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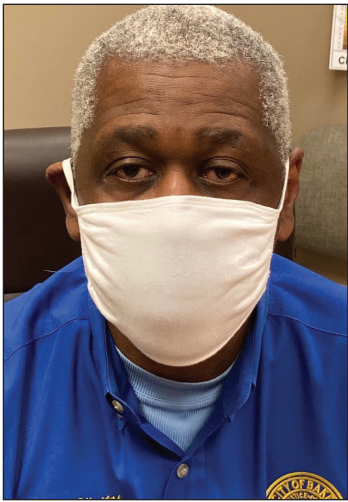
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Mayor Waites Launches 'MasksOnBaker' Program to Promote Safety



Mayor of Baker Louisiana, Darnell Waites

Baker, La.-- The Mayor of Baker Louisiana, Darnell Waites has initiated 'MaskOnBaker' a new program designed to inform, educate and inspire the residents and businesses in the City of Baker to wear masks and the practice social distancing. This program will help flatten the curve and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

"We have made good progress in our efforts to fight the spread of the Coronavirus, but this is not the time to relax, become restless or be reckless in our approach to move our city forward. The fight must continue to make the City of Baker and our State of Louisiana free from the Coronavirus. I am calling for a united City of

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Gov. Edwards Releases New PSAs Encouraging Stay at Home Order



Gov. John Bel Edwards

Gov. John Bel Edwards released two new PSAs encouraging Louisianians to comply with the extended Stay at Home Order to slow the spread of Covid-19 and

ultimately meet the White House guidelines for entering Phase One. "A new day is coming for Louisiana and it will be here before we know it. I have extended

the Stay at Home Order until May 15 to give all of us a little more time to slow the spread of the

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PULITZER PRIZE WINNER



Jericho Brown (Nelson Demery III)

Shreveport Native Wins Pulitzer Prize

Shreveport native Jericho Brown (born Nelson Demery III) has won the 2020 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for his collection "The Tradition," which the Pulitzer board deemed "a collection of masterful lyrics that combine delicacy with historical urgency in their loving evocation of bodies vulnerable to hostility and violence."

His poetry has been featured in The Bennington Review, BuzzFeed, Fence, jubilat, The New Republic, The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Paris Review, TIME magazine, and several volumes of The Best American Poetry.81Hi-EtgiJHL "I'm happy to bring this

prize back home, and by that I mean back to Black folks, back to the South, back to Louisiana, and back to my alma mater, Dillard University. Dillard is where I first took creative writing workshops as classes toward my major, and it's where I first began to envision a life for myself as a writer," Dillard University graduate shared in a statement. "These are not easy times for any of us, but I'd like to believe that this prize in this particular instance can show that there is still possibility for us no matter how rough the terrain may seem. And I'm grateful to have gotten the education necessary to make

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ICYMI: LSU Survey Finds A Majority of Louisianans are Following the Stay at Home Order

BATON ROUGE — The Man-ship School of Mass Communication at Louisiana State University released a non-partisan report that shows a majority of Louisianans say they are following Gov. Edwards' Stay at Home Order and support the federal, state and local governments' response to COVID-19. The survey showed widespread compliance with the Stay at Home Order and other public health recommendations to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. According to the survey, four out of five Louisianans say they have not left home for reasons that violate the governor's order.

Specifically, about mitigation measures, the report found:

