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## Tear Down This Wall

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



When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions. You do not have to tell him not to stand here or go yonder. He will find his "proper place" and will stay in it. You do not need to send him to the back door he will cut one for his special benefit. His education makes it necessary.  
—Carter G. Woodson

The current Arizona immigration law SB 1070 allows police to stop those they suspect are in the country unlawfully and to arrest that person if they are without legitimate identity papers yet many in the black community are either indifferent to the legislation or sucked in by bigoted myths perpetuated by tactics of fear.

This controversial bill, also known as the Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act, is reminiscent of the Slave or Black Codes passed at the end of the Civil War to control the labor, movements and activities of newly-freed slaves. The intent of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century legislation was to maintain black inferiority and to secure a steady supply of cheap labor.

The pertinent question is: Why should we care about immigration reform?

This is a serious matter of concern for not only Hispanics or Latinos but also for African-Americans. A few relevant reasons are:

### Walls and Fences Fall Down:

Walls and anti-immigration laws have been and will always be a "mission of failure" when it comes to keeping out those who cross U.S. borders to earn money in order to provide for their families and who also supply the great demand for the low-wage unskilled labor that Americans are unwilling to perform. Trying to prevent the undocumented from living in the U.S., according to the late management genius Peter Drucker, is "very much like preventing the law of gravity" because it is an economic response to fill the vacuum created by the laws of supply and demand.

Although undocumented immigrants contribute an estimated \$7 billion a year in federal Social Security taxes, pay on average more in taxes than they use in government services and generate economic growth, these workers compete with American workers "on an uneven playing field — to the detriment of both groups," according to The Drum Major Institute.

With a disappearing black middle class struggling to maintain its standard of living and a rising low-income working class fighting for survival, the real question, according to Drucker, is how to insure that the undocumented make "a vital contribution to the U.S." and become "a great asset as they will continue to arrive until conditions in their homelands become economically viable."

Reasonable, comprehensive and humane reform is needed. One solution is to eliminate the exploitation of undocumented workers by entering into an agreement with Mexico to no longer inhibit unions or ignore environmental laws and to mandate a decent living wage scale which provides enough disposable income to buy products both in the U.S. and in their own country. Otherwise black and American workers will have to choose to accept the same low wages and pitiful working conditions as the immigrants or be shut out of industries served predominantly by undocumented workers such as farms, hotels, restaurants and day-care centers.

### The Last Shall Become First:

In the 2000 presidential election George W. Bush received approximately 40 percent of the Hispanic vote but it is unlikely that the GOP will approximate anywhere near that total in 2012 as the party continues its hostility towards blacks, gays, the educated, progressive independents and now Hispanics. When enough diverse populations have been systematically alienated, eventually the estranged minorities will constitute a formidable majority causing the isolator to become itself isolated through the continued acts of slow political suicide.

This oppressive legislation comes at a time when America is no longer exemplified by the picket fenced, well manicured suburban lawns of the Cleaver family or an era when the ladies all wore hats and gloves and men wore jackets and ties to every event and Aunt Bea and the Mayberry crowd were all in church on Sunday. The nation's color and culture are becoming more diverse and will become majority minority by 2023.

The time is ripe to make and strengthen coalitions, particularly with those who have the shared experience of having received less than fair and just treatment. Laws that threaten the civil rights of one group threaten the rights of all. Martin Luther King, Jr. stated "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

### Giving an Inch Yields a Mile:

Within 20 days of signing the controversial SB 1070 anti-immigration law, Gov. Brewer signed HB 2281 which allows Arizona's government to ban ethnic studies in schools, punishable by withholding up to 10 percent of their state funds each month. Also, prohibited in schools' curriculum are courses which promote the overthrow of the United States government (secession?), resentment toward a race or class of people, those designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group or advocate ethnic solidarity.

It is disturbing that this legislation allows for political intrusion into the classroom through indoctrination rather than "fostering critical thinking under conditions in which young people can make up their own minds." Yet its importance lies not in how disturbing it is but in what it reveals.

This subsequent law reveals the power of education and begs the profound question of why a legislative body would try to eliminate from mainstream schooling that which is affirming or liberating and which disconnects students from their culture and history. Perhaps more astonishing is why would the parents of black, Latino, Native American, Asian or any other child — without protest — allow their children to be a part of an educational process that trains them to follow instructions rather than teach them how to think and empower their lives and communities?

This law makes it clear that unless we have a different set of books at home — culturally relevant and that provide our children with a good understanding of their history and who they are — then they will be destined to serve the socioeconomic interests of those who design, maintain and control their education.

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## Community Calendar

### May 17-21

Baptist Ministers Conference of Toledo and vicinity City-Wide Revival: United MBC; 7 pm nightly Mon-Thurs, 7:30 pm on Friday; Speakers — Pastor Robert Bass (Mon), Pastor John Walthal (Tue), Pastor Sylvester Rome (Wed), Pastor T.A. Smith (Thur) and Pastor Theodis Horton (Fri)

### May 18

"Back in the Day" Picnic Meeting: Kent Branch Library; 6 to 8 pm: 419-242-8170

### May 19-21

First MBC Revival: 7 pm nightly; Supt Johnny Hobbs guest speaker

### May 21

Hannah's Socks Sock Hop: Cousino's Navy Bistro; 7 to 11 pm; Entertainment, classic cars, contests, raffles; Proceeds to benefit Hanna's Socks: 419-893-9600  
St. Paul MBC: "Faith Friday;" 7 pm; Guest speaker Min. Allen Smith  
Caregivers Conference: Body of Christ Fellowship Church: "Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia;" Speaker Cheryl Conley; Memory and aging, treatment and medication, family dynamics; 6 to 8 pm: 419-464-8586  
Storytelling Performance: Common space; 7 pm: 419-290-0995

### May 22

Phillips Temple CME Dinner and Gospel Comedy Play: Pre-Women's Day event: 419-242-7906

Citywide Christian Trustee Association: Meeting at United MBC; 10 am  
Free How-to Storytelling Workshop: Kent Branch Library; 9 am to 4 pm: 419-290-0995

### May 23

Calvary Baptist Church Roses of Calvary Flower Ministry Old Ship of Zion Musical: 4 pm

