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## Bobby Tatum of Fort Worth named Waco's new fire chief

BY LINDA CRAWFORD

Bobby Tatum Jr. became the man of the house when he was only 9 years old. With his parents' separation, he knew he had to step in to help support his family. It would be 5 years later that he would take on a job, hoping to contribute to his mom's and two younger brothers' financial security. After all, he and his brothers were now in a single family household. Their status was Tatum's motivation, and this work ethic would be the GPS that would change his life. Rising to the top after an international search, Tatum has been named Waco's new fire chief.

Tatum spent all of his school years in the Fort Worth Inde-



**BOBBY TATUM, JR.**

pendent School District. As soon as he finished Trimble Tech High School, his GPS led him to Tarrant County College. At end of his first year at TCJC,

he heard that the Fort Worth Fire Department was accepting applications and while some 19 or 20 year olds might feel burdened with fulltime studies and a full-time job, this was not the case with Tatum.

"I saw this as an opportunity to obtain a good paying and well respected job," he explained, and with his strong work ethic and desire to serve others, he succeeded in becoming an entry level firefighter. Receiving an AA degree in Fire Protection Technology at TCJC, Tatum went on to get a Bachelor of Arts and Applied Science degree from Midwestern State University

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## McNeils settle in as new leaders of Willow Grove

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The members of Willow Grove Baptist Church in Waco, Texas lost their pastor in May, 2014. For over 30 years, Pastor James "Mookie" London served the Willow Grove church family before going to meet the Lord. A little over two months ago, on Valentine's Day, not quite two years after London's death, Willow Grove members installed their new pastor, Kenneth A. (Kenny) McNeil. McNeil, a native of Flint, Michigan, was born October 3, 1970, to Anelia McNeil. He was raised by his mother and maternal grandparents, Fannie and the late Clarence Hopkins, Sr. McNeil is one of three children who were raised in a Christian home, which influenced him to participate in the youth choir and the Baptist Training Union. He is married to the former Michele A. London, daughter of the late Pastor James London, and they are proud parents of Kenneth II, Donovan and Kamryn.

Many will agree that McNeil is a servant leader. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the US Army, where he served in Iraq and Afghanistan. After twenty-two years in the military, he retired in January of this year, receiving a Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal.

McNeil remembers the day that he was called into the ministry, February 22, 2006 to be exact. He was



**KENNETH & MICHELE MCNEIL**

in El Paso, Texas when God summoned him, but it would be four years later that he would stop running from the call upon his life. Finally stepping into his God-given destiny, McNeil was licensed and ordained in 2010 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, with Dr. Alvin Miller officiating the licensing and ordination service.

Since that time, McNeil has hit the ground with power. His ministry extends far beyond the walls of a church building as he is an advocate for community involvement as well. During his time in Clarksville, he was active in preaching and teaching the word of God in the city's Montgomery County Jail. In addition, he continued his service of responsibility by providing weekly Christian services to recovering drug addicts at Lighthouse Mission Ministries, a 12-step

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## Glendora's Caribbean Guyanese & American Restaurant, The Hub

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Located along the very edge of Killeen's downtown district, at the corner of Business 190 and Gilmer Street is a welcoming hub, a restaurant unlike any other, named Glendora's Caribbean, Guyanese & American Restaurant. Glendora's, a family owned enterprise opened for business September 2015. The food has its signature flavors and dishes, thanks to the head chef, and owner, Yvonne Richards, better known as "Momma." The



**YVONNE RICHARDS WITH HER SON, DESMOND.**

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## J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

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# Up and close interview with David Mann (Mr. Brown)

**The Anchor News:** How did you get started in comedy?

**David Mann:** It was by accident. I started out hosting a few events. One day I noticed my set lists were growing. They were growing from 15 minutes to 1 hour. Back in 1995 I got a change to open for Kirk Franklin. It was just by accident.

**The Anchor News:** What was the household atmosphere like when you were growing up?

**David Mann:** I was pretty much always getting into trouble, especially in high school. I was always acting a nut. My mom would get upset with me for getting in trouble. She was like 'You don't get paid to act a nut.' Now, I'm like, 'Yes I do!'

**The Anchor News:** Did you ever make adults laugh when you were actually in trouble?

**David Mann:** Ha! Yes. I remember when I was in the 4th or 5th grade, and I started impersonating the teacher. She was upset and the class was cracking up,

but they were afraid to laugh. She kept telling me to stop, but I was on a roll. The kids were laughing and I was pretty good. She made the mistake of laughing and it was on then.

**The Anchor News:** What's your earliest memory of knowing you could seriously make people laugh?

**David Mann:** It was that experience with my teacher. From that it just spiraled out of hand.

**The Anchor News:** Was there ever a time before stardom that the Lord revealed his plans for you?

**David Mann:** Yes. My grandfather always told me that he could see something different in me. He constantly said that to me as I was growing up. So I wrote my vision and made it plain before the Lord, and He honored it. I knew that I would do something different from my other family members. I just never thought it would be like this.

**The Anchor News:** What part



DAVID MANN

did your wife and family play in your success then and now?

**David Mann:** Wow! You know, without my wife and family there would be no success. Having a family gives me this push. I want them to have the things I didn't have. They are my success.

**The Anchor News:** How did you get connected to Tyler Perry?

**David Mann:** Back in 1999, my promoter told me that I needed to hook up with the up and coming writer. I never imagined all of this would happen. We did *I can do bad all by myself*. It was a hit. From there, we did another play and then our first movie, then TV. I just never imagined this.

**The Anchor News:** When people recognize you, do you mind giving autographs? If so why?

**David Mann:** No. I never want to take God's gift for granted.

**The Anchor News:** Is it ever awkward being your wife's daddy?

**David Mann:** For her yes, but for me, no. She's won't have it. I am always trying to touch her and kiss her on the set, and she's like, "Stop! That's weird! I'm your daughter. I'm like, 'No you not!'"

