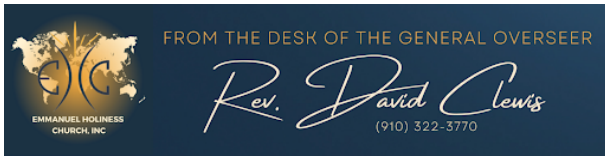




MESSENGER

Greetings to All in the Name of Jesus,

FORWARD MOMENTUM *in 2023*

2023 is almost gone, but what a year it has been for the EHC! God has truly blessed us in expanding our foreign footprint with 3 new churches in India and a future church coming in Kenya. Who but God? We had two wonderful camp meetings, and the Lord moved in unbelievable ways. The preaching and worship were phenomenal, yet most of all, the presence of the Lord was indescribable. I am looking forward to the '24 Winter Camp Meeting; it is just the beginning of another of our vision to move forward for Jesus. Thank you to my board for your unwavering support and thanks to the body of the EHC for your prayers. I ask that you will continue to pray that the Lord will give me the wisdom and anointing I need to lead this wonderful organization. I trust you all will have very Merry Christmas. We're looking forward to great things in the near future.

In His Service,
David Clewis
General Overseer
Emmanuel Holiness Church, Inc.

A Word from the Alabama Overseer

Glory to God Emmanuel Holiness Churches! I first want to say that I love Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway. I am asking for all of our people to stand by them in prayer as they navigate the days ahead in their life following their loss. I appreciate them greatly. God is using them in their full time evangelist ministry. We pastors need good people like them to come and preach to our churches. They have been a great blessing to our church. Hold them up in prayer.

We had the Shaneyfelt Family from Gadsden, Alabama singing for us at our September quarterly fellowship meeting at the Alabama Emmanuel Holiness Campground. The Lord was real to us that night as we worshiped Him. The service turned into a prayer line with several people getting help from God.

I personally have been in quite a few revivals and fellowship meetings in the last few months. Everywhere I go, I find that God is visiting His people. I believe I understand why David declared in Psalm 122:1, I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. I love going to church. According to Hebrews 10:25, we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as we see the day approaching. So many church people seem to feel that we can skip out on church at our leisure. We can work it around all the things in our life that we think are so important. I believe we should realize that in doing so we could be not keeping God first in our life. God is not going to allow any other gods before Him. Let's get a hunger for God like we have never had. God is ready to bless His people with the last day revival and outpouring of the Holy Ghost that was promised by the prophet Joel. God Bless all the wonderful people of the Emmanuel Holiness Church.

Rev. Jim Phillips

Homecoming & Revival

On October 29, 2023, Abe Branch celebrated its 43rd Homecoming. Our service began with special singing from the choir of little girls, then the Holy Ghost began to move during the singing of "Holy Forever." As the congregation began to worship under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, Bro. Peters exhorted unto the congregation. Although revival had not begun according to the schedule, the spirit of revival had already made its

entrance. During our revival, the Holy Ghost moved again on Monday evening. Bro. Peters preached many wonderful and timely messages that caused many to worship, others to cry out to the Lord, and some to ponder and meditate on the word of the Lord within their hearts. The Lord moved strongly in the revival that the meeting was extended four additional services. We thank the congregation for their willingness to spiritually prepare for this meeting, Bro. Peters for his tenderness to the speaking of God, and most of all, we're thankful that the Lord stopped by to move and minister among His people.



Baptism

After our homecoming service on October 29, 2023, Pastor David Clewis baptized Bro. Corey and Sis. Torie Sullivan, Bro. Lake'n Sullivan, and Bro. Earl Batton. We are proud of our brothers and sister for furthering their walk with the Lord Jesus Christ, and pray that we can uplift them as they grow in grace.



