IT'S ABOUT TIME: CONVERSATION CIRCLES CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 22, 2023 10:00 am.-2:30 pm.









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Healthy ME

DEBORA LAWSON

Professional

GLYNN EDWARDS

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LISA A. BROWN

Wealthy Spiritual

HOSTED BY CHARLIESE LEWIS & YOULONDA MASON



Featuring

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The Hosts



Charliese B. Lewis and Youlonda C. Mason launched the *It's About Time: Conversations with Charliese and Youlonda* podcast and YouTube channel in January 2021. Their engaging dialogue addresses topics such as education, politics, relationships, health and wellness, addiction, wealth building, entrepreneurship, and current events. Both published authors, they bring experience and expertise in areas ranging from education and advocacy to ministry and mental health where no topic is off limits. Welcome to our **2023 CONVERSATION CIRCLES CONFERENCE**.

The Schedule

WELCOME - THE HOSTS

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Professional Me - Debora Logan Lawson

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Wealthy Me – Glynn Edwards

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM

Lunch – Catered by Youlanda's Creation Factory

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM

Neighborhood Healers Project

1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

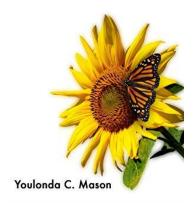
Healthy Me - Talana Young

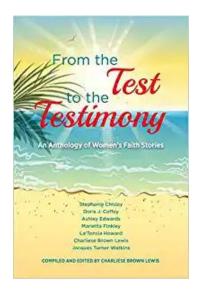
2:10 PM

Asbury University Students - Praise and Worship
Spiritual Me - Min. Lisa A. Brown

CLOSING REMARKS - THE HOSTS

Sister; Sometimes





The Speakers



Lisa A. Brown

Minister Lisa A. Brown is a native of Lexington, KY. She is the daughter of the late Deacon William R. and Evangelist Verneeter E. Brown. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and a Master of Science degree in Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation from the University of Kentucky. She is the former director of Student and Multicultural Affairs in the School of Journalism and Media at UK. She is the founder of Write the Vision with Lisa A. Brown, a company dedicated to recognizing creative and inspirational literacy.

She is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and her favorite Scripture is Isaiah 40:31: "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Minister Brown is a former columnist for the Lextropolis Magazine, a digital magazine, where she covered topics pertinent to the Black community: systemic racism; educational, health, and economic

disparities; racial profiling; physical and mental health; and trending current events. She also served as a contributing writer for Business Lexington Magazine, where she highlighted the accomplishments and achievements of African American owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

She is an avid Christian playwright who tackles issues individuals grapple with including: faith, broken relationships, loss of employment, and death. Minister Brown writes from a perspective that despite one's

struggles, there remains hope through Christ. One of her plays, Positively Unbreakable, debuted at the historic Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center in downtown Lexington. She recently completed her manuscript, Living Life: Full Throttle!!!, a Christian inspired book that will help individuals navigate through life's terrains by applying Biblical principles. The book will be available early fall 2023.

Minister Brown is an award-winning photographer and was named the 2019 Beginning Photographer of the year by the Lexington Creative Camera Club. Her photos have been exhibited at galleries throughout Lexington. She currently has a photo on exhibit at the Kentucky State Capitol in Frankfort and one at the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage in Louisville.

Within the community, she is a founding member of Colors of Promise, an organization dedicated to educating women of color about the importance of breast cancer awareness. She also served on the board

of directors at the Marshall Center for Christian Ministry at Georgetown College. Minister Brown is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Her pastimes include travelling, hiking, and visiting art museums. Like her late mother, Minister Brown is dedicated to building the Kingdom of God and firmly believes in the unadulterated Word of God and the power of prayer.

GWYLLYN (GLYNN) EDWARDS



Gwyllyn "Glynn, Edwards is an accomplished resultsoriented professional with a track record of helping top companies and educational institutions exceed their goals and meet performance records for minimizing risks and value-add. A business strategist with solid technical foundations, proven leadership skills, and highly effective interpersonal skills honed throughout a 30+ year successful business and military career. Glynn has work experience in government, private, public, not-for-profit, and academia.