**The Anchor News:** What are the secrets for telling everyday jokes in order to get the biggest laughs?

**David Mann:** When I am on stage, I never plan it. I just roll with it. One time this lady had on the worse wig I have ever seen, and she had the nerves to sit on the second row. I said, 'What is that? Wait. Are you wearing that wig or is it wearing you?' She took the wig off, and her hair was even worse. It was hilarious! I just like to do funny stuff, like the *This is your granddaddy* song. I just did it, and it took on a life of its own. Never planned it, and never imagined it would be a hit.

**The Anchor News:** What happens if people don't laugh?

**David Mann:** That's a challenge for me. That becomes my mission. Once a man sat on the 2nd row. He had an attitude. He wouldn't laugh at anything that I said. Others were cracking up, but he wouldn't crack a smile. I just kept on, determined to get him. Finally, he fell out laughing. Later, he told me that he was mad because his wife made him come. I got him though.

**The Anchor News:** Can someone learn to be funny on stage?

**David Mann:** Well, you know, people can write good jokes, but you have to have it naturally. If it's not there, it's not there. To do stand up, it's all about the timing and the presentation — how you tell the story. You have to know how to put it out there, and you must have it on the inside—that thing that teaches you how to know when to adjust. You can't get that in class.

**The Anchor News:** You seem so confident on stage. How do you manage that?

**David Mann:** You know when I go on stage, whether it's 2 people or 20,000, I'm a nervous wreck, almost sick to my stomach, and just before I go on stage, I always go blank— blank. I always say, 'Well, Lord, I need you,' and when I actually get on stage, I am calm.

## A note from the Crawfords...

### Create a precious moment for Mom this Mother's Day

(NewsUSA) - Mom. Just the mention of the word can spark memories of love, warmth and kindness. It's why a day has been designated just for her, honoring all that she's done. Trying to decipher what to give "the woman who has everything," however, can be a challenge. Experts agree, saying there is a tremendous amount of pressure to find the perfect gift (I'm talking to you, Hallmark), when in reality, most just want to know that they're cherished.

So, what says love to one of the -- if not the most -- important women in your life? Read on for some ideas on how to create a precious moment for mom on her special day.

- Give the gift of time. Anyone can take mom out for a nice meal -- the restaurant business counts on it. But a real treat might be to shoo her off for some alone time to her favorite book or clothing store (maybe with a gift card in hand) while you stay home and cook and clean for her.

This way, she gets the best of both worlds -- no chores for a day, and time to herself with a little pocket money to boot.

- Write down some heartfelt words. Be it in poem, story or a letter, moms love the written word. For added panchache, tuck this on a tray with a homemade breakfast (in bed, of course), a handpicked flower in a vase, and you can count on a few tears.

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# Voting matters: The NAACP Guide to Voting #3

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## Early Voting by Mail

Voting by mail in Texas has been available to elderly voters and voters who are sick or disabled (as determined by the voter) for decades. What many people do not realize is that voting by mail is also available to people who will be out of the county during early voting or on Election Day and to people who are confined in jail. Voting early by mail is a great convenience that all who qualify for should take advantage of.

### Those eligible to vote by mail

First, to be eligible to vote by mail you must be a registered voter. So make sure that you have registered to vote. Voters who are 65 or older are eligible to vote by mail. That means citizens living in their own homes but also those who are living in assisted living and retirement facilities, nursing homes, or with relatives. Disabled individuals including disabled veterans are also eligible to vote by mail. Citizens should note that for the purposes of voting, disability is determined by the voter not by the state. If you expect to be out of the county on Election Day, you are eligible to vote early by mail. Students or those who travel for their jobs would fit this category.

Another group eligible to vote early by mail is people who will be in jail on Election Day. You are eligible to vote from jail if you are 1) serving a misdemeanor sentence that ends on or after Election Day, 2) pending trial after bail has been denied, 3) appealing a felony conviction without bail, or 4) pending trial or appeal on an offense for which release on bail before Election Day is unlikely.

### Benefits of voting early by mail

First, for elderly and disabled voters, voting early by mail ensures that they will not have to stand in long lines on Election Day. This holds true for anyone who cannot or does not want to stand in long lines on Election Day. Since the McLennan County Elections Office has significantly decreased the number of polling places, the probability of long lines in the upcoming presidential election is very real. This was evident during the recent joint Democratic and Republican Primary in March.

Second, college students who registered to vote using their home address should take advantage of voting early by mail. Fred Roberts, a student at the University of Texas at Austin, had to drive home to Waco to vote in the Primary Election in March; had he requested a vote-by-mail ballot, he could have saved himself a trip. Third, voting early by mail will ensure that no unexpected illness, emergency, or bad weather prevents you from voting. Voting early by mail means that your vote will be in the box come Election Day.

A significant perk of voting early by mail is that no voter identification is needed. Thus, if you do not have government issued identification, you can still vote. Simply vote by mail if you fit one of the eligible categories of voters.

### Steps to voting early by mail

- Request the Texas application for an absentee (early by mail) ballot by calling the McLennan County Elections Office (254-757-5043) or going online <http://www.co.mclennan.tx.us/Document-Center/View/697>.

- Complete and then mail, fax (254-757-5041), or hand deliver the application to your County Clerk. Write "Early Voting Clerk" on the envelope.

- This process can also be completed online by following this link: <http://www.co.mclennan.tx.us/Document-Center/View/697>.

### Completing the Texas Application for an Early by Mail Ballot

- Provide your full address as shown on your voter registration card. If you have

moved within the county but not yet changed your voter registration address with the voter registrar, indicate your new residence address.

- Indicate your reason for voting early by mail. If your reason is that you are 65 or older or are disabled, your ballot will be mailed to your home. It can be mailed to a different location if you want. You will need to provide the address where the ballot should be sent.

- If you are 65 or older or disabled, you may apply to receive all ballots by mail for a calendar year. To request ballots for all elections that will be held in 2016, check the box for Annual Application.