Operation Christmas Child

In 2022, Abe Branch decided to become involved with Operation Christmas Child to help provide underprivileged children around the world with Christmas gifts that they ordinarily would not have access to. These gifts include items as simple as coloring books, or a notepad and some pencils. Even though these seem like things we use in our everyday life, many of these children lack the ability to acquire such luxuries. During our first foray into this program, we were able to fill 100 boxes for distribution. Because of the Lord's grace and His blessings, Pastor Clewis wanted to double our output. On November 14 of this year, the men and women of the church met in the fellowship hall and were able to assemble and pack 200 shoeboxes for distribution with items that had been slowly gathered throughout the year. We thank the Lord for allowing us to have the ability to provide some light and happiness to these children around the world, and pray that it provides opportunities for someone to come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Little Arrows Field Trip

The younger children of Abe Branch, or "Little Arrows" took a trip to the Surge trampoline park. They had a ton of fun as they bounced around, played basketball, swung from the monkey bars, and fell into foam pits. We're thankful for a group of children that love one another, and be trained up as the next generation of mighty warriors for the cause of Jesus Christ.



Ronald McDonald House Charities



Every Sunday night in September and October, different children grabbed buckets from Pastor Clewis and shook them throughout the congregation to collect as many quarters as possible. While a fun opportunity for the children, who are surprisingly good at collecting change, these seemingly small offering went towards helping those in a time of hardship. Four quarters would be placed on a card that contained an encouraging phrase, and then would be prayed over.

Sis. Sandra would then take them to the families staying in the Ronald McDonald house, where a drink only cost 25¢. Although the quarters may not be much to many, they provide an unexpected blessing to those going through difficult times of sickness with their children.



Greetings from Alexandria! How great it is to serve a living God! We are thankful for all the Lord is doing. We are grateful for growth, both in number and in Spirit. Acts 19:20, "So mightily grew the Word of God and prevailed," has become a favorite scripture for our church. Thanks be to God for the results we are seeing as we make the Word and Prayer a priority. We are thankful for the sweet unity that we have and desire to win the lost to Jesus.



PASTOR APPRECIATION

November 5, 2023 was set aside to give special honor to our pastor, Bro. Tim Phillips. We are so thankful for his leadership and compassionate care for souls. Truly, Bro. Tim is a pastor after God's heart. We are blessed to have a shepherd who loves and cares for us like he does.



We were honored to have Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway with us. Bro. Dale preached a powerful message to the church. It was, indeed, a special time in the Lord.



REVIVAL & HOMECOMING

We were so blessed to have Bro. Larry Peters with us for Revival and Homecoming this year. Bro. Larry preached anointed messages each night as well as Homecoming Day. Also, we were honored to have with us Bro. Randy Coffey from Ohio. We had a great time in the Lord and great time of fellowship with one another.



In infinite wisdom, the Lord surely knew that we would need a pastor as faithful as you. A love for God's Word and a heart for His flock!

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW BUILDING

Immediately following our Homecoming Dinner, we gathered outside for our Ground Breaking Ceremony. What a special time as we rejoiced in all that God is doing at Alexandria and look forward to all that He is going to do. Our special guests were Bro. Larry Peters, Bro. Coffey, and the Shaneyfelt Family. It was a powerful service led by our Pastor Bro. Tim Phillips as he spoke of our vision going forward. We are so excited to obey the Lord in going forward with our building program and look forward to all that the Lord is going to do.



MISSIONS

We are thankful to report that the Van Bollinger Mission is in the process of being built. We are grateful to have the opportunity to participate in the great work that our Missions Director, Bro. Johnny Causey is doing in India.

LADIES AUXILIARY

We are grateful for everyone that worked toward making our church yard sale a success. We made over \$1,400 to go toward our new building. To God be all the glory for all the great things He is doing at Alexandria!

YOUTH MINISTER'S NIGHT

It was great to have several of the young preachers from Refuge Holiness Church with us. Each of them preached inspiring messages and were a great blessing to the church. We also had a great after church fellowship!

**GREETINGS FROM EASTSIDE EMMANUEL
HOLINESS CHURCH**

Sunday October 1, we were blessed to have Bro. Larry Peters, one of our General Conference Evangelists. He brought a powerful message from I Samuel 16 :1 entitled "Fill your horn with oil for I have provided." He was a blessing to our church. Bro. Dale and Sis. Teresa Hathway, also a General Evangelist, visited our church on Sunday, October 8th. It is always a blessing to have them!

