



Walter Cade Jr
Midwest Regional Workshop
 Des Moines, IA

Remaining Focused on our
 Assignment: **Discipleship**
 Matthew 28: 18-20

October 27-29, 2023

Bro. Walt Henderson
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Pastor's Report

Dr. Verlin F. Samples Jr.

As I submit this Pastor's Report, I reflect on the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Congress of Christian Education, held in Louisville, Kentucky, in June 2023. I heard President Dr. Jerry Young give a very moving yet challenging call to the National Baptist. The call was to "strive for excellence in Christian education." He also called us "To provide information education for leaders to fulfill their roles with excellence." The spirit of excellence. Here is an excerpt from Dr. Young's address at the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Congress of Christian Education, 2023. *Dr. Verlin F. Samples Jr*



It could be that the Baptist Church is suffering because we have not taught people where to walk. Our churches are suffering all over the country: associations, conventions, and all the rest. In fact, it is so bad in America today until I saw on Jeopardy just recently three contestants who knew about world affairs and ancient history and understood the intricacies of science and technology.

The question was asked, what they called the Lord's Prayer, fill in the blank. "Our Father, which art in heaven, _____ be thy name." All three contestants failed! They understood world history but did not know "Hallowed."

Could it be that we have missed it? Because this is Christian education, and we're here to learn and to be educated? Where are the people? Something is wrong when there are more people at the Baptist Mall than there are in classes.

When I was a young seminarian, I had a New Testament Greek professor, his name was Simon Kistemocker. In the New Testament Greek, when you read the texts in the New Testament and particularly the Gospels, you read where it says Jesus went about preaching and teaching. If you are going to grow a church, you better teach twice as much as you preach.

I am afraid that our churches need some serious teaching. Because Baptists always want to go to preaching, but they don't have much of an appetite for teaching. Preaching can cause folk to blow up, whereas teaching can cause them to grow up.

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: ***Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*** Matthew 6:8-13 KJV

Greetings.

The following report is provided to inform, encourage, and enlighten men (and women) on the importance and power of the Laymen's ministry in the local church. It also highlights men's impact on the home, family, and community.

The Iowa Laymen's Commission and staff were outstanding hosts. I was delighted with the accommodations, and everyone I met was very helpful, outgoing, and friendly. I was able to attend sessions each day. I am amazed at how much teaching, preaching, fellowshiping, and outreach was presented Friday Night through Sunday Morning.

Please feel free to share this report with others. I pray that the men of this present age will take note of the theme: Remaining Focused on our Assignment: Discipleship. Matthew 28:18-20. One of the sermons that arrests my thoughts has these three points: Watchers, Witnesses, and Worshipers. Wait until you hear it in this presentation.

I want to thank the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Laymen President, Dr. I. V. Reeves, The Ohio Baptist General Convention, State Laymen President, Deacon Cyril Thornton, The Eastern Union Missionary Baptist Association, District Laymen President, Dr. Mike Davis, and the Local Laymen President of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Bro. Terry Strong.

Thank you for the labors of love and your commitment to excellence as you demonstrate leadership. I have great respect for men who operate in their God-ordained and God-established mentor and leadership roles.

The format of this report is first-person narrative. I will share my report with photos, audio clips, and video links to some of the sessions I attended. Also included are lesson handouts I received from my instructors.

I will provide commentary on the session, key points, and personal reflections when possible.

I want to thank Sister Rebecca Samples, my wife of 46 years, my wardrobe coordinator, and my traveling/driving help meet. I am blessed and appreciate your love and support.

Dr. Verlin F. Samples Jr.,
Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio
November 5, 2023



I strongly support the work and mission of the Laymen Ministry.

We arrived in Des Moines, Iowa, on Friday, October 27, 2023, at 2:30 PM.



The Hotel is in downtown Iowa. I noted that the traffic was light and it was easy to navigate. The hotel staff was friendly.

The first event is at 6:00 PM, so we have plenty of time to relax and prepare for the session.

I learned to appreciate the hotel parking at a cost of \$25 per night. This was reasonable. There was access to the surface parking lot and the parking garage.

Technology. There was a lot of built-in security. One needed their room key to access the parking lot, the elevators, and your hotel room. This is a very safe and secure location.

