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By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.
The Truth Contributor



As long as Democrats running in swing races from the presidential race down to the state legislature tie their Republican opponents to Republican abortion policy they can't lose. - Rachel Bitecofer

On August 8, a three million strong "silent coalition of liberal, swing and moderate Republican" voters showed up to "spank" the Ohio Republican Party-backed Issue 1 by a margin of 14 points in a state former president Donald Trump won by eight in 2020. The ballot measure would have made it almost impossible for citizen initiatives to amend the state's constitution by raising the signature threshold to 60 percent from the current simple majority.

It is no secret that Issue 1 was a sneaky preemptive strike to sabotage the abortion rights measure slated for the November ballot and expected to pass easily under the simple majority rule in effect.

Nevertheless, the Republican-driven Issue 1 measure, championed by Secretary of State Frank LaRose, was soundly defeated in all eight Ohio urban counties. The seven suburban counties also defeated the measure by a combined 55 to 44 percent margin. Issue 1 also even failed in counties like Delaware, a northern Columbus suburb, which has voted Republican in every presidential race since 1916 and voted against long-serving U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown in 2018.

What is clear is that since the U.S. Supreme Court's June 2022 Dobbs decision, abortion's significance in the U.S. political sphere has soared to unprecedented levels.

According to a recent Gallup poll, we see a significant increase in Americans identifying as pro-choice, more than any in the past 25 years, even as the pro-life segment of the electorate has declined.

In addition, a substantial 28 percent of the electorate now say they will only vote for candidates who agree with their stance on abortion. At the other end of the spectrum, the number of those who say abortion is unimportant in their electoral concerns has dwindled to a mere 14 percent - the lowest in history.

The general perception is that the Democratic Party is more pro-choice in its stance compared to the Republican Party. Therefore, the surge in pro-choice sentiment should translate into more support for Democratic candidates, Gallup concludes.

Does Abortion trump Party Loyalty?

LaRose has recently announced a GOP primary run for the chance to take on Democratic Senator Brown for the U.S. Senate. The race would be one of the most high-profile 2024 races in Ohio.

Notably, 25 percent of voters for Trump in 2020 were pro-choice even though the former president and Republican politicians espoused pro-life

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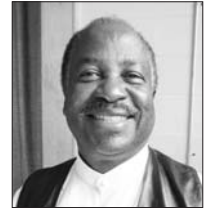
Community Calendar

August 20

Toledo NAACP Youth Council meeting; Sanger Branch Library 3030 Central Ave; 3:00 pm Youth Works meeting 4:00 pm

Was Jesus "Woke?"

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq
Guest Column



It is being reported by Newsweek that some white evangelical pastors are being confronted by some of their congregants about their preaching on the contents of the Sermon On The Mount and the Beatitudes.

In Christian circles, one does not underestimate the veneration and attention that Christians place on the authority and primacy of those bedrock teachings.

For in just those two seminal references (among many others), one can discern the heart and spirit of Jesus when he "threw down" nonnegotiable markers of what daily Christian conduct and obedience is characterized by; and how obedience is mandated...not just optional or conditional.

For those white evangelical members who are scoffing at the tenets of the Sermon On The Mount or the seeming rigorous commands of the Beatitudes, their means of avoidance is to term such sermonic admonitions as, "liberal talking points!"

Imagine for a moment that you are professing allegiance to the God-Man Jesus and, at your church, you are confronted by the pastor informing you that those tenets are non-negotiable as being part and parcel of your daily lifestyle.

If you have reached the point of being duped by right wing political propaganda and are in full blown allegiance to Trump and all things Trumpian, you are at a crossroads. A crossroads of either submitting to the voice of God as delineated in scriptures or you are going to compromise your beliefs to follow an agenda that is anathema to the Sermon On The Mount or the Beatitudes.

For anyone to call the contents of the Sermon On The Mount or the Beatitudes words that are merely optional for your Christian lifestyle, is to part ways with the person that you ostensibly declare is your Lord and Savior... and all because you fell under the gaze of Donald Trump.

For in Donald Trump, who is the very antithesis of the gospel of Jesus the Christ (Christ means the anointed one), you are making a critical choice of your allegiance to the dictates of scripture or to the inane follies of a cultic leader who has forsaken all things that the Beatitudes or the Sermon On The Mount instructs and informs followers of Christ.

For in the very act of disparaging any sermon that is Biblically-based as being "left wing talking points," evidences a spirit that is not born of the Holy Spirit and such a person, who continues in such blasphemy, is an apostate of the faith, who needs to return to his or her first love.

When you examine the cult of Donald Trump and the moral (?) content of the cult leader, one can only conclude that anyone who professes to know the Christ but scoffs at his moral sayings is living a lie and the truth is not in that person...or in any apostate church that teaches such gibberish.

