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# Color Him Father: The Provider

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

The Truth Contributor

*Family faces are ... mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present, and future.*

- Gail Lumet Buckley



David Fleetwood

Each generation of young black people must learn to navigate the “negative aspects of minority status,” a treacherous terrain laden with perils lying in wait to snatch possibilities, opportunity and even life itself from the young and vulnerable.

The fact is, that if children – young males in particular – are to complete the journey successfully and productively, then they desperately need responsible and loving biological, adopted or cultural fathers to help them meet the challenges of what has become a fatherless black community.

I had the honor of speaking with David Fleetwood, business manager and secretary/treasurer of Laborers Local 500, who shared with me his memories and thoughts about the meaning of black fatherhood.

**Perryman:** Thank you for taking the time to talk with me. What kind of memories do you have of your father?

**Fleetwood:** My biological father and my mother broke up when I was about three years old but the man that raised me since I was aged three is whom I call my father. He’s now a bishop from the church that I grew up in and what I remember is that he always provided for us. Now that I’m an adult I can see how he used to walk to work and then walk back home. He wasn’t much on having fatherly conversations until I got grown, but he always provided.

**Perryman:** Looking back, what impression did that leave on you?

**Fleetwood:** The one thing I’ve learned from him is about going to work. And also, we always did everything as a family. We’d eat together in the evenings; we’d go to the grocery store together. My mother would go in the store and all six of us would sit in the backseat. We were never allowed to spend the night at anybody’s house; they kept us close and kept us protected. Every day my father would work all day and then he’d come around the corner at 5 or 6:00 with his six-pack in his hand and he’d be at home and that’s the one thing I remember the most from him at that time is that he provided.

We didn’t have a real good relationship when I was younger because I had a biological daddy. I had a Santa Claus daddy that I went to see every Christmas and every summer vacation, but the older I get the more I realize that my adopted dad was my father and now that I’m grown we have a great relationship and I make sure I take him out to eat every Sunday, I try to take care of everything that they need. He wasn’t just married to my mother; he was married to all of us. He made sure that we ate; he made sure we all got all that we needed. He was a good guy. And then he accepted the Lord when

I was coming out of high school and now he’s a pastor and a bishop, but he wasn’t saved back then and I think we needed for him not to be saved because he needed to get a hold of us. God sent me just what I needed. And I love him to death now.

**Perryman:** There is a generation of boys and young men who cry, if not outwardly, then with silent angry tears or by acting out with negative behavior. What would you tell young men today about fatherhood?

**Fleetwood:** I would tell a young man today that if you have a father that loves you enough to tell you the truth, to correct you, then you’ve been blessed. Because a father that’ll tell you the truth and don’t mind chastising you and is not trying to be your friend, that’s probably the reason why I’m alive today. There were certain things we just wouldn’t try to do because we knew he was going to be there, he didn’t miss a thing. He loved us enough to pay attention, even though he wasn’t our real dad and we knew it, and we looked at him like that, but it didn’t stop him from doing his job. The whole time I lived at my mother’s house, I never thought it was but one man in that house because we had a lot to get into in Patterson, New Jersey, where I grew up, but we didn’t do it. We had to be in the house at a certain time, we had to do chores as soon as we were tall enough to reach over the sink, we washed dishes, and it made me the person I am today. A father can do things for young men that a mother can’t do. And so if you’ve got one, you’d better hold on to him, you better listen to him.

**Perryman:** Whether they’re a biological dad or not, right?

**Fleetwood:** That’s right. And so I thank God for mine and I revered and I feared.

**Perryman:** Revered and feared.

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## The Sojourner's Truth

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## Community Calendar

### May 30/June 28

Main Library Community forum about the ways the renovated Library space can best be used to provide lifelong learning and opportunities: 6 to 8 pm; Huntington Room; Each forum will build on community discussions from preceding forum/s, so attending all three forums will provide you with the broadest understanding of the renovation. However, if you are only able to attend one or two forums, your input will still make a difference! Areas of discussion will include:

- Overview of project and key decision points
- Serving community needs during Main Library's temporary closure
- How to use the new spaces following renovation

Discussions will be interactive, including the Library sharing information and seeking information from participants. The information shared and feedback provided will be shared on the Library's website (LINK) along with a tool for people unable to attend the meetings to submit feedback

### June 19-22 & 24

Greater St. Mary's MBC 93rd Church Anniversary: 7 pm nightly – Mon – Fri; Monday Pastor Willie Knighten and Northwestern MBC; Tuesday – Pastor Frank Sherman and Servants' Heart Christian Church; Wednesday – Pastor Venson Simpson and the Shiloh MBC; Thursday – Pastor Sylvester Rome and Tabernacle MBC; Friday – Pastor Nathan Madison and Fourth Street MBC of Lima; Sunday at 5 pm – Pastor Curley Johnson and St. Mark's MBC: 419-973-4157

### June 24

New Prospect Baptist Church Anniversary Month: 4:00 p.m., Fourth St. Baptist Church will be the guest, Rev. Nathan Madison, Pastor

# Trump's Flag Wrapping...Redux

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

Well, it is now clear how Herr Trump is going to conduct his campaign for the Republicans during their midterm elections and, if he is not impeached or indicted, the same strategy will be used for a future 2020 presidential run.

True to form, Herr Trump will, with all malice aforethought, like a true con, wrap himself in the folds of the American flag and prance around before his base voters and watch them howl to the moon and back!

As we have seen, Herr Trump has no shame. He has no ideology. He has no moral compass. All he has is himself and from what we have ascertained of that self, it is woefully inept, moronic and devoid of compassion and good taste.

Herr Trump is getting a big boost from his recent jabbings at the NFL champion, the Philadelphia Eagles for their collective refusal to give him any goodie points by being seen with him in a self serving photo op at the White House.

Even recently, both the Cavaliers and the Warriors basketball teams have already put Herr Trump on notice that whoever wins the series, that team will not stain their victory by being identified with a race baiter and race hater.

