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Marlin's Zion Hill pastor and wife celebrate 50th anniversary

By Peggy Roberson

Zion Hill Baptist Church located at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Falls Road will mark a momentous occasion in local church history. The Rev. William Johnson Jr. & Sister Devora Bradley Johnson have served as leaders of Zion Hill for 50 years. An anniversary celebration honoring this magnificent man and woman of God was held Sunday April 14, 2013.

For William Johnson Jr. and Devora Bradley, 1952 was an eventful year. To use a cliché, it was a "very good year." God called William Johnson Jr. to preach and in 1952 he received his license under the hand of Reverend Hogan Guy and immediately afterwards became pastor of Nazareth Baptist Church located between Perry and Riesel. That same year on September 6, William Johnson Jr. and Devora Bradley were wed.



Rev. William Johnson, Jr., and Sister Devora Bradley Johnson

Over the past 60+ years, Johnson has pastored at several churches. During the early years of his ministry, he pastored at Bethany Baptist Church (then located in Highbank, Texas), Little Oak Grove-Calvert and Mt.

Pleasant Baptist-College Station. Many churches during those early years held services only two Sundays a month allowing Johnson to pastor two Sundays at one church and two at another. The churches that received

this blessing early on from God were Goodwill Baptist Church located in Caldwell, Texas, Fairfield Baptist Church-Fairfield, Texas and his current church Zion Hill Baptist Church. Johnson pastored at Fairfield Baptist for 25 years.

The Johnsons admittedly were unable to recount all of the events of the last 50 years of ministry and over 60 years of marriage, but Mrs. Johnson shared that no one moment was more mem-

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Wright named CTAACC Citizen of the Month

Donald R. Wright has been named Cen-Tex African American Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Month. A military brat, Wright was born in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. He went to elementary school in Temple, Texas, middle and high school in Xenia, Ohio, and has lived in Waco, Texas since 1984. He is married to a very supportive wife Maria, and between the two of them, they have six beautiful, grown children.



Donald R. Wright

Wright holds a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Arlington, and is a Board certified psychiatric nurse. He has spent the majority of his adult life providing guidance and treatment to Texas adolescents who have a history of physical, emotional, and psychological deficits. He has also worked as a nurse supervisor in the acute care psychiatric setting at Providence Health Center's DePaul Psychiatric Unit.

Currently, Wright is on the board of Waco Historic Foundation and sits on the Family Selection Committee of the Waco based Habitat for Hu-

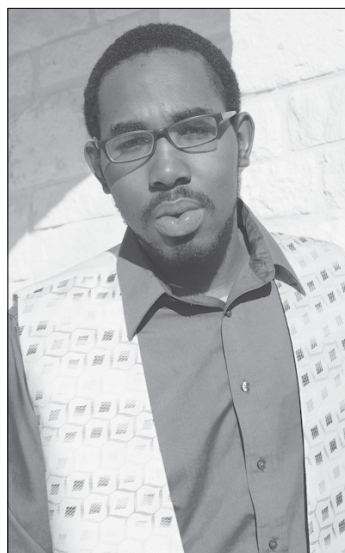
manity. He is a proud legacy member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Omicron Upsilon chapter, following in the footsteps of his father John D. Wright, and his father as well.

Wright is presently working with a group of distinguished Waco citizens dedicated to bringing the history and culture of the African American diaspora to the Central Texas region. "We are the Central Texas African American Heritage Foundation," explained Wright, "and I feel both honored and humbled to have been chosen for this distinction by the CTAACC."

Take no days off - the Leonard Brown story

By WB Gunter

Meet Leonard Brown Jr., one of the newest members playing defensive tackle for the Temple Panthers football organization. With 3 months under his helmet, Leonard is living the dream and playing Semi-pro football. Before coming to the field, this young man had to tackle obstacles that would make most men crumble. He didn't compromise his faith, determination, or will to succeed. Leonard Brown is no stranger to standing strong, even when it means standing alone because he has always been a member of a supportive



Leonard Brown

and loving family. Leonard may be young in

years, but he speaks with the wisdom and insight of Tony Dungy.

Why is Leonard so passionate about football? What was it about football that makes him so determined that nothing is going to stand in his way? He said with such a sense of honesty and sincerity, "I wanted to prove that I could, because people told me I could not."

The message in those few words felt like a mighty blow. They were words he had heard spoken to him more than once, by more than one person, and the intent

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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 and a Bible teacher. Linda Crawford is co-owner and Editor of *The Anchor News*. She is also an instructor at McLennan Community College, is a Bible teacher and is a conference, workshop and motivational speaker.

A note from Linda Crawford...

Your past is over!

"No turning back! Moving ahead! I'm here to declare to you, my past is over...I'm Moving Forward!" (Ricardo Sanchez, composer) Oh how I love that song. Recently celebrating Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, we are reminded of the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Hanging on that cross, He said, "It is finished." We have all been taught that He died for "all" of our sins. Yet, we sometimes, hang on to the things that

we have done or to things that have happened to us. We allow the past to direct our destiny, but the truth is He died for everything that could possibly happen to us or that did happen to us or is happening to us or with us. Israel Houghton says in one of his recordings, that Jesus is the "Redeemer of our past and present wrongs." It is finished, Happy People. If you have a true relationship with the Lord, He loves you and that settles it. It does not matter when people try to dig up your wrongs or stand in judgment of you now. A true relationship means you truly accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and He loves you. Regardless of how others choose to judge you, if you have a relationship with Him, you will want to please Him, and He accepts you, even in your "failures." The Good News is He does not remember any wrongs associated with you--yesterday, today, or tomorrow--even if people do. This revelation just made me want to please Him even more.

As the Saturday morning speaker, at High Point Church's Annual Women's Conference—"Godly Women: Blessed Inside and Out," I will talk more about "disarming your past to empower your future." Scheduled for April 26th and 27th, the conference will be held at High Point Church, 4600 Sanger Avenue (Texas Christian Academy Building near Pep Boys), and REGISTRATION IS FREE. Connie Smith will minister

Teaching children to be organized

By Jennifer Snyder

Have you ever been that parent hoping to get your kindergartener to school on time, but he's spent the past 20 minutes wailing that he can't find a pair of socks that don't feel weird or that parent wearily encouraging your fifth-grader to finish his science project before dawn breaks?

