

Response to Elder Earl Carter's Accusations of Bishop Charles E. Blake

Bishop Charles E, Blake has served as my mentor and has been a friend to me for 35 years. We have travelled the world together in ministry and our families have taken many vacations together as well. It is intriguing to me since I have travelled with him more than anyone that I am aware of and have never observed ANY inappropriate behavior conducted by Bishop Blake.

II Corinthians 13:1 says, "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." Therefore I join the others to defend Bishop Blake's integrity and celebrate his devoted life to Christ and His holiness. His life has been an example to mankind as Paul said "Follow me as I follow Christ". One of the disparaging regrets of leadership is the false attacks imposed by the enemy of the leader.

John 3:11 says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, we speak what we do know, and testify what we have seen....." I was a member of the delegation that accompanied Bishop Blake to Boston, Massachusetts to receive that prestigious award, The Harvard Humanitarian Award on 2003. This award was given each year to a person honored by The Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Relations. Any of us would have been much honored and appreciative to have been a recipient of such an award from one of the most prestigious universities in our nation, Harvard University. Of course the Foundation hosting that event arranged for the recipient (Bishop Blake) to be accommodated at the Charles Hotel of Cambridge. The other COGIC pastors and I stayed at the same Hotel. Bishop Blake was hosted by several dignitaries of the University in various meetings. This included Dr. Peter J. Gomes who invited Bishop Blake to preach at the renown Memorial Church of Harvard University. Bishop Blake gave a powerful word and was invited to eat lunch at Dr. Gomes' house along with his DELEGATION after the Chapel service. It was a great lunch and wonderful time of fellowship.

Bishop Blake has represented holiness and preached sound doctrine everywhere he has been invited as well at West Angles COGIC. I have heard him preached over 600 sermons and can attest that he covers every subject pertaining to life and Godliness. I am appalled that Elder Carter would attack Bishop Blake as he did and trust that he would cease and desist from this evil attack on our leader. The Bible clearly declares that we reap what we sow! I encourage all of us to lift our Presiding Bishop and his family in prayer and support his vision.

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