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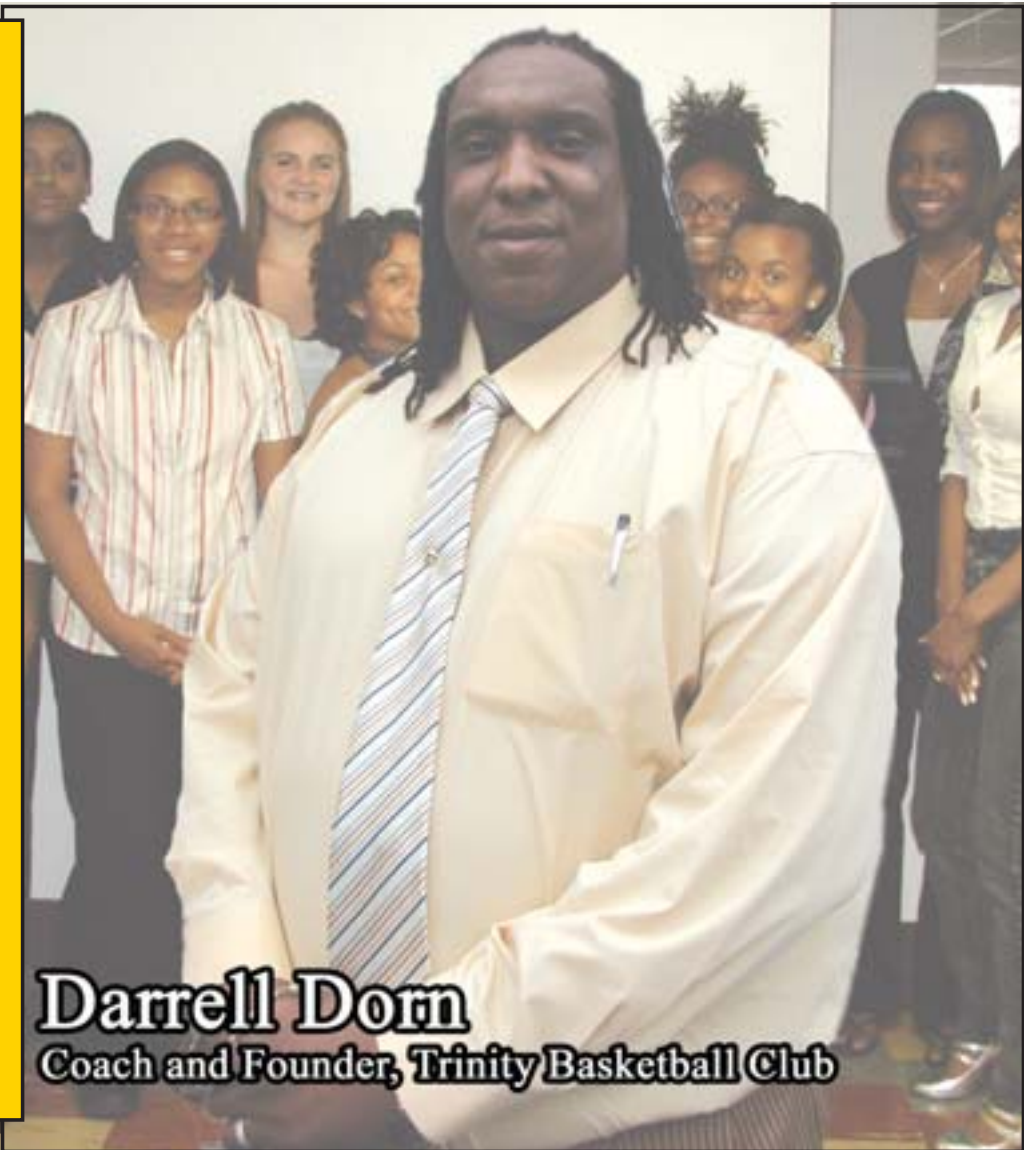
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**This Strikes Me...****The Truth About Marriage**

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, D.Min.

The 2007 Tyler Perry film *Why Did I Get Married?* is about the all-too-real difficulty of maintaining a marriage in our contemporary day. The film primarily deals with the emotional consequences inflicted upon the institution of marriage as a result of the struggles with commitment, fidelity, and forgiveness experienced by eight college-educated friends plus one other non-friend. All are African-American and have achieved middle to upper class economic status.

While the topic of marriage is highly emotional, the question becomes rather "why DIDN'T they get married?" when conversation revolves around the crisis in nonfictional black families.

Indeed, the proportion of children raised outside of marriage has risen dramatically over the past 40 years. The National Fatherhood Initiative indicates that 80 percent of the children who were born in the "post-war generation" could expect to grow up with two biological parents who were married to each other compared to only 50 percent in 2006. Forty percent of newborns are born to unmarried parents in Ohio and nearly 70 percent of black children are born to single mothers.

The consequences of fractured black families are well known. Poverty, teen age pregnancies, higher rates of school delinquency and drop out, crime, incarceration, addition and emotional illnesses are the most familiar.

Research by the Institute for Marriage and Public Policy titled *The Taxpayer Costs of Divorce and Unwed Childbearing* indicates that family fragmentation also costs U.S. taxpayers \$112 billion each and every year. The study lists Ohio's economic impact and annual taxpayer costs at \$2.9 billion, the fourth largest in the nation behind California, New York and Texas.

So it is understandable that the emotional public debate over marriage has included government and its promotion of programs designed to strengthen and protect monogamous, heterosexual marriage primarily directed at low income African-American families where female headship has doubled between 1965 and 1990.

In spite of \$1.5 billion proposed by the Bush administration in 2004 to teach low-income persons life skills related to successful marriage and the moral pronouncements emanating from pulpits, single female-headed households continue to replace the nuclear family structure.

Can the government stem the tide and strengthen marriage? Can the black church revive a culture of healthy relationships, marriage and parenting? The answer is yes, but only if we are honest.

The truth is that the black family has been under assault by economic and public policies since arriving here as slaves. Traditional family bonds for slaves were never intended. But even though marriage was against the law it did not stop slaves from "jumping the broom" and engaging in their own secret rituals of love and commitment which survived slavery. Later, race law and public welfare policy continued the assault by functionally driving men out of the family by penalizing women and children economically if the male was present.

For a marriage revival to take place, the past and present impact of legislation, government policies and resources must first be acknowledged and then focused on bringing men back to their families.

Secondly, marriage-promotion policies and theology needs to be informed with solid social-science data which acknowledges that there are demographic realities over which African-American women have little control.

