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"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE. PHILLIPIANS 4:4"

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL OUR HANDSOME FATHER, WE ALL HAVE A FATHER, A FATHER WHO LOVES US FROM ABOVE!!









Happy Father's Day!!!! Celebrate Juneteenth!!! Pictured: Carlos and baby daughter Regina, Walter and Uncle Arthur, Mr. Abram Freeman, Cooking for the Father/Dad, Father's Day Travel, Father's day Health, Father's Day Fashions and more

Proverbs 13:22

A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored for the righteous.

I want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ, who continues to give me strength and wisdom to publish Faith & Soul News Magazine. I want to thank my dedicated staff,my beloved family, friends, colleagues and most important our advertisers and subscribers. We Love You All!!

In this issue: Happy Father's Day, Father's Day Health Tips, Financail Tips for Men, 2013 Juneteenth, Cooking for the Man, Sports in A Woman's Word, Faith & Soul Home Living, Armentor Paying It Forward Scholarship Fund, Mills & Angelle Goes Up In Air For Adoption, and much more!

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May God Bless You Abundantly!!! Enjoy Reading!!

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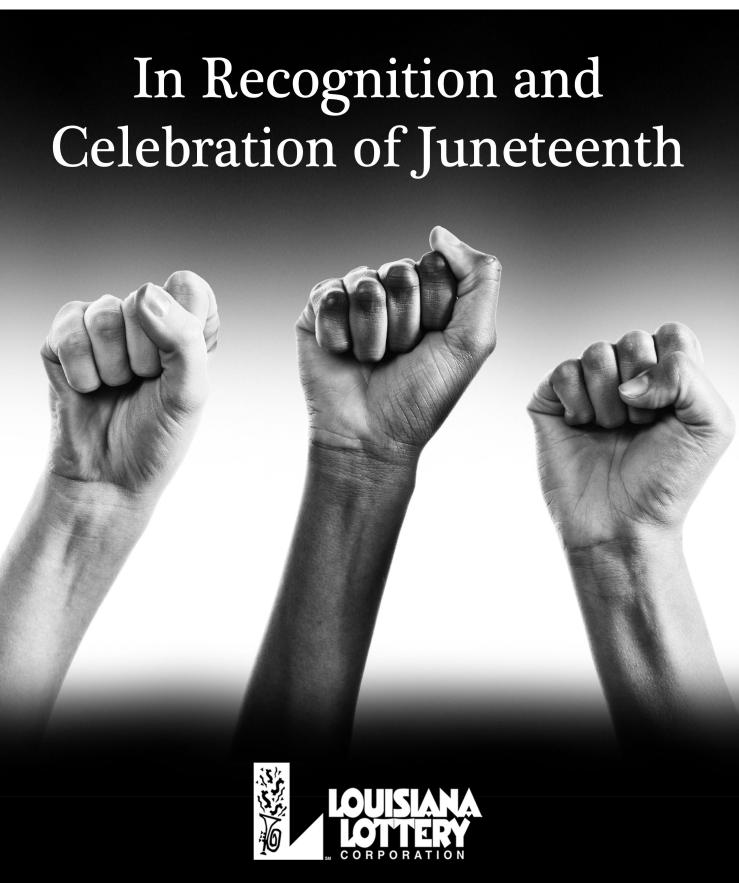
Thank God for Fathers, Dads and Granddads. In this issue we want to salute all of you outstanding men who stood up to the challenge of Fatherhood. We Love You all! May God continue to bless you and your family.

Also we congratulate all the Juneteenth committees around the country. In Lafayette Mr. Abram and volunteers have an exciting schedule of events. We encourage you all to make it a family event attend some of the activities going on in your community.

Let's not downsize Father's day. I know many like myself were raised by single parent mothers, (my dad died when I was in the 3rd grade, but the childhood memories are with me forever). Many mothers have done an excellent job raising their kids. Just like there are single parent Fathers who are barely known and do an excellent job. We thank you fathers for it. Let's celebrate the man who was part of your life; he may not be your biological Father but he was there to provide for you. Blessings, Peace and God's Love.