My assignment and mission is to capture and share the sights, sounds, and nuances of the workshop with Laymen of my context who were

not able to come in person. The Laymen workshop is designed to increase understanding of the roles and responsibilities entrusted to men, from a biblical and spiritual perspective.



Dr. I. V. Reeves, National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Laymen President, and Deacon Cyril Thornton, Ohio Baptist General Convention State Laymen President. I noted the leadership of these men throughout the workshop. They were actively engaged in team building and communication. They were *“Never too busy to encourage and uplift others!”*



Friday

Walter Cade Jr.

Midwest Regional Workshop

Friday, October 27, 2023 - Sunday, October 29, 2023

Remaining Focused on our Assignment:

Discipleship

Matthew 28: 18-20

Classes & Instructors

The Biblical Womanhood in the Laymen Ministry.....Dr Sandra Jones (MO)

What is Man.....Deacon Clinton E Yokley (OH)

Evangelism: Sharing Your Faith on A Daily Basis.....Deacon Leonord Cratic (WI)
Men Reaching Men on the Street

Leading on Your Knees.....Pastor Damon Epps (IL)

Christian Leadership.....Pastor Wallace Mills (MI)

The Bible How to StudyBro. Darrell Spence (MN)

Junior Layment Becoming Men of Faith.....Rev. Karl McMichel (IN)

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This Laymen’s workshop emphasizes “Remaining Focused on Our Assignment.”

Do not skip this page. Take a moment and reflect on each of the class titles that are available in the workshop.

I attended two classes. “*What is Man*” Deacon Clinton Yokley (OH), and “*Evangelism: Sharing Your Faith on a Daily Basis*” Deacon Leonord Cratic (WI).

I enjoyed both my classes. I have provided links to portions of the lectures and some sound bits.

I would recommend that all the lectures and class notes be combined in one PDF booklet at the next workshop. That booklet will be placed on a QR code for distribution to all the workshop participants.

The value of putting the class outlines, lectures and handouts

into a Course Lesson Booklet as a PDF will eliminate the need for printing and publishing costs.

Those who cannot attend multiple classes will have the material to share with their local congregation. It would also present an opportunity to engage individuals and groups that could not attend the workshop.

Consider placing the Laymen’s host state Cash App and advertisement in the booklet. This would afford an opportunity for those who are blessed by the material and voluntarily want to show their support through giving.



Friday

Friday, October 27, 2023

5:00-6:00pm	Reception
6:10pm	General Assembly
6:30-7:30pm	Class Period
7:40pm	Worship

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

Worship Leaders.....JaVaci Long & Taysia Young
 Scripture.....JaMarcus Shabazz
 Prayer.....Malachi Scott
 Welcome.....Blair Oakley
 Musical Selection.....Central District Baptist Assoc
 Youth Choir
 Praise Dance.....Waterloo, IA
 Kingdom Village Community Drill Team
 Musical Selection.....Central District Baptist Assoc
 Youth Choir

Junior Laymen Period

Jr Laymen President Oshea Johnson

Invitation to Discipleship
 Remarks.....Bro. James Rhoden (MI)
 Directions.....Bro. Walt Henderson (IA)
 Closing Prayer

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6:30 – 7:30 PM Class Period. It has been mentioned before that we accomplished a lot in a short period of time. I moved between two classes. The “Evangelism” class and the “What is a Man” class both demanded my attention. The class sessions were amazing. I have dedicated a section of this report to summarize the lesson and chronicle my learning experience.

7:40 PM Worship. The Youth and Young Adults were the worship leaders. The energy levels were positive, and the atmosphere was Spirit-Filled. The service was Outstanding! The youth choir sang, there was a drill team, the youth (in unison) named the 66 books of the bible, there was a drumline, and the preacher preached:

Reception – Received a wonderful greeting gift bag. Inside the bag were our meal tickets, mini flashlight, book, and a map of Des Moines, Iowa, from the Chambers of Commerce

6:10 PM – General Assembly – During the general assembly, we were greeted by the Iowa delegation. Directions were provided to accommodate our stay, and information not presented in the Walter Cade Jr, Midwest Regional Workshop, Des Moines, Iowa, program was shared.

