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Pulpit & Politics Series: Using our Prophetic Voice

By Elder Christopher V. Pryor, Pastor - Victorious Believers Ministries COGIC



*Pastor Chris Pryor
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There is a tug-of-war steadily intensifying within churches all across America, as religious leaders debate the controversial issue of engaging in politics in the pulpit. Over the recent years, several poignant questions have been posed in regards to this issue including, "Is it appropriate for a pastor to discuss politics in the pulpit? Who should speak for justice in the African-American community? And finally, "What role should the church play when it comes to politics?" Each of these questions forces us to reevaluate the purpose of the church and the calling of its leader. Having been asked to share my thoughts on the subject, I earnestly pondered the question that I believed would give me the most truthful answer..."What would Jesus do?" Jesus would unapologetically speak out for justice even when it was unpopular to do so. Throughout scripture, we always find Jesus using his prophetic voice and influence to speak against injustices affecting marginalized groups.

When I was I child, I can recall many times during campaign season, when democratic and republican candidates would come to visit our

church on a Sunday morning and share highlights from their various platforms. Most often, the core of their speeches focused on the issues that were most relevant to our community including good jobs, education, and affordable healthcare. For many of the parishioners, this was the only time that they were able to directly communicate with the individuals who were making the policies that affected their everyday lives. Ironically, when politicians came to the church to further their political agenda there wasn't an outrage over boundaries being crossed between church and state. However, in today's world, when a pastor speaks out about politics there is an instant fear that a violation between church and state is being made.

A.W. Tozier, a famous pastor and author, once said that "to be right with God often means to be in trouble with men." I believe that pastors today must take on a role similar to other Biblical leaders including Jeremiah, Amos, and Nehemiah so that our prophetic voice can be heard.

Now is not the time to lose our boldness, but instead, we must be the watchmen on the tower (Ezekiel 3:17) forewarning the people of the dangerous perils of the end times and speaking the truth in love. No longer can we just preach about what is happening within the church, but we must share with the people what God's will is concerning what is happening in our society.

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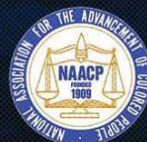
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Michigan Hispanic Latino Commission Launches Back-to-School Backpack Program

The Michigan Hispanic Latino Commission (HLCOM), led by new Executive Director Felipe Lopez-Sustaita, is launching a Back-to-School Backpack initiative to help children in the Hispanic/Latino community be prepared for the coming school year. The program aims to gather 500 backpacks with supplies for children in the areas of Lansing, Flint and Saginaw. The Hispanic Latino Commission is part of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). Each city will have a designated drop-off area where those looking to donate can drop off backpacks filled with essential school supplies children need during the school year.

“Drop-off Center” for Saginaw

Monica Reyes, director of SVSU Disability Services and commissioner from Saginaw Valley State University Multicultural/Disability Services Wickers Hall Suite 260

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“Drop-off Center” for Flint

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“Many parents are struggling to put food on the table these days, therefore, supplies for school are not always a priority,” said Lopez-Sustaita. “Growing up, I was one of those children who went to school with not enough supplies, so I know the struggle firsthand. I invite everyone to participate in this effort to give young children in

their communities an opportunity to feel excited about the return of the school year.”

The Commission is committed to educational outreach and improvement for Hispanic/Latino students in every community, at all levels of schooling. With support from community leaders, the commission can help all students reach their educational goals.

“A backpack is more than just an item,” said Noel Garcia Jr., chair of the Hispanic Latino Commission of Michigan. “It provides our students with confidence as they begin their school year and helps them excel in their educational goals.”

The backpack program will run from August 15 to September 5. Additional locations may be established.

For more information, visit the HLCOM website at www.michigan.gov/hlcom and “Like” us on Facebook.

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Covenant HealthCare Offers FREE Breast Cancer Screening for Uninsured/Underinsured - Saturday, September 17



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Thanks to the generous donations of many local organizations and individuals to the Covenant HealthCare Foundation CARE fund, Covenant HealthCare is offering a free breast cancer screening Saturday, September 17 at the Covenant Breast Health Center, 5400 Mackinaw, Saginaw, MI.

These screenings are available for women who meet the following criteria:

- Age 40 or over
- Are uninsured or their insurance does not cover mammograms
- Have not had a mammogram for at least 12 months

- Are residents of Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair or Tuscola County

People who meet these criteria can call 989.583.6278 option #1 to schedule a free clinical breast exam and digital mammogram performed by experienced physicians and technologists. Advance appointments are required between 8am and 1pm, and space is limited.

Why are mammograms important? Mammograms can show changes in the breast up to two years before a patient or physician can feel them and breast cancer is most treatable when detected early. According to the American College

of Radiology, mammography has helped reduce breast cancer mortality in the US by nearly 1/3 since 1990.