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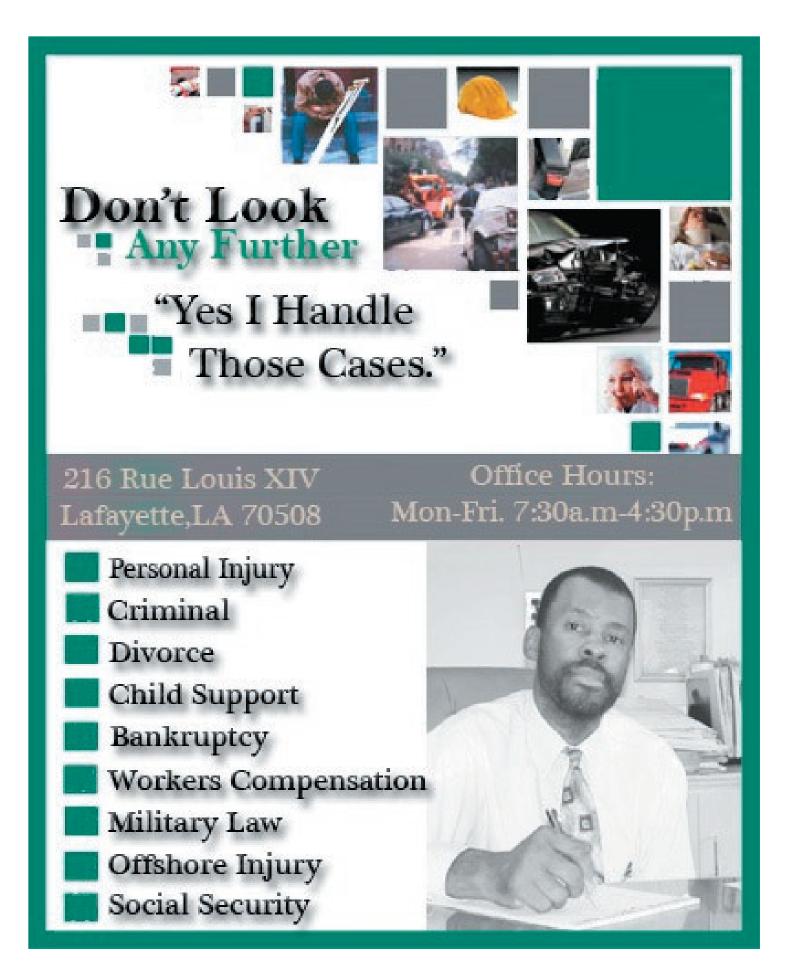
- 1. Pray to put God first in all financial decisions
- 2. Pay your tithes
- 3. Take care of the household expense, set a budget and goals
- 4. Diversify your financial porfolio (savings, stocks, bonds, 401k retirement, cds etc), seek financial advice
- 5. Keep communications open about money in your home, with your spouse teach your children
- 6. Do good deeds, help someone who is less fortunate than you
- 7. Lay-a-way is fine you don't have to have it now, save up for the luxury or hobbies
- 8. Know your credit score and look for ways to improve it, reduce debt and increase savings
- 9. Don't buy on emotional, especially a new vehicle or home
- 10. Look for ways to increase your income or have mutiple streams of income put the extra funds in emergency account or cash fund account. Plan for future start a college fund for the kids.
- 1 Timothy 5:8: But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.



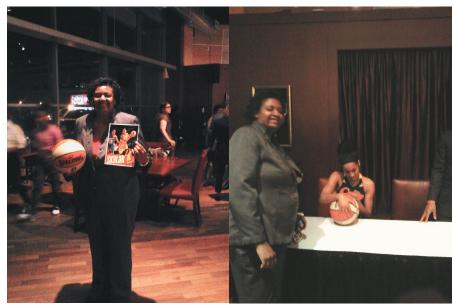
Faith & Soul Father's Day Fashions & Gifts