Since the 1965 Moynihan report, black women have been denigrated as the scapegoat for the breakdown in black family structure, the rise in welfare dependency and the root cause of African-American poverty. Although there are many reasons why single women become pregnant, sometimes unseemly personal choices, an almost completely ignored cause is the unbalanced ratio of women per men.

Where are the men?

Studies show that the proportion of female-headed families, the majority of who work tirelessly to provide for their children's needs, is directly linked to the War on Drugs and draconian laws which tripled the African-American prison population and decreased the potential for marriage by removing eligible men from the community.

According to the 2004 Marriage Promotion and Missing Men study, black males also have higher death rates than black women at each age and suffer premature death at higher rates resulting in a male life expectancy nearly seven years shorter than female life expectancy. The low male to female ratio causes women to accept male behavior that they would not accept if they had other options.

Life skills, values, reproductive and resource strategies need to continue to be taught that include options for supporting families.

However, the government policies or religious themes that attempt to educate the poor on how to succeed in marriage or persuade them to walk down the aisle that do not take account of social-science data and lived realities will fail.

Programs will need to uplift the institution of marriage while simultaneously dropping the negative labels based upon a patriarchal nuclear family structure which depict women, who by choice or circumstances find themselves without a husband, as deficient, selfish, abnormal or tragic.

Most importantly, marriage social policies and programs also need an abundance of curricula dedicated on how to survive the difficulties of living alone. Policy makers and clergy have often neglected the impact of incarceration and death. Math however, states it clearly: "There just are not enough African-American males to go around."

The good news is that with informed policies and strong alternative support systems, great outcomes and strong values can indeed spring from the seeds nurtured in and by nontraditional families.

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**Community Calendar****August 10-14**

Discovery Canyon Vacation Bible School: Supper 5:30 to 6 pm; VBS—6 to 8:15 pm; Holy Trinity Lutheran Church: 419-382-5644  
Youth 5 Day Camp: For ages 8-12; 9 am to 3 pm; American Care Givers Family Activities Club; Adventure, education and activities: 419-724-0888

**August 13**

Area Office on Aging Kinship Summer Series: Back to School Blowout; Walbridge Park Shelter Houses; 5 to 7 pm

**August 15**

Josh Project's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser: Indiana Avenue MBC; Noon to 5 pm; Swimming lessons and water safety for youth; Food, activities, vendors, raffles, Gospel DJ: 419-973-1383

Mildred Gibson Center Flea Market/Yard Sale: 9 am to 5 pm: 419-810-5284  
St Paul MBC Annual Rainbow Tea: 2 to 5 pm; 6202 Trust Drive  
Sacred Steel Legends of the Church of the Living God: Hilton/Dana Center; 2 to 6 pm: 419-243-0564 or [www.sacredstrings.com](http://www.sacredstrings.com)

Family of Faith Church 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual City Park Outreach: Savage Park; Back to school items, entertainment for all, clothing giveaway; Noon to 5 pm: 419-259-2033  
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**August 16**

Church of the Living God Youth Day: 10 am; Guest Bishop Bessie Covington and congregation of Deliverance Church of the Living God of Philadelphia, PA: 419-243-7862/419-243-3826

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Back to School Fun Fest: Toledo Grace Brethren Church; Noon to 4 pm; Backpacks, school supplies, carnival games, prizes, contests: 419-283-6296  
Gospel All Stars 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary: Worldwide Livingword Ministry; 5 pm

**August 17**

Look Good... Feel Better: Program designed to help women overcome the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment; UT Medical Center; 6 pm: 1-888-227-6446 ext 2

Beulah Baptist Church Ushers Anniversary: 4 pm service

**August 19**

Key Note Speaker Luncheon: American Care Givers; 11:45 am to 1:30 pm; Speaker Janis Liparato of Wells Fargo; "Reverse Mortgages:" 419-724-0888

**August 20**

Mayoral Debate: Sponsored by the Alpha Phi Boule; Five major mayoral candidates; Main Branch Library's McMaster Center; 6:30 p.m. (refreshments served at 6 pm): 419-255-4480

**August 21**

Back to School—School Supply Drive: American Care Givers Family Activities Club; 10 am to 5 pm; Fundraiser for school supplies: 419-724-0888

**August 22**

Trulight Cathedral Well-Watered Women of Faith program: "Oasis of Hope;" 11 am – 1 pm: 419-537-8629 or 419-450-2950

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Free For All On Obama!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



Well, it is official. The floodgates and the "fool" gates have been opened and the target of their venomous rage is both President Obama and their fears that his proposed health care plan is plunging the country into the abyss of socialism.

If you spend any time listening to talk radio or watching the TV talking heads especially the racist rants of Glenn Beck and his Neanderthal twin, Rush Limbaugh, and the two female wannabees, Michelle Malkin and Ann Coulter, you would think that Obama & company were lining up old people against the White House walls and shoot-

ing them.

The TV shots of town hall meetings show white people going apoplectic over Obama and their belief that his plan is a ruse to have everyone slotted into a one-plan-fits-all healthcare scheme.

Certain Republican millionaires and ex-Bush operatives and other closeted figures are allegedly busing in people to town halls for the expressed purpose of showing rage and indignation and to raise a cry to have... "their America" returned to them.

It is like after the Civil War. When the South was beaten and was made to act civil towards their former slaves, that societal outrage caused the formation of the now famous KKK.

The South refused to acknowledge their defeat and doubly refused to recognize some uppity "nigra" becoming a county sheriff, a registered voter or a farm owner or, heaven forbid, a state senator or a House representative.

Southern instigators fanned the flames of the still

effervescent racial hostility and caused good white people to weep and wail for their old way of life with Uncle Ben and Aunt Jemina still dancing a step and sportin' a grin.

Well, fast forward to the year of Obama's presidential election and we now see a resurgence of segments of this country trying to vet their hostility at both this "nigra" being President and his takeover of the health care system as being socialistic.

Investigative reporting by some of the national news services have shown that the real operators behind this "uprising" are right wing malcontents who have a vested interest in having the skewed money gobbling health care system stay as is. The same as in when the Republican Senators, for the most part, voted against Sotomayor for the US Supreme Court.

Why? She was not one of them and/or she was not made in their image and as such, she was suspect and was to be feared.

Right wing radio talk programs, if they do not overtly yell that Obama is a racist or that he has a deep seated hatred of white folks, will use the next best scare tactic and, that is, he is out to kill old people and take over your medical care.

Facts do not matter here. What matters is "juicing up" the Republican base to the point that emotions run wild and heavy and any statements that are contrary to what the rumor mills are feeding you, they are to be disregarded.

After all, who can really trust a president who was not born in the USA and is probably a Muslim to boot!