Be it finding socks or finishing science projects, many parents take it as a given that children are simply time-challenged, and there's little to be done about getting them to complete a task within a set schedule. But recent studies suggest that moms and dads would do well to

Friday night, 7:00, on "The Revelation of Who You Are." I will continue this Word, "Disarming Your Past to Empower Your Future" on Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m.

Our annual style show will follow, complete with a prom and full wedding scene. Our women's ministry team, Margie Chavez, Debbie Fredrich, and I, have worked hard to bring you one of the most memorable times of breakthrough and victory. Last year 9 other churches came together with the High Point ladies for a glorious time in the Lord.

Please SAVE THE DATE and join us for a time of fun, food, fellowship, praise and worship and the Word. And please, bring 20 women with you!



Jennifer Snyder

approach time management as important and teachable as reading and writing.

Body beautiful: Create a chart for your preschooler or kindergartner to be hung on the bathroom wall and call it "Body Beautiful." Use words or images to illustrate the tasks he/she needs to complete to maintain his/her hygiene, be it brushing her teeth or putting her dirty clothes in the hamper. This teaches your child how to efficiently finish a set of tasks on her own.

Leaner screen time: Television is one of the biggest time sucks for kids (and, admit it, for adults too). Decide with your child how many hours of television she'll watch a week. Read the TV guide aloud with her and ask what programs she wants to watch, have her circle the shows, and then keep the marked-up guide next to the television. If she's watching too

much TV, have her cut back the first week, then more the following week. This raises awareness of how much time is spent in front of the tube, teaches her to take responsibility for screen time, and might even open up her schedule for other leisure activities.

Excuses don't count: This is an especially good exercise for older children (7 to 12 years old) learning to manage their own after-school time. Have your child create a chart and fill in all of his responsibilities, be it setting the table at 5:30 p.m. or doing homework at 7:30 p.m. Then have him check off each task when he's done. This teaches personal organizational skills and learning to watch the clock.

Homework helper: Have your child make a homework chart and list assignments for Monday through Friday. After she's finished each assignment, she can put a satisfying check mark next to it. This teaches children how to keep track of deadlines and duties.

These are but a few small ways to work together with your children to ensure they have the time of their lives under control!

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Tiger Woods - playing for respect



Ron Oliphant

By Ron Oliphant

Professional golfer, Tiger Woods, was born in Cypress, California December 30, 1975, to Earl Woods an African American and Kultida a native of Thailand. African Americans celebrate and acknowledge him as the first in their race to achieve his level of success in professional golf. Now for those who do not know, his real name is Eldrick Tont Woods. Tiger is just his nickname. He has two half-brothers and a half-sister from his father's previous marriage.

He grew up in California and went to Western High School in Anaheim, and later went to Stanford University. He was a child prodigy who was featured swinging a club at the age of two on the Mike Douglas show with Bob Hope, and who could at age 11

beat his father at a round of golf. Woods won 16 college tournaments and headed to the pros with high expectations. He is considered the best golfer of our time.

Tiger has won a little over 100 tournaments as a professional including 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2005 Master's. He also has won the U. S. Open three times, several PGA Championships, and other opens. Without going into further detail, he is phenomenal to say the least, but his journey has not been a bed of roses.

In 2009 Tiger Woods' personal life was splattered all over the news as the media picked up on a domestic incident that revealed he had been in an altercation with his wife. After eventually admitting to cheating and ultimately getting a divorce, he took some time off from the sport.

Reports said that Tiger was finished with being dominant, causing people to wonder whether he would ever return to true form. Although it was a rough and bumpy ride that saw him separating from his long time caddy and tumbling from number one in the world to a sobering number, I will not dare mention, he has fought his way back.

Tiger has won six of his last 20 PGA tournaments in the last year, and his last win at the Arnold



Tiger Woods

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Palmer invitational has made him number one in the world once again. I write this to say that we all make mistakes or make bad choices, but second chances are available to those who are willing to admit their faults then decide to do something about them. He lost his wife, children, and over one hundred million dollars in a divorce.

He also lost respect in the sport and his game suffered from most likely a stress you would not wish on anyone. Today he has overcome adversity and all I can do is watch for his name to appear in the winner's column. He is obviously made of something tough and even if you do not respect him, you must respect his game.

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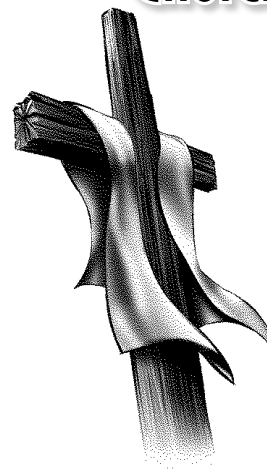
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Five important reasons to vaccinate your child

By Jacqueline Walker

You want to do what is best for your children. You know about the importance of car seats, baby gates and other ways to keep them safe. But, did you know that one of the best ways to protect your children is to make sure they have all of their vaccinations?

Immunizations can save your child's life. Because of advances in medical science, your child can be protected against more diseases than ever before. Some diseases that once injured or killed thousands of children, have been eliminated completely and others are close to extinction—primarily due to safe and effective vaccines. One example of the great impact that vaccines can have is the elimination of polio in the United States. Polio was once America's most-feared disease, causing death and paralysis across the country, but today, thanks to vaccination, there are no reports of polio in the United States.

Vaccination is very safe and effective. Vaccines are only given to children after a long and careful review by scientists, doctors, and healthcare professionals. Vaccines will involve some discomfort and may cause pain, redness, or tenderness at the site of injection but this is minimal compared to the pain, discomfort, and trauma of the diseases these vaccines prevent. Serious side effects following vaccination, such as severe allergic reaction, are very rare. The disease-prevention benefits of getting vaccines are much greater than the possible side effects for almost all children.

Immunization protects others you care about. Children in the U.S. still get vaccine-preventable diseases. In fact, we have seen resurgences of measles and whooping cough (pertussis) over the past few years. In 2010 the U.S. had over 21,000 cases of whooping cough reported and 26 deaths, most in children younger than 6 months. Unfortunately,



Jacqueline Walker

some babies are too young to be completely vaccinated and some people may not be able to receive certain vaccinations due to severe allergies, weakened immune systems from conditions like leukemia, or other reasons. To help keep them safe, it is important that you and your children who are able to get vaccinated are fully immunized. This not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases to your friends and loved ones.