Ephesians 3:15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

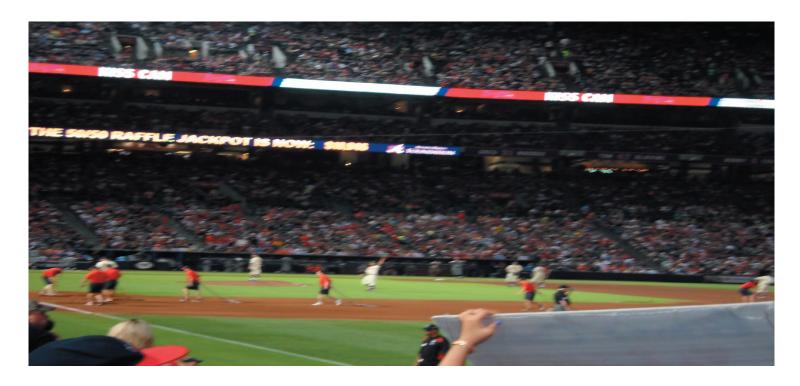


Faith & Soul Sports In A Woman's Word



Sports in A Woman's Word was created to increase the dialogue between men and women. We have gotten positive response from our men readers: "This is great I can chat with my female co-workers about sports and have some things to talk about at a conference or work. This breaks ground on our conversations." "Women told us they love it because it is in their language."

We want you all to know Baseball is very exciting in person. We attend our first Braves Game, with 46,000 plus energetic fans. The Brves won and yes thanks to BJ who had one of the greatest comeback after being benched for no-hitters.



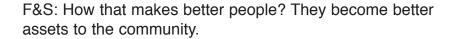
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A CHAT WITH MR. FREEMAN "THE MAN"

Faith & Soul chats with the Juneteenth Man Mr. Abram Freeman

Let's chat about raising the spiritual child:

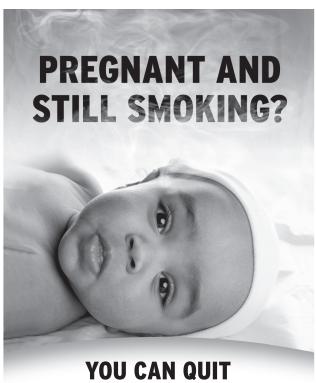
Freeman: Raising a spiritual child starts in the womb. I mean while the baby is in the mother's womb we should be reading the bible to the child. We should be listening to spiritual music and classical music; which helps to develop both the right and left-brain of the child. So it's important to know that the world is after our children's mind, not their money. By creating a presence of God in your child's life; it is easier to manage your child in the Lord. By having prayer every morning and evening as a family incorporating prayer asking your child to say Amen at the end. In comparables children who grow on prayers rely on God's ability and not their own and not the government. And become they adults who rely on the Lord.



F&S Comments on President Obama: Abram: A great Father figure. He is the President(Politician) and not a Preacher; his focus is on public policy and his party. One should not get mad with the President; you do have a right to disagree with his decisions on certain policies.

F&S: Comments on Juneteenth: How can participate the all these wonderful events you guys have going on: Abram:Go to our website and look at schedule events and decide which events fits your family if not all of them. (see page 15 in this issue of F&S) These events are no liquor and secured event. Main reason to come they and extended family should come to celebrate with others did gather together gather without harassment. In addition we should celebrate for those who lost their lives so that we can an opportunity to be part of this country. Fewer of us have family reunion anymore, we encourage people to come to early and get them a spot to start rebuilding family reunions. This is has been accustom in Texas on Juneteenth. In most part of the country the celebration is about family. Juneteenth when freed African Americans they didn't give them nothing and they made back then and we make it right now. One example is we learn to educate ourselves, we learn to have our own baseball leagues and our own grocery stores. (F&S)





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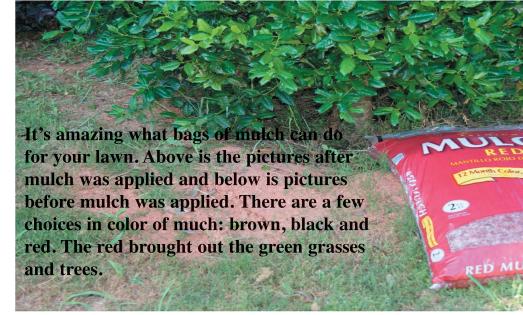


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Why we celebrate Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a bitter sweet moment for most African Americans. We have mixed emotions about celebrating a time when most of our people were freed from brutal slavery system. Imagine for a moment a time when you were owned by another who could end your life in a whim. A moment when freedom was so as far from your reality as the heavens from the earth! Some wonder why one would celebrate delayed freedom or the end of such a horrifying event such as slavery.

