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## Local business owners open home health agency with a different spin

When Yakia Collier set out to start her own home health agency over a year ago, she knew she would have her hands full. Back in 2014, Collier and other friends and family members started offering assistance as independent workers providing services to private paying clients around the Fort Worth, Texas and Denton, Texas area. The business, A Mile of Comfort, LLC, provided services for some of the most influential and well respected people in those areas to include doctors, supervisors, and business owners.

"In 2016, we decided to form as an agency to provide our services to local residences and surrounding areas," explained Collier. That was a divine move. The agency has seen excellent growth, and with the increasing demand for personal care assistant and respite services throughout



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT) ARE J.L. CRAWFORD, LINDA CRAWFORD, YAKIA COLLIER AND DR. SHAMONICA TRUNELL.

the state of Texas, Collier is expanding into Waco.

Joining forces with her childhood friend, Dr. Shamonica Trunell, and local Anchor News owners, J.L. and Linda Crawford, Collier is ecstatic

about opening A Mile of Comfort, LLC in a second location. "I am also excited about partnering with my friend and the

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## Job fair planned for February 22

Job Fair in East Waco – A job fair can be a great way to help lower unemployment and end poverty. The Cen-Tex African-American Chamber of Commerce will offer local job seekers an opportunity to put their best foot forward at a job fair on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The job fair will be held at the City of Waco Multi-Purpose Center located at 1020 Elm Avenue, Waco, TX 76704. Employers and job seekers will enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast.

Job fairs can be a good resource while looking for a job, but they can also be overwhelming and occasionally frustrating. The Chamber is pleased to collaborate with the Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas and the Doris Miller YMCA in sponsoring this event. As an added benefit, the job fair will include a free "Job Ready Workshop" prior to the event on Tuesday, February 21, from 1:00 p.m.



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to 4:30 p.m. at the Doris Miller YMCA. Job seekers will receive interviewing tips, resume reviews and participate in mock interviews conducted by the Workforce. Esther's Closet will also provide FREE interview outfits for each woman preparing for the job fair. Esther's Closet is housed at the Chamber office located at 1020 Elm Avenue, Building 700.

For more information call the Chamber at 254.235.3204.

## Killeen's Kenya's Keys shares the love of music

BY W.B. GUNTER

Inside of a jewel of Arusha's Coffee shop, located in the heart of Belton's downtown district, vocalist and instructor, Kenya Battle, writes another book, creates several curriculum schedules, conducts her successful business, and works at a dizzying pace so flawlessly that it looks like an effortless breeze.

"Kenya's Keys" is the name of a voice and piano studio founded by its director, Takenya Battle. The studio offers multi leveled classes for all ages beginning at the age of 3 years old. The young-



TAKENYA BATTLE

est students are, "The Grace Notes." They are introduced to the sounds, the notes, and fundamentals of playing. As students become more familiar, they are matched according to their ages and mastery. Whether a, "Treble Maker," or "Melody Makers." The learning that takes place remains with students for the duration of their lives. Having a foundation of music, individuals gain coping skills, and the ability to navigate successfully in life, Ms Battle states, "With a background in music, students gain lifelong experiences. They learn the value of patience, starting over, self

discipline, and tenacity. With music, students will know how to persevere even after the thousandth "No." It builds character; I don't just teach music, I build confidence. I tell all of my students to, start where you are; use what you have; do what you can."

"As a young child, around 10 years old in the 4th grade, my cousins and I were looking for something we could do together. Learning the piano was the class we chose. My first piano teacher's name was Alison Hicks, and Terry Zavala was my first music teacher. They instructed me well, and

to this day, I can still reach out to them for advice, and mentoring." In 2016, Ms Battle's goal was to complete a book by her birthday. She did it. The book is entitled, "Is My Child Ready For Music Lessons – A Guide For Parents." Because of the dedication to music and bonds of respect, Takenya was honored when her former teacher, Dr. Maria Conley heard about the book and asked her about purchasing a copy. Students who learn under the direction of Ms Battle

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## J.L. AND LINDA CRAWFORD

A co-owner of *The Anchor News*, J.L. Crawford is the director of operations for the paper. He is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher, and a LegalShield Senior Manager. Linda Crawford is co-owner and editor of *The Anchor News*. She is an instructor at McLennan Community College, a Bible teacher and a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

### A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR...

## You won't hear us trash the President

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

# NAACP installs officers, presents review, etc. Part 2

*Continued from the January edition of The Anchor News.*

"The face of politics in McLennan County was changed forever by the diligent efforts of Dr. Henry and her merry band of voter registrars. I cannot say enough about how it has impacted the confidence and positive spirits of McLennan County voters," declared Duty. Volunteer Erica Johnson noted, "Project VIER's involvement with our community has benefited hundreds of potential voters this election year! The amount of time and education they've given is immeasurable and most appreciated!"

