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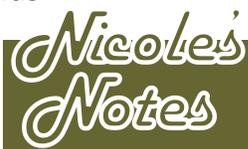
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Rev. Nicole Thomas
Pastor

Daddy, Student, Pastor, Mentor, and Dad are all appropriate roles for my father, Rev. Michael Thomas. As a child, I was

a daddy's girl and if I shared several pictures in this article, you would see this shy girl, clinging to his arm for protection and relief from the anxiety I felt as the camera flashed. Throughout the years he was one who taught me how to shoot a basketball, throw a football and baseball and also spent count-



less hours on a court with myself and my friends.

He began as a shoe salesman, who received a calling into ministry, with a wife and three young girls in Greenville, Ohio. Transitioning from sales to student, I remember sitting in the classroom

with him, notebook in tow, listening to philosophy professors, who molded

and shaped him into the minister that he would become. Years of study but also foosball and basketball, I was his shadow, examining every move and listening to every word. I wanted to be just like him.



After four years of college, he would step into his first pastoral role. As a jack of all trades he would lead the small church, preaching and teaching, modeling the Savior to anyone who would want to follow. He knew no stranger and genuinely cared for others despite their station in life.

After four years, dad would leave that church and move us all to Nelsonville, Ohio and pastor the Wesleyan Church, where he has been for 32 years.

In a time when I had no mentor, he taught me how to teach, preach and pastor. He taught me how to pray, love others, and most importantly how to love and serve God. His

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FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS BY BECKY TAYLOR



Becky Taylor
Deacon

For some of us, having a place to call home and food on the table is something that we may take for granted. For many individuals in our society, the basic

necessities of living is an everyday challenge.

Redeemer Church has maintained a long relationship with the organization of Serve City/Chosen. Serve City started in 2000 as a food pan-

try. Numerous people who came to Serve City were homeless. Seeing the need for additional services, Chosen opened their doors.



Chosen is located at 622 East Avenue in Hamilton. Currently, they provide overnight accommodations

for 40 men and 12 women in their emergency shelter. There are certain requirements for those who stay at the shelter:

1. Provide a Butler County ID
2. No outstanding warrants
3. No sex offense convictions

Bathing and laundry facilities are available. Clothing is provided for those who are in need at no charge. Residents of Chosen are provided with three meals per day. For those coming out of homelessness, Chosen has apartment buildings that provide

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greatest advice, as he prepares to retire, is to have fun while serving God and doing ministry.

I am so grateful for my daddy who has reflected the Heavenly Father to me; protector, teacher, mentor and

friend. I do understand that not all have experienced this type of relationship with their fathers. I am sorry for that but know that your Heavenly Father can love you in a way that you have always desired and that he can be your Abba, Fa-

ther or daddy. Reach out to Him today and know unconditional love! Also, if you need an earthly example, I will share my dad with you 😊!

Also know today that Abba Father loves you and so do I.

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housing for up to 73 additional individuals.

The food pantry (same location as Chosen) is available for residents of Butler County. To obtain food items, residents need to provide a photo ID and proof of residence.

There is no charge for food items. As part of the food pantry, a "store" is provided where clothing and small household items may be purchased. The charge is

\$7.00 per bag, which is an 8 lb trash bag. The money received from these items is applied towards the cost of food in the pantry. The pantry obtains donations from Kroger, Target and Walmart six days a week. Food is purchased from Shared Harvest once a month.

Over the years, many individuals from Redeemer Church have volunteered their time and resources so that others may have a better quality of life. If you are interested in providing assistance to either Chosen or the food pantry, here are a few opportunities:

1. Volunteer to provide a meal for those residing at the emergency shelter. Currently, the good folks at Redeemer provide an evening meal three

out of four Sundays each month. If you are interested in this activity and would like to partner with someone to see how the program works, please get in touch with an individual on the deacon

board. We would be happy to review the program and offer ideas.