So. What does Herr Trump do? He hastily gathers together a small military assembly of singers and a quickly convened audience to hear and watch the military singers sing God Bless America and The National Anthem.

But lo and to no one's surprise, the Commander-In-Chief does not even know the words to those two songs! Yes, if you watch the videos, Herr Trump is seen lip synching or not singing at all.

That is how much of a moron he is that he did not take the time to learn the words to the first verses of both songs but rather he stands there like a scarecrow and tries to fake it with his lips moving...now and then.

A total con job!

But for Herr Trump such matters are of no consequence. He will simply call it fake news that he did not know the words.

For Trump, there is bigger fish to fry and that is he has found a new weapon by which to attack his opponents in his cultural wars and that will be the weaponization of the American flag.

Knowing that the highly vaunted tax cut bill only truly benefited the very rich and wealthy, Trump needs a new horse to lead the Republican charge in the mid terms and it will be along the lines of, "If you don't stand for the national anthem, you are not worthy of being in this country!"

Herr Trump knows that his base will hop on that hot band wagon and ride it until the wheels fall off. That is how crass he is and that is how intellectually marginalized his base is if they believe that con job.

And sadly, they will believe it and accept it and his comrade in arms, to wit: Fox News will spew forth that gibberish and broadcast and rebroadcast his idea of what America should look ...him and his base.

To say that racism is experiencing a strong resurgence in America is an understatement.

Now, with the advent of cell phone cameras, practically it seems that every incident of foul racial hatred is being uploaded to social media including blatant police assaults on people of color and some white folks being emboldened by Trump's racial hostilities to act in a similar fashion.

I have even heard that Republican air head Rick Santorum has said on national news that former President Obama is partly responsible for this rise in back lash racism because Obama spoke out when he commented on victims of police misconduct being minorities.

In other words, Santorum was saying Obama should have shut up when he commented on racial profiling and the unjust murder of black males and since, he did not do so, some white people now have the license to retaliate in order to nullify Obama's presence and his pronouncements on race.

That is the type of inane logic that so many Republicans use in order to discredit Obama and justify the extremes of Herr Trump.

When any person can say that Neo-Nazi's are good people, America is in deep do-do since too many people take their social cues from the occupant of the White House; and for Herr Trump, he is not only bleating out racist dog whistles but is also using a bull horn to tell his base, "I got you covered!"

The virulent stain of America, it unspeakable and horrendous record of slavery and its progeny of Jim Crow, is cropping up again and Herr Trump

has no misgivings is using it and the flag as a battering ram to move America back...not forward.

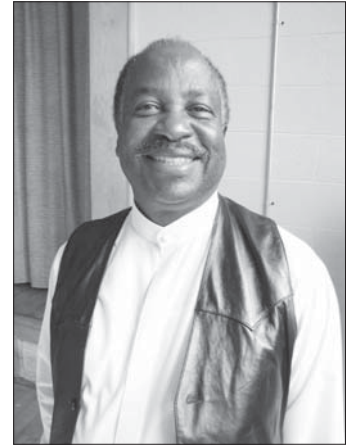
If anyone is of the notion that Herr Trump is a uniter and is a man of compassion or is even a poor student of history, they are delusional at best.

Trump has offered no clues whatsoever that he has a modicum of understanding the history of this country. He is determined at any costs to make America white again.

P.S.: Don't be beguiled by Herr Trump's recent attempts to pardon Jack Johnson or even Muhammad Ali or he asking black football players to give him suggestions on whom to pardon. This is a cheap parlor trick to have gullible black folks think that Trump has turned over a new leaf in race relations.

Hogwash!

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# Ashford announces passage of House Bill 123

*Ashford, Koehler's predatory lending bill receives favorable passage*

State Rep. Michael Ashford (D-Toledo) this week announced the passage of House Bill (HB) 123, which addresses predatory lending and closes the loopholes used by credit services organizations in the State of Ohio. The bill, joint-sponsored with Rep. Kyle Koehler (R-Springfield), passed out of the House today 69-14 with bipartisan support.

HB 123 will aggressively address the predatory loans that range from 500-600 percent interest on short-term loans," said Ashford. "Borrowers in the state of Ohio pay almost \$900 billion in interest, which takes money out of their pockets. Back in 2008, 70 percent of voters passed a bill to reform payday lending. However, the payday lenders found a loophole to operate in current law. This legislation has garnered the support of coalitions across the state.

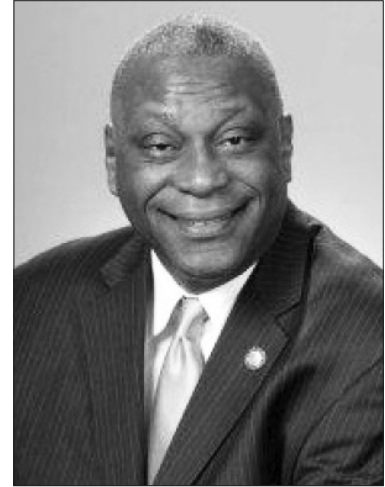
"In Ohio, it is estimated that 10 percent of the adult population (roughly 1 million people) have used a payday loan – which is the fourth highest rate in the United States. Ohio's market consists of more than 650 payday loan storefronts in 76 of Ohio's 88 counties, 90 percent of which are owned and operated by companies that do business in other states.

"In 2008, the state legislature took the first step to check a runaway industry hell-bent on nickel-and-diming families out of whatever hard-earned money they could scrape up through the ballot initiative Referendum 5 and Sub HB 545, which was signed into law in June of 2008. Through these efforts, we capped interest rates at 28 percent and added a number of other important consumer protections. Voters overwhelmingly approved by 80 percent. Today, polls have shown out of likely Ohio voters, 78 percent of Republicans, 75 percent of independents and 88 percent of Democrats support stricter reforms in this industry. More than 90 percent of Ohioans believe that payday installment loans common today – borrowing \$400 for a fee of \$350 paid back over three months – is completely unfair.