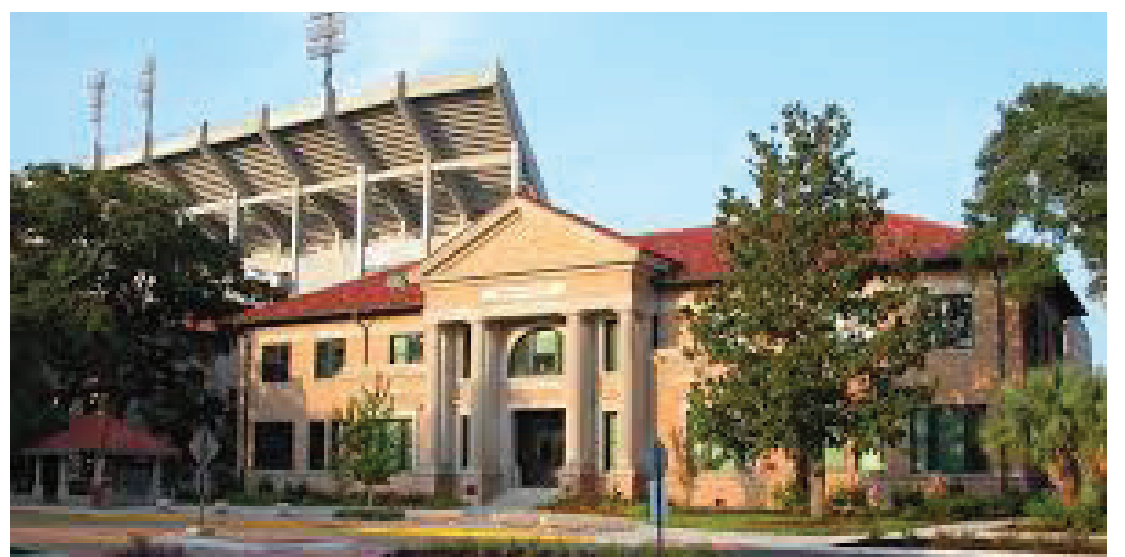
- Intentions to wear face coverings and to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other people when outside the home increase to 59% and 86%, respectively.
 - 84% say they maintain at least 6 feet of distance from other people very often or always.
 - 75% of Louisiana adults say they very often wash their hands with soap for at least 20 seconds each time, and 50% say they disinfect frequently used surfaces in their homes very often.
- Overall, the LSU Man-ship School Survey found that 64% of residents approve of the state's response to COVID-19 and that 74% of respondents believe the United

States and Louisiana should continue measures to slow the spread of the coronavirus, such as stay-at-home orders and social distancing, even if it means some businesses remain closed.

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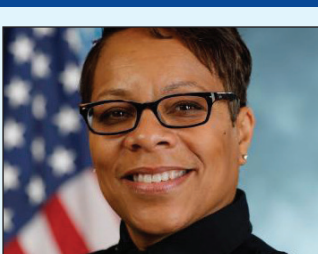
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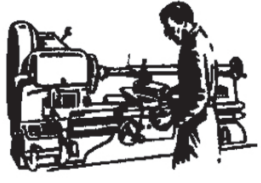
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Winn-Dixie's Parent Company Launches Giving Campaign to Support Local Food Banks



Now through May 15, BI-LO, Fresco y Más, Harveys Supermarket and Winn-Dixie customers can help neighbors in need by purchasing a \$5 hunger relief donation bag of non-perishable food items at all store registers. (Photo: Business Wire)

Southeastern Grocers, Inc., the parent company of local Winn-Dixie stores, today launches a giving campaign in partnership with Feeding America in all stores to help people facing food insecurity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see below for announcement highlights:

- The \$5 hunger relief donation bag program will run through May 15 and encourages customers

to help neighbors in need by purchasing a \$5 bag of non-perishable food items at all store registers.

- The donation program will benefit local food bank partners, like the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank, that have seen a significant increase in need.

- All hunger relief bags will be fulfilled directly from the warehouse and delivered to local food banks to create a contactless dona-

tion for customers and associates.

- Pepsi has generously pledged to donate \$25,000 to the campaign to donate a total of 5,000 hunger relief bags to Feeding America member food banks across the Southeast.

- Customers who wish to donate a \$5 hunger relief bag can do so by visiting any local Winn-Dixie grocery store.

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coronavirus so that we can begin to enter Phase One. We've made some gains but are not out of the woods, yet. Your safety is my main concern. I want to get our economy going again and have no doubt we will. How soon depends on you," Gov. Edwards said.

Click here for the new PSA on preparation for Phase One.

Click here for the new PSA on social distancing guidelines.

Members of the public can continue to get information from the Governor's office on Coronavirus. la.gov and by texting LACOVID to 67283.

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it to this moment."

After graduating from Dillard in 1998, he earned a master's in fine arts at the University of New Orleans and later a Ph.D. from the University of Houston.