- If you choose expected absence from county, you must expect to be absent from the county on Election Day and

during the hours of early voting in person or for the remainder of the early voting period after you submit our application. Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county. Important: Give the date you can begin to receive mail at the address given.

- Having your ballot mailed to a different address is possible. Your ballot must be mailed to your home where you live or to your mailing address on your voter registration card. There are some exceptions that allow you to have your ballot mailed to a different location. These ex-

ceptions include being 64 years old, disabled or in the hospital, in which a ballot can be mailed to a nursing home, assisted living/retirement center, relative or hospital; if you are in jail, in which a ballot can be mailed to the jail or a relative; and if you are absent from the county, in which the ballot can be mailed to an address outside of the county.

- Return your Texas Application for an early by mail ballot to McLennan Early Voting Clerk; PO Box 2450; Waco, TX 76703 or fax it to 254-757-5041.

### When to request a Texas

### Application for an Early by Mail Ballot

You may begin requesting an application for an early by mail ballot for the 2016 Presidential Election on June 1, 2016.

### Deadline to submit Texas Application for an Early by Mail Ballot

Your application must be received by the McLennan Early Voting Clerk by Friday, October 28, 2016 in order for you to vote early by mail in the 2016 Presidential Election.

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# The Great American Invention

BY MARSELO  
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Today young people from 12 to 21 make up a little over 80 million of America's population. This Generation Y or better known as the "Millennials" is the largest generation since the baby boomers. This age of bridge is described as teenagers or teens. Teens or Teenagers is a relativity common term in America today. In the late 1800's and early 19th century, the American world simply consisted of children and adults. There were no "teenagers" before World War II. Teenager by definition is a person aged from 13 to 19 years of age.

So where did these young people from 13 to 19 come from? Early in American Culture it was understood to be a child or adult and these in between were called kids, boys and girls, young people, adolescents, and youths. Adults would often address 12 to 19 year olds as "Young man", "Young woman", "Daughter", "Son", "gentleman" and "lady". Many older adults came up with the terms of youth, lad, whipper-snapper, squirt, sport. Minor and juvenile were adapted for legal use. The word "teenager" simply

did not exist.

A new word was needed to describe these Walt Disney, Peter Pan lives who only wanted adulthood responsibility as it suited them. They knew adult life was a reality and more difficult than a child's life. They planned to grow up and leave their childhood behind, but it would be on their own terms that they become adults. It seems they were completely unaware life is more than being young. With more and more young people attending school and school years being extended to High School. With the inventions of the Motion Picture, Radio, Automobiles, Fast Food and with even less and less responsibility given to these young people. It became apparent that a new stage of life had emerged in America "The Teen Years".

Even with young people displaying traits that were up until early 1900's unknown among children and adults the word teenager did not come into use until decades later, the full blown teenage mindset dawned in the late 1920s. So with a need to define this new behavior of young people we were given "teen" and "teenager". Webster's added the adjective "teen-age" and later it



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became the noun after WW II. With school having extended to 6 and 7 hours a day with extracurricular activities only enhancing this child and adult subculture, by the late thirties the American teenager was invented.

So as we see in today's teens the same mindset still exists to a degree in their fundamental thinking. We as adults treat them as kids and expect them to respond as adults. We grow tired of immature thinking, acting, teens whom are not motivated by anything but have an active social life. Over the years the American Teenager has developed grown and so it now has the ability impact a world on a global scale like never before. In the Fall of 2014 teens were spending an average of \$91.1 Billion annually on clothing, food, electronics and music, according to U.S. Marketingvox, Rand Youth Poll Seventeen, Packaged Facts. Their buying power is significant to the national and global economy. Now these are the same teens that tell the church "I have no money".

Teenagers make up about 28% of the current workforce in America according to workingforamerica.org; this means someone is giving them responsibility. Corporations trust teenagers with hundreds of thousands of dollars in transactions and equipment. In public schools students run organizations, clubs, events, student councils and numerous other responsibilities. In the church we allow them sit in service or help with kids if no adults are available. This social media driven culture teens have no such outlook beyond the social world. It seems there is no adult life to reach for. With no past spiritual heroes or ideals to look to and with no future with goals set they wait for something real.

Now everything shared was based on the world and its transformation and development over the last couple of centuries. I be-

lieve over the years the church has fallen into this same lane giving into the world's ways thinking and it perspective of the American teenager. This large number of young people has snuck up on the church with its traditions, religion and stereo types. Teens today are more looking for relevance, truth and the experience of spiritual things not just an entertaining church service. I would like challenge you at this time to take another look of the American teen through the eyes of God's Word.

If we look to the history of man based on our beliefs and the truth of the bible we will find the roots of youth ministry. From the history our past and the future of the church collide in the present of what we say we believe. Looking at Jewish tradition and history we find there were babies, children and adults.

According to the word of God Jewish people are his chosen people there for it is safe to assume their traditions may be on point. If we acknowledge this truth then we should consider recognizing their tradition as well. Young Jewish boys would learn the Torah (Genesis-Deuteronomy) until the age of 10-11, and if they excelled at this they would continue learning up to Malachi. Then at the age 14-15, those who were the best of the best were chosen by a rabbi to become their disciple.

If the child was unable to continue at any point they took up an apprenticeship with their father. So this means when a young girl 12 years of age or young man the age of 13, they are considered spiritually mature to be responsible to obey the commandments of God. This is traditionally recognized by the ceremony known as the "Bar mitzvah" the rite of passage into adulthood.

Thus, looking at stories across the old and new testaments we see almost all men were young in age. Consider the age following young men Joseph was about 17 when he was sold into slavery. David was at the age about 15 when he killed Goliath. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were all about 12 to 15 years of age when captured by the King of Babylon. If we look at the 12 disciples I believe we can draw some safe assumptions. In Exodus 30:14-15, tells us every male over the age of 20 is to pay a half-shekel as census offering when they visit the temple of God. Matthew 17:24-27, Jesus instructs Peter to get this tax which is enough for two men, himself and Jesus. You could conclude that the others were underage and did not need to pay.