This is the first time all workshop participants are gathered together. I would estimate that there are over three hundred people present. We received our classroom assignments, were introduced to the instructors and teaching staff, and received a formal greeting.



Friday Teaching – Evangelism

The Splendor of God

15 Attributes

1. God is Infinite – He is Self-Existing without origin
2. God is Immutable – He never Changes
3. God is Self-Sufficient -He has no needs
4. God is Omnipotent- He is All Powerful
5. God is Omniscient – he is All-Knowing
6. God is Omnipresent- He is Always Everywhere
7. God is Wise - He is Full of Perfect Unchanging Wisdom
8. God is Faithful -He is Infinitely , Unchangingly True
9. God is Good -He is Infinitely , Unchangingly Kind and Full of Good Will
10. God is Just – He is Infinitely, Unchangeably Right and Perfect in All He Does
11. God is Merciful -He is Infinitely, Unchangeably Compassionate and Kind
12. God is Gracious -God is Infinitely Inclined to Spare the Guilty
13. God is Loving -God is Infinitely, Unchangingly Loves Us
14. God is Holy -He is infinitely, Unchangingly Perfect

Our instructor is Deacon Leonard Cratic. I really like his energy and direct method of engagement and rapport with the class.



He began the class by asking simple and direct questions about methods most churches use to evangelize. Immediately, he challenged the class to rethink the way we approach witnessing. At first, I had reservations, but as he presented his “point of view,” he unfolded the lecture with Scripture, logic, and practical application. In other words, he based his argument (defense of the material) with the Word of God. This instructor presented the material in such a way that required the student to “think” and then reason. You will note that he has his bible in his hands. He taught from the Bible. He quoted Scripture, connected the Scripture, and presented his analysis based on the Scripture.

The outline listed above contains the key points he emphasized. I have also included an audio of the lecture. Please take the time to listen to the entire teaching. This was a great learning environment and learning experience. I am excited to share this information with you.



Friday Worship – Youth and Young Adults

The room is full of energy and excitement! To see the youth excited about singing, praying, and participating in Christ-oriented activities! I immediately noticed the level of supervision and directions that the youth advisors provided. These young advisors were positive, articulate, and engaging. I really liked the song selection and the timeliness of the presentations. Please note the smiles. The youth were excited because their leaders were excited. The youth were a blessing to watch.

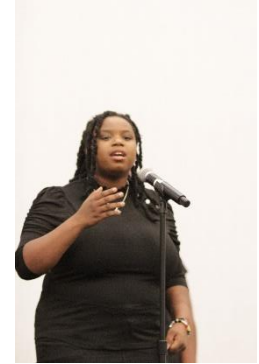


I took away several lessons learned at the youth session.

1. The youth are hungry for engagement.
2. The New Testament Church must make training and learning activities available for all age groups.
3. Adults must volunteer their time, talents, energy, and resources to the youth ministry.
4. The youth ministry leaders need your support and help. I was very impressed by the number of individuals working with the youth.
5. The young people led the prayers, read the Scriptures, and collected the offering (with the guidance of adults).

In the Bible, the book of Proverbs. It says,

“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it”. This verse emphasizes the importance of teaching children good values and morals from an early age, so that they will continue to live by them as they grow older. **Proverbs 22:6**



The youth carried out the service well.

Choir, Drumline, Mime, Drill Team, Prayer, Scripture Reader, Named the 66 Books of the Bible, Collected the offering, Solo & lead singers, Dancers, Marchers



LAYMEN'S LEAGUE SONG

WHEN THE LAYMEN COME TOGETHER IN THE SERVICE OF THE
LORD
AND BEGIN TO WORK TOGETHER, AS THE MASTER SAID WE
SHOULD
OUR WORK WILL THEN BEGIN TO TURN FROM LABOR TO
REWARD

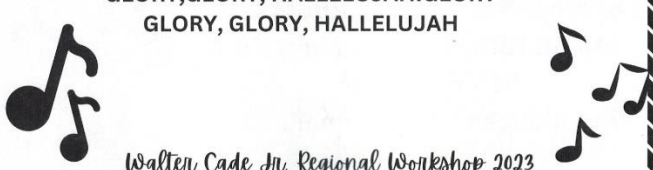
WHEN MEN ARE MARCHING ON!!

