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FREE

"Nothing can stop the movement of God's love in this world."

*- The Rt. Reverend Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop-Elect
The Episcopal Church*

Saxophonist Dee Lucas to Perform at W.C. Handy Festival



Noted saxophonist Dee Lucas will perform at the W.C. Handy Festival in McFarland Park in Florence, Ala., on Friday, July 24, at 6 p.m.

Born and raised in Tanner, Alabama, Dee Lucas had always loved listening to music, and many genres of music were often played in his family's home. However much he wanted to play an instrument when he was younger, he had instead gone

into sports, and then later graduated from the University of North Alabama in 1988 with a degree in Marketing and concentration in Computer Information Systems.

With his profound sense of style and technique and his love of life, saxophonist Dee Lucas plans to be around for a while. Lucas's music like a bottle of fine wine: just keeps getting better with time.

The Episcopal Church Elects First Black Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry was elected the 27th presiding bishop for The Episcopal Church (TEC) on June 27, 2015, and will serve a nine-year term.

The 62-year-old Curry was elected by the House of Bishops from a slate of four nominees on the first ballot. He received 121 votes of a total 174 cast. Curry's election was confirmed an hour later by the House of Deputies, as outlined in the church's canons, by a vote of 800 to 12.

He will serve a nine-year term that officially begins Nov. 1. On that date, Curry will succeed cur-

rent Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and he will become the first person of color to hold that position. A liturgy marking the beginning of Curry's ministry as presiding bishop and primate will be celebrated November 1, All Saints Day, at Washington National Cathedral.

"We've got a society where there are challenges before us and there are crises all around us. And the church has challenges before it," he said. "We got a God and there really is a Jesus, and we are part of the Jesus Movement. Nothing can stop the movement of God's



love in this world"

Curry has been North Carolina's 11th diocesan bishop since he was ordained and consecrated on June 17, 2000.

"The Episcopal Church is forever evolving," commented James D. Foster, Vestry member of local Holy Cross-St. Christopher's Episcopal Church. "Throughout history and in practically all of the controversies in which society has been involved, The Episcopal Church seems to have been on the appropriate positive vein going forward. It rarely rejects an opportunity to look at the total picture, whether its diversity in church administration, civil rights, women in the priesthood or same-sex marriage."

Valley Water Treatment Facility Receives Awards, Accolades

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*by Gary T. Whitley, Jr.
Public & Governmental
Affairs Liaison*

City Council Honors State Representative

The Huntsville City Council recognized House District 53 Alabama Representative Anthony Daniels (right) on Thursday, July 9, for his distinction as 2015 Legislator of the Year during his first term in office.



Teneshia Daniels, is a member of Cohort III of the Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium. Dr. Richard Showers, Sr., congratulated the two on behalf of Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle and the entire Huntsville City Council.

Rep. Daniel's wife, Dr.



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The project is being sponsored by the Durham School Services Community Initiative Program (CIP), in conjunction with the City of Huntsville Office of Multicultural Affairs, Rocket City Broadcasting, Lamar Advertising and Walmart.

Persons contributing school supplies are asked to "look for the bus" and to give school supplies that will "Stuff the Bus" toward a set goal of 10,000-20,000 units to



support Community Awareness for Youth (CAFY) and Free2Teach.

Upcoming Museum Exhibit: Tim Taunton

Exhibit Run: October 3, 2015 – February 7, 2016

The latest exhibition in this long-standing Huntsville Museum of Art showcase for outstanding regional contemporary art focuses on recent figurative works in clay and companion oil paintings by critically acclaimed Georgia artist Tim Taunton. His surrealist works are directly inspired by his dreams and colorful imagination. At about 1/3 life size, his engaging terracotta figures represent characters engaged in their story – spinning around an axis of personal, social and cultural idiosyncrasies. His meticulously detailed, finely rendered paintings flesh out evocative environments for these protagonists, furthering the implied narrative.

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From the Editor

Oh, to be taught!