As an industry leader, he has worked nationally and globally. Glynn graduated from Park University with a bachelor of science degree in Management/ Finance/Accounting (Cum Laude); Continuing with his education received a Master of Business Administration degree (Magnum Cum Laude), Webster University; Master of Arts in Accounting and Finance Management, DeVry University; and pursuing a Ph.D. in Organization and Management (ABD) Capella University.

Edwards is a retired, highly decorated Marine Corps veteran and credits his time in the Marines for his leadership style. His various leadership roles cultivated a transformative leadership approach. Previously, he received roles and responsivities typically reserved for more senior personnel.

Motivated by his father, he became an entrepreneur when he was in the Marine Corps. By the time he was in college while on active duty, Edwards had ventured into financial services. He built an investment and management consulting business and portfolios worth millions after he began his military career as an

However, the increasing deployment demands led him to put his business on hold. Later, after transitioning to a new position as an auditor, Edwards restarted his company, Capital Gains, LLC, while stationed in Hawaii and began a career as a financial counselor with a Christian perspective. Edwards specializes in process improvements, operations, and financial management.

He is responsible for educating key stakeholders, management, and staff on using progressive systems and applications, including accounting software, mass communication procedures, and organizational apps. Edwards is a powerful force in the workplace and uses his positive attitude and tireless energy to encourage others to work hard and succeed.

DoctorEdwards is a certified internal auditor, and certified government audit professional. Currentl, he is the associate vice president of Finance and Administration at Kentucky State University.

He lectures/speaks on several motivational, practical topics, and his messages tailor to fit specific audiences. He has brought encouragement, hope, insight, and affirmative change to the lives of individuals worldwide.

Glynn is inspired daily by his wife and their four sons and is 'Kookie, and Pawpaw, to nine granddaughters and five grandsons. Avid animal lovers Glynn and Joy have four dogs and two horses. In his free time, Glynn likes to coach/play basketball, mentor at-risk kids, and enjoys horseback riding.



Debora Logan Lawson

Meet Debora Logan Lawson, a Lexington native who has been active in the Lexington

Community for over 30 years. Attended local schools and attended the University of Kentucky

and Kentucky Vo-Tech for Architectural. She is divorced, with two adult children, and two

beautiful grandchildren with whom she spends most of her free time.

Lawson a former Radio Personality on RadioLex 93.9 FM Radio for over 6 years - she took a

sabbatical a couple of years ago for personal reasons. Currently, Lawson is the CEO/Owner/Publisher/Photographer of The Lextropolis Magazine that

celebrating 7 years of existence. The digital magazine with an

urban influence tells stories that no one else will speak about minority communities. We try to tell positive stories; you can always turn on the television or read the local newspapers for the rest. Believe it or not, there are so many stories that need to be told! Regardless of how our communities are being portrayed...we are like others striving to be better in all the madness around us. The Lextropolis is that beam of light!

Also, for 29 years Lawson has been the administrative Officer for JLD Inc a Family-Owned Business that her Dad, John Logan Sr. started in 1969. She and her family have maintained and grown tremendously the business their father built from nothing. Today, they are a well-known and respected organization. The elder John Logan Sr. passed in 2003 due to cancer complications.

Lawson was also the Mentoring Coordinator for children at Lexington PAL/ Lexington Fayette Urban County Government Police Department - Division of Community Services for 22 years before leaving in 2015. She worked during these fruitful years in making a difference in a child's life. She loves... loves the children...and Lawson works hard for the kids, believing they need a voice, and believing mentoring a child is the key to uplifting our kids. They are our future! Lawson has always had a passion for children including the special needs population, she was a Special Olympic cheer coach for a local high school for 3 years; has worked with special needs kids & adults for over 30 years.

Over the years her hard work has not gone unnoticed, She has received numerous awards for her work in PAL Mentoring, She received a Citation of Appreciation from Kentucky State Representatives last year, presented by State Rep. George Brown; and Lexington, Kentucky's Mayor Linda Gorton, Named October "Lextropolis Month", and received an Acclamation Award by Commonwealth of Kentucky's Governor Andy Breshear in 2020. Her most recent honor was being acknowledged as one of Kentucky's 2021 Unapolgectically Woman Honoree by The Community Action Council in Kentucky.