In Matthew 11:25, Luke 10:21, and John 13:33, Jesus calls his disciples little children---rude if they were grown men. In Matthew 8:14-15 reads Jesus healed (Peter)his mother-in-law. Also it was a custom for a Jewish man receive a wife only after the age of 18 and no other references are made about disciples' wives. This would suggest that they were unmarried, which would place them under the age of 18. If we looked at the gospels and the behavior of the disciples, we see immature fits, overzealous nature and foolishness behavior. It seems to make more sense youngsters were arguing over who would be greatest in Jesus' kingdom.

The forgetfulness, distracted and undisciplined nature of youth is easy to understand as an adult. After hearing the teaching of Jesus and behaving almost opposite at times means they weren't paying attention. These youngsters were quick to admit their failures, and showed they had tons energy in sharing the good news of their Lord and Savior. If we look at them at under twenty it is easier to understand Jesus' patience with them and their behavior, and his way of teaching them. Looking at the scriptures in this light it seems to just make sense they were not grown adult men. So, in today's culture we would call these disciples teenagers.

If we believe the Word of God as we say we do then we "The Church" are the church's biggest hindrance. This would then place a tremendous amount of liability on the church of today's teens and youth ministries. Jesus tells us the church not to neglect the little ones. Yet we tend to paint pictures of little children at his side and then have pictures of him leading a group of older men with white beards. Taking just the basic information about the history of the teenager and Jewish tradition and scripture we could easily cause a huge uproar in churches across America because it would, in fact, place Jesus in a place we call today youth ministry and he would just be the youth pastor working with a bunch of teenagers.

*Marselo "Selo" Lozano has been around the block a few times. His experience gives him a trusted voice in helping youth leaders understand how to reach and raise the future generations. Don't hesitate to contact Marselo and Mia Lozano. They are quality people, and they'll help you reach the young people of your community. Contact them at 254.756.1240 or P.O. Box 423 Waco, TX 76703.*

## MCNEIL

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transitional housing facility in Clarksville.

In 2012, McNeil began his final tour of duty at Fort Stewart in Georgia and there, he united with the Restoration Worship Center in Richmond Hill, where he served as assistant pastor under the leadership of Dr. Hubert Quiller. McNeil has a BA in psychology from Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa

and is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity degree from Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

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# Problem solving techniques

BY MONA DUNKIN

The bad news is, "Life is filled with problems."

The good news is, "We can learn effective problem solving techniques."

How we approach problems has a lot to do with the outcome. Here are a few proven tips for success.

Define the problem. Failure to define the problems lends it to growing out of proportions. Be specific and do not stack complaints. What exactly is the issue? Is it mechanical or personnel? Who is involved? What is their level of involvement? Do they need to be involved? If yes, for how long and in what capacity? If not, why not? What is the desired outcome?

See the situation as solvable. Defeatist thinking has never worked; plus it is stress producing. Turn your focus from a problem to a challenge and experience the



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creativity to overcome. See it as an opportunity to stretch, learn and grow while developing patience and determination.

Brainstorm. Get the creative juices flowing and the fun flourishing. Consider many possibilities, whether

rational or irrational. Think with pen and paper in hand and jot down a cluster of ideas without weighing and measuring them as to ultimate possibility. Do not worry about your idea being absurd; with modification, it may be just the trick. Do not judge. Laugh. Enjoy the process whether alone or in group.

Determine what is needed. Is it expertise or tools? If it is more information, who do you consult or what training is needed? Is it an attitude adjustment? Do you need more people? Less people? Resources? Time constraints?

Get counsel. Someone not so close to the situation has fresh eyes, is less emotionally involved, and can be more objective. Be willing to receive input, knowing that the final decision is yours.

Come to a conclusion and go with it. Do not analyze to the point of paralysis. No

decision is a decision; you just have not let yourself know it, so you continue to agonize. Weigh pros and cons and make a decision. If the solution is long term, set short-term steps and take action.

Continually evaluate the effectiveness. After putting the plan into implementation, be open to adjustment if needed. "No" is not fatal and "Yes" is not final. This is not promoting wishy-washiness but flexibility and growth.

Better News. Procrastination rarely has positive results. The axiom, "action is the distraction" is applicable in problem solving. Get moving. Use your words. Take action.

Happy conclusions.  
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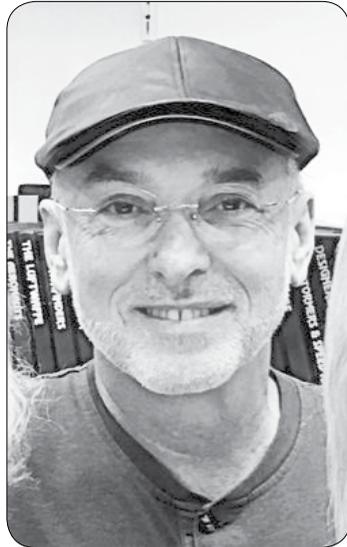
# Stitch your identity!

BY KENNY GRISHAM

Everyone wants to belong something—your church, your philanthropic organization, even your business. Everyone wants to belong. When you have pride in what you and your group are doing or what you stand for it's nice to have an identifier that says, "I belong."

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KENNY GRISHAM

and women's shirts very economically. Your church will be easily identified at any gathering or outing. Typically, a quality shirt can be selected from a vast array of styles available to suit the needs and wants of the church. We can even set up a shopping cart for the church for future members who also want to feel a part of the organization.

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# All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, Part 4

BY RUBY MCCRAY

*Continued from the March issue of The Anchor.*

I'm beginning by asking you not to read this in a mean-spirited tone. Abortion is such a touchy subject and needs to be addressed in the light of God's Word. Since He created everything in the heavens, earth, under the earth and even you and me (Genesis 1:26, 27; Colossians 1:15, -17), He knows everything about us, and has given us a Manuel (the Bible) by which we can live the abundant life (John 10:10). He will never change His rules to accommodate us (Matthew 5:17-20); we have to obey what He has already said (1 Peter 3:8-12).