Brown's Pulitzer Prize win was no surprise to Dillard faculty members, especially Mona Lisa Saloy, Ph.D, folklorist and professor of English. "While [he was] a student here, [Brown] wore business suits daily with a matching bow tie, along with his fellow male classmates aiming for the study of law. They were serious about school and worked hard," she said. "Indeed, he had 'that something,' and I urged him to consider that perhaps he was sent here for something more than the Law, that there

was a fine writer buried inside of him, just waiting to be released."

Brown is currently an associate professor and the director of the creative writing program at Emory University. He is the recipient of several fellowships from Guggenheim Foundation, the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard, and the National Endowment for the Arts. He is also the winner of the Whiting Award. Brown's first book, Please, won the American Book Award and his second book, The New Testament won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award. The Tradition is his third collection of poetry.

The Pulitzer Prize was funded and established in 1917 by the will of journalist and newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer. It is awarded in 22 categories, focusing on journalism, literature, drama, history, and music.

CBP New Orleans Receives First African American Female Port Director

NEW ORLEANS, La. - When Terri Edwards reported to U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) Port of New Orleans on March 30, the port was in a state of uncertainty. Mayor LaToya Cantrell had just issued a stay-at-home order in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19 throughout the city.

In response to the order, CBP New Orleans launched an aggressive telework policy, allowing many of their employees to work from home. Officers who could not work from home were placed on alternating schedules to minimize risk of contracting the virus.

"I was determined to hit the ground running and make sure that our workforce had all of the protective equipment needed in order to perform their duties safely, and do everything possible to minimize their risk of being infected with COVID-19," Edwards said. "Throughout the past four weeks, I have witnessed employees, both uniformed and non-uniform, going above and beyond. It makes me extremely proud to lead such an excellent workforce."

Despite the challenges that came with maintaining the Port of New Orleans mission during the COVID-19 pandemic, Edwards, formerly the Director of CBP's Analytical Management Systems Control Office (AMSCO) in Washington D.C., said her experience as Port Director has been rewarding, and she has learned a lot about the mission and the people who maintain the mission. To date, the port has hired more than 30 new officers while continuing to process cruise line crew members and repatriating U.S. citizens returning home due to the COVID-19 threat. Additionally, the port has also supported local and federal law enforcement in facilitating legitimate travel and trade throughout Louisiana.

"I believe that the Area Port of New Orleans is in a great position right now," she said. "We are bringing in a lot of new officers who are eager to get to work. One of my main goals is to keep them motivated and ensure that they have all of the tools and resources necessary to get the job done. I want New Orleans to be known as one of the best places to work in CBP!"

CBP New Orleans Director of Field Operations Steven Stavinoha added that Edwards



Terri Edwards

coming to New Orleans also has a deeper value.

"Knowing the cultural and diverse value that the City of New Orleans represents in the United States, I am proud to have Ms. Edwards accept this new chapter in her career and congratulate her in her new leadership role as the first African American female Port Director in New Orleans."

Being the first African American female port director in a city known for having a historically diverse culture is an honor she said she doesn't take lightly.

"I'm proud to work for an agency that embraces diversity," she said. "We all have something different to bring to the table, and in my opinion, that's exactly what makes us stronger and better as an agency."

It is that strength, she said, that will get CBP New Orleans through this pandemic.

"I've never backed away from a challenge," she said. "I believe that is how we learn and become better officers. I'm looking forward to the resumption of normal business operations. I believe that we, as a nation, have learned a lot from this pandemic. We will emerge from this much stronger!"

The Port of New Orleans is located in the historic U.S. Custom House, located on Canal Street in the Central Business District of New Orleans. Its area of operation covers 250 miles of the Mississippi River, including ports of entry in Gramercy, Morgan City, Shreveport, Lake Charles, and Baton Rouge.

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standpoint, 73% of Louisianans trust Gov. Edwards to give the most reliable information about COVID-19 and 82% of Louisi-

ans trust the Louisiana Department of Health for information about COVID-19.

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Baker to participate in the 'MaskOnBaker' program by wearing masks when we leave our homes and in our places of business. I am convinced that we will reduce the spread of this deadly

virus and save lives" said Mayor Waites.