Please help spread the word about the benefits of early detection, and share this free event with those who may benefit.

For more information about the Breast Health Program at Covenant HealthCare, visit: www.covenantcancercare.com

For more information on the Covenant HealthCare Foundation or to donate, visit: www.covenanthealthcarefoundation.com



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Medicaid expansion lowers Marketplace premiums by 7 percent

New analysis finds Medicaid expansion brings down Marketplace rates – another benefit on top of gains for low-income individuals and state economies

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a report showing that expanding Medicaid lowers Marketplace premiums by about 7 percent in those states.

“Today’s report identifies yet another group that would gain if all states chose to expand Medicaid: Marketplace consumers, who would see lower premiums,” said Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. “These gains are on top of the direct benefits of expansion for millions of Americans who would gain coverage and on top of the economic benefits for states. The Administration remains committed to working with all states to expand coverage and improve the health and financial wellbeing of their citizens.”

It has long been clear that the decision not to expand Medicaid is costly for states. It denies coverage to millions of poor citizens— many of whom are working, and many of whom have serious health needs. It puts many low-income individuals in insurance that is less well tailored to their needs and their budgets than Medicaid coverage. And by rejecting Medicaid expansion, states give up billions in economic benefits.

Today’s analysis demonstrates that the decision not to expand Medicaid also has costs for another group: Marketplace consumers, who pay significantly higher premiums than they would if the coverage provisions of the ACA were working together as intended in their state.

The HHS analysis uses 2015 data on HealthCare.gov plans and enrollment to assess how Medicaid expansion affects Marketplace premiums. It controls for differences across states in demographic characteristics, pre-ACA uninsured rates, health care costs, and state policy decisions other than Medicaid expansion, finding a 7 percent difference in Marketplace premiums holding these factors fixed.

States that expanded Medicaid coverage under the ACA have Marketplace risk pools

comprised largely of individuals with incomes above 138 percent FPL, while non-expansion states have Marketplace risk pools that include more individuals below 138 percent FPL. Because lower-income individuals on average have poorer health status than those with higher incomes, a state’s decision not to expand Medicaid affects the Marketplace risk pool and, ultimately, Marketplace premiums. Issuers have noted that Medicaid expansion is one way that states can strengthen their Marketplaces.

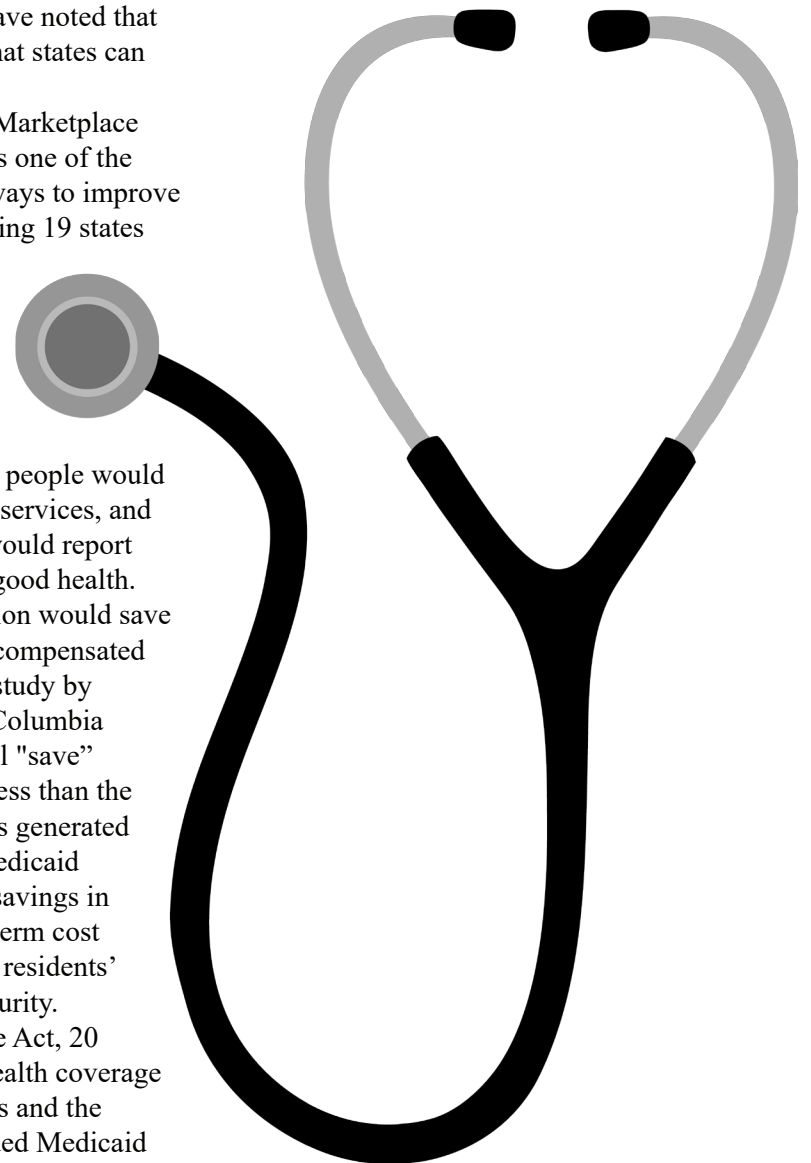
In addition to its benefits for Marketplace consumers, Medicaid expansion is one of the most cost-effective and efficient ways to improve the health of a state. If the remaining 19 states expanded Medicaid, more than 4 million people would gain coverage. According to a study by the Council of Economic Advisors, over 450,000 more people would receive all needed care, hundreds of thousands more people would receive recommended preventive services, and over half a million more people would report being in excellent, very good, or good health.