In addition to political action, the chapter worked on educational issues in Waco. After six elementary and middle schools were identified by the state as so-called "failing schools" and threatened with closure or take over by the state, the NAACP joined the community to stand with the children, parents, and teachers. The NAACP was a vocal proponent at the

Transformation Committee meetings held around the district to get public input on strategies to help the schools become successful.

The chapter has been a consistent force in support of the schools. In August, the chapter organized "Greet-a-Scholar Day" at J. H. Hines Elementary. Members of sororities, fraternities, churches, retired teacher groups, teacher organizations, ministerial alliances, and the general community greeted students as they entered the building on the first day of school. Partnering with the teachers' sorority Phi Delta Kappa and other groups, the chapter organized a tutoring program at Hines.

Increasing the economic welfare of McLennan County was a major concern of the Waco NAACP. "The greatest hindrance to economic wealth in our community is the lack of financial literacy," argued Henry. To improve the community's financial knowledge, the NAACP hosted several financial literacy workshops conducted by the State NAACP treasurer Taneika Driver-Moultrie and assistant treasurer Brian Rowland. One financial literacy workshop was directed at high school and college students, "because," said Henry, "young people can ruin their credit before they even get a credit score. Financial literacy will make sure they do not mortgage their financial future for a credit card." The chapter sought to help the community increase its wealth. Since wealth for most American families is realized through home ownership, the chapter hosted a homebuyers' workshop presented by Wells Fargo. "This workshop was a great success," says Henry. "Folks are asking when we will hold another workshop." Another homebuyers workshop will be held in the spring, promised Henry.

The NAACP worked to improve the health of the community as well. After winning a grant from



## REDDITT HUDSON IS THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE FEBRUARY 25TH SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET.

the National NAACP Health Office, the chapter sponsored events and initiatives to aid in healthy eating and living. The chapter participated in Delta Sigma Theta's Healthy Soul Food Cooking Demonstration and Health Fair. It commissioned Miriam's Army Dance Troupe to develop a Zumba-like dance exercise video which Alpha Kappa Alpha and Zeta Phi Beta helped launch in September. The video is available on YouTube. To encourage healthy eating among children, the chapter funded the revitalization of the J. H. Hines Elementary garden and sponsored the J. H. Hines Garden Club. The chapter also sponsored a Social Media and Healthy Movement Contest for middle schools students at Indian Springs and Carver Middle Schools. The culminating event of the grant will be a town hall meeting at the January NAACP meeting about bringing a major grocery store back to East Waco.

The Waco NAACP does not plan to slow down in 2017. The first major event for the chapter will be its scholarship banquet on Saturday, February 25. Redditt Hudson, co-founder of the National Coalition of Law Enforcement Officers for Justice (NCLEOJ), will be the featured speaker. While the main

purpose of the banquet is to raise funds for the chapter's scholarships, this year's banquet will also provide an opportunity for the community to come together in light of the presidential election. "Our community is about to face major challenges around voter suppression, criminal justice reform, economic security, and racial tension," declared Henry. "We will have to pool our resources and energy to fight for our rights. That's why this year's theme is "Striving Together for Justice." It is through working together that we are going to weather the coming storm," Henry said. "I would like to see every organization in our community represented at the banquet including fraternal, sororial, masonic, religious, educational, and economic."

This year's Waco NAACP banquet will be something of a mass meeting where the community will renew its spirit, gather strength from each other, and declare its resolve to fight for its rights. As the old spiritual declares, Henry says, "I don't feel no ways tired. Because I don't believe God brought us this far to leave us."

Tickets for the banquet are available and can also be purchased via Paypal using the email address [waconaacp@gmail.com](mailto:waconaacp@gmail.com). Tickets can also be purchased from NAACP members or by calling 254-733-5261 or emailing [waconaacp@gmail.com](mailto:waconaacp@gmail.com). Individual tickets are \$40; tables of eight are \$320.

