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# JUICE: Powering Toledo with Next Generation Leadership

By Rev. Donald L. Perryman, Ph.D.

The Truth Contributor

*A politician thinks of the next election. A statesman, of the next generation.*

**- James Freeman Clarke**



Toledo City Council's recent appointments of Brittany Jones, Ph.D., affectionately known by some in the community as "Juice," and Mac Driscoll, showcase a clear commitment to infusing the Council with fresh perspectives and next-generation leadership.

Significantly, this decision, emerging from a rigorous selection process among 37 applicants, also illustrates the Council's deliberate action, overall, to prioritize the city's long-term welfare over transient political victories or Party allegiance.

Jones and Driscoll represent a new era of council members who embody the promise of innovation, inclusivity, and forward-thinking in municipal governance. Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson's statement to The Blade, "It's a great day," captures the collective sentiment of optimism, further reinforced by Council President Carrie Hartman's confidence in their capabilities: "I have no doubt in your abilities and your dedication to public service."

These affirmations highlight Toledo City Council's criteria for selection—individuals who are not just capable but deeply committed to public service and connected to the community's pulse.

Brittany Jones brings a unique mix of academic excellence and rigor, activism, and profound community engagement. Her nickname "Juice" speaks volumes of her respect and credibility within the community, symbolizing

her vibrant energy and the impactful contributions she's poised to bring to Council's hallowed dais.

Brittany's mother, Kenyatta, has been in leadership in the United Auto Workers Union and was once championed as a candidate for Toledo City Council but declined to run. She has also been active in the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists (CBTU) and as a board member of the NAACP.

According to one of her advocates, Brittany's lineage emerges from "generations of people who are willing to stand in the gap and have been out there quite a bit pounding the pavement for the Black community. They are highly esteemed and very well recognized."

Therefore, Jones' appointment is not merely a nod to her impressive credentials but a recognition of her ability to connect with and represent the diverse voices of Toledo's residents.

Mac Driscoll's appointment, on the other hand, embodies a strategic choice



Councilwoman Brittany Jones

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# America Races to the Bottom!

By Lafe Tolliver, Esq

Guest Column

It is not just a figure of speech or being in engaged in hyper hyperbole to say that if the American voting public puts Donald Trump back in office, America has truly seen its "better days."

With Trump sweeping the recent Super Tuesday primaries, that day is closer than you think.

Such an outlandish victory for Donald Trump would clearly be a watershed in American history, that a large portion of the American electorate has made the unprincipled decision that character does not, in fact, matter.

Without reciting a litany of the visible, ribald acts and traits of Trump, suffice it to say that even a cursory reading of his sordid history would or should convince any American voter that Trump has demonstrated, without reasonable doubt, that he is wholly unfit to serve in politics; and much less again to sit in the White House.

What such an election would expose is that over a period of decades the moral fiber of America has atrophied to the point that a person convicted of sexual assault and is facing 91 felony counts, does not cause an outpouring of outrage, embarrassment and anger among American voters.

I postulate that such a lack of angst with the voters is indicative of a moral problem that bespeaks of a loosening of any moral constraints, that in the past, would have quickly doomed the presidential aspirations of any candidate, Democrat or Republican.

If there ever was a reservoir of moral standards that the voter would draw from in regard to assessing the worth of a political candidate, that reservoir is seemingly bone dry.

It is dry from the repeated telling of the sins of Trump to the point of exhaustion for the news viewer that somehow, new stories of his tawdry conduct do not invoke a rebuke from the media or from organizations that are supposedly watchdogs monitoring who is entering the political arena.

It is dry from an American public that, for decades, has seen its attendance at churches and synagogues precipitously decline to the point that one of the main sources of teaching a moral and ethical code have had their moral influence greatly diminished.

Some may ascribe such a descent into this moral predicament as starting when prayer was taken out of the schools or when the 60's went amok with, "Do your own thing" or the God is Dead movement, or the disillusionment with the long Vietnam War and the ongoing fight for civil rights, etc...etc.

Whatever event or a cluster of events triggered the idea or belief that the guardrails that held a society together were slipping, something slipped, and it slipped big time!

Into such a vacuum stepped a demagogue, Donald Trump, who can "sniff the air" of discontent within a large segment of the disaffected voting population; and discern that they are angry, bitter and mad at governmental establishments that they believe have forsaken them for "others".

The "others" theorem allowed Trump to pump it up with the origination of the cockeyed birther theory that former President Obama was not one of "us." From that point on, Trump has enjoyed a virtual monopoly in vomiting out lies and half-truths that fed into the angst and paranoia of his base, now called, MAGA...and it was on!

Unless you can discern that the acts of Trump were not accomplished in a

vacuum, you will fail to connect the dots that America was falsely set up as a Christian country and that it was specifically endowed with God given blessings solely due to its founders being White European settlers.

The nascent term of Christian Nationalism has no support in Holy Writ but originated in the fervid imaginations of biased historians who wanted to concoct a heavenly seal of approval on their anti-people acts and thus establish a false narrative that America always was and is a morally sound nation.

Too many historical facts belie that notion but suffice to state that the term of Christian Nationalism is on the rise and projects the false image that America is and has been, tongue in cheek, a part of the Holy Trinity.

For the lazy reader, you need to understand that when Jesus walked the earth, he never spoke of establishing a kingdom, being a worldly king or endorsing any political party; and especially so of a political party that champions a man whose character traits are vehemently antithetical to the Gospels. Full stop.

But. Some Americans, fearful of being replaced by those "others" and wanting a champion who would rant and rail against what they perceive as an unjust system, simply shut their eyes and closed their ears to the outrageous acts and statements of Trump, as long as he did their craven bidding.

Such a noxious group of voters could stomach his wretched acts and despicable conduct because he said he was their champion and they voted for a soiled politico who is in love with dictators and desires to be one.

For such voters, his favorable views of such tyrants are of no consequence to them because they are being provided a victory in that Trump is battling for them. He is their vindicator, and he is willing to die on a political cross for their sins.

A Trump victory would plunge America into a veritable swamp of cross currents of what is right and what is wrong and with Trump, ever the grifter, making the most of it. Truly, a race to the bottom.

