved founder, Bishop Charles Price Jones.

Bishop Emery Lindsay, the presiding prelate of the Western Diocese, along with Deacons Curt Johnson, Howard Young, and Sister Mary E. Crute, conducted a memorial service at Evergreen Cemetery, East Los Angeles, on Saturday, December 13 where Bishop C. P. Jones and Sister Pearl E. Jones are interred. Bishop Jones founded Christ Temple Church in 1917. After songs, prayers and scripture, Bishop Lindsay reflected on the rich and great spiritual legacy of Bishop Jones.

Sunday, December 14, Sister Carlotta Tucker coordinated a memorial service in honor of our founder during morning worship service and at the 3:30 p.m. Southern District service which highlighted special events in the life of Bishop Jones. The service also featured music rendered by the District Choir, church choirs, a children’s choir, and a male chorus presenting hymns composed by Bishop Jones. This was a glorious occasion that honored the memory of a humble servant of the Lord.

Daughter’s of Esther Workshop

Saturday, November 1, 2014, Sisters Mary Bingham and Toni Hart hosted the Annual Daughters of Esther Workshop at Christ Temple Cathedral. This workshop is dedicated to reaching out to young ladies ages 8 to 18 to train and prepare them for the future. The theme was “I Am Freed to Live for Christ.” After beginning with a continental breakfast, the young ladies were divided based on age groups for their workshops. The following workshops were offered: “Embracing Your Sexuality – Self Esteem”; “Human Trafficking”; “Abstinence – STD’s”; “Run to Rescue”; “Praise Dancing”; and “Brownie Cookie! Oh My.”

The presenters included Deborah Washington, Corinne Hendricks, Marilyn Johnson, Pearl Lindsay, Debbie Lucas, and Shannon Forsythe. Those assisting with the program for the day were former “Daughters of Esther” who are now willing to give back and other dedicated sisters.

The Queen Esther Essay Contest was conducted by Sister Jackie Moore. Their topic was “How does Queen Esther Inspire Me.” The winner was Symphone Jackson from Christ Temple, San Diego; other participants recognized were Aundra McBride, Thalia Love and Tatianna Hall.

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