In addition, Medicaid expansion would save states and hospitals billions in uncompensated care costs. According to a recent study by economists at Northwestern and Columbia Universities, the money states will “save” from not expanding Medicaid is less than the hospital uncompensated care costs generated by not expanding. Meanwhile, Medicaid expansion states also experience savings in behavioral health costs and long-term cost savings and economic gains from residents’ improved health and financial security.

Thanks to the Affordable Care Act, 20 million Americans have gained health coverage as of early 2016. To date, 31 states and the District of Columbia have expanded Medicaid

under the Affordable Care Act. HHS stands ready to work with the remaining 19 states to expand Medicaid to help their citizens obtain the peace of mind and financial security that comes with affordable health coverage.

To read today’s report, visit: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/pdf-report/effect-medicaid-expansion-marketplace-premiums>



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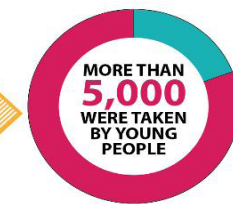


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Shigellosis

What is Shigellosis?

Shigellosis is a disease caused by bacteria (Shigella) that infect the intestines. This is one of the easiest germs to give to others because it only takes a few bacteria to make a person ill. The germ is found in an infected persons' bowel movement or in contaminated food or water. Many people have Shigellosis but are never tested.

What are the symptoms?

- Stomach ache
- Fever
- Diarrhea that may contain blood and mucus
- Constant pressure to have a bowel movement
- Nausea/vomiting

Symptoms usually start 1 to 3 days after infection with the bacteria and last for 4 to 7 days. Some people may not feel sick.

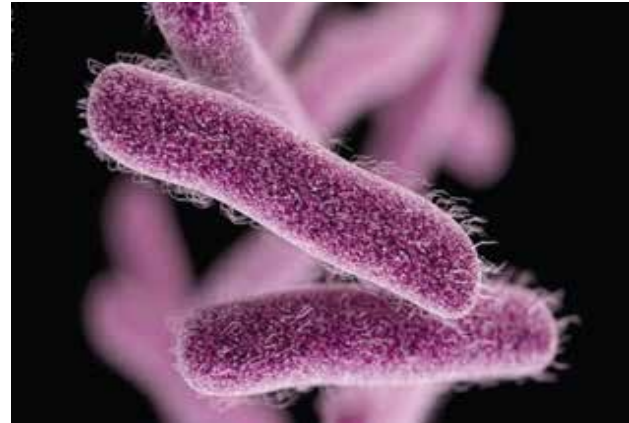


How is it spread?

Shigellosis is spread to others when infected people do not wash their hands after using the bathroom or after changing the diaper of a child with the illness. The bacteria may be spread for 4 weeks after the illness. Persons without symptoms may transmit Shigella. Food can be contaminated from flies, sewage, or infected food handlers.

How is it treated?

If you have severe diarrhea request a stool culture. If you have the disease, your doctor will order an antibiotic medication for you to take. Make sure that you take all of the medication. Do not stop taking the medicine even if you feel better. Check back with your doctor after the medicine is gone to make sure that you



are cured. If you or anyone in your family is diagnosed with the disease, ALL members of the family should be checked by the doctor for Shigella. Do not use anti-diarrhea medicine, like Imodium, it can make the illness worse.

How is it prevented?

