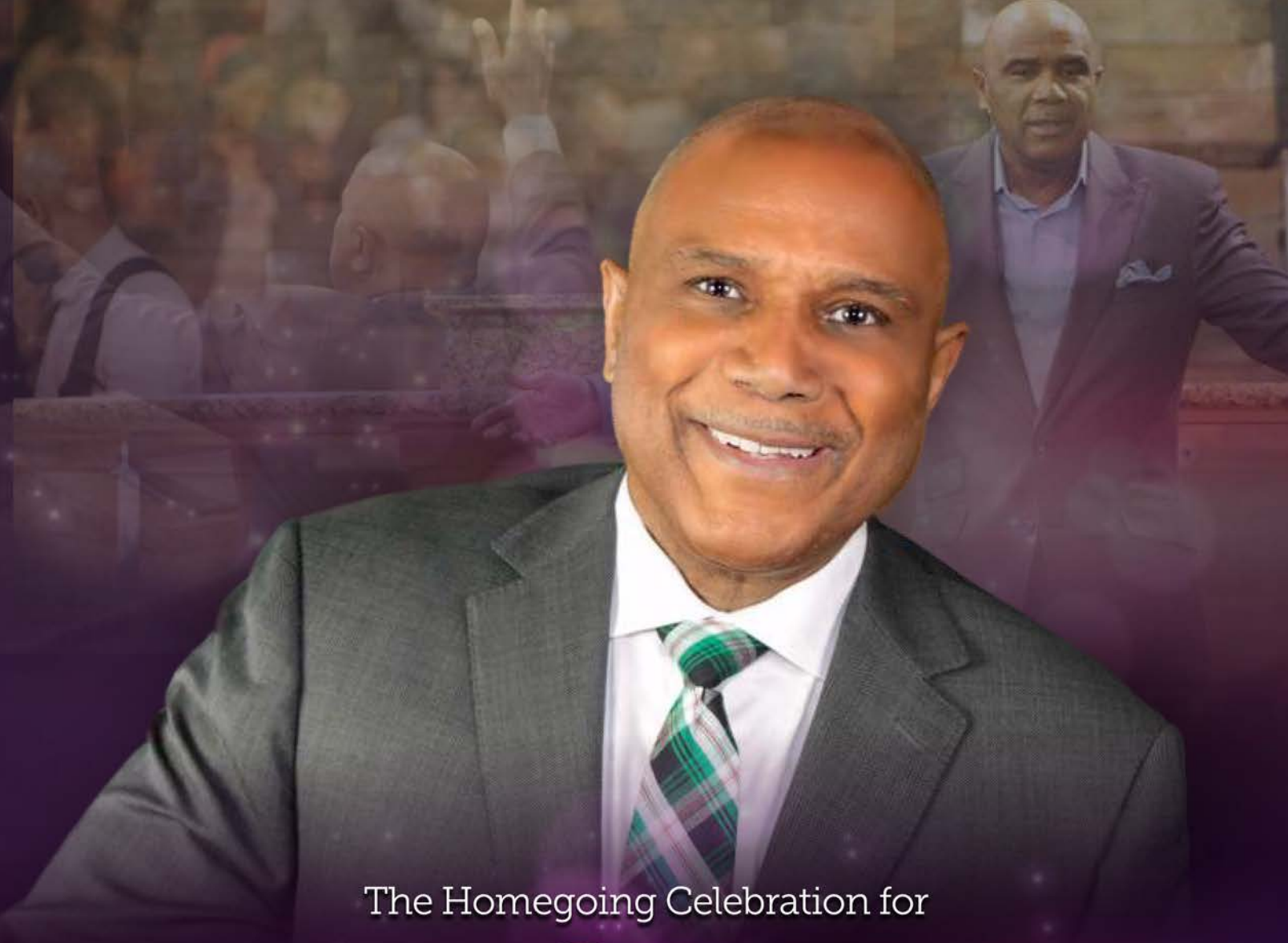




The Homegoing Celebration for

*Bishop
Frank Summerfield*

Monday, The 10th Day of July, Two Thousand and Seventeen

The Celebration of Friends and Family Hour 9:00 AM

The Celebration of Life 11:00 AM

Bishop T.D. Jakes, Eulogist

Pastor C. Porter, Presider

Wake Chapel Church
3805 Tarheel Club Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27604



Bishop Summerfield dedicated his life to God, family and his church. Although he loved God and his church, it was his wife and children he loved the most. Praying for his wife and children was a daily part of his life's journey. From the time he met and married Lady JoeNell Summerfield, nothing could keep them apart. For over forty years, Bishop Summerfield, loved and adored his wife. There were no church conference or church event where you saw only Bishop Summerfield, Lady Summerfield, was always there by his side.

