

# Book highlights black gays' struggle for acceptance

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that they're an abomination. The essays, Moore said, show how black homosexuals come to terms with being a spiritual person.

"Some of them give up Christianity all together," she said. "I found when reading

the other essays that some people were taught love the sinner hate the sin. There are a lot of bible verses used in their essays."

In the book, all denominations of religion are talked about.

"One woman talks about

how she's a heathen," Moore said. "These essays were healing for people."

Moore said after every signing and reading from the book, people really want to talk about the issues it raises.

"This is a subject that has-

n't been discussed much," she said.

Despite recent mainstreaming of gay lifestyle and acceptability on many levels, and with same-sex marriages a hot-button issue on the national political scene, homosexuality remains a divisive issue in

the black community. With churches remaining one of the main political, cultural and social forces in the black community, homosexuality and the black church is a major issue, the Rev. Russell Thornhill told Black America Web in a recent article.

Want to go?

What: "Spirited" book signing  
When: Saturday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,  
1900 The Plaza  
Cost: Free and open to the public

## Red Branch pastor's anniversary

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**November 6**  
The Good Shepherd Baptist Church will hold revival through Wednesday. Services begin nightly at 7 p.m. The church is located at 624 E. 15th St.

**November 12**  
Red Branch Baptist Church will celebrate the seventh pastoral anniversary of the Rev. Daimon Rawlinson Sr. at 3 p.m. The afternoon service will be held at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 1401 North Allen St.

• Greenville Memorial AMEZ Church mass choir will hold a concert at 5 p.m. in the Hidden Valley Community at 6116 Monteth Drive. For directions, call (704) 596-4742.

**November 17**  
Pastor Valari Logan and Women of the Harvest present a Women's Fall Retreat, "Listen-

ing to GOD with our Total Mind, Body, and Soul." The event runs through Saturday and registration is \$85.

The retreat will be held at White Oak Conference Center in Winstboro, S.C. For more information, call (704) 531-2246.

**November 18**  
First Presbyterian Church, 302 E. Windsor St., Monroe, will host its third annual Community Jubilee from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call (704) 283-2784.

**December 2**  
Matthews United Methodist Church will host its annual Walk Through Bethlehem. The event models the Town of Bethlehem as it appeared when Christ was born and offers visitors an interactive experience. The church is located at 801 S. Trade St. Matthews. The event runs from 3-9 p.m.

## Elijah triumphs with God

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decide whether they would give their allegiance to the Lord or to Baal. He clearly implied that they could not claim they were able to serve both.

Elijah thus is describing the spiritual unsteadiness of the people in the crowd that day. The alternative to such hobbling will be a confident steady walk with the Lord, which they do not possess.

The issue facing the people on this occasion is remarkably

simple. Two options confront them: the way of the Lord and the way of Baal. In today's pluralistic religious climate, Elijah's statement is still timely. We may choose a narrow road to salvation or a wide road to destruction (Matthew 7:13, 14).

The fact that they remained silent and would not respond may indicate that they were afraid to state their preference until they were sure they could come down on the right

side of the issue. The outcome of the contest about to take place would determine that.

3. Did Elijah feel lonely when he said "...even I only, remain a prophet of the Lord" (v. 22)?

Elijah observes that he is the only one of the Lord's prophets left. Yet we know from an earlier statement in 1 Kings 18:4 that Obadiah, one of Ahab's officials, has hidden 100 prophets of the Lord from Jezebel's murderous fury.

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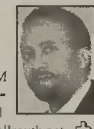
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