

# EYE ON GOSPEL

## Declaring War On Rap Music:

Rev. Calvin Butts of Harlem's famed Abyssinian Baptist Church has launched a campaign against the derogatory lyrics spouted in rap music. He kicked off the campaign in a fiery Mother's Day sermon. Butts is asking that his parishioners gather together all the rap product they can and bring it to the church. He then plans to have the product steamrolled in what is being planned as a very public ceremony. Butts invited members of the rap community to meet with him and air their concerns and differences. Many showed, but halfway through the meeting, walked out. Butts' words have gotten many black ministers steamed up against rap. Those including Rev. Milton Biggum (who directs the Georgia Mass Choir and heads up Savoy's gospel division). Biggum says it's long overdue and hopes to put together his own course of action.

**Plenty To Be Glad About:** Rev. Timothy Wright has had something to be glad about for the last year and a half. That's when his last project, "I'm Glad About It" was first released. After a lengthy stay in the top ten of Billboard's gospel record charts, it's still one of the top 30 best-selling hits in gospel. However, Wright is ready for that to change with the release of his latest project, "We need a Miracle." But if Wright needs a miracle, he sure doesn't look like it. He's gearing up for the third pastoral anniversary of his Brooklyn-based church, Grace Tabernacle Christian Center (June 13-20), and he's currently at work on his second pro-

ject with Sister Ruby Terry. Wright is also looking to do another project in Detroit sometime later in the summer. And while he has been doing as much producing and writing as he'd like during the heavy touring schedule he established with his last hit, Wright's still got plenty to be glad about. **King Of The Hill:** Savoy is earning its stripes as King of the Hill with three of the top five slots on the gospel record charts, including its number one smash from Rev. Clay Evans' "I'm Going Through" and the Georgia Mass Choir's "I Sing Because I'm Happy." Earlier this month, the label celebrated the signing of Alvin Darling & Celebration. And Donnie McClurkin reports that tensions have eased and relations have improved between he and Savoy execs with regards to his New York Restoration Choir. Plans for a follow-up are in the works...

**Briefly:** The Gospel Music Workshop of America is spreading its wings with its First Annual West Coast Regional Conference, May 28-31 in Tacoma, Wash. According to Executive Director Ed Smith, the event (conceived by the Washington State Chapter) is part of an effort to "broaden our base, make the workshop more accessible and attract folk that normally don't make it to conventions."

Malaco Records recently announced the appointment of Jerry Mannery to director of their gospel music division. Mannery had, for the past several years, worked under the late Frank Williams (of Jackson Southernaires fame), who'd held the position from the time it was created until his untimely death two months ago...

**This week's scripture:** "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline."-- 2 Timothy 1:7.



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Here's how to make yourself a better, happier person, and how to keep your stress to a minimum. And, guess what? It's easy!

1. For the next 24 hours, do not criticize yourself. That's right, from now until this time tomorrow, don't belittle yourself. Don't put yourself down. Don't make any negative statements about yourself. Don't even daydream or imagine yourself doing something that is negative. If you slip up and catch yourself criticizing yourself, in a negative way, stop it and get yourself back on track right away. This is your start toward total self-confidence. This will help you to control your own feelings, with your own thoughts.

2. For the next three days, say only good things about yourself. Think only the most positive thoughts about yourself. Try to daydream about yourself doing some specific thing successfully. Now, use your mind like a movie screen. Close your eyes and see yourself in the movie of your life.



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DATES: June 7, 1993

August 6, 1993

TIME: 7:00 am - 3:00 pm

AFTER HOURS: 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

AGES: 5-12 Yr Olds

## REGISTRATION

Saturday, May 15, 1993

(9:00 am - 3:00 pm)

## ACTIVITIES

This program is designed to offer fun, creative and organized activities in a Christian environment. Children are grouped by age and activities are designed specifically for each age group.

## NEW

### Mini Enrichment Activities in Math, Reading, and Writing Skills

- Creative Arts
- Devotions
- Water Fun
- Bible
- Cookouts
- Skating
- Bowling

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

- Theme Days
- Storytelling
- Indoor/Outdoor Games
- Movies
- Guest Speakers
- Tie Dyeing
- First Aid

- Clown Faces
- Hair Bow Design
- Cake Decorating

- Gardening
- Ice Cream Party
- Sing-a-Longs

### • African-American History

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Discovery Place • Home's Nest Park • Nature Museum • Johnson C. Smith  
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