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Retired officers to open new ministry facility in Killeen on February 4

BY LINDA CRAWFORD

Flowing out of a heart of compassion and servanthood, Pastors Michael and Mary Bethel have spent several years building Bethel Ministries. Former military officers now retired, the Bethels will dedicate the church, cosmetology school, and Bible college on February 4, at 1:00 p.m. at 2300 Schwertner Drive in Killeen, Texas.

Michael and Mary are known as people of God who spend countless hours ministering to others. They sow into the lives of many, not only through the Word of God, but also through their financial giving. They have spent many years in prayer and many hours on the property to establish a ministry to meet the needs of people in all areas of their lives. Bethel Ministries promises not to produce the



MARY AND MICHAEL BETHEL

same old same old. The Bethels explained that they are not interested in how a person dresses. They are not interested in how much money a person can bring to the table as they have built the ministry from the ground up, using their own resources.

As counselors, the Bethels

provide sound advice and encouragement to men, women and youth to seek a better way of life by changing their lifestyle now. Michael is known for offering tips to married couples, most often, "to stay

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Promoting literacy one haircut at a time

When you think of little boys and barbershops, reading books would probably not be the first thought that crosses your mind. For the barbers and boys who come to get their hair cut at Look At Me Now Barbershop in Waco, Tx, books are definitely on their minds...as well as a financial incentive.

Local educator and author, Mary E. Evans, approached childhood friend and barber, Ivan LeBlanc during an anxiety filled time of year...the day before the presidential election. She contacted him on Facebook inquiring about his young clientele. His response



IVAN LEBLANC GIVES A HAIRCUT TO 11-YEAR-OLD READER, SIMEON.

was, "We serve plenty!" Evans inquired because she was hoping LeBlanc would be interested in starting a literacy program in the barbershop. If a child agreed to read aloud while getting his hair cut, he would be rewarded \$2. LeBlanc, who understood the influence of barbers in the community, immediately agreed to give the initiative a try.

Evans immediately posted requests for books via Facebook, and in less than three weeks, not only were donated books arriving in the shop, but

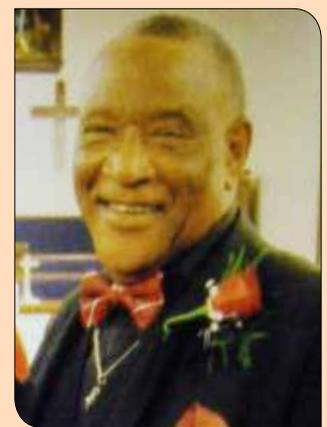
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Hundreds attend the homegoing celebration for Ara L. Rauls, Sr.

Hundreds recently celebrated the home going of Pastor Ara L. Rauls Sr. He was the 5th child born to the late Mr. Norman Rauls Jr. and Mrs. Rosie Lee Watson. A lifelong native of Waco, Texas, Pastor Rauls attended R. L. Smith Elementary, J. H. Hines Elementary, Wiley Middle School, and was a proud 1970 graduate of A. J. Moore High School. He loved football and baseball and was a great quarter back and the best short stop. His outstanding athletic ability and skill at playing baseball allowed him to further his education on the college level and attend Paul Quinn College, Ranger Jr. College and Texas Southern University.

Those same skills also allowed him the opportunity to spend a brief period of time in Cocoa Beach, Florida playing semi-pro baseball. Rauls enjoyed playing ball so much he continued playing for Waco Mission Ball Club and Charlie's II. Proving that there is nothing too hard for God and that you are never too old to learn, Rauls was blessed to continue his education much later in life by receiving his Bachelors and also his Masters of Theology from Guadalupe Theological Seminary in Seguin, TX.

In 1972, Rauls met the love of his life, Barbara L. Wyatt. They were married June 28, 1975 and to this union 4 children were born: Yvonne Michelle, Ara Lee Jr., Joseph Lee, and Ira Lee. Rauls was a hard working family man who



PASTOR ARA L. RAULS, SR.

provided for his family and took great care of them. He worked for General Tire and Rubber Company from 16 plus years and worked briefly for Baylor University and with Chevron Industries.

In 1984, Pastor Rauls returned to his home church, New Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Pastor William H. Gayle Sr. and a year later, confessed his call to preach the gospel. Rauls served faithfully under Pastor Gayle's leadership for 10 years. Then in 1995, he was appointed the proud Pastor of New Mt. Olive and was a dedicated leader and Godly example to many. Under his leadership, the church grew in spirit and in love allowing several ministries to be birthed under his leadership such as the establishment of the Angels of God and the Children of God Marching drill team, The Male Chorus, The Dancing

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

You won't hear us trash the President

Back in the day, a Christian friend of mine said she hoped I would fall and break both legs on my way to vote for President Bill Clinton. Another Christian friend said I was unstable and wishy-washy because I voted for George W. Bush. Still, another accused me of establishing the anti-Christ because I voted for President Obama. And then there's Donald Trump. One acquaintance reminded me that I should question my own salvation if I refused to vote for Trump, suggesting that so-called Christians like me might experience a sudden death. Wow! Well, I DID NOT VOTE FOR DONALD

Who told you that you would never amount to anything? Who said you would never finish high school or that you were not college material? Who told you that you would never be able to stand on your own two feet or pull your family out of poverty? Who told you that, and why are you choosing to believe such lies?

You have to change your words, your vision, and your thinking. You have to have something on which to stand, someone to trust, and a stronger power that gives you meaning and purpose in life. You have to be so tired that you get strength when you think of getting out of your present circumstances. You have to be willing to "Be still and know" that God

TRUMP, and I am still here.

But here's the bottom line. Come January 20th, you won't hear the Crawfords say one negative word about the President. Why? Whether the President is Bush, Obama, Clinton, or Trump, scripture says, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist WILL incur judgment." Yep, God said it! And as hard as it may be, I believe it. Oh...and for me, that settles it.

Editorial: I have a dream



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DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

will give you the map to get through and get out.

Truly "calling those things that are not as though they are" can be tiring. Many times you might even feel discouraged, but you have to continue to stand against all odds. You have to have dreams and lights at the end of tunnels. During those times when you can't quite see the light, you have to burn a candle or use a flashlight to keep your hope alive. You must surround yourself with your peeps, those who have faith in you, and most importantly, when you run into negative people, YOU HAVE TO KEEP RUNNING.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream, one that seemed impossible to many people. Perhaps his dreams even seemed impossible to Dr. King at times, but he continued to dream.

He didn't let what he saw in the natural affect what he could see on the mountain

top. When he wrote his letter from a Birmingham jail cell, no doubt, he was not overwhelmed with joy and gladness, but he didn't let his natural emotions stop him from believing.