All persons interested in the work of the Waco NAACP are encouraged to join the chapter. Adult membership is \$30; youth membership is \$10. Individuals can pay via Paypal or by mailing a check or money order to Waco NAACP; PO Box 20511; Waco, TX 76702. Monthly meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Texas Rangers Education Center.

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# Don't overlook these important matters when buying your first home

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Planning to buy your first home? What an exciting time! While you may have already considered some of the benefits and responsibilities of the journey you're about to take, make sure you consider these items as well.

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE**

There are assistance programs that provide lower loan rates or down payment assistance for qualified applicants. Before you assume that you don't qualify for an assistance program, find out. The criteria often include income limits, but not always. In addition to many first-time homebuyer programs, other options apply to military personnel, teachers, and first responders. Some programs also are available based on the type of prop-

erty, such as a home that requires repairs. You can search txhomeprograms.org and talk to your Texas Realtor to see if you qualify for any assistance.

**THE LOAN ISN'T YOUR ONLY EXPENSE**

You may know that in addition to your loan payments, you will also be paying property taxes. Your lender will also require you to buy homeowners insurance. You may even be responsible for

flood insurance, depending on the risk in your area.

In addition to the items your lender requires, don't forget other expenses that come along with homeownership. If this will be your first home with a yard, you'll need lawn and garden equipment—or funds to pay someone else to mow and garden. And when you have to replace a leaking faucet or a worn-out roof, you are now the one footing those bills.

**GETTING AN ACCEPTED OFFER IS JUST THE BEGINNING**

It's a great feeling when you find a home you want, draw up an offer, and the seller says yes. Keep in mind, though, there are still many steps before you can call that home your own. And depending on what happens during inspections, a title search, an appraisal, and other key actions, you could be looking at even more steps, such as amendments and repairs.

Your Texas Realtor can give you guidance for the many considerations you will face as you become a first-time homeowner. Working closely with a professional is the best way to ensure you don't overlook anything important. To learn more about buying, selling, and leasing property in Texas, visit texasrealestate.com. Linda McDonald is the immediate past president of the Waco Association of Realtors and is associated with Coldwell Banker Jim Stewart Realtors.

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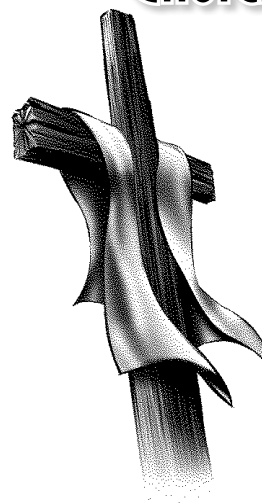
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Pastor Matthew Reed and Wife Helen

# Trump's election is a great opportunity for the church

BY MATTHEW REED

To the church Trump's election is already affording us opportunity to advance the Kingdom of God. It has already begun to remind us that this world is not the perfect place and the world's people are not a perfect people. Man without God will always return to his wicked and evil state. 2nd Peter 2:22 says, "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is returned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." The church should know this. Instead of being surprised or dismayed, we should be prepared to live a victorious life. The church should be comforting others with the comfort wherewith God has comforted us with.

II Corinthians 1:4 says "Who comforted us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God." We are

to be capable warriors for our Lord. As long as shots are not fired, we appear to be ready for the battle. At the first shot we become rattled, forget our teachings and return to the flesh. We forget that all things are working for the good of those that love the Lord. We simply have not developed our faith in God or his promises. By faith the church stands not by President Trump or President Obama.

1st Timothy 2:1 says "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men. 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." I wonder how many of us who profess to know Christ prayed for President Obama according to these scriptures in I Timothy 2:1-2. I wonder how many of us will pray for President Trump according to these scriptures. If you didn't pray for President Obama, your prayers for

President Trump probably won't be heard. If you can't pray for President Trump, your prayers for President Obama probably were not heard. Do you feel me? Just in case you don't, let me be clear; you have some hate in your heart and I hope I have turned on the light for you. If you don't repent, you may not be going to heaven after all. The Scriptures don't say if he is black or white pray for him; it says pray for all men, for kings and all that are in authority. We know that I am addressing the church. The church cannot become powerful prayer warriors until we humble ourselves unto God. We've become a people like unto the people Jesus speaks of in Matthew 15:8—"This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from



PASTOR MATTHEW AND HELEN REED

me."

To sum it all up, we have to repent and be about the father's business and not the business of our political party, nor the black man's busi-

ness or the white man's business but God's business. Stay in the spirit of God and have great success. This could become an opportunity to evangelize many lost souls.

