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In this issue, Miguel Escobar discusses the Reviving Fires! Coming to Lafayette, Louisiana, also. Miguel's article is timely for this issue, as we witness more and more terrorist attacks, with the last one in Paris. Paris is a place known for love and we have seen lots of hate. Nothing will conquer this but God's love. Let's continue to spread the word of God and walk in His love.

Let us spend this holiday season sharing love. Looking to travel this Holiday Season, contact Pastor Larry Jennings. Ms. Erin Schilling talks about the class of 2016 and their thoughts on the Presidential Election. Essence goes to South Africa and Nancy shares "Give the Gift of Yourself."

Thanks,

*Melinda C. Sylvester*

Melinda Sylvester  
Publisher  
Faith & Soul News Magazine

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

~ Isaiah 9:6



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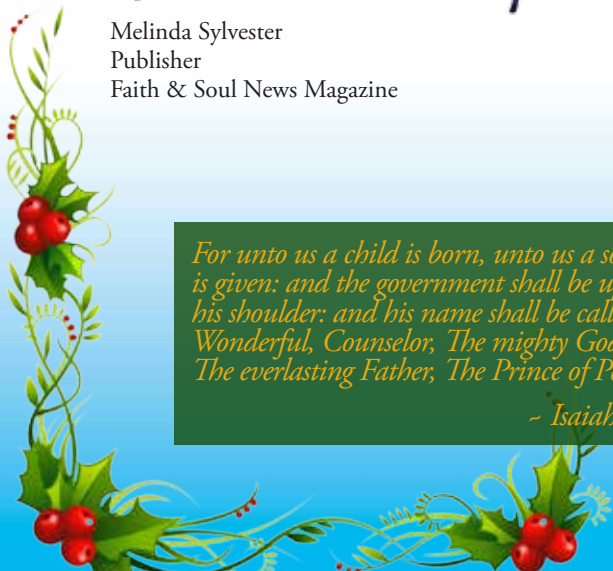
**FASMGM** was on Oprah's Belief Team (The series can be seen on OWN). In a brief survey by Tel-Mel Media & Publishing Co, LLC, it was discovered people do have different "Beliefs", but many say they have Faith in: God's Love, Family, Education, Good Healthcare, Career Opportunities, Safe Place to Worship, Shop, Get Educated, Live and Entertain. Pray. God's Love Conquers All!

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# APOSTLE LARRY JENNINGS, AKA “Apostle J”: THE ENTREPRENEURIAL PASTOR

BY KELLY JENNINGS

PHOTO BY KELLY JENNINGS

**Apostle “J”, a retired Air Force Non-Commissioned Officer is the Senior Pastor of Freedom to Live Ministries, a multi-cultural, non-denominational congregation.** After serving for over 15 years as the adjutant of Bishop B. Courtney McBath, Senior Pastor of Calvary Revival Church, Norfolk, Virginia, God directed Pastor Larry to relocate. “In 2007, Kelly and I thought we were moving to Georgia to be closer to my ailing mother, but God had another plan,” said the Pastor. In April 2010, Freedom to Live (FTL) Ministry was birthed. Not understanding the full meaning of his vision “Equipping, Empowering, Encouraging...Offering All the Freedom to Live,” it was apparent that God’s desire was to loosen, deliver, and set His people free. Thus, John 8:36 “Whom the Son sets Free is Free indeed”, became the founding scripture Freedom to Live Ministry.

Freedom to Live Ministry offers foundational teachings that are relevant to the everyday believer. The ministry deals with real life situations and teaches its members how to handle real life situations according to the word of God. They laugh...boy, do they laugh. Wednesday night Bible studies bring so much food to the table, members leave stuffed. At the FTL, the moment you step foot through the doors, emphasis is on “no religion, no tradition, no guilt, and no condemnation allowed.” You are free to be who you are in Christ.

“Make no mistake. We teach and preach nothing but the unadulterated word of God, but we do it without being legalistic or dogmatic. We are called to shepherd God’s people, not lord over them,” continued Apostle “J”. “We’re making disciples who desire to impact the world with the Gospel. We often say, if you leave this church, tell the truth; we are a no-nonsense ministry who believe in living in our Kingdom Authority everyday. While you are free to come as you are; we know the spirit of God will ensure you leave a transformed individual, thriving in the things of God.”

Apostle “J” and his wife, Prophetess Kelly, believe you are not called to a community unless you are sowing into the community. For the past eight years, they have faithfully served in the Fayette County Jail Ministry and have played an intricate part in transitioning and transforming the lives of incarcerated men and women.

