

## RELIGION

### "THE ANOINTING IS THE DIFFERENCE"

by Sonya Nicole Wagstaff

"Your calling is from birth," replies Dr. Booker T. Anthony enunciating with confident conviction. God has equipped everyone with a special task, and Dr. Anthony has received his calling. On Sunday, December 7, 1997, he preached a trial sermon at First Baptist Church on Moore Street in Fayetteville, where he serves as a deacon, musician, and Sunday School teacher. A host of relatives and friends worshiped as a vessel delivered a message.

Baptized at the tender age of twelve, Dr. Anthony is no stranger to the word of God. Admitting too young to understand, like Jonah in the Bible, God kept calling him. Dr. Anthony began teaching Sunday School twelve years ago. It was through those diligent Sunday School messages that drew him spiritually and regularly to the readings of the Bible. That's when God revealed his omnipotent plan. Dr. Anthony began to discern God's promises through the secular world, family, friends, as well as the ministry. "My mom knew thirty years ago I would preach," says Dr. Anthony. The anointing is truly the difference.

Demonstrating the Good News of Jesus, The Christ, Dr. Anthony has lectured the following to communities and churches: "How to get back into the Garden of Eden," "Christianity in higher Education: A God-Centered Approach," "the Birth of Jesus: An Old Testament Perspective," "How Black Men Contribute to the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys," "Home Evangelism: A moral Imperative," "Character Education," "Forgiveness," "the Second Coming: Where Will You be When the First Trumpet Sounds?" and "A Way Out of Hell."

A native of Scotland Neck,

North Carolina, and the youngest of eleven children, Dr. Anthony earned a B.A. in English from St. Augustine's College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in English from The Ohio State University. After teaching at Ohio State University from 1982 to 1986, he accepted a teaching position in the English and Communication Department at Fayetteville State University. Dr. Anthony served as Chair of that Department from 1991 until his appointment as Acting Executive Assistant to the Chancellor in January of 1995. Currently he is a tenured associate professor of English and contributing editor to the Fayetteville Rise, an African American newspaper.

A graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Education Management Development Program, Dr. Anthony was instrumental in helping the English department receive approval of the M.A. degree program by the University of North Carolina Council of Graduate Schools, and successfully presented Fayetteville State University's Master of Arts in Teaching English (M.A.T.) to the NC Department of Public Instruction for authorization to implement the program in January 1996. He has also served as a Table Leader for the College Board's Advanced Placement Reading in English Literature, and for three years he coordinated assessment projects for the College of Arts and Sciences at FSU.

He is a member of the National Association of Presidential Assistants in Higher Education, the Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, and serves as the nominations chair of the College Language Association.

### Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation-- You Can't Pay Your Way Into Heaven!

By Shawn Torry

In the times of Martin Luther, the Roman Catholic Church was a dominating force in all of Europe. The church wielded power over monarchs and the countries they ruled. Unofficially Europe was a "neo-theocratic" continent. The Roman Catholic church had so much power that many of its officials, at all levels, became corrupt.

During the 18th century, the people seemed to be very concerned about the future of their souls. The Roman Catholic Church taught that after death the

spirit went to a place called purgatory, before going on to heaven or hell. The official position of the Roman Catholic Church was that people were justified (saved) by works. This meant that the key to being saved or achieving eternal life, was by the amount of works that a person did, or in this case, the amount of money a person gave. The church recognized works as being financial, rather than the physical giving of one's self or time in support of the ministry.

If the position of the Roman Catholic was correct, that meant that the peasants, the poor people, who had no money to give the church,

were predestined or sentenced to go to hell. It is not hard to understand why the Roman Catholic Church took this position on salvation. It was purely a financial decision. The Roman Catholic Church was one of the wealthiest organizations on the earth.

Martin Luther advocated a very strict interpretation of the bible. He questioned many of

fact that the people were being misled, by "Men of God," Martin Luther felt that allowing people to pay for their sins was like giving people the go ahead to sin, as much as and, however they pleased.

Think about this, if you knew ahead of time that you were going to commit sin, you could pay in advance. For example, suppose I was planning

on participating in an upcoming orgy. I would have been able to go to the priest and say, "Father, I am planning on taking part in that big orgy everyone has been

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the Roman Catholic Church's doctrines and practices. The issue of justification (salvation) was perhaps the most severing of all.

Because it was believed that salvation was achieved through works, the paying of penance; it would then have been possible for people to just pay to enter the Kingdom of God. Luther felt that the practice of allowing people to pay for salvation had no biblical basis to support it. He also felt that this practice would give the rich a definite advantage over the poor. Luther had been taught that God was a fair and a just God. The practice of paying for salvation would negate all of that. Aside from that

talking about this weekend. It is gonna be in that big hotel downtown. I figure that at the very least I'll commit 4 to 5 acts of fornication, maybe more if I can eat a bucket of oysters. I'll probably be looking at 4 to 5 acts of adultery too. I may even have 1 or 2 murders if any men try to rub up on me. I don't roll like that. I mean I'm nasty and all, but I am not gay. Hey if somebody wasn't nasty, then nobody would be here right? So how much do you think all that will cost me to still be saved? I don't mean to sound cheap or anything but can I pay for these sins in installments."

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