WITH EVERY MEMBER LOYAL TO THE CHURCH THAT HE
BELONGS
THEN REGARDLESS WHAT THE TASK MAY BE THE WORK
WILL BE DONE
WE ARE LABORING FOR THE MASTER HELPING OTHERS TO
BE STRONG

AS WE GO MARCHING ON!!

CHORUS:
GLORY, GLORY HALLELUJAH
GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH! GLORY
GLORY, GLORY, HALLELUJAH

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“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song, I give thanks to him.” Psalm 28:7:



Saturday

Saturday, October 28, 2023

6:30-7:45am Breakfast & Registration
8:00-10:00am We Study Our Word
10am General Assembly

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Worship Leader: Bro. Jerry Williams (IN)

Praise & Prayer.....Representative from each state
Welcome Period.....Representative from each state
Musical Selection.....Bro. Robert Kelley (MI)

The Work of the National Baptist Laymen’s Movement

Dr. I.V. Reeves, Jr, National President

The Role of a Laymen’s Wife

Sis. Lenora Brown (WI)

The Laymen’s Role in Supporting the Pastor

Bro. Jerry Ross (MN)

OFFERING

Introduction of the Speaker.....Pastor Wallace Mills (MI)
Musical Selection.....Bro. Robert Kelley (MI)
Bible Exposition.....Pastor Eddie Sain II (MI)
Invitation to Discipleship
Remarks..... Bro. James Rhoden
Directions..... Bro. Walt Henderson

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Saturday - 6:30 AM – 7:40 AM – Fellowship Breakfast.

Arrived at breakfast early. Iowa is on Central Time (one hour behind Ohio’s Eastern Time.)



Teaching Praying Preaching Outreach Evangelism Worship Witnessing Working



And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

Saturday - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM We Study the Word.



Teaching. We departed to our Workshop classroom.



Laymen Chorus

Saturday - 10:00 AM – The General Assembly.

During the General Assembly, there was preaching and teaching. Preaching



Tell me, what do you see?

I see hope

I see a bright future

I see opportunity

I see leadership

I see legacy

I see MEN making a difference



National Laymen Prayer Call every Sunday and Tuesday:

Sunday: (6:30pm Pacific, 7:30pm Mountain, 8:30pm Central, 9:30pm Eastern)

Tuesday: (6:00pm Pacific, 7:00pm Mountain, 8:00pm Central, 9:00pm Eastern)

Saturday – 12:30 Women’s Luncheon

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12:30-2:30pm	Women’s Luncheon
Noon	Laymen’s Lunch
1:00-1:15pm	Board Transportation
1:30pm	Departure
4pm	Return to Hotel
7pm	Banquet

EVANGELISTIC STREET SERVICE
Location: Evelyn K Davis Park: 1400 Forest Ave

Devotion/Praise Service

Introduction of Speaker

Evangelistic Sermon
Pastor Jordan Rabon, King of Kings Missionary Baptist Church (IA)

Invitation to Discipleship

Closing Prayer

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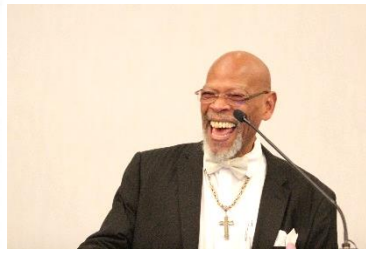
“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.” John 14:1



“After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:1-2

Saturday – 7:00 PM Saturday – David Bozeman Banquet

David Bozeman Banquet
 6:15pm State & National Officers Assemble for Processional
 Invocation
 Song.....Lift Every Voice
 Purpose.....Bro. Willie Patton (IA)
 Remembrance Memorial
 Let's Give Thanks
Dinner is Served
 Greetings.....Iowa Host Committee
 Iowa Women Committee
 Bro. Thad Jones
 President I.V. Reeves
 Special Presentations
 Hail to Our Founder
 Laymen's League Song
 Trophy Presentation
 Introduction of Speaker
 Musical Selection
 Speaker.....Bro. Cyril Thornton (OH)
 Remarks
 Directions
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Deacon Cyril Thornton Address



National Laymen President
 Midwest Laymen VP
 Midwest Laymen Asst. VP
 Laymen Technology Director



Dr. I. V. Reeves
 Thad Jones
 James Rhoden
 Cyril Thornton

Laymen Mission Statement

1. To enlist and coordinate the manpower of the local congregation for an effective performance of essential Christian activities.
2. To cultivate the Christian life of laymen through study, worship, fellowship and service.
3. To enlist un-churched men for fellowship in and service through the church and to bring unsaved men into vital relations with God in Christ through personal commitment to Him.
4. To inspire men to support the total program of the Church in the local congregation, the community, the denomination and the world.