Phillips Temple CME Women's Day Service: "Women of Faith Standing Strong;" 11 am; Speaker Min. Rosetta Haynes  
Ebenezer MBC 58<sup>th</sup> Women's Day "Women Forgetting, Reaching and Pressing Towards the Goal;" 11 am; Morning speaker Celeste Mitchell from Crusader of Christ Church; 4 pm evening speaker Mother Eloise Elliott from Bible Temple Church: 419-242-2581

### May 25-27

Macedonia Baptist Church Word and Worship Explosion 2010: 7 pm nightly; Speakers Pastor Clifford Mayes of Macedonia, Pastor Shane Rainer of Shiloh and Pastor Jonathon Tucker of New Life: 419-242-8700

### May 28

Macedonia Ministry Appreciation Musical: 7 pm; Featuring Macedonia Mass Choir

### May 30

New Prospect MBC Musical: Presenting various groups from around Toledo; 4 pm

### June 4

Jerusalem MBC 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Featuring the Bolton Brothers of Alabama, The Glorious Sons of Rochester, NY, Men Who Will of Detroit and Queens of Harmony of Toledo

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# Women of Color Host Toledo Fundraiser for Yvette McGee Brown

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Yvette McGee Brown, candidate for lieutenant governor on the Democratic ticket this fall, will be in Toledo on Tuesday, May 25, for a fundraiser at the Ramada Secor. That fundraiser – for, by and about women – is being hosted by a group of women of color whose members include Doni Miller, Yvonne Harper, Margarita de Leon and Lourdes Santiago, among others.

Brown was chosen by Gov. Ted Strickland as his running mate to replace Lee Fisher who is running for U.S. Senate. She is the current and founding president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy at Columbus's Nationwide Children's Hospital and is a former Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge.

A lifelong resident of Columbus, Brown was hardly a household name in the rest of Ohio when she was picked to run for statewide office.

Why was she selected, The Truth asked her last week?

"Probably Ted [Strickland] can answer that better than I can," said Brown. "He's watched me in central Ohio and my work with family and children and he must have seen the leadership I've provided."



Seated: Laneta Goings, Doni Miller and Liz Flornoy  
Standing: Yvonne Harper, Wanda Brown, Clara Pety, Lourdes Santiago, Margarita de Leon and Robin Stone

Brown, who was born to a teenage mother, received inspiration early and often from both mother and grandmother about the importance of education and the significance of using education to overcome whatever obstacles life presents.

She earned an undergraduate degree from Ohio University in journalism/public relations and her law degree from The Ohio State University.

Brown spent a number of years in public service after obtaining her law degree and then served as judge in the Common Pleas Division of Domestic Relations from 1993 to 2002. She was the first African-American and the second woman to be elected to that court.

That particular service prompted her to create the Center for Child and Family Advocacy, a multi-disciplinary child abuse and family violence program that addresses prevention, assessment, treatment, research, advocacy and education services for families with issues of domestic violence. The program has become a national model for the integration of multi-disciplinary services, according to Brown's campaign literature.

Brown also serves on the boards of Ohio University, The Ohio State University Medical Center, the Columbus Academy, the Community Shelter, M/I Homes, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank of Central Ohio. She has been inducted into the Ohio

Women's Hall of Fame and has received the YWCA Woman of Achievement Award along with honors from both Ohio University and The Ohio State University.

Her predecessor in the post of lieutenant governor, Lee Fisher, also held the position of Ohio's economic czar. Brown, however, will be handling a different portfolio, if elected.

In order for Brown to accept Strickland's offer, she felt it was important to have a

clearly defined, significant role in the administration.

"I will be focused on an urban agenda," she said. "I want to be part of making Ohio's urban areas vibrant again."

And part of bringing that vibrancy back to urban areas, said Brown, and to the state in general is improving the quality of public education. She praised the governor for creating a constitutional framework for funding, particular in light of the Ohio Supreme Court DeRolf decision which held that the state's traditional reliance on property taxes for school funding had to change.

"We want to make sure that we have teachers who want to be in the classroom," Brown said in discussing the Strickland plan to ensure that teachers are qualified and prepared.

As for the campaign itself, Brown has already hit the trail in earnest. "I've been going everywhere," she said. "The last couple of months I've been in the major metropoli-

tan areas and up and down the 171 corridor – going all over."

She has especially been taking invitations from around the state in both rural and urban areas.

Which, of course, is why Brown arrives here in Toledo for next week's fundraiser at the Ramada. The committee, comprised of about 15 women, will be hosting the event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and they are inviting women from throughout the area to come out and meet the candidate, who would be the first African-American woman to hold the post.

"The most interesting thing here is this is a group of Hispanic and black women who have gotten together to support all women," said Doni Miller in describing the collaborative effort of the committee.

For more information on the Tuesday, May 25 fundraiser, call the Lucas County Democratic Party headquarters at 419-246-9301.

## Women Blessing Women Receives Toledo Rotary Foundation Grant to Fund Scholarships for 20 Women to Earn GED's

Special to The Truth

Women Blessing Women, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women to break the cycle of poverty, is a recipient of a \$10,000 dollar grant from the Toledo Rotary Foundation that will fund scholarships for 20 women to earn general equivalence diplomas (GED's).

Education is rewarded with higher earnings and lower unemployment. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, people who haven't graduated from high school earn almost \$200 dollars less per week than those with a diploma. Also, the unemployment rate for those who haven't graduated from high school is 40 percent higher than for those with a diploma. Women Blessing Women empowers women living in poverty to achieve success, gain confidence, and obtain living wage jobs. They provide a comprehensive, holistic program for

women/mothers who live in poverty. The empowerment program is delivered through teaching and tutoring of GED; coaching, training, and facilitating job readiness skills and spirituality.

Twenty Women Blessing Women participants will be able to earn their GED through the generosity of the Toledo Rotary Foundation. The grant was awarded to Glenda Brown, interim director of Women Blessing Women, on Mon-

day April 5, 2010 at a Toledo Rotary luncheon and meeting.

Women Blessing Women is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization for women age 18 and over dedicated to empowering women living in poverty to achieve success, gain confidence, and obtain living wage jobs. There is no fee charged for the organization's services. The organization serves all women without regard to ethnic background, race, or religion.

