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Brenda Marsh-Mitchell Gospel Stage debuts at Taste of Soul

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Dynamic gospel saxophonist, J. Boykin, will be among the artists performing on the Brenda Marsh Mitchell Gospel Stage at the 9th Annual Taste of Soul (TOS) on Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The family festival, created by Sentinel Executive Publisher Danny Bakewell, Sr., takes place on Crenshaw Boulevard from Rodeo to Stocker and on Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard to McClung Drive. The late Marsh-Mitchell designed and managed the gospel stage at every TOS and arranged performances by local and national artists. This year, Pastor



Brenda Marsh-Mitchell

Kelvin Sauls and Holman United Methodist Church will coordinate the program with assistance from several local churches and musicians. Ricardo Mowatt of Mowatt Entertainment will serve as producer. "We look forward to this partnership, especially in light my personal relationship with Brenda and her deep commitment to



Pasto Kelvin Sauls

the faith community. Our goal is to present an incredible, praise-filled experience just as she did every year," said Pastor Sauls. City Council President Herb Wesson and the city of Los Angeles will honor her as well with the dedication of Brenda Marsh-Mitchell Square on Thursday, October 16, at 11 a.m. The ceremony, open to the



J. Boykin

community, will take place at the corner of Crenshaw and Coliseum Boulevards, which is also the location of the gospel stage. J. Boykin, often referred to as the 'Sax Sensation,' has opened for Frankie Beverly and Maze, Ledisi, John Legend, Take 6, Koinonia, Kirk Whalum, Doc Powell and Brian Culbertson. Also, his video



Tymeeka

cover of Pharrell William's 'Happy' song that aired on Oprah Prime during her interview of Williams. Tymeeka, a spoken word artist, has performed in several venues such as Catalina Jazz Club in Hollywood, The World Stage in Leimert Park and The Reef in Long Beach. Also a vocalist, actress, and author, Tyme-

ka's book, 'Words Unspoken Volume I,' is sold on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and on popular online bookstores.

While the gospel stage line-up continues to develop, Pastor Sauls announced confirmed artists include the Holman Gospel Jazz Quartet, First A.M.E. Church choir, Jubilant Voices Praise Team, Voices of Harmony Youth Choir, Grace United Methodist Choir, A.M.E. Southern California Conference Choir and Japanese Christian vocalist, Yoshika.

For more information about the Brenda Marsh Mitchell Gospel Stage, call Holman UMC at (323) 731-7285 or visit tasteofsoul.org.

3 Winans Brothers release new album, 'Foreign Land'

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Over the last 40+ years, the Winans family has appeared in one grouping or another. Now, for the first time, a trio is on the scene.

3 Winans Brothers, comprised of Carvin, Marvin and Bebe Winans, just released 'Foreign Land' and the reviews are nothing but positive.

The album, written entirely by the brothers, features the hit singles, 'Move in Me' and 'If God Be For Us,' along with the newest track, 'I Really Miss You.'

"If you need soothing sounds, if you like great stories that you'll find close to your circumstances or if you lost someone you loved, then you need to pick this album up," said Bebe, who recruited his brothers to form the group.

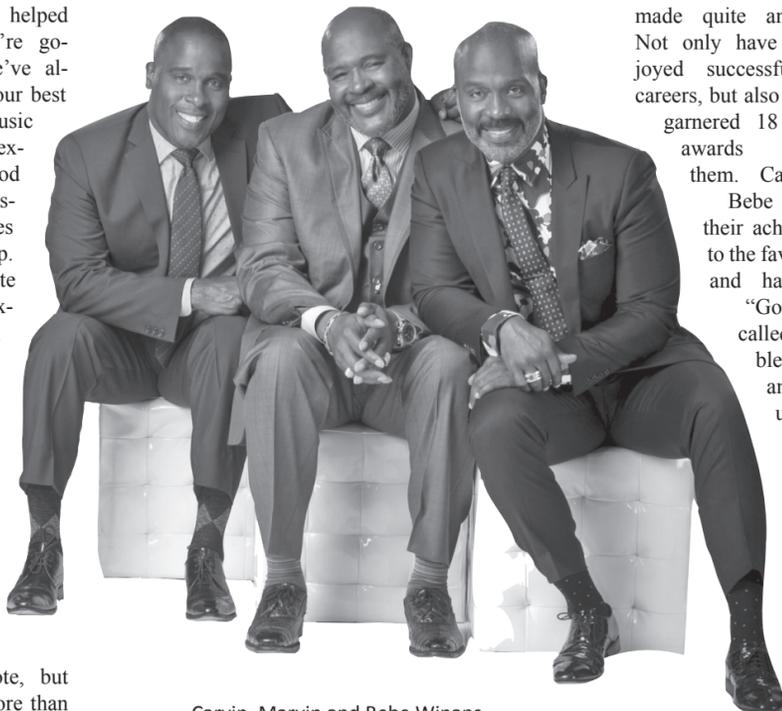
Sharing very similar thoughts, Carvin said, "I think when you get this