Bishop Summerfield took the words of the Bible literally, when it said "a man must love his wife", for he surely loved Lady Summerfield. Even when things got extremely hard and challenging, Bishop exercised his faith and executed on the words of the Bible, which said "for better or worse".

Bishop Summerfield's love for his wife should be a lasting testimony for all to see, when you put your trust in God, all things work for the good of them who loves the lord.

It was evident for all to see, the love, joy, excitement and friendship Bishop Summerfield and Lady JoeNell Summerfield shared. Truly being candid and a testament to marriages all over the world was his passion. Bishop Summerfield often reminded couples to never take the simple joys and memories created for granted but to use your marriage as a platform that marriage is good and honorable in the sight of God.

How can I ever forget the love that meant so much to me and gave me so much to remember?





My Loving Family

Family has always been the cornerstone of this earthly life we live. Bishop Summerfield exemplified this belief by being an example of faith, love, and dedication to his family. The forty years of love and dedication to Lady JoeNell Summerfield, produce four beautiful children; Frank, Mitchell, Valisha and Joshua.

Bishop Summerfield taught his children the value of Loving God and others. He taught by both, his words and actions. Becoming a father was the best moments of Bishop Summerfield's life. Raising three boys and one girl does not come without hills and battles. But being a faithful friend, guide and teacher to his children have made all the difference in their lives. God will do just what He said He would do. God has love, protected and provided for his family. For this, Bishop Summerfield will always be grateful to God and what He has continually done for his family.