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# Schylar Meadows To Challenge Ashford, Eyre for General Assembly Seat

By Fletcher Word  
Sojourner's Truth Editor

Schylar Meadows, chairman of the Toledo Lucas County Commission on Minority Health, and a long-time Democrat, has collected enough signatures to be included as an independent on the ballot in November for the District 48 Ohio House of Representatives seat. That contest will pit Meadows against Democrat Michael Ashford and Republican Carolyn Eyre.

Meadows, a former precinct committeeman for the Lucas County Democratic Party has served in the past on the party's Executive Committee, with the Greater Toledo Young Democrats and the Ohio Young Democrats. She has also served as national vice president of Programs for Young Democrats of America.

Why the decision now to run as an independent?

"I was approached about running for office in general and in this district by people with various political affiliation," said Meadows. "I looked at things like the Democratic A and B teams, and what is going on in the



Republican Party and decided that we need someone who can work with both sides and on both sides of the aisle ... I am that person. People are tired of the bickering and are

looking for someone who is willing to work and work hard and stand up for their interests."

Meadows also sees certain advantages, from a cam-

paigned standpoint, to her role as an independent.

"People are receptive to listening to someone ... who is not tied up with a party," she said. "And from my work within the media, a person in the media is supposed to be able to see all sides - to try to remain unbiased in telling a story - I am amply prepared."

the stimulus [package] and understand how those funds trickle down to the state and district level. In the long term, we need to find out the needs of businesses in the district and how that relates on the state level. We also need to be helping residents understand where we stand fiscally and communicating with resi-

ties and to young people. The campaign has to be consistent and I'm going to engage voters and listen to what they have to say."

A native of Toledo, Meadows is a graduate of St. Ursula Academy and attended The University of Toledo. She also attended the Women's Campaign School at Yale Univer-

***"People are tired of the bickering and are looking for someone who is willing to work and work hard and stand up for their interests."***

As for the critical issues facing a state legislator, Meadows points to the need to repair the shortage of jobs and the downturn in the economy.

"[Jobs and the economy] are pretty much interdependent on one another," Meadows replied. "A state representative must be fighting for jobs by being accountable with regards to funds such as

dents about what's happening on the state level."

How does Meadows assess her chances against long-time City Councilman Ashford and his well-funded campaign machine?

"Excellent," she said. "It's an open seat. And it depends on who is going to work the hardest and consistently reach out to businesses and the professional communi-

sity and was part of the inaugural Toledo Area Local Government Leadership Academy.

For the past five years Meadows has been the host of "Juice Talk" on WJUC, FM107.3, which airs on Sunday mornings and has also been a political analyst on area television shows.

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NOBMA Honors Those in the News and a Few of Its Own

By Brittany Jones
Sojourner's Truth Reporter

On the evening of May 13, the Northwest Ohio Black Media Association (NOBMA) held its 16th Annual Impact Newsmaker Awards at the Ramada Secor.

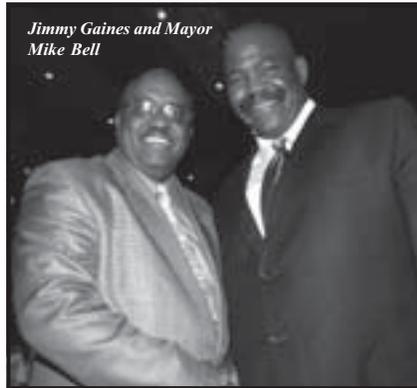
"This event was made specifically to honor those who have made a positive newsworthy impact within the African-American community, continually, over the years," said Schylar Meadows, the mistress of ceremonies and radio host of JUICE Talk WJUC-FM.

"They are not required to lead first page in newspapers or lead news and radio broadcasts, but to go beyond the call of duty and stand out in the crowd," she continued.

Beginning the evening



Avie and Ed Dixon



Jimmy Gaines and Mayor Mike Bell

was a welcome and introduction of the VIPs by president of NOBMA, Fletcher Word.

Some elected officials were pointed out such as President of City Council Wilma Brown and President of Lucas County Commissioners Pete Gerken.

"This is a room full of VIPs," Word said pointing out, for example, the presence of so many news personalities from Channel 13 ABC. "No special introductions needed tonight, I wouldn't know where to begin."

Reverend Cedric Brock of Mount Nebo Church conducted the invocation before dinner was served.

The awards ceremony began with the recipients under the Impact Newsmaker Award category with Mayor Mike Bell, who ran for elected office for the first time in 2009, receiving the first.

Bell thanked the audience and the organization. He called on the community to help him turn Toledo around.

ported her and her endeavors, especially with the Josh Project.

"My choice was surviving," she said. "I had to do that by taking all of my hurt and sorrow that was in me and channel it into helping other mothers not suffer the grief of the drowning death of a child."

The Scott High School building might have not been preserved if it had not been the efforts of Ed and Avie Dixon, longtime educators who spent the bulk of their professional careers at the school.

Avie Dixon spoke of providing an adequate education for those students who are at Scott and other schools. She also urged the media to cover more stories that are positive.

"To change the city we need to start to accentuate and highlight the positive and stop emphasizing the negative," she said. "Once we do that we will change and will become forerunners of all that is good in this country."

Charlene Gilbert is a professor at The University of Toledo and director of the university's Eberly Center for Women.

She thanked everyone

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## Tackling Tough Times

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## Plenty of Future Jobs! Only Politicians & Political Appointees Need Apply!

### Delaying the Clean Energy Economy

By Rubin Patterson, Ph.D.  
Guest Column



Massive clean energy job growth is being hampered in America by politicians who give too much attention to their own employment opportunities after leaving office. In other words, our getting substantial government support for a clean energy economy is restricted due to politicians making calculations about their own post-elective office job prospects

with fossil fuel-intensive industries and companies.

Take, for example, the former Congressman and two-time Presidential candidate Dick Gephardt. He serves on the boards of directors at several corporations including U.S. Steel, and his lobbying firm has included clients such as Peabody Energy—the world's largest private-sec-

tor coal company. Or take former Democratic Senator John Breaux and Republican Senator Trent Lott who teamed up to form the Breaux Lott Leadership Group. Their lobbying clients have included Chevron, Shell Oil and other fossil fuel energy corporations. I could easily go on and on, but you get the point.