album, you'll be helped by whatever you're going through. We've always tried to put our best foot forward in music and people can expect us to bring good music and a message to the masses that lifts them up.

"I try to write from everyday experiences that I'm going through. When you write what God gives you, you learn that you're not the only one going through trials and tribulations."

The title track, 'Foreign Land,' comes from a song Marvin wrote, but never recorded, more than 30 years ago. Since it was always a favorite of Bebe's, he suggested they include it on the album.

"To me, [the title] represents all of our journeys



Carvin, Marvin and Bebe Winans

and simply lets us know that this is not it. We're just traveling through here and we have another home where there's no tears or

fears. This earth is just a foreign land," explained Bebe.

It can't be denied that during their time on earth, the three brothers have

made quite an impact. Not only have they enjoyed successful music careers, but also they have garnered 18 Grammy awards between them. Carvin and Bebe credit their achievements to the favor of God and hard work.

"God has called us and blessed us and given us the longevity to stay in the industry this long," said Carvin. "It's hard work. You have to learn and really work to understand your craft. When God gives you a gift, you have to nurture that gift, practice, and

exercise your vocal cords."

Bebe added, "My father gave me great advice when I was starting out. He said, 'Know who you are before people in the world tell you who you are. So, if your record becomes successful, you're not easily persuaded to go another route.'

"If you know who you are, you can stay focused and true and not waver. A lot of people get lost. It's easy to get lost and before you know it, you end up somewhere you have never planned."

Fortunately, the 3 Winans Brothers followed God and their father's guidance that has resulted in another successful project.

"'Foreign Land' is something that all three of us are proud of. We worked hard on delivering a good album and so far the responses have said that," noted Bebe.

Agreeing, Carvin said, "The album turned out to (See WINANS C-4)

The Liberty Church celebrates 'Sweet 16' anniversary

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The Liberty Church Family will celebrate its 'Sweet 16th' Church Anniversary on Sunday, October 12, at 10 a.m., in the edifice located at 14725 South Gramercy Place in Gardena.

The theme is 'Always Abounding' with the scripture reference of 2 Corinthians 9:8. The guest preacher will be Bishop Miquel Broadus, pastor of Grace Temple Baptist Church in Los Angeles.

"Mere words are inadequate to enumerate the manifold blessings that God has bestowed upon The Liberty Church," said a member.

"Since our first worship service in October

1998 and by God's grace through faith, we have expanded our sanctuary, more than doubled our attendance, built a new baptismal pool, fellowship hall and kitchen, and remodeled many areas of our administrative offices."

Pastor Cross said, "The Lord shared with me, in no uncertain terms, that He would continue to powerfully bless and grow the ministry. God has done just that and so much more."

On Saturday, October 25, the celebration will culminate with the First Family Fun Basketball Competition Day at 10:30 a.m., until 4:30 p.m. The contest will include the 3-point shoot-out, free throw, slam dunk, 3-on-3 and arcade



Pastor David Cross

basketball for small children. Contestants must have a sponsor(s) to participate. Awards will be presented to all winners.

Blanket Coverage will distribute free school supplies, shoes, etc., and food, fun and fellowship will be abundantly available. Also, copies of Pastor's Cross' first book, 'How to Come Back From Relationship Setbacks,' will be on hand.

To learn more, call (310) 715-8400.

Rush Crusades 2014 Int'l Conference features Chaney

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Bishop Ernest Johnson will host Rush Crusades International Conference on tomorrow, Friday, October 10, at the Los Angeles Convention Center, 1201 South Figueroa Street in downtown Los Angeles.

