



Atlanta Metro Life!

From Pastor Paige



America's attention has been firmly gripped by the ABC firing of Jimmy Kimmel. This came about because of his "insensitive" comments concerning the death of Charlie Kirk. Many people saw nothing wrong with Kimmel's comments, and in fact, they saw the FCC's (Federal Communications Commission) pressure on the ABC TV network to fire Kimmel as a blatant attack on our 1st Amendment right of free speech.

Protests immediately broke out at Disney parks and properties because Disney owns ABC. What was so amazing to me was that many people canceled their Disney+ and Hulu subscriptions. It was reported that Disney lost roughly 3.8 billion dollars since Wednesday September 17th when the

network sat Kimmel down. Now because of the people's united protest that bruised the pockets of Disney, ABC put Jimmy Kimmel back on air Tuesday September 23. For a nation largely divided on many issues, this was a rare display of the unifying power to defend the 1st Amendment.

What was amazing to me was how incredible it is when people come together to fight for what's right and take a stand on principles. We the church could take some notes. As a church family we must stand united on the Word of God. We're doing that for our Pentecost 2025 meetings, and it will take all of us doing our part along with the Holy Spirit to make it successful.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12 says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." Let's follow Christ's example and help each other up as we go.

Sincerely,

Pastor Paige

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(THIS AUTHOR, F. E. BELDON, HAD THE ABILITY TO WRITE A SONG FOR ANY SERMON WHILE IT WAS BEING PREACHED.)



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is Black History – Every Month

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"ORIGINS: BIG BANG OR BIG GOD"

Schedule of Presentations

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| 10/04 - 2:00 pm | "Why Bad Things Happen to Good People?" |
| 10/05 - 5:00 pm | "Womb to Tomb: There Is More!" |
| 10/10 - 7:00 pm | "Love & Marriage: Horse & Carriage or Ball or Chain?" |
| 10/11 - 11:00 am | "The One Question Every Person Must Answer" |
| 10/11 - 2:00 pm | "The History of the World in One Dream" |

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AMERICAN HISTORY IS BLACK HISTORY
“THE INVENTION OF RACE AND WHY IT MATTERS”
FROM A TALK BY JOHN BIEWEN

John Biewen, began his talk by saying; “There was a small minority, around 20% of white Americans that approved of and supported the work of Martin Luther King Jr. with the civil rights movement. “While Dr. King was still alive,” Biewen says, “In our house, when the shows that dealt with race would come on the television, my parents would sit us kids down to make sure we watch the Sidney Poitier movies and Roots. The message was loud and clear, I got it, Racism is wrong.” “Racists are bad people, at the same time, we lived in a very white place, in Minnesota.” Biewen continues, “I’ll just speak for myself, that allowed me to believe that those white racists on the TV screen were being beamed in from some other place, it wasn’t about us really, I did not feel implicated.” “Now I would say, I’m still in recovery from that early impression. I got into journalism because of caring about things like equality and justice. As it was for a long time, racism was just a puzzle to me. Why is it still with us when it’s so clearly wrong? Maybe it was because I wasn’t looking in the right place, or asking the right questions? Have you ever noticed that when people in our mostly white media report on what they consider to be racial issues, or what we consider to be racial issues? **What that means is that we’re pointing our cameras, our microphones,**

and our gaze at people of color. Asking questions like how are black folks, Native and our gaze at people of color. Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, how are they doing in a given community, or with respect to some issues, economy, and education. I’ve done my share of that kind of journalism over many years. Then George Zimmerman killed Trevon Martin followed by this unending string of high-profile police shootings of unarmed Black people. Then the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement, Dilan Ruth, and the Charleston massacre of people in a Black church. Oscar so White and all the incidents from the day-to-day American life. These overtly racist incidents that we get to see, because they’re captured on smartphones and sent across the Internet. Beneath those visible events, the stubborn data, studies showing systemic racism in every institution we have housing segregation, job discrimination, the deeply racialized inequities in our schools, and the criminal justice system. What really did it for me, (and I know I’m not alone in this either) is the rise of Donald Trump and the discovery that a solid majority of white Americans would embrace or at least accept such a raw, bitter kind of identity politics. This is all disturbing to me as a human being. Yet as a journalist, I found myself turning the lens around, thinking - **wow, white folks are the story.**