“The heartbeat of our ministry is evangelism. Transformation of the mind is essential to ensure effective change in the lives of those we minister to,” Pastor “J” stated. “Our future plan is to build a Community Development Center that will allow us to minister to the heart of those who need it most. Though it is a couple of years down the road in the making, the excitement is in the air.”

On April 17, 2016, Apostle “J” and his congregation will celebrate five years in ministry and they are doing it with a bang. As the Pastor continued, “We believe in fellowship and what better way to do it than on a Celebratory Seven Day Cruise onboard the Carnival Dream July 24-31, 2016. This is not just for our congregation, but it’s for anyone who wants to jump on this great deal as we travel to Montego Bay, Jamaica, Cozumel, Mexico and the Grand

Cayman Islands.”

Part of FTL’s relevant teaching is not just the word of God, but teaching transformational life skills.

“I believe God ministers to the whole person and so should I. Therefore, as an Ephesians 4:11 church, we encourage our members to discover and pursue purpose. We allow our member’s gifts to be cultivated so that they are equipped, empowered, and encouraged to do the work of the ministry. It’s all about walking in our Kingdom Authority,” said Pastor “J”.

## The Entrepreneurial Pastor

Not only is Apostle “J” a full-time pastor; he’s also a full-time Entrepreneur.

“I believe wholeheartedly that God has given us power to get wealth,” explained the Pastor. “As a small congregation, I currently do not receive a salary from the ministry. However, I believe in walking in prosperity in all aspects of life.”

Pastor J is owner and operator of LJ’s Elite Fashions, a men’s custom designed clothing store. Additionally, he is an Independent Travel



Agent. When we asked Pastor "J", why the travel industry, he stated, "It just makes sense to get paid for the travel I do anyway. I travel and many of my pastor friends travel as well. Why not have your own travel agency that pays you 70-80% commission and get a tax break as well? Travel is a \$7 trillion industry set to double over the next decade. This is the right time to position yourself for the greater."

A business savvy pastor, he has established his travel business to provide residual income to the ministry. In doing this, the church doors will never close due to lack of financial resources.

"Everyone travels and everytime someone purchases travel through my website, the church gets paid and so do I", explained Pastor J.

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reap the benefits and rewards of being a part of the \$7 trillion worldwide travel business. You are backed by PlanNet Marketing's exceptional experience, support, and training. It's rewarding. It's social. It's fun," continued the Pastor. "It talks about 'freedom' and at Freedom to Live Ministries we are completely free and when you know you are free; 'Freedom Travels.' It's my goal to introduce more pastors to this awesome opportunity. Why? Because pastors travel."

To learn more about this company, contact Pastor J at 757-619-3881 or email him at larry742@gmail.com.

When you walk into the Freedom to Live Ministries Church or come into contact with any of the members, you will immediately know you've experienced authentic freedom. As Pastor "J" further explains, "We pattern ourselves behind the word of God, we are 'real' people who simply love God."

Pastor "J" is happily married over nineteen years to his lovely wife, Kelly. He has three children: his son, Larry, III, and two daughters, Lauryn and Michelle. Additionally, he is the proud "Pop-Pop" of two awesome grandsons who reside in Washington, D.C. with his son.

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# Miguel Escobar Brings the Reviving Fires to Fayette County

by Jacqueline Arnold  
photo by Tel Mel Media



*Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth in Me, the works that I do he shall do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father.*

~ John 14:12

## Meet Miguel Escobar, evangelist for Terraglobe Ministries, calling for Reviving Fires in Fayette County and

**across America.** Miguel is a pastor and international minister who has impacted more than 3,000 churches from Chile to Africa, through South America and now with a heart for America. All the way from Chile, God put a calling on his life to come to America to pray for Revival.

He has seen healings and supernatural miracles throughout Europe, Africa, South America, and Asia and has a heart to see this in America.

"In other countries, like in Africa, they have a heart for worship, and in South America, a heart for worship, but with lots of dancing, music, and movement," Miguel shared. "They can praise and worship and preach for days without ending. Their heart for the Holy Spirit is amazing. And, what God does in return is even more amazing."

His passion started when his father-in-law touched an entire community in Chile and thousands of people showed up for his funeral – the entire town was shut down because of one man's legacy. He heard of stories of supernatural interventions and he began to ask, "Why not in America, Lord?" Many countries overseas, such as in South Korea, are seeing revival because of the seeds American soldiers planted while serving in the military there. And, now, God, the Father of supernatural miracles is watering those seeds for supernatural occurrences. Miguel knows that God will show up in the same supernatural ways when we call America to Revival.

He has a vision of equipping and training people throughout Fayette County so when the Holy Spirit shows up for demonic deliverance and full throttle revival, the people will be prepared. In this light, he invites people, who show up in throngs to meet once per month to pray for revival, where he shares first hand occurrences of miraculous healings, the Holy Spirit's hand and the history of his ministry.