Rather than examining the connection between politicians' campaign contributions and the votes they cast, I find that a much more extensive and enlightening line of inquiry involves tracking politicians' voting patterns, their overall support for specific industries and their post-elective office employment.

Since the overwhelming majority of politicians and government officials don't have the independent family wealth to live exclusively off financial instruments when they leave office, they therefore give considerable time and attention to their livelihood prospects after leaving office.

In the past, ex-congressional members returned to their pre-office-holding careers in overwhelming numbers. However, in recent years, congressional members and executive branch appointees have a heightened interest in becoming lobbyists once they leave office. For example, less than 15 percent of members retiring from Congress in the decade of the 1970s became lobbyists, while over 52 percent of members retiring between 2001-3 became lobbyists.

While the 535 members of the House and Senate and the thousands of political appointees across the executive branch who run the federal agencies may have one eye on the public to get re-elected, the other eye is not just on industry needs, but on their own post-elective office livelihoods. And it doesn't stop there.

Each congressional member and political appointee has a double-digit senior

staff who are also seeking to leverage their political skills, knowledge and contacts for financial gain upon leaving office. And, as if that weren't enough, spouses of legislators and appointees and their staffs are also increasingly working as lobbyists.

Take Martin Durbin as an example. Durbin was appointed in November of last year as the executive vice president of Governmental Affairs for the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's trade association. Prior to that he coordinated lobbying efforts for the American Chemistry Council, which is the chemical industry's trade association. How did Durbin wind up in such a posh, lucrative job? He served as a legislative assistant in the Senate and in the House. Durbin aided a congressman who served on the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Obviously, Durbin was working to leverage his knowledge and connections once he left Capitol Hill.

All of this helps to explain why the United States — a nation with the world's most extensive graduate education in science and technology fields; a tradition of pioneering technology-based entrepreneurship and the capital to bankroll the transformation of industry to a clean energy economy — has been so incapable of progressing beyond fossil fuels.

Tragically, we are witnessing this now being played out in the Gulf of Mexico with the BP, Halliburton and Transocean accident, resulting in tens of thousands of barrels of oil per day gushing into the gulf for weeks on end. The Minerals Management Services, which is one of the agencies charged with providing regulatory oversight, has been sedated, in part, by public officeholders seeking lobbying opportunities and employment upon stepping down. Although some half-hearted efforts have been taken to curb the lobbying

abuse, the large loopholes render such efforts as little more than a joke.

Fortunately, there are clean technology trade associations such as the American Wind Energy Association and the American Solar Energy Association; and there are major venture capital firms such as Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield & Byers (KPCB), but they are completely dwarfed by the old fossil fuel-based industrial giants.

The clean tech industry is also seeking to garner political and financial support from Washington, and has some heavy hitters to help. For instance, KPCB includes the likes of former Vice President Al Gore and former Secretary of State General Colin Powell.

So how do we get out of this situation where politicians — in their effort to set up their post-elective office careers — wind up serving the needs of industries associated with major climate change emissions and with minor job growth on behalf of American workers?

Let's face it — many politicians don't represent "profiles in courage," but rather profiles in compensation. In other words, rather than waiting for most politicians and political appointees to become selfless altruists, which will never happen, why not "help them" support clean tech industries so that they can lobby and work for those industries when they leave office?

One effort we can take is to help clean tech industries grow in market share and overall in public demand so that politicians, their staffs, and their spouses can recognize how they can serve the clean tech industries, their constituents and, yes, themselves in terms of future lobbying compensation, all at the same time.

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**Adding the Living Will to Your Financial Toolbox**

By: S. Yvon Harper, CEO  
Focus on Finance, LLC  
Guest Column



Earlier this year we started off with the subject of must have items to include in your financial toolbox. In this article I am going to continue with another tool we all must have, which is a living will. You may not see this as a tool, but believe me it is as important as any that you will need.

Recently, I experienced firsthand the important of the living will with my mother-in-law (Mom). After a lengthy and courageous battle with leukemia she is now coming to the finish line of life, at least on this side. As you may imagine this has been a very stressful time for my family and the hospital asked up front for a copy of Mom's living will.

What is a living will? The living will is a document that allows instructions given by individuals specifying what actions should be taken for their health in the event that they are no longer able to make decisions due to critical illness or incapacity. The key is it must be written by someone still considered as legally capable to make the request. So the importance of completing a living will now is of extreme importance, because you never know when you may have need of it.

With Mom we have been aware of her need for a living will for some time, but any sudden illness or accident can leave a family with the undue task of having to make difficult medical decisions when they would rather be concentrating solely on spending time with their loved one. The pain of this process can be made worse, if a group consensus is not easily arrived at. You may also hear the living will document referred to as a Directive to the Physician or a Natural Death Declaration form.

Some may feel that the living will may make them vulnerable to the whim of the health care system, but in reality it is quite the opposite. The form applies only when it has been determined by two physicians that the patient is suffering from an incurable or irrevers-

ible condition. The living will only becomes effective when the patient is unable to make decisions for himself; so long as he or she is able to make decisions, the living will cannot be invoked. It may also be revoked or changed by the owner at any time, so long as they are capable of doing so.

In order to complete a living will you must be at least 18 years of age, be of sound mind and have it witnessed by two or more individuals. Once completed you should then take steps to provide a copy to your loved ones or designee and discuss your wishes with them for clarity. It may also be advised that you file a copy with your primary physician, attorney or hospital of choice. This will help eliminate undue stress at the time of potential need.

You may obtain a living will for free at most hospitals, area councils on aging and some physician offices. Other places may include online forms and through your attorney, which can review and retain a completed copy for you. However, you will need to discuss the fee, if any, associated with an attorney completing the form for you.

The living will should not be confused with a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care. The primary differences between the living will and the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care are that the living will applies only when a physician has determined that the patient suffers from a terminal, incurable or irreversible condi-

tion and death is imminent.

The Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care allows the agent to make decisions anytime the patient is unable to make decisions on his or her own behalf. Also, the living will declares specific treatment decisions, where the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care names an agent to make the decisions for the patient. Note: specific instructions may be given to the agent in the Durable Power of Attorney form, if desired, as stated by the LawInfo.com website.

