

“JOY!”

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023, a year to look within ourselves, recognize our gifts and build upon our strengths. This is the year for overcoming fear and reaching out to help others.

*“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is,
What are you doing for others?”*

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*“Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And
if you can’t help them, at least don’t hurt them.”*

-- Dalai Lama

We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in 2023. Let’s make it an exceptional year by opening our minds and our hearts to be of assistance to someone other than ourselves. Let us teach both young and old to let go of grudges and personal opinions. At KJGM, we will set the example. Looking forward to our new beginning in our new facility in 2023.

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“LIBRARY DAY!”



Welcome to Dr. Claudia DeShay, retired UT Southwest Medical Center librarian. Dr. DeShay will work with students teaching them the art of cataloging books. With her assistance, we will identify the books that are on location at the Museum. This process will teach students the importance of maintaining and labeling hard copy books; as well as, broadening the understanding of the work and resources such books allow for professional growth and development. Cataloging is a very specialized skill in librarianship, a skill that will be around for many years to come. Library Day! *“Another teachable moment at the KJG Museum.”*



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FIRST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR

Our first fundraiser of the year will come in the form of a “Give Away” drawing. Southwest Airlines has donated **two domestic round-trip tickets** as part of our fundraising efforts. More information to come . . .

STUDENTS: INTERESTED IN AVIATION?

Southwest Airlines Scholarship offers scholarship amount up to \$5,000 for those students who have an interest in aviation. DEADLINE for making application is **February 28, 2023 @ 11:59 PM**. Age must be 24 or younger at the time of application.

Southwest is committed to building a diverse talent pipeline, while inspiring future generations to find careers within the airline industry. The Southwest Airlines Scholarship provides access to education and is available to those seeking diverse educational pathways. Applicants must intend to enroll or be enrolled at an accredited vocational, community/junior college or undergraduate program, and pursuing a degree or post-secondary certificate.

For more information: [The Southwest Airlines... | Silicon Valley Community Foundation \(siliconvalleycf.org\)](https://www.southwestairlines.com/scholarship)

COMMUNITY MURAL

The **Texas Historical Foundation** will sponsor the “Community Mural” which will be erected at the Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Museum. The mural will reflect Mrs. Gilliam’s amazing volunteer spirit. It will tell her life story in PHOTOS -- displaying some of the many lives that touched her life as well as the lives she touched.



Photo: (left to right) Paul Zubiato, General Contractor; Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney, KJG Museum Curator; Amir Hashim Dulaney, grandson of Dr. Dulaney; Connie Gilliam-Harris, daughter of the late Kathlyn Joy Gilliam; David Preziosi, Executive Director Texas Historical Foundation; and Michael Graham, Board of Director for Texas Historical Foundation

A NEW YEAR – REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

By: Pastor Michael Luster

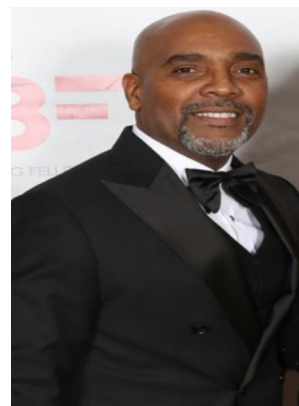
As we begin this 2023 year, I can’t help but look back and reflect on how far God has brought us. Last year, some doors of experiences had been shut and a new door was opened. Last year was a roller coaster ride that presented some highs and lows. But one of the things I gathered from it, was the perception of gratitude. Being thankful to God for the strength to overcome the heaviness of life, and the gifts of His amazing grace.

When I was a child, my parents taught me to say “*yes sir*” and “*no ma’am*” to older adults out of respect. When my parents had company, children knew to leave the room. When I was being reprimanded for bad behavior it was already known that you didn’t talk back to your parents. But what stuck with me was what my father taught me about opening a door when someone was coming behind me. Normally, that person who you opened the door for, out of appreciation would say, “*thank you.*” It bothers me for someone who is the recipient of an act of kindness, to walk pass me and not say “*thank you.*” Sometime, people causally walk pass you with a disposition that this is something you are supposed to do. It doesn’t cost us anything to say, “*thank you.*” To me it is an indication that parents of that individual failed to teach them the simple curiosity of saying, two very simple words, “*thank you.*”

At the church where I’ve been blessed to pastor, council, and proclaim the word of God; I’ve witnessed people become restored, healed, and come to a place of peace from their tribulations. When they can’t express any form of gratitude for their deliverance, I feel as though I’ve failed as a pastor in teaching those entrusted to me to say, “*thank you.*”

In preparing for this new year, I am reminded of the 1994 movie **Forrest Gump**. Jenny, an advocate and friend of Forrest, noticed that Forrest was in trouble, so she starts speaking a prophetic word over his life. Jenny yells, “*Run Forrest, Run!*” Having faith in Jenny, he did what he had never done before. He began to Run. With every step he made, something from his past began to fall off. Something he had been carrying began to fall off. The judgment of others fell off, afflictions, sickness, hopelessness, all these problems he had begun to fall off. When Forrest began to move in faith, he got stronger -- “*Run Forrest, Run!*” When you’re truly thankful, your gratitude will be expressed in your response.

Jesus opened a door of blessings for each of us in 2022, can’t we at least begin to say “*thank you*” in 2023?