"Modeled after legislation passed in Colorado in 2010, HB 123 is commonsense legislation that looks out and protects Ohio's most vulnerable communities, who rely on small loans to provide for their families and to make ends meet. Sixty-nine percent of first time borrowers use the loan for

recurring bills (including rent or utilities) while just 16 percent deal with an unexpected expense such as a car repair. Payday loans are unaffordable for most borrowers and it becomes harder not easier to make ends meet. Since the enactment of reforms, Colorado's borrowers spend 42 percent less annually on payday loans but receive more days of credit. And, by requiring more affordable payments, borrowers have seen a decline in APR rates and were able to pay off the loans within the 6-month time frame if not sooner."

HB 123 now goes to the Senate for further consideration.



Rep. Michael Ashford

## Senator Brown Testifies on Bill to Protect New Homeowners from Water Liens

Last week, state Senator Edna Brown (D-Toledo) testified on Senate Bill 75 before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The bill helps protect homeowners from facing unforeseen property liens due to a previous owner's unpaid water bills.

"Under current law, water authorities may place tax liens on a property for water bills of any age, regardless of changes in ownership to the home," said Senator Brown. "As a result, people may be unexpectedly burdened with the debts of others because the outstanding charges were not reported in a timely manner. That's simply unfair."

SB 75 provides a buyer or seller of a property the opportunity to request and pay a final water bill at the time the property is sold. A county or city would be prohibited from placing a lien on the property for water bills in arrears if none were reported at the time of purchase.

"This issue came to my attention when a homeowner in my district unknowingly had property taxes diverted to pay on a 20-year-old delinquent water bill from a previous owner," said Senator Brown. "This bill will help us protect homeowners, improve government efficiency and it's the right thing to do."



Sen. Edna Brown

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# Local Activists Condemn the Feds' Sandusky Immigration Raid

*Sojourner's Truth Staff*

On Tuesday, June 4, the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents raided the Corso's Garden Centers in Sandusky and Castalia, Ohio and detained 114 workers, all presumably undocumented workers. On Thursday, June 6, a coalition of local activists, community leaders and elected officials held a press conference to express their dismay and concern over the lack of humanity the raids represented.

The Toledo Immigrant Alliance and Rapid Response Network brought together Guisselle Mendoza McDonald of the Latino Alliance of Northwest Ohio, Baldemar Velasquez of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee and Jesus Salas of Advocate for Basic Legal Equality and Father Tony Gallagher, a retired Catholic priest.

Velasquez and Father Gallagher were particularly impassioned in their denunciations of the immigration raids.

"We need to ask ourselves if the current ICE tactics actually represent what northwest Ohio citizens think and want," said Father Gallagher. "We need to act on the words of our country's founders about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We say we are one nation under God then we need to treat immigrants as if they are truly under God and equal in dignity to the rest of us."

Velasquez, connected the Ohio ICE raids with the negative impact of trade agreements on the rural areas of Mexico. "We are reaping what we have sowed," said Velasquez. "We displace people in Mexico with our trade agreements, then we complain when rural people come here. This raid in Sandusky is unconscionable. This is about human beings and who we are as a nation."

The ICE raids on the previous Tuesday targeted the gardening and landscaping company, which is now under investigation, according to authorities. The raids left approximately 60 children without at least one parent, say those organizing assistance for the families.

According to ABLE's Salas, the legal aid agency will be part of the effort to

bring assistance. He condemned the raids as "offensive to American values."

Standing in support of the Alliance were all three Lucas County Commissioners – President Pete Gerken, Tina Skeldon Wozniak and Carol Contrada. The commissioners issued a statement questioning the action, as did a number of local officials.

McDonald condemned the raids and promised that the Alliance would continue working to assist the families affected. "This policy is heartless and must end immediately," she said of ICE's efforts to root out undocumented families and separate children from their parents.

"Let's not evolve into Germany during the 1930s and Nazism," said Velasquez at the conclusion of his remarks.



*Jesus Salas, Guisselle Mendoza McDonald, Baldemar Velasquez*

# Kaptur statement on federal immigration enforcement operation in Erie County

Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), dean of the Ohio Delegation, last week released the following statement in regards to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) action that occurred at a greenhouse and landscaping company near Sandusky, Ohio:

"We are in direct contact with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials as well as local advocates in regards to the 114 people that were questioned and in some cases detained, in yesterday's raid in Sandusky.

"My office is working to get as much information as possible and we encourage transparency from ICE officials as this process unfolds.

"In this tense environment created by an Administration intent on dividing

us, we want to make sure everything about this action is above board and that individuals are being treated with dignity and respect.

"I know many Ohioans are upset and alarmed by these actions by the government and I share their concern. We hope to share more information as it becomes available. I urge anyone to contact our regional offices if they need assistance at 800.964.4699.

"The tragic reality is agricultural workers are vulnerable and targets for those looking to exploit them. Congress must regularize the seasonal and migrant labor flow across the Americas and we must end modern-day indentured servitude that is all too commonplace."

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# Zack Space: Auditor Candidate Pushes Issues in Race for State Job

By Fletcher Word

Sojourner's Truth Editor

In what might be a tight race for a less than glamorous job, this November Zack Space will have an opportunity to do what no Democrat has done since 1994 – win an election to the Ohio Auditor of State office.

Space, a former U.S. Representative for the 18th Congressional District – which comprises 16 counties in rural southeastern Ohio – sees the Auditor's office as an opportunity to influence some key issues in the coming years. The office might not be as glamorous as other statewide positions but its influence is huge now and will expand soon.

The Auditor's office is one of five independently elected statewide offices under the Ohio constitution. The office has a staff of more than 800 auditors and other professionals and is responsible for auditing all public offices in Ohio – more than 5,000 in all – including cities, counties, villages, state universities, libraries along with state agencies, boards and commissions. The office investigates fraud and provides financial services to local governments.