Our Pastor Appreciation Day was on Sunday, October 29th. We had a great crowd with an awesome dinner following the service. Bro. Marshall Dye brought a wonderful message from I Samuel 14: 23-30 entitled "He was waiting on you to get here". God will take you to a land that flows with milk and honey! He will fulfill His promises to us! We were so blessed to have Bro. Marshall and Sis. Lori with us.



We, at Eastside, are so thankful and can truly say Bro. Jackie Prickett is definitely a God-Called Pastor. He is a pastor that still fans the flame of the Fire of God. We are blessed to continue to have him with us at Eastside, and we are thankful for all his many years of service unto the Lord. His dedicated life to the call of the gospel has kept him in the ministry of the Lord.



Sis. Virginia, his wife, is certainly not left out, but has served all these years in the ministry, as well, alongside her companion. Pastoring is not an easy task, but when the dedication and desire to please God is present, then God will anoint and perform His work through our pastors to lead the Sheep of His Pasture. We need more God-called, dedicated, and motivated Pastors that will hold the fort, and be a watchman on the wall today because we are in a war!

Yes, in this day and hour that we are living there is a war literally in progress against Israel, as we speak. Our Prayers are going up every day in support of Israel. We know the enemy doesn't like God's people. It is not going unnoticed by God! And, that's not all –

I feel our churches are also in a war, but as we have studied in our Sunday School lessons this quarter we need the Faith of Abraham, the endurance and Peace of Isaac, and our Name (character, nature – old man) to be changed just like Jacob experienced. If we do our part, to follow God; in II Chronicles 32, King Hezekiah said it like this – Be strong and courageous, be not afraid of the enemy, cause with him is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord, our God, to help us, and to fight our battles. So, let's be exhilarated and lift up the true nature of Christ, the spiritual Israel!! The world is searching for help, and we need to win the lost at any cost.

We were blessed to have Bro. Travis Stephens and his family with us Sunday, November 5th for morning and night services. His sermons were short, but his message was not! His message Sunday morning from Joshua 6:1-6, 10 and 20 entitled, "The Power in the Shout" really stirred our people! Sis. Connie's ministry on the piano and their singing was a great blessing. Thank the Lord for new young ministers beginning to blaze the trail.



On November 12th we recognized all our Veterans. Each veteran was presented a gift card for a free meal at Chick-fil-A. Also, November 12th, we celebrated Bro. Jackie's 80th birthday. How many preachers would use that age as an excuse to retire if they were in his shoes? Moses was 80 when God sent him to deliver the children of Israel out of Egypt's bondage. To some minds, it's an old age, but to others it is just a number. We are thankful for his dedication, vigor, and determination to keep on keeping on!

December 17th, Sunday night, at 5:00 PM we will have our Church Family Christmas Dinner. We are looking forward to celebrate once again – For truly "Christ is the Reason for the Season."

We are a blessed people! God has really been good to us! As you can see in the picture, we have replaced the carpet in the sanctuary and it is beautiful. The Lord is continuing to send more people into our church. One Sunday morning Bro. Eddie Clayton came in and told Bro. Jackie "I want to get saved". Needless to say, we had church before Sunday School that morning! We are very thankful for every little increase. "To God be the Glory" for what He has done and is going to do!! Come be with us anytime!!!!

by Sis. LaVerne Sanders



Hello from Jacksonville, Alabama!

The Lord has greatly blessed our church in 2023.

In June, we had the privilege of hosting the Alabama State Youth Camp with our pastor Bro. Michael Sanderson as camp director. Bro. David Roper preached the night services and Bro. Chris Wilkerson preached the day services. Sis. Carrie and Sis. Rebecca from Alexandria had an afternoon class for the 12 and under children. The Lord helped and blessed and a fun time of fellowship was had by all. We are already planning and looking forward to 2024 youth camp!



In July, we celebrated our 70th homecoming. What a blessing to know Jacksonville has been established for 70 years, and is still going strong! Bro. David Clewis and family ministered in revival and at homecoming service.

Bro. Michael has struggled with lung problems, pneumonia and pleurisy, and being hospitalized in August. We are so thankful to the Lord for touching him. Please continue to pray for healing for his lung.