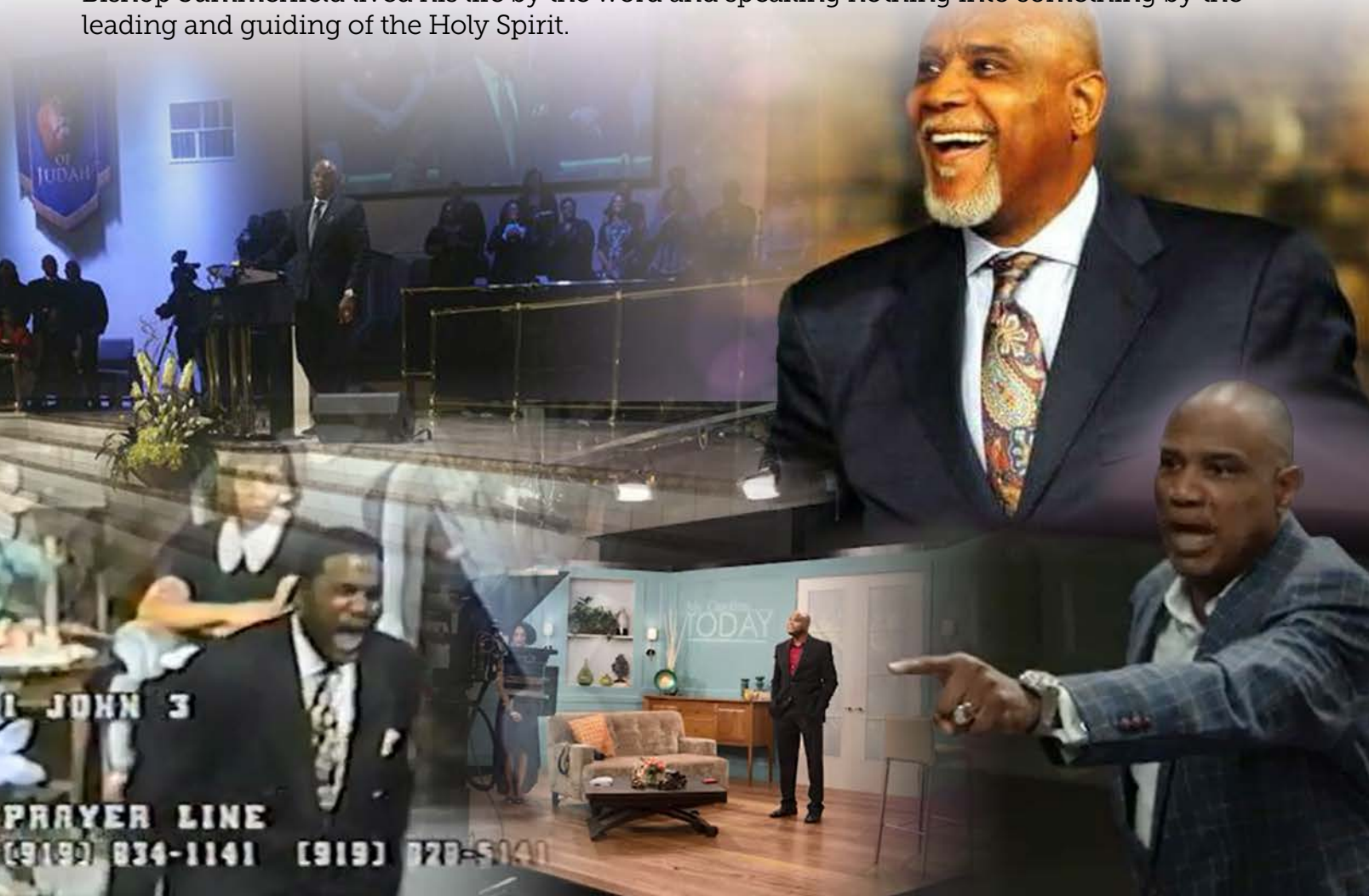


The Building of the Ministry

Building a ministry is a lifetime of work. One has to have the conviction of faith and dedication beyond their own comprehension. The work of ministry is a belief in things you can't see while you are building a ministry for God.

Bishop Summerfield travelled this country extensively, promoting the will of God into everyone's life he came into contact with, from the parking lot attendants to Bishops in the church. Bishop Summerfield has the same word, "God is still in charge". Bishop Summerfield taught no matter what; to keep the work of the ministry as the main focus. If the ministry is the main focus, then so much attention is not needed to be on you.

He also taught that ministry must be a labor of love without many expectations as a requirement. One must love the work of the ministry and Gods people in order to do ministry. Bishop Summerfield lived his life by the word and speaking nothing into something by the leading and guiding of the Holy Spirit.





Service to Community

Bishop Summerfield was revered locally, nationally and internationally as a dynamic man of vision, leadership, integrity and compassion. In addition to his commitment to Word of God Fellowship Church as Senior Pastor, Bishop Summerfield also served in many other prestigious capacities.

Bishop Frank Summerfield served the Raleigh community for over 30 years. While working with the City of Raleigh as Superintendent over Parks & Recreation he's impacted so many lives.

As founder of Word of God Christian Academy and Daycare, he's helped thousands of students receive an education in a Christian environment. The initial enrollment for Word of God Christian Academy was 63 students, but increased to 260 the following year. Word of God Christian Academy was cited as "the fastest growing private school in the state" by the Raleigh News & Observer. Word of God Christian Academy has had twenty-three graduating classes, and the majority of the graduates have been accepted into major colleges and universities on academic and athletic scholarships.

The graduating class of 2009 alone received over 1.6 million dollars awarded to them in scholarship funds. Word of God Christian Academy has produced students who perform with excellence on local, national, and international levels and have received recognition and awards such as NASA-NSIP award, the National Achievement Award, and three Bill Gates Millennium Foundation Scholarships.

Bishop Summerfield dedicated his life to see others excel in achievement in life. Bishop Summerfield has always believed excellence has no excuse, and an excuse is just that, an excuse.