- Wash your hands often, especially before preparing food and eating, and after using the bathroom or changing diapers.
- Wash your hands well. Wash your hands vigorously with warm running water and soap, using friction for at least 20 seconds and dry with paper towel. Teach your children how to wash their hands too.
- Keep your surfaces clean. Surfaces (particularly in the bathroom) and objects that could be contaminated can be disinfected with a freshly prepared solution of chlorine bleach. See instructions for making the solution below.
- Avoid swallowing water from ponds, lakes, or untreated pools.

How to make a disinfectant solution?

- Use a chlorine bleach with a sodium hypochlorite active ingredient of at least 5.25%,
- Mix 1 part bleach with 9 parts water; shake well,
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Covenant HealthCare Hosting Events to Benefit United Way Campaign

As a Pacesetter organization for the United Way of Saginaw County Campaign, Covenant HealthCare is setting the speed for this year's United Way Campaign. Last year, Covenant employees personally donated more than \$75,000 in pledges to the United Way and their designated agencies.

For this year's campaign, Covenant HealthCare wanted to give employees the opportunity to donate not only monetarily, but also with their time and energy hosting three events.

Car Wash

Thursday, August 18, Covenant employees donated their time to wash cars for a cause. In the parking lot of the McNally House, in front of the Covenant HealthCare campus, employees washed cars in an effort to raise funds and awareness of the United Way campaign.

100+ backpacks and school supplies donated to afterschool programs

Tuesday, August 23 United Way of Saginaw

County picked up more than 100 backpacks and a boxes full of school supplies donated by Covenant employees. These backpacks will be combined with donations from 14 local businesses and organizations, being distributed to United Way agencies with afterschool programs. Agencies to accept school supplies for distribution include: YMCA of Saginaw, Salvation Army, Boys & Girls Club, Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, First Ward Community Center, Boy Scouts Water and Woods Field Service Council and Samaritas.

Rummage Sale

September 16 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm, Covenant HealthCare will be hosting a Rummage Sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the United Way of Saginaw County. The sale will be located in the parking lot at the intersection of Porter

and Almira Streets near the Covenant Harrison campus.

About the United Way of Saginaw County

United Way of Saginaw County's vision is to create a safe nurturing community where all families can thrive. Driven by their vision, United Way focuses on creating change in the community through the areas of health, education and financial stability. By promoting giving, advocating and volunteering – the nonprofit is able to create impact by connecting community resources and volunteers. For more information or to find out how you can help United Way of Saginaw County, please call (989) 755-0505.

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Here's his response.

“Wall Street can have a significant impact on the financial health of nonprofits. Charging higher fees than necessary obviously leaves less for the operations of the nonprofit. A quick example will illustrate this. If a nonprofit earned 7% per year on its endowment after necessary expenses, then \$1 million of principal would earn \$70,000 per year to fund its projects. If it is charged an extra 1%, then the annual amount is reduced to \$60,000. Obviously this is a loss of \$100,000 over 10 years. Higher fees generally lead to lower returns and do not correlate with higher returns on investment.

“Too often Wall Street encourages nonprofits to engage in more risky investing than is prudent. This exposes the nonprofit to greater risk of losing its principal and thereby jeopardizing its programs. CalPERS, the largest state pension fund in the country, provides a very recent example. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, it earned approximately 0.6% while a conservative mix of stocks and bonds for the same fiscal year would have earned about 4%. This underperformance cost California at least \$10

billion.”

We asked Faust for his thoughts regarding how a nonprofit evaluates risk. “In the CalPERS example they invested too much in speculative ventures like hedge funds and start – up companies. It may be appropriate for a non—profit to invest a small portion of its endowment in a wide range of risky assets, but the danger becomes unacceptable when the proportion is too high.” He encourages board members to look closely at the asset allocation.

Here's the take away: Be sure to ask about the fees and risks associated with managing your nonprofits assets.

Next week: *Five guidelines for managing nonprofit funds*

Faust's new forthcoming book *A Capitalist's Lament: How Wall Street Is Fleecing You and Ruining America* shares more information. It publishes October 11, 2016. Preorder at Amazon.com.

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Financial management and investing is critical to the sustainability of nonprofits. As a board member or trustee you have a fiduciary responsibility. But how do you fulfill that responsibility? What do you need to know as it relates to financial management and investment?

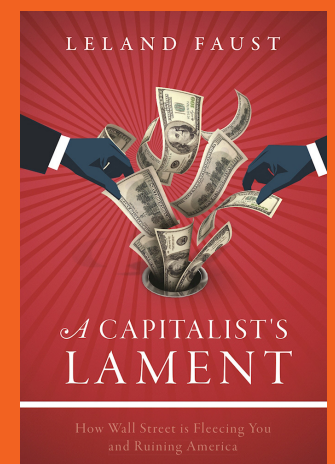
To get some perspective we talked with Leland Faust, the founder of CSI Capital Management. In addition to degrees from the University of California (economics) and Harvard Law School, Faust managed over \$1.5 billion in assets from 1978 through 2011. Barron's has named him four times to its annual list of top 100 independent investment advisors in the country.