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## Community Calendar

### March 17

Toledo NAACP Youth Council meeting: 3:00-4:00pm at Sanger Branch Library.  
Election of Officers April 21, 2024 via Election Buddy 6-8 pm

### March 29

United Vision Baptist Church Clothing Giveaway: 10 m to 3 pm; Clothes, shoes, coats for all ages, plus accessories

### March 31

80th Birthday Celebration for Edward Dixon and a Scott Band Reunion: Scott High School; 1 to 5:15 pm

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# New Fed Proposal Would Hurt Vulnerable Communities

By Butts, president of Lucas County-based nonprofit The Movement  
Guest Column

A new proposal from the Federal Reserve has the ability to harm some of Ohio's most vulnerable populations - and goes directly against the Fed's stated goal <<https://www.federalreserve.gov/aboutthefed.htm>> of "consumer protection and community development."

The proposal in question would reduce the current cap on debit card transaction fees from 21 cents to just 14.4 cents. This may seem like an innocuous policy change, but a closer look would reveal that this change would increase the number of unbanked Ohioans and hurt our local financial institutions that serve low-and-moderate income families.

History has shown that capping interchange fees is a failed policy. When the Fed first capped debit card interchange fees in 2011, the number of unbanked



Tina Butts

Americans skyrocketed. In fact, a 2017 study <<https://laweconcenter.org/resources/unreasonable-and-disproportionate-how-the-durbin-amendment-harms-poorer-americans-and-small-businesses/>> reported that "hundreds of thousands of low-income households have chosen (or been forced) to exit the banking system, with the result that they face higher costs, difficulty obtaining credit, and complications receiving and making payments."

Further, without these fees, local community financial institutions will be forced to scale back popular programs like free checking accounts or access to credit. This will directly impact Ohio families who know, trust and rely on local community banks.

The Fed should remember its own mission when enacting policy changes that will impact millions of Ohioans. Now is not the time to cap interchange fees and the Fed should table this harmful proposal.

# We The People Are Responsible For Those We Elect

John E. Warren, Publisher

San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper

Last week, "We The People" have gone to the Polls in 15 states on what we call "Super Tuesday." Primary elections are being held across this country. Candidates are being set in place to run in the November General Election.

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While there appears to be much concern about the Republican Party which no longer appears to be concerned with its role in our two party system, nor the blatant disregard for the oath of office those holding office took when they pledged to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States" against all enemies "foreign and domestic", it appears that too many Americans have forgotten who elected those who seem determined to destroy democracy as we know it.

The Make America Great Again (MAGA) movement is not representative of the majority of the American people. But this fraction can overthrow our present system of government if those of us who disagree with them refuse to come out and vote them out of office.

Please know that Joe Biden is not the model for the presidency. He has not done all that he could for the very Black vote that gave him the presidency. He failed to get the United States Senate to break the filibuster and pass the George Floyd and John Lewis Acts.

After more than 36 years in the Senate and eight years as vice president of the United States, he couldn't do as his predecessor, Lyndon Baines Johnson, did and use the power of the presidency to bring change. In spite of his weaknesses, he is better than the alternative who would help out enemies like Russia, and North Korea while using his office for personal revenge as he has promised, rather than serving America.

We the people must vote from now through the November General Election

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# Marie Bush: 2024 YWCA Milestones Honoree for Education

By Asia Nail

The Truth Reporter

In education there emerge luminaries whose contributions echo through generations, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of learning. **Marie Bush**, PhD, a beacon of inspiration and trailblazer of educational development, is one such luminary. As we celebrate the **YWCA Milestones: A Tribute to Women**, we hold Bush's Education honor in great reverence, casting a spotlight on her remarkable achievements.

Marie Theresa Latham Bush was born in Winona, Mississippi, where she and her family resided until she was seven years old. Her family then relocated to Toledo, Ohio in the height of Jim Crow and the Civil Rights movement.

"I come from a family rooted in education. My father, David, and mother, Frenchy Latham, both served in the field of education—my father as a school principal and my mother as a teacher," says Bush.

"Additionally, my grandmother, Willie Harper, taught colored deaf children in the 1920s. Her oldest daughter, my Aunt Theresa Brister, was also a preschool teacher in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s in NYC. A passion for education runs deep in my family's DNA."

A proud graduate of Robert S. Rogers High School, Marie's pursuit of knowledge led her to Ohio University, where she earned a Bachelor's of Science and a Master's Degree in Secondary Counseling. Unquenchable in her thirst for learning, she attained an Education Specialist Degree from the University of Toledo and a Ph.D. in Education Administration and Supervision.

Marie Bush's educational journey began in the bustling halls of the Toledo Public School district (TPS), where she would later leave an indelible mark. "I taught in the classroom for 2.5 years. I was a Social Studies teacher at Morrison R. Waite High School," she recalls. "The rest of my career was in education administration."

Her professional career featured a myriad of roles—dean of girls, Junior High school counselor, Senior High School counselor, junior high assistant principal, elementary school principal, special education supervisor, and case management of Special Education Supervisor. Her expertise also extended to Bowling Green City Schools, where she served as assistant principal.

"I later worked at the Ohio Department of Ed.-Special Education Department Mediator and adjunct professor at both the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University," recalls Bush.

## Empathy in Education

Marie Bush extends her philosophy on education, emphasizing the crucial link between educators and their students' experiences. She ardently believes that being an educator involves an ongoing commitment to understanding not just the academic curriculum but the broader context of students' lives.

"If someone wants to be an educator, they need to be aware of what they are undertaking," explains Bush. "It's not just receiving your degree, your education must be ongoing. It's a continuous process of also knowing your school's neighborhood and your students on a personal level."

Promoting the idea of educators immersing themselves in the neighborhoods where their students reside may seem unreasonable to some. Still, Marie Bush emphasizes a deeper connection that transcends traditional teaching boundaries. She strongly believes this empathetic approach is not only beneficial but

a fundamental aspect of effective teaching, guaranteeing that educators are attuned to both the challenges and triumphs of their students' everyday experiences.