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Alzheimer's Disease in the African American Community

By Paul Hubbard

Guest Column

Charles Ogletree, Harvard Law professor, renowned activist and mentor to both Barack and Michelle Obama, just died of Alzheimer's disease. He was 70 years old. When I was a student at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, I saw Charles Ogletree and Cornell West in campus debate events with their White colleagues on racial issues.



Paul Hubbard

According to a report on race and ethnicity by the centers for Disease Control and the Alzheimer's Association says that 50 percent of Black Americans report discrimination in health care which impacts our community. Alzheimer's and dementia higher rates in our community is a result of this.

Alzheimer's and dementia are the loss of cognitive functioning, thinking, remembering and reasoning to the extent that it interferes with a person's ability to function in daily life. Over time people may have more behavioral changes, become angry and aggressive, and may see things that are not there.

Among Black Americans aged 70 and older 21.3 percent are living with Alzheimer's. While older Black Americans are twice as likely as older Whites to have Alzheimer's or dementia, research hasn't yet identified the cause. Higher rate of cardiovascular (heart and blood vessels) disease may play role.

Some studies indicate that after correcting for overall health and socioeconomic status these differences disappear, according to the Boule Journal. Only 20 percent of Black Americans say that they have no barriers to excellent health care and support for Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The Sigma Pi Phi Boule Journal says only 48 percent of Blacks report being confident they can access culturally competent care. Only 53 percent of Blacks believe that a cure for Alzheimer's will be distributed fairly without regard to race, color, or ethnicity and 55 percent of Blacks think that significant loss of cognitive abilities or memory is a natural part of aging rather than a disease.

Normal aging may include age-related memory loss, such as not remembering names, misplacing keys or struggling to find a word, but knowledge and experience built over time, old memories and language stay intact.

Alzheimer's Association's warning signs are memory loss that disrupts daily life, challenges in planning and problem solving, difficulty in completing familiar tasks, confusion with time or place, trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships, new problems with words in speaking and writing, misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps, decreased or poor judgment, withdrawal from work or social activities and changes in mood and personality.

Let's protect our mental health by being active, managing blood sugar, reading, keeping healthy weight, watching blood pressure, getting enough sleep, no smoking, manage=ing depression, and staying engaged socially.

Paul L. Hubbard, MSW "Senior Moment," President, Comfort Adult Day Care Services.

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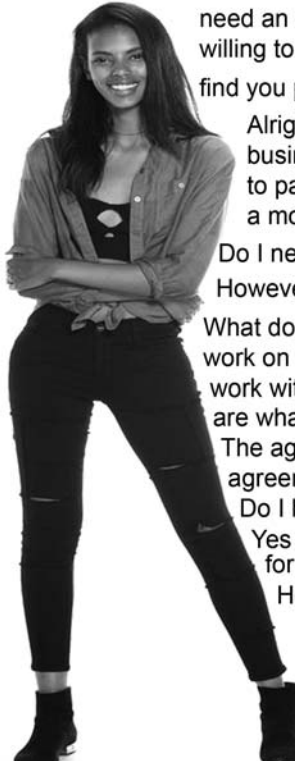
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Issue 1 Defeated in a Landslide – Primary Turnout Increases Dramatically

By Fletcher Word
The Truth Editor

The votes are in and Ohioans have decided they want to hold on to democracy ... for a little while longer.

On Tuesday, the state's voters overwhelmingly rejected a move by Republican legislators to effectively prevent citizen-initiated constitutional amendments from appearing on a ballot, or if they did appear, prevent the passage of such initiatives.

The vote totals were 57 percent opposed to Issue 1 with 43 percent in the "yes" column.

The Republican-dominated legislature, with the full-throated support of Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose, had cast aside their previous decision in January of this year to eliminate costly, low-turnout special elections in August. They decided in June, when faced with the prospect of a citizen-initiated ballot constitutional amendment in November affirming peoples' right to reproductive freedom, to reverse course and place a measure on a special election August ballot to change the requirements for such amendments. Under the proposal, constitutional amendments would require 60 percent of voters rather than a simple majority.

In addition, in order to place the amendment proposal on the ballot, such citizen groups would have been required to obtain five percent signatures from eligible voters in all 88 counties rather than the current standard of 44 counties. In the 111 years since Ohio first granted voters the power to initiate citizen amendments, only 19 of 71 proposed amendments have passed the simple majority threshold.

So, Issue 1 would have set the bar at 60 percent. And for good reason, Republicans decided.

Republican legislators only had to look around the country to determine where they had to draw the line. The state of Kansas, for example, offered Republicans a valuable lesson in the support reproductive rights might have amongst the electorate. In August 2022, Kansans defeated a legislative-referred constitutional amendment to the state constitution to further restrict abortion rights. They defeated the proposed amendment by a 59.16 percent majority.