If that's not enough, Faust also has a long history of engagement with nonprofits, having served on the boards of diverse organizations. These include Maccabi USA and Planet Hope. We met Faust years ago when all three of us were involved with another nonprofit, Alive and Free, then known as Omega Boys Club.

The first question we asked Faust was about the impact Wall Street can have on the financial health and viability of nonprofits.



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EDUCATION

SVSU students earn accolades from Enterprise internship initiative

*(l) Leslie Smith (r) George Copeland - Courtesy Photo*

A pair of Saginaw Valley State University students showed their commitment to excellence when they were recognized for their outstanding performance at a summer-long internship program with Enterprise Holdings, the corporation largely known for vehicle rental services.

Leslie Smith, an SVSU junior from Roseville with a double major in marketing and management, earned a \$750 scholarship from Enterprise Thursday, Aug. 18, during the culmination of the internship program involving 46 college students from Michigan and northern Ohio.

“I was beyond happy to get that scholarship,” said Smith, who participated in the 2015 summer internship program, as well. “I worked really hard all summer and it really paid off. This was a great opportunity for me.”

The program is a full-time, paid internship that places participants in Enterprise Holdings locations across the region from May to August, tasking interns with business and marketing-related jobs.

George Copeland, a management major from

Southfield, excelled on a team of five students recognized for Best Presentation from Enterprise during the Aug. 18 event at Ann Arbor City Club.

The team was one of 10 groups that presented on various aspects of Enterprise Holdings’ business. The Southfield native’s team presented on the company’s growth and marketing.

Both Smith and Copeland originally connected with Enterprise Holdings when representatives visited SVSU during campus employment fairs.

Thomas Barnikow, assistant director of SVSU Career Services, which organizes the employment fairs, attended the Enterprise Holdings event in Ann Arbor.

“There were students in that internship program from all over the place,” Barnikow said. “It was definitely nice to see that, not only did SVSU have representation, but that our students there did so well.”

Achieving the Dream

Achieving the Dream (ATD) has selected Delta College, a Leader College in the Achieving the Dream National Reform Network, to participate in a new initiative to engage part-time faculty as active contributors to the college’s reform efforts under the leadership of full-time faculty.

“Delta College is pleased to be part of this national effort to more fully connect adjunct (part-time) faculty to their full-time faculty colleagues and to the College,” said Dave Peruski, Ed.D., Dean of Teaching and Learning. “Adjunct faculty make up 35 percent of the Delta College workforce, but because of scheduling it is challenging to fully inform them of the services and support available to them. We want them to completely understand and use Delta’s resources,

which in turn will heighten the classroom experience for students.”

Achieving the Dream, a national nonprofit organization working with more than 200 colleges to increase student success across the country, is administering the 24-month initiative, which will help the participating colleges strengthen relationships with their adjunct faculties to encourage instructional reform and make all faculty members’ skills and experiences fully available to students.

Adjunct or part-time faculty teach more than half of all students in U.S. community colleges, frequently in students’ first college-level courses and developmental education courses.

The initiative will enable Delta College to provide support for their adjunct faculty

and create more opportunities for them to increase their knowledge of and satisfaction with professional learning and build awareness of campus resources and policies relevant to adjuncts. Policy changes could lead to improved orientation, stronger communication channels, allocation of resources, data collection and reporting, and common hiring and evaluation processes.

The initiative recognizes that adjunct faculty with close connections to their colleges can be more valuable to their students if they have access to information about college programs and resources, data on student performance and progress, and the informal knowledge developed by full-time faculty.

Exploring careers in the heart of Motown

CMU Quicken Loans interns receive more than the average experience



The chance to play a role in a global project or implement an idea to improve a company weren't opportunities Central Michigan University students thought they would have until after graduation. These opportunities and more, however, were part of their experiences as summer interns at Quicken Loans in Detroit.

Hundreds of interns join staff in the bustling, colorful offices of Quicken Loans each year. This summer, CMU students completed internships in business analysis, desktop support, human resources, platform engineering and more. At

Quicken Loans, it's not about who is an intern or a full-time employee — everyone is referred to as a team member.

"We value ideas, creativity and innovation. Whatever position you have in this company, you can make an impact," said Chris Smith, a CMU alumnus and public relations manager at Quicken Loans. CMU interns worked alongside full-time employees to assist with special projects, day-to-day operations and contribute fresh ideas as they gained a taste of life after graduation. Team duties and ongoing networking opportunities helped

students learn about career paths and set goals for life after graduation.

