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## Message from the Executive Director

I was with a couple of friends and somehow the subject came up about Christians and sin. How:

- We are all only sinners saved by grace...
- We are not perfect and that we all mess up



Rufus Harris

The conversation then spiraled downhill into further – “humble” – acknowledgments and confessions:

- I am liable to do anything...
- I know what I am capable of and don't be surprised if I...

With this, I realized how truly amazing it is that so many of us correctly believe that Jesus said that his Father so loved the world that he gave his son for our redemption.<sup>1</sup> Again we believe that Jesus said, he gives eternal life to those who follow him.<sup>2</sup>

And then on top of that we believe that one day the Lord Jesus is going to come down from heaven, with a loud command and the dead in Christ will rise first, then after that those that are still alive will be caught up together with them in the clouds.<sup>3</sup>

We should firmly believe all these things. But let's be real. Shouldn't we be just as passionate about other things the Scripture declares too?

For example the Scripture says, believers died to sin... we were buried with Jesus through baptism into death so that we could live a new life - just like the resurrected Christ - to the glory of the Father.<sup>4</sup> It goes on to say that we are to count ourselves dead to sin but alive to God<sup>5</sup>. Then it also states that those who belong to Christ Jesus *have* crucified the sinful

nature with its passions and desires.<sup>6</sup> Finally, the Scripture even lets us know about temptation. Hear this:

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; *he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear*. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.<sup>7</sup>

Because [Jesus] himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.<sup>8</sup>

I know, I know we all have bad days (that is, days with little or no faith), but how do these statements relate to the earlier declarations? First of all, these statements are declarations from the Scripture which encourage and give us strength and hope. Rather than only confessing our failure and our need for forgiveness, we must dare to confess and believe what Christ has done for us totally. We are more than just forgiven, by faith we are empowered to live the way we ought.

Do we dare to believe this? If we do it will change our lives.

*Rufus*

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## June 2006 4thFridays

It was a hot summer day. We drove up to the Ford Center ready for the full day of setup and the performances. Some of our crew had already arrived. One of the production guys - Marvin Sheats - drove-up with a Bluetooth in ear to assist with unload and setup. Rufus teased him that he sort of looked like one of the Borg of Star Trek fame - as his ear twinkled intermittently with its blue light. Then, the coffee brew mister pulled up in his SUV blasting - of all things - classical music on his auto's sound system. It actually was a rather pleasant song. Everyone was eager to start the day.

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<sup>1</sup> John 3:16

<sup>2</sup> John 10:28

<sup>3</sup> 1Thessalonians 4:16-17

<sup>4</sup> Romans 6:3

<sup>5</sup> Romans 6:11

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<sup>6</sup> Galatians 5:24

<sup>7</sup> 1Corinthians 10:13

<sup>8</sup> Heb 2:18

## the House band

Hey! What's going on? Who is that guy playing bass with Rufus and the band... Where's Charles?

The House band's bassist Charles Weldon was unable to perform at last month's show because



Mo Jones

of a family gathering in California. In his absence, [Mo Jones](#), from the rock/rap group Omega Force, stepped in to help. Not only did he come armed with tremendous talent and a seven-string bass, he also came with the attitude of a servant.



Jeannine Gardner

Jeannine was congratulated. As Rufus introduced the band, he announced that the house drummer had recently wed. The crowd applauded with delight for the new Mrs. Washington. She later helped Rufus with the 4thFridays' raffle.

The house band kicked off their set with a cover of Paul McCartney's hit "Maybe

I'm Amazed." The familiar song, yet now with God as the focus, took on a whole new meaning:

*"Maybe I'm amazed at the way you love me all the time.  
Maybe I'm afraid of the way I love you."*

This performance was a pleasant treat for those in attendance, especially those familiar with the music of Paul McCartney.

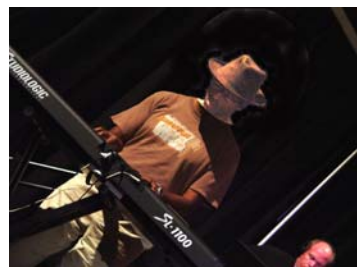
Rufus did a two song acoustic solo set; starting with "U-R". He sang,



Rufus

*"You are the source of love...So full of life...My everything...So nice."*

Rufus explained why he was inspired to write the song. He also performed a *rufusized* version of the classic hymn "Rescue the



Sidney Howard

Perishing." The lyrics were written by Fanny Crosby back in 1869. You would have never known those lyrics were written 137 years ago. The Good News was as relevant then as now.

