



NEW HORIZON CHURCH INTERNATIONAL

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22ND ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
SERVICE AWARDS
P R O G R A M

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024
5:00 P.M.

*This program will honor Distinguished Mississippians for
their commitment to their community through Business,
Community Advocacy, Health, Law, and Ministry*

1750 ELLIS AVENUE, JACKSON MS 39204

2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

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NHCI COMMUNITY SERVANT AWARDS CLASS OF 2024

BUSINESS

Tony and Vanessa Edmond
Joseph Broger

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Mary Overton

HEALTH

Tyrah Hickman

LAW

Terri Murry Whalen

MINISTRY

Pastor Earl and First Lady Gloria Thompson

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A W A R D S

The NHCI Community Service Awards were established in 2002 by the congregation of New Horizon Church International as a means of expressing our corporate thanks and appreciation to individuals who consistently give of themselves and their resources to serve the needs of others. The awards are presented annually in commemoration of the lives and legacies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Wiley Evers, and other martyrs of the civil rights movement who exemplified the philosophy of self-determination and community service.

Persons are nominated and selected to receive the awards on the basis of their demonstrated lifestyles that embody care and commitment toward improving the quality of life available to everyone.

It was our Lord, Jesus Christ, who said: ***“No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God”*** (Luke 9:62 NKJV).

New Horizon Church International is proud to publicly recognize the great work being done by “a few who serve so many”.

GUEST SPEAKER

Earnestine Jones-Spires



Min. Spires is a native of Yazoo County, MS, is the wife of Hubert Spires, and the proud mother of two daughters (Candace & Michelle), the grandmother of Cameron & Maddelynn, and one Son-in-law-Micah. She is a graduate of Bayside High School, Bayside, New York, and a graduate of Tougaloo College (1981), with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology- Mental Health. She continued her study at Trinity Theological Seminary, obtained a Master and Doctorate in Theology (2010).

Earnestine and Husband are members of New Horizon Church International, where she serves as an associate minister and Pastor of InReach Ministry; Sunday School Teacher; member of Greeter ministry; Member of Fellowship of International Churches; member of Clothes Closet Ministry. She was an active member of the South Gate Prayer Warriors that ministered in The Federal Prison for over 7 years and Central Mississippi Correctional Facility, in Rankin County for 5 years.

Earnestine is a retired banker (37 1/2years). She is the owner/travel agent (Nspired Travel, LLC). She enjoys traveling and exploring God's beautiful creation throughout the world. She loves sharing the word of God. Her favorite scripture: Psalms 23:1 "The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

Special Recognition

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Vanessa Edmond

Patricia Hickman

Mary Harris

Geneva James

Arbrillia Pickens

Keith Riley

Lauren Sinclair

Joann White

B U S I N E S S

Tony and Vanessa Edmond

Tony, a native of Canton, MS, and Vanessa, a native of Natchez, MS, have been married for twenty-one years. They have six children and three grandchildren.

The Edmond's believe in operating in faith; trusting in God; and, putting in the work needed to succeed. Tony and Vanessa feel that the businesses they own are community service-related ones that help build and strengthen the community.

Currently together, Tony and Vanessa own and operate four businesses in Jackson, MS

- School Creation and Installation
- First-Class Beauty Salon
- Edmond Tour & Travel
- I Be Dog Gone Food Truck



Two of Edmond's four businesses, School Creation & Installation and First-Class Beauty Salon have been in operation for over 20 years.

School Creation & Installation installs school equipment and furniture throughout the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee.

First-Class Beauty Salon not only makes women beautiful on the outside, but it also ministers to the whole woman. This helps to heal a woman's heart so she can see and know just how beautiful she really is on the inside as well as the outside.

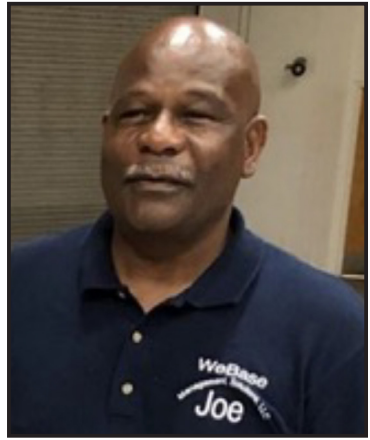
Edmond Tour & Travel offers their clients the opportunity to travel at an affordable cost. And, finally, their final business is I Be Dog Gone Food Truck which not only serves dog gone good hot dogs, hamburgers and snacks but also helps to feed their community's homeless and needy.

Tony and Vanessa Edmond put their favorite bible verses - James 2:26, "Faith Without Works Is Dead" and Matthew 6:3-4, "Give in secret" into action by praying daily, serving others and giving back to the community through their businesses.

B U S I N E S S

Joseph Broger

Joseph Broger is the president and founder of WeBase Management Solutions, LLC, a training and small business development firm. He is a Certified American Society for Training & Development Professional Trainer; a Certified Workforce Development Performance Manager; a Certified Crisis Prevention and Intervention Trainer. Joseph holds bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and business management as well as a master's degree in business administration.



Since starting WeBase Management Solutions in 2004, Joseph has maintained its daily operations including providing instructions and directions for his training staff to help further their personal business knowledge, growth, and development to ensure they provide the best service possible to small business owners.

WeBase Management Solutions provides strategic training that focuses on and promotes business enhancement and performance which helps to enhance the visibility, profitability, and sustainability of small businesses.

Joseph is dedicated to giving back to the community through his work with churches, civic groups, sponsorship of summer youth training programs and as a volunteer mentor, trainer and webinar manager and presenter with SCORE (formerly known as the Service CORP of Retired Executives). He also hosts and sponsor community networking events and educational workshops to help enlighten and educate local business owners.

