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E X A M P L E is
The Essence Of
Rev. Dr. Jim Holley
The Pastor's
Sixth
Appreciation Service
Little Rock Baptist Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 1978
3:30 P.M.
Anniversary Observance for Rev. Dr. C. J. Holley
Convener: Rev. Hardy Easton, Sr.
In Charge: Usher Board 2 & 3

The Order Of Service
The Organ Prelude
The Call to Worship.................. Rev. Hardy Easton, Sr.
The Invocation....................... Rev. Hardy Easton, Sr.
Selections.......................... Choraleers Choir
Greetings............................ Sharon Matthews
Acceptance.......................... King David Baptist Church
Reflections......................... Ann Flow
Selections.......................... King David Baptist Church
The Introduction of Speaker........ Rev. Hardy Easton, Sr.
The Message......................... Rev. R. W. Dixon
King David Baptist Church
The Invitational Hymn
The offertory
Remarks............................ Mary Thrasher
Pastor Holley
The Benedictional Hymn
The Benediction
The Organ Prelude
"The Pastor"

... "Preach the word; be instant in season; out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine."

— II Timothy 4:2

And they knelt and prayed earnestly for the flock had began to stray. Fervently and reverently, a chant went up to "God," and once again "God" heard the cries of his people. And in His infinite wisdom God looked towards the Central City of Detroit at one of his young appointed servants, touched his soul, and put it upon his heart to leave the comforts of an established flock, and become a shepherd of a new set of sheep.

Rev. Holley came willingly, for he realized that a true called out preacher of God, must go wherever the Spirit tells him.

He came preaching the word of God urgently, at all times, whenever he was given the chance, in season and out of season, when it was convenient, and when it was not. Correcting, rebuking when it was needed, encouraging his flock to do right, and at all times it was done patiently, with "God's" word.

He came teaching, teaching the old, old story, but with a new, in depth meaning; a meaning that his flock could identify with, a meaning that began to solidify and unite, and suddenly the power of God began to flow through his servant, as he preached and taught with a fiery conviction, so intense, that it changed the course and direction of this particular flock.

Six years have come and gone, and the love affair between the flock and the shepherd continues to grow. A spirit of togetherness prevails, the sick are being attended to, the downtrodden have been given hope, discouragement and disappointment are on the wane and above all, the "word" is being preached and taught convincingly.
"The "Dreamer' and His Dreams"

"For a dreamer lives forever, but a toiler dies in a day..."

— John Boyle O'Reilly

The dreams are still latent dreams, but they cannot be arrested. The dreams are festering and one day they will break out and pulsate.

Rev. Dr. Jim Holley dreams of...

..."the day when his flock will move into a larger church that will meet the ever increasing demands of a growing Christian community. A church that meets the challenge of the present and future, providing educational opportunities, social outlets, and civic responsibilities."

..."A home for Senior Citizens. One where the aged will no longer be lonely, or feel forgotten, but will find warmth and attention from a Christian community.

..."Building a school that exceeds the bounds of reading, writing and arithmetic, where young minds can develop in an organized, disciplined Christian atmosphere, not hindered by disruptive forces and evil influences."

...Of a City free of crime; a City where racial barriers of employment, housing and education will be eliminated; a City where all people of all races will live as brothers.

...A nation under God, that will live out the creed of our founding fathers; a nation built on faith, love and brotherhood, undergirded by Christianity. A nation filled with hope where all are inspired to do better and despair is obliterated by the joys of peace.

...He dreams of a country free from want, free from strife, free of fear, where violence and crime are unheard of and all men can rejoice in the abundance of God's goodness and mercy — and then we can all sing together, "free at last! free at last! great God almighty, I'm free at last!"
“Community Leader”

The Reverend Doctor Jim Holley has effectively demonstrated his ability to function as a community leader.

As a preacher, teacher, and great lover of life in general, Reverend Holley has given our community all the things it needs to sustain it in the ebb and flow of life.

Reverend Holley loves life, and is totally committed to the enrichment of life for his fellow man. To demonstrate his love for humanity, Reverend Holley launched a massive drive to provide shoes for the less fortunate young people in the city. Against overwhelming odds and obstacles, Reverend Holley managed and did provide over 5,000 pairs of shoes for the needy with a firm conviction - warm feet, warm mind.