The miracle and healing worship experience starts at 7 p.m., and features the Rev. Wayne Chaney, pastor of Antioch Church of Long Beach and a star on the TV reality show, 'Preachers of LA.'

"All ministries in the greater Los Angeles are urged to join us in this effort to revive the practice of outreach beyond the walls of the church to win souls for Christ," said Bishop Johnson.

"Our theme is 'Jesus Is Knocking at The Door - Let Him Back In' and our message aims to encourage



Bishop Ernest Johnson

churches to let Jesus back in as the head of His Church."

According to Bishop Johnson, Rush Crusades is nearing its 20th anniversary. Founded by the Bishop in 1995, the ministry has presented conferences around the world and established more than 50 churches in the United States.

"The vision of this conference was launched with the help of Paul and Jan Crouch and the TBN Network, and Dr. Dorea Shara



Pastor Wayne Chaney

and Pastor David Watkins of Dorea Chara Miracle Ministries, now Grace Covenant Church of The Harvest in San Diego. Other supporters included Kenneth Copeland, Dr. Morris Cerullo, Bishop Noel Jones and Dr. Fred Price, Sr.," added Bishop Johnson, who also serves as pastor of Jesus Is The Answer Church in Los Angeles.

For more information, call (310) 637-7086 or visit rushcrusades.org.

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Email deadline is Fridays by 9 p.m. Send your submissions to Cora Jackson-Fossett, L.A. Sentinel Religion Editor, at cora@lasentinel.net.

L.A. honors Dr. Sylvester Washington

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CALL 2 WORSHIP!

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Church and community news throughout greater Los Angeles

Crenshaw Christian Center

holds the 34th Annual Wisdom From Above Luncheon with Dr. Betty R. Price on October 11 at 10 a.m., at the Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way in Anaheim. More than 800 women usually attend for fellowship, fun, dining, and words of wisdom by Dr. Price. The \$65 donation includes self-parking. Limited vendor space is available. For details, call (323) 758-3777 or email bbyndon@faithdome.org.

First A.M.E. Church

plans a Community Health and Fitness Fair on October 11 at 9 a.m., at 2270 South Harvard Boulevard in Los Angeles, said Pastor J. Edgar Boyd. More than 30 vendors will offer mammography screenings, healthy cooking demonstrations, face painting and more. Call (323) 730-7750 for details.

Traveler's Rest Baptist Church

celebrates its 67th Anniversary on October 12, at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., at 1417 East Florence Avenue in Los Angeles. The theme is 'A Faithful Church Reflecting God's Glory and Doing His Will.' The morning speakers are Pastor Howard Castlin of Bright Star Baptist Church and the Rev. Clarence Devereaux. Pastor Calvin B. Rhone will preach in the afternoon and Sharol Wallace-Collins, Sabrina Jones and Madeline Moseley will sing. Brother Carl Wilson is the Chairman of Deacons and Sister Rudyne Minor is anniversary chairperson. For details, call (323) 582-7797.

Destiny Praise Worship Center

sponsors 'The Prophet Speaks' on October 12 at 6 p.m., at 325 West 131st Street in Los Angeles, said Overseer Shalonda Clay, pastor. The preacher will be Bishop Deitra M. Walker of Kingdom Generation Ministries International. On October 19 at 6 p.m., Pastor Theo Wilkins of Three Oaks Baptist Church will preach.

Hays Tabernacle C.M.E. Church

hosts the 2014 Connectional Lay Day Celebration on October 12 at 3:30 p.m., at 10121 South Central Avenue in Los Angeles, said Presiding Elder Mark A. Hardin, pastor. Participants include Bishop Bobby Best, Presiding Elder John D. Johnson and Southern California Region Lay Leader Shannon Faulk. For information, call (323) 564-5121.

New Creation Christian Faith Center

holds its Annual Bazaar on October 18 at 9 a.m., at The Event Center, 817 North LaBrea Avenue in Inglewood, said Pastor Will Wheat. Vendors are welcome to participate by calling Phyllis Suthern at (323) 934-7377 or emailing dawnfairinc@sbcglobal.net.