"My career in education has been significantly shaped by this insight derived from firsthand experience. When people say we need more 'Black teachers' or any 'type' of teachers I always say: We need more 'Great teachers'," she clarifies.

"Great teaching is more than book learning. You have to learn what is and is not important to people in order to teach them."

## Diversity and Learning

Navigating education is akin to embarking on a multifaceted journey that extends beyond textbooks and curriculum. It's a dynamic process that demands an acute understanding of the intricacies that shape the lives of both students and faculty.

Marie Bush, drawing from her wealth of experience, asserts that great leadership involves an intimate knowledge of what holds significance in the lives of others. This means recognizing the unique challenges, aspirations and cultural nuances that influence students' learning journey.

"My students always knew I genuinely cared about them. You cannot fool children. Kids know when you're a sincere educator," she says.

Her approach underscores the importance of connecting with students on a personal level, recognizing that the true art of teaching lies in the ability to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-life situations. In her view, educators must be perceptive observers, attuned to both the challenges & triumphs that shape the identities of those they seek to educate.

In the formative years of education, children are more than sponges absorbing information—they are budding souls awaiting direction. A teacher who encourages them to explore their passions, embrace their uniqueness, and reach for the stars lays the foundation for a lifetime of self-discovery and achievement. Bush's legacy epitomizes this transformative role, illustrating that educators who foster a sense of possibility are invaluable architects shaping the future.

"The pandemic has proven there are areas where education does need to evolve. If we are expected to teach the next great leaders of the world, we cannot be slow to change," adds Bush.

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YWCA CEO Lisa McDuffie, Milestones honoree Marie Bush, Lisa Dubose



Marie Bush, PhD

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# Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson Is Planning to Use Her Experience to Improve the Lives of Northwest Ohioans

By Fletcher Word

The Truth Editor

State Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson believes that the experience she has accumulated in the political arena over the years has prepared her to start making an impact in the Lucas County Commissioners' office immediately after being sworn in.

"The challenge is taking all the knowledge I have and using it to work for our community," said Hicks-Hudson in a recent chat with The Truth. That knowledge she noted, has been gained from her time on City Council, in the mayor's office and in both houses in the state General Assembly.

Hicks-Hudson has had a notable number of victories during her time in Columbus. She has led efforts to make TARTA's expansion a reality, brought urban farms to life, helped make Medicaid expansion possible, worked with her colleagues to cope with Lake Erie issues, among other accomplishments.

But, according to the commissioner candidate, it's time to use that accumulated knowledge for the even greater benefit of northwest Ohio residents.

"Because while those are certainly victories, this is a unique opportunity to do something to impact the community here," said Hicks-Hudson. "Working locally, such as in the mayor's office, I have a better sense of our issues."



Paula Hicks-Hudson



Ohio Sen. Paula Hicks-Hudson and union officials

As Hicks-Hudson notes, the combination of being in the Democratic Party super-minority and the lack of concern that many elected officials in Columbus have for northwest Ohio is an incentive for her to return to an office here, the commissioners' office that is in essence an extension of state government on a local basis.

"With my experience in Columbus, I know how county government works and its relation to the state," she added.

Hicks-Hudson proposes to use that experience to implement changes in local government that will improve efficiency and connect with the state government more effectively.

"The main challenge is building and attracting businesses. We have a good quality of life here with [institutions such as] the zoo, Imagination Station, for example. What we don't have is an overall unified view of matters like education to making the area attractive to keep young people here.

We need a unified, clear vision of what all parts of our community need," she said. "We need to build a regional approach to getting tax dollars back to this area, much as what happened in the approach to the water issue among local mayors. We don't come together often enough.

If there is a clarity and unity of purpose within the region, said Hicks-Hudson, "we can make [this area] more business friendly, if we have that efficiency in government."

The issues that she hopes to address as commissioner include improving educational opportunities, physical and mental health care, reducing crime, ensuring that women have the right to make their own health choices.

Hicks-Hudson will face Anita Lopez in the March 19 Democratic Party primary for the right to move to the general election in November. Lopez, the former Lucas County Auditor, was appointed to the commissioner post this past January after longtime Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak retired in December.

Hicks-Hudson, a native of Hamilton, Ohio, earned her undergraduate degree from Spelman College, a masters of art from Colorado State University and her law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law.

A long-time resident of Toledo, she has practiced law specializing in business and education, among other matters. Hicks-Hudson was appointed to City Council in 2011 to replace Michael Ashford. She won a special election as well as a general election later that year and in 2013 was elected president of city council by her colleagues. She succeeded the late D. Michael Collins as mayor upon his death and won a special election in 2015 to continue in that post. She lost a general election to current Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz in 2017. She won a seat in the Ohio House of Representatives in 2019 and a seat in the Ohio Senate in 2022.

Voting is ongoing now at the Lucas County Early Voting Center, 3737, W. Sylvania Avenue.

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# Compassion Health Toledo Is Now Open

*The Truth Staff*

Compassion Health Toledo opened the doors to its new facility at 1055 Dorr Street on March 5 and is accepting calls to set up appointments for individuals in need of affordable health care, said Anne Ruch, MD, executive director and the clinic's obstetrician/gynecologist.

The original site of Compassion Health Toledo, 1638 Broadway, opened in July 2017. According to Dr. Ruch, that building serves about 700 patients per week. The Dorr Street facility is expected to handle about 20,000 patients per year, said Dr. Ruch.

The Dorr Street clinic is housed in the former Mott Branch Library which the City of Toledo, the property owner, opened to the public for request for proposals several years ago. The Compassion Health Toledo proposal, which included an offer to invest \$500,000 in the property, was accepted.

The interior of the building is now completely unrecognizable to those who were familiar with the library. Kelly Alter, AIA, of The Collaborative, is the architect whose remarkable work fashioned a medical center from a library.

Compassion Health Toledo on Dorr Street accepts most insurances including Medicare and Medicaid. The clinic will also serve the uninsured with fees based on a sliding scale based upon a patient's ability to pay.

Appointments can be made by calling 567-661-0565.



