

4th Fridays

with Rufus Harris

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Good Music, Good Coffee, Good Company



4th Fridays in April was great. We featured singer /

songwriter & guitarist - **Chuck Tocco** and jazz band - **Zamar**. We also featured Zondervan's **Bible Across America Tour**.



Last month we held the show in the **Dome Room** (also known as the **Hubbard Ballroom**). Unfortunately (or actually maybe fortunately) The Ford Center had a scheduling

conflict which required us to move from **Studio A** (our regular room) to this very large room – the size of a full-size basketball court. Regardless, we decided to make it work for us. The room is very large and it comes complete with its technical challenges. Lighting was especially tricky. Our lighting guy **Paul Kulik** was not thrilled about having to get into the cherry picker to adjust the lights. He's actually afraid of heights. But he managed to muster up enough courage to do it. We were so proud of him. It was kind of funny to see **Marvin Sheats** (one of our African-American setup engineers and head video technician carefully pushing the cherry picker around with the bald-headed Paul (standing in the fore). Rufus said it looked like Pharaoh being pushed around on a viewing platform. We laughed and should have gotten pictures.

Zondervan held its *Handwrite the Bible Project* in front of the Dome room doors. The organization sent two representatives to sign up **4thFridays** attendees and other folks interested to handwrite a verse of the NIV bible. **4thfridays** attracted a lot of folks and a good thing too. Zondervan captured over **150 signatures**.



One copy of the bible will be offered to the Smithsonian and the other will be auctioned off for the **International Bible Society**. The entire handwritten bible will be published and available for purchase later this year. We were excited to have Zondervan at **4F** and to be a part of history. For more information see this [link](#).



After the bible project, attendees were ready for some good music, good coffee and good company.

Unfortunately, we had a very late start. The doors didn't open until about 9pm. But from what attendees told us, the show was well worth the wait.

April Highlights

Chuck Tocco

Chuck Tocco was new to the **4thFridays** stage. We found him be not only a very nice guy but also a fantastic musician. His songs were thoughtful, most engaging and melodic. He talked about how he became a Christian at a young age and his time in the military. Chuck was personable, spiritual and connected well with 4F attendees. He proved to be a great addition to the 4thFridays lineup.





Here's what's coming up *This Friday* May 22nd

Larry Hover

Mr. Storyteller himself takes the **4thFridays** stage once again – all the way from Burbank CA. He will share songs from his new CD – **The Delivery Boy**. He's often been compared to James Taylor because of his writing and vocal style. But he's all about Jesus.



People love stories and Larry knows how to tell them. He has released two CD projects **Storyteller** is his first. In both releases he introduces us to characters both real and imagined moving them into our neighborhood and/or transporting us into theirs. It's all in the words so carefully constructed that you'll discover something new in each song at least the first half dozen times you listen: complicated rhyme schemes; double entendre; and internal rhymes all flowing flawlessly together as to reveal the heart of God to both believers and unbelievers alike.

Larry songs have such catching melodies you'll find yourself enjoying them so you'll sing them long into the day, with each song carrying a profound message intended to either strike you funny or hit you right between the eyes. We look forward to Larry's visit with us. More about Larry @ LarryHover.com

Theresa Dalton

This gifted singer, songwriter and guitarist leads in praise songs at churches and also performs original music at coffeehouses and special events. Theresa's music reaches the depth of one's heart. Her voice is described as being a Merlot wine, rich and deep. Her original music reflects journeys of joy, sorrow and faith.

Her latest release is entitled *Your Sweet Love*. Listeners are sure to find a devotional experience in her acoustic offering of original songs. Theresa's performance genre includes folk, sacred and blues. Her project also features Detroit Symphony Violinist - **Ann Strubler**. Read more about Theresa @ TheresaDalton.com

Up Next... Zamar

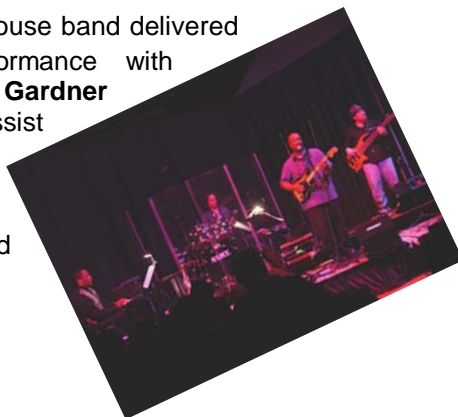
As usual, **Zamar** was great! The band lit up the stage with song after song. They shared older songs as well as some new tunes from their upcoming album. The crowd was amazed at their high level of musicianship and their complete attention to detail. Many fellow musicians



attended the show – to be schooled. One could plainly tell that **Zamar** are musicians who take the idea of doing things for the Lord very seriously. They offered to the Lord a tremendous sacrifice one from the heart. It was easy to see the hours of practice that went into their performance. They delivered an encore performance. We are very thankful to these six musicians and brothers on stage and even more so offstage: (**Marlin Baker** - saxophones; **Pete McAllister** - drums; **Johnny Ballard** - percussions; **Paul Dozier** - guitar; **Careem Warren** - keyboards; and **William Pope** – bass)

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The 4thFridays house band delivered a rock-solid performance with drummer **Jeannine Gardner** - **Washington**; bassist **Mo Jones**; and keyboardist **Martin Stuart** and **Rufus** on guitar and vocals.



DJ Des10'd

We'll also feature a live DJ this month. DJ – Des10'd will spin some tunes at the beginning, end and middle of show.

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This show will feature rufus' acoustic side.

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

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 CAMP NEWS

Free Music Downloads!

Red Letter Records – one of the sponsors of 4thFridays is pleased to announce its release of the **Body Project** – free music downloads available at:

www.RedLetterRecords.com



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Available Now!

Visit the site to download 15 great songs by 11 independent Christian. Red Letter Records is hoping that these free downloads will further promote the independent artists on the label. Check out the new promo on YouTube by clicking the following link at www.youtube.com

One Day with God Camp

Forgiven Ministry and Prison Fellowship will present an in-prison event called One Day with God Camp at Huron Valley Women's Correctional. Children will go into to

prison to be a day with their incarcerated parent. 150 volunteers are needed to help with this fun filled day. Opportunities are available to volunteer inside the prison or at a nearby church to work with the children's caregivers. If you would like to volunteer, call 248-886-0881. Click [here](#) for more information.

3rd Mondays in Milan - 3mm is a unique opportunity for the CAMP to work in conjunction with Prison Fellowship doing Prison Ministry at the only Federal Prison in Michigan. Every third Monday of the month from 6-8:30pm, the CAMP brings in gifted musicians, poets, comedians and speakers to this Milan facility. If you would like more information, contact the CAMP at: 248-872-1197 or Prison Fellowship at 248-886-0881. You will be required to take an orientation in order to participate in this event.

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 are an artist and have a prayer request, please email it to us at info@theCampOnline.org. If you want to join us let us know that too!

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.

For Those Who Might Have A Financial Hardship, but Would Like to Attend the Show...

Just let us know in advance (like on the Thursday before the show) and you could get in at a greatly reduced price or as our guest for free!

Email: info@thecamponline.org

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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)

Please make them payable to: "The CAMP"

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