

# Happy Birthday

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Shanae Davis July 7  
Timothy Robinson July 7  
Cynthia Garner July 8  
Terry Herring July 8  
Bo Menefee July 9  
LaCheryl Wicker July 9  
Marcus Wicker July 9  
Mary Johnson July 10  
Cynthia Alexander July 11  
LaChail Gaines July 11

Cynthia Humphrey July 11  
RaShonda Jamerson July 12  
Elizabeth Anderson July 13  
Darryl Flemming July 13  
Stephanie Nelson July 13  
Aniyah Bradshaw July 14  
Ian Cooper July 14  
Vicc Johnson July 14  
Caleb Meekins July 14  
Ronnie Odom July 14  
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Cheryl Mayes July 16  
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Roy Battles July 18  
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Ketura Hayward July 20  
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Freddie Wicker July 20  
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**The Mass Choir** is now open for auditions beginning **Every Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - July 24<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:30PM. Please see Sister Tamika Morton or Monica Hartman for more details.

**Baptism** will be held on **Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** during morning worship. Contact Min. James or Rozlyn Hollifield at 734.329.2106 for more information on baptism, or if you desire to be baptized.

## Attention Young Adults!

We are headed to Indiana on **August 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>**. Get ready to have some fun at the Black Heritage Expo, Laser X, Canoeing and more. Your \$20 deposit for the trip is due **July 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Start saving your money now!** Contact Cory Jamerson at 734.657.1558 for more information.

**Awaken the Worship Dancer in You!**  
Join the CLFMI Thunderous Grace Dance Ministry at the **July 19<sup>th</sup> Open House from 1:30PM-3PM**. Thunderous Grace has a dance ministry group for all ages. Boys and Girls of at least 4yrs of age can join TKPG (Thunderous Kids Praising God), or join the preteen to teen ministry, GVA (God's Victorious Army). Lastly, P&G's (Power and Grace) adult dance ministry is geared for adult men and women between the ages of 18 to 99. Don't miss this opportunity to learn various forms of dance (Hip Hop to Ballet) as a praise and worship to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It's all about Him! Contact Minister Charissa Clarke for more information, 734.276.3914.

**Hey Youth- Get Ready to Put those Hands UP!!!**  
We are headed to **Cedar Point on Saturday, August 2nd to get our "Ride On"!!!!** We will leave the church grounds at **8AM** and depart from CP at **8PM** to return home. Only 50 children ages 11-17 will be able to attend this trip, so sign up today! Total trip cost is \$53 which includes bus transportation and your CP ticket! A \$20 deposit is due on **Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**. Balance is due on **Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**. See Pastor H today!

## CLASSIFIEDS

### NO PARKING!!!

Please do not park in the firelane along the side of the sanctuary and lawn areas, nor double park under the breezeway when picking up anyone. Violators may be ticketed and/or towed by the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department! The handicap parking spaces are for handicap people only. Please respect the handicap.

### Tired of doing hair?

Would you like to have your daughter's hair braided? Send her to me! Prices range from \$35-50 depending on hair length. Beads are only \$5 more. Call Karla Renee Vick for an appointment, 734.487.7744.

### 11 Year Old Raising Money for A Drum Set

JJ's Odd Jobs is here for YOU!  
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Call Jordan Johnson at 734.330.4158 Today!!!

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### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!!

**Don't Forget to take the CLF Picnic Survey** beginning July 6 through July 10. Up to 50 CLF Members, of at least 16 Yrs of age, can share their thoughts on our picnic. Go to [CLFMI.net](http://CLFMI.net) for the link!



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## Attention STOMP!

**BOOTCAMP!!!**  
Come out all youth ages  
11-18 yrs old.  
**Wed, July 16th thru  
Fri, July 18th  
from 7-8:30pm**  
Invite your friends and  
come out and learn how to  
be **Soldiers of God!!**

Questions?  
Call Pastors Harold  
or Angela at  
734.480.9363

## Tye Tribbett & G.A. Concert

**Straightgate**  
**International Church,**  
**Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Special appearances by  
**20:13, Antwan Stanley,**  
**Lauren Moss & others!**

We will depart from the  
church Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>  
at 4pm return to the  
church by 9pm.

Sign up in the lobby  
starting Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>  
or you can call  
Pastor Angela:  
734.262.4299 or  
Min. Zerrick: 734.730.9762

Hurry-Sign up ends  
on July 11<sup>th</sup>!!!