Immunizations can save your family time and money. A child with a vaccine-preventable disease can be denied attendance at schools or daycare facilities. Some vaccine-preventable diseases can result in prolonged disabilities and can take a financial toll because of lost time at work, medical bills or long-term disability care. In contrast, getting Texas Vaccines for Children program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children from low-income families. To find out more about the VFC program, visit <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/tvfc/default.shtm>, or contact the Waco-McLennan County Public Health District at 2654-750-5410.

Immunization protects future generations. Vaccines have reduced and, in some cases, eliminated many diseases that killed or severely disabled people just a few generations ago. For example, smallpox vaccination eradicated

that disease worldwide. Your children don't have to get smallpox shots any more because the disease no longer exists. By vaccinating children against rubella (German measles), the risk that pregnant women will pass this virus on to their fetus or newborn has been dra-

matically decreased, and birth defects associated with that virus no longer are seen in the United States. If we continue vaccinating now, and vaccinating completely, parents in the future may be able to trust that some diseases of today will no longer be around to harm their

children in the future.

For more information about the importance of immunization, visit www.waco-texas.com/cms-healthdepartment/page.aspx?id=61.

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to was to kill his dream. Leonard Brown had a destiny to fulfill, and no one was going to stand in the way.

"One day, my mother and I stopped by Subway after my second week of training with Minister Carl Robinson. I met football player, Bashad Thompson, wide receiver/defensive back (WR/DB), #31. He had been on the Temple Panther's team for a while and introduced us to Mr. Henry Haley, the General Manager and Mr. Perry L. Jones, Director of Operations. I thank God they gave me an opportunity and a chance to train hard."

Brown's first day of training was intense but he was excited. Although he is the youngest member of the Temple Panthers team, he is treated just like everyone else, no special privileges. They gave him the nickname, "Lips," but his family calls him "Iron Man." His number is 45 and he plays Defensive Lineman/Offensive Lineman (DL/OL).

"I am passionate about football and helping with the youth," Brown said.

Brown explained that football is an organized sport that requires business skills and professionalism from everyone involved. "We travel all over the state. It is our responsibility to take care of our equipment. The condition of our equipment is on us, and we have to invest in ourselves by maintaining it. Wearing a suit, a tie, dress shoes, being clean cut is part of the business. This is the semi-pros!

It's not like high school. This is grown man football." The members are from every walk of life—soldiers, college students, everyone, who must be, explained Brown, committed to doing their best. Brown touted the fact that they pay for everything. The dress code is very important on and off the field, and when they attend luncheons or breakfast, they dress accordingly.

As a semi-pro team

member, Brown acknowledges that he must be self-disciplined, which includes managing his time and schedules. Team members are expected to be on time for practice. Part of Brown's routine is to get up at 5:00 AM, schedule his own personal training and exercise routines, make it to practice, get the proper nutrition, rest, and drink lots of water. He works out four hours in the morning every day and runs. He is still perfecting the art of cooking, and loves to eat Asian cuisine.

Brown's goals keep him focused each day. He makes plans every single day to achieve the goals he has in place. Playing as a member of the New Orleans Saints has been his dream since about the age of 12. For years, he's kept reminders of his goals within reach.

"I have letters in my room about what I want to do." Brown creates positive affirmations. They keep him encouraged and remind him to remain focused on his goals. Some of his favorites include, "If you quit on yourself, then who else will believe you." Another one states, "My passion is beyond my passion. My pain is beyond my struggle." And, each day he wakes up he is reminded to, "Take no days off."

Brown is no stranger to disappointment or the hurtful stings that become life lessons. "I have friends and associates. When I was in school, some of the same people who didn't have anything to do with me then, want to be my friends now. When you are up, everyone wants to be with you. True friends will be there." Brown is blessed, he said, to have parents who support and encourage him, telling him that he can do anything.

"I want to encourage other young men because it can be tough. You have to be willing to put in the blood, sweat, and tears without giving up."

Brown remembers the

days he didn't want to go to school. At one point, he wasn't allowed to play and one of his coaches called him "dead meat." Recalling the situation, Brown admitted that it hurt deeply. "That's not what I am or was." Brown had a teacher once ask the students what they wanted to be when they grew up. Some said things like doctors, teachers, and lawyers. One guy wanted to play baseball, the teacher told him that was unrealistic. When he said he wanted to play football, she told him the same thing. "I don't know what she wanted us (athletes), to choose."

There are 32 teams in the NFL with about 50 players on each team. Some of the players are on the practice field while others make the starting line up. With 32 teams, about 27 team members are sitting on the sidelines, and some may be in training camps. NFL is just one organization. Other organizations include teams like The Temple Panthers, who are semi-pro organizations.

"When you add up the numbers of players in the Semi-Pros, and the National Football League together, that's a lot of football players. Sports can seem like an unattainable goal until you add the numbers of athletes playing. When your coach drops you, and your teachers discourage you, it's good to have other adults...on your side. "When others tell you that you can't, or when you are having a hard time in a subject, you can become so discouraged, you lose heart."

While Brown did not have to deal with other students bullying him, he says he has seen the serious results of what bullying. "Kids commit suicide because of bullying. Counselors are helpful, so are other teachers, even if they aren't your own. Some people believed in me more than I believed in myself, and sometimes, that's all you

need. For the teachers and adults who encouraged me," Leonard, says, "I thank them."

H.E.B. in Harker Heights hired Brown as a teen. Within a few months he was nominated as "Employee Of The Year," the youngest recipient of the honor. "Each day, I would do the best I could. I treated people with respect, enjoyed it, and I have always been respectful of my parents." Brown recognizes that the same things prompted his success at H.E.B. are the same key components he needs to be successful in the Semi-Pros. "These are principles I learned from my parents. It's all about heart. You can be smart but lack the heart to accomplish your goals."

Brown still remembers when he knew football was going to be on his career path to success. In 2006 he was watching a Saints game with his Dad. The Saints lost, and his father was not happy. He looked at his father and said, "Don't worry about it. I'm going to play on the Saints team one day." His father replied, "I believe it too, Son."

Brown was only 12 years old. Sometime later, he had a chance to meet with former NFL WR (wide receiver), Kelvin Edwards who played for the New Orleans Saints in (1986) and the Dallas Cowboys in (1987-1988). That really inspired him and gave him motivation.