Throughout our lives we are taught many things. Some of us go on and earn college degrees in order to be educated. I shared with someone just recently that to be educated can be a life-changing experience. For example, as a young college student at Alabama A&M University, I had to take a Human Growth and Development course. All education majors had to take that course. One of the theoretical foundations taught in that course was the 'birth order' theory as it relates to intelligence. More recently, I have seen it referred to as the intelligence 'trap' theory. The premise of this theory is that one's birth order can determine how intelligent he or she is. Thus, first-born children are likely to be more intelligent than children born later. When the theory was introduced, I figured that we were there to be taught, but that we needed to think for ourselves. Just think about the number of people you know who get caught in the "trap" of what someone taught them. By now, my readers know that I was born number of 13 of 13 children. Whoa, whoa! Whoa!

This past winter, we started the Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium (DLC) initiative. Many people attempt to define diversity without sufficient knowledge. I, too, am not an expert; however, I have spent a good portion of my career working in the diversity leadership spectrum. The primary goal is to get people to thinking about what they have been taught, what the real issues are, to challenge traditional assumptions and biases that we otherwise overlook and to allow the points of view of others, based on their backgrounds and cultures, to be considered. Well-planned diversity training is more than black and white. It helps those of us who have extended or limited knowledge about the subject, along with those who have gaps and need additional enlightenment. Even those of us who have been students of diversity leadership for decades find that with almost each conversation, there is more to learn. DLC is unique, affordable and educational. Check out our website at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com. We are hosting Cohort III for the next several weeks. Our final cohort for 2015 will begin in October. It's truly an eight-week "experience."

This is not something that we should be yelling and screaming about. We applaud the efforts of Mrs. Delois Smith, Vice President for Diversity at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, for the conversations UAH is hosting on "Race." Until and unless we have these conversations in a safe environment, where persons of differing opinions and experiences can share and acknowledge that they need additional information, we will continue to have a gap. Like diversity, race is more than black and white. Typically, race is considered as a group of people who share similar and distinct physical characteristics. According to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, "The term race refers to groups of people who have differences and similarities in biological traits deemed by society to be socially significant, meaning that people treat other people differently because of them. For instance, while differences and similarities in eye color have not been treated as socially significant, differences and similarities in skin color have" (Source: <http://www.cliffsnotes.com/sciences/sociology/race-and-ethnicity/race-and-ethnicity-defined>). Diversity is more than what we see or hear or believe. It includes, but is not limited to, one's values, customs, beliefs, points of view, skill sets, religion, politics, class, family, education, income, affiliations, interaction with the environment, psychological and social orientations, color, gender, ethnicity, disability status, and other unique characteristics. How boring the world would be if all of us looked, believed, thought and acted the same.

Our differences are the very things that make us interesting, effective and smart. Just think about it. Until next week,



Dorothy

REFLECTIONS: The Life and Times of William Hooper Councilll - Part II

The Struggle for Education

by Eddie E. Davis, Jr.

The end of the Civil War led to Abe Lincoln's liberation of four million penniless slaves of African descent. Emancipated Negroes were now free from the physical chains of slavery. But free to go where? Free to do what? Many understood, however, a country could not remain half-free and half-bond. Therefore, in 1865, the Republican Party brought forth the Freedmen's Bureau Bill as a legislative approach, and education had now become a reality for former slaves including William Hooper Councilll.

Prevailing over the woes of slavery, the young Councilll displayed a keen desire for knowledge while learning his alphabets at the age of sixteen in 1864. Later, he attended a Freedmen school near Stevenson, Alabama,

known as Averyville, and was noted the best student of the school. After three years, Councilll became an assistant teacher in Jackson County, Alabama, but threats and violence caused him to return to Madison County and establish the first county school for African Americans, known as

Lincoln School in March of 1869.

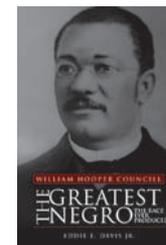
For Councilll, education was a necessity. Even when times became more difficult, the young scholar sacrificed and worked whatever jobs he could find to obtain his goal. Having only the basic necessities, Councilll could not afford a kerosene lamp, but

would study at night by cedar wood fire, which he later called, "Cedar College." Councilll wrote of his challenging educational experiences:

I have slept in a cotton pen a whole winter because I had no better place. I have washed an only shirt and then sat in the shade of a tree while it dried. I wore a pair of Yankee drawers for pants for a whole winter. I wore low cut shoes in winter without socks. When a boy, I never had an undershirt nor dreamed of an overcoat. I plowed, once, three days for an

old Greenleaf's Arithmetic. I only had a split cedar for light for three years. Later I walked three miles, three times a week, for lessons a week in Physics and Chemistry and paid a learned professor fifty cents for each lesson. God forbid that anybody, white or black, should ever be forced to battle against such odds.