However, Issue 1 was not about abortion, said any number of Republicans. It was about protecting the Ohio constitution from the less-than-serious whims of the people and from the out-of-state special interest groups that would buy their way to victory at the polls.

Republican Senate President Matt Huffman called the August ballot measure a move to prevent "the tyranny of the majority." He was clearly comfortable with a tyranny of the minority knowing that if the measure had passed, 41 percent of Ohio's voters could have their way at the ballot box and 50 Ohio House members and 17 Senate members would be able to ignore the wishes of that majority.

Not all Republicans were quite so evasive about the real reason for placing Issue 1 on the ballot in an August special election just in time to change the rules for the upcoming November general election. LaRose was among



the few who declared that this was all about abortion. Of course, LaRose, who has announced his candidacy for the U. S. Senate seat that is currently occupied by Sherrod Brown and who is up for re-election in 2024, has taken quite a beating in the media for his missteps in this whole special election debacle.

"Secretary of State Frank LaRose has spent more than a month traveling the state trying to persuade voters to emasculate themselves," wrote Today in Ohio. "He failed miserably."

Even after the results came in, LaRose, displaying unbounded hypocrisy, issued a statement blaming out-of-state interests with their deep-pocket investments for the defeat while ignoring the fact that the ballot initiative was funded by just such out-of-state deep pockets.

Chief among those out-of-state donators who backed Issue 1 was Richard Uilein of Illinois who kicked in \$4 million to chip away at democracy in Ohio.

Ohioans were more than motivated to get to the polls for this divisive ballot issue. Two-point eight million voters went to the polls, a remarkable turnout considering only 1.66 million voted in the last primary election that featured races for governor, for the U.S. Senate and for the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Next up, on the abortion issue, is the November constitutional amendment. After the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Row v. Wade, the Ohio legislature passed some of the nation's strictest curbs on abortion – banning the procedure as early as six weeks into pregnancy. The state Supreme Court is currently considering the constitutionality of those bans.

The November amendment would vacate that law and give women legal control over reproductive decisions, allowing doctors to make medical judgments on the need for abortions and restrict the state to regulating abortions only after a fetus is judged viable.

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Local Effort to Bring Out the Vote Helped Crush Issue 1

The Truth Staff

Ohio Republicans have blamed a host of reasons for their failure to pass Issue 1 and quiet the voice of the voters in the Buckeye State. They have said that outside money worked against them – even though their own campaign was financed by outside-the-state monies. They have said they didn't have enough time to get their effort going – even though they proposed the special election and set the date for it. Ohio Senate president Matt Huffman whined that his side didn't have "all hands on deck." Which may have been true.

Certainly, the side opposing the passage of Issue 1 did have "all hands on deck," particularly in this local, Lucas County area.

The Ohio Unity Coalition, under the guidance of CEO Petee Talley, is organized across the state in the major cities. Their work is "to bolster the civic participation of Black voters who continue to face obstacles due to extreme politicians who aim to restrict certain voters in Ohio," said Talley in a recent interview with The Truth.

Talley and her colleagues, along with allies such as the League of Women Voters, Democratic elected officials around the state and locally worked diligently in the weeks leading up to the election to get voters out, particularly in the areas in which voters typically sit out primary elections.

In Toledo, as Talley explained, her focus was on inner city wards – 4, 8, 10, 13, 14 – typically areas where the percentage of registered voters who

turn out for primary elections can be in the teens.

Talley also had some national assistance in this election cycle. Black Voters Matter sent one of their buses and staff into the area on election day.

Alethea Bonello arrived from Atlanta, GA. "We brought the Blackest bus in America to encourage Black voters to come out," she said during one of their frequent stops in Smith Park. All day on Election Day, Bonello and company spoke with voters of all ages to hand out literature, help them find their polling places and inform them of what Issue 1 was all about.



Petee Talley



Petee Talley (center) and Alethea Bonello (right) explain voting options



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Lo Salem Missionary Baptist Church Celebration

By Tricia Hall

The Truth Reporter

Lo Salem Missionary Baptist Church celebrated the ordination of Minister Michael Savage, a trustee installation and recognition of MLK Kitchen for the Poor board members on Sunday, August 6.

The Sullivan Center was filled with congregational members and community supporters. Tisha Mays opened the program as the emcee, Harvey Savage Jr. delivered a



Pastor Damon Horton, Pastor Marquisa Horton, Rev. Crosby, Pastor John Savage Sr, Pastor Angie Savage, Pastor Ray and Prophetess DeDe Alexander with Minister Michael Savage - seated



Johnny Horn, Angel Hurns, Tyneka Forrest, Harvey Savage Jr., Kathi Taub, Mario Goveia, Pastor John Savage Sr, and John Chapman



MLK Kitchen for the Poor board members, Executive Director Harvey Savage Jr., and staff.



warm welcome and Elder Louis Savage presented the opening prayer as dinner was served.

