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Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice.

Cover Story:

A Father of Many Retired Navy Sr. Chief Nelson Sylvester

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REBECCA SYLVESTER**



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Happy Father's day to all the wonderful dads out there! Especially the Spiritual Fathers! Pray for Fathers and Dads!
Cover: A Father to Many, Retired Sr. Chief Nelson Sylvester and wife Rebecca adopts children as a way to give back for the bless life he has lived.

Inside: Retired Master Marine Antonio Parker and son; Restored Relationship Clarence and Julius, Essence Music Festival, Fly Lafayette, Juneteenth Recognition, Spiritually Preparing Your Child fro College, Black Music Month, F&S Book of the Month, Boys & Girls Club, WNBA, Sister to Sister, Attend the NAACP Banquet and more

Proverbs 23 vs. 24

The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

Proverbs 19 vs. 18

Chasten thy son while ther is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.

I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who continues to give me visions and strength to publish Faith & Soul News Magazine. I want to thank my family, all the wonderful advertisers (who faithfully support), our subscribers, readers and this wonderful community.

In this issue: Pupil's past produces present pastorship Rev. Ivan Ledet & Sheila Ledet; Freeman speaks out on Juneteenth, lack of state support; FAITH & SOUL TRAVEL OF THE MONTH....Arna Bontemps African American Museum and Cultural Arts Center in Alexandria, La.; White House Releases The Small Business Agenda: Growing America's Small Businesses to Win the Future Highlighting Critical Support for Small Businesses Across the Country; Louisiana Great Flood 2011. Scriptures for the month and more! BLESSINGS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!In our next issue: Father's Day, Spiritually Preparing Our Children for College, Black Music Month, Juneteenth and more.

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A Father Of Many (Pictured with Foster Kids: Alex(centered), Jack & Jill)

By: Melinda C. Sylvester

As part of our Father's Day issue, I looked for stories that will encourage and empower our Black fathers. I looked very hard and found the most inspiring story right in my own backyard. I chatted with Sr. Chief Nelson Sylvester and here is his story. Though a humble man he has a huge heart. Nelson and Rebecca has 3 kids and fosters many.

Publisher: What are your greatest moments as a father?

Sr. Chief Sylvester: I participate in the children's events. Enjoying time with my family. Hearing the word: Dad

Publisher: What inspire you to be foster parents to kids and raising 3 of ya'll own?

Sr. Chief Sylvester: I had a bless life, retired from the Navy after 25 years of service, am a fulltime Government employee and will be obtaining my bachelors' degree very soon. I wanted to give back. This is my way for thanking God. My wife Rebecca supports me greatly. We have been foster parents to many.

Publisher: Tips for Father

Sr. Chief Sylvester: Get involve in your kids' lives; encourage your kids to take advantage of education opportunities to learn more to advance their career and livelihood, Dads should work hard to be a good example.

We chatted with the kids and wife Rebecca: They quoted "he is a great father and dad; We love him." (*F&S*)

Faith & Soul News Magazine Travel of the Month: Essence Music Festival In New Orleans. Faith & Soul will be covering the event live checkout our website www.faithandsoul.net: Just added: USHER , great line ups music and empowerment.



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The years of High School are over, some parents will have the excitement of their first born leaving the nest and others may experience their last child leaving; making it an empty nest. The celebrations and parties have begun. Colleges have been chosen some close to home others far off. All these great accomplishments achieved; there is one important factor that should not be overlooked. Is my child spiritually ready for college? Where will he/she continue practicing his/her faith? What bible classes are available on campus or in the area? Do I know any spiritual leaders in the city where he/she will attend college? What impact will they have on my child? Am I overreacting; should I have concerns?

Susan, who graduated last year from college share her story. I would not have made it if it wasn't for my faith. I came across unexpected disappointment: family tragedy, sickness, bad grades and more. I didn't know how to tell my parents what was going on; so I tried to handle it on my own. After communicating with my family I was able to be reinstated in college after explaining what happened to the Dean. I had lots of support from loving & praying parents. Spiritual Continuing Education is very important. I had a great church family.