Reverend Holley understands what a sound mind is to the enrichment of life. His cultural enrichment Program is further evidence of his undying love for humanity; his “Truce” with the infamous East Side Gangs, trips to Washington and Los Angeles for the youth to broaden their horizons and perspectives, all indicate a uniqueness that is given to a man of god.

As a man of God, Reverend Holley understands that "No man is an Island we are interrelated and interdependent creatures, we must share each other’s joys, sorrows, defeats and successes and in the end we have empathy for our brothers at the earthly end of his life. For, each man’s death diminishes us and signals the ever constant coming of our own demise.

But, if we have held a brother’s hand in sorrow, or shared the inner joy of one of his triumphs, or give him hope when all seemed hopeless, or stood in the shadows in order that he might catch the sun, if we but gave a word of encouragement, or by our presence let it be known that we cared, then and only the, can we be satisfied that our own life has been full and complete.
Achievements

When Reverend Holley assumed pastorate of the Little Rock Baptist Church, there were less than 100 active members. Today, Little Rock claims nearly 1,000 members with an average of 200 new members per year.

Little Rock has undergone extensive remodeling in the last few years and is air-conditioned. Under the guidance of Reverend Holley, Little Rock has expanded to include two houses, five lots, two school buses, one van, a new organ, and a grand piano.

Name: Charles James Holley
Address: 19761 Marlowe, Detroit, Michigan
Date of Birth: December 5, 1943
Place of Birth: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Daughter, Tiffani

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND
Bachelor of Science in Pre-Law ......................... Tennessee State University
Bachelor of Divinity in New Testament .................. University of Chicago
Master of Science-European & American History ........ University of Chicago
Master of Divinity ........................................ University of Chicago
Doctorate-Higher Education Administration .......... Wayne State University

EXPERIENCES
Supermarket Manager-1958-1959; Business Manager for Hamburger Franchise 1961-1962;
Assistant Chaplain at Tennessee State University-1962-1965; Community Worker with
Street Gangs, Chicago-1966; Intern Chaplain at Elgin State Hospital-1967;
Church Community Action Program, Portland, Oregon-1968; SCLC Operation
Breadbasket, Chicago, Detroit; Psychologist Aid, Tennessee State University,
Wayne County Community College, Detroit-Faculty; Franchise Owner of
Mahalia Jackson Chicken, Inc.; Shaw College at Detroit-Faculty; Director,
Christian Education and Youth-Greater New Mt. Moriah; Vice-President of
Progressive Baptist State Convention. Dr. Holley served as an Administrator
at the U. of D.

TRAVELS
Holy Land, Greece, Germany, West Africa, Hawaii, Japan, New Mexico,
and extensively in the Continental U.S.A.

EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Tennessee State Alumni; Association of Christian
Education Directors; Council of Baptist Pastors; Black Economical Council;
SCLC Chapter at Detroit; Member: NAACP, CERV; Board Member of
Payne-Pulliam Trade School; Vice Chairman of Hannibal Mutual Investment
Corporation; National Baptist Convention; American Baptist Convention.

PRESENTLY
Pastor, Little Rock Baptist Church
Consultant Lewis Business College
Religious Broadcaster, WILB

Life Mottos: "A NEED TO LEARN—BUILD—LOVE"; "TO SERVE THIS
PRESENT AGE."
A Going Church For A Coming Christ.

In Acknowledgment

We wish to convey our deepest appreciation to the guest ministers and Congregation members and friends for their cooperation and participation in the Pastor’s Anniversary Services.

Thank You,
Pastor’s Anniversary Committee

Depart To Serve
TO OUR PASTOR

Dear Reverend Dr. Holley:

When seeking a minister one looks for a person who can interpret the word of God- who can teach us what it means to have a Christian life- who can retain the young parishioners and cultivate their talents- who can lead by example.

The minister who possessed these qualities is you, Reverend Doctor Holley. God with his infinite wisdom, took control, for his spirit touched you and led you to us.

During the past six years, we realize that the road has been rough- the trials have been many- the frustrations great, but because God sent you, you have kept the faith and held steadfast to his word. For we, as a people, as a Church have and are reaching heights beyond our most vivid imagination.

Pastor Holley, we are indebted to you for you have changed the course of our lives. On this your Sixth Anniversary, we acknowledge our profound respect, love and gratitude to you. We pray that God will continue to enfold you in his protective arms and that he continues to endow you with wisdom and grace.

Sincerely,

Little Rock Baptist Church

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