Dr. King's dream is not for a few people. It is for you, and me, and that child who lives with fear everyday. It is for that woman who can't pay her rent or that man who is hurting because he can't support his family anymore. It was and is for those who need hope, who will sleep on the streets tonight, or who will be forced to leave their homes tomorrow. Dr. King's dream must live in our hearts in the toughest of times—when the economy says things aren't likely to change—when people look at you and conclude that your side of the tracks won't cut it. And for those who are fortunate enough to live decent lives, who have

good jobs, nice homes, and successful careers, we must lend a hand to help those in need, lest we fall into their shoes.

If you are suffering right now, it does not mean that you are doomed to be a failure. You are destined for greatness. You are somebody. You can fulfill your dreams, too. But first you must change your words, grab hold of a vision, and change the way you think. Say the opposite of the negatives that you normally say. Visualize a better life for yourself. Spend time thinking that you will make it. And seek God for direction and miracles through pray, praise, and studying his Word. Work hard at what you do, study hard, pray hard and praise hard until you see your own dreams come to past. And when you have done all to stand...well, just stand!

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together and seek God," but he wholeheartedly flows in his most offered advice, saying, "Just do the right thing." Even though he became a believer many, many years ago, a few years back, he sold out to the Lord, committing his existence to seeing the progression and success of others through the power of godly living. A man of integrity, Michael is all about empowering others to prepare for their future by changing their present.

With degrees in psychology and ministry, including a doctorate, and a background in military human resources, Mary has always been known as the one to go to. When people needed jobs, she did whatever she could do to help them find employment. When people needed housing, she used her influence as a high ranking officer to get them housing. She is a no non-sense believer who has a dynamic testimony of how she gave her life to the Lord during her care free years at Jackson State University. "Actually, when I was in that Saturday night church service," said Mary, "I had no intentions of giving my life to the Lord. I was wondering who was winning the game between Alcorn and Jackson State. Then God took control and the rest is history."

The Bethels have a burning desire to help others realize their destiny, spiritually and naturally, by providing men, women and youth with the tools they need to improve their skills, knowledge, abilities and spiritual and practical lives. The Bible College helps people apply

biblical principles and precepts to their lives. The cosmetology college provides skills for people to enter a professional career for upward mobility. The church offers coping skills and solutions to handle daily living.

For those who want to connect with a body of believers, but just want something a little different from main stream, Pastors Michael and Mary Joyce Bethel believe they have just what they need. The outreach ministry holds the key to a better life for men and women all over the world and in the local community. With two embedded colleges, a College of Divinity and Seminary and a College of Cosmetology, BBOLM gives men and women an opportunity to acquire a skill and a license to ignite a new career in ministry or cosmetology.

The Bible college is accredited through ACI and offers AA, BS, MS, and doctorate level degrees. The first cosmetology class begins March 27, 2017 for nine months of extensive training in preparation of state exams. Church services are at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and Bible study meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesday night. A monthly women's outreach will meet the last Saturday of each month. Times and locations will vary. For more information use the following contact information, and also see the ad in this issue of The Anchor News. Call 254-432-7647; email BBOLM2017@gmail.com and interested students can apply for enrollment at www.bethelbreathoflifeministries.org.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S COLUMN...**Negotiation tips for your next real estate transaction**

**BY LINDA MCDONALD,
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Whether you've never bought and sold a house or you've done both a dozen times, taking part in the real estate negotiation process can be tricky. Your Texas Realtor is there to guide you, but here are some do's and don'ts to help you get started.

**DON'T TRUST
THE INTERNET**

There are plenty of online sites that tell you what a property is worth. Unfortunately, they are not always accurate. The only way to get the best information to have the strongest position in real estate negotiations is to use a Texas Realtor. Texas Realtors have access to accurate data about the current market and recent sales to help you come up with the best offer price.

**DON'T AUTOMATICALLY
REJECT LOWBALL OFFERS**

When you're selling your house, you may think it's a waste of time to consider an offer that is way below the sale price you expect. Rejecting these offers outright means you won't ever find out how close to your asking price the buyer was willing to go. You also can take that opportunity to negotiate a deal that includes other favorable provisions in addition to the purchase price.

For example, maybe the buyers are flexible about closing dates or the offer isn't con-



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tingent upon the buyers selling their own home. You can also have your Texas Realtor invite the buyers to submit another offer. Only Texas Realtors are authorized to use the Texas Association of Realtors Seller's Invitation to Buyer to Submit New Offer form, which allows you to indicate what would make the buyers' offer more

attractive. This form isn't a counteroffer; your property can remain on the market and you can consider other offers and accept another offer even if your Texas Realtor uses this form.

DO GET IT IN WRITING

Although it can be more efficient for buyers and sellers to verbally negotiate the terms of a contract, don't forget that real estate contracts must be in writing to be binding.

Your Texas Realtor can help you determine your negotiation options when you're buying, selling or leasing real estate in Texas. Find the Texas Realtor who is right for you on texasrealestate.com.

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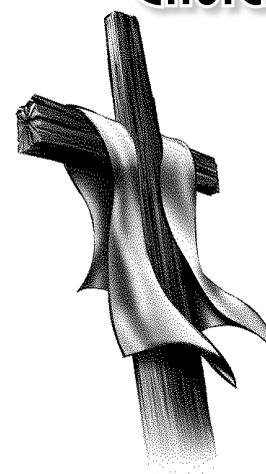
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NAACP installs officers, presents review, etc. Part 1

At its annual meeting on December 12, the Waco NAACP installed newly elected officers for 2017-2019. The following officers were sworn in by Minister Karen Hicks: President, Dr. Peaches Henry; Vice President, Mrs. Nellie Elarms; Treasurer, Mr. Vernon Clarke; Secretary, Mrs. Delicia LeBlanc; Assistant Secretary, Dr. Gail Mays; and Parliamentarian, Mr. Norman Manning. The officers will begin their terms in January. President Henry also presented the chapter's annual review of activities. Henry announced that the Waco NAACP had received the Thalheimer Award in recognition of its work during 2015 at the NAACP National Convention in Cincinnati in July. The Thalheimer Award is the NAACP's top award given to branches for outstanding achievements.

During 2015-2016, the Waco NAACP maintained a busy agenda, according to the annual report. In 2015, the Waco NAACP renewed its commitment to the ongoing struggle for civil and political liberty. The chapter hosted Affordable Care Act workshops to help people get enrolled in health care, held a commemorative march to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the 1965 Selma Marches with over 100 people attending, held three financial literacy workshops, inaugurated the Rev. Robert L. Gilbert Scholarship and the Dr. Mae Jackson Scholarship, hosted a "Know Your Rights Forum," supported the Citizens for Responsible Lending Coalition in its successful efforts to get the Waco City Council to pass a payday lending ordinance, and successfully lobbied the Waco City Council to support a comprehensive smoke free ordinance. In August 2015, the chapter partnered with Project VIER to host the Ambassadors for Democracy Voting Rights Summit featuring the Lawyers' Committee from Washington, DC to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Throughout the year, the chapter partnered with other organizations to protect the voting rights of the citizens of McLennan County. The chapter pursued an even more ambitious agenda for 2016.