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Biewen said, **“Whiteness is the story,** different and you dress funny. I'll just go thinking, can I do that, and what would a ahead and jump to the conclusion that since podcast series about whiteness sound like? you're different that you're somehow less This could get uncomfortable. He continues, than me. **Maybe that makes it OK for me to I had seen almost no journalism that look mistreat you.** Biewen, questions, “Is that deeply at whiteness.” “Of course, people of something like what we imagine or color and especially black intellectuals have assume?” “Under that kind of scenario, it's made critiques of white supremacist culture sort of all a tragic big misunderstanding. But for centuries. I knew that in the last two or it seems wrong.” **First of all, race is a recent work looking at race through the frame of invention. It's just a few hundred years old.** Before that, people divided themselves by **whiteness. What it is. How we got it. How religion, tribal group, language, and things it works in the world.”** “I started reading, like that. For most, human history, people then reached out to some leading experts had no notion of race as we call it. In on race and the history of race. One of the ancient Greece for example, and I learned first questions I asked was, where did this this from **historian Nell Irvin Painter,** the idea of being a white person come from in **Greeks thought they were better than the first place. Science is clear, we are one other people they knew about but not human race. We're all related, all descended because of some idea that they were from common ancestor in Africa. Some innately superior.** They just thought they'd people walked out of Africa into colder, developed the most advanced culture. So darker places and lost a lot of melanin. they looked around at the Ethiopians, but Some of us more than others, but also the Persians, and the Celts, and said, genetically **we are all 99.9% the same.** There “They're all kind of barbaric compared to us. is more genetic diversity within what we call Culturally, they're just not Greek.” **Yes, in racial groups than there is between racial the ancient world, there was lots of groups. There is no gene for whiteness or slavery, but people, enslaved people who blackness or Asian or what have you.” “So didn't look like them, and they often how did this happen? How did we get this? enslaved people who did. Did you know How did racism start?” “Had you asked me that the English word “slave” is derived to speculate some years ago, in my from the word “Slav”? Slavic people were ignorance, would've said, I guess somewhere enslaved by all kinds of folks, including back in deep history people encountered Western Europeans for centuries. Slavery one another. They found each other, saying wasn't about race either, because no one your skin is a different color, your hair is had thought up race yet.**



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Biewen stated, “I put that question to another leading **Historian, Ibram Kendi.**” “**I didn't expect he would answer the question in the form of one person's name and a date, as if we were talking about the lightbulb. But he did.** He said, in his exhaustive reasearch, he found what he believed to be the first articulation of racists ideas. Then he named the culprit. This guy should be more famous, or infamous. His name is **Gomes de Zurara. A Portuguese man, wrote a book in the 1450's in which he did something no one had ever done before, according to Dr. Kendi. He lumped together all the people of Africia - a vast, diverse continent - and he described them as a distinct group, inferior and beastly.** Never mind that in that precolonial time some of the most sophisticated in the world were in Africa. Why would this guy make this claim? Well, it turns out, **it helps to follow the money.** **First, Zurara was hired to write that book by the Portuguese king, and just a few before, slave traders tied to the Portuguese crown had effectively pioneered the Atlantic salve trade. They were the first Europeans to sail directly to sub-Sharan Africa to kidnap and enslave African people. It was really helpful to have a story about the inferiority of African people to justify this new trade; to other People, to the church, to themselves. And with the stroke of a pen, Zurara invented both blackness and whiteness, because he basically created**

the notion of blackness through this description of Africans, and as Dr. Kendi says, Blackness has no meaning without Whiteness. Other European countries followed the Portuguese lead in looking to Africa for human property and free labor and in adopting this fiction about the inferiority of African people. I found this clarifying. Racism didn't start with misunderstanding, it started with a lie. Meanwhile, over here in colonial America, **the people now calling themselves white got busy taking these racist ideas turning them into law. Laws that stripped all human rights from people they were calling Black and locking them into our particularly vicious brand of chattel slavery, and laws that gave even the poorest white people benefits, not big benefits in material terms but the right to not be enslaved for life, the right to not have your loved ones torn from your arms and sold, and sometimes real goodies. The handouts of free land in places like Virginia to white people only started long before the American Revolution and continued long after. I'll conclude here with, Biewen, stating “People listening to me, if they're still listening, would say this is Ancient history. Why does this matter? Things have changed. Can't we just get over it and move on?” He continues, “...for me this has brought a real shift in a way that I understand racism today. Race is not a thing biologically, it's a story some people decided to tell; and people told that story to justify the brutal exploitation of other human beings for profit.” This is our REALITY today.**



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Four Steps

1. Ascertain the cause

2. Change unhealthy conditions

3. Correct wrong habits

**4. Assists nature In its efforts to -
Expel waste - Re-establish right
conditions in the system**

Steps

- **STEP 1**

- From Cause to effect

- The cure is in the cause.