Space sees the Auditor's office as an opportunity to bring an amount of reform to state government – ending corruption and serving as a watchdog for Ohio families, he says.

Space is a native of Dover, Ohio, a small eastern town. A graduate of The Ohio State University's law school, Space returned to Dover to practice law serving as a public defender and as the city's law director. He was elected to Congress in 2006 in the blue wave that carried Ted Strickland into the governor's office and gave Democrats in the U.S. Congress a majority making Nancy Pelosi the Speaker of the House. The blue wave gave way to a red wave

in 2010, sweeping out Strickland and Space. He then joined the firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease in Columbus to work with local governments, charitable organizations and the private sector to promote economic development in Ohio.

Now as he contemplates what he might accomplish in the Auditor's office, Space sees

three primary areas of concern in which in which he can make a huge difference for Ohioans, he told The Truth last week during a visit to Toledo.

First, with the new format for the state's redistricting commission, the Auditor will be one of the three state officeholders in that group (along with two legislators from each major party) "I'm going to do everything I can to end partisan gerrymandering," says Space. That's a practice, he calls, "empowering extremism."

Secondly, he sees the Auditor's office as a chance "to deal with the influence of wealth on policy."

"Money has become the most important factor in politics," says Space. Subjectivity has replaced what he says should be an objective process. Space mentions several key issues in which an Auditor can have a positive impact by eliminating abuses caused by financial greed. He mentions that Ohio's public school system has been corrupted by the charter school scandals, particularly that of ECOT (Electronic Class Room of Tomorrow) to which his opponent Keith Faber lent his support. ECOT has been accused of taking \$1 billion in state education funding over the course of 18 years. Faber has received more than \$34,000 campaign donations from the company.

Space also is lending his voice to the pay day lending issue that has gained so much attention recently. Ohio is reputed to have the highest average pay day lending interest rates in the nation – as high as 591 percent. Ten years ago the legislature made a half-hearted attempt to rein the companies in, but they got around the laws by simply re-titling their businesses. The legislature is making another attempt now.

Space also believes that the Auditor's office can have an impact on the way the state budget is drawn. During these Republican years, the state has decreased payments back to local governments through the budget.

The criminal justice system is another area of concern to Space as the state turns to privatization of prisons creating another source of wealth for such companies at the expense of the taxpayer.

The third major area in which Space feels the Auditor's office can operate to the benefit of Ohio's citizen is in its primary function – that of audits. "I intend to use those powers in a creative way," he says, noting, for example, that auditing Medicaid operations can determine why state agencies have not been able to make headway against the devastating opioid epidemic.

Space is starting his campaign for the general election with some ground to make up. In the primary election, Space – unopposed for the Democratic nomination – garnered 508,131 votes. His Republican counterpart, Faber – a member of the House of Representatives from the Ohio 84th District for the past two years, who spent the previous eight years in the Ohio Senate – earned 611,729 votes.

Clearly Space will be hoping on the typical Democratic increased turnout in a general election, along with his ability to keep voters' focused on his major issues and Faber's huge ECOT blemish.

"We can move the needle in the right direction to restore confidence in the government," he says.



Zack Space

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# Tips to Prevent Summer Brain Drain

Special to *The Truth*

Studies show that summer brain drain can be a formidable force, setting kids' progress back over the long break from the classroom. But you can help kids avoid losing their academic mojo. Here's how.

- **Take a Hike:** Not all learning has to happen indoors or while sitting still. Take a family nature walk and ask kids to pay special attention to the plant and animal species you encounter on your journey, as well as any special rock formations or other geological features you see, taking notes and photographs as you go. Once back home, do some research about the most interesting things that you saw.
- **Make Music:** Music education is important for budding minds, and learning music at home in summer can be easy and affordable. Stock your household with a portable keyboard designed for students in mind. For example, the CT-X700 boasts a high-quality sound system, as well as features that are perfect for student musicians, like a six-track recorder, a library of 100 built-in songs, and the Step-Up Lesson system, which allows students to learn the songs with the display showing proper fingering and notation. Its USB-MIDI port connects to any Mac, PC, Android or iOS device with no drivers or installation needed. The included music rest is designed to support tablets, and the built-in smartphone shelf holds your device as you use the keyboard with favorite music apps.
- **Read Outdoors:** Summer is the perfect opportunity for students to delve deep into what interests them most. Make a day of it. First stop: the library or bookstore, where kids can find reading materials dealing with their fa-

vorite topics. Then, pack a picnic lunch and find a shady spot in a local park or your own backyard, to read outdoors. At the end of the day, everyone can discuss what he or she read.

- **Math Fun:** Make math more fun with a free, all-in-one web-based mathematics resource like Classpad.net, that allows users to draw geometry figures freehand and input calculations as they would on real scratch paper. Geared for K-12+ mathematics students, the app is designed to be equally usable by keyboard/mouse and touchscreen-based platforms, so that students can keep up their math skills wherever their summer adventures take them.
- **Take a Vacation:** Going somewhere new and interesting? In advance of your trip, have kids spend some time learning about the history and culture of your destination. If you're going abroad, they can even learn some basics of a foreign language.

To keep minds active all summer long, be sure to combine learning and fun.

Courtesy StatePoint

# Voting Rights Advocate Ohio Rep. Alicia Reece responds to SCOTUS Ohio voter purge approval

Voting rights advocate Ohio state Rep. Alicia Reece (D-Cincinnati) this week issued the following statement in response the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold Ohio's controversial practice of blocking citizens from voting by cancelling their voter registration:



State Rep. Alicia Reece

"Today's decision is in direct conflict with who we are as Americans and what we stand for around the world: free and fair democratic elections. It is disappointing that Ohio would go to such great lengths to make voting harder instead of easier. Citizens should be able to exercise their most fundamental freedom as they see fit without fear of being denied their sacred right as an American. As Ohio continues to be ground zero for extreme, partisan voter discrimination laws, we must fight for a better way - one where our most fundamental freedom is put into our state constitution and taken out of the hands of partisan politicians."

