

NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

February 2009

What's Happening?

March 7

Attend the Ms./Mrs. Corporate America Pageant at 7:30 p.m. at The Plaza Theatre (425 N. Bumby Ave., Orlando, 32803). Questions? Call (407) 256-4555 or visit www.ms CORPORATE AMERICA.COM.

Now through March 14

African American Museum of the Arts presents *Cultural Art from the Heart, Mind and Soul* by Roosevelt Heath at 325 South Clara Ave., Deland, FL 32721. For more info, call (386) 736-4004 or go to www.AFRICAN MUSEUM DELAND.ORG.

Passage to Life:

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth." (I Corin. 13:4-6)

Lift Every Voice

At 1:45 p.m. on Feb. 12, I headed toward my son's school to meet him and my nephew as they walked home. I usually drive to pick them up but this was one of those days when walking was the only option. That 15-minute trip wasn't bad compared to the 3-mile journey I had to make to pick up my daughter from her middle school dance at 3 p.m.

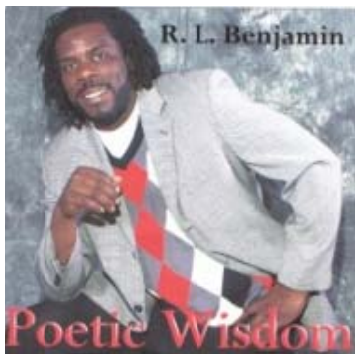
Hoping our vehicle would be back in time, Malcolm and I dreadfully began our walk down the long side street behind our house. About five minutes later, a young Caucasian guy uttered the words, "You f_c_ing n_gg_rs!" as he drove by.

I looked at my 8-year-old who asked, "Mommy, did he just curse at us?" (Thank God that's all he heard.) With two days left before our "Lift Every Voice...Poetry, Mime and Gospel Extravaganza," I was shocked and truly devastated to experience such 'hatred' — especially in 2009.

Yet, God reminded me that the battle was and is not mine. Although this guy tried to use his 'voice' to break my spirits, the Lord wants us to lift our voice (using our God-given talents) to give love, hope and encouragement to others. So never be afraid nor ashamed to use your gift to glorify God.

Be blessed,
Suzette Farquharson-Morgan
Editor & Publisher

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Randy Benjamin serves as the Youth Pastor at Eagles' Nest Baptist Church.

On Saturday, February 14, 2009, Youth Pastor, Poet and Motivational Speaker **Randy 'R. L.' Benjamin** released his debut CD, **Poetic Wisdom™**.

Mr. Benjamin touched the hearts, minds and souls of all who attended the "Lift Every Voice" event at West Oaks Academy and the Valentine's Day celebration at Mount Olive Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Orlando.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE

I've heard it said many times before that love is different things to different people. As a concept that is true, but it's not the truth! True is based on time, situations, circumstances and perceptions—truth is eternal; it doesn't change. Truth originates from Father God and it cannot be torn down.

There is a truth about love or as I say, **The Truth About Love**. Through Inner Work Seminars, which began in 2002, I share information about love that the Holy Spirit has placed in my heart. I found, like the prophet Jeremiah, that the message I was given to share is like a burning fire shut up in my bones (Jeremiah 20:9), and I just can't keep quiet. I HAVE TO TELL SOMEONE ABOUT IT!

My mission is to help others remember what they already know but have forgotten because of the indoctrination of the world's way of seeing, being and doing. Love is only that which the Author of it purposed it to be. There is but ONE LOVE and various expressions—expressing love to a friend, mate, child, parent, another...as there is but ONE GOD ALMIGHTY and various expressions of Him: Jehovah Rophe, Nissi, Shalom, Jireh, M'Kaddesh, Tsidkenu, Rohi, Shamma...my Healer, Victor, Peace, Provider/Salvation, Sanctifier, Teacher, Caregiver, Ever Present God.

God is love and when we love, we're expressing all that Father God is to one another. What a great honor to mirror back to Father God all that He is by sharing love—Him (1 Corinthians 13:4-13)!

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Where Would I Be?

by Cynthia Vaughn

I often ask myself a question, where would I be,
 If the mighty hand of God hadn't covered me?
 I would have been six feet under, sleeping in my grave,
 I'm thankful He reached down and my soul He saved.
 Where would I be if He had not covered me
 When I was caught in the grips of promiscuity?
 There were some who did the same and contracted a disease,
 He covered me even though I'm sure He wasn't pleased.
 He kept me when depression had me down,
 He kept me with the chip on my shoulder and constant frown.
 He covered me under the shadow of His wings,
 That's why I lift my voice, in triumph I sing.
 He kept me from every pestilence and snare,
 He even kept me from dangers unaware.
 He forgave me every time I stumbled and fell,
 I am blessed to have a testimony to tell.
 Where would I be if He didn't have mercy on me?
 Where would I be? I often wonder, where would I be?

reflections FROM THE *Heart*

Great poetry affects the soul, cutting straight to the heart. *Reflections From The Heart* is that kind of poetry. Whether truth in the pages causes the reader to weep or brings a new outlook on life, author and poet Cynthia Vaughn will undoubtedly cause the reader to face the tough questions in his or her own life. Although the questions may be tough, the answer may easily be found in God's grace and love. Written in a straightforward style, *Reflections From The Heart* is real poetry for real life.



Author and poet Cynthia Vaughn is a professional author, bringing a pastime to a full-time pursuit. She currently resides in Clermont, Florida, with her husband and two children. Cynthia enjoys journaling, reading, and writing poetry as well as the outdoors and fishing when she has the chance. She is also a lighthouse enthusiast. Cynthia is a member of the Cathedral Of Power International Church in Clermont, Florida.

To purchase *Reflections from the Heart* or to book Cynthia Vaughn for speaking engagements and poetry readings, contact (407) 489-2093 or visit www.authornation.com/writesister.