Because 2016 was an election year, much of the chapter's activities concentrated on political action from June to November. Working through the Project VIER Coalition, a group of organizations devoted to social justice, the chapter began a multi-faceted civic engagement campaign. Project VIER's civic engagement campaign involved many organizations and individuals—Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Phi Al-

pha Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Heart of Texas Democratic Women, the McLennan County Democratic Party, and many civic-minded individuals.

The efforts of the Waco NAACP brought together disparate parts of the community to work on a common goal. "Our most important achievement was to get individuals and organizations that support social justice to combine their efforts. The collaboration among the coalition's members has been nothing short of magnificent," said Henry. "Project VIER's Civic Engagement Campaign was one of the most efficient and fruitful programs that I have ever been a part of," said Mary Duty, chairwoman of the McLennan County Democrats.

According to Judy Hendry, who volunteered with Project VIER, "It really helped me feel more hopeful about my community and the eagerness of people to be part of the election process. Being involved with voter registration and voter turnout was a positive way to get involved." Sheena Williams, adviser to the McLennan Community College Black Students Association, agreed. "I appreciate the chance Project VIER has given everyone to take part in the political process. Project VIER has galvanized . . . our young people to be part of a process that affects their lives and the lives of those around them."

Project VIER volunteers implemented the NAACP's civic engagement plan to register and educate voters between June and October and then to get voters out to vote during early voting and on Election Day. Delta Sigma Theta and Omega Psi Phi registered voters at the Juneteenth Family Fun Day. In August, various Coalition members including Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta, registered voters at numerous back-to-school events across Waco. The men of Omega Psi Phi, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Phi Beta Sigma registered voters after Waco High home football games. A team headed by HOT Democratic Women of Texas member Jackie Rhodes registered eighteen-year-olds at high schools throughout the county. One volunteer, Daniel Haben-Waters, registered voters all over McLennan County. Project VIER partners registered voters at churches and mosques, McLennan Community College, Texas State Technical College, Baylor University, and the Heart of Texas Fair. Ultimately, the coalition registered more than one thousand new voters.



PRESIDENT PEACHES HENRY WITH THE J.H. HINES ELEMENTARY GARDEN CLUB.

After registering voters, the Waco NAACP educated voters on the loosened requirements of the Texas Voter ID Law, the location of vote centers, how to use voting machines, and how to report voting irregularities. In the face of deliberately misleading information distributed by the State of Texas Attorney General's Office, the chapter developed its on voter identification information flier and distributed it to voters. With the help of Terrance McNair of Phi Beta Sigma, the chapter made two videos—one on using voting machines and another on the voting requirements and

posted them on Facebook for the community's edification. The chapter's political action chairwoman, Shawn Sanders, published a monthly voting guide in *The Anchor News* and *El Tiempo*.

During the early voting period and on Election Day, the chapter worked to get out the vote. The chapter organized a very successful Souls to the Polls Sunday voting event. Members of Carver Park Baptist, Second Baptist, Toliver Baptist, St. Luke AME, St. Paul AME, Antioch Baptist, Greater New Light Baptist and a host of other churches met at the Paul Quinn Campus to vote en masse.

Afterwards, the Waco NAACP hosted a barbecue lunch. During early voting, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Zeta Phi Beta, and the McLennan Community College Black Students Association worked phone banks to get out the vote. Justin Rice of Omega Psi Phi noted, "It's amazing how much work and time has been put into this project. What the Waco NAACP and its allies have done to register and get out the vote (as well as educate voters old and new) is something to be proud of."

To be continued in the February issue of The Anchor News.

A message of community engagement

BY W.B. GUNTER

Communities are like groups of families. Each group brings its own flavor, resources, ideas style, and pizzazz to the table of humanity. A table surrounded with plenty of empty chairs and helping hands. Before the next year is in full swing, I'd like to thank everyone who diligently works hard and continues contributing to the success of our communities. Newcomers will always find a welcoming place where their visions can come to fruition. Our community is one of active progression, and because of that, ideas and efforts must also develop and change. But more than that, it's an extended community of collaboration.

Next year, I plan on bringing more articles about what's working well to build community engagement. By walking the pavement with Rhonda Brown who frequently goes beyond a 24 hour day to find solutions, we have learned about the needs of individuals and businesses. Several businesses closed their doors. Business cards are only useful when they are picked up, used, and someone takes the time to follow up. Word of mouth is only as effective as the person deliv-



W.B. GUNTER

ering information, and it tends to remain within a small geographic region. Advertising works. With distribution of *The Anchor News* in churches, businesses, in person, and through organizations, community engagement can be increased with easy to find information. The economics of a community depends on community support. So, Central Texas Think Tank ([centraltexasthinktankct3](http://centraltexasthinktankct3.com)), set up an online site where individuals can connect and locate resources or inform everyone about community wide events. Why not support a paper that

supports you and what's important to our community? If you or someone you know offers a service, is part of an organization, has a business, offers classes, hosts monthly meeting, consider placing advertisements in a paper that supports you? The paper is free, affordable to all, and is available in multiple cities throughout Central Texas and beyond.

Rodney Duckett and I.M.P.A.C. Outreach.org work tirelessly lifting others, laying down a foundation for others to build upon, so the community grows. In the last few months of 2016, several organizations were brought together to build a stronger community. Instead of waiting for change to occur, action was implemented and the first class of "Know Thyself 101," presented their findings to a larger community during Kwanzaa, an annual celebration sponsored by The Songhai Bamboo Roots Association. Out of I.M.P.A.C. Outreach, the television show, "iYouthChat," was created, and next year, "Inspired Voices," will launch its new program. Duckett works full time, volunteers his

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Identifying your dearest treasure, Part 1

BY PATSY REED

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. What are some of your dearest Treasures - your collectibles, your classics, your tangible hobbies, your relics? Get a piece of paper and name some of the things you feel are dear to you. It may be a collection of cookbooks, as elaborate as a cabinet of expensive crystals or as important as multiple bank/savings accounts or stocks, bonds and other investments you may have. NOTE: treasure - jewels and precious objects; wealth, especially in the form of jewels and precious objects, often accumulated or hoarded; something valuable; somebody highly valued.