The Republicans and their closet allies are bringing the kitchen sink to this fight and their ultimate mission is to either defeat this health care bill or have it so modified that it will only tweak the existing and cumbersome health care system.

What is laughable is that so many of these uninformed white protestors appear to be senior citizens and, two dol-

lars to a donut, they are on Medicare and have been for years.

Guess what? Medicare IS socialized medicine! But do you see these same protestors volunteering to opt out of Medicare and do the best they can without it?

Of course not. It is something they have gotten used to and they are not reminded by Rush Limbaugh & company that their current coverage is socialized medicine.

Talk about full-blown denial. If they were so informed by these Republican fat cats who are funding these staged town hall protests... what would there be to protest about?

The modern day KKK does not wear a robe and burn a cross on your front yard.

They seldom use the "N" word. They do not march in columns down Main Street USA. No... the new organizational strategies give out a big lie and then talk it loud and long and associate it with a black or minority face.

Remember Willie Horton

and the first Bush presidency?

You raise the implication that some bogeyman is taking away American freedoms and unless everyone comes running with his shotgun to the town square... all will be lost.

The race baiting film Birth Of A Nation did this during the Woodrow Wilson administration and it set back black progress for decades. Now, instead of one ghastly film we have the sure-fire speed of the Internet, Twitter, C-Span, Face Book and U Tube to blast half-truths and outright lies to a gullible and scared population.

A population that is still wobbly and woozy from a near economic meltdown and now a "nigra" President wanting to kill their parents and grandparents with some provisions in this new-fangled health care bill. What is next you ask? Obama will be portrayed as the embodiment of all that is wrong with our current government and the pitch and screams for his removal will increase.

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# Lucas County Democrats Slam Issue Two

Be Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Ronthenbuhler, chairman of the Lucas County Democratic Party, gathered several dozen party members on Wednesday for a news conference to denounce ballot Issue 2 – "Nine Is Fine" – which has been placed on the November ballot. The petition, if passed, will eliminate the six current at-large council seats and replace them with three super-district councilmen.

If Issue 2 is approved by voters this fall, the top three finishers in the at-large contest will become super district representatives.

"There are a lot of things in this issue that are confusing and the timing is very bad," said Rothenbuhler of the proposed amendment to

the City Charter.

Speaking to the language of the issue was City Council President Joe McNamara, who is himself an at-large representative and on the ballot this year for re-election.

"In my opinion, as an attorney who has written a lot of legislation, Issue 2 is very poorly written, it is sloppy," said McNamara, who then laid out three reasons for his judgment of the petition's language.

First, the petition is "self contradictory," said McNamara, in that it calls for the election of nine members of council in 2009 when only the at-large seats are in play.

Second, the amendment conflicts with the rest of the City Charter, he said, by lay-



ing out terms of service at odds with terms already delineated.

Third, the requirements for the super district candidates are unclear in several instances such as the necessary number of signatures for petitions.

"Laws have to be written clearly so that everyone can

agree on the legal effect of the legislation," said McNamara. "In this case there was no public process or review. Had there been, these problems would have been fixed."

McNamara predicted that if Issue 2 passes in November the result will be numerous law suits challenging election outcomes, particularly from those candidates who do not earn one of the top three open spots – super districts. "We do not need this sort of chaos," said McNamara.

To bolster his own analysis, McNamara presented a

letter from Gerald Dendinger, Clerk of Council, whose duties include determining whether such a petition is sufficient to be placed on the ballot. In this case Dendinger did certify the petition while noting that Ohio court decisions have limited his review on the sufficiency only to the form of the petition, such as the necessary number of signatures.

Nevertheless, Dendinger has found the content of the Issue 2 petition to be troubling, particularly with respect to the election in November of nine council members.

After McNamara spoke to the process, Councilman Michael Ashford addressed the petition on its merits.

"There are voices that may not be represented," said Ashford. "There is a balance now that ensures that all voices are heard."

Ashford made the point that voters currently have the option of voting for representatives who would tend to be concerned with the narrow

interests of certain parts of the city as well as for those whose primary focus are the interests of the city as a whole. For the most part, said Ashford, that balance would be severely disrupted by the passage of Issue 2.

Rothenbuhler concurred with both McNamara and Ashford. "I'm looking for a way for this to make sense," said the party chairman. "It doesn't. Working class people may be duped – we can't allow that to happen."

The coalition of those who have led the effort for Issue 2 includes Democrat Lindsay Webb, the District 4 council representative. Asked if the Democratic Party intends to censure Webb for actions that do not have the support of the party as a whole, Rothenbuhler demurred.

"There will be no censures," he said. "We're working hard to bring this party together, we are not going to single out anyone for censure."

# Women for Wilkowski Craft Plan to Address Domestic Violence

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Two months ago, Keith Wilkowski, Democratic candidate for mayor, created a Women for Wilkowski organization and asked them to put together a plan to stem the tide of domestic violence against women. On Tuesday the Plan to Address Violence Against Women was announced at a press conference held by the candidate and his supporters on the committee.



"Violence of all kinds against women is a national problem," said Wilkowski at the start of the news conference. "It happens everywhere – in our homes and on our streets, in our schools and at our workplaces, in our parks and at our theatres, even within our religious congregations."

In order to combat such violence the committee has suggested that the mayor of Toledo take active measures to ensure women's safety by providing leadership to: recognize women's right to safety, insist upon strong

social censure of the use of violence and value gender equity and respectful gender relations.

The report further asks that the mayor require city departments to assess poli-

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McClellan earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The University of Toledo, a master's degree in Organizational Development and a doctor of education degree in Leadership Studies from Bowling Green State University.

Prior to joining the Lourdes community, McClellan was a member of the faculty at Miami University. Additionally, she oversaw curriculum development for Miami's Wilkes Leadership Institute and served as special assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs. McClellan also served as assistant director of the Master of Organi-



zation Development program at Bowling Green State University.

She is a member of the American Educational Research Association, Association for the Study of Higher Education, International Leadership Association and the University Council of Educational Administration.

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## Councilman Michael Ashford Recognizes Old West End Homeowners Featured in National Magazine

*Special to The Truth*

Toledo City Councilman Michael Ashford sponsored legislation that recognized several *Old West End* residents who contributed to the article featured in the national publication, "The American Bungalow"

The magazine is published to preserve the "bungalow lifestyle" that became prevalent at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century as more and more families began to fulfill the American dream (fueled by the growing industrial age) by owning homes that blended sound construction with style, convenience and simplicity.

Recently, noted historian and current Bowling Green State University professor, Douglas Forsyth, Ph.D., was successful in publishing the article entitled, "America, The



*Way It's Supposed To Be!*" in the May - August issue of the national magazine. The article chronicles the history of the Old West End and includes vibrant photographs that showcase several of the area's well-maintained historic homes.