- **STEP 2** to a better, longer life

- Heredity loads the gun

- lifestyle pulls the trigger

- **STEP 3**

- Remove the **cause you have** the cure.

- **STEP 4**

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STORY BEHIND THE SONG: I WILL SING OF JESUS LOVE

Story Behind the Song: "I Will Sing of Jesus Love"
From hymnsforworship.org - Hymns of F.E. Belden

Franklin Belden was born and schooled in Battle Creek, Michigan. In 1876, when James and Ellen White made a decision to move to California, Belden's family decided to join with them. Young Franklin was 18 years old at this time. The Whites and Beldens were close-knit. Ellen Harmon White and Sarah Harmon Belden are sisters, which makes Ellen the aunt of Franklin. It would not be a surprise that Franklin would grow up in a household with first access and exposure to the Biblical wisdom that the elders around him possessed. It was in California that Franklin would show some knack for composing music. Later on, he had to move out of his family's house, mainly due to his bronchial problems. Colorado was Belden's choice of residence and there he met his wife who also had musical talents like him.

As Belden showed more maturity, he was given more responsibilities, mainly in the Seventh-day Adventist publishing work. One of his early jobs included being the editor of *The Seventh-day Adventist Hymn and Tune Book for Use in Divine Worship*, more commonly known as *Hymns and Tunes 1886*. The responsibility of putting together official hymnals for the church had been James White's since 1849. Franklin seemed to be the perfect fit to take over this responsibility.

The SDA Hymnal companion described Franklin as a "genius." The editors wrote: "Belden's genius in music and poetry was demonstrated by his frequent practice of writing a song to fit a sermon while it

was being preached. He and his wife sat in the choir. He would take the Scripture text of the sermon as his theme and, using the preacher's exposition, write the hymn text. Then he would compose the music for the newly written words. Finally, he and his wife would offer to sing the new hymn in place of the final hymn chosen to conclude the service."

Not all of the 80 hymns found its way to the SDA Hymnal 1985. Twelve hymns are included in which both the lyrics and melody are written and composed by Belden. Here are 1 of them:

SDA Hymn 183: I Will Sing of Jesus' Love

1
I will sing of Jesus love,
Sing of Him, who first loved me;
for He left bright worlds above,
And died on Calvary.

Refrain
I will sing of Jesus love
Endless praise my heart shall give;
He has died that I might live
I will sing His love to me.

2
O the depths of love divine!
Earth or heaven can never know
How that sin as dark as mine
can be made as white as snow.

3
Nothing good for Him I've done;
How could He such love bestow?
Lord, I own my heart is won,
help me now my love to show.



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STORY BEHIND THE SONG: I WILL SING OF JESUS LOVE

SCRIPTURAL BASIS

1

Psa 9:2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High.

1Jn 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Jhn 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Luk 23:33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Refrain

Psa 59:16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

2

Eph 3:18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

2 (Cont'd)

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

3

Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

Jhn 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

HYMNS & TUNES, 1886

THIS MONTH'S NEWS

REVIVE US AGAIN IN 2025

REVIVE OUR LOVE

REVIVE OUR FAITH

REVIVE OUR **COURAGE**

REVIVE OUR HOPE

*Celebrating the Birthdays &
Anniversaries of our members
- Give us your anniversary -*

Happy Birthday–October

Birthday's

** Johara Bracey	Oct 4
**Stephen Knight	Oct 7
**Leonta Phillips	Oct 9
**Cody Paige	Oct 17
**Rodney Johnson	Oct 19
**Amor Rocker	Oct 20
**Jessica Tanner	Oct 25
**Stacy Espinoza	Oct 27
**Michael Haynie	Oct 29
**Serita D Walker	Oct 30
**Dianne Jenkins	Oct 31

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Pentecost 2025 - Revive Us Again Series

Weekend #1 - **(See page 3 - for details)**

October 4 - Sabbath Morning 11:30 am

lunch - afternoon 2:00 pm

October 5 - Sunday Evening 5 pm

Weekend #2 - **(See page 3 - for details)**

October 10 - Friday Evening 6:30

October 11 - Sabbath Morning 11:30 am

lunch - afternoon 2:00 pm

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"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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