

# NEWS FROM THE C . R . A . F . T .

Fall/Winter 2017

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## *God's Privileged Ones*

**A**nd in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. *Luke 1:26-28, 30-32, 34-35, 37-38*

***In the Beginning, when God made man.***

***The Truine acted alone.***

***In His image created He him.***

***Observed His work, then proclaimed: "Well done!"***

*But the sin of Adam did necessitate*

*A "Second Adam" who would "know no sin.."*

*Only He could pay the price*

*To ransom the souls of men.*

***So then one day in Nazareth***

***God revealed His miraculous plan:***

***In contrast to His Beginnings work,***

***For this Adam He'd use a helping hand.***

*You are highly favored-a privileged one*

*Was the message to Mary from God*

*You're a virgin, yes, but you'll bear My Son*

*For with Me the impossible is not hard.*

***An indispensable lesson from these two events***

***For those who live by faith live***

***The Omnipotent God, He needs no help***

***Yet at times, this privilege to some He'll give.***

*Each has the potential of being a Privileged one,*

*Amidst a world weighed down with cares,*

*Sharing that with which they've been blessed*

*As God's answer to some others' prayers.*

***Then on That Day, that glorious Day***

***When they stand before His throne.***

***His ultimate reward to a Privileged one:***

***"My faithful servant, well done!"***

*Hezekiah Brady, Jr. 12/1/02*

The Student Assistance Fund Scholars must meet certain requirements before they are awarded assistance funds. They are not only required to attend an interview with C.R.A.F.T. board members and/or staff before being awarded funds for the semester, they are also required to submit receipts for items (books, supplies, tuition) purchased with their funds and a copy of their grades for the semester.

### Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Student Assistance Fund Scholars

#### Senior:

Shalbereyl Thomas-Kentucky State University

#### Juniors:

Alyssa Copeland – SIU, Carbondale; **Javaris Logan – Tiffin University**; Cortez Peoples – Alcorn State University; **Tyraze Turner – Robert Morris College**; Tamela Young – SIU, Carbondale

#### Sophomores:

**Davion Jefferson – Millikin University**; Mikayla Jones – Eastern Illinois University; **Kevin King – Millikin University**; Taylor Prude – Clark Atlanta University; **Devin Ross – Southern University, Baton Rouge**

#### Freshmen:

**Dazhee Horton – Culver Stockton College**; Garriet Pendleton – Lincoln University; **Lamar Thomas – Joliet Junior College**; Maurice Walker – Kankakee Community College; **Tevin Watson – Alcorn State University**



Garriet Pendleton, Dazhee Horton,  
Lamar Thomas, Maurice Walker



Davion Jefferson, Taylor Prude, Kevin King



Javaris Logan, Cortez Peoples

### In Memoriam-Mr. Ralph J. Bailey



The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors is deeply saddened at the passing of our faithful board member, Mr. Ralph J. Bailey.

We were privileged to have Mr. Bailey as a member of the CRAFT Board for 22 years. During this time he served as a faithful, involved, active and supportive member who truly had a passion for helping the youth in our community.

We will miss his presence, his wise, business-like demeanor and wry sense of humor. We praise GOD for allowing his path to cross our path and to be such a wonderful example of living life to its fullest.

## C.R.A.F.T's Annual Awards Ceremony

On Friday evening, July 28, 2017, the C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and the recipients of the Student Assistance Fund (SAF) along with family, friends and the community came together to celebrate another year of God blessing the organization to award funds to the 16 college students for their fall semester. Shalbereyl Thomas was also awarded the 2017-2018 Hezekiah Brady Jr. Scholarship during the ceremony by Mr. Ralph Bailey.

### HEZEKIAH BRADY, JR. 2017-2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Mrs. Myrna Brady, Shalbereyl Thomas



Shalbereyl Thomas, Mr. Ralph Bailey



Mrs. Myrna Brady, Shalbereyl Thomas,  
Mr. Ralph Bailey

### C.R.A.F.T. Scholars



2017-2018 Scholars with C.R.A.F.T. board  
member, Ardis Cross



C.R.A.F.T. board member, Ardis Cross,  
presenting award to Taylor Prude



C.R.A.F.T. board member, Ardis Cross,  
presenting award to Tamela Young.



### C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors

James Stevenson, Gloria Hamilton,  
Ardis Cross, Myrna Brady, Darcel Brady,  
Johnny Rogers, Alpha Brady,  
Evera Ivy, Ralph Bailey

Not pictured:

Jimmie Stevenson, Teresa Mondy

Save the Date  
C.R.A.F.T. Spring Concert  
Spring 2018

### **Your gift to C.R.A.F.T. will:**

- Enable us to provide funds for 5-10 additional college students to purchase their school books and supplies.
- Allow the organization to award two additional students the Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarships.
- Help sponsor elementary age girls to attend the Girls Engineering event held at Olivet Nazarene University.
- Fund “pop-up” seminars on college preparation, college financing, and steps for success in two additional locations (Sun River Terrace and Kankakee).



**“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS; for He shall save His people from their sins.”** Matthew 1:21

Blessed Christmas!  
C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors

The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors and all of the participants are very appreciative of your monetary and prayer support. We know that you have the opportunity to support many worthy causes and we are grateful that you have chosen C.R.A.F.T. We ask that you continue to remember C.R.A.F.T. financially and prayerfully.

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