Faith & Soul encourage families to visit the area or city with your student and attend a Sunday Church Service. Make it a family trip this summer! (F&S)



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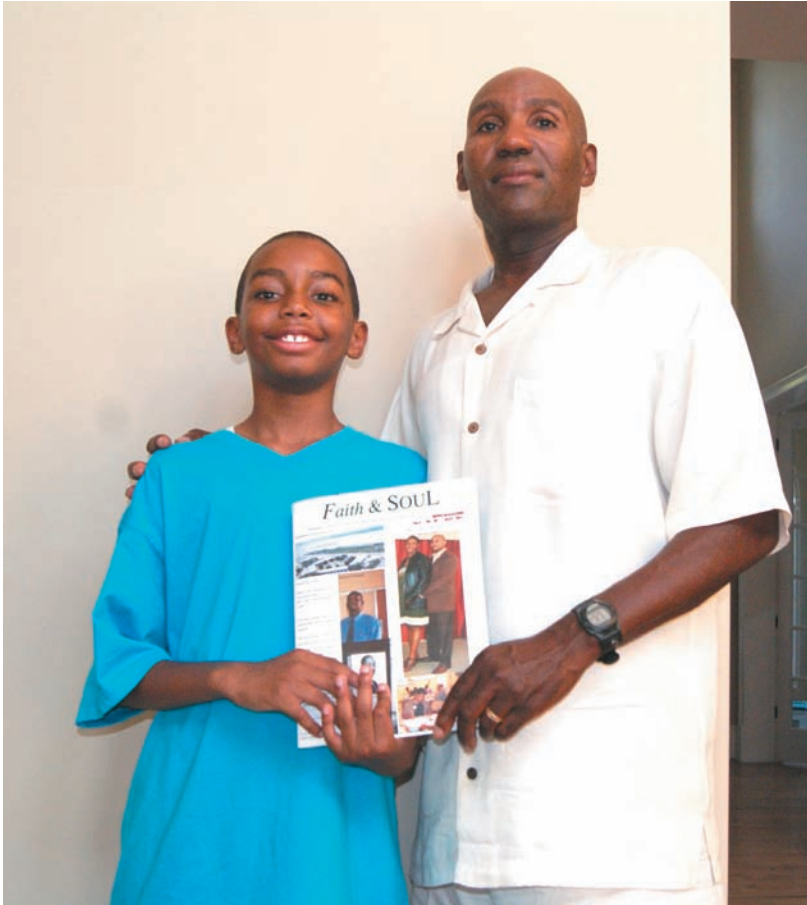


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Enjoying My Dad Being Home Antwan is happy his Dad Is Home, After serving 29 years in the U.S. Marine Antonio (Tony) Parker Retires



Antwan and his dad Antonio(Tony)



The Parkers: Antonio(Tony), Antwan and wife Jean

By: MC Sylvester

In the light of First Lady Michelle Obama support of Military Family ; We want to share these comments from Father and Son who lived a military life with our readers.

Antwan: I was very excited to hear her about his dads' retirement. My dad is cool. I would be very upset when it was time for him to leave back to the military. I am so excited he is home. Now I don't have to go and follow my mom to the womens' department store and look at womens' stuff. My dad comes to my basketball games. It is really fun having him home. We talk about lots of things.

Antonio(Tony): It was hard on me also. I always wanted to be there for my son when he got older. I am bless that I am back home; leaving the Marines was a great adjustment for me. But my son keeps me busy; my wife(Jean) and I have a very busy schedule with the activities and events Antwan keeps us going.

Jean: We are happy to have Tony home. It was a bit challenging without him home. tony is very involved in Antwans' life, which is awesome. Tony works fulltime and spends time off with Antwan.

A Father's Day Blessing: Restoration and Healing Relationship Between Father & Son



By: MC Sylvester

As part of our "Offshore Lives ", we felt compelled to share some of our story for Father's Day. How God has healed and restore a Father and Son Relationship! It is always easier writing about someone else. But we know the Lord has lead us to share with other people. There maybe opportunities for Fathers and Sons to restore their relationship and be healed this Father's Day. Don't wait til it's too late, call your dad tell him you love him!

In the oil field industry many men traveled away just like military soldiers do. To far off land and countries. As a young boy, Julius wondered why his dad had to leave home; not understanding fully of my dad's career. I was a bit challenged by not having dad home all the time; when I got older I was somewhat rebellious. I thought I knew a little bit more than him, under a lot of peer pressure and to prove I was a man. I found myself in places I never thought I would be. Through prayers and restoration; getting wiser & older and working in the oil filed also. Suddenly I started to admired the man who is my dad for what he has accomplished in his career (Toolpusher) and personally. Now I have a better spiritual understanding and thank God for his forgiveness. My dad and I can talk about things now. My word to the young men, listen to your dad it's not worth it. I am glad I came out of it.

As a father, all I wanted was the best for my son. I may not have always communicated it that way. When he was a teenager my career took me away from home a lot. Many times I came back exhausted with little time for family. I knew my son would come around but it was to endure it; that was very hard. Yes, you know the words of Bill Cosby: I brought you in this world and I will..... But I continually to pray; it is a battle for the young men out there. Not too many jobs, lots of pressure. I thank God for restoring our relationship. It is still a work in progress.