These principles of belief has allowed Bishop Summerfield to stay on the biblical foundation of "study to show thyself approved"





Obituary

Bishop Frank Summerfield, Senior Pastor of Word of God Fellowship Church, Raleigh, NC, heavenly transitioned on Sunday, July 2, 2017. Bishop Summerfield was born on February 28, 1950 to the late Florence and Frank Summerfield II in Newark, New Jersey. He leaves to cherish his wife of 40 blissful years of marriage Pastor JoeNell Summerfield and their children, Frank, Mitchell (Shantel), Valisha (Travis), and Joshua all of Raleigh, NC. Two brothers, Derrick (New Jersey), Christopher (North Carolina); one sister Joyce (Virginia); three brother-in laws, Rufus, Phillip (Patricia), Bobbie; one sister-in law, Linda, all of Raleigh, NC.; one granddaughter Nia (Maryland) and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and a comrade of Pastoral friends.

At an early age, Bishop Summerfield developed a love for playing basketball. During his formative years, his love and skillfulness for the game was so instrumental he assisted his high school, Weequahic High to achieve city, county and state champions. Bishop Summerfield ranked 12th in the nation for field goal percentage for National Association Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District 10. Bishop Summerfield received his Bachelors in Health and Physical Education from Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina Kansas; a Masters of Art in Health Education from Montclair State University and a Doctorate of Divinity Degree from Saint Thomas Christian College, Jacksonville Florida.

Upon completing his graduate studies, Bishop Summerfield subsequently moved to North Carolina to assume a teaching position. It was while in North Carolina he met and fell in love with the love of his life JoeNell Jones. While establishing a relationship with JoeNell, her mother the late Mrs. Locie Jones witnessed to Bishop Summerfield on various occasions and during a revival meeting, Bishop Summerfield gave his life to Christ at the age of twenty-six. Shortly after giving his life to Christ, he and JoeNell were married. Bishop Summerfield ministerial service started at St. Peter Apostolic Church under the leadership of Bishop Fred Williams. Under the tutelage of Bishop S. E. Saunders, Bishop Summerfield was ordained as an Elder in the United Churches of Jesus Apostolic. He served as the Assistant General





Secretary to Bishop Saunders. As Bishop Saunders began to preach and teach Kingdom living, he exposed Bishop Summerfield and Pastor JoeNell to the revelatory knowledge of Kingdom living as they join him traveling to Florida, Tennessee, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia and other various places. Bishop Saunders and Bishop Summerfield remained connected for many years, even serving as professors at Shaw University together. In 1979, Bishop Summerfield met Wayne (Doc) Agan in Richland, NC, where the message of Life was uncovered to him. Moreover as Bishop Summerfield continued to hear Doc Agan minister life and immortality messages, Bishop Summerfield continued to apply those life and immortality principles in his own local ministry. After serving diligently for several years, Bishop Summerfield was elevated to the office of Bishop, receiving his ordination under the auspices of Bishop Mack Timberlake. For years, Bishop Summerfield's Father in the Gospel, mentor and spiritual covering has been the world acclaimed Bishop T. D. Jakes, Senior Pastor, Potter's House, Dallas, Texas.

Since the inception of his salvation, Bishop Summerfield has always had a strong zeal, commitment and determination to serve God with all his heart with a spirit of excellence. It is with that same fortitude and drive that he and his beloved wife established a ministry in their home which quickly transcended to the establishment of Ye are the Temple in 1988. Together, Bishop Summerfield and Pastor JoeNell served hand and hand in ministry for over 26 Years, as the Senior Pastors of Word of God Fellowship and Founders of Word of God Christian Academy in Raleigh, NC.

Bishop Summerfield was a well accomplished Pastor, visionary, international speaker, motivational teacher, financial mentor, and world renowned author receiving numerous awards and recognition for his noteworthy efforts. For the sake of brevity, a list of all Bishop Summerfield's vast amount of accomplishments and achievements cannot be captured in its entirety. His sphere of influence was insurmountable as he touched the lives of millions through his powerful teachings and spoken words on both the national and international platforms. Bishop Summerfield's influential teachings will resound in the hearts of all who heard him for years to come. The messages of life, faith and the supernatural power of God will be a perpetual part of his legacy.