Lawson says, she is an advocate of the Community, loves being in the community, working, finding solutions to problematic issues, and just being involved when/where she can. She also has a book under construction about her Life with Special Needs called "Through My Eyes" honoring her sister, Cheryl who recently passed; had Downs Syndrome.

Lawson is excited to be one of the Founding Members of LAASHOF- Lexington African-American Sports Hall of Fame. She is excited about honoring the many men and women that deserve their rightful place in the Lexington African-American Sports Hall of Fame. LAASHOF held its inaugural event last September.

Lastly, she was recently named Chief Officer of Marketing & Communications for AHSANS. She quietly gets things done behind the scenes. Excited to be working with Dr. Hodge and children again helping them fulfil their dreams.



Talana Young Harris

Talana Young Harris, MRC, LPCC, NCC, is a licensed Professional Clinical counselor, advocate, and public speaker. She works as a Mental Health Therapist with a local Rape and Crisis Center and owns a private practice here in Lexington, Ky. She is an avid supporter of the Black community and works tirelessly advocating on behalf of marginalized populations.

Talana is passionate about the idea of helping cultivate an environment that best serves diverse populations through a shared commitment to Education, justice, equity, and access.

Talana Graduated from the University of Kentucky with her master's degree in Clinical Rehab Counseling and Mental Health.

She later worked in community Mental health, where she supervised a substance use treatment center and was the Assertive Community Treatment Housing Clinical Specialist for the Serious Mental illness (SMI) population.

Talana is committed to offering a fresh perspective on diversity and inclusion. She committed to ensuring that every person reaches the height of their potential by focusing on building a solid and equitable foundation for all.

When Talana is not working as an advocate, public speaker, and mental health counselor, she travels with her husband and children, spends time with her extended family, and builds her therapy practice.

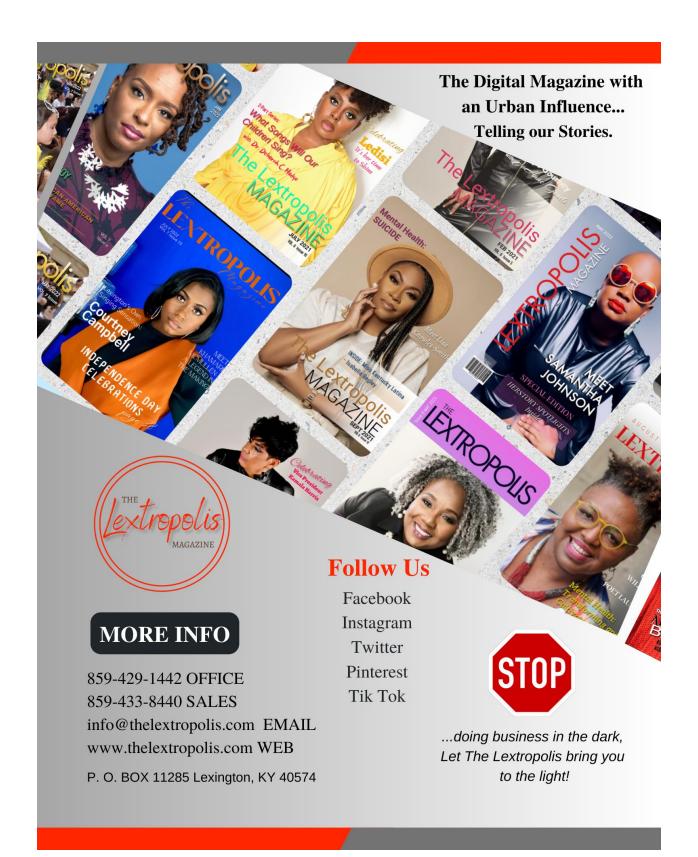
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Sideways, a look that someone gives when someone or something don't look right to them. This is the look the Jenkins family received often, especially the youngest, but why? Doesn't she have every right to be exactly who she was raised to be? Many people don't believe she does and because of that belief her whole life changed, but not for the better...

Inyang Telfair is a wife, mom, daughter, ministry leader, Murray State business graduate student majoring in global communications, small business owner, poet, and Detroit native who like her name can roar like a lion or be as quiet as a river. She conquered her dream of becoming a published author. A current Kentuckian with family, loves to read, travel, dance, watch movies and game nights with loved ones. She believes to write, is to be free...



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