The question to ask is how close are you to these items? How hard would it be to part with what you listed? Would you be willing to release any of them as a seed sown in the Kingdom of God - to whomever God directs you? Have you ever thought about jobs that you may be asked to do that you feel are not your "cup

of tea"; and what if the Lord turned a corner on you and asked you to do something that would cramp your style? This is something to think about, isn't it? The next question that I want to ask you is "Are you totally Committed to God? Is Your "All" (everything that you own, including yourself) on the Altar?"

One of the reasons why many individuals accumulate things is because they feel it helps to define them - give them worth and value or it gives them a sense of notoriety, hence they become known or famous for whatever they have deemed their treasure. Countless numbers of times, you have read the following scripture and probably have felt a twinge while reading, but I want to bring it to the forefront of your mind as we proceed to study this heartfelt topic:

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: there-



PATSY REED

fore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) You have been "bought" with a precious price - the blood of God's Son, Jesus Christ. Since you are not your own, then YOU and your "goods" are not really your own. This earth is not your eternal home. You have been deployed as "Stewards" on a God-given assignment. Your "orders" are received from on high, whatever He deems them to be.

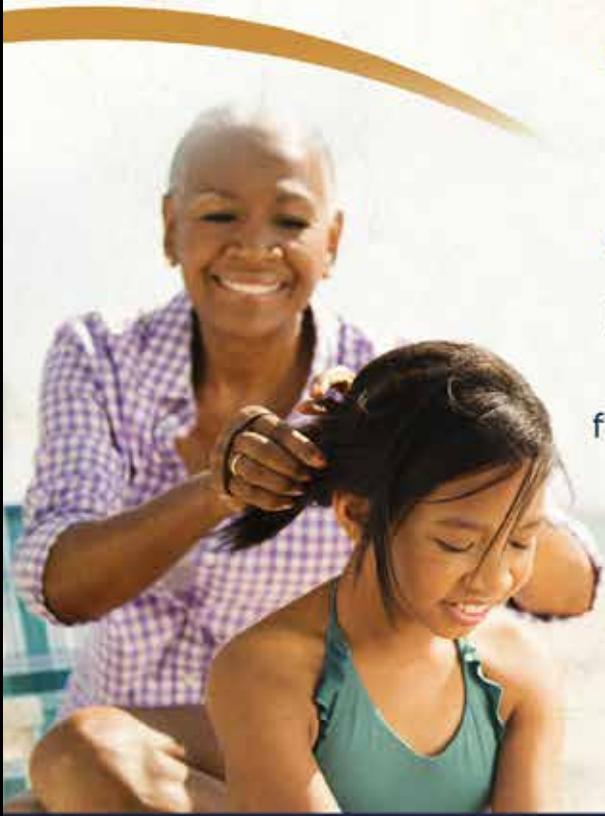
But what about these situations? When God begins to

use you, and you don't quite understand what's going on; when God begins to use you, and it appears to be unpleasant; when God begins to use you, and He does not first talk it over with you; when God begins to use you, and the battle gets hot and heavy to where you despair for your proverbial sanity; when God begins to use you, and it seems you are buckling under the pressure of the attack; when God begins to use you, and you become vulnerable to the Jzebels [genderless in nature], when God begins to use you, and it feels like you've been hidden from your ministry; when God begins to use you, and certain individuals work diligently to "clip your wings", can you still say that your "all" is on the altar? Can you still maintain your joy? Can you still honor God with your substance? Can you still labor on resting in the promises of God? In other words can you yield to saying, "Yes" to the Lord, giving Him a "complete YES," in spite of? Can you be obedient to God without your

flesh getting in the way?

As we attempt to revisit our priorities, you'll soon realize as I have that our "all" must be placed on the altar. God gave His best, Jesus Christ, His Son, that we could have His best - eternal life with Him. Are you willing to give God your best. Are you willing to say, "It's me oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer"? Are you willing to release [to someone] whatever God tells you to without remorse?

It is time to examine ourselves, (2 Corinthians 13:5), and then proceed to live according to God's Word. You can't "go up" without being willing to "give up" (as God directs you). Look at it as a "seed" planted for a later harvest. Trust me ... no one can reward you like God on this side of the earth. Get in a quiet place, grab a pad and pencil and listen to God's directions for you; and as you hear from Him, don't hesitate to do what He is leading you to do. What's in it for you, you may ask? A closer walk with God and so much more!



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It's 2017 and time to take charge of your life

BY MONA DUNKIN

Consider that you personally have an internal force driving you to succeed? That you have a heat-sensing mechanism that pulls you like a moth to a flame? That everything you do is actually your choice?

I love ironies. How fitting (?) that in the dead of winter's cold and bleakness, we human beings are spurred to look beyond the immediate and project a better tomorrow.

Ah, the unyielding spirit of mankind. We have internal drives that push us to tackle another mountain or face another day or simply breathe another breath.

These forces are internal and are not controlled by external powers, people or past experiences.

Dr. William Glasser, founder of Choice Theory Psychology, states that all human beings are motivated by five genetic instructions.

Survival or self-preservation (the need to have a full tummy and be safe)

Belonging (the need to fit in; to love and be loved)

Power or achievement (the need to be the winner or the first or the best; or at least not lose)

Freedom or independence (don't tell me what to do!)

Fun or enjoying (the need for pleasure and entertain-



MONA DUNKIN

ment)

These needs are universal. All seven-plus billion being currently living on planet earth, all those that ever have lived and all those that ever will live – all have these five needs. All have the same needs, just different expressions of getting the need fulfilled. We all eat. Universal tastes and menus are mucho varied.

Even though DNA has previously been said to mean "Do Not Alter", the science of epigenetic are proving otherwise. Not alter in its entirety – the survival instruction is still there to keep you alive – but – through training - may be modified to cooperate rather than to dominate. The pleasure need never goes away. Through discipline and counsel, the obese can slim down, the addict can be restored to sanity and the perverse can live well behaved.

This is nothing new. People have been changing up or down the spectrum from time immortal. What is relatively new is a simplified correction course pioneered by Dr. William Glasser. Choice Theory Psychology - everything we do is a choice (whether we are conscious of it or not) - Take Charge of Your Life strategies - easy to learn, easy to apply and with amazing results – and Reality Therapy method of counsel and self-evaluation.

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amok. By realizing we are choosing every action we take and re-think, thus re-programming and reinventing ourselves – becoming our best self.

"Whether you think you can or think you think you can't -- you're right."

Henry Ford, Founder of Ford Motor Company

Ah, yes, the unyielding spirit of mankind. I like to look at Spirituality as being a sixth need, thus making our internal motivators a purring

six-cylinder. Spirituality (the need to connect to the invisible; Divinity, dreams, goals, generations past, generations future and mysteries of life.