In September, we had a revival with Bro. Dale and Sis. Theresa Hathway. One received the call to preach and many others were touched. The Holy Ghost moved in every service. Praise God for reviving and refreshing!

In October, we celebrated Bro. Michael and Sis. Kayla's 10 year pastoral anniversary. The church presented Bro. Michael with a plaque and Sis. Kayla with a quilt in recognition of their service and dedication to the ministry.



We are ending 2023 with a Christmas program and service to the community, and anticipating what God has in store for us for 2024.

May God bless you all!

I am Enough Because He is Enough

I have struggled with feelings of inadequacy for most of my life. Satan has a way of reminding us of our inherent flaws to weaken our minds. "You're not friendly enough to witness to others. You're not pretty or skinny enough to teach Sunday School in front of others. You're not a good enough singer to sing for God." These are just some of the many things I have been told repeatedly by the devil to keep me out of God's will. For many years, I let these insecurities keep me from doing all that I could for God. As I grew closer to the Lord, and I began to study His Word in more depth, I noticed that many people in the Bible had insecurities. One of those people was Moses. The story of Moses is one that we are all familiar with. Moses did great things, but his biggest insecurity was his stutter. He was so insecure about it that when God called him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, Moses told God that he would only do it if his brother Aaron could go with him. Aaron went with him, but at what cost? It was Aaron who instructed the Israelites to make the golden calf. Had Moses gone to Pharaoh alone, as God instructed, would he have had to compete with Aaron for leadership over the children of Israel? This story is a lesson for all of us when we are fighting our insecurities. God is so good that His goodness covers our insecurities. He can be the words we speak, the songs we sing, the hands that play instruments. I don't want to share my blessing with an Aaron; I want to receive a double portion because I was obedient. I am enough because He is enough!

Sis. Toni Lee
Abe Branch EHC



Maleigha Carson
Friendship Holiness Church
Anderson, SC

Hi my name is Maleigha. I just wanted to say how thankful I am for God being in my life and what He has already done in my life. I came from a broken home. I didn't know that there was someone who loved me. I didn't know there was someone to help me through the tough times.

When my cousins got saved they couldn't help but to tell me all about it then I got inspired to go. Since then God has saved me, blessed me, and much more. I couldn't keep it to myself and told my mom then she got saved. Now my family is living for God. He has been with us, saved us, and blessed my family beyond measure. God knows what He's doing with me. I'm in His hand, and I trust what He's doing. Even at my lowest I've learned how to still praise Him. My favorite Bible verse says "...because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." God is greater in me, and I'm not going to let Satan steal what I have. I'm going to let my light shine even if others make fun of me. I'm washed and covered in His blood. He has been NOTHING but good to me no matter how many times I have failed Him He's been there by my side. I can not explain the goodness of God. I can't wait to see what plans God has for me.



This is the church that is being built in India in honor of Bro. Larry Singletary by Pastor Matt Haynes and his congregation at Huckabee Grove. The rain has slowed down the process, but it's coming along well. Hope to have this project finished very soon. We are in the process of working on the Van Bollinger church built by Pastor Tim Phillips and his congregation at Alexandria.

Donations are needed for Christmas gifts for the children in India and Kenya. We will be sending money for the pastors to buy them Christmas gifts and dinner.

Kayden Causey (Bro. Johnny's grandson) shared his experience of Kenya with his homeschool co-op this month. He cooked Kenyan food and served hot tea for the co-op students. His presentation went very well and was very helpful to the students.



Please keep the mission work in your prayers as it continues to grow and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ! We are so excited to see God's Word shared in these countries.

Thank you,
Bro. Johnny Causey

"Radiant Lives"

by Evangelist Chuck Bennett

I want to start this off by making a disclaimer, that I am not a writer. The Lord has laid this on my heart. There will be some grammatical errors. For those I apologize.

Let me get started.

I want to begin at the beginning in Genesis 1:3-4[3]And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. [4]And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

I'm going to start by saying from this text of scripture that God intended for man to live in His light. The word in Genesis 3 for light means illumination. In John's Gospel, chapter 1, we are told by John, in verse number 4, that Christ is the light of men. This word in John is basically the same word used in Genesis.