Objectives:

1. To provide an organization through which a vital and meaningful fellowship among men of the local congregation may be prompted.
2. To provide an organized medium through which men of the local congregation may serve its purpose most efficiently and become a more vital part of its life.
3. To enlist all the men in active Christian service to the Church through the local congregation.
4. To promote among men a more definite and intelligent understanding of the Christian faith and life and the meaning of the Church.
5. To keep men aware of their duty and obligations as members of the Church through the local congregation.
6. To foster in men an intelligent loyalty and devotion to the Church through the local congregation.
7. To cooperate with the pastor, officers and other organizations in developing and stimulating the work of the Church in the local congregation.



8. To promote Church attendance and the study of Christian literature, published and endorsed by our National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

9. To inspire men to support the financial program of the Church, both locally and denominationally.

10. To promote boys work in the local congregation.

11. To reach unsaved men with the Gospel and to win them to God in Christ through a personal commitment to Him.

12. To persuade un-churched men to renew their fellowship to the church through the local congregation and to strengthen their faith in its message and program.

13. To foster in Baptist men a vital and active concern in community welfare and betterment and to promote Christian race relations.

14. To inspire men to enter the fields of business, politics and the Foreign Service as a Christian vocation.

15. To promote the establishment of Christian homes and to guide the family toward fuller Christian development and cooperation.

16. To guide men in intelligent, effective Christian social action.



Sunday – 6:00 AM – Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday, October 29, 2023
6am: Communion Service
PRESIDING: BRO JAMES RHODEN,
WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

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Devotion/Praise Service

Testimonial Period

Selection (A&B)

Introduction of Speaker

Selection

Sermon
Bishop William Cannon, Pilgrim Baptist Church (IA)

Invitation to Discipleship

Selection

Communion Service

Closing Prayer/Blessing of Food
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“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.” Romans 8:5



Sunday – Departure



Reflection and Training

Classes Offered During the Congress Session

- ◊ 7009 Evangelism: Men Reaching Men on the street / How to Share Your Faith on a Daily Basis
- ◊ 8029 C: Developing a Prison Ministry in the Local Church.
- ◊ 8101: Building / Rebuilding a Men's Ministry in the Local Church
- ◊ 8079: Biblical Women's Role in the Laymen's Ministry.
- ◊ 8087: Junior Laymen Becoming Men of Faith / Respectful
- ◊
- ◊ 8088: The Ingredients of Christian Character / Patience
- ◊
- ◊ 8086: The Disciples Life, Becoming more Christ-Like.
- ◊
- ◊ 8085: How to Minister to Juveniles in the Criminal Justice System
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The Allen Jordan Laymen Seminars are held during the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

- ◊ The seminars are the teaching arms of the National Laymen.
- ◊ The seminars are designed to teach and equip laymen, laywomen and youth for the work of the ministries.
- ◊ The seminars are designed to help laymen meet the goals, objectives and mission of the National Baptist Laymen.
- ◊ Seminar topics will include topics to meet the need of the problems experienced in today's church.

We are looking for a few good men and women who will honor God by using their gifts to honor him. He wants us to be "good and faithful servants."

Please contact us for more information on getting involved in the Laymen Movement.

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Looking for a Few Good Men

"The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" Luke 10:2

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The Leadership Team

CONGRATULATIONS
Midwest Region
Laymen Movement
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WALTER CADE, JR. *Midwest Laymen Workshop*

"Led by the Holy Scriptures, the Workshop Brings Senior Laymen, Supporters, and Young People together to Study God's Word. The Workshop's Sessions offer Delegates Prayer and Praise, and the opportunity to Deliver the Gospel of Jesus Christ to God's People in an Exceptional Manner."