"When I'm on the field, everything feels like slow motion or like time stops. I focus only on what I have to do. I hear the trash talking that goes on while on the field. Sometimes a 15 minute quarter can feel longer. The first play of the game, I'm always nervous. I don't really hear the crowd, but I can sometimes hear my mother. The fans are all mixed in together so sometimes after a game, I do meet the fans who attend. At times, the pressure feels like a lot, but it's fun. It's why we bust

our butts every practice." Once the game is over, the team may dress up for dinner, a meeting, or an event. They play together, but they don't party as a team and "Sometimes we have to say no, to good things," said Brown.

Brown counts Minister Carl Robinson, his mentor and trainer, as one of the biggest blessings in his life. "He reminds us to Put God first, study the Word, to show yourself approved, and hard work will pay off." Still others have contributed to Brown's success. He is thankful for his best friend, Emmanuel Deloatch, Head Coach Michael Wallace, Lydell Crawford, Defensive Coordinator and the other coaches and teammates. He appreciates their leadership and dedication. For Brown, football is more than a game or competition sport. "It teaches you about life, discipline," he explained. "You learn to trust, how to believe in others and yourself while building friendships for life."

According to Brown's mother, Yvonne Brown, she learned about football watching her son play. She admits she didn't know much about the game, but it was his dream. "We have tried to motivate our kids and encourage them in their gifts," she said, "and then we pray. The Browns always taught their children that "Leaders don't follow. So they never followed trends like sagging or \$800.00 shoes."

Motivated by health and nutrition, Brown enjoys food and continues to learn to cook foods that are nourishing.

In June 2013 he will be attending Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas where he will major in art.

"I will miss the semi-pros and being part of the Temple Panthers team because we are like a family."

To learn more about Leonard Brown Jr., and follow the team, go online and visit the website at www.templepanthers.com.

MCC professor elected president of TCCTA

From the McLennan Community College Website (Waco, Texas) McLennan Community College English professor Dr. Carol A. Lowe took office April 1 as state president of the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA).



Dr. Carol A. Lowe

Composed of professionals from every teaching discipline — as well as counselors, librarians and administrators — TCCTA's nearly 6,000 members come from all public and independent community, junior and technical colleges. TCCTA is the largest organization of postsecondary educators in the state — more than twice as large as all other such organizations combined.

TCCTA regularly is called upon to provide information and testimony to committees of the Texas Legislature and to agencies of state government, including the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Authority for management of the affairs of the organization is vested in an executive committee, consisting of six officers elected at-large by the general membership.

Lowe serves in a number of MCC campus leadership positions and is a recipient of multiple distinguished teaching awards. She is also an accomplished educational speaker. She holds degrees from Hardin-Simmons University and Baylor University.

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African American men and risk of high blood pressure



(NewsUSA) - One to three adults in the United States will have hypertension, commonly known as high blood pressure (HBP), in their lifetime. The condition can be a predecessor for heart disease and stroke, the leading causes of death in the United States. Ideally, adults should keep their blood pressure reading at 140 or under for the top number (systolic) and 90 for the lower number (di-

astolic). People who have diabetes or kidney disease should have numbers under 130/80.

"Approximately 41 percent of African American males have nearly double the incidence of HBP, compared to their Caucasian counterparts," said Anil Hingorani, MD, a vascular surgeon at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY. "Black Americans are more likely to have diabetes, high cholesterol,

obesity, smoking issues, and high salt and fat in their diet -- all risk factors for developing HBP. In addition, they develop HBP at younger ages than other ethnic groups in the United States and are more likely to have complications associated with HBP, including stroke, kidney disease, blindness, dementia and heart disease."

Dr. Hingorani noted that Black Americans may be affected by stress due to racism, socioeconomic status, educational level, lack of access to quality care and insurance, and living in racially isolated neighborhoods, resulting in a higher incidence of HBP. "Some Black men do not like the current medical system, taking medications, or meeting regularly and talking with one health professional for consistent HBP measurement," said Dr. Hingorani, "and some don't seek out preventative care because they don't feel any symptoms. As a result, they do not control the ups and downs of their blood pressure."

All Americans can get high blood pressure. Dr. Hingorani recommends that people meet with their health professional to get regular blood pressure checkups, and if needed, take the proper medications as prescribed by their physician to lower their blood pressure.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture launches "StrikeForce" initiative

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, March 26, 2013—Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will launch its "StrikeForce" initiative in 10 additional states, including South

Carolina. The primary goal of the StrikeForce initiative is to increase partnership with rural communities and leverage community resources in targeted, persistent poverty areas. Vilsack noted that through the StrikeForce

initiative, USDA will do more to partner with local and state governments and community organizations on projects that promote economic development and job creation.

"During my travels across the country, I've heard mayors and other community leaders say they have a hard time competing for USDA loan and grant programs. They have a plan to develop a new business or create jobs in their regions, but they lack development capital and they view our application and review processes as a barrier," said Vilsack. "StrikeForce changes that. By increasing outreach and technical assistance to communities, we can serve as better partners and help better leverage resources."

The "StrikeForce" initiative started as a pilot project in 2010 in selected regions in three states: Arkansas, Georgia and Mississippi. In 2011 it was expanded to include Colorado, New Mexico and Nevada. In 2013, Secretary Vilsack announced new efforts to bring the StrikeForce for Rural Growth and Opportunity to Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

USDA identifies census tracts with over 20 percent poverty (according to American Community Survey data) to identify sub-county pockets of poverty. As areas of persistent poverty are identified, USDA staff work with state, local and community officials to increase awareness of USDA programs, and help build program participation.

Vilsack noted that often USDA conducts special outreach activities in an area, and that since 2010, USDA

has partnered with over 400 local community based organizations to promote local or regional development projects. Secretary Vilsack also discussed how the StrikeForce initiative has already had an impact across the nation.

- In Arkansas, StrikeForce is tackling food insecurity and access to healthy food. USDA established a partnership with Heifer International through the East Arkansas Enterprise Community. This partnership is developing a sustainable food system in order to address existing food deserts in a nine-county area in the Mississippi Delta region.

- In Nevada, StrikeForce is improving access to farm programs in Indian Country. USDA has partnered with the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance, Nevada Department of Agriculture and local extension services to promote locally grown food on Tribal lands in Nevada.

