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# A New Day Begins



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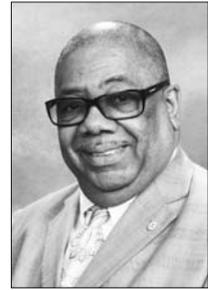
# The Truth About Christmas

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

The Truth Contributor

*Institutional religion has had its potentially sharp prophetic edge dulled by its overt or silent complicity in maintaining the status quo.*

— James M. Washington



The socio-political context of the biblical accounts that form the basis for our observance of the Christmas holy-days, are stunningly similar to that of our own day.

Both Mathew and Luke paint a much darker historical picture than the traditional joyful images of angels, expansive feasts, and expensive gifts brought from distant lands.

Rather, the birth of Jesus occurred in the midst of a culture of fear and spiral of violence, kept in place by the hateful rhetoric and consciousness social and economic policies of Herod, the narcissistic provincial political leader.

But there is plenty of other drama.

The birth narratives also include less-than-minimum wage agricultural workers who toil away in dangerous working conditions, Arabs who visit from the land-rich East but are feared by the political establishment and a tax policy that placed an obscene physical and economic burden upon its poorest citizens while favoring the richest "1 percent."

Succinctly, the Christmas story is about a baby who was born into poverty and to a dark and violent society that had no room for it.

However, Wisdom recognizes this young life as a bright light shining in the dead of night on the longest, coldest and darkest night possible.

The "Wise Men" searched to give honor and reverence, but Herod, viewed this young luminary as a threat to the status quo and attempted to extinguish it.

The good news is that the Jesus child does not stand above the social, economic and political turmoil his day. Neither is the bible, written to a people desperately trying to hold on to their cultural tradition and political-religious forms, unaware of the contemporary evils that surround us.

It is imperative that vulnerable populations, including the poor and our children, overcome the evils that attempt to extinguish their potential and the world's future - especially the evils of violence, bigotry and poverty and all of its derivatives.

Senseless murders like the death of Zaveon Dobson, a 15 year old Knoxville, Tennessee area honor student and football player who died last week trying to shield three girls from a random shooting, happens more than 30 times each day. Almost 1/3 of the victims are under the age of 20 and half are under 35.

There are more than 10,000 annual gun homicides in the U.S. compared to less than 200 in Canada, 150 in Germany, Italy and France, and less than 50 in Japan.

In the spirit of Christmas and our future,

Let us raise our voices loudly that our leaders may prioritize the issues of poverty and violence.

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## Community Calendar

### December 25

Merry Christmas!!

Thomas Temple COGIC 12th Annual Free Christmas Dinner: 1 to 3 pm: 419-255-3447

### December 26-29

2015 Kwanzaa Celebration: 6-7:30 pm nightly; Frederick Douglass Community Association; Open 5 pm for vendors; Sunday speakers – Keith Jordan (Unity) and Yusef Muhammad (Self-determination); Monday speakers – Joseph Peterson (Collective work and responsibility) and Sydney Petty (Cooperative economics); Tuesday speakers – Najah Johnson (Purpose) and Alisha Smith (Creativity); Wednesday speaker – Rev. Tony Thomas (Faith): 419-509-0751 or 419-410-8022

### January 1

Happy New Year!!

### January 23

Warren AME 2016 Annual Gospel Extravaganza: Youth and Young Adults; 4 pm; Special guests Abundant Life Ministries: 419-243-2237

# Flash!! News Item!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq  
Guest Column

In my never ending quest to bring my readers the latest flash news (or at least what I deem as "news"), I present for your perusal and rumination the following flashes:

(1) Mike Bell wants to be your next county commissioner? Oh please, will someone, under the cover of night, escort Mike to the city limits and give him a one-way bus ticket to Portland or Valdosta, Georgia. Make sure he packs his cowboy hats and boots.

It is as if Mike is drifting and has no purpose since he was soundly trounced when he recently ran for the office of mayor.

Now, Mike wants to find a way, any way back in the public limelight and a government paycheck and he figures being a county commish is a great way to do both. Will some politicians not ever go away quietly into the night and call it a day?

With Mike's fan base, you would think he would hook up with a local car dealer and sell new cars.