"The MLK Kitchen for the Poor, has a board that is about service and it's a blessing that a board like that has come together for that purpose. The board takes a look at what the needs are, and we figure out a plan to help the community" shared Savage Jr., MLK Kitchen for the Poor executive director.

The first portion of the ceremony was the introduction of the MLK Kitchen for the Poor new and current board members. This portion was facilitated by the board president, Tyneka Forrest. The new board members were introduced first, then the current board members were introduced second. Each board member took a moment to deliver words of inspiration that were rooted in their interest to serve the community.

"It's time for me to come out of my shell and continue to help my community. This is the time," said new board member Angel Hurns.

"I initially thought the MLK Kitchen for the Poor was just a place where you could come in and eat, but it's so much more than that. There are programs that occur outside the building like the boxed meals and hot meals that are needed by the community," said new board member Johnny Horn.

The second portion of the ceremony was the Lo Salem ordination service of Minister Michael Savage, Trustee Dante' Mays Sr and Trustee Johnny Horn. The ordination was led by Pastor John Savage Sr. and assisted by a team of ministry leaders: Pastor Angie Savage, Pastor Damon Horton, Pastor Marquisa Horton, Prophetess DeDe Alexander, Pastor Ray Alexander and Reverend Rodney Crosby. Each ministry leader gave Biblical words of encouragement, shared prayers, scriptures and that portion of the ceremony closed with a prayer circle.

"I feel the love from everyone that is here today. I pray that I remain holy and walk in this walk that is called by God. Please continue to keep me in your prayers," said Minister Michael Savage.

The ceremony service concluded with words of encouragement shared by Minister Cynthia Wright and benediction by Minister Nadine Hadley.

MLK Kitchen for the Poor is located at 650 Vance Street. The board members are: Tyneka Forrest, president; Taylor Savage, vice president; Jeff Swiech, secretary; Mario Goveia, treasurer; and board members John Chapman, Johnny Horn, Pastor John Savage Sr., Kathleen Baldoni, Kathi Taub, Jahnee Horn and Angel Hurns. For assistance call 419-241-2596.

Lo Salem Missionary Baptist Church is located at 660 Vance and under the leadership of Pastor John Savage Sr., and Angie Savage. The congregation hosts Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. For more information about ministry and services, call 419-376-2012

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Second Baptist Holds Order of Worship and Consecration for Bishop Jerry Lee Boose

The Truth Staff

On a bright, beautiful Saturday morning, hundreds of worshippers gathered at Second Baptist Church to witness the consecration of Rev. Jerry L. Boose to the position of Bishop in the Lord's Church. The Chief Consecrator for Saturday's event was Bishop Patricia McKinstry of The Worship Center.

The 10 a.m. event opened with a procession which included church nobles and visiting participants in the consecration.

And so it began:

"Your Excellency, The Most Reverend Alpha Patricia McKinstry, Bishop in the Lord's Church. The Clergy and the people of Second Baptist Church, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit, consent to the consecration of Jerry Lee Boose in the office of Bishop-Ordinary. We therefore ask you to lay hands on Him and in the power of the Holy Spirit to consecrate him as Bishop in the One, Holy and Universal Church," said Senior Elder Tracy Brown to begin the Presentation.

Rev. Boose was presented, took the Oath of Conformity and signed the Declaration which was duly witnessed. The full congregation responded that it was their will that Boose be consecrated a bishop.

A service of the Ministry of the Word followed as Rev. John Williams of the River of Life Church offered the invocation; Rev. Cedric Brock of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church read a lesson from the Old Testament; Rev. Radnad II Carter of the Resurrection Baptist Church read from the Epistles; Rev. Robert Lyons heard the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Rev. Liston Page II presented the offertory and, after a musical selection by the Consecration Choir, introduced the homilist.

The homily was offered by Rev. Neal Roberson.

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Pastor Jerry and First Lady Debra Boose just before the Consecration



Bishop Jerry Boose



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The Liturgy of Consecration – the Examination – followed the homily and Rev. Boose acknowledged that he had been called to the office of bishop, that he will continue to exercise himself in the Holy Scriptures, that he will continue to be diligent in his practice of the Christian Life; that he will continue to fulfill his calling to people committed to his care and that he will continue to nourish, teach and encourage those in his care.

Rev. Jerry Boose is a native Toledoan, a graduate of Scott High School and the University of Toledo. He has earned a bachelor of Biblical Studies from Ashland Bible School, a master of Biblical Studies and doctor degree in Divinity from Eastern Missouri Bible College.