For a better understanding of this article, please read the previous ones at: [www.theanchornews.com](http://www.theanchornews.com), click "Archives" at the top for the months and years. All of the recorded Scriptures are from the New Living Translation Holy Bible.

I will never intentionally try to hurt anyone, but I do know that the truth has a way of causing us to face realities. One reality is that the media has a way of portraying SIN as normal, fun and something to be desired. I believe that I'm safe to say that the many people don't attend a Bible-believing church regularly or read the Bible daily. Therefore, they can't know whether or not what they are constantly hearing and viewing is right or wrong. Therefore, many are calling the wrong things, right, and vice versa (Isaiah 5:20).

A timely warning to all of you dramatists, actors, actresses, composers, singers, rappers, etc. who are violating the laws of your Creator, God, to establish your own; you will have to give an account to Him one day. He said that it's inevitable that offenses will come, but woe to those by whom they come, causing folk to blatantly sin. It would be better for you to put a millstone around your neck and jump into the sea than to be an instigator to sin. He further said that it would be better

for you to cut off a hand, a foot and even pluck out an eye, if those members are causing you to sin, than to be cast into the fire of hell (Matthew 18:1-11). And I'm adding, the tongue.

One of the reasons that there are so many abortions is that sexual promiscuity is flaunted to be as much of a necessity as air and water. If you are still a virgin by age twelve and even younger, you are a misfit and will be constantly pressured by the media (pornography), your peers and foes until you give away the gift that our Creator God designed for you to give to your spouse on your wedding day. Don't give in!

Oh, by no means let us leave out the fashion designers! All one needs is a piece of thread for the bottom, and if you are a female, a bit of dental floss is sufficient for the top. So, when a girl in junior high gets pregnant—not to mention high school and college, it's no big deal. She can legally kill her baby and her parents won't even have to know about it because abortion is a form of birth-control. I'm not saying that all abortions are performed on unwed mothers; however, I feel safe in saying that the majority of them are. Some married women are guilty of sacrificing their babies to the 'god of inconvenience.' There never seems to be the



EVANGELIST RUBY MCCRAY

convenient time.

Governing authorities, you are not to make a law that contradicts the laws of your Creator, God. There is so much said about that in the Bible, but to begin, Psalm 119 is a good source of reference. You will be held to a higher standard; acquitting the guilty and condemning the innocent are detestable to the LORD (Proverbs 17:15). And what is more innocent than an unborn baby in its mother's womb?

Norma McCorvey expresses her deep regret for causing ROE V. WADE. She is the Jane Roe who won the fight to legalize abortions, and now speaks out for the unborn, sharing her conviction for life. She's written a book with Gary Thomas, WON BY LOVE.

Listen, all of you singles (regardless of age) engaging in the acts ordained for the married. Your Creator, God, warns that ALL promiscuous persons will go to hell. Please read these passages in your Bible or have your smart device read them to you (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 21:8; 22:14, 15) to name a few.

Our Creator told us not to act like heathens. We are to control our own bodies and stay away from sexual sins (1Thessalonians 4:1-8).

All children belong to God.

He created each one of us to bring Him glory while here on this earth. He says that we are sacrificing HIS children (Ezekiel 16:20, 21).

Please go to YouTube, and type Ruby McCray Please Let Me Live. Listen to the song that supports this series. You may not believe me, but... just what if I'm right?

Evangelist Ruby McCray is the founder of A City of Refuge Ministries. For questions or comments e-mail [rubbya-corm@yahoo.com](mailto:rubbya-corm@yahoo.com) or write to A City of Refuge Ministries, P. O. Box 2025, Waco, Texas 76703.

## Fit 4 A Cause Bash scheduled for April 24

Fit 4 A Cause Bash will be held on Sunday, April 24th from 3-4:30 p.m. at Midway Middle School gym, located at 800 Hewitt Dr.

This workout extravaganza will feature Shemane Nugent, international Zumba presenter; Susan Bell of Susan Bell Fitness, and Dani Owens, Yoga Bar owner.

Admission is \$10 donation with all of the proceeds benefiting the Family Abuse Center. F

Fit 4 A Cause mission is to provide special fitness activities and opportunities for Waco community, especially

low-income families, to be active through organized programs such as Walk & Tone, Family Bingo Walk, Hike Cameron Park, Summer 2016 Fit & Fun Challenge, and more.

Additional special community fitness events such as Zumba Fest, Yoga on the Brazos, Boot Camp Bash, Jingle Bell Bash, will be offered with proceeds benefiting Waco non-profit organizations.

For more information, visit Fit 4 A Cause Facebook page, call Fit 4 A Cause director, Van Davis at (254) 716-8605, or email [Van\\_Davis@baylor.edu](mailto:Van_Davis@baylor.edu).

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# Education summit planned for April 23

MARLIN, TEXAS - The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans (Initiative) and Empowerment Driven by Knowledge Coalition (EDKC) invite you to attend a one-day education summit titled "African American Educational Teach-In Summit" on Saturday, April 23, 2016 starting at 11:00am until 4:30pm with lunch sponsored by Wal-Mart #320. The event is geared to-

ward community members, educators and middle/high school students.

The EDKC will host the event at Coach Carter Impact Academy, located at 317 Kendrick, Marlin, Texas 76661 with featured panelists Honorable Glenn Lewis, former State of Texas House Representative and current Chairman of Texas Southern University; Virginia Dupuy, former City of Waco Mayor and current Executive Direc-

tor of Greater Education Alliance; Dr. Micheal Prince, Prairie View Mayoral Candidate and former Waller ISD School Board member; just to name a few.

