

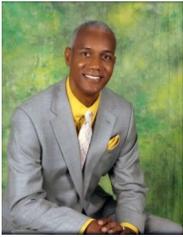
Financial Empowerment Zone Quarterly Newsletter

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“Those who save today will create opportunities for tomorrow”

Mission Complete! Job Well Done!



From the Desk of our CEO,
Dr. Johnny F. Cunningham

The Financial Empowerment Zone for 2015 just ended and was a great success. Once again, youth came from Alabama, Georgia, and Florida to be financially empowered. This year's theme was “No Excuse”. Students were challenged to trash all excuses that would stop them from being financially sound for the future.

I want to thank our Facilitators: Mrs. Elizabeth Rutledge and staff from Regions Bank, Selma; Mrs. Paula Stallworth from Montgomery, our Communication Specialist; Matt25 Outreach Ministry from Griffin, Georgia; our Career Day Vendors from Selma, Birmingham, Montgomery, North Carolina, South Carolina, Pensacola and Cantonment, Florida; our staff, and 49 volunteers from various areas.



A shout out to all of FEZ students and to all that gave of their time and talent. This weekend was packed with powerful information for learning, activities, a tour and good food.

The goal is to continue to equip and empower our youth. As the global economy changes, we want to remain on the front line providing the skills and knowledge that will destroy financial illiteracy and thereby foster a better quality and quantity of life for this generation and the generations to come.

Failing to prepare for the future will result in hopelessness, poverty, an increase in incarceration and government assistance. This cycle can only be stopped by using the tools of education, applying those principles and taking advantage of the opportunities which will reverse behavior that produces a poor quality of life.



We must provide the tools that will cause the generation to become more knowledgeable, physically fit, emotionally stable, financially sound, better communicators, and productive citizens who will be world changers. Therefore, it is so important that parents continue to encourage children to take advantage of the great opportunities afforded them.

Visions and Dreams

Dreams are great, but remember there is no activity involved, no energy or moving from one point to another. When one awakes everything is still the same; only time has decreased.

The time spent dreaming is exciting, but very disappointing when one awakes and finds it was only a dream and nothing has changed. *Vision*, on the other hand, demands that one takes action and applies his/her talent, strength and mind to the potential within to make a conscious decision to get up and set goals toward the desired results to bring about the vision.

Remember, no one who sleeps gets anything accomplished in life, and their future is hampered. The saying could be true that one can sleep his/her life away. Stop living for the moment or just for the day. The future is ahead of you, and as you get older, the world will see and deal with you in a different way. With age comes responsibility that will not be overlooked by others.

Remember, time cannot be purchased. It can be an enemy if you fail to maximize it for your good; otherwise your dream will become a nightmare. Visions have an appointed time and purpose; therefore, to waste time is to allow potential to remain untapped, causing this generation and future generations to succumb to hardship. We are here as humans to make a contribution to the betterment of humanity; do not fail as a human.

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SAVE THE DATE
The next FEZ Workshop
Thursday through Sunday,
March 17, 18, 19, and 20, 2016

Georgia State Meeting
Saturday, June 6, 2015
Details to be announced soon!

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future Newsletters will be online.
PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE!



Helpful Tips and Advice

- ◆ Save! Save! Save!
- ◆ Read! Read! Read!
- ◆ Write your vision down
- ◆ Keep a Journal
- ◆ Do something every day to get you closer to your vision
- ◆ Associate with people who demand that you live up to your fullest potential
- ◆ Find a mentor
- ◆ Start writing a business plan for life
- ◆ Be thankful by giving back to others who are without
- ◆ Go by the richest place on earth and see if you can fill in the dash between the beginning and end

2015 Junior Board Election

CAST YOUR VOTE !

**Be on the lookout for detailed
information
in the mail regarding the
ELECTION!**

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