- In Georgia, USDA is collaborating with Fort Valley State University to provide technical assistance to develop a cooperative business structure in the Georgia goat industry.

- In New Mexico, StrikeForce is helping more children get a healthy meal when

school's out. USDA partnered with New Mexico Collaborative to End Hunger, Share Our Strength and Dairy Max to fund its first mobile Summer Food Service Program bus, delivering meals to 45,000 children each summer weekday at 700 partner sites.

Vilsack also noted that Farm Service Agency direct lending in StrikeForce areas saw an increase last year, even as lending by the agency nationwide was down slightly.

"The StrikeForce Initiative is helping us direct additional resources to better serve producers in persistent poverty rural communities," said Vilsack. "We are focusing on these identified high poverty areas to help

improve the quality of life of producers and their communities and to accelerate implementation of conservation practices on their land."

Participants in the StrikeForce include The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Rural Development, the Farm Service Agency, the Food and Nutrition Service and the USDA Office of Advocacy and Outreach.

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Why do Christians celebrate Christ's death?



Pastor and Mrs. Reed

By Matthew Reed

In that Christ died for us, He suffered the death that sinners suffer—that is to be separated from God. Scripture says that “The wages of sin is death.” This is why Christ prayed, “Father remove this bitter cup from me.” He understood what it meant to have taken our sins upon himself. This he did so that we would not have to suffer the wages of sin, because he loves us. You see the wages of sin is death. So the death that Christ hated to have to go through was the death that God is trying to save us from—the death of being separated from God.

That is why in Mat-

thew 27:46 the writer records that Jesus cried out, “My God, my God! Why hast thou forsaken me?” You see, Jesus paid the sin debt for you and me that have received him as our Lord and Savior. The wages of sin is death (being without God). That’s a reason to celebrate!

Another reason we celebrate is that from his death came his resurrection. We as believers believe in the resurrection. Having died, He was raised from the

dead, giving us proof that God raises the dead. Now we can believe that we are eternal beings. This means that according to scripture we are going to spend eternity in one of two places— heaven or hell. Now you know that

heaven is going to be in the New Jerusalem. Hell is going to be in the lake of fire. Jesus’ death, his cross, his resurrection gives mankind a choice. You are making choices every day of your life on where you are going to

spend eternity. Choose wisely! If you make the wrong choice in this life, you are going to be sorry in the next forever. There will not be any excuses.

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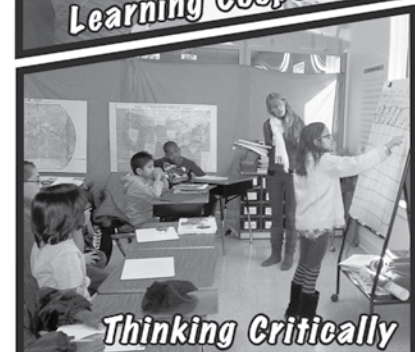
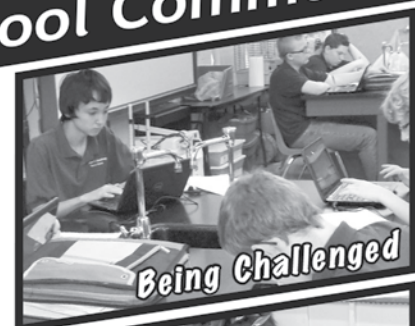
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orable than the next. "Our good days, outweigh our bad days, so we won't complain," stated Mrs. Johnson. People have been generous at work, church and in the community not just Marlin, but wherever God has allowed us to go and who ever he has had us come into contact with. "We have formed a lot of lasting friendships over

the years and many of those people stay in contact with us today.

Pastor Johnson, while a minister for over 50 years, also worked on a "regular job." For many years he worked at Fort Hood. The Johnsons recounted that Pastor Johnson had just made it home from that job when the 1953 tornado hit Waco, Texas. Mrs. Johnson vividly remembered her husband getting in from work and remarking that the weather looked bad towards

Waco. They found out the next morning that a deadly devastating tornado had indeed struck. Other jobs held by Johnson include working at Booker T. Washington School located on South Commerce Street and later for Marlin ISD a job from which he retired. During the time at MISD, Johnson also was a bus driver.

During his service as a pastor, Johnson has given the right hand of fellowship to many, and given licenses to preach to others. Currently his ministerial staff includes: Bishop Fred Ormsby, Minister Deborah Raphael (his daughter), and Minister Alfornette Timms. With the help of these faithful servants, Zion Hill has given birth to many outreach ministries including Overcomer's in Christ, Prison/Jail Ministry, Van Ministry. Currently he serves as Moderator of the Falls County Missionary Baptist Association, a position he has held for a number of years.

The kingdom building work of the pastor has not been confined to the inner walls of Zion Hill. Being obedient to God, he went into the highways preaching the Gospel to those far and near (Luke 14:23 Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled). One of the earlier ministries spearheaded by Johnson and supported by others was the street ministry that was held every Saturday weather permitting on what is now the Friendly Corner. Armed with the word, music, and a friendly smile Johnson would preach the gospel to all that were near.

Pastor Johnson stated while he couldn't recall a specific most memorable time over the last 50 years, he could say "there have been many places and people that we have met." Johnson did recall having officiated numerous weddings and many home going (funerals).

In 1960, the now Devora Bradley Johnson LVN began working at Torbett Hutchings Smith Memorial Hospital a job which she did for 50 years. Mrs. Johnson recalled moving with the hospital in 1963 from across the street to its current location. This outside job was done while still ministering by her husband's side. Mrs. Johnson retired on Febru-

"Why" and "Why not?"

By Mona Dunkin

The answer to "Why" is and always has been one of two reasons:

"Because it seemed like a good idea at the moment." Or "Because all the conditions were met for it to have happened."

The answer to "Why not" is and always has been one of three reasons: "Because s/he did not think of that at the moment and you were not there." or "Because s/he thought of it and decided against it." "Because all the conditions were not met for it to have happened."

Simplistic? No. Simplistic is to see things from only one-dimension. Simplistic is the failure to acknowledge the countless variables that goes into every-single-solitary interaction.