The summit is designed to facilitate collaborative discussion and engagement among individuals and organizations committed to addressing educational inequality, especially among African American students, schools, and communities. Given Marlin's decade long decline in academic the aims of the summit are to:

1. Strengthen community among individuals working in education reform, civil rights, youth development, and related fields and industries;
2. Facilitate increased collaboration and coordination by allowing individuals and organizations to share signif-

icant areas of focus and key dates throughout the calendar year; and

3. Reinforce collective impact by leveraging resources and effort.

EDKC is a starting point for tomorrow's leaders. We believe that years from now EDKC will be viewed as the organization that helped launch careers, businesses and develop community leaders. We partner with businesses and organizations that enable innovative and quality programming that responds to the needs of the community and its residents. This contributes to the economic and social health of our community. For more information: [www.sophiastrother.com](http://www.sophiastrother.com)

Your participation is critical to contributing to developing and pursuing a shared strategy for increasing Afri-

can American learning and development, including identifying measurable goals and a timeline to inform the work going forward. This process is critical to ensuring that our efforts result in sustained investments in improving learning and development for African American students and families in Marlin Texas.

To accept this invitation, please register through this email link <http://evite.me/ZfEhxaVDCH>. Please note that registration is FREE and includes lunch. Should you have any questions, please contact Sophia A. Strother at (254) 495.5559 or at [sophiastrother@hotmail.com](mailto:sophiastrother@hotmail.com).

We greatly appreciate your willingness to participate and look forward to our continued partnership on these very important topics in the future.

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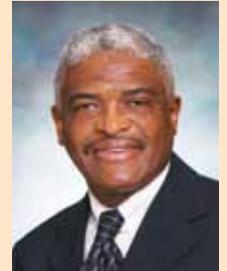
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# A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump

BY MATTHEW REED

The problems of the country are just that (a little leaven has leavened the whole lump). We allowed our system of democracy to be leavened with insincerity and downright lies and liars. Selfishly forsaking righteous judgment for political gains and a lot of other mean spirited things. Producing a system that does not function and cannot govern effectively.

We being a nation that has in God we trust on our money have missed a few Godly laws that would have saved us from unsaved talk show hosts and a lot of other unreasonable people. One of these laws found in 1st Corinthians 5:6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? We can call this the law of leaven; in other words, one rotten apple spoils the whole barrel. When you start a movement that's not about reasoning and working out problems but to obstruct to keep the government from

working. You get what we got in this country today. A democracy will not work in the environment we've created in this country today. You see when you teach people to think without rationalizing and you are successful at it, they are not going to change and go back to being rational people. Now that this doesn't work for you anymore, you've created a culture where people will not receive sound doctrine.

II Timothy 4:3 says, For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; This is what you managed to do professing to know God, but you did not act in the wisdom of God. What you've manage to do is let Pandora out of the box and now you can't get Pandora back in the box. You've sown seeds of sedition and caused incidents like Oregon where people defy the government and attempt to take over public lands. The

more irrational things a candidate says, the more the people you've created gravitate to him or her. Now you find that instead of helping your chances of winning an election, you've hindered them. What you've done is shot yourself in the foot. Let me give you some advice: a fool does in the end what a wise man does in the beginning. What a tangled web we weave when we practice to deceive.

Another thing that pertains to the lump you've sown is found in Galatians 6:7: Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. When you went off down this trail following after the heathens and the discriminators. You forgot the Law of sowing and reaping. God's word is plain in Galatians 6:8: For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

You're going to have to repent and return unto ra-



PASTOR AND MRS. REED

tionalization or the country implodes and we (not the Russians) will have defeated ourselves from within. Repent! Our democracy has been great and done great things because it modeled the Word of God. We can be great and do great things again but first we have to return to God. Our system of government will not work without a rational population

that reasons and judges righteous judgment.

To the church we are the leaders of this world and you can't lead putting your hope in politicians or following after them! We (the church) lead, not follow. Good medicine doesn't always taste good. This is good medicine. Repent and return unto God and He will return unto us.



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# Nine questions every tenant should ask

**J. L. CRAWFORD,  
LEGALSHIELD MANAGER**

(From Legal News, Issue 9, Vol. 4 July 2015) Before you sign a lease for a home or apartment it is important to ask the right questions. You need to fully understand your rights and responsibilities under the terms of the lease before you sign. Landlord tenant laws vary greatly depending on where you live. If you need assistance

with a landlord tenant matter, call your LegalShield provider law firm and speak with an attorney who is familiar with the laws in your state or province.

1. What are the terms of the lease? Understand the terms of your lease before you sign. One common mistake renters make is signing a lease without fully understanding their rights and responsibilities. As a LegalShield member you

can have an attorney review your lease and discuss it with you before you sign.

2. What are my privacy rights? Landlords are permitted to enter the home to make repairs, show the property to prospective tenants or deal with an emergency. Generally, with the exception of an emergency, the landlord can only enter the home during normal business hours and must give you notice in advance. This may be subject to change depending upon the language of your lease or the local laws that apply to it.

3. Who is responsible for repairs? Your landlord may be responsible for making repairs in a timely fashion and for keeping the premises safe and in compliance with health and other codes. However, the landlord's responsibility varies depending on the terms of the lease and state or provincial laws.

4. Can repair or maintenance costs be deducted from the security deposit? Generally, the landlord's cost for repairing normal wear and tear cannot be deducted from your security deposit. In many cases damage caused by pets or careless behavior not associated with everyday use can



**J.L. CRAWFORD**

be deducted. Protect your deposit by having a walk through with your landlord to document any preexisting issues before moving in. Before and after pictures may also be helpful if the landlord attempts to charge you for damages you did not cause.

5. Is my personal property protected under the landlord's insurance? Your landlord's insurance would only cover the home or apartment. You are responsible for protecting your personal property. Renter's insurance offers protection not only for your personal belongings, but also against personal injury claims that occur on or

near your rental property. Have your LegalShield provider law firm review your renter's policy prior to signing.

