

NEW DIRECTION

Formerly *New Beginnings*

March 2009

What's Happening?

March 20 & 21

Are you always striving for the one thing that you feel will bring you true fulfillment and purpose? Discover the one thing that truly matters at "The One Thing Conference" which will be held at the Lighthouse Church of Intercession (4437 Old Winter Garden Road, Orlando, 32811).

To register, contact Mary & Martha Ministries at (407) 446-1537 or visit <http://m2ministries.webs.com>

March 22

You're cordially invited to attend an "Evening of Fellowship in White" at New Bethel AME Church beginning at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the Leola Bryant Young People & Children's Division and the Voices of Praise, the focus will be on glorifying the Lord for all the things He has done and will continue to do in the lives of His people." For more info, call (407) 295-6152.

Passage to Life:

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10 (NKJV)

Last July, I attended the International Christian Retail Show in Orlando with poet/author Cynthia Vaughn. At first, I was inspired to see so many Christian authors and publishers. But soon, I started to get discouraged that there were *so many* Christian authors and publishers. As an author and publisher myself, I questioned what I was doing and what made me any different.

That Monday night, Bishop Eddie Long spoke at the Christian African American Booksellers Association banquet. He said that we all have an assignment and we can't question what God has called us to do, for He has specific people who are 'assigned' to each of us.

As I listened to the words that God was speaking through the Bishop, I started to cry. Here I was, ready to throw in

the towel. Then the Lord quickly reminded me that what He has for me, it is for me. This not only applies to my publishing ministry, but it applies to my life as a whole.

So now I pose the question to you, "What is your assignment?" What have you been told to do but you've been procrastinating, doubting, worrying, fearing...etc.?

Remember, what seems impossible is indeed possible through the eyes of God. So pray about it, ask Him to direct your path and then hearken to His voice when He speaks. From there, you will walk in your calling –one step at a time.

Be blessed,
Suzette Farquharson-Morgan
Editor & Publisher

Join recording artists and music ministers from all over as we unite to show our love and support for the beautifully anointed Psalmist and Gospel music recording artist Charlyce Simmons (recently featured in the December issue).



Late January, after a successful trip to Atlanta where Charlyce placed top 30 in BET's Sunday's Best Auditions, she was rushed to the hospital with sudden brain trauma that initially left her completely paralyzed on the left side.

Doctor's predicted at least a year of rehabilitation "if" she would ever walk again, but God has done the miraculous! Charlyce has come leaps and bounds from where doctors thought she would be. However, she still requires 24 hour care while medical bills, etc. surmount.

A Benefit Concert will be held Saturday, March 21 at 6 pm. at El Bethel Temple (The Rainbow Church—3000 Bruton Blvd, Orlando, 32805). Come be blessed!

Laying Where No One Can See

by Paris Crayton III

Theatre is what I do. Theatre is who I am. I can't really describe my love for it. Every time I'm on or near a stage, my heart starts to beat faster. This has been my love and passion since I was five years old. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, this love started at my kindergarten graduation when I was called upon four times to recite poems when the other kids were too afraid. At that age, I remembered everyone's lines and the teacher was confident I could do it. My whole family knew that I would grow up to entertain. I continued acting in various school plays and my love for writing stemmed at age 11.



25-year old actor/playwright
Paris Crayton III

Growing up, I put on various showcases and Christmas plays for my family. In 2004, I was called upon to write a one act for the Salvation Army's annual Christmas show. I found a play that I wrote in high school, revised it and called it *The Real Meaning of Christmas*. About 300 people attended this event and from the very first line, they were hooked. The audience's reaction was amazing. They laughed at everything. That's when I knew that God had His hand on me and I should never worry.

My next ventures were: *The Day Daddy Came Home* in 2006 (St. Louis); *Eye of the Beholder* in 2008 (Orlando); and *Laying Where No One Can See*, which opened in Orlando this past January.

Laying Where No One Can See focuses on the lives of four girls who have been best friends since high school. Shortly after moving into an apartment together, they meet two guys that stay next door. As they interact with them, their lives are sent on a roller coaster ride. One incident leads to the discovery of the HIV virus, which frightens the girls, causing them to point the blame instead of searching themselves.



Paris Crayton III and the cast of *Laying Where No One Can*

This play is needed for today's youth. HIV is real, and it is color blind. It's disturbing to see how many of our young people are being diagnosed with the disease when it can be stopped.

Theatre not only entertains, it educates. We should not be afraid to talk about something that can save lives. This play opens the lines of communication between parents and young adults so they can discuss this deadly virus.

The play also deals with abortion, premarital affairs and teenage pregnancy. I truly believe theatre needs a wakeup call. So much junk is going around and I'm out to change it. Trust me, you'll be hearing the name Paris Crayton III for a long time!

Laying Where No One Can See is back by popular demand and for one night only (Friday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m.) at The Rock Church, 5515 W. Irlo Bronson Memorial (HWY 192), Kissimmee, FL 34746. To purchase tickets [\$15; group rates available] or for more info, call (407) 218-0202 or visit www.knecus.com; www.shineorlando.com.