Anita Foreman (left) explains The Doula Experience



Compassion Executive Director Anne Ruch (l.) and architect Kelly Alter of The Collaborative



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to remove from office in each state those persons whose track records do not reflect our concerns for immigration and our borders, nutrition and childcare for our children as well as affordable drug prices for those in need.

We must help the homeless among us and continue the Build Back Better and Inflation Reduction Acts we have seen in the last four years. We must not elect another office holder at any level who puts former President Donald Trump before their Oath of Office to the Constitution of the United States and the people who elected them.

America, this could well be our last wake-up call as our allies study how seriously we take our pledge to support them as opposed to having a president who will encourage our enemies to attack those who he thinks have not paid their dues to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

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# Confidence in a Cup Holds Fourth Annual Business Brunch Vision Board Social Event

By Fletcher Word

The Truth Editor

TaShara Brown's Confidence in a Cup held its fourth annual Business Brunch Vision Board Social Event on Saturday, March 9, at The Bay, a gathering spot at The Docks.

"Year four is about celebrating all of the entrepreneurs, their work is so very hard," said TaShara B (Elysian Adore). "Our goal is to pour it back into them and celebrate their hard work. [We want to] see what we can do better and help make them more innovative and get the feedback we need to continue the workshops throughout the year."

Saturday's event began with a cocktail hour/meet and greet featuring music by DJ Stanley Knox, cocktails fashioned by Tierra "Tee" Mason, headshots taken by photographer Ambershaun Byrd and red-carpet interviews conducted by BCAN's Toi Creel.

Marisha Raymond, a veteran of the modeling industry, was the event's welcoming coordinator and, appropriately enough, offered a prayer and organized a mini-fashion show featuring a number of the well-dressed attendees.

Chef Michael Gaston, an Ohio native, is a private traveling chef, bringing his talents to numerous sites around the country. On Saturday, his talents were on full display as he presented guests with an hors d'oeuvres table that was as breathtaking to view as it was delicious to sample.

However, the chef did not stop there with his gastronomic delights. He and his sous chef manned a pasta station and guests were able to select choices of pasta with a variety of toppings and sauces.

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TaShara B



Mohamad Awad, Olivia Holden, Kathryn Tucker, Paul Pellioni and TaShara B



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After dining, guests were treated to insights by the evenings speakers who offered thoughts and advice on a variety of proven business practices and opportunities: Paul Pellioni, Score of NOW mentor; Mohamad Awad, president, Innomark Group, LLC; Olivia Holden, executive director, ASSAETS Toledo and Ebony Carter, VP of Minority Business Services, director of Minority Business Assistance Center.

The evening's keynote speaker was Kathryn Tucker, senior vice president, regional manager of PNC. Tucker spoke of the steps she had taken so far in her career to achieve business success.

The highlight of the evening was the naming of the 2024 Who's Who of Toledo Award. This year's nominees were Rayford Tramin, founder/CEO of The Program, Inc, a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide fatherless boys to develop their social and life skills leading to deal effectively with the demands of

everyday life; up and coming fashion mogul Darryl Brown, founder and creative director of Midwest Kids, Inc and Darryl Brown, LLC; Christina Rodriguez, executive director of Moms House.

This year's winner was Rodriguez, who has spearheaded fundraising drives during her 16 years at the helm of Moms House to greatly enhance its services to young mothers and their children.

The evening concluded with a Vision Board/Network Social Hour.



Marisha Raymond and Toi Creel



Rick and Deb Hogan with Toi Creel



Stephanie Boutte and TaShara B



Creating pasta delights



Tierra Mason and her cocktail creations

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The profound impact of great educators on the lives of children cannot be overstated. Beyond the transmission of knowledge, they serve as architects of dreams, instilling in young minds the belief that they can be anything they choose. Educators like Dr. Marie Bush transcend the conventional role of teachers, becoming mentors, guides, and champions of untapped potential.

***Evolving Landscape of Education***

Reflecting on the educational landscape from the 1960s to the present day, Marie Bush draws attention to the remarkable transformations that have unfolded. In the era she entered the field, roles were often delineated based on gender, exemplified by titles like 'Dean of Girls.' Fast forward to contemporary times, and the educational landscape has undergone a profound shift with more inclusive roles and curricula.

"In today's era I believe teachers still need more skills in diversity training to make the new diverse curriculum effective. It's very important especially now with the attacks on African American History," highlights Bush. "Embracing diversity enriches the learning experience and prepares students to be our future leaders, doctors and innovators."

In the past, curricula often reflected a narrow perspective, focusing primarily on Eurocentric narratives while neglecting the contributions of diverse cultures. Today there is a growing recognition of the need for diverse voices and perspectives in education. Institutions are increasingly incorporating content that reflects the richness of global cultures, providing students with a more comprehensive and accurate understanding of the world and themselves.

Another transformative change in education is the integration of technology into the learning environment. In the past, traditional methods such as chalkboards and textbooks dominated classrooms. Today, technology plays a pivotal role in education, with interactive smart boards, online resources, and digital learning platforms becoming commonplace. This shift not only enhances the learning experience but also equips students with valuable digital literacy skills essential for the modern world. The marriage of education and technology represents a paradigm shift, facilitating more engaging and dynamic learning opportunities.

"You have to adjust to where your kids are and where you as an educator are trying to bring them," shares Bush. "I'm hopeful for the future of education with all the new ways kids can learn and educators can teach with technology."

A luminary in education, Bush's impact resonates deeply among many circles. Her accolades adorned national stages at prestigious events such as the National Alliance for Black School Educators and she's received recognition from esteemed organizations like Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated. Notably, she was awarded The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of

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- Lucas County has a strong mental health and recovery system but there is an urgently growing demand for service.
- We need support now more than ever to maintain the system as it exists today and to meet the demands of the future.
- A special focus will be on youth, seniors, and compassionate accountability at the new Lucas County Corrections Center.

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# Mt. Nebo Once Again Honors the Community's "Silent Soldiers"

*The Truth Staff*

For the last 20 years the Mt. Nebo Voice of Hope Outreach Ministry has sponsored an annual banquet to recognize unsung heroes. On Sunday, March 3, 2024, the annual Black History Celebration – "Stepping Out in Faith" – was held at the Premiere Banquet Complex to honor this year's "Silent Soldiers."