As the mother and wife, it pleases my heart to see the restoration and healing between the two men of my life be restored. As the word of God says train up a child in the way he shall go; he may stray but he will come back. This will be a very special Father's Day! Women pray for your men in your life. Don't let the enemy take nothing!(F&S)

IRS Offers Tips to Safeguard Your Records

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NEW ORLEANS — The approaching 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Season is predicted to be active with a possible 18 hurricanes for the season that starts June 1st. As many residents prepare for possible river flooding or the upcoming hurricane season, the Internal Revenue Service is encouraging individuals to safeguard their records in the event that disaster strikes. Some simple steps now can help individual and businesses taxpayers protect their financial and tax records later if they are impacted by severe weather and other disasters.

1. Take Advantage of Paperless Recordkeeping for Financial and Tax Records
– Storing copies of your tax returns, bank statements and other important financial documents electronically is an excellent way to protect financial records. Back up electronic files or copy files onto a CD or DVD or other electronic storage device.
2. Store your records in a separate location outside the potential disaster area - When choosing a place to keep your important records, convenience to your home should not be your primary concern. Remember, a disaster that strikes your home is also likely to affect other facilities nearby, making quick retrieval of your records difficult and maybe even impossible.
3. Document Valuables and Business Equipment - The IRS has disaster loss workbooks for individuals (Publication 584, Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook) and businesses (Publication 584-B, Business Casualty, Disaster, and Theft Loss Workbook) to help you compile a room-by-room list of your belongings or business equipment. This will help you recall and prove the market value of items for insurance and casualty loss claims.
4. Count on the IRS - In the event of a disaster, the IRS stands ready to help. If disaster strikes, an affected taxpayer can call 1-866-562-5227 to speak with an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related tax issues. The IRS also has valuable information you can request if your records are destroyed.

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JACKIE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS UNIT DIRECTOR SIGNS CFL CONTRACT WITH THE B.C. LIONS

LAFAYETTE, LA – Jasper Faulk is currently the Jackie Boys & Girls Club Unit Director. He has signed a CFL contract with the B.C. Lions to play as a Defensive Back (DB). He will come back to work for the Jackie Boys & Girls Club during his off season.

He has gone through several months of intense training, 5 days a week. Self-discipline has played a huge part in Mr. Faulk's journey. Many times he wanted to just give up, but his family history and experiences motivated him to push harder, when wanting to quit. When he felt like he was ready and fully prepared to reveal what he could do, he attended a tryout for the CFL and opened important eyes. Mr. Faulk says, "It took a lot of understanding of how God operates for me to be humble and patient about another opportunity."

Mr. Faulk is from Lafayette, Louisiana. He was a member of the Granberry Boys & Girls Club as a child and teen. He attended and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he majored in Therapeutic Recreation and played college football.

Mr. Faulk had this to say, "A life of trials, test, and struggles are only obstacles of training that is preparing you for the place God wants to take you." I want the kids to understand, "It doesn't matter how you grow up or who you grow up with, let your family be only an inspiration for you to do better in life even if your family has made wrong decisions the majority of your life."

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**Happy Fathers' Day from Faith
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***We wish all the Fathers a very
Bless and Happy Fathers' Day.***

***Please meditate on the following
versus:***

Proverbs 10 vs. 1

***The proverbs of Solomon. A
wise son maketh a glad father:
but a foolish son is the heaviness
of his mother.***

Proverbs 10 vs. 14

***Wise men lay up knowledge: but
the mouth of the foolish is near
destruction.***

Proverbs 19 vs. 13

***A foolish son is the calamity of
his father: and the contentions
of a wife are a continual drop-
ping.***

Proverbs 23 vs. 15

***My son, if thine heart be wise,
my heart shall rejoice, even
mine.***

Proverbs 23 vs. 19

***Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
and guide thine heart in the
way.***

Proverbs 23 vs. 22

***Hearken unto thy father that
beget thee, and despise not thy
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A Love Like This: Former UL student coauthors book with wife

By: Melissa Tyler

"My wife and I have been given a God-given assignment over 20 years ago," said the Rev. Ronald Hardy.

"After four years of being married, God healed our marriage," said Hardy. "This ministry was birthed from that; over the years we used to host marriage enrichment seminars.

His wife, Robbin, added that the seminars were always a theme. "We get it out, but we can do better getting it out on a book," she said.

Hardy attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette from 1979-1981. He is a formal postal worker, and he currently resides in Zachary with his wife. "Aw, we love Lafayette, and we love to come here!" he exclaimed. "My wife loves to come here for a weekend away."

The pair began writing their book in 2007 during a retreat in Vidalia. They were on the road with their product in Natchitoches in Dec. 2009, and they are scheduled to be in Baton Rouge this month.

"This is just one of the many copies that will come out on marriage," Hardy said.

"There will be many more to come out over the years of ministry to married couples," added his wife.

For more information or to purchase a book, contact the coauthors at 225-635-4692 or hardysrr@bellsouth.net.

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