



FROM THE HEART: OIL CHANGE

My first car was a 1989 Pontiac LeMans. I drove that car, all the time, from Fort Hood, Texas to Austin, Waco, and San Antonio, Texas, while in the United States Army. One day, my car stopped, and it would not start. I checked the oil and to my surprise; I wasn't just low on oil, even worse, I had no oil. Apparently, the engine had some sort of a safety mechanism that would cause the car to turn off to prevent further damage to the engine. I immediately put oil in the car, and it started. From that point on, I changed my oil every three-thousand miles, which seemed like every month for me. Oil lubricates the engine, helps reduce friction, and helps the engine run smoothly. Oil reduces heat buildup. Heat is produced from the friction of engine parts and the excessive heat can cause substantial damage to vital engine components. Each time your engine runs, byproducts from combustion are collected in your engine oil. That's why it is important to change your oil, to rid your car of accumulated debris. We as believers need an oil change every day to reduce the stresses, frictions, and debris we pick up in everyday life. The way we change our oil is in private and public worship.

But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. Psalms 92:10

Every time we worship from our hearts, our spirits enter the presence of God, and He anoints us with fresh oil. David said in Psalms 23:5, "He anoints my head with oil, my cup runs over." If you are easily agitated, feel overwhelmed, and need God's help, it's probably time for an oil change. A time of solitude, practicing being in the presence of God by singing songs unto Him, pouring your heart out to Him, worshiping and adoring Him, and reminding Him of His promises; increases His anointing and favor on your life, and "changes your oil." He makes it fresh so you can face what you must face now and in your future. It was the anointing (fresh oil) that gave David the ability to fight against incredible odds and win. The more we practice private and public worship, the more He increases us and keeps our oil/anointing fresh and helps us win battles.

God, Kingdom, Church and Country

by Bishop Larry Mack

POET'S CORNER:

Whom Shall I Fear?

Have you ever felt conviction while indulging in a bad habit?
Or ever felt God say give it to me and the desire you'll no longer have it
Whom or what shall you fear?
No matter how long you've struggled God is always near
To give you that helping hand
To show you if you fall He'll help you get up and stand
There is NOTHING TO BEG to over come
Do you feel as if you're falling and continue to succumb?
You ARE NOT the first to be there
To look around for help and feel as if it's nowhere
That addiction
The restriction
That's all a trick of the enemy
Give it all over to God and He will provide you a BRAND NEW STORY,
a testimony
Get down on your knees
God will ALWAYS hear your cries, your pleas
Ask Him to be the one to hold you
Console you
And control you
He knows the end before the beginning
So even if you fall know with God you're always winning!
Brush yourself off
God paid it all when He sent His Son to die on the cross!!

by Sister D'aira Lewis

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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: Jaden Jefferson Revisited

Jaden Jefferson, a member of the Toledo Greater Dreams Church, continues to make strides in the broadcasting field. Even as we begin the slow recovery from the pandemic, Jaden is busy videotaping stories for Sky News in London for their children's news segment. Recently he completed a story on how U.S. citizens are dealing with emerging from quarantine, after relative isolation following the availability of the COVID19 vaccine.

Sky News previously ran a piece on the American inauguration process. Jaden videotapes the segments, then Sky News tailors it to fit their local audience. Jaden has also been in conversations with the A&E Network to produce similar products. "So far nothing is set in stone due to COVID," Jaden said. "We are still talking about what we can do with them across the pond."

Jaden was 11 years old when he appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show because of his passion for broadcasting. Now 13, he's parlayed that passion into a "career" that has received international attention.

"I have been watching the news since I was tiny. I never found video games interesting, they never appealed to me," said Jaden. Instead, he and his parents watched the news on TV together every night. "It benefits me personally to know what is happening. I'd feel clueless if I wasn't watching the news."

Eventually, Jaden started creating video shorts and blogs about what was happening in his local community. Politics, current events, sports... you name it, Jaden was covering it. He created his own YouTube channel that is now followed by 6,000 people and a Twitter account followed by 30,000 people.

National fame, however, came knocking on Jaden's door in the summer of 2019. That was when Senator Elizabeth Warren came to Toledo for a campaign event. Jaden was in the crowd when Kurt Steiss, a photographer with the Toledo Blade, offered him a spot on the press platform. "I was just happy to be there," Jaden said. Jaden ended up getting an exclusive interview with the senator, which caught the attention of national media. Things took off from there, and media requests for interviews and appearances came pouring in. Jaden has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, Fox News, Live with Kelly and Ryan, and many other media outlets. He's also interviewed his share of celebrities and prominent people.