We as Christians rarely think about the illumination that we should be showing the world. In Matthew 5 verses 14 15 16 Jesus tells the church that we are the light.

I've been an electrician for roughly 41 years. I've installed lights and have always wondered what light is. In my studies I have found that light has no physical quantity and cannot be measured. But light does have wavelength, intensity, and speed. These three can be measured.

My focus to begin with in this article is to focus on intensity. Intensity is used to determine if the light has enough lumens to do the job. Let me interject here that lumens are the unit of measure we used to quantify the amount of visible light the human eye can see.

My mind is racing as how we are to radiate the light of Christ to a lost and dying world! We need to understand that in Genesis God said let there be light. We are told over and over in Scripture all through the New Testament that we should let our light shine. We are a reflection of Christ. A born again creature.

In Ephesians Chapter 5, we are told that we were sometimes in darkness, but now we are the light in the Lord. We are commanded to walk in light. In 1 John Chapter 1 we are told that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. In Philippians Chapter 2 Paul tells us that we're in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation and that we should shine as lights in the world.

In days gone by we had old high wattage bulbs. Now technology has brought us to LED semiconductors. These bulbs are measured with lumens on the package. The higher the lumens the brighter the light. When Jesus told us in Matthew 5 that we were the light of the world, how bright should we be? Should we not show the world the Christ of the Bible?

Christ has instructed us in John 12 that while we have the light we are to believe in the light that we may be the children of light. In 1st Thessalonians 5 He tells us the same thing that we are the children of light. We are not children of darkness.

Brothers and sisters understand that I'm not pointing fingers, but rather exhorting us to let our light shine! Pastor Tim Phillips's church sings a chorus of This Little Light of Mine. A child's song with a very powerful message to the church. We each have a light given to us by our Father. My question is how intense is our light?

Father help us to shine your light in a world filled with darkness. May God bless you and keep you.



THE JOY OF GIVING

Greetings Emmanuel Holiness Ladies!

I pray this newsletter finds you blessed as we enter this Christmas season. As I think about the birth of Christ, it reminds me of just how much God loved the world to send His son, Jesus to redeem us. Truly, Love

Came Down! God set the pattern for giving in motion, and He taught us through the scriptures to be joyful givers. If you think about it, everyone surrounding Christ's birth gave something:

- **Mary gave her body and reputation.**
She willingly surrendered her body to bear the Son of God. Furthermore, because she was not married, she gave her reputation. Although her engagement to Joseph was as binding as marriage, to be found pregnant before the actual ceremony would have been proof of adultery and just cause for stoning.
- **Caesar Augustus gave a decree.**
The Roman emperor called for a census to accomplish his plan of taxing all the people. Although Caesar thought it was his idea, God was simply using him to accomplish His divine purpose. Prophecy dictated that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, but Mary and Joseph were living in Nazareth.
- **The innkeeper gave a stable.**
When Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, the city was so crowded that there was no place for her to give birth. Although the inn was full, the innkeeper gave what he had—a stable for Jesus' birthplace. In every aspect of His life, He helps us identify with Him—from His humble beginning to His ordinary home life and occupation as a carpenter.
- **The angel of the Lord gave an announcement.**
The first report of Christ's birth was delivered by a glorious angel to a group of simple shepherds. Upon hearing the announcement and the location of the birth, they quickly hurried off to find the Child in a manger with Mary and Joseph at His side.
- **The shepherds gave a testimony.**
After seeing the Messiah, they couldn't keep the news to themselves, but told everyone what they had heard and seen. However, those who heard simply wondered at the news, but they never attempted to see Jesus.

- **The wise men gave gifts and worship.**
They were probably astrologers or philosophers who came from Persia. When this star caught their attention, they went on a long journey to find the newborn King of the Jews. When they found Jesus, they worshiped Him and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- **God gave His only begotten Son.**
The greatest gift of all came from God the Father who gave His Son to the world to die as a sacrifice for our sins. What an awesome gift God gave us in His Son, Jesus!

Christ's life was characterized by giving.