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Crawfords."

The agency's foundation, says Trunell, has already been established, referring to Collier's very successful agency in the Ft. Worth/Dallas/Denton area. Owner of Hillcrest Chiropractic and Wellness Center in Waco, Trunell is also experiencing success in her business and for some time now, has been looking at starting a home health agency. "With my patients, I see so many needs, and the opportunity to go into business with Yakia and the Crawfords is a God thing."

Clients in Waco can expect to have a team of godly owners and a qualified nursing staff, which includes a registered nurse and certified caretakers. Additionally, a social worker will be on staff and Trunell will provide occupational therapy.

J.L. Crawford brings to the company over 30 years of quality control experience. "It is so important that we provide the services—excellent services—that we promise to provide. That is where I come in. As the quality assurance supervisor, I will spend my time visiting clients to make sure agency matters are done with excellence and in a timely manner. If our team members are scheduled to be at a home at 9:00, we will be there at 9:00, not 9:15, not 10:00, but 9:00." J.L. said he knows what it is like to expect services for a

loved one only to find out that the agency staff member never showed up. "That won't happen under my watch."

The Comfort team will work together to form a care plan that will meet the needs of each client. The plan includes meeting with the family on a scheduled basis to give an update on the client's health status and other assessments. According to Collier, the meetings will assist in making changes as needed to insure the families that their "loved ones are receiving the necessary type of care they need to continue living in the comfort of their own home."

Linda Crawford is coming on board as the marketing manager for the company. She will help get the word out on a continuous basis that there is a locally owned agency that will provide the best of care. As a medical and non-medical provider, A Mile of Comfort will offer a number of other services, such as transportation, free meals, and in some cases, free services and holiday meals. For those clients who still have some independence but need a little assistance with keeping the living area clean, the Comfort team offers home making services as well.

"We are serious about making a difference," said Linda. "We look forward to bringing to the community well trained and cer-

tified caregivers who have compassion. Our caregivers are loyal, respectful, and honest and will serve each client with dignity."

The Comfort team's nursing staff has some of the most dedicated and friendly nurses in the State of Texas. "I want to make sure that people know where they can find uncommon solutions to very common problems," said Linda. Collier agrees. "We strongly believe that working together will strengthen the company and improve education to ensure our clients' care is not compromised. Our goal is to demonstrate how home and community based services can assist with building relationships while satisfying our clients in the process."

Committed to meeting every one of your needs, A Mile of Comfort is now accepting applications. The agency is located at 3500 Hillcrest Drive, Suite 8, inside the Hillcrest Chiropractic facility. Go by the office or call 254-715-8943 to arrange an in-home visit. The Comfort team wants to lift your burden and assist with taking care of your loved one. You can expect excellent customer service and client care. You can expect the highest levels of integrity and confidentiality with any personal information provided to the company. And most importantly, you can expect to be treated like family.

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# Identifying your dearest treasure, Part 2

BY PATSY REED

*Continued from the January edition of The Anchor News.*

Remember Mary, the Mother of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ? She had to yield her "all" to God, not even knowing what the outcome would look like. Her later visit to Elisabeth would not fully reveal the agony she would have to later experience. And yet, she said, "yes"!

She was only about 15 or 16 years old, but was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice of giving God a complete "YES, LORD". How can we describe her? Well, let's go for it. This could be her makeup: She didn't have a job, had no known [unusual] skills or talents, didn't own a car of her day, was not a licensed missionary, evangelist, preacher or minister, she was not a polished speaker, for the most part unknown, she was not a business-woman, she was not well known in the city, she didn't have designer outfits or name-brand shoes, she

couldn't afford a manicure, pedicure or a facial, didn't even have a home of her own but lived with her parents, and yet, she would be found doing her chores, honoring her parents and serving Jehovah as best she knew how.

So many times, individuals feel they must make their way, but fail to realize that God knows all of our addresses. In the town where Mary lived, God looked down and chose her for one of the most honorable positions that would ever exist. Her glorious position was to birth the saviour into the world. As said earlier, many times individuals allow the accumulation of things to define them, and yet "things" really can never produce a godly character. Here was a young woman who was highly favored of God because God knew her heart.

