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A Message from:

The Executive Director Fellowship

Last month, we celebrated our 8th Anniversary of our 4th Friday shows. My mind goes back to the beginning of this journey in 2002 at the Southfield Center for Performing Arts. Our plan was only to test the water and only do 3 months of shows... And now here we are in our 8th year.



We can tell the story of God's miraculous provision and his faithfulness to us for the **81 successful shows** – all of which we are so very thankful for. But also a wonderful part of this story is, the **71 artists** (many of which we have become close friends with or at least very good acquaintances) brothers and sisters that we have been able to have as our special guests at the shows. The reason I say is this: There is the fulfillment of what really the church is and is supposed to be. [\(Continued on Page 4\)](#)

March Highlights from 4th Fridays

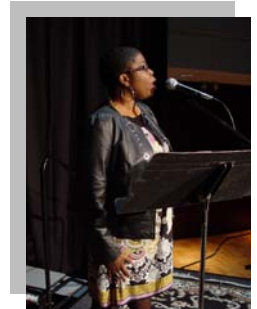
March's show as great! It was our 8-year anniversary show. When we arrived for setup, we didn't have our regular guy – **Tony Amore** to help us. (We are happy to say that he is working now.) However his job's location is Ohio. While he couldn't help us with setup, he joined us for the show later that night. Thankfully **Marvin Sheats** was available and on hand to help us with the load in.

The Show featured Poet - **Rhonda Welsh** and Jazz artist extraordinaire – **Paul Dozier**. Both were fantastic. During the evening, we showed a video commemorating

the many artists that have performed at **4thFridays**. We called it simply "**Parade of Artists**". Our admissions lady – **Mildred Sheats** surprised us with a delicious anniversary cake made by the "**Cake Lady**" **Betty Mullen**. We can say without any exaggeration, the cake and the coffee (provided by the ever so faithful 4th Fridays brewmeister: Lawrence Strong) were excellent.

Rhonda Welsh was up first...

Rhonda opened up the show with a great selection at the top of the show entitled *Bailey Temple* to draw everyone in and that she did.



Rhonda Welsh

Next up: rufus harris

The Band (**Jeannine Gardner-Washington; James McGee; Martin Stuart and Rufus**) opened with the rocking **4F** intro and then performed *2BePraised* a tune which encourages one to always be in mind of the heavenly Father's care, His character and authority. The second verse says,



James McGee

"Do not slight what he has shown to you,
hold it close to your heart.
Be excited by the plans He has,
'cause you are part.

'Cause from the rising of the sun,
to the going down of the same,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

From sea to shining sea,
the creation displays His glory,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.”¹



After that Rufus took stage by himself and shared two songs acoustically: *My Life* and *The Worship Song*. The former is based on Romans 12:1-2 where in the lyrics he thinks of the Lord's mercy and care and finishes the lyric with:

“I rest in just knowing
That You set me free
To know Your will
To do Your will
To see Your will
In my life”²

The later tune reminded everyone of the intimacy we should desire with the Lord. That we should come close to the Lord to hear what he has to say. That we should humble ourselves before him, because of how special he is to us. That we remember that he is:

Our savior; our redeemer;
Our righteousness - the Lord of Peace
That he is ever present; he heals his people;
He provides
He is the shepherd, Lord
He is a banner over us.

It was a good set.

Then we welcomed Rhonda back...



Rhonda was great. Highlights of her set included a piece called *Politely* based on her experience with poets who put down Christianity. She also shared a piece inspired by Dorothy of the Wizard of Oz about looking for security elsewhere when the answer lies inside of us.

¹ ©1999 Rufus Harris, *2BePraised*

² ©2003 Rufus Harris, *My Life*

Paul Dozier

Paul has performed at many *4thFridays* shows. He has always delivered a professional skilled instrumental performance and this time was no exception. The extra



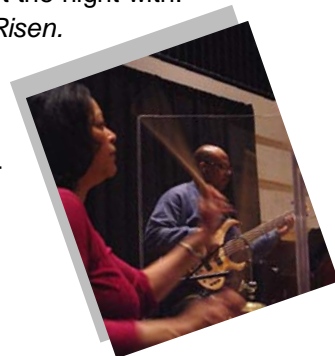
special part about this performance is that in addition to performing on guitar – he sang too! Who knew he could sing? During his set he shared a great rendition of the song *Mary Did you Know*. He also performed

an original tune about how God rescued while out of town dealing with an ailing automobile - entitled *Riding on the Grace of God*. He then shared a great rendition of the familiar song – *Oh How I Love Jesus*. He freely shared his faith and trust in God in between songs. It was an awesome set. We look forward to having Paul back again

Then rufus harris...

Came back and closed out the night with: *Love in What You Do* and *Risen*.

Jeannine Gardner-
Washington



Here's What's Coming Up This Friday - April 23rd



Danny Cox

For years **Danny** made his living as a professional drummer traveling the world recording and performing with numerous artists. In the late 1990's he

released three CDs under the name Daniels Crossing. His first solo release entitled "Hallowed Ground" was released in 2006. This album takes listeners on a

journey of love, loss, longing and ultimately - hope. It has a meditative and introspective feel that is both calming and healing.