NEED A SPEAKER? Mona Dunkin is a Motivational Speaker, Corporate Trainer and Personal Success Coach. Read past articles at www.monadunkin.blogspot.com. Contact her at monadunkin@gmail.com. See her ad about a January seminar.

RAULS

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Angels of God Praise Dance Ministry, and the Voices of Inspirational Praise Choir (VIP). This choir, directed by First Lady Barbara Rauls, sang praises at the celebration. Pastor Rauls licensed 12 ministers (10 sons and 2 daughters), of which 6 went on to become full-time Pastors.

Pastor Rauls loved the Lord and he loved his church family. He was always helping others: praying for someone, visiting the sick, cutting strangers yards, delivering boxes of goodies and rendering service where ever and whenever he could. He was notorious for giving away his last and would be the first to testify to God's goodness reminding us all that the Lord would make a way. Pastor Rauls was a no nonsense, keep it real type of man.

Whether sharing a story about the awesomeness of God or reminiscing about his days of playing sports at A. J. Moore High School, you would remember having spent time with him. He was proud of being Pastor of a great church, and an Alumni of the great school. He would remark how wonderful it was to have experienced both. He would have his listeners crying or laughing by the time he shared stories from both. Either way, people would remember being in his presence because that's just the type of man he was.

He loved the outdoors and horses; therefore, if he was not at church, most of his time was spent in the yard, on the tractor, or in the barn,

listening to his gospel music and sermons, or meditating and communing with the Lord. He will be missed, but his legacy will live on in the lives of all who knew him. Truly a man after God's own heart, Rauls served faithfully as a servant-shepherd until the Lord called him to home.

Pastor Rauls was preceded in death by is his father, Norman Rauls Jr., his step-father, Jobie Edwards, sister, Shirley Bradford, brother, Ronnie Edwards, father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Thelma) Wyatt, a niece, Rosehelen Bradford and a grandson, Caleb Rauls.

Survived by his faithful and devoted wife of 44 years, Barbara L. Rauls and his children, daughter, Minister Yvonne Rose (Larry); Sons, Reverend Ara L. Rauls Jr. (Kylie), Joseph Rauls (Heather), Austin, TX, and Ira Rauls, Waco; his mother, Mrs. Rosie Lee Edwards; sisters, Gwendolyn Shaw (Freddy), Sherri Woods (Bruce); brothers, Clarence Rauls, Norman Rauls, Ricky Edwards (Pam); brother-in-law, Edward Wyatt, sister-in-law, Elois Smith, Omaha, NE; Goddaughter, Dyonne Joiner; 6 grandchildren: Barvion Wyatt, Larry Rose III, Ara Rauls III, Jayden Rauls, Haley Rauls and Kaitlynn Rauls; A truly devoted friend– Mr. Lynn Anderson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, friends, and the New Mt. Olive Church Family. Pastor Rauls loved each member dearly and each member held a special place in his heart.

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A quick lesson on loving old food!

BY JEN ELLIS

No, I'm not referring to the leftovers from Christmas although they can be good too. Did you ever wonder what Abraham Lincoln's favorite dish was or what the Romans ate for dinner? What do you feed General Robert E. Lee when he comes to dinner? If the Indians gave us cornbread, then where did dressing come from? You may never have ever given this any thought but the history of the food we all eat boils down to, excuse the pun, a few staples and varies mostly by how they are prepared rather than what the ingredients consist of.

My interest in old recipes and the history of our food has come about in recent years primarily because I have inherited some amazing, old cookbooks from several of the best cooks in the family. Many of the recipes go back generations before I was born and have been passed down. Knowing that I'm holding something that has been such an intimate part of the lives of women in my family has been oddly empowering.

My inspiration for venturing into the world of catering came from my husband's aunt. Miss Betty was the daughter of a sharecropper in Sidon, Mississippi who learned to cook from the mistress of the plantation and later at the elbow of a very successful, high-bred and much



JEN ELLIS

regarded lady XXX who ran a regionally renowned catering company. Miss Betty had become so versed in the business that when Ms XXX wrote her cookbook she dedicated it in part to Miss Betty. Miss Betty stepped into the mistresses shoes when she retired. I was blessed to have inherited Miss Betty's cookbooks and her most prized hot roll recipe!

My mother's mother began cooking on ranches in Colorado and Wyoming in the 1950's. She cooked for the ranch hands and when round-up came, she was the chuck wagon cook. This had to be hard, hard work and she was isolated for months at a time out on those ranches. But she was a hardy lady and a marvelous cook who loved the outdoors

and could handle a horse as well as anyone. I inherited recipes that she noted were her grandmother's which puts the recipes back to the late 1700's and early 1800s. Oh, the banana pudding recipe is to die for.

My mother kept up the tradition and after getting out of the military (she was a WWII vet), she kept cooking alive but it wasn't until years later that she became the head Chef at a five-star hotel in Vail, Colorado. I inherited her cookbooks too, packed with ex-

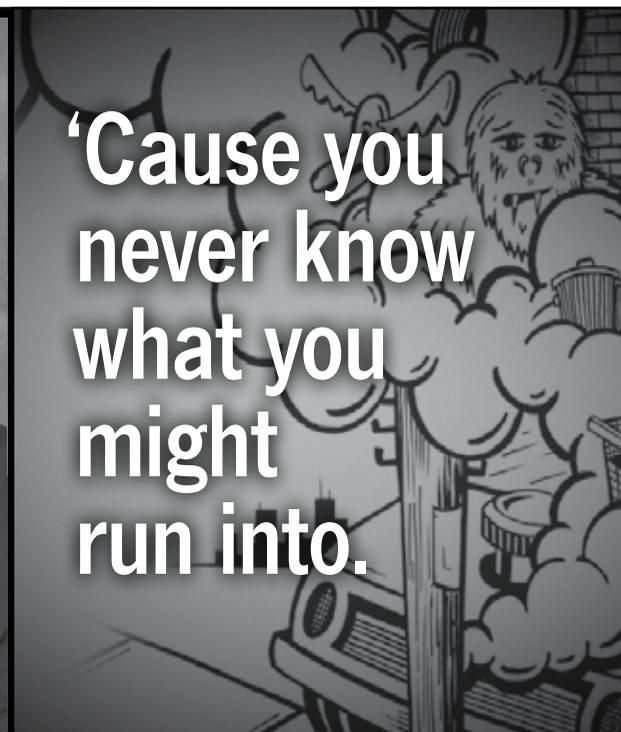
cellent recipes but she learned really quickly not to serve my carnivore husband her Olive Spaghetti that didn't have meat in it!