Was she vying for a title? Was she jumping through hoops to get recognized? She was going about her life, doing what was required of her by the way. Oh, to be favoured by God. You see, God



PATSY REED

knew Mary's heart better than she did. He sent an angel to announce that she had been chosen to bring forth a son, whose name would be called Jesus. Her son would be the Saviour of the World. How would she react to something she didn't even understand? Holy Conception? "What is it" she must have thought, but yet, even at her most inquisitive moments, she became more and more yielded to the God she served.

Although she was engaged to be married to a man by

the name of Joseph, she was about to get the surprise of her life. Would she rebel or would she give God "Yes"? Luke 1: 28 "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." Luke 1:35 - "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. At this point, Handmaid Mary could have started to reason in her mind as so many would have done. She could have questioned the angel and asked "Why me?" She resolved with her own "Yes, Lord!" "...be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:38)

So often, what we don't understand, we tend to dismiss it in our minds or run in another direction much like Jonah did, who was told to go to Nineveh and preach, but went

instead to Tarshish. God has a whale for all of us, assigned to school us in "obedience" just as he did Jonah. But we don't have to let it get to that state. All that we need do is say, "YES, LORD", just as Mary. Would it be easy for her? Absolutely not. Few people would understand her having a baby who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Few people would understand that she had been chosen to birth the Saviour of the World, but that did not change the fact that God had chosen her, and that all she was told came from God.

We must never exhaust ourselves in trying to make individuals understand the "why" of our God-directed actions. All that is required of us is to do them, with all of our heart, much like the Lord commands us - to love Him, with all of our heart, soul and mind. Mary was full of zest, she was young, innocent, but so very mature enough to obey God. Her answer was "YES". Now what's your answer?



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## TSTC student restaurant opened February 1

(WACO) - Texas State Technical College's Culinary Arts program opened its student-operated restaurant for the spring semester on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The restaurant is at the Greta W. Watson Culinary Arts Center on Campus Drive. The restaurant is open to the public, who this semester will dine on student-planned menus with themes such as Texan, Eastern European, Central Mexican and Cajun.

Meals are served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays until April 21. The serving days and themes are:

- Feb. 22 and Feb. 24: Southern Italian
- March 1 and March 3: Central Mexican

- March 8 and March 10: Restaurant closed for Spring Break

- March 15 and March 17: Floridian

- March 22 and March 24: Cajun/Creole

- March 29 and March 31: Californian

- April 5 and April 7: Scandinavian

- April 12 and April 14: Brazilian

- April 19 and April 21: Live Action Buffet

Weekly menus will be posted online, on the TSTC in Waco Facebook page and sent on TSTC's Twitter account.

For menus and other information, go to [tstc.edu/about/culinarydiningwaco](http://tstc.edu/about/culinarydiningwaco).

To make reservations call 254-867-4868.

## Reflections on our 50 years together

BY MONA DUNKIN

They say "love is blind" but I'm not so sure. In reflection on our beginning 50 years ago, I saw Garland's quirks, but they were just that – quirks - they weren't big enough to detract from his being loveable.

I am humbled by Garland's love. When I am honest with myself, I know what I can be like. And yet, he stays with me. We love each other in spite of as well as because of. Garland's strengths offset my shortcomings and my strengths offset his shortcomings which work for the good of the whole - that is when we work with it rather than oppose it. Being rubbed the wrong way helps to smooth out rough edges and perfect



MONA DUNKIN

strengths.

Attraction plays a large part in getting a couple together but attraction will not keep a couple together. Staying together takes ongoing maturity of one fabulous and flawed individual to get along reasonably well with another fabulous and flawed individual. It requires patience, long-suffering, forgiveness, fun, commitment, history, grace, respect, cooperation, loyalty – all the finer ingredients of love. Love is about giving and receiving, never taking. Love for the long haul needs to remain a little blind.

Make love last by knowing that God, the Master Match-

maker, had a hand in getting you together. Marriage commitments are made before God and man because we can't do it alone. We need others to hold us accountable. Also know that an individual's free will is a major factor in staying together – and in liking it. Choice is a big deal in liking your mate and being thankful for your relationship year in and year out. See their worth and value beyond the everyday irritants. Lovingly overlook any continuing quirks. Negotiate. Get along anyway. Choose to love. Know that "giving and receiving" is a two-way street.

I appreciate the Anchor and the platform to share my insights for peaceful living. Take any of the ideas that touch your heart and make them your own. During this Valentine's season, may your heart be filled with love and compassion for all humanity, yourself included. Thanks for your blessings and well wishes. Sharing and learning from you has made our journey sweeter.