"We're encouraged to shadow many different departments. Between classes and my experiences here, I feel like I can leave CMU and know what I really want to do when I graduate," said Clare Howard, a junior from Farmington Hills studying human resources.

In addition to the training they received on the job, students said their classroom lessons prepared them to take on the duties they encountered over the course of their internship. Experiences at CMU also equipped them with the skills to find creative solutions for company and client needs.

"I felt prepared for my internship because of Central," said Keely Johnson, a junior from Detroit studying business information systems. "In addition to learning specific software, part of what my classes have taught me is how to problem-solve. I may not know the answer at first, but I know how to find it."

Interns also had a chance to interact with CMU alumni, like Smith, who work in various departments. They offered everything from informal mentorship and career tips to advice on local restaurants and community happenings. Students said working with alumni added to the experience.

The students also had their own words of wisdom for incoming and current CMU Chippewas.

"Be an opportunist," said Michael DeGregory, a junior from Macomb studying product design engineering. "Don't be afraid to jump and take that leap or step in advancing your career."



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GEAR UP goes to Washington

Student meets with Congress, represents Michigan at national training

For Central Michigan University student Anjanette Haggard, GEAR UP has been a journey — one that led her to CMU and, now, to Washington, D.C. This summer, Haggard represented CMU as the only delegate from Michigan at the national GEAR UP Alumni Leadership Academy — a training that kicks off her yearlong post as an ambassador for the program and active member of the community.

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, commonly referred to as GEAR UP, is an initiative that prepares students by teaching them college is achievable, accessible and affordable.

"My GEAR UP experience has come full circle. It played a huge role in me being here at Central," said Haggard, a senior from Flint who began her involvement with GEAR UP at one of CMU's partner schools when she was

in seventh grade. "Having the opportunity to represent my school and state in Washington was incredible." Approximately 30 students are chosen annually to attend the academy and serve as representatives of the federally funded program each year. The rigorous selection process includes recommendations from local GEAR UP staff, like CMU GEAR UP Director Mary Henley, who talked with Haggard about applying to the program as the next step in her leadership development.

"GEAR UP has been a staple in my life," said Haggard. "I wouldn't be where I am without it."

During her weeklong training in Washington, D.C., Haggard learned more about federal funding and the policymaking process, participated in leadership development and honed her public speaking skills. She also attended meetings on Capitol Hill to educate members of Congress —

including CMU alumnus and Congressman Dan Kildee — on the positive impact of the GEAR UP program.

Each student returned home after training concluded with a commitment to serve the campus community, engage in peer mentorship, advocate for programming and educate others on the difference GEAR UP can make in a student's life. For Haggard, her first order of business was bringing what she learned back to students from Flint and Harrison schools attending GEAR UP Summer Adventure — a summer leadership training and college exploration program for CMU's partner schools.

"You never know where a program like GEAR UP is going to land you. I'm excited to share what I've learned and experienced with others," Haggard said.