Matthew 28:19-20—Jeremiah 28:11

The Team Appreciates the Midwest Region Laymen under the Leadership of Dr. Thad Jones who have pleased God by leading the National Laymen in Evangelism and Communications Endeavors during National Meetings and on a Regular Basis. We also laud the NBCUSA effort to establish the National Credit Union. God bless you all!

Dr. Thad Jones
VP, Midwest Region

Isaac Bill Campbell
Gen. Secretary

Dr. I.V. Reeves, Jr.
President

Deacon Emerson Turner
VP @ Large

Deacon Robert Pope
Dir., Finance Ministry

"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

Romans 10:13-15

The Vendors

About Us

Brothas United Artistry (B.U.A.) was born as a result of someone taking the time to recognize and invest in an incarcerated young man's gifts and talents.

Cofounder Travas "Bear" Williams came up through the foster system, having been subject to abuse and neglect, and eventually ended up in the North Carolina prison system, serving a life sentence. He has always been exposed to the arts and began playing the piano at six years of age.

He also plays the bass guitar and the drums and is a singer. He writes poetry and expresses himself through drawing. But even being multi-talented, it took 50 years for someone to care enough to actually invest in his gifts.

Bear is responsible for several business logos in Iowa, North Carolina, and Alabama, and has produced art for several people in several states.

Had someone took the time out to invest in him 30-35 years ago, who knows what height he could've elevated?

We understand the emotional strain and even more the financial hardship that is placed upon the men and their loved ones. Therefore, each creative artist receives 60% of their items sold to help ease this struggle while allowing the men to see their gifts bring joy to others.



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In the prison and foster system, there are so many men (especially Black Men) who possess tremendous gifts and talents who if given the chance and with the right support, could prosper and do some great things through their gifts.

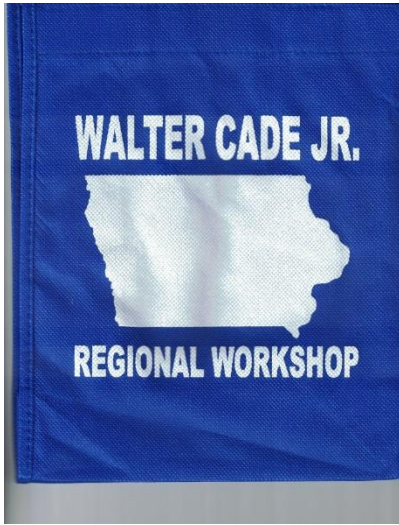
Ving Rhames, Charles "ROC" Dutton and Danny Trejo, all these men share in common the fact that all are well-known actors having starred and co-starred in a number of movies.

But each of them also share in common the fact that they spent a number of years in prison. They are perfect examples of the fact that with the right support backing ones passions and aspirations, their gifts can elevate and promote them.



"Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:7-8

The Work



Men have the privilege and ability to mentor, motivate, and move others. Use the God-given gifts and talents that make you the man that God designed you to be. Bring to the table the knowledge, skills, wisdom, experiences, and training that will encourage men. We have the assignment of preparing the next generation of men. It begins with us and our willingness to be invested in each other. Do not surrender your position of leadership. You are designed to lead.

Report Narrative

Matthew 28:18-20

Walter Cade junior, Midwest regional workshop, Des Moines IA. October 27-29, 2023

Remaining focused on our assignment: discipleship

Pastors Report Reverend Dr. Verlin F Samples Jr.

This is a summary on my trip to Des Moines, IA, for the Nine State Laymen Workshop. Anytime that laity or leadership attends a workshop, it is critical that we bring back a written report. In this report, I share my experiences and the knowledge that I gained with the body. The intent is that the body will learn and grow from the material that was shared with me during the training sessions and preaching of the workshop.

I am excited to report that this was a very successful workshop for me; because of the classes I attended, I am better equipped for evangelism and men's ministry. I was blessed to attend two classes, both general assemblies, the youth presentation, the banquet, Sunday morning worship and communion, and a host of other events. I met many of the individuals from the national laymen's movement and met new laymen from Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Iowa, all while forging new relationships.

My express purpose is to bring back information that will encourage the body of believers and the men of our churches and community. One important aspect of the Walter Cade Jr, Laymen workshop is the intentional design to reach men for Christ. Salvation through Jesus was the main workshop emphasis.