The annual banquet helps to support the mission of the Voice of Hope Ministry which provides a host of community services such as: Radio Outreach; Adopt a Haircut Ministries at Poor Clark's Barbershop (free haircuts for youth); Adopt a Belt Outreach Ministries; Coat Give-Away (partnering with Macy's Department Store); Good Friday Ham Give-Away; Back to School Give-Away and the weekly broadcast on NOW Network.

This year's banquet program began, as usual, with host Larry Jones introducing himself and those of note in attendance. Guest were welcomed by Councilwoman Cerssandra McPherson who is part of the organizing team for the banquet.

The Mt. Nebo Praise Team offered a selection and the invocation was given by Bishop Christopher Rowell, pastor of The Refreshing Place.

After dinner, Mt. Nebo First Lady Debra Brock sang before this year's honorees, the Silent Soldiers, were officially recognized.

This year's honorees are: Min. Onevia Allen, Terry Crosby, Albert Earl, Neail and Antoinette Goodloe, Louis Guilford, Nadine Hadley, Pastor Mar-

quisa Horton, Steven and Caroline Lewis, Earl Mack, Miss Madison McCain, Ambrea Mikolajczyk, Elisha Mitchell, Vanessa Owens, Mother Cordelia Roberts Lady Tina Talbert, Paula Tucker, Elder Darryl Turner.



*The Honorees*



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# Help Wanted: Schools Struggling to Keep Black Teachers

*Innovative recruiting strategies like Teacher Villages aren't keeping pace with the number of Black teachers leaving the classroom*

By Joseph Williams, Word in Black

Guest Column

Study after study confirms it: Black children perform better in schools with Black teachers. They score better on achievement scores and have lower dropout rates and higher rates of college completion.

Yet Black teachers make up just 6% of the public school workforce.

So perhaps it's not surprising that advocates for diversity in education are trying everything from innovative internships to an experimental "teacher village" in Los Angeles that offers affordable housing, mentorship, and a peer support system for young Black men.

"What we're doing is actually listening to young people," who say they need encouragement and guidance as they learn how to teach, Peter Watts, who co-created the Teacher Village initiative, told Fox 11, a local L.A. TV station. "It's us saying how can we support them to mitigate some of those barriers ... to make it a little bit easier for them to enter into the profession."

But experts, and some Black educators, argue the creative attempts to bring more Black teachers into the classroom mask a bigger, thornier problem: keeping the ones who are already there.

Chronic issues Black teachers face in K-12 education — ranging from lack of administrative support and being pigeonholed as an educator for Black kids to the constant stress of working in under-resourced schools — are driving them from the profession at a faster rate, and earlier in their careers, than their white peers.

Until those issues are addressed, they say, recruiting new Black teachers is like pouring water into a bucket with a hole in the bottom.

Black teachers "are tracked into — and attracted to — schools with the most challenging working conditions," says Travis J. Bristol, an associate professor of teacher education and education policy at Berkeley's School of Education. That includes schools with high rates of students living in poverty and low scores on standardized tests.

Those teachers typically have little experience at the chalkboard, Bristol says, making it difficult to handle the pressure of teaching.

"We placed the most novice, earliest-career teachers in the most challenging schools, because that's where the jobs are," he says.

Bettina Love, professor at Teachers College, Columbia University, put a finer point on it in a March 2023 essay published in EdWeek.

"From the onset, the approach that school principals and district recruiters take in recruiting Black teachers is unequal to the labor demands they make when recruiting white teachers," Love wrote. "Black teachers are expected to be Black students' everything," from role model to therapist, "while white teachers are allowed to be teachers."

Statistics tell part of the story.

Focused efforts by the Department of Education and organizations like the Ford Foundation helped double the number of teachers from under-represented racial and ethnic groups, from about 327,000 in the late 1980s to 810,000 in the 2017-18 school year. But in 2021, as the percentage of Black students in public primary and secondary schools reached 15 percent, Black teachers made up just six percent of the workforce, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

At the same time, however, a RAND Corporation study found that, in the winter of 2021, nearly half of Black teachers reported that they were likely to leave their jobs at the end of the school year, compared with 23 percent of all teachers. Black teachers say they are leaving because of working conditions — including a lack of input in key policy decisions — not because of dissatisfaction with teaching more broadly.

To plug the leaky bucket, Bristol says school districts should save their money on elaborate recruiting schemes and use it for common-sense solutions to keep teachers in classrooms. That, he says, includes sending more resources to struggling schools, adding support for school principals as well as early-career teachers, and hiring additional support personnel, like guidance counselors and therapists, to help struggling students.

Given the challenges Black teachers face, Bristol says, "it's important to say and note that the best recruitment strategy is a retention strategy."

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for a council member who understands the weight of his responsibilities.

Following an exhaustive six rounds of voting, Driscoll's selection further underscores City Council's commitment to "due diligence and meritocracy" over convenience or political expediency.

His pledge, "It's a tremendous responsibility, and I don't take it lightly," also reflects a sentiment of dedication and service, aligning with the many personal endorsements and community support that highlighted his selection by Toledo City Council.

Yet, Council's decision to welcome Jones and Driscoll into its ranks signifies more than just a change in its composition. Indeed, this move goes beyond typical political maneuvering, so it isn't just politics as usual either.

Above all, and at the heart of the matter, City Council's decision to bypass recommendations from the Lucas County Democratic Party to select Jones and Driscoll injects "Juice into the Mix." It loudly heralds a new philosophy that powers Toledo's future with emerging voices filled with fresh ideas, diversity, and a deep connection with our dynamic community fabric and civic ecosystem.

In our current political climate where short-term gains and partisan interests often overshadow the collective good, the decision to bring these

next-generation leaders into the fold unequivocally demonstrates that Council is prioritizing Toledo's long-term welfare over transient political victories or Party allegiance.

