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

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*To the Left:
My first
celebration
of Dr. Martin
Luther King
Jr. Holiday
Parade in
Atlanta, GA*



**FAITH & SOUL CONGRATULATES
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*Below: Baton Rouge's MLk March, in picture Mayor Kip Holden and
other community leaders. Photos by: James Terry Photojournalist*



Colossians 1 vs. 2

*To the saints and faithful brethren
in Christ which re at Co-los’-se.
Grace be unto you, and peace,
from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

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 our first Dr. Martin Luther King Parade in Atlanta, Boys & Girls Club, First Baptist Church Support Group, Apex Innovations, My Hometown Hero, Baton Rouge’s MLK Celebration, Support “Red Tails”

Enjoy Reading!!!!!!!!!!

*My prayer to Haiti: Don’t forget Haiti and don’t forget New Orleans!
Keep the faith and hope, know that the Love of God is closer than you think. Smile everyday and make others smile too. God Bless, Melinda*

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Faith & Soul News Magazine wishes everyone a very bless 2012. We believe this will be the year for us and you all. Great things are going to happen for us. It is the year of the Presidential Campaign, gear up and get ready.

I know there is so much more God has for us. Every year we start off with resolutions and before mid year we slide so fa from them. I want to encourage us all to tap in the gift God has given you. We are all bless with talents and gifts. God made us all unique to do this his WILL!

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Melinda

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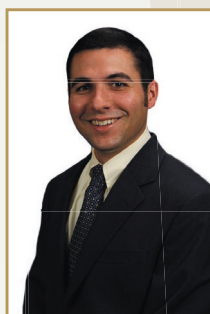
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“We’ve Come This Far by Faith.” Baton Rouge’s MLK Celebration



Photos/article by: James Terry Photojournalist

BATON ROUGE -- The NAACP hosted its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2012 Commemoration Program on Monday, January 16 at 8 a.m. at Mount Zion First Baptist Church, 356 East Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The theme for this year’s event is “We’ve Come This Far by Faith.”

The speaker for the program is Bishop Raymond Johnson, founder and pastor of Living Faith Christian Center. The program also included representatives from Baton Rouge’s varied faith community, civic and community entities and governmental leaders. Mayor/President Kip Holden is invited to participate along with EBRP Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, EBRP School Superintendant John Dilworth, Baton Rouge Chief of Police Dwayne White and City Council Members. The program culminated with the 17th Annual March for Peace from Mount Zion to the Baton Rouge River Center. The public was invited to attend the program and march and urged to continue their day of service in honor of Dr. King by participating in one of many community service projects being implemented that day. For more information, please contact Kwame Asante, Baton Rouge NAACP President, at 225-205-0572, or Mike McClanahan at 225-287-4673.

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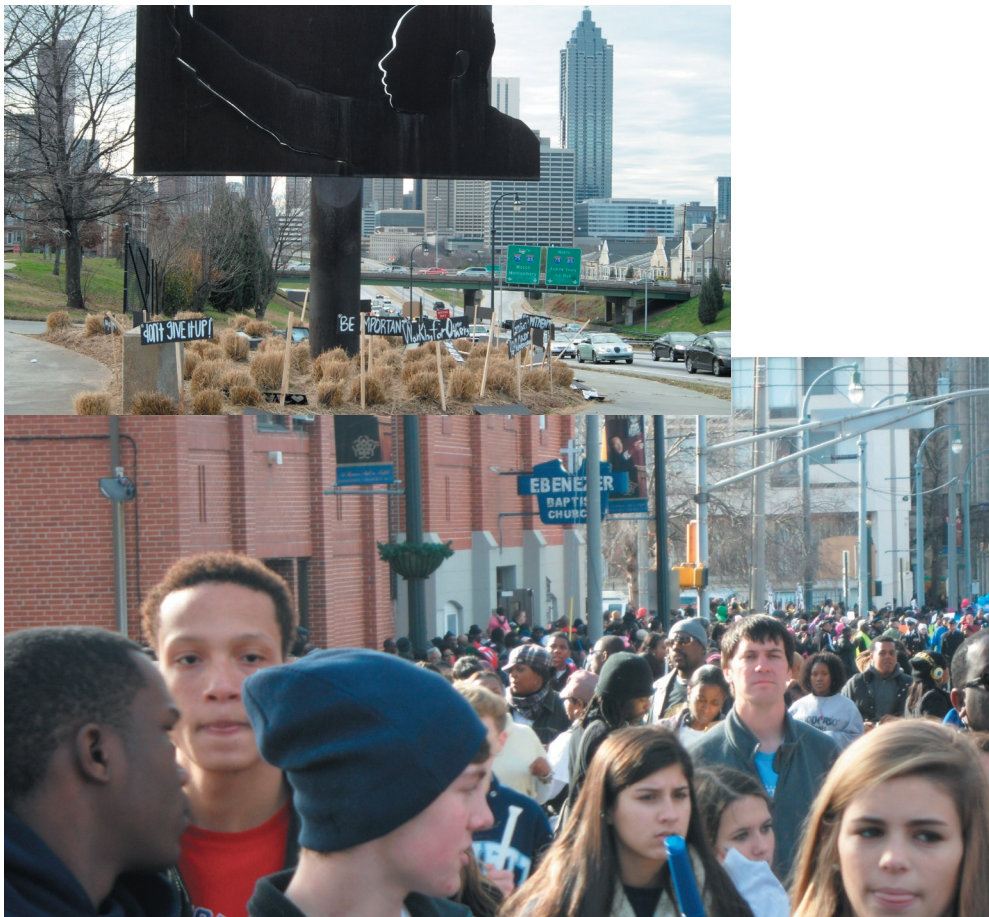