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# Toledo Community Foundation Announces Recipients of Buckeye Broadband/Telemundo and TV One Scholarships

The Board of Trustees of Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Buckeye Broadband Telemundo and TV One Scholarships.

**Italia Fernandez** (South Toledo) from Toledo Early College High School is the recipient of a **\$1,500 Buckeye Broadband/Telemundo Scholarship**. This scholarship provides an annual, one-time award for graduating high school students of Latino heritage who are permanent residents of Buckeye Broadband's Toledo service area to attend an accredited post-secondary institution of their choice.



Italia Fernandez

**Marrissa Mangus** (North Toledo) from Waite High School is the recipient of a **\$1,500 Buckeye Broadband/TV One**



Marrissa Mangus

**Scholarship**. This scholarship provides an annual, one-time award for graduating high school students of African-American heritage who are permanent residents of Buckeye Broadband's Toledo service area to attend an accredited post-secondary institution of their choice.

Fernandez will attend The University of Toledo this fall where she plans to study bioengineering. While in high school, Fernandez participated in Young Women for Change, Spirit Club, Girls Who Code, Capture the Change, and was a member of Mock Trial and a Sex

Trafficking Conference, among other activities. Her community and volunteer experience includes work with Clean Your Streams, Special Olympics, International Festival, Adelante's Los Ninos After School Program and Summer Camp, and Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank.

This scholarship was established by Buckeye Broadband and Telemundo, one of the Spanish-language networks carried on Buckeye.

Mangus is undecided on her college choice at this time, but has an interest in focusing her studies on History and English. Active throughout her high school years, Mangus was involved in National Honor Society, Toledo Excel, Student Government and Toledo Youth Leadership. Her community service activities include volunteering for Food for Thought and Educare Daycare.

This Scholarship was established by Buckeye Broadband and TV One, a cable television network targeting primarily African American adults with a broad range of lifestyle and entertainment-oriented programming. TV One is available on Buckeye Broadband's digital channel 186 and high-definition channel 680.

Applications for the Buckeye Broadband Telemundo and TV One Scholarships of the Toledo Community Foundation are administered online at [www.toledocf.org](http://www.toledocf.org). Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year will be available on or about November 1. Scholarship awards are announced in April.

For further information about the Foundation's Scholarship program, please visit [www.toledocf.org/main/scholarships/](http://www.toledocf.org/main/scholarships/).

# Toledo Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Support Y Youth Development

Executive Director Eric Williams (third from left) accepts a check for \$1200 on behalf of Wayman D. Palmer Community YMCA from Toledo Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club representatives Lorinda McCaleb (second from left) and Earl Mack (right). Toledo City Councilman and Wayman Palmer Y supporter Yvonne Harper (left) attended the check presentation. The donation will provide Wayman

Palmer Y youth an opportunity to participate in overnight camping at YMCA Storer Camps.



Yvonne Harper, Lorinda McCaleb, Eric Williams, Earl Mack



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# The 2018 YMCA Storer Camp Scholarship Awarded to Four Third Graders

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The 2018 Lesley Harper Sr. Memorial YMCA Storer Camp Scholarships were awarded to four third graders at Ella P. Stewart Academy for Girls. Serenity Henry, Omara Howard, Siemya Turnbow and La'Ryah Lee each received a scholarship for one week of summer camp with horseback riding lessons at YMCA Storer Camps in Jackson, Michigan.

Paul D. Thomas founded the annual scholarship in 2004 in memory of Lesley Harper Sr. the late Harper was a local general contractor who employed, trained and mentored many young men and women from the central city area of Toledo, many of them went on to become very successful in business and construction.

Thomas was one of those lucky individuals that Harper trained and mentored. Thomas has been a member of the Carpenters Union for 32 years and is currently a retired Senior Representative/Business manager from the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters. Thomas sits on the Board of Directors for YMCA Storer Camps and is also a member of the YMCA Storer Camps Scholarship Committee.

Thomas chose Ella P. Stewart Academy for girls because he attended Ella P. Stewart before it became an all-girls school. He chose third graders because it is a great entry age for summer camp at Storer and his first experience at Storer summer camp was as a third grader.

The selection was made based on academics, citizenship, attendance and an essay contest.

This year's full sponsors are Laborers' Local 500 and John Tharp, Lucas County Sheriff

The contributors include the Ella P. Stewart Alumni Association, the Perry



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# Notre Dame Academy's Ada Ogbonna wins Pro-Medica Speech Contest

*The junior has won three years in a row!*

Ada Ogbonna '19 (Sylvania)(Christ the King) won the ProMedica Flower Hospital Auxiliary speech contest for the third year in a row. Each year, the Flower Hospital Auxiliary gives high school students a prompt for writing a speech around a current health issue.

This year's prompt was to speak about kids and contact sports. In 2017, Ada won second place and in 2016, she was awarded first place for her speech about the effects of heroin on teenagers and society. As the first place winner, Ada was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and gave her speech at the May 23 meeting of the Auxiliary held at the Highland Meadows Country Club in Sylvania.



Ada Ogbonna (r) presented award

# Local Women to Bring Awareness of JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the black American holiday everyone should celebrate—but we don't. Three local women, Monique TaChae, Sadora Montgomery and Whitney Banks teamed up in order to raise awareness of such an important day — African-American Independence Day. On June 18, they will host an Open Panel Discussion "For the Culture" that will include poetry, dance and networking (\$5 cover at the door) at the Collingwood Arts Center from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Then, on Juneteenth (June 19) there will be a Dashiki Day Party held from 6 p.m. to midnight at Club Agenda Sports Bar and Grill. The Dashiki Party is free and everyone is asked to come dressed in beautiful African attire, dashikis or anything that represents black culture.