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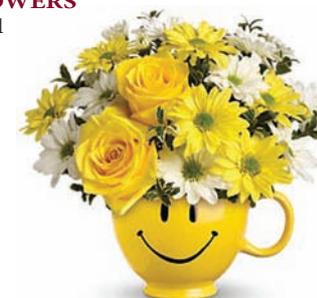
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 Admission Charged
 Von Braun Center Playhouse
 7:30 p.m. (Fri.); 2 & 7:30 p.m.

July 17
 Space Exploration Celebration
 U.S. Space and Rocket Center
 Admission Charged, 5-9 p.m.

Moses Chapel PB Church Revival
 372 Moses Chapel Road, Madison
 Guest Speaker: Elder C. Jermaine
 Turner, Pine Grove MBC
 6:30 p.m.

July 17-26
 34th W.C. Handy Music Festival
 Florence, Ala.

July 18
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Jersey Surf - Camden County, N.J.
Cascades - Seattle, Wash.
Pioneer - Milwaukee, Wis.
Southwind - Mobile, Ala.
 Louis Crews Stadium, 7 p.m.

August 7
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August 8
 Back to School Parade

August 20
 Writing a Business Plan
 Chamber of Commerce
 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

August 21
 Taste of Kappa
 Huntsville Museum of Art | 7pm
 to 10pm
 Cost \$30 | Available at www.
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August 21-23
 Saved In The City Conference
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<http://www.savedinthecityconference.com>

August 22
 "I Am a Survivor Gala"
 Westin Hotel (Bridge Street)
 6 p.m.

August 30
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 niversary Service
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Breakfast Trolley Tour at Alabama Constitution Village

For a nominal fee, Valley area and other persons will have an opportunity to join the "Breakfast Trolley Tour" at Alabama Constitution Village on Saturday, August 1, at 10 a.m.

Participants will enjoy a muffin and coffee while touring downtown Huntsville and the noted Twickenham Historic District on Saturday, August 1, and again in September. This is a 60-minute narrated tour on a trolley-inspired bus.

Alabama Constitution Vil-

lage offers visitors realistic view of Alabama's birthplace in 1819. Participants explore Alabama's rich heritage and witness the 19th century through villagers

dressed in period clothing who visit eight reconstructed federal-style buildings. Also available for viewing is the actual site where more than 40 del-

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Annual J.O. Johnson Back-to-School Parade Scheduled

The J.O. Johnson High School PTSA will host its annual "Celebrating Education Parade" on Saturday, August 8, beginning at 8 a.m. Organizers call the event "an opportunity to celebrate education while increasing family and community engagement for students who attend North Huntsville schools."

The "Back to School" event is a PTSA fundraiser for scholarships, supplies and fees, according to Alice F. Sams, event chairperson. Coordinators are soliciting local businesses and organizations for monetary support and donations of school supplies. All mon-



etary donations will be used to provide supplies and materials for teachers to use in the classroom, as well as future programs and workshops for students.

Planners expect at least two thousands students, family mem-

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Alice F. Sams*

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Local Track Club Bound for Junior Olympics

The Huntsville Metro Track Club, under the dynamic coaching and direction of Head Coach Joseph Henderson, had an eventful yet rewarding series of meets at the United States Track and Field Regional Championship in Murphreesboro, Tenn., July 10-13.

Several athletes competed in four-day events July 10-13. On Friday, July 10, athletes participated in the triathlon (high jump, shot put and 400m). In the category for boys age 9-10, Tre' Vaughn Holtzclaw came in 2nd place and will move on to the Junior Olympics to be held in Jacksonville, Fla. Also, Juwan Brabson (also boys category age 9-10) came in 6th place.

In the Pentathlon (high jump, long jump, shot put, 80m hurdles and 1500m), boys age 11-12, George Gilbert came in 2nd place and will move on to the Junior Olympics.

In the Pentathlon (high jump, long jump, shot put, 100m hurdles and 800m) girls age 13-14 category, Malaya Brabson came in 3rd place overall.