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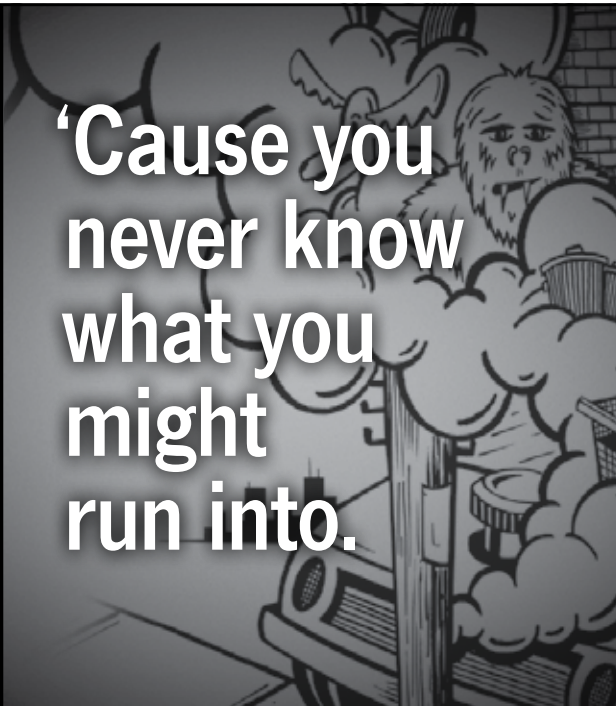
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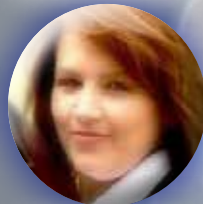
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## RUBY McCRAY

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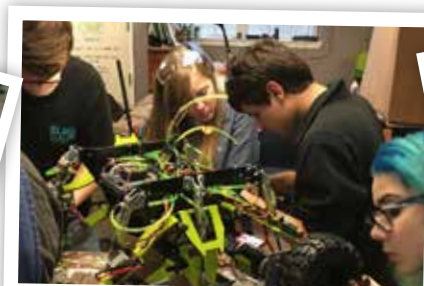
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by ID thieves is your Social Security Number (Social Insurance Number in Canada). Now is the time to familiarize yourself with the risk of ID Theft and take steps to protect your personal financial information. LegalShield and IDShield offer these top tips to protect your personal information and prevent identity theft in 2017:

#### **STOP BEFORE YOU SHARE**

- If you are asked for sensitive information, such as a Social Security Number, ask



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why it is needed and what systems are in place to protect it.

- Be wary of sharing personal information over the phone or email, especially if you've received an unsolicited communication (even if you do regular business with the organization).

#### **WATCH THE WI-FI**

- A thief can sit at a popu-

lar Wi-Fi location such as a coffee shop and set up a fake hotspot. Any unprotected data sent over a fake Wi-Fi network can be saved to the thief's computer. Use a virtual private network (VPN) connection whenever possible.

- Be Security Savvy on Social Media

- Share personal information sparingly on social media sites.

- Explore privacy settings for your profile and control who gets to see the information you post.