(2) Is it me or do you sense that The Blade has been and continues to nit pick at Mayor Paula Hudson? When I read some of their editorials and columns, I get the drift that they are not happy campers that Paula trampled the other mayoral contenders and now The Blade editorial whiz kids do not have their politico favorite in office.

Boo-Hoo for the Blade!

I was glad that she trounced the other candidates for it also was a repudiation of the once-believed notion that a Blade editorial could carry the day in an election and thus re-inforce the belief that the Blade had political clout in this city.

Glad that mystique is over with! Go Paula...go!

(3) Danger...danger! Notice in the papers that Donald Trump is making sweet eyes at the Russian dictator, Vladimir Putin! What is that about? I will tell you. Putin is playing Trump like a violin. He will suck Trump in with inane vanities and kisses and the whole time, if Trump was to take the White House, Putin will have Trump thinking that Putin is a great Joe.

Each of these guys is throwing flowers at the other in some "bro-mance" that is hard to look at. Why would anyone give kudos to Putin! It is because Donald sees himself in that same mold of being a similar shirtless tough guy as Putin and because Donald

Trump is so vain, his vanity prevents him from seeing that this rose has hidden thorns in it. Don't be surprised if Donald soon wants to meet with Putin so he can boast about his foreign policy street cred.

(4) Let me know when either political party comes out with any concrete agenda regarding the concerns of the black communities across America. Not lip service to #BlackLivesMatter but real policy proposals.

To date, both parties are speechless about what impacts the black community and unless or until they have to deal with it, don't expect to see any debates about those issues since the nation is consumed by the threats of home grown terrorists.

In any of the Republican debates, did you hear any proposals or concerns about issues that affect the black community?

And you won't. The Republicans have for all intents and purposes written off the black vote (save for about three-10 percent) and the Democrats believe that the black vote is already in their hip pocket. So why spend debate time talking about income inequality, or the lack of finances available to start businesses or the need to financially assist the black colleges or the appalling rate of abortions by black women (I know...you can not legislate morality) or the incarceration rate of black males.

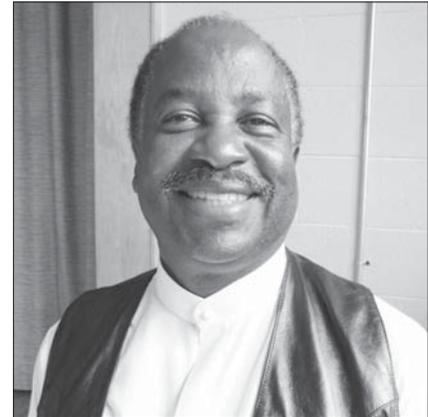
(5) Maybe, just maybe in 2016, we might find enough black pastors

who are not scared of their own shadow that they will pick up on one of my ideas that I have floated around for the past 25 years and that is: to "tithe" off of their weekly collection totals and place those funds in a general fund for the purposes of economic development for the very people who fill those Sunday collection plates.

Imagine all of the black churches in Toledo beginning to "tithe" weekly for the benefit and edification of their parishioners. It would cause a sea change in how we view ourselves and how we can fund our own causes and quit going hat in hand to downtown corporate America for a hand-out.

But, alas, I am dreaming, will someone please shake me and wake me up!

(6) If I were Santa



Lafe Tolliver

Claus, these would be my stocking stuffers for "us" folks:

(a) a drastic reduction in out-of-wedlock births starting with black girls not dropping their panties for every lame rap that comes their way; (b) black-on-black crime being a thing of the past; (c) teenagers finishing high school and getting a two year or a four year degree or learning a trade skill; (d) black boys stop drooping their pants as if they have a "load" in them; (e) if you see a crime being done, report it including any child abuse or spousal abuse. Yes, you can report such crimes anonymously, so cut out the nonsense of you being called a "snitch!"

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# Reps. Beyer, Kaptur, Holmes-Norton, Crowley, McCollum, Honda, Ellison, Carson Lead Group of 71 House Democrats to Introduce Legislation Condemning Anti-Muslim Bigotry

Special to The Truth

Following weeks of anti-Muslim bigotry and acts of hatred, Reps. Don Beyer (D-VA), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Eleanor Holmes-Norton (D-DC), Joe Crowley (D-NY), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Mike Honda (D-CA), Keith Ellison (D-MN), and Andre Carson (D-IN), along with 63 original cosponsors, introduced legislation condemning violence, bigotry, and hateful rhetoric towards Muslim-Americans.