Suppose you went home to find that your dwelling had been completely destroyed. Finding out "why" - a fluke tornado, a misdirected wrecking ball, an explosion - may bring some peace of mind. The fact remains that the damage has been done and the next step is moving forward.

Searching for "why" or "why not" will not rebuild the house/relationship. It impedes progress. To clean up the mess begins by regaining your stability, by finding the courage within you to do your part in rebuilding the structure or restoring the relationship.

To continue searching for "why" or "why not" comes from failure to accept what happened or what did not happen. It comes from the heart of a griever. It comes from something you want to cry about.

We cannot move past what we have not embraced. We do not have the liberty to throw away that which we do



Mona Dunkin

not own. So acknowledge the hurt and own your emotions. Then step into the renewal of today and be pleasantly surprised when peace shows up.

Work on developing relationship. That is not to say that the past will never be discussed. It is to say that past discretion will consciously and deliberately be set aside while emotions are healed and relationship is rebuilt. And be pleasantly surprised when forgiveness shows up. You will know when the past is not worth remembering.

You must make allowances for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." - Colossians 3:3

Whenever offends comes you have a choice to make: Will I use my energy and emotions for retaliation or for resolution? You can't do both. What do you choose? Why not?

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Rev. William Johnson, Jr., and Sister Devora Bradley Johnson

ary 1, 2010 from Falls Community Hospital. According to Mrs. Johnson, the hardest part of leaving a job that she had worked at for 50 years was leaving her co-workers and the work itself. "I found such great job in going to work and with the people I worked with and the patients," shared Johnson.

While retiring from her job at the hospital, Mrs. Johnson has not retired from working for God in and out of the church. She is currently Vice-President of the Senior Mission and a teacher for the women's Sunday school class.


God blessed the Johnson union with four daughters:

Minister Quida Gail (Bishop Lonnie) Garrett; Maurette (Charles) Lewis; Minister Deborah Rapahel; Sherri (David) Swinson. In addition, they are blessed with six grand-children and six great grand-children. The Johnson family includes many, many, siblings and other extended family and of course their church family the Zion Hill Baptist Church.

While 50 years is a milestone not accomplished by many for doing anything, the mission of William and Devora Johnson is not over. "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work." - John 9:4

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Non-toxic cleaners you can make at home

By Linda McDonald

Floors: A simple floor cleaner is made by adding 2 to 4 tablespoons of Castile soap and 10 drops of lemon essential oil to a large container. Fill with 1 gallon of hot water and stir to mix. If the floor is greasy, add up to 1/8 cup of vinegar.

Walls and Counter Tops: The above floor cleaner will work well on walls and counter tops too. If you wish to disinfect, mix equal parts vinegar and water. Add 5 to 10 drops of essential oil, per 16 oz of mixture, if desired.

Mirrors: Mirrors can be cleaned well with water and a microfiber cloth. If you are looking for more shine (and germ killing power), combine 1 1/2 cups of water with 1/2 cup of vinegar in a spray bottle and shake to mix. Add 5 to 10 drops of orange or lemon essential oil for extra cleaning power and added fragrance.

Toilets: Pouring a little straight or scented vinegar into the toilet bowl is a great way to clean and deodorize. For regular toilet seat wipe downs, keep some vinegar in a spray bottle. Sprinkling baking soda into the bowl and scrubbing with a sturdy toilet brush is another good way to keep the toilet clean and fresh.



Linda McDonald, ABR

Bath and Shower: The best way to keep the shower clean is to regularly spray the walls with vinegar, this helps prevent soap and scum from building up. It is always a good idea to label your homemade cleaners. Writing the recipe on the container also helps make refills a breeze.

NOTE for Essential Oils: These concentrated plant oils contain powerful anti-bacterial, anti-viral, anti-biotic and anti-fungal properties. While they can sometimes be expensive, one small bottle will last a long time. They add a lovely fragrance to your homemade cleaners, which provides psychological benefits too! Favorite essential oils for cleaning are: Lemon, orange, peppermint, lavender, and tea tree.

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Waco's Make Your Message Count teen conference scheduled for April 20

By Tenina Stalling,
Public Relations
Director

Imagine 400 excited teens in one place! It was about a year ago this coming April that a challenge went out to teens across Waco and Central Texas and the challenge was this: "If you had ten seconds to change the world with your message, how would you make your message count?"

From all across Central Texas, teens poured into the Waco Convention center for one reason and one reason only – to "make their message count!" More than 400 teens, their parents, teachers, community leaders, and sponsors came together for a power-packed day of learning, sharing, and fun.

Well, if you thought last year was exciting, don't you dare miss the second annual "Make Your Message Count" conference held at the Waco Convention Center, April 20, 2013. Expect twice as many students and twice the excitement, including a day of great workshops, wonderful entertainment, delicious food, and the opportunity for students to meet other outstanding teens from around the state.

Outstanding, highly trained professionals will be on hand to lead discussions on issues that are essential to our teens' successful navigation through life challenges. Break-out sessions will include topics such as bullying, anger management, peer pressure, adult / teen communications, managing relationships, and leadership skill development. The teens will love two special sessions designed specifically at their request: "man up," a session designed for the young men, and "the phenomenal woman," a session designed especially for the young ladies. These sessions, led by a panel of experts, are designed to engage teens in "real talk" about real issues. You don't want to miss it. Teens, ages 13 to 19, are encouraged to attend.

Back by popular demand will be gospel recording artists, SoulFruit, from Houston Texas and the dynamite percussionist ensemble, X8 interactive drumming (formerly known as ZaBoomBa) from Austin, Texas. The mili-

tary drill squad from Greater Mt. Zion of Austin, Texas and the Tamberine Praise Dancers from Centro Evangelisto of Waco will be on hand to get us energized and ready for a day of learning.

The event culminates with a "speak out" competition, featuring top teen speakers from across the state. These teens, who demonstrate their ability to "make their message count," will compete for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarship money. Contestants can deliver their messages in poetry, prose, spoken word, or rap format, but all messages must be positive and uplifting.

This second annual "Make Your Message Count" teen conference is sponsored by SIBSolutions, SIB Leadership Development Institute, and a host of local business and community organizations in Waco and surrounding areas. SIB Leadership Development Institute is a 501-C3 non-profit organization, whose mission is to provide enriching events and activities that isolate and develop leadership potential in teens and young adults. Their workshops and life-coaching sessions feature training in team development, communications, anger management, managed agreement, personal/professional goal-setting, and power presentation skills. Participants can attend sessions as a group / team or receive one-on-one coaching in stage presence, charisma, poise under fire, as well as confidence in conflict situations, interviews, and public performances.