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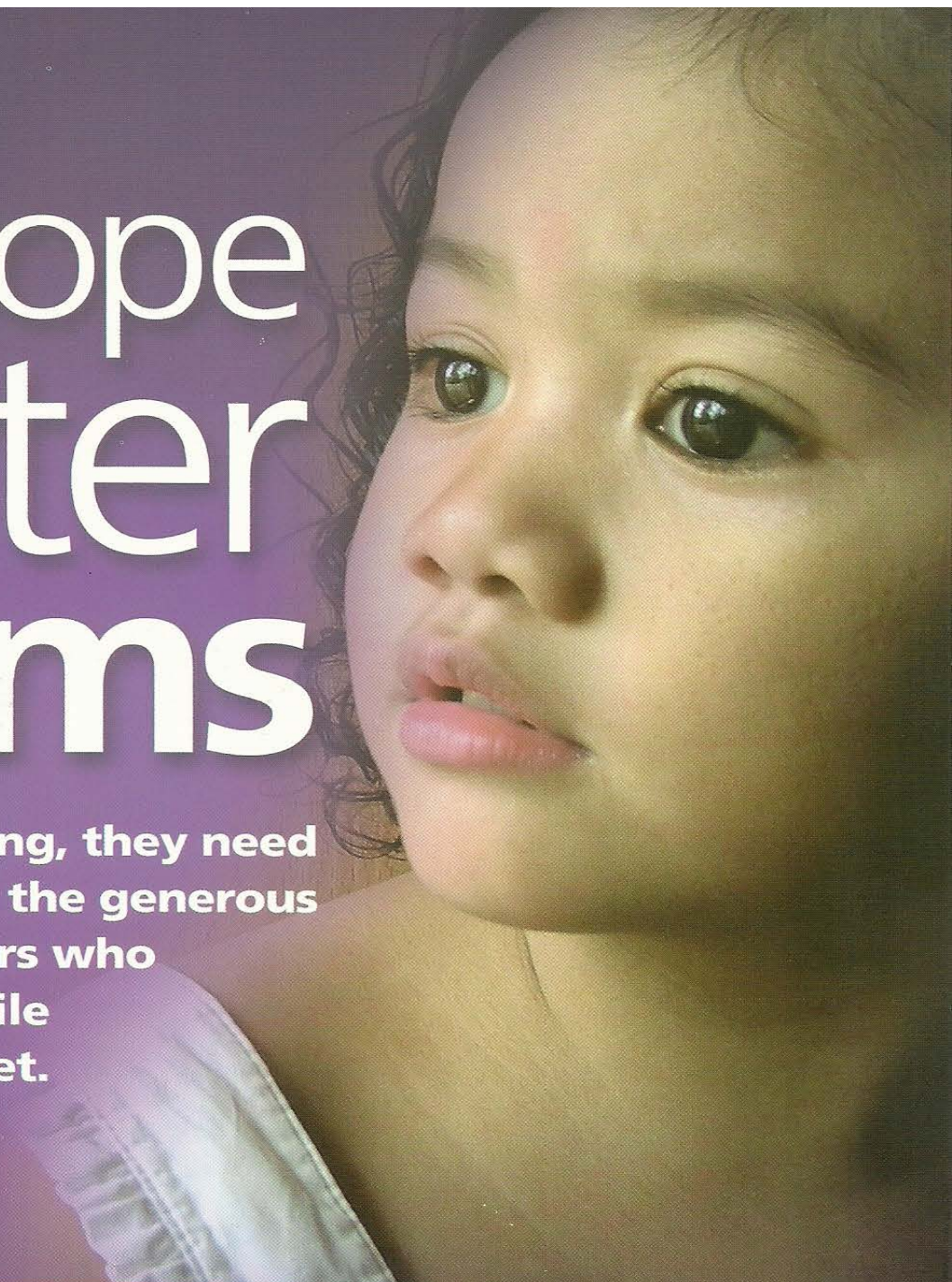
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Saginaw ISD Head Start/Early Head Start Program Director

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For additional information concerning Saginaw ISD Head Start visit:
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POLITICS & PUBLIC POLICY

Horn named Legislator of the Year by Police Officers Association of Michigan



LANSING, Mich. — The Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) recently presented Sen. Ken Horn with the organization’s Legislator of the Year award.

Horn was chosen as Legislator of the Year for working with the association to remedy collective bargaining issues that have been presented by Public Act 54 of 2011. They also credited Horn with leading the legislative effort to add county corrections officers to those covered by Michigan’s binding arbitration law, Public Act 312 of 1969.

“It’s an honor to be recognized for helping support our state’s law enforcement officers and ensuring they are treated with the respect they deserve,” said Horn, R-Frankenmuth. “I will continue to work with the association to correct these issues and make certain both our officers and the public are protected.”

President Jim Tignanelli and Legislative Director Ken Grabowski presented Horn with the award at POAM’s August board meeting.

State Sen. Ken Horn poses for a photo with Police Officers Association of Michigan President Jim Tignanelli (right) and Legislative Director Ken Grabowski (left) as they presented Horn with the association’s Legislator of the Year Award at their August board meeting. -- Courtesy Photo

November 8, 2016 General Election Information

City Council will have five Council Member seats on the ballot each for a 4-year term expiring 2020. These are a non-partisan position and members are elected at-large and will be on the back of the ballot.

Saginaw Public School Board seats on the ballot are two 6-year terms and one 2-year partial term. These are non-partisan positions and are on the back of the ballot.

- Monday, October 11 – Last Day to Register to Vote.
- Friday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m. - Deadline for

write-in candidates to file Declaration of Intent forms at the City Clerk’s Office.

- Saturday, November 5 at 2:00 p.m. – Deadline to submit an application for qualified electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot by mail. The City Clerk’s Office will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 7 at 4:00 p.m. – Deadline for qualified electors to obtain an absent voter ballot and vote in person in the Clerk’s office.
- Tuesday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m. – Deadline for an emergency absentee ballot.

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- View your sample ballot for the upcoming election
 - Track the status of your Absentee Ballot
 - Verify your Voter Registration Information <http://www.saginawcounty.com/Clerk/Elections.aspx>
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This program is presented in cooperation with Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority, Saginaw MAX System of Care, and parent partners.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Denise Montrel at 989-395-7113 or dmontrel@sccmha.org

Cover Story - Pulpit & Politics Series, Cont.