"We must show that we will not tolerate this anti-Muslim discrimination and that those who propagate it do not represent the melting-pot America that we celebrate," said Rep. Beyer. "These harmful words eventually lead to the very acts of violence many came to our country to escape in the first place. It's time Congress stood up to condemn these attacks which run contrary to American values."

"America's highest ideals include our pro-

tections for religious liberty and the celebration of our differences. It is a mistake to lump millions of peaceful, liberty-loving Muslim Americans together with the brutal zealots who are working continuously to hijack their faith," said Rep. Kaptur. "Anti-Muslim speeches and statements only serve to divide us and pit Americans against one another. Bigotry and the violence it perpetrates are not worthy of the legacy of generations who have fought and sacrificed to make America the nation that it is today."

"As we see many Americans expressing their fears, their leaders at every level have a special obligation to lead," Congresswoman Nor-



U. S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur

ton said. "The concerns of the American people about terrorism in civil society after Paris and San Bernardino are understandable, but embracing Islamophobia as a way to cope with those fears is not only unacceptable, but dangerous. The main purpose of terrorism is to provoke division. Terrorists lose when, instead, we embrace our Muslim brothers and sisters."



Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton

"The despicable rhetoric and violence on American Muslims is reprehensible and goes against everything this country stands for. Whether it's a bomb threat on a mosque, a child bullied on a bus, or a slur painted on a building, hate is hate. And, each and every one of

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## African Art Has Arrived!!

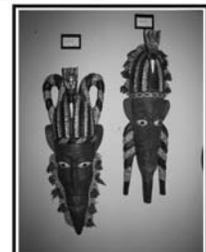
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# NANBPWC, INC-Toledo Club -Aurora House Project

Christmas is the time of year to give thanks and share joy and happiness to others. The women of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc (NANBPWC, INC ) Toledo Club delivered gifts to the Aurora House on Monday, December 21. Each year these women adopt a family.

The Aurora House provides a safe haven and nurturing environment for women and their children as they move from homelessness to self-sufficiency.

NANBPWC, Inc-Toledo Club members are passionate about the Aurora House Project and how they assist families each day with the services and in-house programs that are provided.

Some of the women's programs that are offered are: intensive care management, life skills, parent education, relapse prevention, nutrition education, computer skills lab, job seeking/job readiness skills, financial management, creative exploration .

The Aurora House provides children programming such as infant massage, after school tutoring, drug prevention, support to help children understand homelessness and not to blame themselves etc.

More services assist families to services on healthcare, mental health treatment, counseling, employment opportunities, GED and college classes, drug and alcohol treatment and vocational training.

The residents set goals and make changes in their lives that will lead toward reaching their full potential and to achieving self-sufficiency and independence.

The programs focus on three essential elements:

1. Family Stabilization
2. Achieving employment and educational goals
3. Obtaining and maintain permanent housing.

Marquita Scott is the NANBPWC Inc. chairman this year who has worked to customize the Christmas gifts that were given. This program falls under Health, Education, Economic



Marquita Scott, chairman; Barbara Tucker, former NCD governor; Clara Brank, Education and Women's History chairman; Denise Black-Poon, Toledo Club president

Development and Employment. Denise Black-Poon, Toledo Club president says: "Family is important. By keeping a safe, caring environment for each family member, it becomes healthy mentally and physically . Everyone has the opportunity to serve the community and help others in various ways. We just need to help and not just sit back and think about it."

The community can make a donation with gifts of personal care items, household products and women's or children's clothing. Non-perishable food donations are always welcome, gift cards, financial donations as well as possibly considering a remembrance in your will.

The community can also volunteer to spend an evening cooking with the families, reading to the children, tutoring, landscaping, painting, and various home improvements.

The NANBPWC, Inc Toledo Club thanked the Aurora House for letting organizations like theirs help in any way possible. Community support is necessary and needed every day as well as love and support.

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# TUFCU Opens New Building with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

"This has been a long journey, but it has been a vision," said Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson at the start of the ribbon-cutting ceremony that was largely dedicated to the 20-year effort of TUFCU CEO Suzette Cowell to make the credit union a viable economic force in the central city area.