For more information on how to participate in 'MaskOnBaker' please call us at (225) 955-4813

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Baker, La COVID-19 Drive Thru Test Site Opening May 6

BAKER, La.— Mayor Waites is pleased to announce the opening of a COVID-19 drive-through testing facility in the City of Baker, in coordination with Walmart, Quest Diagnostics, parish and state officials which will be available to test anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19. All healthcare providers and first responders are welcome and encouraged to utilize the testing site regardless if they currently have symptoms.

"It is critical that we are able to perform mass testing of the population." Mayor Waites has advised the public previously. We urge anyone who suspects they may be ill and who are exhibiting symptoms to utilize this testing site while following all prescribed safety precautions while in public.

We are grateful to our community partners for coming together with us, so as leaders we may ensure the health and welfare of our most precious asset, the people of our community. It is an honor to be able to serve our community with like-minded leaders in good faith to our people.

DETAILS:

- Testing will be located at the Baker Walmart Parking Lot: 14507 Plank Rd, Baker, LA 70714
- There is no out-of-pocket cost for individuals
- A doctor's order is not required to receive the test, but patients will need to make an appointment
- There is no testing inside Walmart stores
- The testing site requires an appointment through Quest's MyQuestTM online portal and app. You will receive an appointment confirmation that you will need to have on hand when you arrive onsite
- No walk-ups will be seen
- Persons wishing to obtain testing at this site should go to www.MyQuestCOVIDTest.com in order to complete the Quest scheduling process
- If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone onsite registration will be available at the Quest mobile site.
- Please make sure to bring

a valid photo ID for proof of identity

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- If you do not have access to a computer or smartphone onsite registration will be available at the Quest mobile site.
- Please make sure to bring a valid photo ID for proof of identity
- Please arrive no more than 10 minutes before your appointment time
- Those being tested will need to wear a mask stay in their cars for verification of eligibility criteria, ID check and sample self-collection. For the safety of all those on-site, the test site is not able to service those who walk up
- Individuals being tested will perform a self-administered nasal swab in their car with a healthcare provider observing them. Directions will be provided in the confirmation email after scheduling the appointment and on-site. If you do not believe you will be able to self-administer the nasal swab, please bring someone with you who can assist you
- It is important to take care of yourself and monitor your symptoms closely. If your symptoms do not improve or you develop new or worsening symptoms, seek medical attention right away. Do not wait to receive your results

RESULTS:

Individuals being tested will receive their COVID-19 test results through the secure MyQuest online portal or app and may receive a call from our telehealth partner PWN to review results

The average turnaround time to report results is 2 – 3 days from the day of collection

For everyone's safety and for the privacy of those being tested, media should not attempt to enter the testing site.

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National News

The Move to Reopen America is Not a 'Black Friendly' Campaign



A protester holds a flag that combines a Gadsden flag from the American Revolution with a Confederate flag during a demonstration against Washington state's stay-home order at the state capitol in Olympia, Wash., on April 19, 2020.

As protests erupt over stay-at-home orders and the clamor to reopen the economy becomes louder, the coalition of people storming state Capitols — some armed with semi-automatic weapons and most not wearing masks or observing social distancing guidelines — have had one thing in common: Almost all of them are white.

African Americans, for the most part, are not joining the crowds in California, Michigan, Georgia, Wisconsin and other parts of the country to demand that local governments reopen their cities.

For many black Americans, the general perception is that the throngs of white protesters are steeped in racism, white supremacy and anti-black sentiments. And so many black Americans would feel unwelcome — and perhaps afraid — given the presence of Confederate flags, swastikas and hangman's nooses.

"This is identity politics, this is not COVID-19 as an actual issue, said Dr. Samuel K. Roberts, director of Columbia University's Institute for Research in African American Studies and an epidemiologist. "First of all, if you look at who these people are, I don't know many black folks of any political stripe that would want to be in that crowd."

"These are the same people who called Obama all sorts of names, racist epithets, a lot of them overlap with the Tea Party, which was a very racially charged movement," Roberts said. "Nothing about this movement is really black friendly."