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Order of Service

Celebration of Friends and Family
Family Processional
Pastor C. Porter, Presiding
Christ Community Fellowship | Raleigh, NC

Prelude

Invocation..... **Bishop J.J. Wilkins**
Wake Chapel Church

Musical Tribute ..... **Word of God Fellowship Choir**

The Holy Scriptures

Old Testament Reading ..... **Apostle Norbert Simmons**
Deeper Life Ministries

New Testament Reading ..... **Apostle Donald Fozard**
Mt. Zion Christian Church

Words of Encouragement..... **Bishop J.C. Hash**
St. Peter's Church World Outreach Center

Musical Tribute ..... **Word of God Fellowship Choir**

Obituary..... (Read Silently)

PROCLAMATIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

** Please respect the 2-minute time allotment**



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Tributes

Civic Tributes ..... **Chad Price**
CEO of Mako

Ministry Tributes- Visionary Network Pastors ..... **Bishop George Bloomer**
Bethel Family Worship Center

Bishop Cliff Coward
Agape International Ministries

Clergy Tributes..... **Bishop Steve Houpe**
Harvest Church International Outreach

Bishop Glenn Staples
Temple of Praise

Video Presentation

Musical Tribute ..... **Word of God Fellowship Choir**

Family Memories..... **Pastor Mitch Summerfield**
Son of Bishop Summerfield

Musical Tribute ..... **Pastor Charles Jenkins**
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

The Eulogy..... **Bishop T.D. Jakes**
The Potter's House

The Recessional

Entombment



The Work of a Bishop

If anyone aspires to the office of a Bishop, he desires a noble task. Therefore, a Bishop must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

From this list, we conclude several things. First, the job of bishop is a noble task. Second, the job is a limited task. Third, integrity is critical (above reproach, committed to his spouse, clear-thinking, self-controlled, well-respected, friendly, not influenced by alcoholic drinks, not violent or argumentative, not greedy, caring for his children, and having a good reputation among the unchurched). Fourth, he must have the ability to teach-1 Timothy 3:1-7.

Bishop Summerfield has satisfied the calling on his life as a Bishop. He can now hear the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ saying, "well done thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the lord".

Bishop Summerfield you may now sit down and rest a little while; for your labor has not been in vain and your faith has kept you on this journey, Amen.