The house band ended the night with "No Compromise" and "We Don't need Another Hero."

## Next Up...

### Not Our Own

Then Chris and Jenny Kokenos took the stage. This husband and wife duo cherishes working together and it is evident in their performance.



Not Our Own (Jen and Chris)

The audience watched as they performed "Sunshine" and "Sometimes" from their release "Would You Be Ready?" Both songs engaged the audience with harmonic duets and acoustic melodies. Next was "I'm Still Waiting." This song was a true family collaboration with their son writing the music. They ended their performance with the title track - "Would You Be Ready." This piece talked about the return of Christ. Chris explained, "Our ticket to Heaven is paid for," and all we have to do is accept it."

### Paul Dozier

After a brief intermission, Paul took the stage. He has performed numerous times at 4<sup>th</sup>Fridays and has always delighted and never disappointed the audience every single time. However, this time was even better - a new band (at least to 4thFridays); which played faithful yet still creative performances of the tunes on his releases. Paul's highly skilled and seeming effortless performance and what he had to say served the audience well.



Paul Dozier Band

Paul's band overflowed with talent. On the bass - Mark Strubler (who is actually a student of Paul's); on trumpet - Bob



Mojica - a pro who plays over 200 shows per year with bands like Johnny Trudell and the drummer - Larry Newsome held it

all together with his solid rhythm. These guys poured it on... and jammed on some of the classics, such as "Awesome God."

Paul's sound took hold of the audience from the start of his set. The entire performance was soothing to the senses. The songs were smooth; funky; bluesy and rocked. Wonderful solos: Paul's solos; a particularly wonderful bass solo by Mark Strubler on "Follow Me"; drums; and quite exceptional were trumpet and frugal horn solos by Bob. This was followed by the Bill Withers



Bob Mojica

hit "Lovely Day". The audience requested an encore. Rufus requested the song "Follow Me" - a serious jam.

### Raffle

The new bride – Jeannine Washington - lent Rufus a helping hand. During this time, Rufus gave accolades to Soundman – Rod Sledge who had not missed a 4thFridays since it began in March of 2002. Rufus, an audio engineer himself, explained the hard job of running sound for musicians who at times want more monitor, less monitor, etc. Rod or "Reverend Roddie" as he is affectionately and teasingly referred to by his friends – was somewhat embarrassed. He doesn't like a lot of attention but he managed to give a shy grin and a nod.

### Here's what's coming up - July 28th

#### The Immortals

Take one part Motown, blend in Jazz with a touch of Funk, top with no-nonsense musicianship and pockets straight out of Chicago Blues; Presto. It's The Immortals. Keith Johnson is a true veteran of the Detroit music scene. For more than twenty years, Keith has been the solid foundation behind many of the area's most popular bands. The band also features Keith's wife Kelly Connors Johnson, on Sax

and Vocals also known as "Queen of the Saxophone"...."Machine Gun Kelly"..... With a dynamic playing and singing style all her own, Kelly has exploded onto the stages of Detroit, Chicago and Europe. An exciting performer, she has toured Europe with veteran saxophone great A.C. Reed and has shared the stage with other national artists, including: Sponge, Joanna Connor, Tinsley Ellis, Bill Perry, Larry McCray, Catfish Hodge, and Johnny B Gayden. Other gifted band members include the couple's son Derek on bass and Doug Galema on drums. The band will share songs from their latest release this Friday - *Walk on Water*.



#### Amy Heard

Amy Heard has performed all over the country in review shows including three months at Playland in York and six months on a cruise ship out of Maine (for Raymond Productions/ Nashville, Tennessee). She has performed at many fairs, festivals, clubs, special events and benefits as well as guest appearances at the Palace of Auburn Hills and other venues, singing the American and Canadian National Anthems. She has produced and recorded three CDs, the latest being a new single, "This Day." She will be releasing an LP entitled "Meant to Be" this year. Both new releases feature a full rock band. Her first EP, pop/folk inspired "Sister to Sister" released December 2003 was a production of songs written by her younger sister who was tragically killed in a car accident at age eighteen. Heard's performances the past couple of years have begun to turn heads. Last year she gained 13 nominations at the 2005 Detroit Music Awards in Acoustic/Folk, Pop/Rock and Christian/Gospel. In 2004 after being nominated for seven awards, she walked away with two DMAs for Outstanding Christian Vocalist and Outstanding Christian Songwriter.



**rufus harris** - will also share some tunes opening and closing out the show

**Coffee** – The Coffee Brew mister invites you to stop by the coffee table and enjoy this month's featured flavor - Orange Creamsicle.