"This is very much an identity politics issue, let's be clear about that, and I say that because people on the right, and a lot of people in the middle of the line Democratic Party, talk about identity politics and it's just code for women and people of color," he said. "White people have actual issues, while women and people of color have identity politics."

Black Americans are dying in disproportionate numbers from COVID-19 in the United States; people of color are especially exposed because they are more likely to hold many of the jobs that were deemed essential; and, as the reopening starts, they are likely to be among those whose workplaces open first. For instance, in New York City, the epicenter of the U.S. outbreak, African Americans make up just under 25% of the population, but more than 40% of public transit workers.

Delmonte Jefferson, a black public health professional in Atlanta, said African Americans and other people of color want to

mitigate the economic damage as much as anyone else — especially since those groups are among the ones who are suffering the most from the downturn. But they don't want a return at all costs, he said.

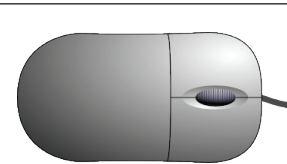
"Even the thought of opening the country back up shows that African Americans aren't being valued," said Jefferson, executive director of the Atlanta-based National African American Tobacco Prevention Network.

Despite the ongoing protests and willingness of some states to reopen aspects of their economies, some black leaders have been adamant that communities of color stay at home given that COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting African Americans, Latinos and Native Americans.

"We, the undersigned, have joined together to state our unequivocal and firm opposition to the premature effort of governors to fully reopen their

states," read a statement signed by among others, Sherrilyn Ifill, president and director-counsel of the NAACP's Legal Defense and Education Fund; the Rev. Al Sharpton, head of the National Action Network; and Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League. "We regard this pandemic as a grave threat to the health and life of our people."

Officials who have been critical of the demonstrations have also been careful to downplay them, even as they acknowledge that race and racism is a factor.



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Louisiana Celebrities Join Support for 'Feed Louisiana Love'

BATON ROUGE, La. — A diverse group of Louisiana entertainers and personalities have joined hands to support Feed Louisiana Love, a social media campaign to raise awareness and funding for Feeding Louisiana, a statewide network of food banks.

Musicians Hunter Hayes and Amanda Shaw are among those taking part in the campaign. Money raised will help cover the direct costs of feeding those in need, including purchasing food, storage and refrigeration, along with repackaging and distributing food.

"The need for support is urgent," says Feeding Louisiana Executive Director Corey Patty. "In April, Louisiana food banks reported an 80% increase in demand for their services. About 40% of the families were requesting help for the first time."

A member of Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief organization, Feeding Louisiana is a partnership of five regional members:

- Food Bank of Central Louisiana in Alexandria
- Food Bank of Northeast Louisiana in Monroe
- Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana in Shreveport

Louisiana in Shreveport

- Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Greater New Orleans and Acadiana

Participating celebrities have been asked to spread awareness of the campaign through videos and messages posted on their social media channels, using the #FeedLouisianaLove and #FeedLouisiana hashtags. Their messages will encourage donations and challenge others for support as well.

Donations for the Feed Louisiana Love campaign can be made at feedlouisianalove.com. Donors can select which food bank they want to send money to or select Feed Louisiana Love to spread their donation equally among all five food banks.

Patty says volunteers are staying home, and community organizations have been forced to close all at a time of high demand for services.

"We're getting food to our affiliates, but distribution is a challenge," he says. "Monetary donations are critical to helping us coordinate within our network so that food can go to the places where it's needed most."

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Open Safely Program Activates Across Louisiana

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office, under the direction of Governor John Bel Edwards, and in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health, has activated a new, web-based program to assist businesses and religious organizations with safely resuming operations as the public health emergency due to COVID-19 continues.

"In order for us to move forward and open businesses as safely as possible, it is important that clear guidance is available. This website will help businesses and churches better understand which phase will allow them to resume operating and then put safe practices in place such as social distancing and encouraging their customers and members to wear facial coverings," said Gov. John Bel Edwards. "To be successful as we work to continue reducing the spread of this virus, we must all implement new and safer practices in all aspects of our lives."