2. Food pantry donations. Each month, our weekly church bulletin highlights an item that is needed by Chosen. A

bin is available in the hallway by the church kitchen to hold these products. Items placed in the bin are taken to Chosen each week. For the month of May, we are collecting plastic cutlery.

* Personal care items that individuals cannot buy with food stamps are especially needed.

3. If you are available on Tuesdays, the food pantry is always in need of people to help with stocking and sorting items. Glenna Carroll, Pantry Director can assist you with questions. Glenna can be reached at 513-737-9701.

www.ServeCityChosen.org





Sunday, June 23, 2019

Pastor Nicole Thomas Installation

Re-Dedication of the Sanctuary

One-Service at 10:30 a.m.

Followed by:

Congregational Meeting

Pot-Luck Lunch

(Meat Provided)

Sign-up sheet available on June 2

**God cannot bless
a false saint.
But He can bless
a real sinner.**

Jonathan Cahn

PRAISE BAND FEATURE: PHILLIP BURKHEAD BY STEPHANIE TILLMAN



Stephanie Tillman
Praise Team

It is my honor to tell you about our awesomely talented keyboard player, Phillip. He is a Louisville native. He began teaching himself to play piano at the age of eight by emulating pop and jazz artists. In 1979, he began his formal training at Bellarmine College as a piano and voice major. Studying under John Craig, Kay Lawrence and Steve Crews, he was awarded the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award for academic and performance excellence.

Phillip was the holder of a four year Honors Scholarship in the Jazz and Studio Music program at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. In 1989, he was chosen to receive the Dino Santangelo Annual Award, and the Presser Scholar Award for both academic and performance achievement. Phillip was also awarded the "Best Keyboard Artist" by *Cincinnati Magazine*. He has been studying and performing jazz since 1981.

Phillip has played with an extensive and impressive list of notable bands and artists over the years. This includes The Blue Wisp Big Band, The Lexington Symphony Orchestra, The

Saints (opened for James Brown), The Dayton Jazz Orchestra, Little Anthony and the Imperials, The Coasters, and the Shirelles, to name **just a few**. He is still very active in the performance music scene, playing currently with Root Cellar Xtract.

Phillip has taught at Miami University, Northern Kentucky University, Central State University, the CCM College Preparatory Program, and

"Play Us a Song, You're the Piano Man.."



Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. He taught music in Cincinnati's Catholic school system. He was an instructor at the School of Creative and Performing

Arts in Cincinnati. He taught Piano, Theory/Composition, Improvisation, Arranging, Music Technology, Jazz Ensemble, and was the Musical Director of *The Book of Five Rings*, which toured Gifu, Japan in 1999. He has been included in the *Who's Who of American Teachers* three times. In 2005, he was given an award from the Cincinnati based organization JAZZ ALIVE in grateful recognition of his continuing support

in providing and preserving jazz in the greater Cincinnati area.

Phillip is the Adjunct Professor of Jazz Piano at the University of Dayton. Of course, he is the Praise Band Director at our church. He is also an active freelance musician covering multiple genres of music.

Phillip has been with Praise Band of Redeemer Church for roughly five years. He stated, "I love the people and our mission as a member of this band. Everyone is completely authentic and we have, by the grace of God been able to create a beautiful sound. " Keep playing us a song, "you're the piano man," Phillip. We appreciate you and your magnificent talent!



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- Karen Schumm June 3
- Lori Lohrer..... June 6
- William Shackelford June 6
- Wanda Chalk June 9
- Sherry Phillips..... June 17
- Bill Hyatt June 18
- Bonnie Gronas June 19
- Roy Coffey..... June 20
- Stephanie Hoes June 23
- Rose Marie Stiehl..... June 23
- Mike Khulenberg June 29
- Joann Paulsen June 29



- Clyde & Charlotte Burkhart.... June 4
- Don & Judy Miller June 6
- Bill & Betty Waltner June 12

An admirer once approached a great pianist and said, "I'd give my life to be able to play like you." The pianist replied, "I did."

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