The Toledo City Council has set a new standard for local governance by choosing statesmanship over politics. It's a refreshing departure from the status quo. It's a bold step towards embracing a leadership model that doesn't just aim to navigate the present but is committed to shaping a brighter, more prosperous future for all of Toledo.

Therefore, as we welcome Jones and Driscoll to their new roles, let us also acknowledge and celebrate the bold wisdom of the Toledo City Council. Their decision is a powerful reminder that genuine statesmanship can prevail even in an era often marked by division and short-sightedness.

Moreover, it's a shining example of principled leadership that empowers communities through the next generation of leaders.

Contact Rev. Donald Perryman, PhD, at [drdperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org](mailto:drdperryman@centerofhopebaptist.org)



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# City of Toledo Secures \$28 Million Federal Grant for East Toledo Infrastructure Project

*Special to The Truth*

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown and U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur announced this week a \$28 million grant award for the City of Toledo's Riverfront Infrastructure Vitality and Equity Restoration in East Toledo (RIVER East Toledo project. The Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods grant program, funded through a one-time investment from the Inflation Reduction Act, will fully fund the project at 100 percent with no match requirement.

The funding will support major improvements to the Front Street and Main Street corridors, better connecting East Toledo to the downtown riverfront and Glass City Metropark.

Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz expressed his gratitude for the federal government's continued support, stating, "Today's announcement continues the unprecedented investment of federal dollars into Toledo and demonstrates the federal government's commitment to supporting cities like ours in their efforts to evolve and thrive. Over the last two years, USDOT has granted a total of \$48 million to Toledo, empowering us to make significant strides towards improving the overall quality of life in our neighborhoods."

"This investment from the Inflation Reduction Act is particularly exciting as it will fully fund this project, allowing us to leverage Metroparks Toledo's investments along the riverfront at no cost to Toledoans," Mayor Kapszukiewicz continued. "By connecting neighborhoods, enhancing safety, and creating a family-friendly, walkable destination in the Garfield neighborhood of East Toledo, we are reshaping Front Street into a gateway to riverfront revitalization."

"All levels of government are working together, along with neighborhoods and businesses, to create the best riverfront in the nation. Glass City Riverwalk is only a quarter completed, yet the momentum it has created is already having a transformative effect on the community," said Dave Zenk, executive director of Metroparks Toledo. "Bringing federal dollars

back to northwest Ohio for Front Street, the Martin Luther King Bridge, and Riverwalk is critical to realizing our vision for the region."

Front Street has high traffic volumes and speeds and few signalized intersections, making crossing difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and other non-motorized road users. Its intersections with Main Street and the Craig Bridge - key points of connection to the two bridges that link the east side with downtown - are also among the most dangerous in the region by crash severity.

This project will address these barriers with a comprehensive set of improvements to safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities on Front Street and on East Toledo's historic Main Street corridor. These improvements address priorities identified through years of community planning efforts and support the city's Vision Zero plan to reduce traffic-related deaths and serious injuries to zero by 2031.

This investment will improve safety, enhance accessibility, strengthen community connectivity, and enhance the quality of life for residents of Toledo's historic east side.

## Commissioner Anita Lopez Holds Fundraiser at El Camino Real

*The Truth Staff*

Lucas County Commissioner Anita Lopez, campaigning to retain the seat she was appointed to in January, held one of her last fundraisers of the election season on March 7 at El Camino Real on Woodville Road.

"I've got TV going, radio going, going door-to-door, in as much time as I can," she said of her campaign efforts to fend off challenger state Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson.



Anita Lopez and Becky Ruiz



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# Medgar & Myrlie: Medgar Evers and the Love Story That Awakened America by Joy-Ann Reid

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The Truth Contributor

Romeo and Juliet

Abelard and Heloise. Beyonce and Jay Z. For centuries, we've studied the great romances, cried over them, and dreamed of having one of our own. Some of the great romances are educational. They impress and entertain. And in the new book *Medgar & Myrlie* by Joy-Ann Reid, some can inspire.

When Medgar Evers came home from World War II, he figured that if he was good enough to be a soldier, he was good enough to be treated the same as a white man. He was 25 years old, outspoken, bold... and a gentleman when he met Myrlie Beasley.

He was at college on the GI Bill. She was a freshman, away from her grandmother and aunt for the first time. She didn't know quite what to think about Medgar Evers. Mama and Aunt Myrlie wanted "Baby Sister" to get a good education. They had big dreams for her, and marriage wasn't one of them.

Still, Medgar "intrigued" her and their romance went slow but "Myrlie didn't dare tell Mama." It took a while for him to tell her that he loved her. Medgar was always ordering her around and they argued sometimes. After she told her elders about this man she was dating, Medgar had to "court" Mama and Aunt Myrlie almost as hard as he'd courted their girl.

On Christmas Eve, 1951, Medgar and Myrlie were married. Much to her chagrin, they moved to Mound Bayou, Mississippi, the next summer, where he'd taken a job selling insurance – but just as often, he was helping his people escape debtors and danger, and Myrlie was afraid. Even after they started a family, after they moved back to Jackson to a safer neighborhood, she feared for his life because of the ties he had, the work he was doing with the NAACP, and the beliefs he'd held. That was the kind of man Medgar was, and she'd always known it.

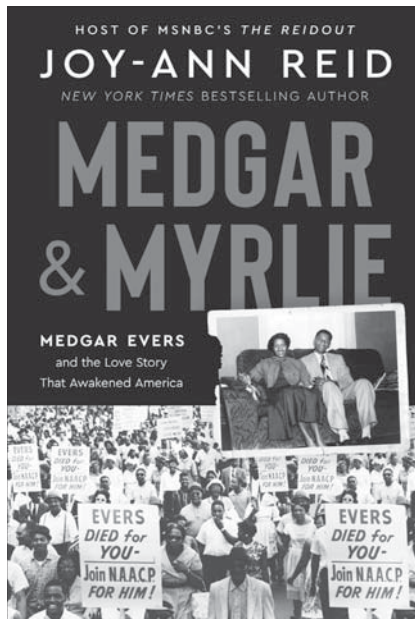
And one summer's evening in 1963, she knew that she'd have to live without him forever.