# You Are Building a Legacy!

by **Moe&PaigeBecnel** A special message to blended families

Have you ever thought about your ability to leave a legacy, or even that you will leave one? Do you know what a legacy is? Do you understand the importance of a legacy in your children's life?



### Webster defines legacy as:

A particular thing or certain sum of money given by last will or testament; Anything handed down by an ancestor or predecessor. According to the second definition, we will all leave a legacy --- it is impossible to not leave a legacy! However, not all legacies are good.

What many people are not conscious of is that everyone will leave a legacy to their children and grandchildren - whether good or bad.

The legacy we leave our children will influence their life. Often based on our legacy, our children will leave a legacy to our grandchildren. Your legacy will either be a blessing or a curse to them. Our children observe what we say, do, and watch, who we are friends with and what we participate in. They also observe the relationship we have with God. How Will You Be Remembered? At your funeral, how will people remember you?

What traits did you display? Were those traits the same in and out of your home, or were you different in public than at home? In thinking of the legacies left by some people, we came up with a list of a few potential legacies:

1. a winner, or a quitter
2. a person who takes care of others, or a self-centered life
3. a life of great achievements, or a life with no ambition and goals
4. money and great wealth, or extreme debt from poor money management
5. a successful business person, or a job hopper
6. a life of peace and self-confidence, or a life of fear, worry and anxiety

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7. a God-centered home, or a self-centered life - independent of God

8. a person of encouraging words, or a person of gossip

9. a life directed by God's principles, or by man's principles, or by alcoholism, drug abuse or pornography

10. a person who loved family time, or a person devoted to work

11. a life based on honesty, or a life of dishonesty or even illegal ventures

12. a loving mother and father, or a parent who abandoned a spouse and child

13. a loving family environment that will last a lifetime, or a life of quitting relationships when they get tough

Do some of these closely describe the legacy you are leaving? If so, were they positive or negative legacies?

### Your Everyday Decisions

Realize this --- your everyday decisions and actions add up and eventually determine the legacy you leave your children and grandchildren. And what you do not stand against, you effectively say it's OK.

We (Moe & Paige) have learned that by accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord of our life, a whole world of blessing and purpose has opened up to us. God takes very good care of His children! One of our favorite scriptures is Jeremiah 29:11 in which God says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Yes, God has plans for our life, and He has plans for your life, too. And His plans are very detailed. God has a plan for your new family.

He wants your family to become a loving, safe-haven for all family members, and to follow the example of His Son Jesus, serving each other in a great way. He also wants your marriage

to last a lifetime. As you seek and walk in God's plan for your life, you build a God-ordained legacy for your children and grandchildren.

When Moe experienced divorce, he felt as though he had failed his children. As his visitation was set at three weekends each month, that gave him six days each month to try to raise and influence his children. He struggled with the fact that he had lost the ability to raise them. He felt his parenting ability had been taken from him.

But God always has a promise to meet our needs and concerns. Moe found a promise from God in Isaiah 54:13. It says, "All your sons will be taught by the Lord, and great will be your children's peace." (All of Isaiah 54 is awesome!) Wow! In the absence from his children, God steps in and raises them Himself by His Holy Spirit. As a result, our children turned out to be well behaved and obedient. We know that it is God's Spirit who had such a positive affect on them. After all, all we had to offer was a broken home, and hurts.

### God's Plan

So what is God's plan for your blended family? What legacy does God want you to leave? He desires your family to stop being a "step" family, to grow in love, to honor and respect each other, to be a place where all members are completely accepted, and to provide physical, emotional and Spiritual guidance.

More than anything, you and your spouse need to develop a role model of a true, loving family for your children. If you do not value family, neither will your children.

From our divorces, our children only knew of brokenness, of arguing, and of selfishness. They found out that their feelings did not matter to at least one of their parent's decisions to divorce.

You see, God hates divorce, and He is deeply interested in seeing your marriage last a lifetime. It is our responsibility to break the cycle of divorce in our lives and our children's lives. We have a great opportunity to leave our children a great legacy! That legacy is that marriage and family is of

utmost importance, and divorce is not an option. All problems in a family can be solved - the solutions come when we start serving each other and stop being selfish. Solutions to our problems are discovered in our prayer time with God. He will show you how to respond to every situation.

A great scripture that sums up what we are talking about is found in Proverbs 20: 7. It says, "The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him." Do not let the word - "righteous" intimidate you. Righteous simply means "right choices!"