The first public Juneteenth events occurred in 1866, preceding any similar commemoration of the Confederacy legacy in Texas. At these events, former slaves read the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation—subversively honoring Abraham Lincoln as the Great Emancipator at a time when white Texans saw the slain president as the destroyer of Southern "freedom"—sang spirituals, held games, and celebrated freedom. Juneteenth was made a Texas state holiday in 1980, and in 1997, Congress recognized June 19 as "Juneteenth Independence Day," after pressure from a collection of groups like the National Association of Juneteenth Lineage and National Juneteenth Celebration Foundation. This year marks the 151st anniversary of the first Juneteenth.

"Although we support most holidays consistently, I've never heard of any businesses or club promoters preparing to celebrate Juneteenth in the past years. It's surprising because Toledo has people in positions who can

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# Fedor Applauds Passage of Payday Lending Reform Legislation

State Rep. Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo) last week announced the approval of House Bill (HB) 123 by the Ohio House, legislation which reforms short-term small loan and mortgage loan laws in Ohio. More than one million Ohioans have taken out short-term loans in the last decade, many repaying more than double the principal borrowed in interest and fees alone.

"Short term loans are important for many hardworking families across our state. Payday lenders are taking advantage of people by trapping them in a vicious cycle of debt that they can't get out of, when all they needed was money to be able to survive," said Fedor. "With this legislation, lending will be fair, interest rates will be controlled and people won't be preyed upon when they need a loan to just put food on the table or pay bills."

HB 123 would allow short-term lenders to charge a maximum interest rate of 28 percent plus a maintenance fee of

up to 20 dollars. Additionally, the legislation would give borrowers extended time to repay their loans in affordable installments, not to exceed 5 percent of the borrower's paycheck, rather than in the current two week timeframe.

"The bottom line is this is about consumer protection. House bill 123 strikes a balance between protecting people in tough economic situations and ensuring payday lenders can remain in business," remarked Fedor.

Contrary to what the payday lenders have told consumers, thousands of Ohioans who utilize short-term loans every day will still have access to these service- just with more protections to ensure they do not get taken advantage of.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Rep. Teresa Fedor

# Week Long Music Camp for Refugee Teens and Children

A week-long music camp for refugee children and teens in the Toledo area from June 25-29 at Trinity Church downtown. The 36 young people currently signed up will receive some American music and tap dance instruction, including learning the song God Bless America, which was written by a refugee, and also a new song by Toledo composer Craig Thompson called Sharing A Dream, inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There will be a short, free performance to which the public is invited, on Friday June 29 at 7pm. All donations will be accepted to help refugee families in the Toledo area, including pledges of monthly support.

US Together Toledo is the official US government refugee resettlement agency here in Toledo. Over the past four years, this agency has helped 237 individuals to resettle in the area. Toledo is proud to be a welcoming community.

Trinity is a progressive, inclusive and creative Christian community helping to rejuvenate the heart of Toledo downtown.

Sara Jobin is best known as the Resident Conductor of the Toledo Sym-

phony, but she is musical director for this event as a personal project. This event is not affiliated with the Symphony.

Craig Thompson, Toledo composer, was recently recognized by the Songwriter's Guild of America for his talent and is to be featured on their homepage. One of his recent compositions, Sharing A Dream, features gospel soloists and children's chorus, and will be recorded on video at the performance. This song was inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King and is being performed as part of the 50th year anniversary commemoration of Dr. King's death.

Helle Wahhaba Larsen, Danish actress and tap dance enthusiast, is volunteering her services for the week and will be directing the theatrical element of the performance.

There may be more elements to the collaboration but they will be publicized only after they are confirmed. Volunteers and donations are welcome!

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make it happen," said Monique TaChae. "My colleagues and I enjoy event planning so we decided to take the initiative and the support has been overwhelming thus far. Most importantly our goal is to educate the community as we celebrate Juneteenth in the years to come."

Terrie Cook, local business owner of Simply D'vine Boutique will give customers 10 percent off if they come in to buy apparel and mention that they are attending the Dashiki Day Party. "It's very important that we support black businesses. Support from Simply D'Vine Boutique really motivated our team to push forward with this event and we're all very excited about bringing something different to the community," Sadora stated.

The three women encourage everyone to support by helping promote both events. You can find the two-day event page on Facebook under "Juneteenth Toledo Events". Simply D'vine Boutique is located at 3606 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo. Hours of operation are Tuesday - Friday from 12 p.m. - 6pm and Sat. from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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# Statement of Bishop Daniel E. Thomas on the Recent Immigration Action at Flower and Garden Centers in our Diocese

The Catholic Church in the United States is an immigrant Church with a long history of embracing diverse newcomers and providing assistance and pastoral care to immigrants, migrants, refugees, and people on the move. Our Church has responded to Christ's call for us to "welcome the stranger among us," for in this encounter with the immigrant, the migrant, and the refugee in our midst, we encounter Christ. This message has been consistently reinforced by the United States Catholic Bishops.

The Catholic Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all, especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. (Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity, A Statement of the U.S. Catholic Bishops).

Respecting the role of government and law enforcement, we recognize our current immigration policies are broken and are actively contributing to the suffering and separation of vulnerable families, as evidenced in the most recent large-scale immigration action at Flower and Garden Centers in Sandusky, Ohio. No matter our political persuasion, when families are broken apart, as in this raid, we should all recognize that the common good is not served.

Already, through our local parishes in Sandusky, Norwalk and through Catholic Charities outreach, we are offering pastoral care and working directly with the families affected by this extreme action. The only way forward is, together, to strongly advocate for just, comprehensive and compassionate immigration policy reform. Only this can ensure the dignity due the family

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**Fleetwood:** That's right, and it took all of that. All I know since I can remember, he was there. When I came home every day I always knew where he was. And that's what I tell my daughter, she tells me, 'you know you were strict on me.' I said to her, 'one thing about you that 90 percent of the kids in your high school can't say is that you always know where your father is.' A father is precious and I appreciate all the chastising, and I appreciate all the correction, but you don't fully understand that until you become a father. I had a good one. And he didn't mind us poking our lips out and not liking what he was saying, but he did what he was supposed to do. And that's one of the earthly reasons that I'm still here.