The most recent fulfillment of that vision was the grand opening on Sunday of TUFCU's new facility at the corner of Detroit and Dorr – a 4,200 square-foot building that offers credit union members three times the space of the old building in which to conduct their financial transactions. The new building also provides drive-through service and an ATM.

Sunday's ribbon-cutting ceremony commenced at the New Life COGIC where Bishop Edward Cook, pastor of New Life and one of the founding fathers of TUFCU, served as the master of ceremonies.

"This is the beginning of a new day," said Cook as he opened the event.

Bishop Duane Tisdale, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church and the man who conceived the idea of the community credit union several decades ago, spoke of the importance of community control of finances and noted that "no group of people can exist if they cannot move the economy amongst them."

Several years ago, Sister Pam Buganski of the Sisters of Notre Dame, approached Cowell to see if she could be of any assistance to the credit union. That meeting ultimately led to an introduction to Dick LaValley, who would lead the effort to put together the funding for the new building.



LC Commissioners Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Pete Gerken present frog statuette to Suzete Cowell

Buganski spoke at Sunday's ceremony. "Blessed is she who believed that God's word to her, will be delivered," she said of Cowell's faith in the success of TUFCU. "She has penetrated the depths of my heart with her faith," Sister Pam continued.

Sister Pam also spoke movingly of her interactions with the credit union and its staff and members. "It is always a place of respect; it is always a place of dignity," she said. "People are given hope there. It is now on us to carry that same spirit of respect and hope and dignity to a new building. May it continue to be a blessed place. Miracles happen there and they will continue to happen there."

LaValley touched on the same theme when given his moment to address the audience at New Vision. The man who arranged for the funding praised Cowell and her staff for "all the wonderful lives you are changing. I will always be here to do whatever I can to help you."

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Americans know that. Our Muslim brothers and sisters are being labeled. We want our brothers to be able to walk with their heads high. We want the country to know that we stand against this.”

“This is my brother,” said Rev. Chris Rowell, pastor of Joshua Generation FWC, as he draped his arm around his colleague on the City of Toledo Board of Community Relations, Dr. Zaheer Hasan. “We are standing here unified as people.”

While the afternoon’s message of unity was primarily delivered by African-American pastors to the Muslim community, other religious leaders also came prepared to deliver the same message of unity and to express distress about the recent wave of verbal and physical attacks on the Muslim community.

Father Thomas Landgraff, representing the Catholic Diocese of Toledo, said: “We stand in solidarity with the Muslim community; we support the Muslim here who are good people; we welcome into our land Muslim immigrants.”

Joel Beren of Toledo Hillel said: “After watching the xenophobia in the [Republican] debate, I realize that there but for the grace of God go I.”

Jeanine Diller, of the University of Toledo Center for Religious Understanding, said: “We strive to create an environment in the

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Rev. Cedric Brock opens the session



Imam Shamsuddin Waheed, center, and Rev. Cedric Brock, right, and representatives of Toledo's religious community



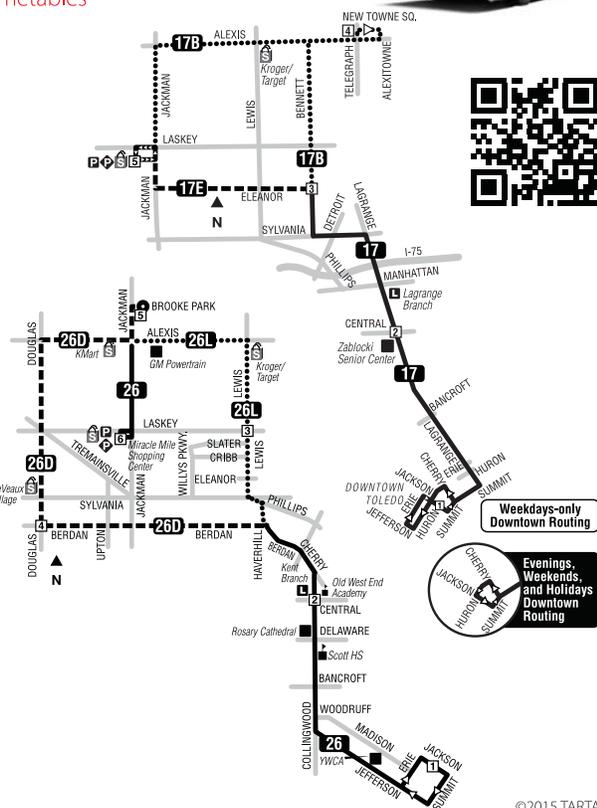
Father Thomas Landgraff with Sister Virginia Welch