I reply with the following. The reason to celebrate is because Juneteenth was the beginning of the end of Slavery for all of America. It's true that 2 times prior to June 19th 1865 congress issued two proclamations that Lincoln did not support. He did not want to break the fragile peace he had with southern states. The President needed to keep America together and strong. Therefore his proclamation only applied to those states rebelling against the Union. As a result well over 700,000 Blacks remained in Slavery until the 14th Amendment was signed into Law.

Though we must drink that bitter cup of slavery as a country freedom was well overdue. We must forever own up to our past, forgive our debtors and open a progressive dialogue of reconciliation. There were about 13 million Africans taken from the continent. Millions of Africans lost there lives on the Journey from Africa. They were stacked side by side with less then 12 inches moving room from side to side. They laid in feces, urine and dead bodies. Some Africans jumped to freedom of death, some died in the ships while others were thrown over live or killed and disposed of. These stories need to be passed to our children. The Juneteenth Committee. More on www.faithandsoul.net

Traditional Juneteenth Prayer

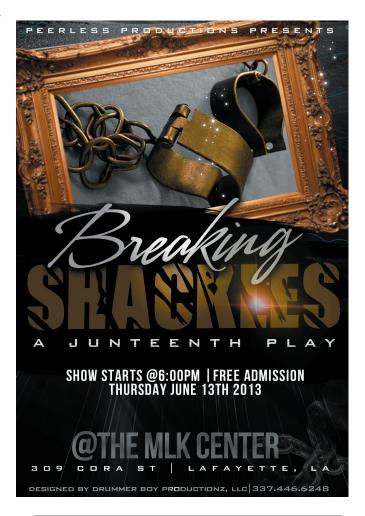
The deep spiritual faith of enslaved Black people is reflected in this traditional prayer. Similar prayers are often recited in Juneteenth celebrations:

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Father, I stretch my hand to Thee--for no other help I know. Oh my Rose of Sharon, my shelter in the time of storm. My Prince of Peace, my hope in this harsh land. We bow before You this morning to thank You for watching over us and taking care of us. This morning You touched us and brought us out of the land of slumber, gave us another day--thank you Jesus. We realize that many that talked as we now talked, this morning when their names were called, they failed to answer. Their voices were hushed up in death. Their souls had taken a flight and gone back to the God that gave it, but not so with us. We are thankful the sheet we covered with, was not our winding sheet, and the bed we slept on was not our cooling board. You spared us and gave us one more chance to pray. And Father, before we go further, we want to pause and thank You for forgiving our sins. Forgive all our wrong doings. We don't deserve it, but you lengthened out the brickly threads of our lives and gave us another chance to pray, and Lord for this we thank You... Now Lord, when I've come to the end of my journey, when praying days are done and time for me shall be no more; when these knees have bowed for the last time, when I too, like all others must come in off the battlefield of life, when I'm through being 'buked and scorned, I pray for a home in glory.

When I come down to the river of Jordan, hold the river still and let Your servant cross over during a calm down. Father, I'll be looking for that land where Job said the wicked would cease from troubling us and our weary souls would be at rest; over there where a thousand years is but a day in eternity, where I'll meet with loved ones and where I can sing praises to Thee; and we can say with the saints of old, Free at Last, Free at Last, thank God Almighty, I am free at last. Your servants' prayer for Christ sake. Amen!

Acts 10:2 A devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.





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Faith & Soul News Magazine encourages you to celebrate Juneteenth! Educate your children and grandchildren about Juneteenth.

There are several events going on around the country. This is a great time to take an educational event. A great time for family to spend together inspirational and with lots of God's Love.

Proverbs 1:8 8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.



2013 Schedule of Events Jazz Picnic In The Park

All events will be held at the MLK Center unless noted.

JUNE 13 Wednesday 6:30 PM Juneteenth Play at MLK Center

Friday June 14, 2013

Juneteenth Pageant and Banguet

Bring your family out to celebrate Juneteenth 2011. This pagean will be a competition for Miss & Mr. Teen and Miss & Mr. Jr. Teen Juneteenth. The winners will receive a award and trophy. Also, the winners will compete in the 2012 National Contest. See website for registration details and additional information.