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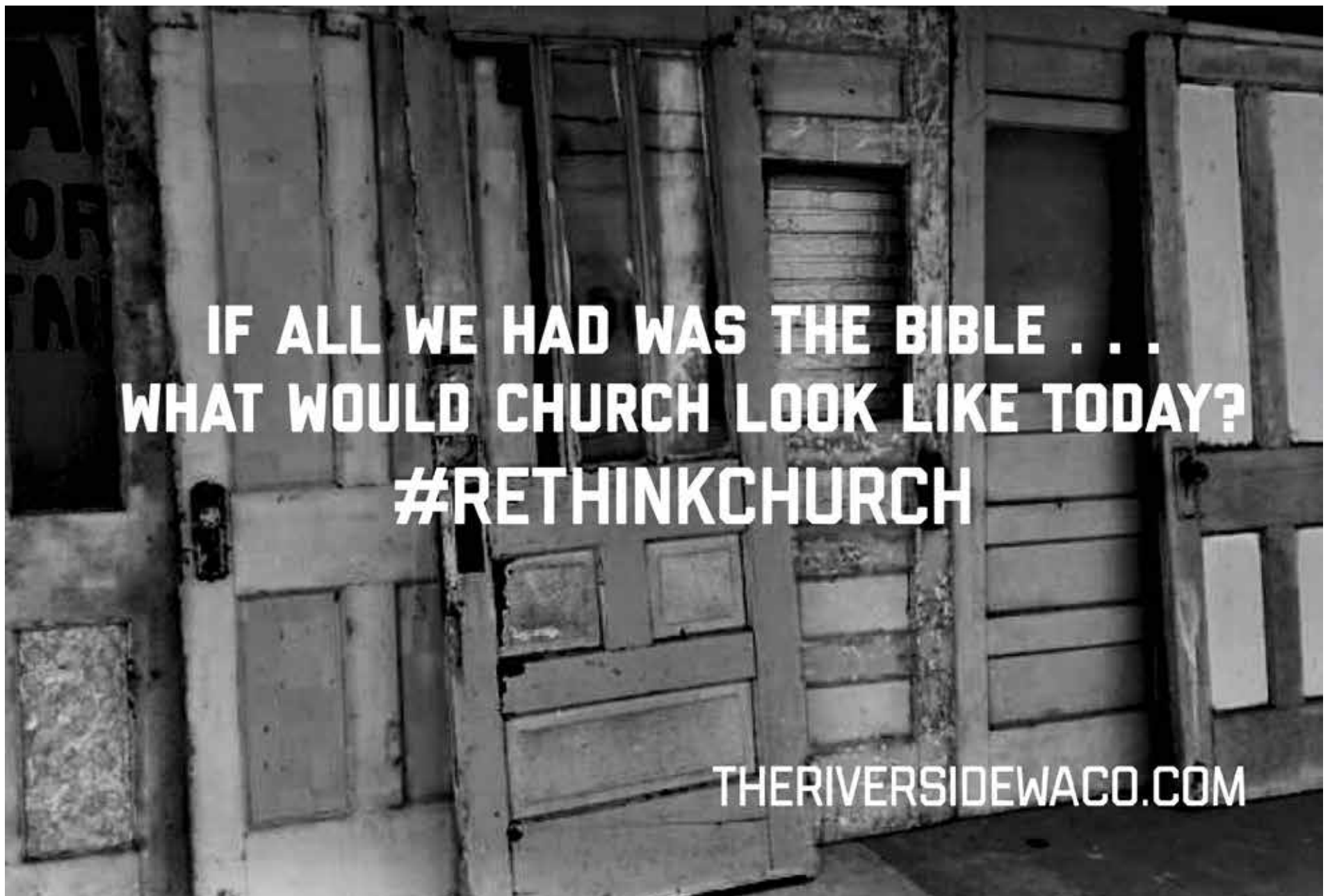
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## The President-elect, Mr. Donald J. Trump! What if he is God's choice? Part 2

BY RUBY MCCRAY

*Continued from the January edition of The Anchor News.*

Since this matter is so controversial, allow me to thank you for not reading this in a mean-spirited tone.

The January article ended with some of the many strikes that were against Mr. Trump, yet he prevailed by a landslide. The question was, "Could this be God?"

Since God is the One Who raises and pulls down presidents (Daniel 2:21), and since He made everything that you can see—including yourself (John 1:1-5; Colossians 1:16, 17), He can use whomever and whatever He wills to accomplish His mission. He used plenty pagan kings and called them His servants.

"On April 26, the first day of the new year, during the twenty-seventh year of King Jehoiachin's captivity, this message came to me [Ezekiel] from the LORD: 'Son of man, the army of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon fought so hard against Tyre that the warriors' heads were rubbed bare and their shoulders were raw and blistered. Yet Nebuchadnezzar and his army won no plunder to compensate them for all their work. There-

fore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. He will carry off its wealth, plundering everything it has so he can pay his army. Yes, I have given him the land of Egypt as a reward for his work, says the Sovereign LORD, because he was working for me when he destroyed Tyre'" (Ezekiel 29:17-20).

In part one of this series, I mentioned the video that was made over ten years ago exposing Mr. Trump's conversation that wasn't so nice concerning a woman. Let's talk about a king God used to save the lives of His "Chosen People", Israel, who not only said, but did.

In the Book of Esther, you will find a pagan king named, Xerxes, who reigned over 127 provinces from India to Ethiopia. Please read this very short Book of 10 Chapters if you've not done so.