He joined the Toledo Fire Department in 1984, from which he retired in 2014. He began his leadership of Second Baptist Church in 2008, which moved to its new home in Monclova in 2015.

Bishop Boose, in addition to his pastoral duties also operates a non-profit called Agape Second Chance Corporation what focuses on feeding children, healthcare for the community, groceries for area families.

Boose serves on the boards of the Neighborhood Health Association, the Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union, Toledo Firefighters' Health Plan and the Lucas County Metropolitan Housing Service Corporation.

After the Liturgy during Saturday's consecration, the Bishop-Elect prostrated himself before the Chief Consecrator to symbolize his unworthiness for the new office and to note his dependence upon God and the prayers of the entire congregation to be successful in his new office. Only then was the candidate, Rev. Boose, prepared for the Investiture.



Elder Warren



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Special to The Truth

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The participating students attend three local elementary schools.

The bookbag event started at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the giveaway, dozens of attendees received food and refreshment; music and games were provided; volunteer coaches were on hand teaching

basketball and volleyball skills and a bouncy house was also on premises.

TPS Superintendent Romules Durant, EdD, was on hand at noon to say a few words and assist in the bookbag giveaway.



Pastor Floyd Smith readies bookbags for giveaway




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Social Security Column

By Erin Thompson

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist, Toledo, OH

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We're here to help you secure today and tomorrow and we invite you to learn more about applying for retirement benefits at www.ssa.gov/apply on our website. Please share this information with those who need it.

REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES HELP YOU MANAGE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

Some people who receive monthly Social Security benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments may need help managing their money. When we receive information that indicates you need help, we'll work with you to find the most suitable representative payee to manage your benefits. A representative payee is someone who receives your monthly benefit payment on your behalf and must use the money to pay for your current needs, including:

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If you need help managing your benefits, tell a Social Security representative that there is someone you want to be your representative payee. Your representative payee should be someone you trust and see often, and who clearly

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You can write to us within 60 days of being assigned a representative payee if you don't agree that you need one or if you want a different representative payee.

We also offer Advance Designation, which allows you to designate someone to be your representative payee in the future. There may come a time when you can no longer make your own financial decisions. You and your family will have peace of mind knowing that someone you trust may be appointed to manage your benefits for you.

You can submit your Advance Designation request when you apply for benefits or after you are already receiving benefits. You may do so through your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount or by calling and speaking to a Social Security representative.

You can find more information at www.ssa.gov/payee.

FOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY THAT CAN HELP YOU PLAN YOUR RETIREMENT

Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of almost every American worker. If you're among the many people covered under Social Security, you should know what your future benefit may be. Monthly benefit payments will likely be an important part of your retirement income.

We base your benefit payment on how much you earned during your working career. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. If there were some years you didn't work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower than if you had worked steadily. If you never worked and did not pay Social Security taxes, you may be eligible for spouse's retirement benefits. You must be at least 62 years old, and your spouse must already be receiving retirement or disability benefits.

Our retirement page at www.ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan. For example, have you considered:

- Which factors may affect your retirement benefits?
- What is the right time for you to start receiving your retirement benefits?
- What you need to do after you apply for retirement benefits?
- What documents you need to provide us for your retirement application?

You can use your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits. You can also see the effects of starting your retirement benefits at different ages.

You may also wonder about:

- Benefits for a spouse or children.
- How work affects your benefits.
- Medicare.
- Whether you will have to pay taxes on your benefits.

You can learn more at www.ssa.gov/retirement. Please share this information with family and friends to help them prepare for their retirement.

How a Nursing Career in Home Healthcare Can Help Expand Care Access

Special to The Truth

For those who are in hospice, recovering from an injury or illness, or who have long-term disabilities, home healthcare can be an ideal solution. It delivers cost-effective, high-quality care in the setting where patients most often want to be -- home. Unfortunately, access to this important service varies by region, with particular shortages in rural areas, often where the need is highest. Industry experts say that nurses who make the switch to treating patients at

home can help close the gap.

"I've seen firsthand how home healthcare is so often the best choice for patients, translating to better adherence to care management plans and an improved quality of life," says Jennifer Sheets, president and chief executive officer of Interim HealthCare, Inc., a nurse with real-world experience herself, and

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policies.

After repeatedly denying it, Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose finally acknowledged that the push to make the constitution tougher to change was entirely because of the people's looming attempt to legalize abortion. Even Republican legislators acknowledged the Party's bold and shameless rush to get Issue 1 on the ballot without enough time to run a quality campaign.

Seen by many on the left as the Republican Party's intrusive "war on women," conservative abortion policies deprive women of autonomy in their healthcare decisions and subvert the will of the people.