ADMISSION: 10:00 /open to the public

ENTRY FEE: \$ 0

Come and hear free music, bring your picnic basket and enjoy the celebration of the 2011 Juneteenth weekend kickoff event. There will be food, fun and lots of games for the children. There will be a number of contests so check out the website. See website for team details and rules. Concessions will be sold.

Location: Heymann Park

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

ADMISSION: Free /open to the public



Faith & Soul Health Tips For Fathers, Dads and Men

Third John verse 2: "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers"

Faith & Soul Encourages you to take your Father/Dad/ Husband/Brother

/Son/Nephew/Male Cousin/Grandfather(Great)/FathernLaw to the doctor, men are knowing for not going for preventive care. This is a great way to show you love them.

Faith & Soul Encourages Men to:

- 1. Pray for good health
- 2. Eat Right and Exercise daily
- 3. Know your numbers: Body weight & height, Body Mass, Heart Rate Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar, Cholesterol, Routine Blood and Urine, Ear & eye exams, lymph node, abdominal, stool test, skin exam, neck examination, breathing test and x-ray. It is a good idea to get a physical done.
- 4. Schedule your Colonoscopy, Prostate Checkups
- 5. Communicate with your doctor, your spouse and family about health concerns



Above photo: It is to encourage my brothers to do preventive care. Please get a colonoscopy. It is a simple process, you are put under anaesthesia. you sleep through like a baby. You do not feel a thing. There is a solution you drink the day before.

Healthy Daily Diet Tip: eat a lot of fiber (fruits, vegetables, wheat and grain) and drink plenty of water.

A Man To Man Conversation On Your Health

By: Randy Pitre

Diet and exercise are essential for men. You must find a balance to incorporate the two. Your body is a temple and you shouldn't defile your temple. I have been doing intense walking and other forms of cardio for an average of 75-100 miles per month. You must be destined, determined and dedicated. Set realistic goals.

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On May 24, Senator Fred Mills and Public Service Commissioner Scott Angelle was "Up in the Air", living on a billboard in the 600 block of Kaliste Saloom Road, in the vicinity of St. Pius Church, in Lafayette, Louisiana, donating their time and efforts to raise money for the Louisiana Family Forum's

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FATHER'S DAY TRAVEL BIRTH PLACE OF JUNETEENTH, GALVESTON, TEXAS



When Blacks in Texas heard the news, they alternately sang, danced and prayed. There was much rejoicing and jubilation that their life long prayers had finally been answered. Many of the slaves left their masters immediately upon being freed, in search of family members, economic opportunities or simply because they could. They left with nothing but the clothes on their backs and hope in their hearts. Oh, freedom! Freedom meant more than the right to travel freely. It meant the right to name one's self and many freedmen gave themselves new names. County courthouses were overcrowded as blacks applied for licenses to legalize their marriages. Emancipation allowed ex-slaves the right to assemble and openly worship as they saw fit.

As a result, a number of social and community organizations were formed, with many originating from the church.

Freedom implied that for the first time, United States laws protected the rights of Blacks. There was a run on educational primers as freed men and woman sought the education that had for so long been denied them.

The Bureau of Refuges, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, commonly known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was founded by Congress in March 1865 to provide relief services for former slaves. Schools were established and joined churches as centers of the newly freed communities. The promise of emancipation gave freedmen optimism for the future; few realized slavery's bitter legacy was just beginning to unfold and that equality was to remain an elusive dream. Oh freedom! At the beginning of Reconstruction, the period immediately following the end of the Civil War, rumors were rampant that every freedman would be given forty acres and a mule. Ex-slaves petitioned for land and, with federal troops stationed throughout the South to protect their rights, looked forward to participating in American society as free citizens. In some cases ex-slaves were successful in obtaining land. Landgrants by Congress allowed states to establish black colleges.

The optimism was short-lived,

however, and soon replaced by a betraval so soul shattering that Blacks questioned whether the United States was serious about granting them their freedom. Ex-slaves found for the most part, that despite the Freedman's Bureau, they were left to fend for themselves. The abject poverty and the racism that maintained it prohibited any hope for assimilating into American society. In Texas, the editor of the Harrison newspaper denounced as "treasonable" the sale of land to Blacks. The Texas Homestead Act, passed during Reconstruction, granted up to 160 acres of free land to white persons only. The Texas legislature in 1866 passed a new set of Black codes that attempted to reverse the limited gains (more on

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