6. How is the lease terminated? Do not break a lease without understanding your rights and responsibilities. In most cases you need to provide the landlord with written notice. Many leases automatically renew if notice is not given. In some rare instances tenants can break a lease without notice, but laws vary and it is important to understand the proper procedure for breaking your lease. If you need to get out of your lease before it expires, call your provider law firm first.

7. How long will I need to wait for my deposit to be returned? Your landlord must return your deposit in a reasonable amount of time. Specific time frames may vary. If you need assistance with the return of a security deposit, your LegalShield provider law firm can help.

8. What can I do to settle a dispute with my landlord? Never stop paying rent to settle a dispute with your landlord. Even if you have a legitimate claim against your landlord, the landlord may still be entitled to evict you if you do not pay rent. Call your LegalShield provider law firm immediately if you have a dispute with your landlord.

9. What happens if I can't pay my rent? Under most circumstances, your landlord cannot take your property, change your locks or turn off your utilities merely because you failed to pay rent. However, the landlord may be able to file eviction proceedings against you in court. Try to work with your landlord if you are unable to make payment. The landlord may accept a late payment if you notify him or her in advance.

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food gets its flavor from her husband, and her son, Desmond is the general manager. In addition to delicious recipes on the menu, excellent customer service, beautifully plated meals, and ambience, one more element makes Glendora's stand apart—customers who return, share their Glendora experiences, welcome new visitors, and treat one another like family. Desmond says it best, "When you come inside, leave your problems at the door, and build great conversations."

Sitting at the juice bar enjoying beautifully plated eye pleasing meals, two women, Elena Pacheco and Jasmine Rosario, have a meal at Glendora's everyday and have done so since its opening. The business women began baking beautiful, delicious cakes while living in New York. Their business really took off after Elena's niece asked her to create a cake that looked like her favorite box of candy for a birthday. She's been baking cakes and the two of them have been expanding their marketing since. Being able to take a moment of their busy day to enjoy a kale smoothie, and nutritious meal provides them with an opportunity to meet and unwind. They return because, according to Elena, "It's a hub for great spirits and like minded people. We love it, and the food is phenomenal, the atmosphere is warm and welcoming, and it's like being with family. Jasmine adds, "When you come, you are genuinely welcomed. You don't feel rushed, and that's ambience! Glendora's is a place where you can have a smoothie, talk, laugh, and relax."

Desmond, 29, the general manager, host, and DJ, expresses the importance of relationships with customers. "In my mother's home was full of kids—children of family, our friends." They all interacted, he explained. "It was all about building relationships with one another. Glendora's is like my mother's home. Once inside, seating is comfortable, children, grandparents, and everyone can feel safe and relax while visiting."

DM McClure, a patron of Glendora's owns the business, Sound Baths Meditones. Meditones provides services for families, helps wounded soldiers heal, and offers relief by reducing stress associated with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). By using tones that vibrates, the body responds through sound, tones, or presence. "Sometimes emotions surface without talking." McClure finds that a nutritious meal, a healthy smoothie, helps to detox and cleanse. He purchased a smoothie with bitter melon, which helps regulate blood sugar and cleanse the body. His life was altered a few years ago, and has since improved through diet, exercise, meditations, and God. Glendora's is a vital part of his story. To learn more about Sound Baths, call 254-338-8880.

Glendora's is more than a restaurant. Another wing of the establishment is like stepping into a living room, complete with furniture designed and sewn by Richards. Each Wednesday at 7:00 PM., Mr. and Mrs. Mejias hosts the Umoja Circle, an African centered study group. Having the restaurant and study close by allows students to enjoy a meal without rushing to or from class. Carol is the daughter of two great historians known throughout Central Texas. Glendora's food is authentic to the nutritional needs of Africans. The common "American diet," though tasty, probably isn't the most sustainable for healthy living. Please contact Carol Mejias at (512) 566-9437 for information and upcoming events throughout the state.

For receptions, conferences, fashion shows, private parties, book clubs, or seminars, Glendora's has that covered too. In a separate room, next to the restaurant is a beautiful space filled with soft lighting, open floor, able to accommodate seating for at least 100 or more. Contact owners about rental fees. In the words of Carol Mejias, "Glendora's is a business that brings everyone under one roof." Book your event early because it will be filling up

with prom goers, graduates, and other celebrations.

Jay opened his business, Sweet Factory in 2010. "I recommend Curry and Roti. I tell people everyday that the energy is what keeps me coming back. This is my regular spot and coming here, you meet someone new every time. More important, when you're here, you really are family. Friends will treat you like family too, the thing is, when your friends get full, they don't share, and I like to eat. The best description of Glendora's is, so genuine." The Sweet Factory, located at 2201 W. Stan Schluter accepts special orders from 11:30 am- 8:00 pm. The number one item on their menu would be a tie between the banana pudding cupcake and Mother of Pearl cupcake. According to Elena, it "smells like a slice of heaven."

Glendora's formula for success is more than food and people. "When you walk inside, the atmosphere is welcoming and you know, as a customer, it's genuine, says Richards. "I'll always be blessed. I believe in smiling, happiness, contentment. We offer on our menu, a dish called cook up rice, which is a traditional African dish consisting of rice and meat. Our food is cooked without salt, and is still well flavored."

Pamela Alfred, Desmond's aunt was a big inspiration. She passed away last year, and spent many years sewing robes for almost every church in Killeen and surrounding areas. On the wall of the living room, is a photograph, and though she has transitioned this life, her influence remains present.

Anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week, on the corner of Gilmer and Business 190 (Veteran's Memorial Blvd.), visit 715 W. Veterans Memorial and walk into Glendora's where you too will be welcomed, fed, and leave rejuvenated. More than that, you'll be back. Check out Glendora's online at [www.glendoraskilleen.com](http://www.glendoraskilleen.com) or by phone, at (254) 458-5908. Place your order by using the Grub Hub App.



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT) ARE JAY, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER, ELENA PACHECO AND JASMINE ROSARIO.