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Meeting once per month at the IHOP restaurant in Fayetteville and moving to The Hill church in Senoia, Georgia, beginning in January 2016, Miguel reminds us that revival can occur anywhere. His passion is to experience revival in the streets of Fayette County, to heal the sick and give sight to the blind, as we are promised in the Bible. Everyone is invited to join the meetings and be a part of this Revival Explosion, which is already gaining momentum in West Virginia, Ohio and Alabama.

To launch the vision, Miguel and TerraGlobe Ministries will host a Reviving Fires Dream Big Holiday Launch Banquet at Pinewood Studios on Friday, December 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be catered by Hannah Brothers Catering, and there will be a full program of speakers, ministers, prayer and passion included. Tickets are \$50 and available by texting Miguel Escobar at 540-550-0077. •

Miguel's passion includes, as a primary factor, unity in the body of Christ among all races ... the interaction of diverse groups. His vision is for revival in as many local churches as possible — revival being defined as something unusual, in which God's presence marks the difference. Miguel wants saints to dream big; see God's glory manifested in the streets, marketplaces, homes and businesses; and observe the restorative reality of His power.

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## ESSENCE FESTIVAL HEADS TO DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

by Sheila Harris

A three-year partnership has been formed with eThekweni Municipality to host the Essence Festival in Durban, South Africa in 2016 and 2017, announced Essence President Michelle Ebanks and eThekweni Mayor James Nxumalo at Durban City Hall today.

Each year, the Essence Festival in New Orleans draws more than 450,000 attendees from across the globe to its multi-day entertainment, empowerment and cultural event, which generates an economic impact of more than \$200 million to the local economy.



The Essence Festival Durban will follow the format of the annual New Orleans event; presenting international performers and speakers to entertain and inspire, as well as a host of local artists and experts. The event will bring exciting and informative ideas to equip small businesses through empowerment seminars across various sectors including career guidance workshops and other empowerment initiatives aimed at the youth.

"We are delighted to partner with the vibrant city of Durban to launch the Essence Festival globally in South Africa," said Ebanks. "Hosting our first international Essence Festival in Durban purposefully extends our mission to convene the diaspora around shared aspirations."

Mayor Nxumalo said the city of Durban had made waves internationally in the past two years by hosting a number of high profile events, which will now include the Essence Festival to further cement Durban as a choice international destination.

Nxumalo said the Essence partnership would continue to focus on the development of women and youth in business. A number of women-owned businesses will be selected to trade at the Festival, which will boost their profile and drive sales for the company.

"This partnership will have a host of benefits for residents starting with the Durban



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Business Fair (DBF) program which strives to connect local businesses globally. The Fair is taking place simultaneously with the Essence Festival launch announcement," he said.

"For more than 20 years, the Essence Festival has brought thousands of people together in New Orleans from near and far to celebrate a world-class event," said Mayor Mitch Landrieu, City of New Orleans. "I am thrilled that this festival is now expanding internationally to Durban, South Africa. The people of New Orleans know first-hand that the Essence Festival has not only enhanced our cultural economy, but it has also made a meaningful impact across the community through service and personal empowerment." •

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## GENERATION Z ENTERS THE VOTING WORLD BY STORM

by Erin Schilling



Political debates are beginning to sound throughout high schools' hallways because the upcoming election season is important to this year's seniors. Starr's Mill High School held voter registration tables during lunch on September 24-25 for students who were over 17 and a half years old. The class of 2016 will turn 18 just in time to vote in the presidential election next November.

MTV is also rallying political participation with its "Rock the Vote" campaign. Teenagers do not currently have a defined movement like they did in the '60s, but they realize that political participation does make a difference.

The U.S. Census Bureau states the 1960s saw the highest young adult turnout in the past 50 years, peaking at 50 percent. The war in Vietnam empowered a counterculture, and student radicals became more prevalent. Young adults have not had a unified message since then, so the votes decreased with the decrease in political participation.

Although statistics predict low young adult voter turnout, 78 percent of the 40 Starr's Mill students

polled said they planned to vote in the election. "Because I'm an American, and because we have a democracy, part of that is being able to vote for our leaders," senior Kelly Wildermuth said. "If you throw away your vote, then you throw away your freedom."

Only six students claimed to have no interest in voting, and three could not vote due to age or citizenship. These results certainly differ from the results of the U.S. Census Bureau showing 31 percent of young adults ages 18-24 that voted in the 2012 election.

