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

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GOD'S LOVE!!!!!!**



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Ephesians 4 vs. 6

***One God and Father of all, who
is above all, and through all,
and in you all.***

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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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June we celebrate Father's Day, Juneteenth and Black Music Month. We have a lot of Love to go around. I have a Father; a Father who cares. Jesus is the Father to the Fatherless. I want to wish my husband and all the Fathers a Bless & Happy Father's Day. Also I want to send prayers to my deceased Father Walter Calais who I miss so much. Juneteenth celebrations are going on across the country please attend an event in your area. With the loss of some of the greatest in music recently Ms. Whitney Houston and many others; this month we should cherish our musicians; we have lost some great ones, their music have brought us great joy.

Okay, F&S Family we need for you to be registered to vote and make sure you get your family and friends to vote also. There is a lot on the line for this upcoming election. We Need To Vote! Many people are asking for Jobs/careers for our children, less cost for education, housing for our families, safer communities, better health care, successful businesses and much more.

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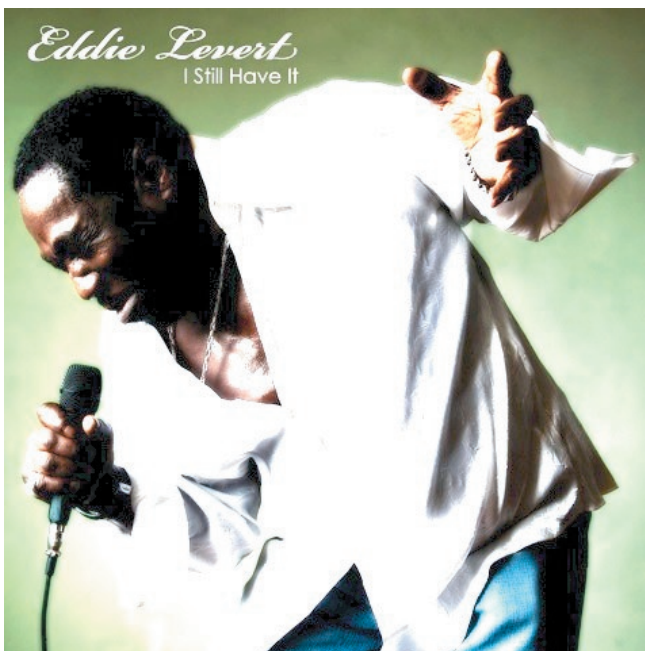


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EDDIE LEVERT SAYS 'I STILL HAVE IT'

By Melissa Tyler

R&B at its rawest is what the new, solo album, “I Still Have It,” by Eddie Levert, Sr. has to offer his fans. He cut everything with rhythm without a band except for one song, and there are no collaborations.

Levert said his new album took five years to develop, and his daughter is the reason behind the album’s title.

“My 10-year-old daughter has an iPad, and she put my face on it as a baby. It was the funniest thing,” he said.

Levert said his daughter uses the picture by showing it to him when he chastises her and tells him she still has it.

“That was a good idea for my album’s title,” he added. “I show the world I still have it.”

Levert said his latest single “Last Man Standing” is about him and the cycle he went through to help himself stop feeling guilty about not being there.

“I was in the process of making myself and changing myself to be a better person for those still around,” he noted.

Levert said he decided to do a solo album because he has always wanted to do one. He wrote the songs to reflect on his life experiences.

“It’s just business,” he said. “I’m not trying to separate from the group; I’m going to stick with the O’Jays.”

Levert is scheduled to have performances with The O’Jays along with Babyface and Frankie Beverly from June to August.

Levert said his album is something that has sort of been missing on the radio, something that is true R & B music.

“The rawness and pureness of R & B has been missing like Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson,

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10 Things Dads Wants For Father's Day.....

On way from the ATL airport, the shuttle driver told us that we need to be nice for Father's Day. He said we shouldn't buy a cap or hat. He also said we should not get anything pertaining to work no lawn mowers, well I told him I was going to buy a riding mower. He said okay that's an upgrade.