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LUTHER KING JR.
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ENCE!!!!!!!***

***BY: CLARA
SYLVESTER***



Photos By: Clara Sylvester

With times being uncertain its always nice to see people of all walks of life come together especially when honoring a great person such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year I got to be a witness of what Atlanta does for its most beloved hero. There were several different organizations there to help honor Dr. King such as the gate city bar association as well as several different local school including Martin Luther King JR High School. There were also people walking around getting people to register to vote and to remind people to vote so not only can change come but also to remind us exactly what Dr. King stood for, peace and equality for all. The crowd was quite large with many different races and ethnicities, all trying to be apart of something so great to honor a great man. This also wouldn't be a celebration without food, there were also several local vendors there selling food from bean pies to turkey legs. This experience was truly amazing and I was glad to be apart of something so great for such a man who is so deserving of it. Happy Martin Luther King Day We truly love you and appreciate all that you have done and all that your work helps us to continue to do.



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***We appreciate all of your support and look
forward to a great 2012!***

By Brenda Andrus

Lizzy Murray of Lafayette, LA was name Hometown Hero by Modern Woodman of America on December 19, 2011 with a dinner at Cici Pizza. As a fraternal benefit society, Modern Woodmen is dedicated to improving the quality of life for families and communities. The Hometown Heroes Program gives Modern Woodmen a chance to recognize others in the community who strive to do the same thing through volunteerism or an act of bravery. Mrs. Lizzy will donate her \$100.00 gift certificate to Black Radiance a non profit group that works with Nursing Homes, kids and volunteer in this community.

***FAITH & SOUL NEWS MAGAZINE CONGRATULATES: DR. PAT COOPER
LAFAYETTE PARISH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, ON THE SCENE
PICTURES BY DARRELL ROSENTHAL***



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NEW SUPPORT GROUPS BEGINNING JANUARY 22

First Baptist Lafayette is offering four support groups beginning January 22.

GriefShare is for those who are grieving the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. In small group discussions participants interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, and learn from their experiences. Each session includes a video with dramatic reenactments about living with grief, real-life stories from people who have experienced losses, or encouragement from experts on grief recovery.

DivorceCare is for those who are going through the pain of a separation or divorce. The group is led by others who understand the feelings and emotions following a divorce, and who are able to offer encouragement. In DivorceCare people learn to deal with the past and look forward to rebuilding their lives.

DivorceCare for Kids helps children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. Designed for ages 5-12, each session combines games, story time, dvd dramas, group discussion, music, crafts, and more. Children are engaged and active while participating in a DivorceCare for Kids group. Children make friends with other kids who understand the things they are going through because of the divorce of their parents.

These groups will meet beginning January 22 each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for 13 weeks.

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered 12-step program to help with the hurts, habits, and hang-ups of life. Celebrate Recovery has separate groups for men and women who are chemically dependent, as well as groups for those who are struggling with codependency. A group is also offered for women who have been impacted by abuse as adults or as children.

Celebrate Recovery is an on-going weekly ministry and groups meet each Sunday at 4:45 p.m.

John 1 vs. 1

In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Boys & Girls Clubs One Ask Campaign Kick-Off

(LAFAYETTE, LA) – Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana and their Board Members request your presence at the One Ask Campaign Kick-off. The event will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. We request that the media arrive at 5:00 p.m.

Who:

- Boys & Girls Clubs Chief Professional Officer, Chris Martin
- Boys and Girls Clubs children and staff
- Boys & Girls Clubs Board Members & Donors
- Opelousas Police Chief, Perry Gallow
- Fire Chief and Boys & Girls Clubs Board Member, Robert Benoit
- Sr. Vice-President & Private Banking Manager of Iberia Bank and Boys & Girls Clubs Chief Volunteer Officer, Jerry Prejean

What:

- We will be holding an open house and press conference with appetizers from Burgersmith. Our One Ask Campaign is a yearly event. We make one large request to our donors so they do not have to continually donate throughout the year. The public is invited to attend. They can RSVP by calling Elise at 268-9555

When:

Wednesday, February 1, 2012, from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Where:

- Jackie Boys & Girls Club
- 1000 Marie Antoinette
- Lafayette, La 70506
- Contact: Elise Brunson cell: 337-322-4073 office: 337-268-9555

Boys and Girls Clubs (BGC) is a local organization that changes lives by enabling all young people, especially those who need us most to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. BGC offers a safe place for children from 6 different Clubs to learn and grow, to develop ongoing relationships with caring adult professionals, a sense of hope and opportunity. BGC offers year round programs for children 6 to 18. For more information about the Boys & Girls Clubs, please visit www.bgcacadiana.com or our Facebook Page “Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana.”