So, the question becomes: Will LaRose lose support from female Republicans who are so outraged by the Republicans' "war on women" that they decide to essentially switch parties in a highly partisan election?

If LaRose faces off against Brown, the August 8 defeat of Issue 1 means that the abortion issue could "serve as an anvil around LaRose's neck" as he carries the baggage and fallout from the measure's embarrassing loss.

What is certain is that more people leaning pro-choice means that voters are now prioritizing where a candidate stands on the issue of abortion.

The shifting dynamic has potentially swayed several other recent voting outcomes. Even in red or Republican-leaning states, voters said "no thanks" to attempts to ban abortion in their constitutions. The shift also may have given the Democratic Party an unexpected boost in the 2022 midterm congressional elections, where they performed better than expected.

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For any professing believer to belittle and pooh-poo the sayings of the Beatitudes or the Sermon On The Mount, that invites the wrath of God upon them, unless they repent of speaking foolishly about what they do not know.

Tragically, too many in some white right-wing evangelical churches are bedding down with a person who exhibits characteristics of an (not THE anti-Christ) anti-Christ and they seemingly are at peace with it.

If Jesus or the Apostles Paul, Peter, James, and John were to now walk the earth and were to eavesdrop in on churches that have gone to the dark side regarding not holding to the foundational truths of the gospel, those assemblies would be labeled, "ICHABOD." Ichabod meaning that the glory of the Lord has departed from that locale.

When churches elevate Donald Trump to be nigh a party in the Holy Trinity and they recklessly profess that Trump is a man of God or that the churches in America need his leadership, "Woe unto them!" is the only sound retort to such nonsense.

When America spends its last bit of spiritual credence by not rebuking the creeping apostasy brought into their sanctuaries by the lies and moral corruptness of a Donald Trump but rather, they make way for him to speak at their assemblies, the only legitimate response is, "Woe unto them!"

To see tongue tied white evangelicals making lame excuses for their acceptance of Trump and his lies and moral degeneracy, is to see the blistering and corrosion of the moral fiber of America which at one time stated, In God We Trust.

The permissiveness of too many evangelical churches and named pastors who continue to defend the ways and wiles of Donald Trump indicates that the moral rot that was outside of their church doors is now inside the church door and it is facing little or no resistance.

To say that Jesus is "woke" makes him a pariah to some people; and that is akin to saying that social consciousness, justice, and righteousness are relics and are culturally disruptive; and therefore are now deemed, "throw away characteristics" that our society should pay little or no attention to.

For in Biblical terms, the usage of the word "woke" emphatically illuminates the words of the prophet Amos as found at Amos 5:24 (among other scriptures) that the God of the universe is opposed to any man-made theology that denigrates the image of man and reduces the plight of the poor or the oppressed to cartoon characters that can be easily dismissed.

So, was Jesus Woke? More than you could ever imagine or think.

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Althea: The Life of Tennis Champion Althea Gibson by Sally H. Jacobs

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
The Truth Contributor

Love-all.

It sounds like a sweet way to start a game, doesn't it? But you know the score: nobody's made any points in this tennis game. Basically, the score is zero-zero but things could change with one good backhand shot. As in the new book *Althea* by Sally H. Jacobs, tennis, like life, moves quickly.

No one knew the significance of that day in 1941. Mostly, it was just another afternoon at one of Harlem's elite Black tennis clubs, a club that enjoyed a recent surge of popularity in a sport that wasn't just for white people. "Negro" players embraced tennis in great numbers, too, and on that day in Harlem, spectators watched as a sullen, "skinny thirteen-year-old [Black] girl" smacked around a few balls as if she wanted to punish them.

Young Althea Gibson treated tennis balls with the same aggression she had received.

She was born in the South but raised in Harlem after an aunt offered to bring baby Althea north during the Great Migration. Once reunited with her parents, Althea had a shaky relationship with them: by the time she was 12, her father beat her, teaching her to fight the hard way. He punched her regularly until she "tore him up" one day.

Later, she used her fists on the streets, where she spent most of her time. She shoplifted to eat, spent hours watching "the flickers" and she "found other kinds of competition that absorbed her as much as fighting..." She bested most boys at ball sports – once even challenging Sugar Ray Robinson to bowl against her, which led to a lifelong friendship. She loved basketball but tennis is where she excelled.

In 1938, Gibson was named New York City's paddle tennis champion, which gained her a coach. Her appearance at that elite club in 1941 led to formal tennis lessons. The following year, she attracted the attention of two wealthy doctors who took her under their wings and smoothed her rough edges.

And then they set their sights on the big tournaments...

At a time in history when we see Black athletes on fields and courts as an

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everyday thing, it's important to remember who helped put them there. Author Sally H. Jacobs tells the almost-forgotten story of one woman whose struggle to win wasn't just in her sport.