His wife bought him a pair of Ralph Lauren socks; he wanted the shirt and accessories to go with that and realized that wasn't important. He believes Men put a lot into Mother's Day and Women should do the same for Father's Day.

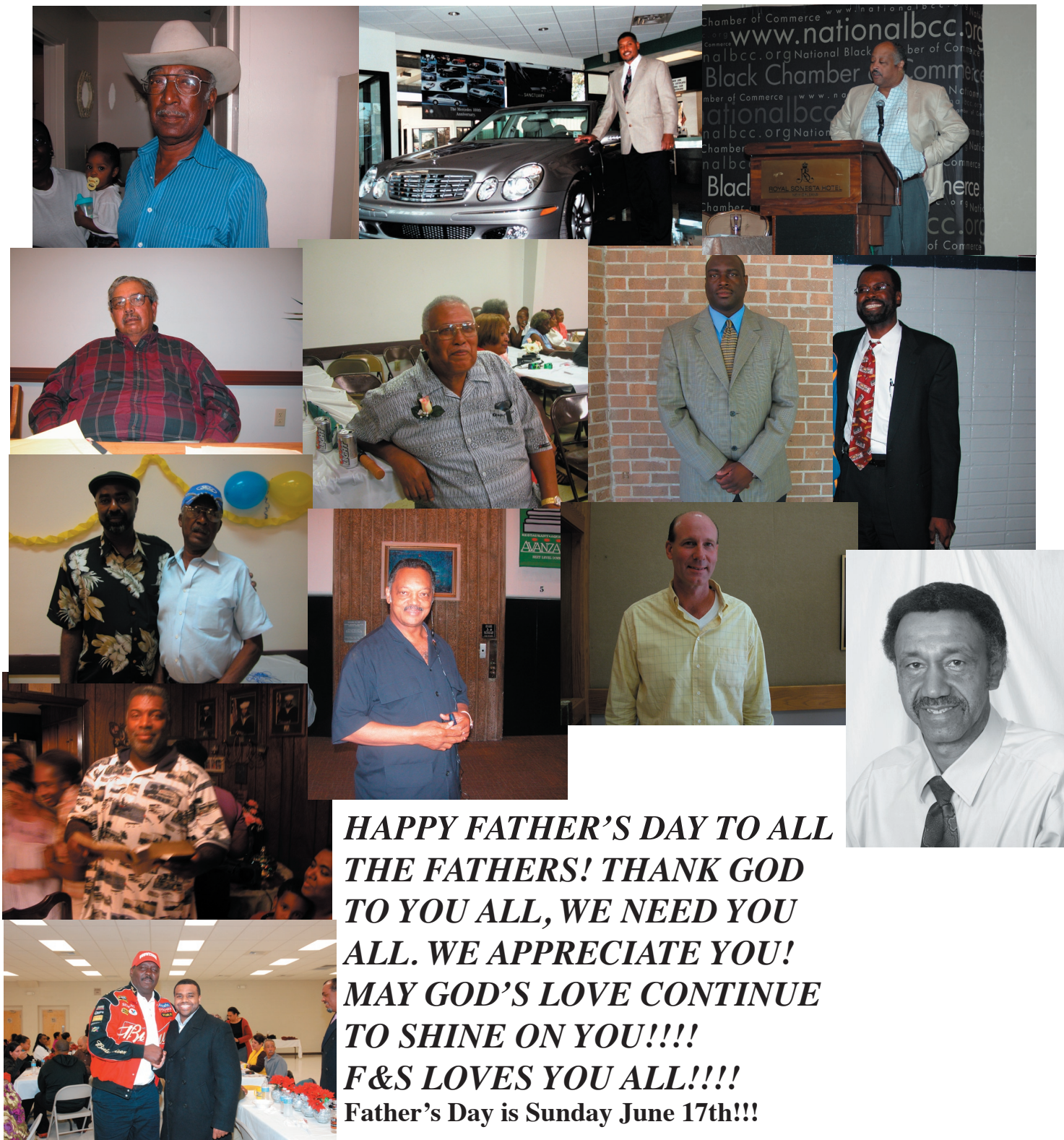
- 1. Love and more Love, tell him you Love him***
- 2. To Be pampered***
- 3. Cook Him a Special Meal, bake his favorite cake***
- 4. Be King of The Hill for the day***
- 5. Special thoughtful Gifts things you and the kids made***