Ashford, whose council district encompasses the Old

West End and is himself an Old West End resident, officially recognized and commended the residents who contributed to the article at the August 4, 2009 meeting of Toledo City Council.

He also acknowledged the article for promoting the City of Toledo as a great place to live!

## Women

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ties that will promote gender equality and equity and that programs in and out of government that are dedicated to such tasks be supported.

The committee singled out local and statewide violence preventive programs that they would expect the mayor to support such as the Lucas County Intimate Partner Violence Prevention

Plan, the Ohio Plan for sexual and intimate Partner Violence Prevention, the annual Toledo-area Take Back the Night event and the "Coaching Boys to Men" program. The committee also asked that a liaison from the mayor's office be named to the Lucas County Domestic Violence Task Force to improve communication between city and

county.

"But strong leadership is not enough," said Gabrielle Davis, a University of Toledo law professor and head of the domestic violence fatality review team. "Government action - informed by current and accurate data - is also required."

To this end the report places emphasis the establishment of systems of accountability and enhancing data collection and information sharing among city government, affected citizens and professionals in the field.

"This report represents a starting point for making Toledo safer for women and girls," said Davis.

Most of the report's proposals will cost no money, noted Wilkowski.

Asked whether a mayor should be focused so intently on the issue of domestic violence, Wilkowski was insistent that such tasks fell within the mayor's purview.

"Every 28 minutes in Lucas County, a 911 call is received on a domestic violence report," said Wilkowski. It is clearly the job of the mayor to address this issue and to provide safety. The mayor absolutely should be working on this. Providing a safe community is one of the most important things a mayor can be involved in."

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## The FITatudes "Back to School Success Guide"

By Diana Patton  
Guest Column



**August is here!** And for most parents and children, that means it's "Back to School" time! And, that typically brings excitement for parents and a little teeny weenie, it'sy bitsy "yippee" from the kids (well... maybe not). But, for both parent and child, this can be a pleasurable experience. **It all starts with a game plan!** That's the "FITatudes Back-to-School Success Guide."

Both you and your child can participate in the following activities:

### 1. PLAN AND PRIORITIZE

- o Purchase a family calendar or simply purchase an extra large "dry erase" board and write down all school and extra curricular activities for the week or month. This will help keep the entire family organized!
- o Mark busy days and nights and think about what meals will work well on those days.
- o Call family and friends and ask them to commit to help you on designated days. That's the Feeling Inspired Together method to success "FIT!"
- o Purchase a journal book for your child to journal their goals for the school year in terms of their behavior and attitude toward school, how they will stay organized, the types of grades they'd like to achieve and what it will take to achieve these goals. Put dates to these goals and review them with your child weekly throughout the year.

### 2. HEALTHY FOOD AND PROPER HYDRATION

- o Call a few family meetings to discuss lunch options for school lunches.
- o Encourage your children to assist with the grocery shopping and making a weekly list. Go to the store together and have them pick-up the items and put them in the shopping cart. They'll love it!
- o Discuss the importance and connection between healthy eating and their ability to focus and concentrate and get good grades.
- o Check out [www.laptoplunches.com](http://www.laptoplunches.com) for a few quick easy tips and ideas for lunch. When you order their lunch boxes, they have a book that provides even more tips. And Parents, you may even consider these lunchboxes for your lunches as well!
- o Purchase a water bottle - preferably stainless steel (... plastic water bottles leach chemicals - especially when heated or reused). Establish water drinking goals and encourage your child to drink water during the day. A goal to shoot for is ½ their body weight in ounces (eg, weight is 100 pounds, drink 50 ounces of water in a day)!

### 3. REST

- o Implement a set plan on how you intend to "settle down" for the night. Try having your child read for 15 minutes or take a bath or listen to soft music to settle them down from summer's late night fun in the sun.
- o Start mimicking your school's schedule a couple of weeks before school starts. That means getting the kids to bed early and seeing what time they naturally wake up on their own.
- o **A NOTE TO PARENTS:** This means you too! Soon we will be headed to fall and we all should be getting to bed soon after the sun goes down. Talk about refreshing! YES - sleep works!

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disciplinary approach that combines management science, social sciences, humanities, research science, communication arts and Franciscan values. Concepts such as leadership style, integrity, ethics, values, commitment, collaboration, diversity and innovation are woven into the curriculum.

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## Toledo Area Youth Groups Host Performances

By Artisha S. Lawson  
The Sojourner's Truth Reporter



The first full week of August featured two area youth group performances that highlighted the dedication of the members and leaders.

Bethesda Christian Center Cathedral hosted its annual Holy Convocation in Toledo from August 5 until August 9, 2009. As usual it opened the

week-long of festivities and services with their "Youth Explosion."

Featured during the youth driven service were over 50 youth from Bethesda Christian Center, Toledo-area, and surrounding cities. The program featured Young Divas, a Toledo dance group; Little

Angels youth ministry from True Holiness of Sandusky, Ohio and Church of God mimes.

"We are so proud of the youth of Bethesda, they are taking the lead during this service," said youth volunteer Artina McCabe.

The church's youth minis-

try, called Royal Court Kidz, consists of the youth praise and worship team, Rhema Praise Dancers with soloist Ciara Burroughs, a trio of young girls between the ages of eight to 13 called God's Little Angels and the all-boys drill team called Faithful Feet.

Closing the first week of August was the premiere of SelfExpression Teen Theatre at 1001 Indiana Avenue. After 25 years of turning Toledo-area teenagers into peer educators through theatrical presentations that point a negative finger at drugs, alcohol and premarital sex, they celebrated with their annual premiere on Saturday, August 8, in front of parents and community residents. It was fitting that in their 25<sup>th</sup> year, 25 teenagers were presented during the 45-minute show.

The premiere used the theme, "it's about to go down," a phrase most teenagers know from popular hip-hop cultural.

However, Washington Muhammad, SETT program coordinator explained why the group picked that theme. "In our community when we hear that, it means negativity," said Muhammad. "Young people

of SETT are talking about the rate of HIV and AIDS going down, talking about the rate of expulsion and suspension - it's about to go down. Also teen pregnancy, here in Lucas County, that's what we are talking about today."

The show opened with the group's signature military drill

women.

Also in the true spirit of SETT, Executive Director Charles Muhammad asked the audience and members to gather into a circle and end in the serenity prayer.