SIB Solutions, L.L.C. was birthed by Waco's own Scheherazade Perkins, Dr. Shawneequa Harris, D.D.S, and the late Luther J. Mitchell, Jr. They are the children of Luther and Tommye Mitchell, distinguished educators and outstanding leaders within the Waco community. Together, these three siblings organized a company designed to address the leadership development needs of Waco and Central Texas teens. They pooled their talents, years of corporate and public service experience to found SIBSolutions, L.L.C. and to give leadership to the organization of



Recording artist SoulFruit of Houston will be at the conference.

the SIB Leadership Development Institute. During the past year, two additional outstanding professionals joined the team: Colbert Murphy, senior instructor and Tenina Stalling, Public Relations Director. Six premier professionals serve as members of the board of directors and advisors for this company: Dr. Ernest Benson, Dr. Brenda Atchison, Ms. Sheryl Chatham, Ms. Robyn

Patterson, Mr. John Bradford and Ms. Laveda Brown. Be on the watch for many exciting things from this innovative new addition to the Waco business community.

For more information about the organization or the "Make Your Message Count" teen conference, go to their website, www.sibsolutions.org or dial 1866-611-1742 for more information or to register your teens for the event.

The response from teens – you guessed it - went viral. From Facebook to Twitter and from LinkedIn to YouTube, teens spoke their minds and shared their ideas. These messages culminated in a power-packed conference of teens from across Central Texas, who came together for one reason and one reason only – to change the world and "make their message count!"



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We are living in dangerous times! Part 6

Continued from the March issue of The Anchor News.

By Ruby McCray

“What is this world coming to?” The answer is simple; it’s coming to an end! Precious Ones, Jesus is soon to return. Even if it’s five or ten years from now, if you are not ready to meet Him when He returns, will that day be too soon?

In March, I talked people on You Tube who testified of out-of-body experiences. All of these people died. Some were dead for a few minutes, some, a few hours, and one teen-ager was dead for twenty-three hours. Some had testimonies of heaven only, some of hell only and some were of both heaven and hell. Nevertheless, they all had an encounter with Jesus, the Messiah, and were allowed to return to their bodies. Several of the titles and links had a tremendous impact on me.

One was the eleven year-old boy I talked about last month who was pronounced dead at the age of three, went to heaven and then returned and spoke of things that he couldn’t have known. There are several videos of him, but the following is the one that I saw:

11 Year-Old Went to Heaven and Back, and Tells What He Saw: <http://youtu.be/QdUGoFTfP7w>

Another is about a man who died in a terrible plane crash: Man Dies, Come Back to Life. What He Saw: <http://youtu.be/xRSjzY0s0SM>. <http://youtu.be/wFA9KkAUj2o>.

Jesus introduced Himself to this Muslim as the God of the Christians; the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—not Abraham, Ishmael and Jacob: Muslim Near-Death Experience, Sees Jesus, Became a Christian, Part 1: <http://youtu.be/0TC-TL-FYNCQ>. Muslim Near-Death Experience, Part 2: <http://youtu.be/F70Ray8Mdn4>

This following is about a man who is now Evangelist Ronald Reagan. He was a hard-hearted Atheist for years who vowed that he’d never cry again. He confesses that he has told his story on every continent in the world, yet, he weeps at times: Atheist Dies, Went to Hell, Part 1: <http://youtu.be/jvIbqf7M-uE0> Atheist Dies, Went to Hell, Part 2: http://youtu.be/cFL_gJgILBiE.

This young Korean girl



Evangelist Ruby McCray

paints pictures of some of her sights in hell as she, along with others narrates: Girl Dies and Goes to Hell and Lives, Paints Pictures: <http://youtu.be/ci9KI4rSXw4>.

A Muslim woman, also, dies and goes to hell: Muslim Saw Jesus and Visited Hell: Khalida Wukawitz: <http://youtu.be/5XshWBbibAM>.

Dr. Gary Woods Dies, Saw Heaven, and Came Back to Life: http://youtu.be/b9VKDQn8l_A

This is a testimony of the teen-ager who was dead for 23 hours. Although this testimony is in Spanish, the caption is in English: Young Ecuadorian Girl Dies and Goes to Heaven & Hell:

<http://youtu.be/AYpBik-f7r-c>.

This is a medical doctor who shares his testimony: An Agnostic Atheist Physician Had a Near-Death Experience (Dr. Donald Whitaker): <http://youtu.be/q3adbayvKWA>. Hell Testimony (Dr. Donald Whitaker): <http://youtu.be/X54dYbfCSR4>.

Dr. Eben Alexander. A Harvard University professor shares his testimony: Neuroscientist Shares His Near-Death Experience: <http://youtu.be/ZN8bsq2Ic-4>.

Tony Kemp, Part 1: Testimony of Heaven, Hell and Hearing:

<http://youtu.be/z16ASpe-f61w>. Tony Kemp, Part 2: Testimony of Heaven, Hell and Hearing: <http://youtu.be/H0i7epvw1dg>.

Professor Howard Storm, the University of Berkley, California, an Atheist Professor in Hell! Best Testimony Ever! <http://youtu.be/8vj0qKthCgg>.

These are just a few of the testimonies that captivated me for over nine hours. I know that for many, these testimonies seem to be far-fetched, impossible and outright lies. I’m not suggesting that some of them have not

been embellished a bit, nor am I saying that they’ve told it all. But when you think about professors, doctors and others who would be willing to give up and lose everything, to be labeled as a fool, a lunatic, etc., there has to be something to it.

Since you are an intelligent being, you know how to eat fish; you eat the meat and spit out the bones. If you are a Christian or a sinner, ask God the Father through His Son, Jesus if there is some truth in these testimonies (John 16:23-24). Some of them, we don’t want to believe, although deep down in the recesses of our minds, we know that they could be true; therefore, we won’t ask God

to show us the truth.

If I die believing that God exists, then discover that He doesn’t, I’ve lost nothing. However, if I die believing that there is no “God” and there really is—I will have lost everything! Please share this website with your friends: www.theanchornews.com, and visit the “Archives” for parts one through five.