**Perryman:** You are a prominent individual and a leader in our community.

How would you say that your dad influenced your leadership and what you have become today?

**Fleetwood:** As a leader, as a male leader, you've got to be like a father. I've got to care about the union members I lead in a way that says to them that I'll fight for every inch I can get for them, and it don't have no bearing on how they feel about me. That's my job. My job is to get them an advantage. Because I know if they lose this union job, they may not be able to make it. So my job is to fight for them as hard as I can and when they are wrong just pull them in my office one-on-one, have lunch with them, go have dinner with them and talk to them, because today's young folks you have to not only lead them, you got to nurture them. And so I fight for them in front of others and I'll fight with them if I have to when nobody's looking.

**Perryman:** Leadership, in a sense, is not something that we choose for ourselves. For some, it is more of a 'calling.'

**Fleetwood:** Yes because leading a bunch of people will tire you out and you have to love it, you do have to be called to do it. It's almost like pastors; you've got to be called to do it. There'll be days when somebody will come to me telling me that their electricity has been turned off and that they need to go to work, so you fight for them. You know what I'm talking about!

**Perryman:** I certainly do!

**Fleetwood:** It's similar to pastoring. When members are sleeping or even having fun, you've still got them and their situation on your mind. At times you can't even hardly enjoy your own family because you've got your members on your mind. Because you know their story; you know what their family's going through; you know what kind of financial shape they're in; you

know that they don't have other sources of income and they need help. So you have to take them with you to the heavenly throne when you go for yourself.

**Perryman:** And I've witnessed first hand how you've helped many young black men with their transition to adulthood. Thank you for that.

**Fleetwood:** I help the ones that want help. I used to tell my son you don't grow up to be who you want to be, you grow up to be who you work to be.

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# Black Klansman: A Memoir by Ron Stallworth

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

You want no part of that.

In fact, the farther away you are from whatever-it-is, the happier you'll be. Nope, some things are not your friend. Some things are not good for you at all. And as you'll see in the new book *Black Klansman: A Memoir* by Ron Stallworth, some people can't resist some things like that.

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He saw the ad during an idle scan of the local Colorado Springs newspapers: "Ku Klux Klan, For Information Contact..."

As the department's first black detective, Ron Stallworth thought it might be interesting to see what would come from answering that ad. Figuring on a few pamphlets, maybe a brochure or leaflet, he wrote a note to the P.O. Box, using his real name and asking for promised information. To this day, he's still not sure why he used his name, and not one of his undercover aliases.

On November 1, 1978, he received a call on the department's undercover line.

The caller identified himself as a "local organizer" of the Ku Klux Klan who was trying to raise membership there in Colorado Springs. He asked Stallworth several questions, then invited him to meet in person; they agreed upon a time and, once they hung up, Stallworth swung into action.

He asked for permission to proceed and for a colleague's help, but was denied; sure that this could be a major matter, he went to higher authorities. He already had in mind a sharp colleague who was white and could "be" Stallworth when Stallworth needed to attend Klan events... because the real Ron Stallworth, remember, is a black man.

For the next 10 weeks or so, Stallworth and his co-detective, Chuck, worked their way into and through the Klan. They attended rallies and meetings, thwarted cross-burnings, and Stallworth spoke many times with Grand Wizard David Duke. There was certainly danger in what he'd done but mostly, because of the amateurishness of the organization he'd infiltrated and the mistaken tenants its leaders held, it was a lesson in absurdity.

"It was," says Stallworth, "as if Dennis the Menace were running a hate group."

And that pretty much sums up what you're going to find inside *Black Klansman*: a little danger, a lot of audacity and plenty of intended-unintended laughs.

Even so, this book isn't a comedy. The seriousness of what author Ron Stallworth did becomes apparent as he writes about hate groups in 1978 Colorado which, presumably, could be Any State: the tentacles of those organizations reached far and were verging on joining forces when his investigation was shut down. There were obviously different methods of word-spreading forty years ago, but in today's world of internet and cell phone, readers can easily conclude chilling parallels.

This is in the forefront of the story, but there's no denying the humor here, too. It's going to make for a great movie this August.

Before you head for theatres, be sure you've seen *Black Klansman* first. You'll want the back-story. You'll want the nuances. You'll want every part of this book.



Ron Stallworth

## Lucas County Commissioners Comment on ICE raids at Erie County Greenhouses

The Lucas County Commissioners released a statement last week on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids Tuesday at greenhouses in Sandusky and Castalia and the arrests of 114 people.

"This surprise blitz by government agents on the agricultural businesses in Sandusky and Castalia to arrest workers is an unjust and deplorable action that has created the avoidable separation of families, including many with young children.

This large scale workplace immigration raid has left children stranded without their parents and disrupted the local communities of Erie County. The effects are going to be felt for years to come. Children are wondering if they will ever see their loved ones again.

These are people who are trying to work in this county and pose no threat to American security. They may be undocumented immigrants but they still have rights and protections."

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and the human person.

Please pray with me that civil dialogue and common sense solutions will prevail when it comes to addressing our immigration policies, even as we recall the words of sacred scripture: "When the foreigner resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the foreigner. The foreigner who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the foreigner as yourself, for you were foreigners in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 19:33-34 and 24:22).