God has given us the authority and wisdom to speak fearlessly to congress and those political leaders who are making decisions for our country.

Proverbs 29:2 states, “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked lead rule, the people mourn.” Historically, there are certain occupations that have been argued a Christian should not be in such as lawyers, actors/actresses, and politicians. However, I believe that we need authentic godly representatives in each of these professional areas. Christians should be intentional about communicating their faith and convictions at the tables of influence in which they are seated. Conversely, it is their personal character that affords them the access to contribute discussion and the decision making process. Therefore, it should be expected that they speak their heart whenever the opportunity is available. There are many godly people who chose to make a difference in the lives of people outside of the church by serving in an elected office. As a result, their God-centered leadership has helped make the world a better place.

As a pastor, I believe that it is my obligation as a spokesman of God and a servant to His people to be a voice for those who are poor and marginalized in our communities. As such, the church must unashamedly and unapologetically play a vital role in politics. While without question it is more comfortable to sit on the sidelines and turn a blind eye to social, economic, and racial injustices, the modern day church still possess a scripture mandate to make sure that God’s concern for the least fortunate and helpless aren’t overlooked. As the Body of Christ gives necessary attention to spiritual matters and growth, we must not neglect the natural occurrences in the world around us. The reality is that ignoring the needs of the poor shows just as much contempt for God as actively oppressing the poor. We must not only provide programs that assist those in need in our ministries but we must compel our elected representatives to do the same.

Sometimes, I don’t think that the church/religious community truly realizes the power that we have through Christ Jesus. During the civil rights movement, the Black Church became

a platform for political reform in America. The church leaders were wise enough to understand that politics affect people and loving people is the business of the church. It is essential that the church remains engaged in the political process to continue to aid in the forward movement of programs and policies that enhance the lives of the people in our communities. I truly love all people regardless of their race, socioeconomic status, or even sexual preference/orientation. My church works tirelessly to share the unconditional love of Christ with others.

That being said, it is vital for me to note, as a devoted man of God, I unashamedly follow the principles of Christ as outlined in scripture. Thus, I can not be silent or change my beliefs on controversial issues such as same-sex marriage because of people’s personal feelings contrary to Gods word. My concern with the modern day church is that we are so afraid of being called judgmental that we no longer make sound judgments. The church cannot stand in silence and compromise on the moral values that are the epitome of God’s love and will for us as His children. My conscience as a man of God and pastor will not allow me to do this. **The bottom line is that love is not a license to sin, it is the catalyst for change.** Just because the church speaks the truth based on God’s word, does not mean that we are motivated by hate. Instead it means that we love our brothers and sisters enough to share with them a better way of living life...God’s way.

As a pastor, I can attest to the fact that it is extremely easy to become preoccupied with the stress of pressing issues that arise when you are leading a ministry of any size--the maintenance of the church, meeting the budget goals, comforting the families who have lost loved ones, encouraging the single parent trying to make ends meet, and overseeing the assimilation of new members. While each of the task are extremely important, they should not overshadow our time to the point that we are no longer serving the needs of those around us. The church is called to play an active role in responding to the needs of the helpless, homeless and working with various agencies to stop the violence in our

neighborhoods. Continually seeking employment opportunities and support groups for those who are struggling with drug addiction. At the same time, strategically aligning ourselves with community agencies who share our passion for helping people. The church must not be afraid of pulling up a seat at the political banquet table and suggesting a revised menu.

Scripturally speaking, spiritual leaders addressing politics in the pulpit is not a new phenomenon. I am reminded of one of my favorite Bible stories found in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah served as the king’s cupbearer (Nehemiah 1:11), which evidently put him in a position to speak to the king and request favors from him. God placed Nehemiah in a very special position to be His ambassador and when a political situation arose that was affecting his people, he used his political influence to accomplish the task that God had given him to do. The Bible says that after hearing about the sad state of affairs in Judah, Nehemiah acquired the king’s permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city and its fortifications. He was even given letters from the king to ensure a safe journey and to obtain wood from the king’s forest for the gates and walls of Jerusalem. As a result of Nehemiah’s tenacity and willingness to get involved in the political process, he was able to help his people rebuild the city wall.

In conclusion, God commands us to pray for our leaders—for their wisdom, for their hearts, and for them to be led by Him (Rom. 13). Overall, the church must remember and remain focused on our God-given purpose and assignment. It’s time for us to be like Nehemiah and rebuild the walls of our cities. **There is a deafening silence of moral complacency sweeping across the world and impregnating our communities with hate and injustice.** It is the prophetic voice of God’s people that needs to be heard—that needs to echo in the hearts of men and women until they acknowledge that God’s will is God’s way and God’s way is motivated by God’s love.

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