No matter whether you complete the living will as a separate document or include instructions in another legal document, such as the Durable Power of Attorney, just be sure to have one completed now. Like our family, you can be sure that yours will appreciate the foresight you took to have one done in advance. This article is dedicated to the cherished memory of Ophelia Harper.

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**Boyce's Bottom Line**  
**So You've Received Your Tax Refund, Now What?**

By Kevin Boyce, Ohio State Treasurer  
Guest Column



In 2009, 74 percent of all U.S. taxpayers received an average individual income tax refund of \$2,683, which totaled nearly \$260 billion nationwide. While this extra money may seem like a windfall that tempts frivolous spending, Ohioans should consider making smart money choices with their refund during these times of economic uncertainty. Consider these tips:

**1. Lower debt** – If you have a significant amount of debt, consider using your refund to either pay the entire balance or reduce it significantly. According to a recent [bankrate.com](http://bankrate.com) survey, 30 percent of Americans who will receive a tax refund plan to use their refunds to pay down their debts. Since getting rid of high-interest debt is an important step to your financial health and well-being, paying down high-interest credit card debt should be a priority.

**2. Save for a rainy day** – Many Ohioans lack the appropriate savings to help them manage life's unexpected expenses. Between home repairs and medical bills it is easy to diminish any savings that you may have. It's recommended that everyone should have at least three to six months worth of expenses saved in case of emergencies. With the unemployment rate at a 25-year high, a tax refund is a great opportunity to start building a nest egg.

A savings account gives you a financial option to avoid going deeper into debt. **SaveNow** is a unique Ohio Treasury program that offers a 3.25 percent interest bonus on savings accounts for Ohioans. An applicant who opens a savings account at a participating bank receives a year's worth of financial education materials to help them make better financial decisions. Through **SaveNow**, the Treasury rewards you for saving money and helps you learn good financial habits.

**3. Tackle your bills** – Now is a good time to review all of your expenses and make a plan to keep them under control. Most households have several bills that can be paid in advance or in a larger amount. Consider making an extra payment on items such as your mortgage, insurance, auto loan or utilities with your refund. Making an additional or larger payment can reduce the overall amount owed and help save you money over time.

**4. Invest in your future** – Put some or all of your tax refund aside for retirement. Many employers will match their employees' retirement contributions up to a certain amount. If your employer does not offer retirement benefits open an individual retirement account (IRA) at a bank and start saving. If your retirement is on track, consider investing in the future of a loved one. For example, a 529 savings fund can help you plan for a child's future college expenses.

**5. Splurge wisely** – While a tax refund is a good opportunity to take control of your finances, it is also chance to spend it wisely on home repairs or energy-saving replacement windows. Replacing outdated appliances new efficient ones can help you save money on your energy bills. Another option is to get any medical or dental procedures that you have postponed because you lacked money or health insurance.

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## Historic Third Baptist's Women's Day: "Destined for God's Purpose"

Sojourner's Truth Staff

Third Baptist Church of Toledo held its annual Women's Day on Sunday May 16 as guest speaker Schylbea Jean Hopkins addressed the theme "Destined for God's Purpose," from Psalm 138:8 and Philippians 2:13. The congregation and guests filled the church for Sunday's service that included a musical prelude, a processional led by the Women's Day Chorus, a call to worship and choral response prior to Pastor Kevin Bedford's Pastoral Greetings.

The pastor's greetings were followed by presentations, a hymn of praise and then, the reading of the Women's Day scripture reading and the gospel reading of John 17:20-26.

The Women's Day Chorus presented "I Am Confident" with Sis. Cathy Huston as soloist.

Sis. Angeline Murry introduced the guest speaker, Hopkins of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church of Detroit.

Hopkins, however, is no stranger to Toledo. A mem-



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ber of the inaugural Libbey High School Hall of Fame in 1996, Hopkins earned her undergraduate degree in education from Ohio University and her masters in education from Wayne State University in Detroit.

During her career in education, Hopkins established

two schools - the Mae Jemison Academy, a Detroit Public School, and the Detroit Academy of Arts and Science, a charter school.

She is also a licensed real estate agent with more than 30 years of experience.

Sunday's service ended with Reflections by Sis. Mar-

garet Brown, chairman of the Women's Day committee, and of course a benediction by the pastor.

Third Baptist Church was established 142 years ago in Toledo and has been at its Pinewood location since 1913 - hence the title "historic" is aptly chosen.



Women's Day Speaker Schylbea Jean Hopkins



Schylbea Jean Hopkins, Pastor Kevin Bedford and Laneta Goings

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# Grace Presbyterian Church's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Day: "Women of Grace ... Moments of Grace"

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

"God appointed the sinless Christ to take our sin, that we might know God's grace and believe the good news," read the Assurance of Pardon at Grace Presbyterian Church's 27<sup>th</sup> annual Women's Day during which the theme was, appropriately, "Women of Grace ... Moments of Grace."

The Grace Presbyterian Women's Association sponsor a number of church and community events yearly. Some of these events include:

Michigan. Last October, for example, Grace women were in charge of the tremendously successful 100<sup>th</sup> birthday luncheon for Art Tatum at the church.

Last Sunday's - May 16 - celebration and service was sponsored by the Grace Presbyterian Church Women's Association. For over 25 years, the congregation has enjoyed the message delivered by guest speakers such as Cecelia Adams, Ph.D., Shenikwa Stratford, Linni



*Grace Presbyterian Church's Women's Day Committee and Guest Speaker Radford*



*Pastor Langston Bannister and Rev. Ruby Radford*

Family Fun Night, educational tours, fun shopping trips and other trips of interest to

Willis, Juanita Price, Eloise Carey, Jean Overton, Elizabeth Bannister, Edrene Cole

and Judy Jackson May, Ed.D. This year's guest speaker was Rev. Ruby Radford of Third Baptist Church of Toledo. Radford's message to the Grace congregation was entitled "A Gracious Cup of

Real-Tea" and based on the theme of the Women's Day Celebration - "Women of Grace ... Moments of Grace."

The congregation was enthralled by the speaker's positive energy. All women of Grace Pres-

byterian Church are members of the National Presbyterian Women's Organization.