In that way, Althea is a very nice surprise. Jacobs doesn't soften Gibson's early life story and with that, readers will get a true sense of the steeliness that Gibson possessed even as a young girl. Other stories hint that Gibson was a complicated person, androgynous, "aggressive," often angry, impatient, and driven. This, and the explanations of the game and the times and social mores in Gibson's lifetime make it clear that not saying Gibson's name in the same breath with Jackie Robinson and Jesse Owens is a grave mistake.

Sports fans, don't miss this biography. Black history scholars, you want it. Tennis lovers, there's a lot of tennis here, so make a racquet for it. *Althea* is a grand slam.

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a nationally recognized leader and advocate for continued funding for home healthcare.

Whether you're still in nursing school or a seasoned professional, here are some of the top reasons to consider a career in home healthcare:

Career Consistency

A career in home healthcare can be a seamless transition for nurses of all specializations, experiences and backgrounds. While many home healthcare patients are older adults, home healthcare actually offers the full continuum of care, and is designed for patients of all ages with a range of chronic and acute conditions. What's more, home healthcare careers can deliver benefits like good work-life balance, flexible hours you can set yourself, rewarding assignments and competitive pay.

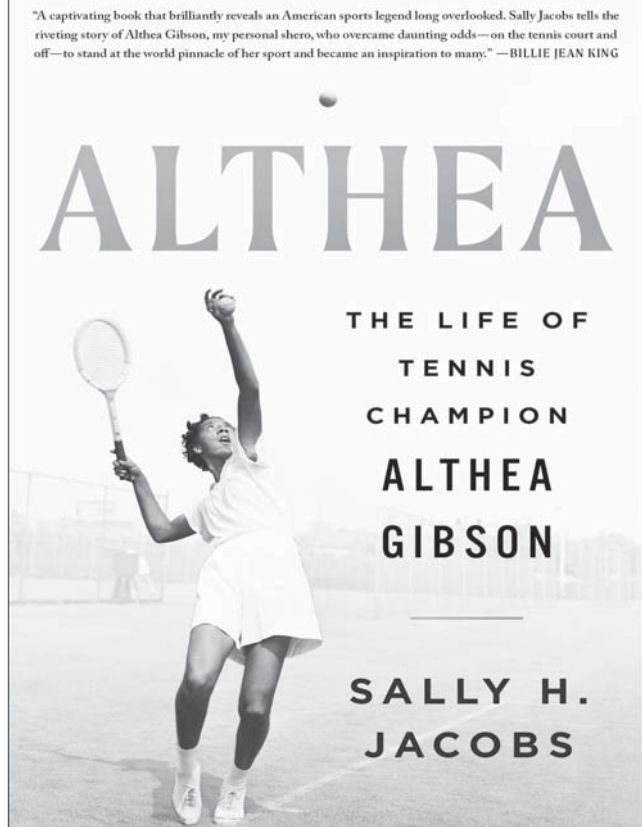
Big Impact

The last few years have put unbearable pressure on nurses everywhere, making it difficult to provide the personalized care patients deserve. The care delivered in patients' homes however, empowers nurses to make a true impact on health outcomes. And it goes beyond that. In areas of the country where there are home healthcare shortages, patients and their families are often faced with tough decisions and difficult circumstances, including extended hospital stays. Home nurses can alleviate strain on the healthcare systems of under-served communities by improving access to at-home care.

Major providers of home healthcare are actively hiring nurses right now, including Interim HealthCare, which has locally-owned and operated franchises nationwide. To learn more about home care careers, visit careers.interim-healthcare.com.

"More nurses working in home healthcare means better access for patients who could benefit from care at home," says Sheets. "If you've thought about a career pivot, this is one change that can improve lives and help communities."

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TOWN HALL MEETING ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

In conjunction with the 5th Annual NW Ohio Women's Equality Day Friday, August 25, 2 pm, The Glass City Center.

Hear from the local women's community and leaders on the status of women and girls in our region, with a focus on human rights as women's rights, a discussion on inclusion and access, justice, & security. 2:00 pm Community Conversation (Listening Sessions) 3:30 pm Open Networking & Appetizers 4:30 pm Women's Town Hall Meeting with Stakeholders & Elected Officials 6:30 pm After-Hour Cocktails & Dance Party!

Notice of Public Hearing

Lucas Metropolitan Housing (LMH) is drafting its 2024 Annual Plan to submit to HUD. Review it at LMH's website: https://www.lucasmha.org/plugins/show_image.php?id=1060

You may submit comments during the next 45 days to sclark@lucasmha.org.

You are invited to a public hearing on September 5, 2023, at 8:30 am, at 424 Jackson St. Toledo, OH 43604. At the hearing, LMH will provide information about LMH's Plan. LMH invites you to attend and provide comments.