My neighbor just shared a cookbook that her Daddy made back in the 1950's typed on an old manual typewriter and bound by a handmade wooden binder with leather straps. It's a cherished piece of her past and the recipes it contains are timeless. What a treasure.

History tells us that 'Ol Abe loved a good cobbler and the Ro-

mans were great gardeners (we all know Caesar loved salad) and General Lee was served She-Crab Soup, Baked Ham with Cherry Sauce, Beet Salad, Hominy, Garlic Green Beans and Cornpone, followed by Cocoa Cake and Vinegar Meringue Pie and a stiff Whiskey. Now how would we know all this if it weren't for cooks and their cookbooks!

Jen Ellis is the owner of Your Mama's Catering. For contact information, please see the ad in this issue of The Anchor News.



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time to youth, and keeps the community engaged while making sure veterans have a copy of The Anchor News so they are informed. As an integral part of the community, Duckett is known all over Central Texas and beyond not just for the work he does, but for care and humanity in which he does it.

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in the right direction. Phyllis Jones and Phyllis Nairn have been advocates in the field of education for many years. They go to the state and speak on behalf of students. Every decision concerning the educational needs of students, they share so parents, educators, and students are well informed. Pastor Philemon Brown, of Harker Heights Community Church does not hesitate when it comes to bringing everyone together for whatever the community needs. He analyzes data, approaches concerns and develops strategies that result in solutions. He assesses all aspects and follows up until goals are reached. Because of their efforts and others, student success is a community collaborative ef-

fort where all students and families excel.

As the day for remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. approaches, spend some time volunteering your services, supporting small business owners, talking with an older members of the community, and if you must post something, make it community worthy. I'm always looking for a success story, and I encourage everyone to build upon that story by remaining relevant and connected through advertising and information so others will know who and where you are. Let's continue to build a bridge and grow our communities into one well informed and supported nation. May the next year be filled with positive energy, endless joys, courage, fortitude, resilience, patience, and faith. Happy 2017.



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Holly Tucker announces first tour since "Voice" competition

Holly Tucker is officially announcing her first tour since competing as a finalist on the hit reality TV show, the 'The Voice'. The Baylor graduate turned Country Recording Artist says she will kick off her tour entitled 'Steel', in March.

"I worked very hard three years to create 'Steel,'" says Tucker. "Its songs are doing really well on the radio so to be able to bring these Texas-inspired songs and a few others I've been working on in more recent months to fans, live,

is really what it's all about."

Holly says 2017 will focus largely on live performances in varying venues. So far, Holly has performances scheduled in Dallas among other cities. She plans to hit a multitude of cities and some smaller towns, as well as, venues in Oklahoma and New Mexico. Tour performances will include opening for a few acts such as The Dirty River Boys in Carrollton in March. Holly is also scheduled to perform with Texas Country and Nashville Recording Artist, Derek



HOLLY TUCKER

Anthony, in Dallas, in March.

Meantime, Holly's latest single released off 'Steel', 'You're In Texas' continues to climb the Texas charts. Preceding the Christmas holiday it came it at number 59.

In all, 2016 proved to be an exciting year for Holly having opened for or worked with Texas greats like Tracy Byrd, Ray Johnston of the Ray Johnston Band, and Hudson Moore. Holly also recently signed

a new contract with Extraco Banks, a proud Holly Tucker sponsor for 2017. As an independent artist, local sponsors have been key to the production and promotion of 'Steel'.

For more information on Holly's scheduled tour, performance dates and locations, and latest music,

visit www.hollytucker.com or follow Holly on www.twitter.com/hollytucker, www.instagram.com/hollytucker/, www.facebook.com/hollytuckermusic.

To connect with Holly please contact Erin Kirwan at 610-613-9235 or erinpkirwan@gmail.com.

The crops we are reaping are from seeds we have sown

BY MATTHEW REED

Farmers don't plant cotton and expect to reap corn. Horse ranchers don't breed Angus cows and expect quarter horses to be born. Mankind can't sow hate and expect love in return. We can't sow deceit and expect trust. We can't sow discord and expect unity. We can't sit and do nothing and expect something. We can't do bad

and expect good. We can't eat from the devil's table and expect God to bless us. We can't sow anarchy and look for structure. We can't sow disrespect and look for respect. We can't walk in unbelief and expect to have faith.

My point is you reap what you sow. God made this world like this and there isn't any changing it. These are universal laws and try as you

may, they can't be changed. Whatever is going on in your life you or somebody planted it. If you like the crop, keep sowing the same thing; you will keep getting the same results. If you don't like it, sow the kind of seeds for the crop desired and that crop will manifest in your (field) life. It's the law.

You can't read worldly books and come to know God. You can't get a different outcome by doing the same thing. You can't deny the facts to change the truth. You can't be a felon and expect to be gainfully employed. You can't be a law breaker and not eventually go to jail. That's just the way it is (the facts of life). You can't live in a mansion working for pennies. You can't make more money if you are an entry level employee. You can't become more than entry level employee if you don't qualify yourself. You can't soar with eagles if you fly with buzzards.

You can't be a doctor, nurse, lawyer, teacher, accountant, dentist and any other professional that requires formal education without going to college. You can't be a Christian without repenting.

You can't lie in the sack half a day and expect to keep up with those who get up at the crack of dawn. Proverbs 14:23 says, "In all labor there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury." What crops are you sowing?



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Dr. Shamonica Trunell, D.C. could have done anything with her life; she has the brains and the motivation. So many of her fellow undergraduate classmates who'd thought she would surly become a brain surgeon (or something similar) were surprised when she declared she would pursue the field of chiropractic.

The owner of Hillcrest Chiropractic & Wellness Clinic, Dr. Trunell credit this choice of her career path to her own experiences. For several years her son, Malik, suffered from debilitating ear infections. Medications couldn't curb the pain, surgery was unsuccessful and the numerous doctors she saw couldn't find the root of the problem... until she visited a chiropractor for a sports injury. When her son was "cured" of his migraines and ear infections, Dr. Trunell was inspired; she took the chiropractor on as her mentor and set out to find ways to help others like her son.

Her son had lived with the pain, missing school and many normal childhood activities. She



DR. SHAMONICA TRUNELL-MORGAN

found others not only live with pain, but they live with the effects of drugs and surgeries that didn't and will never solve their problems. So she vowed to help them.

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a collection of techniques that evaluate and restore every major nerve in the body, allowing the body to better heal itself. Dr. Trunell has extensive training and practice in this area of healing. She is the only chiropractor in Waco providing functional medicine in office.