Even with national attention and celebrity interviews, Jaden is still committed to covering local news in his hometown because that is where he feels his reporting has an impact. He's able to handle this and his schoolwork because he's become quite proficient at juggling multiple tasks, although he says this year has been a struggle due to working from home and not being face-to-face.

Jaden hopes to attend an ivy league college like Harvard or Princeton or a school that specializes in journalism like Syracuse. After that, he'd like to report for smaller markets, and then move on to covering national news for a major network.

by Sister Jacqueline Robinson



Top 3 interviews

- Brad Pitt
- Oprah Winfrey
- Senator Sherrod Brown

Honors/Awards

- Lucas County UMADAOP Federation, Helen Postell Award
- Inducted as an honorary member of the Press Club of Toledo
- NAACP Freedom Fund Award
- Youngest member of the Society of Professional Journalists
- BET Future 40

Congratulations To Our 2021 Graduates

- Nnenna Agbaeze – Belleville High School: continuing her studies at Wayne State University
- Zion Jackson – Belleville High School
- Sister Chimere Marshall-Tyler's son, Bryan Tyler – John Glenn High School: Cum Laude, Academic Letter Recipient & will be playing basketball for Albion College in Business Management
- Jazmine Battle – Henry Ford College: Nursing degree
- Alva C. Claypool – Restoration Theological Seminary: Bachelor of Arts – Life Coaching
- Marcia Borgdorff – Restoration Theological Seminary: Bachelor of Arts – Life Coaching
- Cassandra M. Donald – Restoration Theological Seminary: Bachelor of Arts – Life Coaching
- Joy V. Wells – Restoration Theological Seminary – Doctor of Philosophy in Life Coaching
- Rekashator S. Harris – Restoration Theological Seminary – Bachelor of Arts – Prophetic Ministry
- Kathy E. Washington – Restoration Theological seminary – Bachelor of Arts – Prophetic Ministry
- Jenellvra S. Brown – Restoration Theological Seminary – Bachelor of Arts – Organizational Leadership
- Sister Ericka Curtis' son, Tony Curtis – Summit Academy North High School; Will be attending Washtenaw Community College.



GDC Grab and Go Community Lunch Program



The program began in March. The purpose of the “Grab and Go Lunch Program” is to provide the residents of the local community with a fresh lunch free of charge. “Grab and Go” has provided lunches to nearby senior citizens, large families, and the homeless. We also have the opportunity to pray for others; tell people about God and invite them to our dynamic church!

The program is run by 24 dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers that either pack and prep on Mondays or serve on Tuesdays from noon until 1:00 pm.

So far, we have given out over 760 free lunches! All the food and supplies have been donated by church members and friends. Without their generosity, this program could not thrive. Special thanks to all the members and friends for supporting our worthy outreach ministry!

Please contact Sister Dea Mason, (734) 578-5443 for additional information about contributing or participating.



Face Mask Wearing Guidelines: The COVID Care Ministry continues to require all attendees of Sunday Service to wear face masks, even if fully vaccinated, until 70% of membership is fully vaccinated. Please notify Minister Deidre Bess of your vaccination status so she can accurately monitor our progress in the accomplishment of this milestone. Until then, COVID screening questions at building entrances, and Social Distancing seating in the main sanctuary will be maintained in addition to liberal hand sanitizing.

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Sunday August 8, 2021

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Music, Games, Giveaways

Larry & Regina
Mack

Birthdays:

Ron Williams- 7/4, Alexis & Amnd Lee- 7/4 (Toledo),
Alva Claypool- 7/7, Mariah Mack- 7/7, Elder James
Jefferson- 7/13 (Toledo), Marsha Jenkins-Sanders- 7/29,
Lynell Jefferson- 7/29 (Toledo)

Anniversaries:

Chris & Ebone' Johnson- 7/19 (7 years) (Toledo)

Sending Prayers Of Healing And Restoration To:

Toledo Campus

- Elder Neil Goodloe is in hospital recovering from open heart surgery.
- Brother Jerome Mitchell is in hospital recovering from serious automobile accident.

Wayne Campus

- Sister Demitria Robinson, and husband Julian Robinson, for the transition of her father.
- Sister Jacqueline Robinson's dear friend, Kim Bowman, who is very ill and facing surgery.



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