**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

**Discounts** – are now available for students and seniors 60 and up with ID. Just present a valid ID at the door and pay only \$7.

#### CAMP Video

This new two-minute promotional video can be viewed on the website under CAMP Video. We invite you to share it with others to spread the news about the CAMP.

**Festivals - CAMPfest 2006:** The CAMP is currently looking for sponsors for CAMPfest in September. The festival will feature many of the artists who have performed at 4thFridays. If you know a business or organization interested in sponsoring this event held the weekend of Arts Beats and Eats, let us know.

**Gala:** The CAMP Gala is actually scheduled for New Year's Eve. Last year's event was a success and this year's promises to be even better. Think about ringing in the New Year in with

your friends at The CAMP. You can support the CAMP and at the same time have a great time of fellowship and fun in Pontiac.

**Grants:** We have applied for a government grant and ask that you would make this a matter of prayer. This grant would give us the necessary funding for 2007 shows.

**Institutional Ministry** – We are currently working with Mt. Hope in Lansing to recruit artists for prison ministry at W.J. Maxey Boys Home in Brighton this Fall. If you are interested call or email us. Also, in the works is a concert at Vista Maria – a non profit organization in Dearborn Heights that helps abused and neglected girls ages 11-17. If you would like to work with us, let us know. We need volunteers and mentors.

**Media - Just Radio.NET:** The CAMP's Internet radio station - was launched in January of 2005 and is still going strong. The radio station is heard in over 20 countries and is steadily growing in popularity. You can listen to great Christian music while your work or play 24/7 by logging on to: [www.justradio.net](http://www.justradio.net). Listen to a new radio program called *The Bridge* created by Matt Stephen. The show began airing in July. Visit the JustRadio website for dates and times.

**4thFridays Photos Usage** - Hey, just a note about 4thFridays pictures. If you are an artist that has appeared at 4thFridays or if you are a fan of 4F and you want to place photos from our newsletters on your website, you are welcome to do so. However, we only ask that you put a caption underneath that says "4thFridays". Thank you in advance.

**Where are they now? 4thFridays Artists** - People always ask us about artists who have performed at 4thFridays. What ever happened to this musician or how is that one guitarist? So we thought it might be neat to do a 'where are they now' type of thing. So, as they check in with us, we'll keep you abreast of what they're up to these days. Read on:

HELLO BABY

**Beth Stalker** - Congratulations go out to Beth and Noel Stalker. Beth recently gave birth to a beautiful baby girl – Chloe. Beth will be performing at 4thFridays in September. [www.bethstalker.com](http://www.bethstalker.com)

**Laura McCandliss** and husband Paul DiCarlantonio also gave

birth to a baby girl – Patricia Marie DiCarlantonio – that's Italian if you hadn't guessed on your own. Congratulations Laura and Paul.

#### ON THE AIR

**Kelly Eldridge** was selected among several artists to compete in the Christian Artists Talent Search (C.A.T.S.). Her performance will be featured on the Inspirational Network. Visit <http://www.kellyeldridge.com> for more information.

#### IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME

**Larry Hover** is back from Sunny California. Michigan lost a great musician and storyteller when Larry made the move west 30 years ago. But now he's back and stronger than ever. He'll take the 4thFridays stage in August sharing tunes from his new release - *Storyteller*.

**Sam Dougherty** our friend and favorite Country artist is back from Arizona after a year of ministry work there. Read about what he's been up to at [www.sixstringministry.com](http://www.sixstringministry.com)

#### IT'S HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

**Kevin Earnst** is now living in Prescott, Arizona serving as a worship leader at Prescott Christian church. He is working on a new CD and has written a new book. [www.kevinearnst.com](http://www.kevinearnst.com)

**Knowgood** is now sharing his music on the West Coast. He is currently living in Van Nuys, California and says he produced his first commercial spot last month. [www.knowgood.com](http://www.knowgood.com)

**Omega Force** is retiring. After two decades of ministry, we are sad to report that the popular rock/rap band will perform their final concert on July 29<sup>th</sup> at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Pontiac. For info call: 248-373-0311 [www.omegaforceband.com](http://www.omegaforceband.com)

**Want to help?** - Hey if you like what we're doing at 4thFridays and you would like to support it financially, send your donation to the address below. Proceeds will support 4thFridays shows, prison ministry and our internet radio station – JustRadio.Net. Donate online by clicking here:

[http://www.thecamponline.org/giving\\_gf.html](http://www.thecamponline.org/giving_gf.html)

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At the *beautiful*

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