OpenSafely.la.gov allows business owners and church leaders to register in order to receive up-to-the minute information on what phase their business and/or church is considered, what phase the state is in as Louisiana moves through phases of return and what social distancing and sanitation guidelines are required for their specific operation in each phase.

The portal also allowed for citizens to file complaints when they are concerned about guidelines being properly followed.

"I am proud to be able to offer this easy-to-use tool for our state's businesses to start, and continue, the process of getting back on their feet," said State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning. "I want the business and religious communities to know that the State Fire Marshal's Office is your partner and your friend and we will support your efforts to succeed in every way that we can."



RELIGION

New Music



Tye Tribbett

In The Midst of This Pandemic, Tye Tribbett Releases A Brand New Single "We Gon' Be Alright" (Video)

2x GRAMMY WINNER TYE TRIBBETT RELEASES POWERFUL DECLARATION WITH NEW SONG "WEGON' BE ALRIGHT."

"The song is an uplifting anthem perfect for right now."

Tye Tribbett has had a legendary career. Five #1 albums, two #1 singles, and eight top 10 singles. In his career, he's had over 317 million global streams with over 1.3 million albums

sold. And he's currently one of the most inspirational voices online. His 823K IG followers often go to him for a positive voice during rough times. In fact, just recently one of his posts about self-worth went viral with everyone from Justin Bieber and Rev Run to Diddy and Nicki Minaj reposting. Today he's releasing a powerful uplifting song and its exactly what we all need right now.

Rising Gospel Star Ruth La'Ontra Hits Top 30 On Radio Charts With Remake Of Choir Classic

"I'll be your light when the road ahead seems dim," gospel star Ruth La'Ontra sings on her rendition of the Grammy® Award winning Thompson Community Singers' 1992 classic, "In My Name" (ALJR/Tyscot Records). Those lyrics are especially poignant in the age of the coronavirus where millions have been affected and thousands have died. "So, many of us don't know what the future holds," La'Ontra says. "We can't see past the heartbreak in front of us as this disease takes down healthy people. However, this song gives me hope and faith that we will eventually get past this."

The song is definitely connecting with gospel consumers around the globe as her streaming numbers have skyrocketed. In addition, the track rises to No. 24 on Mediabase Gospel Airplay chart and makes a No. 30 debut on the Billboard Gospel Airplay chart. It's available for listening or download at all major digital service providers at this link: <https://smarturl.it/InMyName>

The inspiring ballad was produced by Justin Savage and Anthony Brown (of the Grammy® Award nominated act, Anthony Brown & group therAPy). "Ruth La'Ontra is such a unique gift," says Savage who has collaborated with gospel greats ranging from Donnie McClurkin to Israel & New Breed. It was his idea for



La'Ontra to record the song. "I had never heard of it," says La'Ontra. "I think I was a baby when the song was a big hit."

The song has earned props from its legendary composer Percy Bady who has worked with the likes of R. Kelly, Common, CeCe Winans and even crooner Johnny Mathis. "It's amazing how a song I wrote and released

almost 30 years ago is still having an impact," he says. "All the while, it's found a new audience through the delivery of the amazingly talented Ruth La'Ontra! Thank you, Ruth, for taking the song and making it your own - without losing its integrity. Congratulations. I'm excited about your future."

Streaming LIVE Churches



■ Oasis Christian Church: Bishop Charles E. Wallace
Sunday Morning 8:00 A.M.
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00 P.M.
<https://livestream.com/accounts/27567249/events/8379840>

■ Rose Hill Church: Pastor Danny Donaldson
See website for times
<https://www.facebook.com/rose-hillbatonrouge>

■ Living Faith Christian Center Bishop Raymond Johnson
Sunday at 10:00am

• YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiHSeRaHIS8ewCoFhcYHGnQ>

• Piksel: <https://campus.piksel.com/living-faith-cc>

• Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LivingFaithChristianCenterBR/>

■ Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Rev., Dr. Andra Johnson
Sunday at 9:30am

<https://www.mtcarmelbtr.com/?fbclid=IwAR2yeejE375iY6MvJarHBFfsg9uWpJc1ExzVVjZNIhUvs5f-C30AiyTGow2k>

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