## Winter 2016 updates effective January 3.

On Sunday, January 3, 2016, TARTA's winter route schedules will begin. As most routes will be affected by time changes, new timetables and maps are available at [TARTA.com/Winter2016](http://TARTA.com/Winter2016)



- **2C Sylvania-Centennial/Franklin Park Mall**  
– interlined with Route 3 at Franklin Park Mall;  
– schedule adjustments
- **3 North/South Crosstown**  
– interlined with Route 2C at Franklin Park Mall;  
– schedule adjustments
- **11/12/13/14 East Toledo**  
– Sunday and holiday schedule adjustments
- **17B Lagrange/Bennett via Miracle Mile**  
– all 17B trips will stop at New Towne Square Drive;  
– schedule adjustments
- **17E Lagrange/Eleanor via Miracle Mile**  
– schedule adjustments
- **26D Berdan/Douglas/Miracle Mile**  
– schedule adjustments
- **26L Lewis/Alexis-Miracle Mile**  
– all 26L trips will no longer stop at New Towne Square Drive;  
– schedule adjustments
- **27A/B/C Reynolds Road Crosstown**  
– schedule adjustments
- **34A/B/C Airport Highway Crosstown**  
– 34A morning schedule adjustments



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Also speaking during the ceremony were Lucas County Commissioners Pete Gerken and Tina Skeldon Wozniak who provided a huge chunk of financing for the new structure. Gerken spoke of the tragedy of the way mainstream corporate entities, particularly financial institutions, had neglected the African-American community over the decades.

"Thanks for letting us provide something of economic value to the community," added Skeldon Wozniak.

U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur wrapped up the afternoon activities at New Vision with the presentation of a U.S. flag to Cowell and the board of TUFCU. A long-time supporter of the credit union, Kaptur praised Cowell for her vision and tenacity and also spoke of the financial difficulties those in the black community have endured, especially the loss of wealth, because of the practice of "red-lining" - the denial of financial services to certain areas of a city based upon the racial or ethnic make-up of the population therein.

At the conclusion of the New Vision ceremony, the crowd moved over to the new TUFCU location at the corner of Dorr and Detroit to cut the ribbon and enjoy a few light refreshments.

And to celebrate the beginning of a new day.



TUFCU Board member Rev. Cordell Jenkins welcomes visitors to new building



U. S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur

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us has a duty as an American to speak out against discrimination and intolerance," said Rep. Joe Crowley, vice chairman of the Democratic Caucus. "I'm proud to join Congressman Beyer and my colleagues in introducing this resolution that sends a powerful message that the Congress stands behind our Muslim American communities and firmly against hate and intolerance."



Rep. Don Beyer

"Muslim Americans are our friends, neighbors and colleagues. Anti-Muslim rhetoric from our nation's political candidates has damaging consequences for the lives of Muslim Americans," said Rep. McCollum. "As elected officials, we must work to foster respect, civility and dignity towards all Americans and ensure that no citizen of our nation is persecuted or targeted because of their religious beliefs."

"We must do everything we can to fight terrorism on all fronts, but we must take care not to give into bigotry, hate speech or tolerate hate crimes. Hateful rhetoric has real consequences. Every day, Muslim students, leaders and community members are threatened with violence—and some have been the victims of hate crimes," said Rep. Honda. "Our country is better than this; we are a multiethnic, multi-religious, multi-cultural nation. Our diversity is what gives us strength—together with our respect for the Constitution, rule of law and the ideals of freedom that unites us. It is the responsibility of all to reject discrimination. I

urge my colleagues in the House to support this resolution."

"The United States was built by the belief in liberty, freedom, and equality for every person. These are the values we hold most dear - the truths we hold to be self-evident. When elected officials and political leaders build their platforms on hatred and bigotry, they do so at our country's expense," said Rep. Keith Ellison. "Their rhetoric is not merely ignorant - it's dangerous. And it is fundamentally un-American. Scapegoating a religious community shouldn't be part of a candidate's stump speech. Not in this country. This bill is a reminder to Americans of all faiths: the demagogues do not speak for everyone. That is not who we are."