Students are growing an interest in politics as they reach the age that it will affect them, and the increased emphasis on learning about government and current events will lend itself to a higher voter turnout of Generation Z, who, according to William Schroer of socialmarketing.org, are people born from 1995-2015. "I feel like it's my duty as a person who actually does know what most of the candidates are about to vote for what I support," senior Gunita Rahman said. Although most students agree voting is necessary, they disagree on who should lead

the country. There are 55 percent of students who are undecided on who they would vote for if the election was tomorrow, but Democrat Bernie Sanders was the leading candidate who pulled 15 percent of the sample.

With only three Democratic candidates and 15 Republicans running for their party's presidential nomination, Republicans are split among the sheer volume of candidates. This may be the reason that the poll showed blue in a red area. It may also show the liberal leanings of the younger generation, assuming enough of Generation Z comes out to vote.

"If you live in a state opposite of your political views, then your vote probably won't count for as much," Wildermuth said, "but you should still vote because if everyone thinks that way, then most people won't vote, and you're failing the system."

Voter turnout in the country, specifically in young people, is lower than preferred, but with political education and participation, these numbers have the possibility to spike in 2016 with the high school seniors leading the way. •

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# Give the Gift of Yourself This Christmas Season

by Nancy J. Lewis, MS, SHRM-CP, PHR, RCC



## Christmas is a time of love, joy, peace, and happiness.

It brings to mind memories of family and friends from past days we have shared time with over eggnog and cookies. This year I challenge you to give the gift of yourself in creative ways. It is important not to stress out because you can't give the gifts you desire to give. Give the gift of yourself because that's the gift that means the most. Enjoy the eggnog, cookies, family gatherings, and the love that you feel from loved ones and friends, but don't get consumed with feeling you have to buy something to make Christmas meaningful. The following tips are things you can do this Christmas season to bring a smile to the faces of family and friends.

1. Volunteer your services to a nursing home or assisted living community in your local area. Find out what you can do for the seniors in those places. You can consider getting together with family and friends and collect toiletries from hotels and give them those in little bags. You may encourage those in your network to collect socks and take them to those facilities. You can go and read to them, sing Christmas carols and gain wisdom from their life experiences. The key thing is to do something for someone else no matter how small it may seem. You are making a difference to someone when you take the focus off of yourself and desire to touch the lives of those around you with heartfelt love.
2. Go make to basics. Decide to bake cookies, cakes, or pastries and put them in nice little gift decorated bags or tins and give them away with a handmade card expressing the love you felt while doing this. Get your family members involved in this and let this be bonding time for you and them. Help them see there are other gifts you can give that also have value.
3. Have a Christmas decorating evening where you invite family and friends to come over and help you put up the tree, hang the garland, and find decorations in the attic. Make a memory of this time and watch the smiles as you converse through the evening of fun and fellowship.
4. Have a Christmas dinner and ask everyone to bring their favorite dish, memory, and photo. Decide to give out awards for the dishes with the best presentation and create different categories for them. You can get as creative as you want to on this.

These are just a few of the ideas you can use. The key factor to remember is give of yourself and when you do watching the smiles, hearing the laughter, and feeling the love that runs from heart to heart is priceless. Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with peace beyond measure, joy unspeakable, and love that fills your heart. Be #intentional. •

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# Too Many Americans Are Suffering From A Self-Imposed “Debt” Sentence

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Why is it that we live in one of the richest countries in the world and yet we feel so broke? Do you own your stuff or does your stuff own you? What is financial independence and is it important to us?

Americans are probably the citizens most marketed to in the world. In our social media centric society, we voluntarily provide indicators of our emotional triggers to marketers. Marketers use those emotional triggers to manipulate us to trade our hard earned money for their stuff. Those who succumb to the emotional manipulation, unwittingly spend ourselves into poverty all the while justifying the mismanagement of our money. Contrary to what the commercial says, a car is still just a mode of transportation. It is not an indicator of how much success you have achieved; living in a bigger, nicer house than you can afford and taking vacations you can't afford are gateways to future financial embarrassment. They do not add value to your life and they do not make you happier. In fact, mindlessly spending our money on things we can't afford keeps us from achieving financial independence.

Financial independence is that state of being where we have sufficient financial resources to afford our lifestyle from now until retirement, throughout retirement, and beyond (legacy money). Financial Independence does not happen spontaneously. To achieve financial independence, we must first learn to be grateful for what we have and where we are in life. Most of us will never admit that we have no clue how to manage our money. We don't understand why it's important to live below our means and save some of what we earn to invest for our retirement/future. We allow our 25 year old, 35 year old, and 45 year old selves to make decisions that sentence our 65 year old, 75 year old, and 85 year old selves to a “debt” sentence replete with indignity. •

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