In the early pages of *Medgar & Myrlie*, author Joy-Ann Reid insists that her book is a "love story." She's right – it is, but it's not like one of those cheap paperbacks you find at the grocery store. It's a boy-meets-girl, a sweet tale of two people who cleave together, but also so much more. More substance. More history. More afterward.

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343 pages



Medgar & Myrlie author,  
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More heartbreak.

Indeed, you know what happens in this romance and the fact that it does and it *did* makes this love story more poignant and more terrifying. You know what happened more than 60 years ago, and you can't go back and undo it. You want a happily-ever-after that never arrives, but in the worst way. Do you even want to be told that Reid will rattle you time and again, even before you get to 1963?

The shining knight in this story wears working man's clothes. The maiden fears a differ-

ent kind of Dragon. You can't miss their story, so find *Medgar & Myrlie*. You'll love it.

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Education Alumni Affiliate Distinguished Achievement Award, a testament to her unwavering dedication.

"The ripple effects of encouragement resonate through a child's entire life," says Bush. "What I enjoyed most about being an educator was the positive impact we have on children's lives that will stay with them through adulthood."

In 2003, Bush concluded her formal education journey, but her commitment to uplifting others persists. Embracing community service, she's now a lighthouse in organizations like Sew N So Sewing Club, and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Northwest Ohio, where she serves as board chairman. Her influence also stretches to national roles, including the presidency of the Girl Friends Fund Incorporated.

"I find the greatest satisfaction from my career when former students approach me to express gratitude or tell me a story of how I impacted their lives. Nothing surpasses that joy for me," Bush shares.

Children who have the privilege of being guided by educators like Marie Bush are equipped not only with academic prowess, but also with the fortitude to face challenges, the audacity to dream big, and the compassion to uplift others. Her legacy echoes through the streets of Toledo, where grateful voices still recall her as their "favorite teacher or principal".

In honoring you Dr. Marie Bush, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering dedication to education. Your legacy stands as a testament to the transformative power of educators who not only impart knowledge but also nurture the spirit of possibility within each student. Thank you, Marie Bush, for being a beacon of inspiration. Congratulations on your well-deserved YWCA Milestones honor, and may your story continue to inspire future generations of our brightest educators.

The YWCA 29th Annual Milestones: A Tribute to Women Awards will be held at the Glass City Center on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

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Ruby Bulter fed us from her heart and soul for two decades and leaving has been bittersweet. She graciously put her life into her business and the community and closing her doors has been a very emotional experience.

"It was such a happy journey that I've had and, really, I've had no complaints or remorse but I'm so sorry I closed up. I wish I was still open."

Ms. Ruby plans now to travel and visit family.

One lasting message Ms. Ruby has for her family of patrons: "I thank them so much for patronizing me, being there for me and mostly loving me. I thank them from the bottom of my heart and I love them. I love them all so much. I'm really missing them."

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## INVITATION FOR BIDS CONCRETE & ASPHALT REPLACEMENT SERVICES IFB24-B003

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 2024-2025 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons:

The City of Toledo is seeking comments on its **Draft** July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 One-Year Action Plan to be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before May 17, 2024. The One-Year Action Plan is based on the HUD-approved Five-Year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan submitted by the City of Toledo for housing, community, and economic development.

The One-Year Action Plan includes a description of the federal funds anticipated to be received, as well as other resources expected to be available within the City of Toledo during the 2024-2025 program year. The Action Plan provides a description of the activities to be undertaken when using these resources and the expected results of those activities. Also, the Action Plan depicts a geographic distribution of assistance including Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSAs) and the newly approved Junction-McClinton Nunn Choice Neighborhood Plan, special needs activities, general and public housing actions, and activities specific to the 2024 50<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), 38<sup>th</sup> Year Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), 33<sup>rd</sup> Year HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP) (if applicable), and the 2020 Lead-Based Paint and Healthy Homes Grant. In addition, the Plan will contain HUD-required certifications, as well as a summary of the community input received at the public hearings regarding the Action Plan.

The **Draft** One-Year Action Plan will be available for review beginning **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**, on the website of the following entities:

Department of Housing and Community Development  
One Government Center, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Downtown Toledo, Jackson & Erie Streets  
website: <https://toledo.oh.gov/departments/housing-community-development>

Lucas Metropolitan Housing  
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Office of the Mayor  
One Government Center, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board  
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**One Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604**

**Thursday, April 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**One Government Center, Toledo, OH 43604**

The City of Toledo will also receive comments from the public in writing beginning **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** through **Thursday, April 25, 2024**, at the following address:

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2024-2025 ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN  
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# Ruby's Kitchen Was Not Just a Business But a Labor of Love

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

"All I knew is that I liked to cook. This was my childhood dream: to own a restaurant."

Ruby's Kitchen, a Toledo mainstay, serving fresh homemade soul food for two decades, closed its doors February 29, 2024. Owner Ruby Bulter reflected on the 20 years of her experience serving our community food that felt "just like grandma's kitchen."

Ruby's opened in 2004 and started in the kitchen of a sports bar that Butler rented for eight months before moving to the shopping plaza on Dorr St. where she served our community for 12 years. She moved to the Reynolds Road location in 2016.

Ruby's Kitchen was not just a business but a labor of love, with Ms. Ruby making family of each customer who frequented her doors.

"[My biggest satisfaction] was just being able to have people that were so pleased that I was there and pleased to come and eat," reflected Ms. Ruby. "That and just making friends and knowing people by their name and just being there for my customers—I mean people that really enjoyed southern cooking and food that's hot—that's just been cooked while you're waiting for it."

It's an emotional farewell for Ms. Ruby. "What I'm going to miss the most is the customers and knowing people, good conversation, and cooking and I going to miss being there."

Ms. Ruby could always be seen up front greeting customers, even in recent years battling COPD and wearing an oxygen tank. It was hard for her to maintain the restaurant as she would like, and she made the tough decision to close its doors permanently.

There were many highlights she experienced in 20 years. Nancy Pelosi and Marcy Kaptur spent the day at Ruby's when she was at the Dorr Street location. "They came on the bus and they had the Secret Service with them and the Secret Service was in the kitchen. That was such a fun day."