Gospel Memorial Church of God in Christ

hosts 'A Fall Worship Experience' on October 18 at 6 p.m., at 1480 Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach, said Bishop Joe Ealy, pastor. The Southern California 1st Jurisdiction Music Department sponsors the event. Performers include New Antioch COGIC Young Adult Choir, Minister Lorenzo Johnson and Praizum, Sens Musiq, Laval Belle and Donald Taylor with the L.A. Mass Choir. Call (562) 599-2830 for information.

The Sisters Ministry

presents the play, 'The Regeneration of Liz' on October 25 at 7:30 p.m., at Beyond the Stars Palace Theatre, 417 1/2 North Brand Boulevard in Glendale. Evangelist Phyllis Carr wrote the play. Tickets are \$22. For information, call (951) 567-3478.

Bible Believers Christian College and Seminary

offers open enrollment through October 30 at 4081 West El Segundo Boulevard in Hawthorne, said Chancellor Vera Milton. The school's accredited and accelerated program offers associate, bachelor, master's and doctorate degrees. For information, call (323) 779-2222 or visit bbccs.org.

Holman United Methodist Church

plans the Historically Black College and University Summit on November 1 at 2 p.m., at 3320 West Adams Boulevard in Los Angeles, said Pastor Kelvin Sauls. Representatives from Morehouse College and Alabama A&M, Central State, Fisk, Prairie View and Tuskegee Universities will share scholarship, financial aid, and educational tour information for students, transfers, and seniors. To register, call (323) 731-7285.

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LA honors Dr. Washington

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More than four decades of Christian and community service by the Rev. Dr. Sylvester Washington will be recognized on Sunday, October 12, at 2 p.m., at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

During the afternoon ceremony on the church's campus, elected officials and civic leaders will unite to dedicate a stone monument depicting the legacy of Dr. Washington. Dr. Washington has devoted more than 45 years

to improving his community. During his tenure as pastor of Pleasant Hill, Mayors Tom Bradley and Antonio Villaraigosa, U.S. Congresswomen Maxine Walters and Karen Bass, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Councilman Bernard Parks have saluted his contributions.

Also, Dr. Washington is the National Executive Director of The Evangelism Movement, Inc., and the founder of several non-profit outreach programs.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located at 2009 West Martin Luther King



Dr. Sylvester and First Lady Earlee Washington

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Jr. Boulevard in Los Angeles. For information, call (323) 293-6448.

Walls Group dominates gospel sales

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'Fast Forward,' the new release by The Walls Group, debuted at #1 on the Gospel Album Sales Chart and Billboard's Top Christian/Gospel Albums Chart. Executive produced by multi-platinum gospel star Kirk Franklin, 'Fast Forward' features 10 tracks of modern, up-beat and progressive music with strong gospel influences.

"I can't find the words to explain how proud I am of The Walls Group and how thankful I am that the public went out and supported both a new group and a new company," said Kirk Franklin. "I am truly humbled."

Inspired by the group's multi-generational appeal, Franklin wrote and produced eight of the album's 10 songs and appears on the track, 'Beautiful.' Darrel, eldest member of the group, also wrote two tracks, 'Great Is Your Love' and 'Freedom.' The album includes collaborations with R&B artist,



The Walls Group

Brandy, on 'God On My Mind,' and Christian rapper, Lecrae, on 'High.'

Houston-based siblings, Ahjah (16), Paco (18), Rhea (19) and Darrel (23) have been on the fast track to success and received over a million views on Vevo for their first single, 'Perfect People.' Also, they toured nationally with gospel artist, Tye Tribbett, and debuted a #1 selling album.

Yet, the group remains humble. They agree that the soul-searching single, 'Satisfied,' reminds them to keep their eyes on the true

prize. "If I never get that house, that car / Or be a superstar / And my dreams, never come true / Will I be satisfied with You?"

The single, 'Love On The Radio,' peaked at #10 on the Christian/Gospel Chart and the video recently debuted on Vevo and has already received more than 30,000 views.

'Fast Forward' is a testament to the unique talent of The Walls Group. The project stands as a spiritually uplifting testimony, explained Darrel.

"There's a message in every song that's needed for somebody.

"If you feel some kind of way about your life, there's something on this album that will help you."

Winans

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be a lot of fun and now you see what we have. I'm pleased with the results."

'Foreign Land' is available in stores and through leading digital retailers. For information, visit 3winansbrothers.com.

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