When Jesus began His ministry, every event in His life was a demonstration of giving.

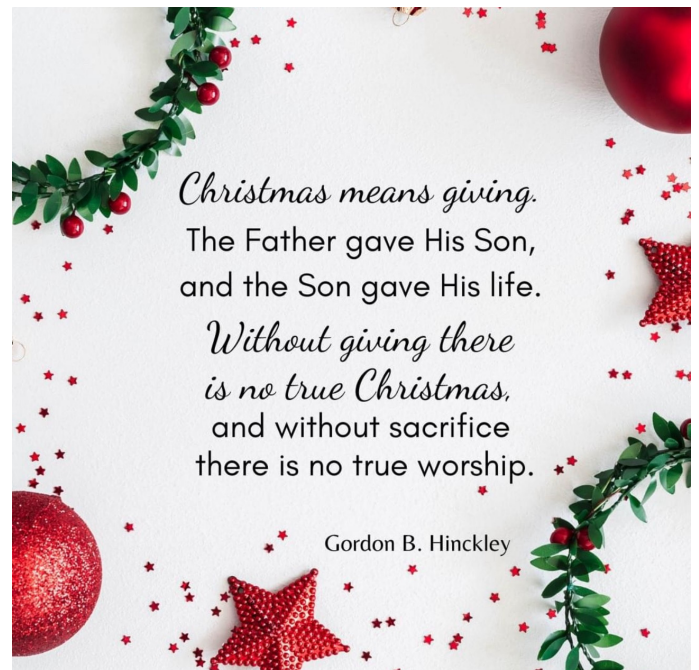
Our lives should be characterized by giving to others. A true follower of Jesus is a giver—not just at Christmas time, but throughout the entire year.

We should give the gospel to others as much as possible. Of all the gifts we have ever received, the gift of eternal life is by far the most valuable. That's why we must be willing to tell others what Jesus has done in our lives.

What is your attitude toward giving gifts at Christmas? Have you let the world's materialism and commercialism steal your joy and generosity? I highly recommend being a giver! There are many needs all around us.

**Our goal in the Ladies Auxiliary is to always be ready for Sacrifice and Service!
Follow through and be Blessed!**

Carrie Milton.
LA President



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Are you enjoying the
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Our next deadline:
January 24, 2024.

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But Daniel purposed in his heart...

I want to continue in this edition with another look at the book of Daniel. In the last Messenger's Attention Youth, I talked about how we could be like Daniel and do great exploits. Daniel's journey of great exploits began because he purposed in his heart not to defile himself. In his youth, Daniel had made a firm decision to set loyalty and honor to God first in his heart above all else. His purpose was to stay faithful to God no matter the situation. No matter our age, class, or circumstance we must purpose in our heart to live for God.

So what does purposing your heart look like?

It is making a commitment. Being committed is being dedicated to an activity or cause. In your natural life, you would not make a commitment haphazardly. College choices, marriage, business deals, etc. take thought and consideration before jumping in. The same with salvation. Salvation requires giving our all to God. We must commit all our ways to God and serve Him with a full heart. We make a commitment to live holy and to not practice sin.

After we commit to God, we must practice our walk with him daily. Practice means to consistently walk with Him in order to improve or maintain one's proficiency. We walk with God through daily prayer and reading the Bible. The more we walk with Him the closer He gets, and the better we hear His voice. Ephesians tell us to take unto us the whole armor of God. Take means to reach and take hold of. Over and over in Ephesians 6 we see the word take. God gives us everything we need to be successful in our Christian life, but it is up to us to use it. Just like our natural clothes we have to make the choice to put the armor on daily. The armor, when all pieces are worn, guarantees us a victorious committed life to God.

When we purpose in our heart then we have a determination that no matter what comes we will serve God. No matter the trial or circumstance we won't give up. Instead of focusing on everything going wrong in our lives we must purpose in our hearts to see the good. Replace worry with praise. Remember the faithfulness of a God who has never let you down. If we recall all the times before that God has helped us then it will strengthen our determination to serve Him.

Through commitment, practice, and determination we can purpose our hearts to serve God, and live a life as Daniel did where we see those great exploits.

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