Pastors, leaders, we had better live holy lives and tell people the whole truth. I’m not suggesting that you become a hell, fire and brimstone pastor/leader, but we all know what we should do. We must forget about former customs and traditions (Mark 7:1-16). Some people are going to be very upset with us if they end

up in hell. The demons will be too happy to let them know that we didn’t tell them the whole truth for whatever our reasons. Also, it will be sad if some of us end up in hell because we deceived the people (Jeremiah 23:1-40). You may not believe me, but...just what if I’m right?

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Baylor's student start-ups funded by members of Angel Network

WACO, Texas (April 10, 2013) – Four start-up companies owned by students in Baylor University's Accelerated Ventures Program have been funded by members of Baylor Angel Network through BAN AV Investment Fund One, LLC.

BAN is an investor network providing early stage capital to entrepreneurs with developed business plans. BAN has 40 members and has invested in more than 20 start-ups. It funds an average of five companies each year. BAN works closely with Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business and is advised by a board of advisors. Angels contribute a portion of their profits to the Hankamer School of Business and Baylor University.

The four companies - Adanote, Thread Collection, TourMuseo and GarciniaFit, each received \$5,000 in seed money as part of BAN's commitment to fund the program for three years. BAN previously funded four student-run Accelerated Ventures Program businesses through the same fund.

"As Baylor Angel Network investors, it is with great pride and enthusiasm in which we invest, mentor and support entrepreneurs and start-ups in the Accelerated Ventures Program," said Pat Horner, BAN board member from McLean, Va., and Waco, Texas. "These are the best of the best in

Baylor's top-rated department of entrepreneurship program, and we look forward to their success today and in the future."

Follow this link for more information on Accelerated Ventures Program at Baylor's Hankamer School of Business <http://www.acceleratedventuresprogram.com>

"BAN's support and funding through the BAN AV Fund will help these new businesses through their critical first year," said Kevin Castello, BAN executive director. "This type of early-stage support greatly increases the chances that they will flourish and grow."

Students enrolled in the two-semester Accelerated Ventures Program at the Hankamer School of Business experience the business start-up process firsthand by taking a company from its conceptualization to selling its products or services. The program includes eight student teams per year with three students per team. Students must launch their companies in 45 days. By the end of the first semester, companies are expected to be generating revenue. By the end of the second semester, they should be profitable.

"As an investor in the Accelerated Ventures Program at Baylor's Hankamer School of Business, I am very pleased we are making another investment in student owned and

managed businesses," said investor Jim Foulks, BAN member from Waco, Texas. "This is another example of Baylor's commitment to introduce and involve business students in real-world business operations locally, nationally and internationally on a regular basis. This investment in the future will be of benefit to our community and the nation, and I am proud to be a part of it."

About The Companies

Thread Collection

Thread Collection is an online collaboration consisting of up-and-coming fashion designers. It will be a gateway for the designers to gain more exposure for their line, as advertising and marketing will drive traffic to the site and increase the designers' sales.

"BAN is the very reason we even have the opportunity to participate in Accelerated Ventures. We are incredibly humbled by all BAN has done for our class. What an exciting time this is. We never would have dreamed of being given an opportunity such as this! We are so grateful."

-Abbey McNeill, a junior apparel merchandising major, business administration minor from Edmond, Okla.

"Accelerated Ventures has been a wonderful experience so far. In this program, I am learning a valuable skill-set that will prove to be the key to my success. Accelerated Ven-

tures has been the most important class in my college career."

-Osgood Obodo, a senior finance and entrepreneurship major from Mesquite, Texas.

Adanote

Adanote is an online collaborative platform for students to upload, study, and share their notes for free. The website is currently under development and is expected to launch within the next month.

"BAN and Accelerated Ventures has been an eye-opener for us. The Baylor Business School is one of the best in the nation, but the things we've learned in Accelerated Ventures have shown us what to actually expect in the real world. The BAN funding was essential and instrumental for getting us off the ground."

-Michael Heath, a senior from Round Rock, Texas, studying management and entrepreneurship.

"BAN funding not only gave us the funds we needed, but also introduced us to contacts we can use for future businesses ventures."

-Graham VanDusen, a junior from Longview, Texas, majoring in entrepreneurship and finance with a focus on real estate finance.

GarciniaFit

GarciniaFit is a health supplements company selling 100 percent pure garcinia cambogia. The HCA extract from garcinia cambogia supplement aids in weight loss by blocking fat and suppressing appetite.

"The Baylor AV program facilitated the start of my very own business."

-Joseph Hsiao, a junior at Baylor majoring in health science studies and focusing on pre-physical therapy.

"BAN has allowed me the opportunity to jump start my career. I am grateful to BAN as I believe that AV is the most educational and important class in my college experience."

-Alex Norell, a junior marketing and entrepreneurship double major from Wayzata, Minn.

TourMuseo

TourMuseo replaces existing museum audio tours with a multi-media smartphone tour app. The app makes it free and

easy for museums to create and profit from multi-media smartphone-based tours. Museum visitors can browse and purchase these tours within the TourMuseo app on smartphones using their existing billing accounts.

"The BAN advice, guidance, and funding allow students to learn from their experiences creating a real company that benefits the Baylor community. We have learned more this semester, and applied more of our knowledge than we could have imagined."

-Charles Stokes, a junior computer science major at Baylor.

About Baylor University
Baylor University is a private Christian university and a nationally ranked research institution, characterized as having "high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The university provides a vibrant campus community for approximately 15,000 students by blending interdisciplinary research with an international reputation for educational excellence and a faculty commitment to teaching and scholarship.

Chartered in 1845 by the Republic of Texas through the efforts of Baptist pioneers, Baylor is the oldest continually operating university in Texas. Located in Waco, Baylor welcomes students from all 50 states and more than 80 countries to study a broad range of degrees among its 11 nationally recognized academic divisions. Baylor sponsors 19 varsity athletic teams and is a founding member of the Big 12 Conference.

About the Hankamer School of Business

Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business provides a rigorous academic experience, consisting of classroom and hands-on learning, guided by Christian commitment and a global perspective. Recognized nationally for several programs, including Entrepreneurship and Accounting, the school offers 24 undergraduate and 13 graduate areas of study. Visit www.baylor.edu/business and follow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Baylor_Business.



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