- 6. Tell your family & friends how much he means to the family***
- 7. Watch a game on television with him or watch his favorite movie***
- 8. Tell his family & friends how much he means to the family***
- 9. Get someone to cut the grass that weekend***
- 10. Get his truck detail***

SPORTS IN A MANS' WORLD..... WE ARE SO GLAD LEBRON MADE IT TO THE FINALS. NOW MAN UP AND WIN THE NBA FINALS. MIAMI AGAINST OK CITY THUNDERS. WHAT ELSE CAN WE SAY, YOU GUYS GOT IT GOING ON.

***HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE FATHERS & DADS
F&S LOVE YOU ALL.....***





***HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
TO MY
HUSBAND
CLARENCE
SYLVESTER
AND ALL THE
FATHERS!!***

Picture: Clarence and Son Julius; Clarence and Brother Nelson

We thank you for enduring the tough challenges of fatherhood. We know this was not an easy task. You kept a strong hand and a loving heart. We appreciate all your prayers, love and support. You made sure we grew up in the church, which you took us there every Sunday and telling us about God's Love.

We also want to acknowledge Brother Nelson for his great example as awesome dad. We Love You for what you do for all the children.

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REGISTER FOR FA-
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		<h1 style="text-align: center;">Ujamaa 2012</h1>	
Louisiana State Black Economics and Family - hood Conference <i>'A Self-Help Program for Black People'</i>			
Date July 27, 28 & 29- 2012 Friday-Saturday & Sunday		Featuring	
Place Imani Temple #49 201 East Willow Street (M.L.K Jr. Memorial Parkway) Lafayette, LA 70509		 <p>"Baba" Amefika D. Geuka</p>	 <p>"Key Note Speaker"</p>
		 <p>Dr. Samori Camara</p>	
		<p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Umar Abdullah Johnson</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"The blood relative of Fredrick Douglas with the spirit of Marcus Garvey"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Also featured on the DVD 'Hidden Colors'!</p>	
 <p>Archbishop George A. Stallings Patriarch and Founder of the A.A.C.C. will preside on Sunday at 10:00 service.</p>		Events: "The N Word" ? Stage Production out of Washington D.C. - Nationally renown Speakers - Afrikan Market Place - 'Conscious Rising Educational Workshops - Karamu (food) feast - Free Health Clinic - Afrikan Story Telling - Afrikan Spelling Bee - A variety of family oriented "Harambe" activities for children - Afrikan Music - Uplifting SpiritualsPlus a Lot More!!!! Visit site below to download Vendor's registration from: www.ujamaaconference.weebly.com 'Educating to Elevate'	
		<p style="text-align: center;">FREE ADMISSION TO THE COMMUNITY!</p>	
<p>Spiritual, Educational, Economic, Political, and Family - hood Development are all interconnected. One area cannot develop properly without the other. An economic system is rooted in relationships! Therefore, economic development of the Black community is dependent upon the Spiritual Development of the Black family. Proper spiritual development foster improved relationships and help to ensure group economic success, that will benefit the collective community as well as the individual.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">'Join Us At Ujamaa 2012'</p> <p>For more details Contact: Takuna M. El Shabazz, Ujamaa Project Director, Community Outreach Commissioner, Imani Temple #49 (337) 326-0305 or Email: ujamaa2012@gmail.com</p>			
		<p>Vendors secure your spot Now - \$25.00! Saturday only! Out door market place!</p> <p>Hotel Reservation Fairfield Inn & Suite (Marriott) 800-228-2800 or 337-235-9898 (Request Ujamaa Rates)</p> <p>Registration forms can be picked up at Attorney John Milton Law firm at 708 South St. Antoine Street, Lafayette, LA or Black I am Bookstore, 1018 8th Street, Lafayette, LA 70501. Mail all completed forms to Bookstore Street address!</p> <p>Make checks /money orders Payable to : Imani Temple #49 c/o Ujamaa 2012</p>	