If you need auxiliary aids due to a disability, contact LMH at 419-259-9400 or TRS 711, at least one week prior to the hearing date. If you require language assistance services, contact LMH at 419-259-9400, at least one week prior to the hearing date.

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TARTA SEEKS FEEDBACK ON UPCOMING SERVICE CHANGES

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (TARTA) has scheduled a series of public events to collect community feedback on upcoming proposed major service changes. Proposed changes, which would go into effect in January of 2024 if approved by TARTA's Board of Trustees, include:

- The extension of Route 2 to Walmart in Oregon via Downtown Toledo
- Increased weekend frequency of Route 52
- Removal of Route 51

These events will include two in-person forums and one virtual feedback session. These forums will focus on the Title VI equity analyses surrounding the service changes. Public meetings are scheduled for:

- In-person meeting, **Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023**, 12-1 p.m., Lucas County Shared Services building, 3737 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo (accessible by TARTA routes 3 and 19)
- In-person meeting, **Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023**, 6-7 p.m., Toledo Lucas County Public Library, Main Branch, 325 N. Michigan Avenue, Toledo (accessible by TARTA routes 20, 22, 27 and 33)
- Virtual meeting, **Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023**, 10-11 a.m. Register at tarta.com/publicmeetings.

TARTA will also host public informational meetings in the Oregon area specific to extending service to Oregon, with dates and locations to be announced soon.

All language assistance services for TARTA programs are provided to the public at no charge. In-person translation services for events can be provided and should be requested at least 5 business days prior to the event.

Registration and additional details will be available in the coming weeks at tarta.com or by calling 419-243-7433. Customers and others from the public interested in submitting questions may do so by sending them to customer-relations@tarta.com.

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LIBBEY 50TH REUNION

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Please contact Cassandra Day-Moore for tickets at 419.450.7227. Tickets are \$50 single and \$75 couple.

The Black Wall Street Marketing Event

The Truth Staff

On Wednesday, August 9, several local Black media representatives met with a number of small Black business owners in an effort to spread the word about marketing opportunities and to network about the world of entrepreneurship in the Toledo area.

Stayce Fowler of Stalwart Magazine, Rick and Deb Hogan of The Juice 107.3 radio station, Fletcher Word of The Truth and Virgilio Baker of Millennium Media Group, in an event organized by Toni Battle-Gaines, sales manager at The Juice and The Truth, and hosted by Doug Keetion, owner of Studio 32Nine at 4062 Monroe Street, spoke not only about the advantages their particular medium might offer but also about the importance of crafting a marketing plan in order to put their business resources to the best use.

A marketing plan is too often the last aspect of starting and running an enterprise that a small business owner focuses on because so many other operational costs are of such seemingly primary concern. As one attendee said: "I don't think I can afford to have a marketing plan."

In unison, the media representatives replied: "you can't afford not to have a marketing plan." The point of that reply is that if a business owner/operator cannot let the public know about business, what it has to offer, that chances of surviving and thriving are pretty low.

The attendees were fairly unanimous in their desire to hear more and another sch meeting is planned for the not-too-distant future.

For more information on this event or future ones, contact Toni Battle-Gaines at Tonibattle44@gmail.com.



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Toledo Jazz Week Culminates in the Glass City Jazzfest This Weekend

The Truth Staff

For jazz lovers in the Glass City, this past week was truly a blessing. A weeklong series of jazz shows in a variety of venues was capped off by an outdoor all-day free festival at the new Glass City Metropark on Saturday.

The six days of music brought a host of local and regional artists to Toledo stages.

The week began at the Peacock Café on Monroe Street with music by the Signal Quartet on Monday, August 7. On Tuesday the Jerome Clark Trio held forth at Toledo Spirits on Summit Street.

Angela Davis appeared on Wednesday at the Glass City Metropark's Market Hall and Ellie Martin on Thursday sang t Manhattan's Pun 'n Cheer on Adams Street.

On Friday, the JazzWeek concluded with an appearance by trumpeter Allen

Dennard at Lucille's Jazz Lounge.

On Saturday, hundreds of jazz lovers headed to Glass City Metropark outdoor theatre for a beautiful summer's day of jazz. The free festival kicked off at noon with keyboardist John Cunningham; percussionist Sammy DeLeon at 1:30 pm; vocalist Ramona Collins at 3; electro jazz ensemble Four80East at 4:30 pm; Jeanette Harris & David P. Stevens at 6; and Jeff Lorber Fusion at 7:30 p.m. to close out the day.

This year's JazzFest and Festival were sponsored by the City of Toledo, Lucas County, Metroparks Toledo, TARTA, Fifth Third Bank, Destination Toledo, Taylor Automotive, SJS Investment Consulting, the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo and the Great Lakes Jazz Society.



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