"I'm proud to be a SETT parent; my two daughters have been involved for many years.



commands, SETT chant, songs and skits about the negative effects of drugs and alcohol, a skit about the effects of drunk driving where a teenager becomes paralyzed, a tribute to Michael Jackson, a lesson on how teens deal with love and sex and one on why men should respect

Now one teaches in North Carolina, and my second is employed by a university. Both were proud of being members of SETT. I am so proud of the great influence that Bro. Washington and Minister Muhammad have had on my children," said Eva Flowers.



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# Center of Hope Freedom School's Final Recognition and Awards Ceremony

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

The Center of Hope Freedom School's third annual Final Recognition and Awards Ceremony took place this year in the auditorium of The University of Toledo's Scott Park Campus on Friday, July 30.

As in the past two years, approximately 50 students and the school's staff were recognized for their efforts and accomplishments of the previous five weeks.

In addition, the school honored a number of those in the Toledo-area community who have helped con-

tribute to the school's success.

The program was called to order by Executive Director Tracee Perryman-Stewart and guests were welcomed by Site Coordinator Faith McGlown.

Then the students, who participate in the summer activities on three different levels according to age and grade, offered presentations based upon their summer reading experiences.

After the awards were presented, students and staff all gathered on stage



agers and modeled for Mississippi children their responsibility to become a force for change in their state and nation.

The Center of Hope's Freedom School, started in 2007, is one of about 100 sites around the nation.

Willetta Parryman is the project director; Dietreck Boone, Jilyssia Fisher and DeMarcus Horton served as assistants and Damian Edwards, Alasia Newton, Khiry Hills, Jeffrey Parker and Ashley Moore were this year's servant leader interns.



for an Harambee ("All pull together") musical finale.

The Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools provide critical summer and after school enrichment through a model curriculum that supports children and families around five essential components: high quality academic enrichment, partner and family involvement, civic engagement and

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Trinity Basketball Club: Darrell Dorn's Vision for Success - On and Off the Court

By Fletcher Word Sojourner's Truth Editor

The Trinity Basketball Club, an AAU Club Team for female high school athletes in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, just completed its season of competition - a highly successful season at that.

From the beginning of April until July, the team played about three dozen games in seven tournaments - winning two tournaments and placing second in a third. Not a bad start for the club team and the team's coach, Darrell Dorn, who conceived the idea of bringing together young women to focus on spiritual growth, leadership development and basketball skills.

"It was put in my heart by God to provide an atmosphere where young ladies could foster a close relationship with God and develop leadership abilities," says Dorn when asked why he started Trinity. "A lot of our young ladies are not fully prepared for the next level, be it college or the workplace."

So Dorn, who is the girls' basketball coach at Woodward High School and a member of Family Baptist Church, spoke to friends and church members. "I went to them and said 'this is the vision I have' and they bought into it," he says of gathering a board of directors and a staff to assist him. "We have people who



Staff: (Front row) Trish Pyles, Felicia Hill, Sharyce Banks, Gwen Banks, Camille Davis; (Back) Rev. Rick Isaiah, Jason Moss, Darrell Dorn, Melvin Thomas

believe in the vision of God first and everything else falls up under that. Everyone has a unique talent and it's all compatible for the girls."

Board members Gwen Banks, Felicia Hill and Camille Davis, along with Family's pastor, Rick Isaiah, signed on to serve the cause

along with coaches Mel Thomas, Jason Moss and Sharyce Banks.

"We have a lot of girls with talent who have been going outside of Toledo to play summer basketball," says Gwen Banks. "We want to help them develop their spirituality and their leadership."

The coaches gathered 14 girls, from the seventh to the 11th grades, to take the first steps in the program. The Trinity Basketball Club is a ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), which has been challenging coaches and players on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels since 1954 to use the medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. Rev. Rick Isaiah is the FCA regional director.

Aside from the obvious

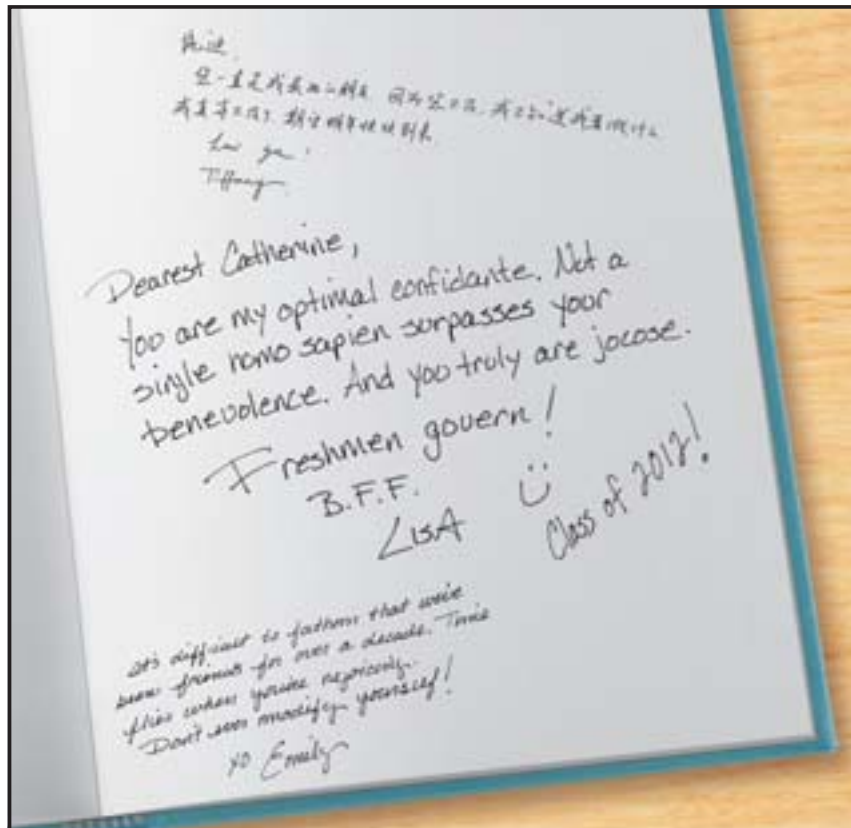
success on the court this summer, the other parts of Dorn's vision appear to have been successful as well, according to the athletes.

NaKeya McIntyre is one of two girls on the team entering her senior year of high school. A shooting guard on the Libbey High School girls' basketball team, McIntyre plans to enter college next year and hopes to become an athletic trainer.

"I love Trinity," says McIntyre. "I love the people. I got better at interacting, I got closer to God, I became a better teammate."