St. Paul MBC leadership feasted after Sunday service



Sonda Hicks, Ruby Butler, Terry Johnson, Sabrina Chatman

John Legend, Michelle Obama's brother and many more entertainers and dignitaries than she can count have stopped by and sat for a plate at Ruby's Kitchen.



"I would have never dreamt that I would have had a restaurant and for it to have been as successful as it was for 20 years," she stated.

Ms. Butler was born and raised in east Toledo. "My mother taught me how to cook. I started cooking at 12 years old, wanting to have my own restaurant... I could remember at that time the neighbors were real close to each other, I could remember going to the neighbors and telling them 'I'm cooking dinner today would you want to buy a dinner?'"

"It seemed like I was a good little cook at 12 years old. They started requesting dinners. Certain days of the week I would cook for the neighbors. That's where my dream started."

Her mother was a big influence on her life and cooking. She always stressed "a good cook always tastes her food" said Ms. Ruby. Ruby's own favorite dish at Ruby's Kitchen was her famous dressing that was her mother's recipe.

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Comedian Michael Colyar ate at Rubys Kitchen in 2012



Famous musician John Legend dined at Ruby's Kitchen (2012)



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# Bishop Jerry Boose Celebrates His 16th Pastoral at Second Baptist

By Dawn Scotland

The Truth Reporter

Bishop Jerry L. Boose and First Lady Debra Boose celebrated their 16th Pastoral Anniversary at Second Baptist Church in Monclova, Sunday March 3. The theme for the evening was "The Year of Next: Called to Do Service" (Scripture: Acts 18:23). The guest preacher for the evening was Bishop Designate Michael T. Scott, senior pastor of Galilee Baptist Church Kalamazoo, Michigan; Global Midwest Provincial Bishop.

The masters of ceremonies for the evening were Bro. Tyran & Sis. LaTonya Boyd. Followed by an exhortation prayer by Elder Ronnell Ferrell and Elder Clarence Nedd, the Second Baptist Praise and Worship Team led the congregation in a number of spirit-filled selections.

The welcome was given by Mother Emma Brown. Following were the Words of Encouragement by Trustee Lee and Sis. Lorraine Smith and the Reading of the Biography by Bro. Caleb McCain.

Bishop Jerry L. Boose is a native of Toledo, graduating from Jesup Scott High School and the University of Toledo. He furthered his education by receiving a bachelor's degree from Ashland Bible College, a master of Biblical Studies and doctoral degree of Divinity from the Eastern Missouri Bible College.

For over 30 years Bishop Boose was a member of Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Rev. John E. Roberts. While attending Indiana Avenue Baptist Church, Bishop Boose received his certificate of Ordination in 1984, Certificate of License in Ministry in 1999 and Certificate of Ordination in 2005. On Saturday, August 12, 2023, Pastor Boose was consecrated to the office of Bishop in the Lords Church through the Joint College of Bishops headed by Bishop Patricia McKinstry.

In 2008, Pastor Boose was called to be the Shepherd of Second Baptist Church. His commission from God was to "Teach and Preach and God will do the in-

crease." On September 13, 2015, Second Baptist Church moved into their new home in Monclova, Ohio. He describes the church as being "on the edge of town."

Bishop Boose joined the Toledo Fire Department in 1984; in 1991 he became a firefighter paramedic. In 2001 he became the administrator of Health Benefits for the City of Toledo Firefighters and their families; he held this position for 13 years and retired in 2014.

Throughout the City of Toledo Bishop Boose is involved with Lucas Metropolitan Housing Service Corporation, Neighborhood Health Association, CEO OF Agape Second Chance Corporation, Toledo Urban Federal Credit Union and chaplain for the Toledo Fire department. He holds the title of Ohio State Bishop of Global United Fellowship. Bishop Pastor Boose is married to Lady Debra Boose and they have one daughter, Ariana Boose.

For the year 2024 Bishop Boose's vision is Outreach. It is imperative that "we reach, teach and love on the unsaved." Through his teaching Bishop Boose has taught Second Baptist Church to "walk by faith and not by sight." He is dedicated to presenting the Plan of Salvation to every person his ministry encounters regardless of their circumstances. That is one reason he calls Second Baptist "The Church of a Second Chance."

The Call for Giving was presented by VP Bishop Brehon Hall (Pastor, Greater New Psalmist Church; Bishop of Protocol, Global United Fellowship) and the Introduction of the Speaker by Bishop Darnell Sheares Sr. (Pastor of Fresh Wind Church; Southwest Provincial Bishop, Global United Fellowship). A ministry in dance was minister by Elder Clarence and Sis. Sha'Bre Nedd.

Bishop Designate Michael T. Scott Sr. (Pastor, Galilee Baptist Church Kalamazoo, Michigan Global Midwest Provincial Bishop) gave the sermon.

Presentations were given at the pulpit celebrating the Bishop and First Lady. Daughter Sis. Ariana Boose thanked the congregation and Bishop and First Lady gave remarks.

"Second Baptist, we love you and appreciate each of you. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you for 16 years. We are humbled and grateful!! May God continue to bless and keep each of you!", stated Bishop and First Lady Boose.

Special thanks were given to Bishop Designate Michael T. Scott Sr., VP Bishop Brehon Hall, Bishop Darell Sheares Sr., Elder Clarence and Sis. Sha'Bre Nedd, Sis. Debra Jones & the Hospitality Ministry of Second Baptist, Second Baptist Praise & Worship Team and Second Baptist Media Team.



Bishop Jerry L. Boose (Second Baptist) with guest speaker Bishop Designate Michael T. Scott (Sr. Pastor of Galilee Baptist Church Kalamazoo, Michigan; Global Midwest Provincial Bishop.)



First Lady Debra Boose is escorted into the sanctuary of Second Baptist Church



Praise and Worship at Second Baptist Church for Bishop and First Lady Boose's 16th Pastoral Appreciation



Bishop Jerry L. Boose and First Lady Debra Boose seated during Praise and Worship



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