Rep. Keith Ellison

"The First Amendment safeguards our freedom to practice our faiths freely, but it does not give any person the right to cite religion in order to justify intolerance toward their fellow Americans," said Rep. André Carson. "This holds true whether the victim of such intolerance is gay or straight, black or white, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, or the member of any group. Discrimination in any form is never acceptable anywhere in our country, which is why I am proud to help introduce this resolution which will help bring more attention to the harmful and ignorant acts that have been directed at Muslim Americans for far too long."



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# War Room

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What a beautiful way to start the new year! So, get your family and friends together and go out to see *War Room*! From the creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous* comes *War Room*, is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives.

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class where everyone is free to learn; we stand firm with you; we are sorry for the pain that has been caused."

The message of unity and support was received with gratitude from the leaders of the Muslim community.

"Thanks God, our creator, for your help and support; God bless our country," said John Shousher, local businessman.

"It's heartening to see so many people here, said Imam Shamsuddin Waheed of Toledo Masjid al Islam. "Life is full of challenges and to go through this together is heartening."



Joel Beren addresses the religious leaders



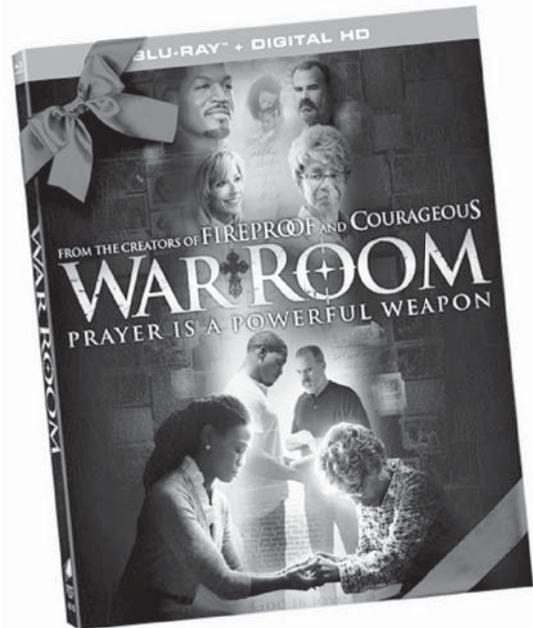
Closing Prayer

As adapted from the movie's press release, Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all – great jobs, a beautiful daughter and their dream house. But appearances can be deceiving. Tony and Elizabeth Jordans' world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. While Tony basks in his professional success and flirts with temptation, Elizabeth resigns herself to increasing bitterness. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth plan a prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony's hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family prove Miss Clara's wisdom that victories don't come by accident.

Seats will be limited to a first come, first serve basis! FREE popcorn will be given to the first 100 persons that show up at each of the two show times on Saturday! You don't want to miss this phenomenal and spiritual gift! It is wonderful and ideal for churches of various denominations and others

to come together to launch such an activity.

*War Room* is directed by Alex Kendrick and produced by Stephen Kendrick and Gary Wheeler. Written by Alex & Stephen Kendrick, *War Room* was filmed in and around Charlotte, N. C. The film is rated PG for thematic elements throughout.



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# Alex Haley and the Books That Changed a Nation

## by Robert J. Norrell

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

The gardening catalogs started arriving this week – right on time.

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251 pages

In the gray of winter, they represent so much promise, whether you have six acres or six inches of dirt. This time of year, it's fun to imagine what will come from the soil months from now – but in the meantime, read *Alex Haley and the Books That Changed a Nation* by Robert J. Norrell, and see how a career can grow.

Born in 1921 into a well off Irish-African-American family, Palmer Alexander Murray Haley was raised mostly by his grandmother, who instilled in him a love of storytelling. As an adult, Haley would recall hiding behind rocking chairs on his grandparents' front porch, listening to tales of "the African" and of slavery.

In 1939, after rejecting his professorial father's ideal of an education, Haley (by now, calling himself "Alex") joined the Coast Guard. Because of racial mores of the time, few onboard jobs were open to African-American men, so he worked as a steward while also searching for assignments as a magazine writer. Ultimately, he came under the command of a "boss" who demanded help with letter-writing; his skills honed, Haley landed a job as a press officer for the Coast Guard.