Shekinah Alexander, the team's other rising senior, echoed those sentiments. "I love Trinity, I love it dearly," says Alexander, a point guard on the Scott High School girls basketball team. "This was the first AAU team I had

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Trinity Team: (Front row) Asia Woodson, Tay Stokes, Sierra Spruce, Nikki McIntyre, Catherine Wells, Keia McCarver, Iesha Pernel (Back) Autumn Jones, Jasmine Whitley, Sara Zankl, Macketta Allen, Shekinah Alexander, Ciara Hudson, Alexis Thomas

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# School Recess Helps Improve Education of Ohio Children

*Special to The Truth*

A new study suggests the value of recess has been underestimated and that Ohio children should be getting more recess time, not less. "Kids need breaks far more than adults do during the day," said the study's author, Catherine L. Ramstetter, PhD, MS, CSCS. "Many students just aren't getting that break time at school." A member of the Home and School Health Committee for the Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, Ramstetter said many districts curtailed or cut recess time to better deal with testing mandates from the No Child Left Behind Act. While hoping to add educational content, Ramstetter said the recess reduction actually takes away from a child's ability to function in a classroom. "A child's attention spans begin to wane after forty minutes on intense instruction," she said. "Recess provides children a

chance to refocus." A PhD candidate at the University of Cincinnati, Ramstetter said recess breaks as short as 10 minutes in duration improve children's learning efficiency and the teacher's aptitude during the other 50 minutes of a school hour. "We've all felt the stress of a difficult work day with no time to recharge," Ramstetter said. "Any parent can tell you how important stress breaks are for our kids. Too many students don't get that necessary time at school, and that needs to change." Robert Murray, PhD, Home and School Health Committee chairman, said the benefit of recess go "Beyond the classroom," with children developing better social-emotional skills. "Finding time to engage in social interactions helps children better communicate, share, and cooperate," he said. "When parents practically have to drag kids away from the TV, the failure to develop those skills through recess is

a lost opportunity that harms child development." In addition to the mental benefits of recess, Ramstetter said an unstructured play time also offers kids physical benefits, especially for young children still reinforcing movement and motor skills. "Recess is a complement to, not a replacement for, physical education classes," Ramstetter stressed. "Physical education provides kids with life-long physical fitness concepts. Recess can reinforce those lessons while helping kids better cope with the challenges of their day." Murray said the research also uncovered some "surprises" in terms of when recess should occur. "Most schools have lunch, then recess," he said. "Turns out having recess first actually makes more sense for the child." The CDC, the United States Department of Agriculture, the National Food Service Management Institute, and Action for Healthy Kids support the "Re-

cess Before Lunch" initiative. Ramstetter said many kids rush through lunch to get outside, resulting in more food being wasted. She said teachers and researchers saw better behavior at and after meal time when it followed recess. "We also learned that the duration and timing of recess can vary by building. We hope districts can come up with consistent policies that best fit their needs," she added. Murray plans to share the report's findings with local school leaders, legislators, and other child advocates. More than a dozen organizations have already agreed to support the retaining and restoration of recess. Ramstetter hopes sharing those success stories helps drive change. "We know everyone has to do more with less," she said. "We want to work with schools to help better the educational, physical, and social development of Ohio's children."

# Ombudsman Still Listening ...

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

Rev. Cedric Brock, entering his sixth year as the ombudsman for the Toledo Public Schools, is still doing what he has done since the program's inception at the beginning of the 2004-2005 academic year. "My job is to listen," says Brock who estimates that he handles around 1,500 inquiries over the course of the school year and averages about four hearings a week. And just what is an ombudsman? According to TPS literature, an ombudsman is a "person who investigates reported complaints that have not been resolved at the building level, reports findings and

helps achieve equitable settlements." Brock, who has been pastor of Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church for 16 years and is president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), is a part-time employee of TPS but he acknowledges that the hours he spends on the job are hardly limited. He looks at all types of cases but the majority - perhaps as much as 90 percent - derive from complaints from parents who believe their child is being treated unfairly, especially when that child is a candidate for suspension or expulsion from school. "I can get a call from a

parent at night or a parent could come to the church on a Sunday," says Brock. "Parents take these things seriously, especially when they don't get answers from the school. I act as a sounding board and a negotiator. I try to bring closure to a parent and try to mediate difficult situations." Frequently, the resolution to such difficulties takes time, always in short supply for a part-time employee. "Proper customer service isn't easy," he says. "You don't want to give a decision in a rush." Brock most difficult situa-

tions occur when the child's interest and the rulebook prescription for discipline come into conflict. He is an employee of the district and he has no problem recognizing the fact that the school system operates for the benefit of the children. Nevertheless, circumstances do happen, says Brock, in which the administration "has followed the rules of the land rather than the rules of grace." At such times, it is Brock's obligation, he says, to point out to everyone what it is the best interest of the child.

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**Book Review**

**Slavery: Real People and Their Stories of Enslavement**  
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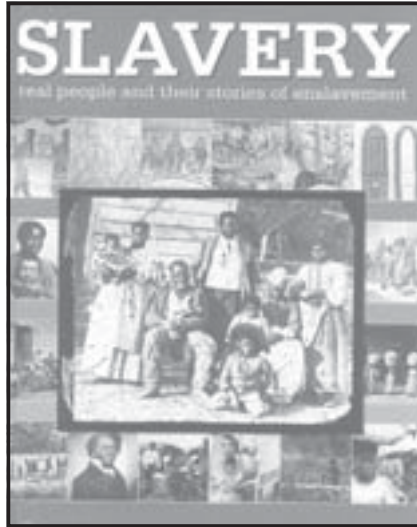
Every night after dinner, you have chores to do.

Most Saturdays, if you're not already busy, you've got more chores. Maybe your allowance is even tied to doing things around the house or helping out. Room cleaned, garbage out, do the dishes, help Mom, help Dad, it never ends.

Doing chores is no fun, but neither is listening to your parents yell at you to do your chores.

So imagine working 18 to 20 hours a day and getting nothing but somebody's outgrown clothes and seed to grow your own food. That was how some people lived when they were slaves, and in the new book *Slavery: Real People and Their Stories of Enslavement* by Reg Grant, you'll learn about what it was like. You may never complain again.

While you might think slavery only happened in



America in the early-to-mid 1800s, the truth is that slavery in ancient times was very common. During wartime, victorious armies captured their enemies and enslaved

them. Slavery of this sort was even common in Africa where many warriors saw other ethnic groups as "foreigners." While slavery was common around the world thou-

sands of years ago, Grant says the slave trade increased here because colonists needed extra hands for plantation work. The Dutch were the first Europeans to bring African slaves to this continent and, by the late 1700s, some 100,000 enslaved Africans had been brought to the Americas.

Imagine being taken away from your home and all your toys, chained or yoked and marched miles across the country. That's what happened to millions of enslaved Africans who were then packed aboard ships so tightly that they could barely roll over. The passage from Africa to North America often took months, and although captains of the ships

wanted their human cargo to survive – living slaves were saleable, dead slaves were not – one in 20 Africans died on the trip.