As a member of the Foundation for Wellness Professionals, a national nonprofit foundation, Dr. Trunell has presented as a guest speaker for The Wellness Series held at community libraries and participating businesses. Past topics have ranged from how to burn fat and how to avoid and eliminate type II diabetes to using natural alternatives to treat infertility and autism and using drug-free approaches to treat attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyper-activity disorder (ADHD) and multiple sclerosis symptoms. Call to set up your appointment today, 254-754-4000.

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DR. CHAD LATINO

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Many people falsely assume the personal information they email or post online is private. It is important to understand how your online history can be used against you in a legal proceeding, jeopardize your employment or even put children at risk. The following information will help you understand how your online presence can expose you to risk and how to avoid key mistakes.

- **Anonymity** – Posting comments to online forums, news outlets or blogs may give you a false sense of anonymity and privacy. There is no anonymity online; everything can be traced back to its source. Before posting anything online consider the very real possibility that it will be traced back to you. In addition, anything you post online may be used against you in court. You should never assume that information you post online is private or confidential.

- **Attorney-Client Confiden-**

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- **Children** – Child predators use social networking sites to find victims. Talk to your children about online safety. Even uploading pictures of your children to social media or photo sharing websites could put them at risk. Most smart phones and many newer digital cameras use GPS to tag your pictures with the exact location where they were taken. Predators can locate your child within a few feet using this information. The best way to avoid this danger is to disable GPS tagging on your smart phone or camera.

- **Teens** - Online bullying can have tragic consequences. It is important to talk to children about how to handle being bullied, as well as the importance of reporting and not participating in the bullying of other children. It is also important to teach teens about the dangers of posting or transmitting illicit photographs or videos. In recent years teens have been convicted of child pornography charges for possessing nude photographs of underage peers. Explain to teens the legal risks of taking, transmitting or even receiving such images.

- **Your Job** – Employers are increasingly turning to social media to learn more about applicants. Applicants should be aware that their profiles and posts could be used for this purpose. Employers must be careful not to unlawfully discriminate based on age, gender, race, religious beliefs or sexual orientation. Employees who make negative comments about customers, co-workers or their employer could end up losing their job.

- **Family Law** – Facebook profiles and Twitter posts are being introduced as evidence more and more frequently in



J.L. CRAWFORD

divorce and child custody cases. No matter what your intention when posting something online, consider how it could

come back to haunt you. The best advice is to take a break from Facebook or other social media during a divorce or custody dispute.

- **Criminal Law** - In addition to divorce court, the digital trail created through social networking is becoming increasingly common in criminal cases. Discussing illegal activity, even as a joke could land you in hot water.

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Midway students to compete at international thespian festival



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Six Midway High School students qualified to compete at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska this summer. The students competed at the qualifying competition against more than 7,500 students from all over Texas for an opportunity to participate at the international level.

Henry Beard and Randall Kohn received a perfect score for duet acting. Holly Eaker qualified in Sound Design. Three students — Chris Coley, Meredith Marcum and Graham Smith — qualified for their Solo Musical performances.

During the state competition, Coley and Marcum also auditioned for college

programs and both students received acceptances from several schools as well as scholarship offers.

State Thespian Officers are selected each year from students all over Texas and are given the responsibility of planning the state competition for 7,500 actors. Junior Nick Marquez was selected for the upcoming year, following in the footsteps of senior Garrett Williams. Marquez will compete for an international officer position during the Lincoln festival.

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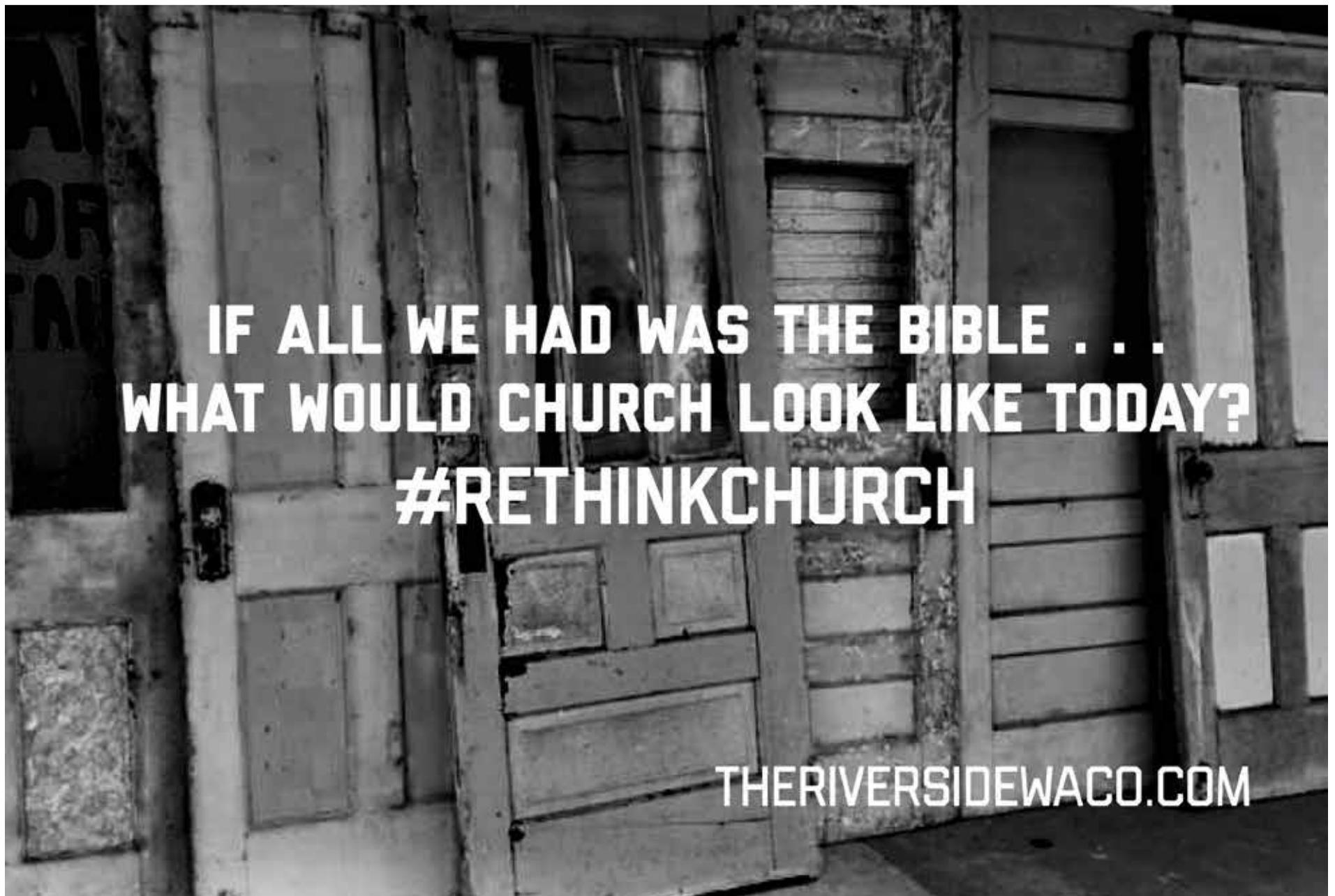
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The President-elect, Mr. Donald J. Trump! What if he is God's choice? Part 1

BY RUBY MCCRAY

Since this matter is so controversial, I'm asking that you not read it in a mean-spirited tone.