## Central Catholic Student Wins National Achievement Scholarship

*Special to The Truth*



Central Catholic High School senior Adrienne Harmon has been selected as the winner of a National Achievement Scholarship for \$2,500. The National Achievement Scholarship Program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

More than 160,000 students entered the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program, and Harmon is one of just 700 recipients of this National Achievement Scholarship.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition established in 1964 to honor scholastically talented black American youth, and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding participants in

each annual competition.

Harmon will attend Northwestern University in the fall to study film, television and theater writing and production.

During her high school years, she participated in the Marching and Pep Band, the Irish Dance Team, the National Honor Society, Book and Poetry Clubs, Children's Theater Workshop, was named a Central Catholic Regent's Scholar and co-wrote, directed, filmed and produced a 54-minute film titled *Gift of the Anillo*.

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# NOBMA Honors Those in the News and a Few of Its Own

(Continued from Page 5)

and emphasized the importance of the black newspaper and the black church.

"As an African-American woman, there are two things I look for first, a church and the black newspaper," she said. "They play such an important role in the community and have been there when no one else was."

The group category winners were The Source and the Toledo Council of Black Nurses, Inc.

Eric Walker, executive director of The Source, received



ABC's Kristian Brown and Alexis Means



Wanda Butts



Rhonda Sewell and Sharon Green Gaines



Doni Miller and Deborah Barnett

the award and thanked his staff, a number of whom were present.

A trio of founders – Daisy Smith, Donna Todd and Mary Gregory – established the Toledo Council of Black Nurses in 1980 and accepted the award.

"We recognized the importance of promoting health for minorities especially back in the day and teaches those who wanted to learn how to stay healthy," Smith said. "We are volunteers, we love what we do and we promote quality."

The Media Achievement Award for 2010 went to Doni Miller.

Miller, the host of Sunday morning show *Bridges* was a previous NOBMA Impact Newsmaker Award recipient in 2004. Her show, shown on Channel 13 ABC, has become the focal point for the discussion of those social and economic issues affecting people in the Toledo area.

Lastly, David L. Zamichow, president and general manager of WTVG Channel 13 ABC, was honored for his efforts to uphold the representation of minorities on the airways while maintaining a consistently strong showing in the ratings. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"One thing I do know about a Lifetime Achievement award is that you get the uniqueness in quality from the people you surround yourself with," he said.

Every honoree received a standing ovation and much applause.

Meadows closed out the event with remarks and reminder to those newsmakers to do even more in the community.

Reverend Donald Perryman of Center of Hope Church and a columnist for *The Truth* closed the proceedings with the Benediction.

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# Court-Appointed Special Advocate and Citizens Review Board Volunteers Honored at CASA/CRB Awards Banquet

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On Thursday evening April 22 about 150 people gathered at a special dinner at The Toledo Club to celebrate CASA's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and honor the citizen volunteers of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and CRB (Citizens Review Board) who last year donated over 16,000 volunteer hours to the abused and neglected children served by the Juvenile Court.

The evening honored the 223 CASA volunteers and 23 CRB volunteers and ended with a special awards ceremony. Donald Brooks received the **CASA Rising Star Award** for his excellent advocacy for our community's abused and neglected children and dedication to the CASA program. This annual award is made to a novice CASA volunteer during his or her first two years of service.

Brooks came to CASA at the invitation of his friend and fellow pastor, William Lucas. In describing Brooks, Lucas County CASA Director Carol Martin said, "From the initial interview, to reading his references to watching him as a trainee, we knew we had found a special man who would be a special CASA. Donald is a compassionate man who quickly won the trust of his CASA kids. In his quiet, steady way he relentlessly advocated for their needs."

**Lucas County CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocate), a non-profit organization that has operated in Lucas County since 1980, is one of the oldest and most respected of the 1000 CASA programs nationwide. CASA volunteers are ordinary citizens who are trained to investigate and monitor child abuse cases. CASA volunteers work for the Juvenile Court judges and are sworn officers of the court. CASA's mission is to advocate so that child victims find safe, permanent, nurturing homes and do not get lost in the child welfare system.

There continues to be a great need for additional volunteers. For volunteer information on becoming a CASA volunteer or a volunteer member of the Citizen Review Board, call the CASA office located in downtown Toledo at the Juvenile Justice Center, 1801 Spielbusch Ave., at 419-213-6753 or email [casainfo@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:casainfo@co.lucas.oh.us).

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## Book Review

### The Winner's Brain by Jeff Brown and Mark Fenske (with Liz Neporent)

c.2010, DaCapo Press \$25.00 / \$31.95 Canada 226 pages

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
The Truth Contributor

Your colleague is kicking your tail.

Nobody can touch him; he's like a non-stop Super Hero. He outsells you, outperforms you, outdoes everything you do. He even outwits you sometimes and though you hate to whine about it – what's with this guy, anyhow?

Looks like your colleague has harnessed the power of what's in his cranium, and as **Jeff Brown and Mark Fenske (with Liz Neporent)** write in *The Winner's Brain*, you can do it, too.

As you've probably noticed with that tail-kicking colleague, a winner's brain doesn't work like other brains. Winner's brains can tune out distractions. They can adapt with what seems like a click of a switch, and they do it all so effortlessly.

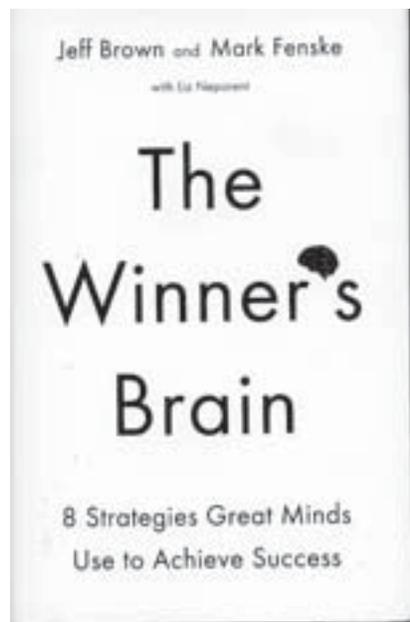
According to the authors, there are five traits that set notable people apart from the rest of us. The traits – called **BrainPower Tools** – are Opportunity Radar (ability to spot opportunity); Optimal Risk Gauge (ability to assess good and bad risk); Goal Laser (honing in on goals); Effort Accelerator (ability to boost effort quickly) and Talent Meter (recognition of talent or lack thereof).