Ujamaa 2012 focuses on interconnecting Black communities throughout Louisiana

By Renarda Williams (aka Abari Sankofa)

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Imani Temple, #49 presents Ujamaa 2012, a Black Louisiana State Black Economics and Family Hood Conference on July 27, 28, and 29, 2012. The conference will take place at Imani Temple, #49, 201 E. Willow Street, MLK Jr. Memorial Parkway in Lafayette, Louisiana. The conference's theme is "Educating to Elevate." Admission is free to the

economics and family hood development. Ujamaa is one of seven principles of Blackness know as the Nguzo Saba system is based on the development of the spiritual self, a healthy family and an economically secure community, where wealth is more fairly distributed among members of the community.

Here are the schedule of events:

Friday, July 27- 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Meet and Greet and Food and Music; 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Nationally Certified School Psychologist Dr. Umar Abdullah Johnson, who was featured on "Hidden Colors," will deliver the Keynote Address.

Saturday, July 28- 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.:

A Spiritual Workshop, "Economics and the Black Church," by Rev. John Milton, Esq., Imani Temple, #49. Conscious Rising Educational Workshops.

Presenters of the workshops are as follows:

Dr. Samori Camara, founder and director of Kamali Academy, an Afrikan-centered school in New Orleans, LA.

Baba Amefika Diriki Geuka, educator and founder of the Joseph Little Nguzo Saba Charter School- the only Afrikan-centered schools in Florida.

Dr. Toni Muhammad, assistant professor of Sociology and Black Studies at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Cont. on page 12

Faith & Soul News Magazine Community Events



Juneteenth Pageant/Banquet Place: Girard Park

Acts of Love Christian Ministry will present its 3rd Annual Miss Juneteenth Pageant and Banquet taking place on Saturday, June 16 from 6p-9p at Girard Park.

This event will have a tremendous impact on our youth as this will boost their self-esteem and confidence while educating them about their history, The SWLA Juenteenth Pageant is an excellent opportunity to support and encourage our youth to be successful.

For more information, please visit www.swlajuneteenth.org or contact Ms. Brenda Andres at 258-1666

Juneteenth Festival Place: Heyman Park

It's time to celebrate 149 years of Freedom and Equal Opportunity Come out Sunday June 17th at Hymann Park from 3p-7p, lots of fun games for the Kids and Entertainments for Adults: Bring your lawn chairs and a big appetite. Sponsored by Cox, Shilling, Daily Advertiser Kinchen Funeral Home, AT&T and Quick Quarters.

Tickets for the Juneteenth Banquet/Pageant will be on sell starting today. They can be purchased on line at www.swlajuneteenth.org. Tickets are \$5.00 PP. Please use website to sign up for the pageant, basketball tournament and to attain a schedule of events.

They can also be picked up at A Freeman Insurance 4103 Cameron St.
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Abram

Faith & Soul News Magazine Salutes Lil Fallay & All Our Wonderful Musicians As We Celebrate Black Music Month. Thank You All For The Sweet Sounds.

Please share some comments on Black Music Month?

Black music is still the beat that the world move too. Black music covers every facet of every community in some form shape or fashion. If I'm seeing it and reading into it right, it appears not to be falling from that spot anytime soon.

Also is Lil Fallay a Father, if so share your thoughts on music and fatherhood? Yes Lil' Fallay is a father of 2 sons and 1 daughter, grandfather of 1 boy and 1 girl and one on it's way into the world. Fatherhood has always been a strong part of my life, from hanging out with my grandfather to my father to being a father and having my sons hang out with me. It's a thing of teaching and growing boys into men. It's very rewarding to see a seed grow and that seed being your children.

What's your Advice to the young folks who want to pursue a music career? My first advised is for them to stop looking at the music industry as a fairyland or dream land. It's a bonafide corporate owned business world. And any one with out a education (reading & writing) will be open to anyone or anything that can go wrong. You have to dot your I and cross your Ts, you have to see the LARGER PICTURE and not be blinded by the glamor of stardom.

I would also tell them to be true to thyself. Write songs that makes them and the world feel good.