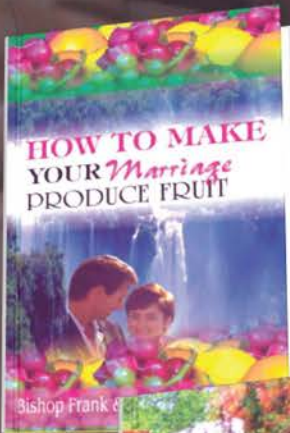
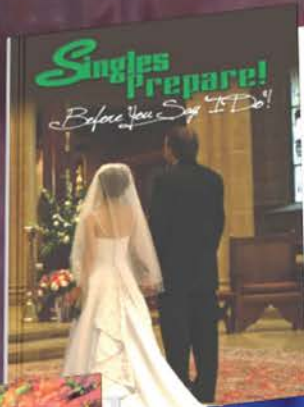
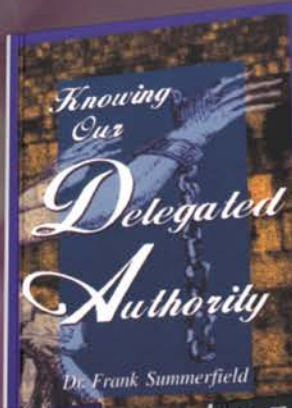
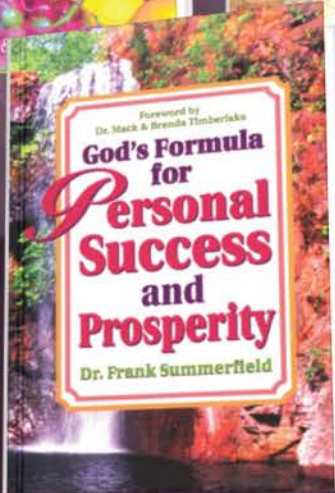
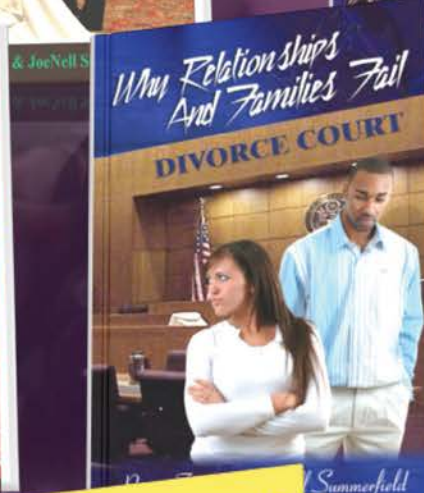
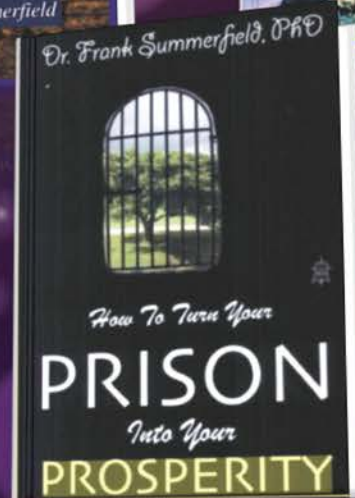
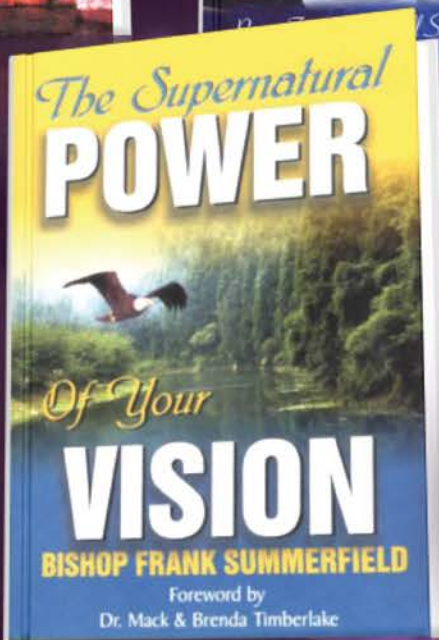
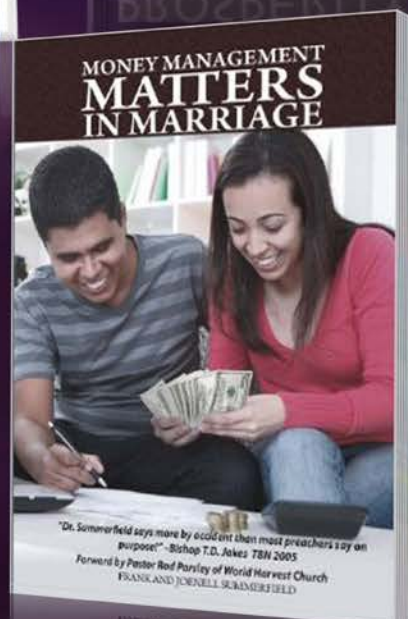


May the Work I Have Done Speak for Me

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord-
Matthew 25:21



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Message of Gratitude and Hope

Our dad taught us the true meaning of unconditional love! His love and memory will remain in our hearts and spirits forever-gently urging us to pursue and walk in God's divine purpose for our lives. It is our unique honor, privilege and blessing to have and hold all the memories in our hearts of him as our dear father.

Many of you know that our father was a loving, selfless and devoted husband, brother, friend and patriarch. Each day of his life he strived to help and be a blessing to the men and women of God while walking, living and teaching the Word of God. Giving of himself and making spiritual deposits of wisdom was always at the forefront!

His life of faith, courage, commitment and love was a testament of who he was as a person. He lived and breathed these characteristics as well as instilled them with us, his seed. His example of reaching out to others with love and reconciliation taught us that love is indestructible and will only increase by being shared.

Frank Summerfield Sr.'s Children

Frank Summerfield Jr.

Valisha (Travis) Fowles

Mitchell (Shantell) Summerfield

Joshua Summerfield





Bishop Frank Summerfield

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