Slaves in the New World did lots of things. Many of them worked in the fields, some processed the crops, others panned for gold, and many worked as personal servants. In many cases, African slaves raised their white masters' children!

But even though there is no legal slavery in the U.S. any more, slavery still exists in the world. In Pakistan, Africa, Haiti and elsewhere, slavery is once again common – and surprisingly, children are often the enslaved.

*Slavery* is a decent enough book. It's got lots of

pictures, a comprehensive timeline and diary excerpts from former slaves and others. The problem comes in the shallowness of the information: author Reg Grant doesn't elaborate much on any one subject, perhaps because there's such a vast amount to be said.

Also, astute parents and teachers will want to note that there are a few non-PC words in this book that may bear explaining.

Still, *Slavery* is an important book and will get kids thinking about this part of our history, as well as that which is still going on around the world.

For your seven-to-13-year-old, reading and absorbing this book won't be a chore.

**Bridging the Gap Within our Community**

*Special to The Truth*

The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center held its first annual Community Resource/Health Fair Saturday Aug 1. Over 21 agencies were represented providing valuable information for the community.

There were over 90 people who participated in the event. Free blood pressure and cholesterol screenings were performed by St. Vincent's. Participants received free healthy snacks and there was face painting for the children. The Community fair was made possible by a grant from the Lucas County Medical Alliance group and some private donations.

The Monroe Street Neighborhood Center, a United Way Family Resource Center, provides case management services, emergency food and clothing, computer basic classes, free GED classes, free blood pressure readings and answers to basic medical questions by a registered nurse.

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# BGSU Names Winners of First Clarence Terry Jr. Scholarships

Special to The Truth

Incoming freshmen from Cuyahoga and Knox counties are recipients of the inaugural Clarence Terry Jr. Memorial Scholarships at Bowling Green State University.

Jessica Glenn of Oakwood Village and Olivia Williams of Howard will each receive a \$4,000 scholarship for their first year of college. The nonrenewable awards honor the memory of Clarence Terry Jr., a 35-year BGSU employee who retired as director of multicultural recruitment not long before his death in May 2008. Terry



Olivia Williams

earned bachelor's and master's degrees from BGSU as well, in 1973 and 1975, respectively.

The scholarships are for incoming freshmen of African-American and Hispanic heritage who have main-



Jessica Glenn

out and contribute to society, or producing students with broadened thinking who will go out and completely transform society."

Williams intends to major in general/individualized business. She is a graduate of East Knox High School—with a 3.61 GPA—and the daughter of Matthew and Cordelia Williams of Howard.

Williams wrote that the presence of multicultural students at BGSU is important "because it allows intercultural opportunities and provides further opportunities for specific ethnicities, races and cultures. By providing these opportunities, it creates a more well-rounded student and better prepares this student for the diverse world we live in."

The Clarence Terry Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established by the late Terry's wife, Ardenia Jones Terry, Ph.D., who also earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Bowling Green, in 1972, 1973 and 1982, plus a doctorate in higher education administration in 2000.

Jones Terry felt it was important to recognize her husband's dedication to Bowling Green State University, his love for students and to leave a legacy to the institution that was a part of his life for four decades.

# TOPS Helps Parents Make the Grade With Healthy Back-to-School Lunches

Before school bells start ringing again, parents should consider doing some homework of their own on nutritious lunches to pack for their children. Since kids often want to eat the same types of food every day for lunch, it's up to parents to take the lead and put new ideas on the table.

Registered dietitian Dena McDowell, M.S., C.D., nutritional expert for TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), says parents can expand a child's food horizons and provide a better range of vitamins and nutrients on a daily basis by following these tips:

Let Kids Make the Assignments

McDowell explains that a child may feel empowered and more apt to try new food combinations if he or she is part of the planning process.

Together, find recipes for new sandwiches, soups and trail mixes to get ideas. Have children identify the items that need to be purchased and, with their help, create a grocery list.

At the store, point out different cheeses, low-fat yogurts, and low-fat cottage cheese. Have them "hunt" for foods that are rich in whole grains, like whole-wheat flour, bran, or oats. Try selecting a few protein options such as natural peanut butter, cheese, lean deli meats, hummus, refried beans, nuts, and seeds.

Lunch 101 Lessons  
McDowell, who also is a mom, has this advice:

Strategy #1: Trying a new recipe or a new food can some-

times make children lose their appetite. Offer the new item along with some of the foods that he or she will eat. Identify dairy products, fruits and veggies that get a thumbs-up, and make sure to include these in the lunch. Encourage the child to try the new foods before digging into the foods he or she regularly eats.

Strategy #2: If a child is helping to pack lunches, teach him or her that balance is important. Aim to include a protein-rich food (lean meat, cheese, eggs, beans, nuts, seeds or yogurt), a dairy-rich food (milk, yogurt or cheese), a fruit, a veggie and some whole grains. Also, remember that the more color is present in the meal, the more vitamins, minerals and antioxidants it contains. Include at least three different, naturally-colored foods.

**New Ideas for Doing the Math**

Put the following suggestions from McDowell on the brown-bag meal plan and experiment with new combinations:

- Hummus with pita chips or whole-wheat crackers, carrots, orange slices, and low-fat milk.
- Pita stuffed with lean deli

ham, low-fat cheese and lettuce, pear, yogurt, and low-fat milk.

- Trail mix (nuts, dried fruit, pretzels, whole-grain cereal and/or chocolate chips), veggies and low-fat dip, banana and low-fat milk.

- Yogurt with granola and mixed berries, vegetable juice and whole-grain crackers with low-fat cheese.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the original, nonprofit weight-loss education and support organization, was founded more than 61 years ago to champion weight-loss support and success. Founded and headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., TOPS promotes successful weight management with a philosophy that combines healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness education, and support from others at weekly chapter meetings. TOPS has about 170,000 members in nearly 10,000 chapters throughout the United States and Canada, and several chapters in Europe.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge. To find a local chapter, view [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call (800) 932-8677 for more information.



Clarence Terry Jr.

maintained a high school grade point average of at least 2.7. Applicants were also re-

quired to submit an essay of up to 500 words on the importance of multicultural students on the BGSU campus.

Glenn is a graduate of Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, where she had a GPA of 3.03. The daughter of Walter and Wanda Glenn of Oakwood Village, she plans to major in psychology at Bowling Green.