In All Things is Danny's sophomore project released in 2009. As with his freshman CD, Danny once again has teamed up with producer extraordinaire - Ben West. "In All Things" is a collection of songs inspired by the journey that Danny experienced as Music Director for Kensington Community Church in Troy Michigan. Danny will share songs from both projects at this month's show. For more info please visit:



DannyCoxMusic.com

Aaron G. (of the band Omni)

Omni was formed in late 2007 when 5 friends got together to just play some music. The band hit the music scene in early 2008, causing quite the stir in local circles, wowing audiences far and wide with their dynamic



take on what some are calling the next wave of a new era in "Faith Based Music". Their music tends to be an introspective look at the soul. Some have even described their lyrics as "poetically reflective." "We want our songs to reflect the human spirit," says Aaron Golematís- front-man/guitarist. "I think that each one of us brings something unique to the mix. We didn't want to be 'just another Christian band,' but instead, we wanted a real representation of faith... true and sincere, music to be experienced, not just heard." Aaron will share songs from their new release – "Winter's End" on acoustic guitar. For more info, visit:

MySpace.com/bandnameomni



Coffee - The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee to enjoy this month's flavor of the month.

Raffle - With admission, you'll receive a ticket for our raffle. The drawing is held near the end of the show. You can win music and coffee in a little blue jean tote.

OTHER NEWS...

Where two or more...

Jesus said where two or more are gathered in his name, he is in the midst. We took that scripture to heart and started a prayer conference call in the Fall of 2008. Since that time, we have seen God move in wonderful ways. Finances are better, the ministry is stronger, and most importantly we have been drawn closer to God. Every Tuesday night we pray for **the CAMP**. We pray for everything from **4thFridays** to the many independent artists in Michigan. If you have a prayer request, please, please email it to us at so we can pray for you:

info@theCampOnline.org

3rd Mondays in Milan - 3mm

Prison Fellowship in conjunction with The CAMP continues its monthly event at Milan Federal Prison. The event, called Third Mondays in Milan, is a unique way to minister to those behind the walls. Every third Monday, we invite various artists to share with the men at Milan. Many CAMP artists have come onboard including Rachanee, Mo Jones, Sonnie Day, The Gideon Crew, and Debbie Brown (drama) and David Ivey. Singer and Songwriter - Therese Maynard performed some great tunes at the March 15th event along with Debbie Brown who did a wonderful depiction of the woman with the issue of blood in the Bible. The men really enjoyed the program. If you'd like to get involved, let us know. You will be required to take a brief orientation.

ARTIST RESOURCES - CAMP Community!

The CAMP is pleased to introduce our new network – **CAMP Community**. Camp Community is a place where artists can network and share with other artists and fans. Join the community on Facebook, MySpace, YouTube and Twitter. Follow the links on the CAMP's website:

TheCampOnline.org to sign up.

JustRadio.NET

New artists have been added to the radio station. Log on to www.JustRadio.NET and hear great music by independent artists who are Christian while you work or play.

Ways to Give...

You can give financially to the CAMP, via eBay, by giving flowers, or by donating your used vehicle. Please help today so that we can keep all of the programs going. Visit:

TheCampOnline.org

Red Letter Downloads

We are happy to announce that the Red Letter Records downloads website is up and running and the Body

project is now available. Red Letter Records is the sponsor of the CAMP. Visit [Red Letter Records](#) and download *the Body project* for FREE - 15 songs by 11 artists. And watch the video featured on YouTube. Featured artists include: **Beth Stalker, David Ivey, Kelly Eldridge, William Reynolds, rufus harris, Dan Mieczko, Sarah Dalton, Therese Maynard, Rhonda Welsh, Kim Margerum and Larry Hover.** Feel free to peruse the site and purchase music downloads for only .99 cents. Thank you in advance for supporting these fine independent Christian Artists.

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The word “church” in the Greek (without the religious connotations) means simply “an assembly of people called out from their homes into some public place for the purpose of deliberating”³. That is, a group of people who gather in a public place to think carefully to avoid error; those who consult with one another about choices to be made. (There is that one passage of scripture that uses the Greek word which everywhere else is translated “church” and in that particular instance it indicates a violent mob scene – See the word “assembly” in Acts 19:32-41. I’ve actually seen that in “church” too☺).

However, our public deliberating or choices must center on Christ: his will; his purpose; and the way he would do things. Through these 8 years I have met so many great artists who are focused on those things and that has actually made me a better person – a better Christian. It makes a difference who you hang out with.

Something to think about...

rufus ([Back to where you were](#))

³ Thayer’s Greek Lexicon ©2000, 2003, 2006 by BibleSoft Inc. All rights reserved



Garrett Brewer – The youngest of our crew



Lawrence (The Brewmeister) and his sister Kim Strong



Mike Brewer and Rod Sledge

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This month in **Studio A**
At the *beautiful*

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI
between Southfield & Greenfield Roads

Doors open at 8pm/Show starts at 8:30pm

Admission: \$10 (checks and money orders accepted)

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