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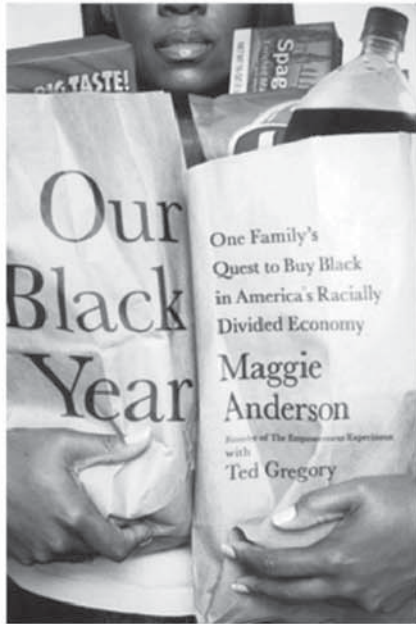
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The Arts Commission is pleased to present the June Art Loop I Craft & Culinary to take place Thursday, June 21 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Classic cars, art cars, Jeeps, and all sorts of creative machines are a part of our culture here in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. From design studios at the Big 3 to garages in nearly every neighborhood, there's an oft-overlooked art to our car culture. The June Loop features a downtown Toledo car show and special exhibitions celebrating the Art of Automobiles!

Art Loop is free and open to all. Wristbands to ride the Art Loop bus are \$1.25 and include unlimited bus rides all evening. There are over 50 creative spaces, galleries and restaurants that participate in the Art Loop each month. For additional information and complete June Art Loop offerings, see the attached release or visit [www.theartscommission.org/artloop](http://www.theartscommission.org/artloop).

Questions may be directed to Ryan A. Bunch, Communications & Outreach Coordinator, 419-254-2787 x1013, [rbunch@theartscommission.org](mailto:rbunch@theartscommission.org) or Natalie Tranelli-Jacobs, Event & Volunteer Coordinator, 419-254-2787 x1017, [njacobs@theartscommission.org](mailto:njacobs@theartscommission.org)

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**Notice to Bidders:** Inquiry # FY18-46, (Project #5002-18-1857) for Mulford Library Building Roof Replacement for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Sealed bids for this project must be clearly marked with the project number on all inner and outer envelopes and/or shipping containers. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the University of Toledo, Main Campus, Facilities and Construction, Plant Operations Room 1100, 2925 E. Rocket Drive, MS 216, Toledo, Ohio 43606 before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Bids will be publicly opened that same day at 2:05 p.m. in the Plant Operations Building, Room 1000. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Bid Forms may be obtained from Becker Impressions, 4646 Angola Road, Toledo, Ohio 43615. Call 419-385-5303 for an appointment to pick up bid package. A cost of \$55.00 will be charged per set. Any further information may be obtained from Julie Apt of Thomas Porter Architects at 419-243-2400. One Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Health Education Building, Room 227, at the University of Toledo, Health Science Campus, 3000 Arlington Avenue, Toledo, Ohio 43614. Total Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond are required per section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code. EDGE Participation Goal: 15%. Project Estimate: \$775,000.00; Breakdown: General: \$775,000.00.

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On Friday, June 22, at 4 p.m., **Col. Harold Brown, one of the few remaining Tuskegee Airmen**, will speak at the Rossford Library and sign copies of his book: *Keep Your Airspeed Up: The Story of a Tuskegee Airman*. Col. Brown served with General Benjamin O. Davis and has a fascinating account of his time as a Tuskegee Airman. A bomber-escort fighter pilot, Col. Brown was shot down, captured, and was a German POW--all before the age of 21. Liberated by General Patton's forces, Col. Brown served 23 years in the U.S. Air Force.

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# Historic Church Provides Full Week of Vacation Bible School

By Tricia Hall

Sojourner's Truth Reporter

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church held their annual Vacation Bible School for all ages, from June 4 until June 8 at the historic building located on North Detroit Avenue in Toledo. The classes were led by volunteer church members and the classes were open to church members and community residents.

At least 55 students were divided into six classes: pre-school, primary one, primary two, juniors, high schoolers, and adults. Students received prepared lesson plans based off the theme, "Glow for Jesus," and nightly fellowship meals at no cost. The week-long school concluded with a recital on Friday in the church's sanctuary.

"Vacation Bible school is still a way for people to learn about the Bible, Biblical characters and morals, and even caught up on lessons that are missed throughout the year," explained Sharon Hubbard, assistant Sunday school superintendent.

Among the 55 students was first-time attendee and grandson of Pastor and First Lady Willis, Shelby Willis. He played the role of Paul from the Old Testament during the Friday program. "I'm excited about the play, and it's going to be fun. I get to play Paul, who used to be Saul. More friends should come next year because we get healthy meals, learn about the Bible and can be better people," said the future church leader.

The Friday program started with a lively procession of all the students by their class, each class was accompanied by their volunteer instructors. Immediately following the procession was a prayer delivered by St. Paul's deacon board chairman, Deacon Gayle.

The preschool class opened the recital portion of the program by singing about lesson #6 based off the vacation Bible school theme. The primary one

class prepared a call and response presentation that focused on lesson #7, the story of Solomon and Shelba. The primary two class presented a play about lesson #8, the story of Priscilla and Aquilias. The junior class shared information from lesson #9 and important moments in black history. The high school class delivered mini-speeches about lesson #10 and the kingdom of light; while the adult class presented an overview of the entire week.

"I thank God for the instructors and the vacation Bible school leaders who were here all week. I believe the lessons taught to our children will stay with them for a lifetime. We need vacation Bible school all the time, because there is no better way to engage our children and provide them with Christian direction, than vacation Bible school," explained Rev. Willis.

The recital concluded with special presentations and acknowledgements including personalized care packages for the junior class, gratitude for all the students who donated non-perishable food items that were delivered to Caldwell food bank in North Toledo, and an announcement that each student under the age of 18 received an age-appropriate reading book donated by Books 4 Buddies.

"As I stand here and see the results from this week of work and study, this is proof of what happens when you allow God to lead. When God leads, everything is possible," said Rev. Willis.

The theme was taken from Bible scriptures from the book of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light go shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is located at 1502 North Detroit Ave in Toledo.



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