[Pastor Michael Luster is the head pastor of the New Beginning Fellowship Church in Mesquite, Texas]



[Shared Facts: McKenzie Jean-Philippe and Jane Burnett]

February 1 to March 1 is **Black History Month!** Black American history is incredibly rich. Resources like [BlackPast.org](#), the [National Museum of African American History and Culture](#), and the [Library of Congress](#) are great ways to learn little-known facts about Black history and broaden your understanding of the culture. *Did you know . . . ?*

The creator of *Black History Month* was historian **Carter G. Woodson**. Often referred to as the “*Father of Black History*,” he was notably the second African American to graduate from Harvard University with a doctorate degree and is credited with being one of the first scholars to study and research the history of African Americans.

Phillis Wheatley was the first African American to publish a book of poetry, *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral*, in 1773. Born in Gambia and sold to the Wheatley family in Boston when she was 7 years old, Wheatley was emancipated shortly after her book was released. She was 20 years old.

“*Bars Fight*,” written by poet and activist **Lucy Terry** in 1746, was the first known poem written by a Black American. Terry was enslaved in Rhode Island as a toddler but became free at age 26 after marrying a free Black man.

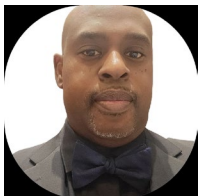
Clotel: The President’s Daughter was the first novel published by an African American, in 1853. It was written by abolitionist and lecturer **William Wells Brown**.

Martin Luther King, Jr. started as a freshman at Morehouse College at the young age of 15.

Computer scientist **Lisa Gelobter** assisted with the 1995 creation of Shockwave, essential technology that led to the development of web animation. (So we have her to thank for GIFs.)

Tech Tid-Bits 3D Printing

By: Gerald Dunn



We are all familiar with 2D printing on a thin sheet of paper, but what about 3D printing. What is 3D printing? 3D printing or additive manufacturing is a process of making three dimensional solid objects from a digital file. There

are many products that can be made by 3D printing such as eyeglasses, shoes, furniture, prosthetics, toy models and movie props. For a 2D printer paper is the media, but for 3 D printing, the media can be plastics, metals, powder and even food.

3D printing allows for customizations and putting your own personal touch on a product which allows unique designs and tailored products for various individuals. For a moment, think of the shoe manufacturing process. All shoes are currently made the same and may not fit each person’s foot the same. A size 10 shoe may not fit me or another person who wears size 10 the same but given the ability to 3D print a custom shoe fit to your personal dimensions could be a game changer. If both you and I scan our feet and upload the data into a computer, the same 3D printed shoe would look the same but fit much

different for both of us. A size 10 shoe would then be custom printed for each individual at a low cost.



Photo of a 3D printed shoe

3D printers cost as low as \$100 up to \$500 for basic 3D printers. More advanced 3D printers can range from \$1500 to \$20,000. 3D printing has been gaining traction slowly and may soon be adapted to print replacement auto parts to whole houses. If you are a beginner and interested in making your own 3D designs, you may use Tinkercad which is free and works in your browser, and you don’t have to install it on your computer. Tinkercad offers beginner lessons and has a built-in feature to export your model as a printable file.

Technology is always evolving and 3D printing is one of the latest evolutions. Technology moves fast and evolves quickly, so let’s make sure that we capture the momentum.

Aleisa's Corner



Aleisa Daniel

Introducing Ryane Williams



Ryane Williams is a former debater of the KJGM debate team and student at St. Anthony School in Dallas, Texas. As part of the 4th debate team cohort, Ryane participated in the program's computer coding course, attended a Texas Legends game on a team field trip, and participated in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade with her teammates. In addition to being a bright young debater, Ryane is a cheerleader who enjoys cooking, painting, and modeling in her free time. In this interview, we discuss more of her interests, goals, and hobbies, along with her favorite experiences from her time on the debate team.

What are some of your hobbies, interests, or extracurriculars?

My hobbies are modelling, cheer, and dance. And my interests are cooking, beauty, and painting.

Nice. What do you like to cook?

Desserts.

Do you like baking?

Yes.

Awesome. So Ryane, what did you enjoy most about being on the debate team?

Being able to debate about [new] topics that [I] didn't know about before.

What is your favorite memory from your time on the debate team?

My favorite memory is being in the Martin Luther King Jr. parade.

That sounds fun! I'm sure that was a very nice memory. What did you enjoy most about it?

Being able to put yourself out there and [being seen].

You were also a participant of the KJGM computer coding course, what is something you learned in that program?

I learned how to do games and how to [log into networks] on different devices.

Oh wow! What kind of devices?

Mostly computers.

Okay – so if you had to choose a favorite between coding and debating, which one do you think it would be?

Probably debating.

So, we're in a new year – what are some things you're looking forward to this year in particular? Do you have any academic goals or life goals? You have a lot of hobbies, is there anything you'd like to pursue with those?

Yes, I want to be a professional model. And with the academic goals, I want to continue to stay on the national junior honor society.

Those are excellent goals! If you could name one important skill you learned from being on the debate team that you think might help you reach some of your goals this year, what would it be?

Staying focused and speaking up – I think those will help me [this year].

And is there any advice you can give to first-year debaters who might be a little nervous and don't know what to expect?

Some advice I would give them is to have fun, put yourself out there, don't be scared to ask a lot of questions because that's what you're going to have to do – and, yeah – just have fun for the most part.

That's very good advice! Thank you for taking the time to interview with me today, Ryane.

Thank you.

Thank you Restoration sponsors!
We will announce our GRAND OPENING DATE soon!



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