### Being Intentional

We must be intentional in developing a legacy worth having. It will not just happen.

- Love your spouse and children – give them your time, encourage them, listen to them, extend forgiveness, extend grace.

- Pray for your spouse and children everyday – for protection, health, acceptance, favor with others, for the friends they choose, for their future, and their future spouses.

- Teach your children to serve others. Regularly visit a nursing home, or a friend in the hospital, or help someone move - and bring your children with you.

- Help your children to find God's plan for their life. Take them to church. Establish a high moral standard in your home, with high expectations.

We pray that everyone who reads this article will get a revelation that they control the legacy that they will leave. Each day we plant seeds in life that become our harvest. We need to be sure we plant good seeds, and not weeds, so that our life might be full.

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## Who is Jesus to your neighbor? Is He the way, the truth and the life to them?

by Cory Jamerson

What do they believe? Do you believe?



Lately, I've been hearing how some of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, those who confess Jesus as Lord, don't really believe that he is Lord. Lord in a way that He, Jesus, actually is God and that he is the only way, the only truth and the only one who can bring life. Do you believe that no one can come to God except through him? Do you believe the words of Jesus the Christ?

There are people who hear these words and grind their teeth. They don't believe that Jesus is the only way to heaven. They can't grasp how so many people can be led the wrong way and don't want to accept that if they don't receive Jesus as Lord and the Christ, then they will die in their sins and go to hell. This truth is hard

to accept, but it is true. There is no other who can deal with sin.

This unbelieving spirit has crept into the church and is convincing the people of God that there are other ways to get to heaven. Do you believe the written Word of God? Do you believe it is truth and nothing less? When we don't fully believe God's word, it is easy to be convinced it's not absolute truth. The devil is literally looking for those who don't fully believe and is convincing them to think we or others can find God or heaven through some other source or idea.

I'm writing this to say God has given us the authority over this spirit of doubt. It starts with knowing that you are in a direct relationship with the only, true living God. Know and believe in His Word. It is His Word and His Spirit that have the power to transform our hearts and change our perspective of God so that we can boldly share the truth about Jesus. Read the Word of the Lord and ask your Creator to help you to believe His Word. Protect yourself by reading and confessing the Word of God. Your faith is critical to this world and to me.

Remember, it is your faith in Jesus that strengthens your life and gives you the authority to influence the lives of those whose faith isn't so strong. Do this in Love.

## TO THE PEOPLE AT CLF

by RaShonda Jamerson

I want to start by saying this is not an article in reference to any one person in particular. This article is to everyone. Everyone should take this personally.

A quote many of us know and can relate to is, "the world would be a much easier place to function in if we didn't have to function with people." The reality, though, is that we have to function with people, and people are not perfect. There is no revelation there. Since people are not perfect, neither are the groups that people belong to.

I, for example, see a few problems within a particular organization that I am involved in. Formerly, I had a tendency to say, "those people are lazy and those people don't know how to function as a group." My mistake was I managed to separate myself from the group and look at everyone else within the group. Personal newsflash: I am the group. If I see something I don't like among a group of people I'm involved in, it's not the group that has the problem, it's me—I cannot separate myself from the rest of the group. My leg can't look at my body and say, "Boy, that body sure is having some trouble moving around." My leg is a part of my body!

Often times, we are able to see what is lacking or missing because of our gifting and skills. For example, I am a counselor. As a result, I go into places and am able to see



where people need help and encouragement. I don't walk into CLF and say, "These people need help. I'm outta here." Instead, I say, "Some of these people need help. Let me see how I can help them." This is what Pastor Barbara means when new people join the church and she says that we will pour into them and they will pour into us.

All this to say, for those of us that see things here at CLF that we don't like, and I know we have complaints, we cannot dare turn and look

at the body and say, "The people at CLF are \_\_\_\_." (I'm fairly sure you and I can think of several—mostly negative—fillers). Newsflash: You are the people at CLF. So, next time you decide that there is something you don't like, don't start deciding whether or not CLF is the place for you. Instead, begin thinking, "Wow, God has put me in a place where I see a need and this is how I'm going to dig in to help it." If you don't decide this, you will simply wander around to other churches looking for the "perfect ministry," find it, join that church and then find out that ministry is not perfect either. You will again face a choice: dig in and help, or look around yet again for another ministry. People have an innate ability to fight or flee in difficult situations. I, as a member of your body, need you to fight!