But before you start feeling discouraged, remember that there is good news. If your **BrainPower Tools** are weak, you can strengthen them with eight strategies:

Know who you are with **Self Awareness**. Once you know who you are, you can better understand others and be more authentic.

"Make your own good fortune" with **Motivation**, but keep in mind that rewards sometimes backfire.

Cultivate the ability to narrow your **Focus** and learn to be patient. Good things really do come to those who



wait.

Learn to achieve Emotional Balance by recognizing emotions in yourself and others. That helps you gain empathy.

Use your senses to enhance Memory. Surprise trick: point at what you want to remember. Actions help the brain retain.

Embrace Resilience and Adaptability. They help you bounce back no matter what life throws at you.

And finally, don't forget **Brain Care**. Feed your brain by eating right; staying active, surprising yourself, inspiring your brain, getting a good night's sleep, and yes, having a little caffeine.

I had mixed feelings about *The Winner's Brain*.

Authors Jeff Brown (a cognitive-behavioral psychologist) and Mark Fenske (a neuroscientist) give their readers an easy-to-grasp tour of the brain and its basic func-

tions, as well as a wealth of exercises to help grow neurons and "re-route" them as needed. In that regard, the hard-science approach that this book takes is useful to anyone who strives to overcome modern adversity in business.

As I was reading this book, though, I couldn't help but feel as if I'd read it before. And therein lies the problem: *The Winner's Brain* is a lot like all the other books in this genre. Yes, it's helpful but, no, nothing here screams "NEW" to me.

I think, if you're not overloaded with "your brain at work" books, this is an excellent introduction to the subject. But if you've already read two or three books of this ilk, *The Winner's Brain* is just going to make you whine.



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On Tuesday evening, May 11, at the Gladieux Meadows from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., the Board of the TPS Foundation hosted the "Salute to Scholars: A Celebration of Learning."

According to the Foundation's literature, this affair is in honor of the "educators and students for their hard work, imagination and persistence in following their dreams to reality. They lift the spirits of their fellow students and educators."

To begin the night, Edna Robertson, president of the TPS Foundation Governing Board, welcomed the

guests, explained the history of the Foundation and introduced the board of the Foundation. She spoke of how a TPS education can be rewarding.

"I only wish that someone would tell the story straight because we have a lot to be proud of," said Robertson. "We must do that because this is the future, not just for the children and the young people today, this is for their sisters and brothers and their children and grandchildren."

President of the Toledo Board of Education Bob Vasquez and TPS Superintendent John Foley gave welcomes on behalf of the school district. There were tributes on behalf of Foley, who is resigning, by Vasquez and Robertson, about their experience working and being in his company during his 33 years of service.

Deborah Barnett, a Foundation trustee, introduced the evening's keynote speaker, Crystal Ellis. He

was the district superintendent from 1991-1996.

Ellis has an abundance of honors ranging from recently being named one of 100 most prominent alumni at Bowling Green State University to being the first African-American to play basketball for BGSU.

He spoke of his experiences and lessons in the education field. He recognized educators, parents and those who support the public education system because without that support, the students would not have that motivation and influence for their dreams.

To add to the message, Ellis chose little selections from H. Jackson Brown, Jr.'s book, *Life's Little Instructions Book*, such as "Talk slow, but think quick" or "When you lose, don't lose the lesson."

He said that these are little boards that aid and assist the academic core curriculum, which to him, are just as important for life.

He closed with a quote from Franklin D. Roosevelt:

"You cannot always build a future for our youth but you can help build our youth for the future."

Then came the announcing of the grants and scholarships.

This year's grants totaled \$116,535, which included \$6,000 for student enrichment funds (\$4,000 is for transportation for fourth graders to attend a Toledo Symphony Concert and \$2,000 goes to the construction of Waite High School's new gym).

There was an endowment gift of \$21,131.50 from Ruth (Roberts) Thomas Sr., a longtime TPS math teacher at Robinson Middle School and Stewart Elementary School. The other endowment of \$27,500 from Lucas Metropolitan Housing Authority added to the LMHA Larry Sykes "What's Your Dream?" Scholarship Fund.

There were 75 students and three educators honored during the evening with a total of 84 scholarships awarded.

To begin the award seg-

ment of the evening, three sixth-graders were presented with money towards their college tuition. Next up were the educators, and they were given grants from Aflac for programs they were trying to establish at their high school. The three programs are after-school math tutoring, an anatomy and physiology field trip to The University of Toledo's Gross Anatomy Lab for the students at Waite and an obesity prevention program at Libbey.

The final grouping was for the graduating seniors of the various public high schools, the Toledo Technology Academy, Toledo Early College High School and the Polly Fox Academy.

The awards were arranged by degrees such as accounting and music education or were general scholarships from universities and foundations.

The representatives of the various scholarships introduced the recipients by relating something about their high school career in-

cluding extracurricular activities and what made the students were qualified to receive the awards. The night ended with remarks by Robertson and her thanks to parents, students and award donors.

The TPS Foundation began in 1999 in an effort to give outstanding and deserving graduating seniors college scholarships to continue their education in their chosen field.

The goals of the foundation are to "provide scholarships to outstanding and deserving students to create the community leaders of tomorrow, support creative and innovative projects developed by educators to stimulate student excellence, build the endowment to generate perpetual funds for excellence and provide funds to support an enhanced learning environment."

Their mission is to promote quality public education through supplemental funding for programs, scholarships and academic initiatives.

**WHERE I'M FROM: A Little Trip Around the Glass City**

By Michael Hayes  
Minister of Culture



**SOUTHSIDE**  
This area raised me until a pre teen basically. Not SOUTH TOLEDO, the Southside is everything south of Dorr St. from Detroit St. to downtown. I grew up on Ann's Barbecue. Got sent to the store on my bike to Bobby Howards, the Early Bird and J.R.'s as a kid in the 80's.

The only sport I've ever been good at is track and, before winning a few awards at

N.Y.S.P. summer games, I went to the state level in the Hershey games for the 100m.

Guess where I practiced? Up and down the 600 block of Lucas St. right behind Belmont and some days at Savage/City Park. One of only two families on my street with two parents, my dad would help me train.