“Red Tails” in theaters this Friday. LET’S MAKE HISTORY!!!

Why your support of Red Tails is important for Black Hollywood?

Ask any black filmmaker and they’ll tell you that trying to get black films made, produced and released is a very difficult task. Not everyone is fortunate like Tyler Perry. George Lucas, the executive producer behind the movie “Red Tails” shared with Black America how difficult it was for even a successful film legend to get the movie about the Tuskegee Airmen into theaters.

Set to be released this Friday, January 20, 2012 through Lucasfilm, “Red Tails” depicts the story of the first group of African-American fighter pilots in the U.S. Armed Forces and stars an ensemble cast that include Cuba Gooding, Jr. & Terrence Howard. But WHY does a movie with a big name producer and top notched talent starring in it was still a challenge? It’s because it’s an all black movie with no major white roles in it at all. When Lucas showed it to all the major studios, they all said no because they didn’t know how to market a movie like this. Hollywood has a strong belief there would be no foreign market for such a film, which accounts for 60% of their profits.

Contrary to Hollywood’s lack of support, George Lucas invested a total of \$93 million of his OWN money banking on it being a box office hit. Should this movie fail, the repercussions would be felt in Black Hollywood for a very long time. If Lucas can break the mold of Black Hollywood only being able to produce low budget movies with the success of “Red Tails”, then hopefully he will be able to blaze the path for someone else to do the same, and soon you’ll have more Tyler Perry’s out there.

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WHO: The Arc of Acadiana and Lafayette Auto Dealers Association

WHAT: The Arc of Acadiana Mardi Gras Bead Drive

Starting Monday, February 13, and continuing through the end of March, The Arc of Acadiana and Lafayette Auto Dealers Association (LADA) will be sponsoring a Mardi Gras Bead Drive. The campaign will kick off February 13 and continue until March 31. The beads will be collected, detangled, recycled and resold, all of which provide employment opportunities to the Arc's clients in Acadiana with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

WHERE: Unwanted beads can be dropped off at any of the following LADA dealerships: Hub City Ford, Service Chevrolet, Southwest Volkswagen; Acadiana Dodge, Mazda, Giles Nissan, Volvo, Subaru, Sterling Kia, Hyundai, Suzuki, Courtesy GMC, Buick, Cadillac, Hampton Toyota, Scion, Mitsubishi, Moss Motors Honda, BMW, Mercedes-Benz

WHEN: Monday, February 13 through Sunday, March 31, 22

WHY: Arc of Acadiana is committed to securing for all people with disabilities the opportunity to develop, participate and live life to their fullest potential. Call 337-367-6813.

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Apex Innovations selected for statewide pilot program.

Lafayette, LA Apex Innovations is one of only 14 Louisiana companies selected to be part of the Louisiana Economic Gardening pilot program. The program is offered by Louisiana Economic Development through the National Strategic Research Team of the National Center for Economic Gardening.

The Louisiana Economic Gardening Initiative is designed to provide Louisiana-based small businesses with information that will aid in their growth and success. Through accelerated technical assistance and research, an experienced national economic gardening team will provide customized services tailored to participating businesses' needs.

"Innovative, high idea and fast growing companies are selected and we are honored and proud to have been chosen," says Marianne Bourgeois, President and Founder. "We look forward to working with the National Strategic Research Team as we target growth opportunities via new markets and additional products."

The program provides for an individualized review of core strategies based on specific initiatives of each company. Services provided include business strategy, opportunities and competitive threats, niche markets, and management and employee temperament. The national teams of experts are also able to examine and make recommendations for market research and competitive intelligence, search engine optimization and internet and social media strategies.

Apex Innovations was nominated to participate in the program by Acadiana Economic Development, a regional organization representing the primary economic developers in Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermilion Parishes.

"The board of AED is happy to have nominated a deserving company such as Apex Innovations for the Economic Gardening program," says AED Chairman Gregg Gothreaux. "The concepts of developing connections between businesses and mentors are a great way to expand entrepreneurial growth throughout Acadiana."

Apex Innovations is an international leader in highly interactive accredited online education for medical professionals and was founded in 2003 by Marianne Bourgeois. With corporate offices in Lafayette, LA, Apex Innovations designs, manufactures and provides unique tools, software, competencies, resources and accredited educational web-based programs for individuals, universities, organizations and corporations around the world. www.ApexInnovations.com

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