The class selection was well-designed and thought-out. In the report, you will see a list of the classes offered. My classes of choice were evangelism and the roles of the laymen. During the training, there were in-depth discussions on what is a man? A lot of the discussions are in line with our current Bible Studies. We talked about husbands and responsibilities that God calls and lays upon man and that the responsibilities are distinct. Our theme was out of Matthew 28:18-20, and the theme title is remaining focused on our assignment, and our assignment is discipleship.

Now, this is amazing to me. Throughout the past year, we've been talking about our assignment. What assignment has God placed upon your heart and your life? Part of our assignment is to make disciples to be a witness, to evangelize, and tell people about the love of Jesus.

It was a fast-paced and exciting fellowship. I was impressed with the number of people that were there. I think it was close to 300 or more people. When I first got to Iowa and into the hotel, I only saw a sparse amount of people but boy, when the sessions started, people were everywhere. We, Sister Samples and I, arrived on a Friday early afternoon, and from Friday all the way up through Sunday, I was constantly on the go.

I did bring a lot of information back, and once again, it is in my 25-page Pastor's Report. I want you to read the report and share the report with others. The report is in PDF format. I will e-mail it out because that's the most effective way that I have found to get a large document to a lot of people in a cost-efficient manner.

I want you to take it, and I want you to read it and I want you to digest it. The Instructor talked about the culture and the times in which we live. It wasn't about just going to church, it wasn't

about simply attending service, it was about doing the work, it was doing the assignment, it was about making disciples. Yes, there are those who will say, “Well, you can't make a disciple.” Know this, that a disciple is a follower. That's what the word disciple means. Jesus had disciples he had followers, and the followers took His teachings and they lived by and shared His teachings with others. So that others might believe in God the Father and then accept Jesus for their salvation, that's what it's about.

The Instructor talked about getting out, and they talked about the concept of the church's change and charge. Doing church as we did in the 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, and as late as the 1990s will cause one to miss the ministry movement because people have changed. God hasn't changed but the culture and the environment we live in is a hostile culture towards Christianity. (My view and opinion.)

Yes, many may not realize this, but there are a lot of changes and a lot of new mindsets and new approaches that are present in this present age. This workshop provided an opportunity to reset, and focus on what discipleship really means. To ask the question: “What is my assignment?” And then to follow-up, “Is my focus on making disciples?” Therefore, I want to give you just a brief snippet, an overview of the things that took place.

I was blessed to take a lot of photographs for this report and presentation. The photos, I believe, captured the essence of the sessions, the spirit, and the atmosphere of the workshop. For me, the workshop was very spiritual, very friendly, very inviting, and very positive.

I highlight the spiritual sense. Yes spiritually sensitive Yes! You would be proud of the Ohioans. Deacons Cyril Thornton, our Ohio Baptist General Convention State Laymen President, was very active. He gave the keynote address at the Saturday Night Banquet. Outstanding! So many wonderful experiences took place, that I want to convey. So many positive things I want to share with you; when you get the report, please take time and read it from the front cover to the back cover. Deacon Yokley, of Ohio, was one of the instructors.

This report promotes the work and ministry of the National, State, District, and Local Laymen. May it bless you, your family, the church, and the community. Men, the Laymen Ministry needs you, your talents, wisdom, and resources. God is calling you to action.

May this document bless your soul and give you a renewed outlook on evangelism. Men, we must spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

My dear friend, Pastor Nathaniel Carter, renowned eschatologist, the part of theology concerned with death, judgment, and the final destiny of the soul and of humankind. Has said that “the signs of the times by the Revelation of Jesus Christ, are unfolding. “The culture and influence of this present age is so world-centered that many **choose not to** see or believe the truths of the Book of Revelation.”

My assignment is to be a witness for Jesus, through the aid and power of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Verlin F. Samples Jr

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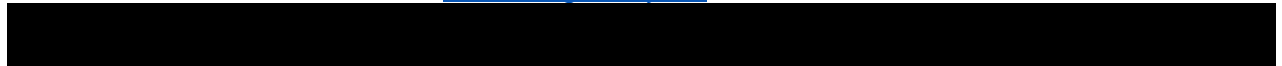
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