One of the biggest drug dealers in the city was a close friend of the fam and 4<sup>th</sup> of July on our street was better than downtown because he splurged for all the kids to have the best fireworks money could buy.

I had cousins in the nearby projects of Brand Whitlock and Port Lawrence.

Saw my first chalk outline in the Brands, learned how to run across I75 to the P.L.'s without getting hit, and had fights, girlfriends and friends in both P.J.'s.

Back in my neighborhood, it was all about if you went to Pickett or Stewart.

I went to Ella P. Stewart, and before graduating from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade in 1990 I was a crossing guard, and every year like clockwork I'd be on the honor roll but still get suspended for behavior and such.

After school, I'd come home and go in my room

and play the drums but then I'd get nervous when a few people would gather out in front of my house to listen. The Frederick Douglass Center playground, watching Chevies and Cadillaacs bump the Geto Boys music up and down Nebraska Ave. and attending St. Stephens A.M.E. on City Park is how I spent my elementary years.

**X BLOCK**

After a brief layover in the Old West End with my Aunt Sandy, I spent seventh to 12<sup>th</sup> grade in a neighborhood now known as X Block. A small park we called Dirt Court was the place to be seen even though it was at times violent. A friend of mine was shot during a drive-by up there one summer. The E.C.G. Crip gang was the ruling elite all along Central Ave. from Glenwood over to Cherry St. and north to Berdan but G.G.C. and Scottwood Cartel were there too.

Always thought it was funny our closest store was called Safeway (Detroit St. & Highland) but the gang-infested early 90s kept my neighborhood booming with activity I wouldn't exactly describe as "safe"...

Some of my best memories come from O.W.E. Jr. High. Once again, if my name was being mentioned for Honor Roll I was usually sitting in B.I.C. when it was called.

Our rivalry with Robinson Jr. High was fun, but got out of hand because of gang tensions. A member of the choir, a drummer in the band and hiding things in my locker that could've got me in serious trouble is how I spent those years at "o dub."

I don't know why To-

ledo has this fixation with kicking it at the gas station but Cherry St. & Central Ave. had BP and Hy Miler plus a Rally's all right there. Shoot outs at the gas station? Yup! Got so bad they closed that gas station.

It wasn't all Menace II Society stuff tho, I hit up Kent Branch on the regular and one night Corey, Rick and Marcus and I snuck into the 300 Club on Collingwood and saw our first strippers at age 15. X Block is now called that because X Boone is no longer with us, and if I had to shout out everyone from that part of my youth who impacted me it would take forever.

But I was always straddling that line between where I'm from and where I'm headed. At 16, Mayor Carty Finkbeiner chose Rick and me to be on his radio program

to discuss things we were doing for the city and once I told him what part of Toledo I was from he mentioned that a TPD police paddy wagon had been stolen there recently and I just nervously laughed it off and changed

the subject.

The neighborhoods of Toledo that raised me did have a lot of negativity.

But they also had many hard working families who added to the community.

People who worked jobs, owned homes, focused on education and helped the hood feel like extended family.

Things were bad in the 90's in this city, but for some reason I had pride about where I came from. I have pride that I am a Scott and UT graduate. My mom and dad's legacy of artistic involvement in this city has always given me pride. I see many people doing their part and making moves that would cause any Toledoan to hold his/her head just a little bit higher.

But mostly, I see a severe crisis of self esteem.

The kind of hole in a person that seeks to fill itself by finding fault in others.

Toledo, you should be proud we have a tough mayor, he still has a lot to prove but his standing up to the police earned him

points in my book.

Toledo, you should be proud of Crystal Bowersox because she has brought more integrity to that show than anyone in recent memory.

Toledo, you should be proud ... because feeling messed up is only to leave our city more messed up.

Find something good to say about your city, I dare you.

Because even though I'm probably going to use the first check I get from producing music to leave this place, I'm always going to rep where I'm from. Peace.

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# Indiana Avenue MBC Inducts Eight into Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

Sojourner's Truth Staff

The 29th annual Senior Citizens' Prayer Breakfast at Indiana Avenue Missionary Baptist Church took place on Saturday, May 15 as dozens of the congregation's seniors gathered to feast on eggs, grits, hash browns, sausage and bacon and to recognize the accomplishments of eight of their group who were inducted into the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

The inductees themselves had not been told of their selection and were all gratefully surprised when their names and achievements were shared with the audience.

The celebration, whose theme was "Being Faithful in Declaring the Good News of

God's Faithfulness from Generation to Generation," started with a welcome from the mistress of ceremonies, Blanche Curtis, who would later in the program register her own surprise at being named one of the inductees, and then moved onto the breakfast buffet.

After the meal, Deacon Jonathan Whitlock offered the keynote address in which he informed his audience that being in "your golden years can benefit those of this generation."

Whitlock advised his listeners to use their collective wisdom to help the younger generations.

"Our young people need to hear more of us speaking



(L. to r.) Maxine Flornoy, Clara Jackson, Rev. John Roberts, Deacon Jonathan Whitlock, Florence Butts and Jean Williams

correct their mistakes."

Following the Whitlock's words, the honorees were announced - introduced by Leroy Bates, Robert Goree and committee members Florence Butts and Maxine Flornoy.

This year's honorees - the fifth class of those inducted into the Hall of Fame - were: Trustee Matthew Gray for business; Trustee Jim Johnson, Jr. for caregiving; Deacon Aaron Wizen for community service; Sis. Ethel Files for mentoring, Curtis for medicine/health; Sister Patricia Gurley for religion; Sister Letha Goree for volunteerism and Brother Herman Thomas for special-servanthood.

This year's breakfast committee was led by Chairman Clara Jackson and included Butts, Flornoy and Jean Williams.



Front Row Ethel Files, Letha Goree and Blanche Curtis; Standing Rev. John Roberts, Matthew Gray, Jim Johnson, Jr., Aaron Wizen

the word of God - tell them strictly about what Jesus is doing in 2010 - right now," he

said. "Convert those golden years into active years to let ... this younger generation

## Accelerated Foster Care and Adoption Classes Begin in June

### Lucas County Children Services Seeking Foster and Adoptive Families

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Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) is making it easy for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents to attend its upcoming free training classes.

An accelerated training session takes place on six consecutive weekdays, from June 21 through June 28. The all-day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) classes cover two topics each day. To register for

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