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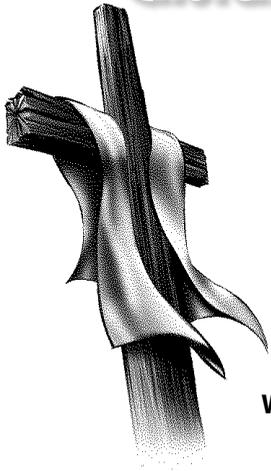
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6:00 PM

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7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

**Wednesday Prayer Worship**  
7:00 PM

*Pastor Matthew Reed and Wife Helen*

## TATUM | Continued from page one

and a Master of Sciences degree in Leadership with an emphasis in disaster preparedness and executive fire leadership from Grand Canyon University.

People could see the leadership traits in Bobby Tatum and through their encouragement, coupled with his ambition and determination, he began to advance up the ranks of the fire department. He continued to look for ways to continue his education, seeking out every opportunity he could find. In addition to being a basic peace officer and FBI trained bomb technician, he holds certifications with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection as a master firefighter, master arson investigator, hazardous material technician, fire inspector, field examiner, fire officer, an aircraft fire rescue firefighter, incident safety officer, intermediate fire instructor, and as an Emergency Medical Technician.

After working in various

areas of the Fort Worth Fire Department, Tatum decided it was time to branch out and lead his own department.

"I just wanted to validate my standing within the fire service," said Tatum, "and after working in several different areas of the Fort Worth Fire Department, I decided to branch out and lead my own department. By the grace of God, an opportunity presented itself with the Waco Fire Department."

As Chief of the Waco Fire Department, Tatum has no doubt that he will lead with honor, courage, and commitment. A 31-year veteran of the Fort Worth Fire Department, he will be leaving his position with the Bureau of Fire Prevention and bringing his years of experience to Waco's fire department. That experience includes a past deputy chief, where he was assigned to fire operations, and shift commander where he oversaw the daily operations of

42 fire stations.

Tatum is committed to education, professionalism, family and the community. Tatum and his wife, Rosemarie, married on May 20, 1995. They are celebrating 21 years with a blended family of four: Bobby III (30), Brandon (28), Christian (24), and Briana (17). They are also blessed with four grandchildren—Brielyn, Kaydon, Bobby IV, and Ryleigh. Rosemarie has been an educator in the FWISD for over 25 years, with the most recent as an assistant principal.

With Waco's growth in population and economic development, Tatum is excited about his new position as fire chief.

"I believe that I can provide the kind of leadership and experience that ensures the fire department is not only meeting the current needs of the citizens, but is also preparing for future growth of the fire department and the City of Waco as a whole."

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# A life in Christ - Worship or worry

BY PAM TURNER

Each day when I get out of bed, I have two choices about facing the day ahead. I can choose to be thankful, and worship and trust in God for what he has given me, or I can choose to worry and be anxious. My Bible has a topical index of scriptures, and under worry I find 25 verses discussing this subject, and under worship I find 45 verses.

One of the major worries I think we all deal with is if we have enough money to cover all our basic needs in life, plus money to cover some of the extra or unexpected expenses that may arise. Worry or being anxious seems to be one of Satan's biggest bullets he shoots at us. If he can consume our mind with worry, he knows this will take our focus off Jesus and what He does for us each day. As a result, we can also become frustrated in our walk with Christ.

Jesus uses 10 verses in Matt. 6: 25-34 to emphasize that we are not to worry about our needs in life. "Our heavenly father knows all our needs, what we shall eat, what we shall drink, and what we shall wear. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be given to us."

The remainder of the other 15 verses advises us to cast our cares on him, and that worry is bad for us. In today's world we seem to have more needs than food, drink and clothing. We have to add house, car, phone, utilities, appliances, taxes, and insurance policies to cover our health, house, car, phones, appliances and life in the event we die. Seems very overwhelming at times, but God understands we have these needs also, and he will provide.

We're also bombarded each day with a media that tells us all of the world issues and how it's affecting our life and how it can have a negative effect on our finances. Last night I turned the television to PBS and listened to a program about retirement money in America and how so many of us don't have enough in our 401K's to have a comfortable retirement. I was so uptight after listening to that program I tossed and turned all night with worry. I would have



PAM TURNER

been so much better off had I turned to TBN and watched Praise the Lord. I probably would have gone to bed with a mind full of praise and worship and not worry and aggravation.

This week I heard part of a radio program on the importance of worshipping the Lord. I've never submitted my heart and mind in worship to our Savior and then had trouble sleeping that night or was agitated when I was finished worshipping. Instead there's always a sense of peace and comfort when I submit my time to praise and worshipping our heavenly father. Scripture tells us he inhabits the praises of his people. At the end of the day if we have focused our mind and heart to worship and praise, we can expect a restful night. I wish I could tell you I have the worry issue defeated, but again it's a choice I have to make: worship or worry.

After a night of tossing and turning about all the what ifs, and I think you can relate to what I'm talking about, I was very quick to turn the computer on and take a peek at my 401K. I whispered to God, "It is what it is Lord; your will be done."

To my amazement, it has increased by nearly 8% since I last checked on it. My God knows what he's doing and he's taking care of our needs. Let me encourage you that when you're faced with a choice of worry or worship, one is just as easy as the other. I'd like to encourage you to worship.

*Pam Turner is retired. Presently, she is a member of High Point Church in Waco and is a free-lance writer.*

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Previous balance	\$	23.48
Payments received -- Thank you	\$	(23.48)
Applied to Previous Balance	\$	(23.48)
<b>Balance forward</b>	\$	<b>0.00</b>
Current Ambit Energy charges	\$	2.24
Onco Charges	\$	11.85
Taxes and other fees	\$	1.81
Current miscellaneous adjustments	\$	(51.29)
Current charges due by 04/08/16	\$	(45.39)
<b>Total Amount Due</b>	\$	<b>(45.39)</b>
Past balance due now	\$	0.00

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