One of Joseph Broger's greatest joys is to work with local businesses to increase their visibility, profitability, and long-term sustainability through continuous learning and development.

COMMUNITY ADVOCATE

Mary Louise Overton



Mary Overton affectionately known as Ms. O. Ms. Overton has been an educator of pre-k children for over 40 years. She taught at Pied Piper Childcare Center for most of those 40 years turning out children who have now become productive citizens as artists, physicians, teachers, first responders, activists and so much more. At the heart of who she is, she is a servant.

Ms. Overton was born in Hazelhurst MS and raised in Jackson, MS graduating from Central High School. She loves her church where she serves and volunteers in many capacities with the children's ministry, the children's choir, the dance ministry and the food ministry. You can find her in the kitchen cooking her famous Grits that have been named as Ms. Mary's Grits!

Ms. Overton is currently employed part time at the Mississippi Black Women's Roundtable in the Community Outreach and Rapid Response Program where she holds school with the children in the laundromat while their parents wash clothes.

She has 4 children including her bonus son Arell, 8 grandchildren and the love of her life Cleveland Dortch for over 40 years. Ms. Mary Overton is the G.O.A.T of service and family and is always dripping in style.

H E A L T H

Tyrah Hickman



Tyrah Hickman is a lifelong resident of Mississippi. She accredits her family and church upbringing for her faith and strong sense of family values.

Her diagnosis of Sickle Cell caused Tyrah to spend much of her childhood in medical facilities and provider's offices. The medical staff provided Tyrah with comfort, console and care during her hospital stays and they became her extended family and thus birthed her future calling and love for nursing and helping others.

Tyrah has an Associates Degree of Nursing acquired from Hinds Community College, a Bachelor of Nursing from Mississippi University for Women, and a Master's of Nursing from Walden University.

She has been a community advocate for people with Sickle Cell Disease. As a nurse, she helped establish and worked in the Adult Sickle Cell Unit at UMMC. Providing adequate healthcare to those adults suffering with this disease. She volunteered with the MS Sickle Cell Foundation, helped organized and participated in walks, health fairs, and other fundraising activities.

Tyrah is currently a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner who serves as a community educator in the healthcare field working with Health Nurses and New Horizon Health Ministry, conducting screenings, individual counseling, presenting educational programs, vaccine drives and connecting with other local and national health agencies to improve health outcomes in our communities and rural Delta Counties.

Her hope is to remove the stigma associated with prioritizing one's mental health. Tyrah feels the ability to serve others is a gift as she continues to be a servant for God and His people!

L A W

Attorney Terri Murry Whalen



Attorney Terri Murry Whalen was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana. She received her bachelor's degree from "THEE" Jackson State University and completed her Juris Doctorate at Indiana University School of Law.

In 2005, she established THE WHALEN FIRM, Proven Professional Performance, in Clinton, Mississippi. THE WHALEN FIRM is a boutique law firm that offers legal services in the areas of business transactions, real property, probate matters, criminal defense and personal injuries. Attorney Whalen's legal services also include community education in the areas of wills and heirship property.

Terri is a member of The Magnolia Bar Association; Mississippi Public Defenders Association; and National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. She is on the executive boards of Cherry Park Neighborhood Association and NAACP (Clinton Mississippi Branch). And, she has managed and litigated family law cases for a non-profit agency serving indigent families. Her desire is to see that all of her clients get the justice they deserve.

Terri is married to her Jackson State suitor, Maurice A. Whalen, Sr. They have three children, all of whom are proud HBCU graduates and have graduate degrees from medical schools.

MINISTRY

Pastor Earl and Gloria Thompson



Pastor Earl Thompson and his wife, First Lady Gloria Thompson, have faithfully served as Rohelia Missionary Baptist Church located in Utica, Mississippi for the past fourteen years. They have been married for thirty- nine years and are the proud parents of four children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Pastor Earl Thompson is a graduate of Murrah High School and attended Jackson State University. He accepted his calling into the Ministry

in November 1997 at Greater Ross Chapel Church, under the leadership of Dr. Willie Brown Jr. In 1999 he was Ordained by Pastor R.E. Cook at The Greater New Jerusalem Church. He is presently retired from Nissan. He served in the U.S. Navy for eight years.

First Lady Gloria Thompson graduated from Lanier High School and St. Dominic's School of Nursing. She is presently a registered nurse at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center with over forty years of experience. She has traveled throughout Mississippi promoting health and wellness events as a Congregational Health Nurse.

The Thompson's are very much in tune with the local needs of Utica, Mississippi and are continuously working as community advocates to meet these needs. They have organized local health and wellness events, organized community clothing and food drives and with local churches for The Good Samaritan Center, coat drives for the local schools; fed and cared for needy families and assisted Utica and Rolling Fork families who lost their homes to fires and storms.

As they continue to follow God's word, they are continuously seeking ways to show God's love to others.



As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1 Peter 4:10 NKJV)

Every Christian is to submit his/her will to the will of God; acknowledging Jesus as Lord. The lordship of Jesus in our lives is worked out as we remain faithful to Him, doing the work that God has assigned to us. In submission to the will of God, believers become servants of God's people. Even the greater in the family of God moved among the brethren as a servant.

Being a servant involves the full exercise of the gifts and abilities each of us has for the benefit of others. In servanthood, we should adopt the unselfish attitude of Jesus.

The Scripture cited above tells us that every Christian should use whatever gift he/she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. The next verse says that if we speak, we should do it as if we are speaking the very words of God. If we serve, we should do it with the strength that God provides, so that every thing we do brings praise and honor to God through our relationship with Jesus Christ.