The aforementioned athletes, along with additional athletes from the Huntsville Metro Track Club competed in the Saturday, July 11, events for their chance to move on to Junior Olympics in their individual events, where the top 5 advanced to Junior Olympics.

In the girls section, Reagan Gilbert, pictured below, (girls 8-under category) qualified for 1st place in the shot put, with 5.19m; 1st place, javelin, 16.97m; and 4th place in long jump, 2.66m, qualifying overall for Junior Olympics in Jack-

sonville, Fla.

Alicia Walker (girls category age 11-12) qualified for 3rd place in mini javelin throw, 16.24m; also qualifying for Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.

Alana White (girls 15-16) qualified for 5th place in discus throw, 28.55m, qualifying for the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.

In the boys section, Tre' Vaughn Holtzclaw, right, (boys age 9-10) qualified for 5th place in long jump, 4.21m, qualifying for the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.



Olympics.

Amare Robinson, boys 13-14, right, qualified for 3rd place in high jump, 1.50m and 5th place in long jump, 5.38m, qualifying for the Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.



Noah Flynn (boys 13-14), right, qualified for 2nd place in the 3000m, 9:58:46, qualifying for Junior Olympics.



Shafi Muhammad (boys 13-14) qualified for preliminaries in the 200m and the 400m held on Sunday, July 12, 2015, in Murphreesboro, Tenn.

Tyler Davis (boys 15-16) qualified for preliminaries in the 200m and the 400m held on Sunday, July 12.

Dontavious Jowers (boys 17-18) qualified for 4th place in the discus throw, 41.76m, qualifying for Junior Olympics.

"Congratulations to all of our athletes that competed in Murphreesboro, Tenn.," commented Coach Henderson. "We are so proud of all of them, we will be back Sunday to add more to the Junior Olympics list from their final races.

On the final day, Monday, July 13, in the girls division, Alana White, age 15-16 category, right, came



in 2nd place in the shot put (11.29m) and qualified for Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.

In the boys division, Keante Griffin, age 11-12 boys category, right, came in 1st place in high jump (4:05m) and qualified for Junior Olympics in Jacksonville,



Fla. Evan Marbury (boys 8 & under), left, came in 3rd place in the 800m and qualified for Junior Olympics in

Jacksonville, Fla.

Shafi Muhammad, right, came in 2nd place in the 800m (2:12.91) and 400m (53.37) and qualified for Junior Olympics in Jacksonville, Fla.



held in Jacksonville, Fla.

William Otey (boys age 17-18), left, came in 4th place in triple jump (11.96) and he qualified for Junior Olympics to be

by Melissa Brabson

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Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium IV APPLICATION FORM



Requirements: Application Form - 3 References - Resume -
 Photo and Tuition (Both Required upon Acceptance)

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Apt. Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (mobile) _____ Business/Home _____ E-mail _____

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Title _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Enrolling Quarter _____

Education

High School Attended _____ Graduated: Yes No

College(s) Attended _____

Highest Degree _____ Career Field _____

References

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Please mail this Application Form, 3 Letters of Reference, and Resume to: 415A Church Street-Ste. 100, Huntsville, AL 35801 - (256) 651-9028; visit us at www.diversityleadershipcolloquium.com; or e-mail info@diversityleadershipcolloquium.com. Tuition and photo will be required only if accepted to participate.

DLC offers inspiring and experienced leaders with opportunities to benefit from qualified and seasoned trainers, scholars, and business professionals who share and discuss research and best practices regarding obtaining excellence through diversity.

DLC is designed for individuals interested in gaining access to networks, mentors, and sponsors that have traditionally not been available to diverse members of the broader community. Enrollees will be exposed to topics such as: Understanding and Embracing Diversity, Organizational Culture and Structural Reform, Racial and Gender Intelligence, Social Justice and Equality, Networking and Mentoring, Politics, Heroes and Holidays, Critical Thinking and Self-Affirmation and Living the CARE Values.

Individuals and companies are making sincere efforts in verbalizing a commitment to diversity excellence. However, we must be trained to build the next generation of leaders who have the skill sets, tools and commitment to execute.

Training Schedule: DLC will run two, eight-week colloquia each year. The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. Participants cannot miss more than 2 sessions. Location: 415-A Church Street - Downtown Huntsville (Enrollment limited to: 16 - **Tuition:** \$795) Fall: October 6-November 24 (Deadline: September 6)