In her essay, Glenn wrote that "having multicultural students on the BGSU campus will expand our thinking and create a unity that will strengthen our community. The importance of this can be the difference between BGSU producing intellectual students who will simply go

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# Open Mic Night at The Truth Gallery – One Year Anniversary

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



August 29th is a Saturday that will be like every Saturday in Downtown Toledo.

There will be an event that is an alternative to the club scene.

An event held at a classy establishment.

An event that is family friendly because there is no alcohol, but yet the vibe is all about boundless expression because there is art everywhere.

An event that many people have said doesn't seem like Toledo could be capable of offering.

Yet and still, Saturday August 29th will be mark the one year anniversary of such an event.

This event is called : THE

**LISTENING.**

This event is held at : The Truth Art Gallery 1811 Adams

This event is brought to you by: U.G.E./ The Sojourner's Truth Art Gallery.

For the past year, we have held The Listening every Saturday with NO cover charge.

But yes, on August 29th as we celebrate our first year...we will ask for a \$5 cover.

Well. We have tried to do our part to support the art/culture scene in this city.

And for our special night, we are asking the city to support us.

**WHY WE HOLD THIS EVENT & WHO IT IS FOR:**

U.G.E. spent last July looking at various venues to hold an open mic night.

In August, my boss here at The Truth asked me to hold it at The Truth Gallery.

Right out of high school and throughout most of college, I ran an open mic night at Murphy's Place downtown.

Every Tuesday night was known as The Renaissance and it went five years.

Brandy Moore, Everett

Carter, Jermaine Young, Shau'nea Young and, later on, Stacy Reid were all a part of The Renaissance.

We had a book, a CD, traveled, partnered with area businesses, won poetry slams, judged poetry slams, had a live band, gave away prizes, etc etc.

So starting up another one, my partner Lavale and I didn't want to do it exactly like the past...we wanted it to be more centered around music, than poetry or poetry crews.

Also, while cultivating our own roster of artists we found that there aren't a lot of places for musical acts to hone their skills.

So Lavale and I sat down with Aye Dee, Darron Scott, Leigh Ashley, T. Diamond and Thee Untouchable and we formulated a weekly place for established local artists to increase their buzz and for all artists to improve their showmanship.

We envisioned an intimate atmosphere that was more like being among friends and fam than like being in a club. We envisioned a vibe where anything goes and freedom of speech reign supreme as long

as nothing becomes hostile.

We envisioned a place where the artistic community of this city could put aside differences and unite through their craft.

And after 12 months, we hope we are achieving our goal.

U.G.E. is just one of dozens and dozens of music companies in this city.

All with their own producers, artists, and following.

These music companies are free to come down and bless the spot any Saturday.

Individual artists grinding out here by themselves are free to bring their fans through.

And most especially, the younger/newer artists who don't have an audience yet...

THE LISTENING has been here for them.

**HOW THE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY BENEFITS FROM OUR EVENT:**

Many singers/rappers have a notebook of songs and have never had production, a stage or a crowd to hear them.

We provide the atmosphere that is conducive to their expression.

We don't judge, we just encourage people to bring their best.

And you can see it, artists who regularly come down to The Listening have matured.

They may have started off with nothing more than some songs in their head.

After a few months coming to U.G.E.'s event, they start to network and get plugged in to the larger music scene in Toledo.

After a few months performers become more at home on stage, and learn showmanship.

After a few months some of the songs they perform at The Listening become crowd

favorites.

We don't need to wait until we are rich to give back to our community, we are going to give back right here and right now.

**HOW U.G.E. BENEFITS FROM THE LISTENING:**

We are introducing ourselves to the community as a brand and as a different type of music company focused on integrity and expression.

NO - we aren't all positive or inspirational music, not that it's bad...it's just not us.

But we are about just being honest.

Our music doesn't talk about selling drugs, buying rims, or shooting up the club because none of us live that life. We promote being ya self at all times, regardless.

And The Listening will still allow performers who talk about other topics to get up and do them, but the spirit behind our event has our energy in it because it's us.

U.G.E. signed our latest female singer right from the crowd of The Listening.

Terri Lynn Davis (who records/performs as a U.G.E. Artist under the name T Lynn) came down one Saturday in October and blew us all away.

But...asy'all know, U.G.E. doesn't just add someone to our roster on talent alone.

So we gave T Lynn a chance and over time she just became so undeniable, but it all started from her attending The Listening (shouts to Joyce Allen who records/performs as a U.G.E. artist under the name Chayse Evers for bringing T Lynn).

We have gained an artist but even more than that, my entire roster has had the added benefit of learning how to give back to our community through this event.

**GIVING BACK:**

It's a labor of love. Our artists and me and my partner, we set up.

Move furniture, hook up equipment, we make sure our guests are comfortable.

We promote this event with little to no budget.

We run the event... sometimes smoothly, most times just very laid back..LOL.

Our artists are learning different facets of how to facilitate and plan an event, how to host, how to D.J., how to organize.

The spirit of our label is in this event because it reflects us.

But we are just a part of the whole.

U.G.E. is trying to restore a lost quality to the music business and also bring back integrity in the circles where music/entertainment is a lifestyle.

For our anniversary: If you would like to donate or lend us some fold up chairs, we would appreciate it.

Risers, or anything to make our event more spectacular we would appreciate it.

We are planning a special performance that night, so... we need your support.

Also - please visit THE SOJOURNER'S TRUTH ART GALLERY.

There is nothing like it in this city and I'm so grateful to Fletcher and Ramon for allowing my crew to host our night there on Saturdays but the gallery is open all throughout the week so feel free to stop in.

Join me on facebook and get updates on the event.

**PLENTY OF INTER-VIEWS COMING SOON:**

I got my list and checking it twice.

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**Trinity**

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played on. It was the first time I had a chance to spend with players on other teams and we really enjoyed each others' company. And, I found out that it's cool to have a relationship with God."

This year Trinity played all comers in an open division, says Dorn. He hopes to add a 15-and-under team in order to give seventh through ninth graders more opportunity to compete. Naturally, such a vision requires more

funding—always a challenge in such difficult economic times.

As it is, Dorn spends part of his time raising funds, the board contributes as well, and the girls are required to pay a fee.

Dorn, a graduate of Devilbiss High School, earned his undergraduate degree from Lemoine-Owen College in social work. For the past two seasons he has been the head girls basket-

ball coach at Woodward. He has also coached at Scott and at Tallahassee Community College and at Kentucky State College.

The Trinity Basketball Club will continue to focus on love of God, self love and love of basketball, says Dorn as he looks forward to future seasons and contemplates the success he fully expects.

"We know we are going to be blessed in abundance," he says.

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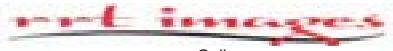


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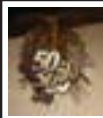
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