By 1960, Haley left the Coast Guard and a wife, and focused "intensively" on magazine writing. Just two years later, his reputation as an author was set, "linked in part to the growing notoriety of the Nation of Islam (NOI)." An assignment he'd accepted

his publisher, frustrating but Haley never forgot stories from his grandmother's porch. Encouraged by a distant cousin, he toyed with a few versions of them and explored the origins of specific words he remembered. His research was extensive and, by the fall of 1966, he thought he'd found the roots of the stories he'd heard...

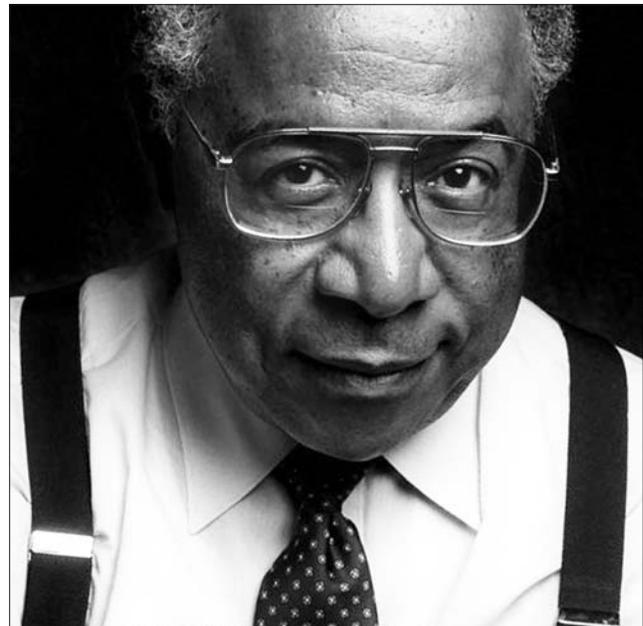
And that, of course, is still – almost 40 years later – loaded with controversy: how much of *Roots* was truth? Was Haley guilty of "borrowing" from others' works? The answers lie somewhere inside *Alex Haley and the Books That Changed a Nation*.

Indeed, Alex Haley was a complicated writer. Time and again, he ignored deadlines and sometimes facts to craft a story. That becomes an important point within this biography: he obviously tested the patience of others in many ways, which is astounding and makes it interesting to see how two of the 20-century's most iconic books came to be. Truth or fiction, those two works, as author Robert J. Norrell proves, absolutely shook up the status quo of culture and history.

Unlike many biographies that portray their subjects as too perfect, *Alex Haley and the Books That Changed a Nation* keeps things real and I liked that. If you're up for a well-told, warts-and-all bio, this one will have you rooted to your seat.

allowed him to become good friends with Malcolm X and they began working closely together on a book, even as Haley simultaneously wrote articles against the NOI.

The process of writing *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* was long and, for



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Toledo, OH 43604  
Fax: 419-936-7574  
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Lucas County Emergency Medical Services is accepting applications to fill the position of Dispatcher through December 23, 2015. Additional information regarding the duties is available on the Lucas County website ([www.co.lucas.oh.us](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us)). Click on "Apply for a Job" and then select "Dispatcher" from the list to read more or apply.

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# "This Is My Brother"



*Rev. Christopher Rowell and Dr. Zaheer Hasan*

## Toledo Area Religious Leaders Voice Support for Muslim Community

*By Fletcher Word*

*Sojourner's Truth Editor*

Dozens of Toledo area religious leaders – Christian, Muslim and Jewish – gathered last Friday at the Grape Leaf Diner in Holland to pronounce their commitment to unity and cooperation, especially in light of the recent wave of verbal, and all-too-often, physical, attacks on the Muslim institutions and population of this country.

Without naming specific perpetrators – such as the recent disparaging comments of certain Republican candidates for president or the attacks on mosques around the nation – those of the Christian and Jewish faiths announced that they would stand in solidarity

with their Muslim brothers and sisters in the face the current onslaught of abuse.

Rev. Cedric Brock, president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, organized the gathering and served as the event's moderator.

"It is downright disgusting, what we have heard over the last two weeks," said Brock. "Labeling is not correct, we as African

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