In Chapter one, you'll find that this king gave a banquet for all of his nobles and officials. The celebration lasted 180 days with him showing off the wealth of his empire and the pomp and splendor of his majesty. After seven days of feasting with wine included, he wanted to show off his wife, Queen Vashti; but she



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RUBY MCCRAY

refused to come. Instead of killing her, it was suggested that he dethrone her—which he did.

Chapter two tells that after awhile the king was no longer angry and began to miss Vashti but could not reverse his decree. His attendants suggested that the empire be searched to find beautiful young virgin women for the king to prove. The one who pleased him most would become the next queen. It doesn't say how many there were, but they had to go through a twelve-month beauty treatment before they could be taken to the king's bed. One

thing we know is that he loved Esther (Hadassah) more, and chose her, a Jew, unbeknownst to him, for his queen.

Another thing revealed is that after Haman's plot to kill all of the Jews in Chapter three, Mordecai, her adoptive father who had told her not to reveal her nationality, sent word in Chapter four to have her petition the king for their lives. He reminded her that she wouldn't escape, and that perhaps she was chosen for such a time as this.

The point that I'm trying to make is that Esther, although chosen to be the queen, hadn't been summoned by the king in over thirty days and was afraid for her life to try to see him without being summoned. Can we assume that he had over thirty young virgins? Mr. Trump talked and this king actually did and kept doing—yet God used him.

Yes, personalities are important, but policies are more important. Had the current administration continued, we'd have to ask: are they going to continue murdering babies in the womb? Are CHRISTians going to be continually thrown under the bus along with the Jews? Are they going to continue forcing everybody

to accept same-sex marriage as normal and allowing boys in ladies spaces just because they feel like it, although their plumbing begs to differ? Are we going to continue to have open borders for "illegals" to get the "freebies" that the natural citizens can't dare get? I can go on.

Acts 5:33-39, talks about a group of men who wanted to harm another group because they believed differently. Gamaliel reminded them about two different group of followers that had leaders who called themselves great. Both of the leaders were killed and the groups scattered. His advice was to leave the people alone. If they are doing these things on their own, it will soon be overthrown. But if what they are doing is from God, they won't be able to overthrow it, but find yourselves fighting against God! Please join me in March for the last article!

Let's unite, Americans, and love each other! You may not believe me; but...just what if I'm right?

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



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# Faith, Tea and Retreat planned for March 18 in Killeen

BY WANDA GUNTER

When women come together, great things will come to fruition. When they gather in faith, something substantially divine remains, and all in her presence will benefit. Katina Barnett walks in faith knowing that when she meets people, it's on a spiritual level and it's upon that level, where relationships are formed.

Barnett is a member of Jesus Name Apostolic Ministry in Copperas Cove Texas, founded by Dr. David J Davis. His wife, W. Ann Davis will be the keynote speaker March 18, 2017, for the Healing Hearts Social that will be held at the Killeen Civic Center. The Healing Hearts Social is a tea where ladies gather, fellowship, and enjoy one another's company from 12:00 noon until 4:00 PM. Hats and wraps are a must. The conversations are sure to be as soul stirring as the variety of teas.

The Di'vas of Faith is an acronym for Divinely Inspired, Victoriously Anointed Sisters of Faith. It's founder, Katina Barnett connect with a community of women who support other women. She's a life coach who 5 years ago used her vision board to do the healing she

needed as she was learning to negotiate through a divorce. Along her journey, she met others who had goals to move in a certain direction, but felt disconnected. So, Katina walked in faith, met others who were living with purpose and connected with friends who may or may not be a part of daily interactions, but will support others as they strive towards excellence and remain committed. Together, she and a few friends will come together and present the second, annual, Serenity Retreat. When she asked if they would help and participate, their responses were, "Let me check my schedule." That speaks volumes about their dedication and sincerity to empowering others.

Tickets for the Di'vas (DI-vas not dee vas) of Faith Healing Hearts Tea Social are on sale now. Early bird tickets are available for \$16.00 until Feb. 17. The cover charge is \$20 per person, or save by purchasing 2 tickets for \$30. Appetizers are included. Bring a friend, be introduced to new friends, and reconnect with someone you haven't seen in a while. Please contact the host, Katina Barnett with any questions or to reserve seating for a



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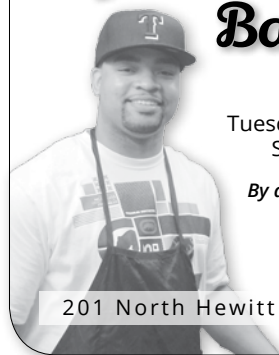
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