Pastor leads Victory through outreach

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always in a hurry. the World Church in Stone Mountain is Dr. Kenneth Lee Samuel of Victory for

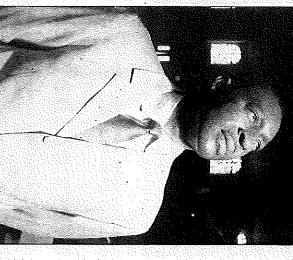
the time. I just have this sense that I've got a lot to do and only a little time to get ments on time and in time," Samuel said it done. I have to complete my assign-"I feel like I'm racing the clock a lot of From presiding over meetings of the

ed Way of metro Atlanta, Samuel must provide a living example of his message ments he's been handed from above and remain on the go to complete the assign-DeKalb NAACP to his work with the Unit-

affirmed and to empower those people in ple—to build a network of relationship the process," Samuel said. where people can feel valued and "I have an assignment to serve peo-

God's plan for his life. needed a bit of stiff guidance to follow Samuel always knew he had a calling to and his struggle with the whale, Samuel the ministry. However, much like Jonah Born in South Carolina 49 years ago,

for a lawyer than a preacher, and attended Emory University for law despite a full ing," Samuel decided life might be easier Denying what he called "God's anoint-



Church, a church he founded atter sanctuary of Victory for the World Dr. Kenneth L. Samuel reflects in the following his calling. Lawson Wright/Staff

when Samuel heard guest speaker Dr. scholarship offer to divinity school. But Samuel could no longer deny his future. James Forbes preach on God's calling,

> we don't get around to it because of our doing something significant for God, but fixation with our own agendas," Samuel We go through life on the verge of

Ebenezer Baptist Church on his 23rd community service with Leadership birthday, Samuel went to work, building Literacy and as President of the DeKalb DeKalb, the DeKalb County Council on his "network of relationship" through After being ordained at Atlanta's

for the United Negro College Fund. with his ministry through Victory Church, Georgia delegate to the Democratic Kendalle. Samuel also donates time as a time with his wife, Sherry, and daughter which he founded in 1987, and spending National Conventions and raising funds In addition, Dr. Samuel keeps busy

are particularly called to reach out to the life is about," Samuel said. ourselves and connect to others—and we dejected and disparaged. That's what my "We are empowered to reach beyond

down and enjoy the ride. ments also present his greatest chalenges, keeping him too busy to slow "I need to learn to be more patient I'm But the pastor's greatest accomplish-

trying to learn to be patient and enjoy the