And last but not least don't listen to negative folk. Surround yourself with positive people. Folk who will up lift and keep you grounded

What keeps you singing, your favorite musician and why they inspire you? There is nothing like the old school songs. When I sing songs that date back 50 and 60 years, and the fans and listeners are grooving like those songs we're made yesterday, that says volume about what music does to the soul and the heart and lives of the human being. I try to follow the legends and their way of writing and I believe that's has something to do with my success.

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Dr. Umar Shabazz Bey, founder of the Black Invention Museum and author of bestsellers, We Are The Washitaw and Pyramids of America.

Brother Louis Ali, a community activist of "Hot Black Coffee Party" in Baton Rouge, LA.

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.: Karamn (food) feast; Free health clinic; Afrikan Story Telling, Afrikan Spelling Bee; a variety of family orientated "Harambee" activities for children; Afrikan music; uplifting spirituals, plus a lot more!

A Special Event, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.: "The N Word?"- a stage production out of Washington, DC, by Brother Quinn Alston and Crew.

Sunday, July 29, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.: Ujamma Mass, Patriarch and Founder of the A.A.C.C., Archbishop George A. Stallings presiding.

Faith and Soul interviewed Rev. John Milton, Esq. of Imani Temple, #49, about Ujamma 2012.

Milton said Ujamma 2012 was a result of an outreach program started by Takuna M. El Shabazz 11 years ago. The purpose of the program was to connect the Black community in Lafayette, Milton stated. "Takuna joined Imani Temple, and we adopted the program. It is consistent with our efforts to bring out and expose the institution of Africentricity [that is] already within the Black community."

Milton said Takuna M. El Shabazz, owner of El Shabazz Real Estate, Inc. and Black I am Bookstore Art Gallery Museum in Lafayette, is the Ujamma Project Coordinator and Imani Temple's Community Outreach Commissioner. "Takuna is well-connected with African-centered people across the country ... , Milton noted." ***Cont. on page 15***

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Delta Airlines Bringing First Class Seating to Lafayette Regional Airport in June!

Beginning June 8, summer travelers looking to fly first class to Atlanta from Lafayette will have that option. Delta Airlines has announced that they will offer two flights a day on CRJ700 Regional Jets each of which has nine first class seats. The addition of the larger jets increases the daily number of seats available to Atlanta to 330 per day, 30 more than the current 300. This service will be available seven days a week.

“We’re bringing in the larger jets to handle the anticipated uptick in passengers for summer travel,” says Delta Station Manager Jason Saucier. “The CRJ700s will be used for the first two flights of the day – at 6:05 a.m. and 7:20 a.m. The planes will return to Lafayette for 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. flights.”

Saucier says plans are for the CRJ700s to be used until August 7, and then revert back to the 50-seat CRJ200 currently being used. Saucier adds the airline generally upgrades coach passengers who are members of the airline’s frequent flier program to unsold first class seats based on the amount of miles they have accumulated.

Lafayette Regional Airport Director of Aviation Greg Roberts is hopeful the new service will be well received by the travelers of Acadiana. “I think if Delta sees that the Lafayette travelers can support a jet that has first class seats, they might decide to make the addition of the CRJ700s a permanent move. I know our frequent fliers will enjoy the change.” (F&S)

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Milton stated Ujamma 2012 is focused on interconnecting the Black community in Lafayette, and Black communities across the state.

“We want to educate and elevate our people ... I am unaware of any African-centered schools and programs in Lafayette. We want to reconnect the Black value system ... because many Black people are not aware of the full nature of our struggles. We have bought into capitalism, materialism, sexism and even notions of supremacy, he said.”

“Yes, we have a Black president ... and Blacks who have made achievements in America. But we still have a long way to go! Some African-centered warriors have worked so hard to save all of our people and lost themselves. Ujamma 2012 wants to connect pockets of like mind African Americans, and anyone else, to fight against oppressors who want to eliminate affirmative action, suppress voting rights and otherwise reverse the gains fought for and won by the generation before us ... ,” he said. (F&S)

Father's Day Scriptures

Romans 4 vs. 8

Blessed is the Man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. (KJV)

Mark 6 vs. 4

But Je'sus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. (KJV)

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