Let's analyze Mr. Trump's full name from The Name Book by Dorothy Astoria. I have three name books, but the mentioned one is more detailed. However, all three are in concert with the meaning of the name.

The inherent meaning of Donald is, "World Leader"; whereas the other two books lists: "Proud Ruler" and "World Ruler". The Spiritual connotation is "Faithful". The Scripture for the name is taken from James 2:22, New King James Version, "Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect?" What great works Mr. Trump has! That speaks volumes for him.

The inherent meaning of John: "God is Gracious". The Spiritual connotation: "Strength of God". The Scripture for the name is taken from Psalm 118:14 NKJV, "The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation." John is the name that honors John the Baptist as well as John the Evangelist.

Trump is the shorter version

of the word, trumpet. The King James Version of the Bible has only two references with the shorter version of the word which speaks of the end-time. I shall give both of them, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Corinthians 15:52). "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16): This is one of the reasons why it has been speculated that Mr. Trump will be the leader of our nation when JESUS returns to earth for the second time. It will be the "Trump of doom" for many.

Many have heard the story about Daniel in the Lions' Den, and The Three Hebrew Boys in the Fiery Furnace. Those four teen-agers along with many other Jews were taken from their homeland, Israel, into captivity by a Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar. Although he was a pagan king, God called him His servant (Jeremiah 25:8, 9; 27:6; 43:10; Daniel 4:1-37) just to name a few Scriptures. The kings and presidents still think



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that they are running things, but GOD is in control!

One night the king had a dream that he couldn't remember. He threatened to kill all of his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, astrologers, even the four Hebrew boys, if they didn't tell him what he dreamed as well as the interpretation (see Daniel 2:1-16). Daniel told the three about the impending danger and urged them to pray to the God of Heaven to show them mercy and tell them the dream and interpretation.

"That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then

Daniel praised the God of heaven. He said, 'Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings [presidents] and sets up other kings [presidents]. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars...'" (Daniel 2:19-21).

Can we not take into consideration that this might be God's doings since it is HE Who raises up and pulls down presidents? Consider some of the strikes that were against Mr. Trump:

Mr. Trump was neither a military man nor a politician; yet he beat out sixteen other Republican nominees and two Democrat nominees. Everybody who judges fairly will agree that the liberal-biased media (ABC, CBN, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, The Washington Post, The Huffington Post, the NY Times) was in cahoots as well as collusion with Mrs. Hillary Clinton as though all are owned by "one" person. They wanted so badly for her to win and was willing to stoop to the lowest ebb to make it happen.

They tried to discourage Trump voters during the electoral process with their "fake news" that Clinton was in the lead. Even Megyn Kelly on Fox

News threw a few curved balls, while George Soros was funding national anti-Trump protests and Black Lives matter, to wreak havoc. Yes, there was massive voter fraud: rigged machines, illegal and dead votes, people crossing state lines to vote multiple times; the DNC going into nursing homes trying to manipulate patients to vote for Mrs. Clinton; multiple women came out of the wood-works from years past making their sexual claims. Yet, Mr. Trump prevailed, even in the recounts. The more they beat him down, the higher he rose, and came out with a landslide! Could this be GOD?

The liberals even came out with a ten-year old video about what Mr. Trump "SAID" about a woman. It wasn't nice, I'll agree; but if you think that was bad, please make sure you read the next article in February about a king God used who not only "SAID", but "DID". You may not believe me, but...just what if I'm right?

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individuals, organizations, and businesses showered LeBlanc with financial donations as well, to help reward the kids. All of the local news stations sent out reporters along with the Waco Tribune featuring the story about #PromoteLiteracy in the barber-shop.

Matthew Harvey, owner of Look At Me Now, was on board and excited to support anything positive in the shop. Even though this program is new to Waco, it is not new to barbershops, as various barbershops have similar programs across the nation. Evans got the idea from a barbershop in Colorado and another in Michigan who motivated her to take action locally. What is so special about the program is it is 100% community supported. The program began right around the time when many people were looking for a "feel good" story. What started with \$20 from LeBlanc's own pocket and 8 books donated by his wife, Delicia, who is a Pre-K teacher in Waco ISD and Evans' picture book, Thunder and Lightning, has turned into daily financial support along with book donations and even needed book shelves for the 200

books.

The feedback from the children, their parents, and the barbers has been nothing short of amazing! Fathers are reading with their sons, prepping them before they get in the chair to read. The barbers help the children who may need a little help pronouncing some tough words. Some major supporters include Allen Samuel Chevrolet Buick, GMC of Hearne, where Marcus Ward is the General Manager, Mission Waco, Raising Cane and Underground Performance-Waco, to name a few. The goal LeBlanc, Delicia and Evans have is to have enough good, quality books on hand, that if a child says, "Can I have this book?", a barber will happily reply, "Yes!" They would like books that have children of color as the main characters as well as authors of color, but all donations are welcomed.

The three have been working behind the scenes organizing to help this effort move beyond Look At Me Now to other barbershops in the city, region and state. Jeffery Blaine Allen, Harvey's relative, decided to give the program a try at his barbershop, Pfinal Cut in Pflugerville, TX, and

has found success as well with getting the boys in the chair, reading aloud.

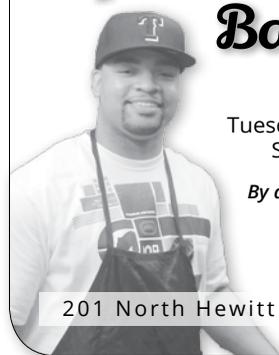
LeBlanc and Evans, both products of Waco ISD, are taking 501(c)(3) pending book donations as well as monetary donations to help pay each child \$2 at Look At Me Now Barbershop, Attention: Ivan LeBlanc, 2401 W. Waco Drive Suite D, Waco, Tx 76707. For more information email promoteliteracywaco@gmail.com or visit Facebook/Instagram @promoteliteracywaco.



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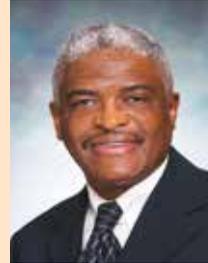
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