Turning Point Life Church had the great pleasure of partnering with Edward Bain School of Language and Arts—Creative Arts assisting students to create a Living Celebration of African American Arts Museum during the month of February.

The students of EBSOLA museum showcased famous African Americans such Doris Miller, Rosa Parks, Muhammad Ali, George Washington Carver, Harriet Tubman, Ida B Wells, and many others.

Turning Point Life Church provided the more than 30 display boards to the classrooms for the students to release their creativity.

Turning Point Life Church hopes that working together will become an inspirational learning experience as well as a partnership that will help all children become the best they can be!

When I went to the Edward Bain School of Arts, I was happily reminded that children are like sponges - they absorb all that they are given.

The third-grade classroom of Mrs. George impressed me with their manners and how they were so delighted to welcome me into their class. When their teacher let them show me how they worked in their classroom, I knew that this would be something I would enjoy being a part of.

The program that they put on for us was a great success. The singing, dancing and drum playing was so good you could clearly see that a lot of hard work and time had been put into making this a success.

The living wax museum was the highlight of the program for me, to see the students acting out the person the classroom decided to do their research on was great, the way they memorized their speeches made me so proud of them and I look forward to next year’s performance.

Mrs. Mary Vinson-Jones
Turning Point Life Church Member
Mr. Lojeski fourth grade class presented a presentation on Doris “Dorie” Miller. All of the students expressed extreme excitement as they shared their stories of Doris Miller. The students started with the early life of Dorie Miller by telling the story that Doris was a fullback football player while in high school. He later dropped out of high school at the age of 17 years and he enlisted in the US Navy as a Mess Attendant, Third Class. Miller was later promoted to Cook.

The students of Mr. Lojeski class completed the presentation on Miller by sharing that he was serving on the USS West Virginia when his ship came under fire by the Japanese when they attacked Pearl Harbor. The students told us all about how under extreme pressure Miller took charge and started to shoot a heavy artillery machine gun at the Japanese fighters because his Captain had been wounded.

Harriet Tubman

I had the pleasure of visiting with the students during the Living Museum as they reenacted the life of Harriet Tubman. The students wanted everyone visiting to learn an aspect of Harriet Tubman’s life during her childhood, youth and adult life. Pictured above is a timetable of events of the Underground Railroad created by the students and pictured left is a student dressed as childhood Harriet Tubman with her ragdoll that her owner took it away from her.

Dr. Martin Luther King

Every student has potential to be successful. Every student dreams of greatness. The students of Ms. Blachowicz class expressed their amazement with Dr. Martin Luther King because he was trying to achieve equal rights for all African Americans. The passion in the students’ voices when they shared speeches Dr. King had written even while in jail, demonstrated that although Dr. King faced adversity he was still successful. The students spoke with remarkable pride of Dr. King and as I looked around the museum to see the hard work and time they invested into their project; I saw greatness in every student present.

Partnering with our Community ... Betty Peeples

It was very encouraging to have the Edward Bain School of Language & Arts staff receive our church members so positively! It is very important to be able to partner with others in the community to provide positive interaction to the children. The teachers of EBSOLA were very appreciative of our participation! We [TPLC] are appreciative that ESBOLA did not shy away from engaging a ‘church’ in school activities. One role of the ‘church’ should always to be available to extend help and kindness to the community.

I was impressed by the children’s excitement creativity and telling the stories of several African American history figures such as Harriet Tubman, Doris Miller, Muhammad Ali, Ida B. Wells, Benjamin Banneker, Martin Luther King, and George Washington Carver. I entered a room that was on high ‘security’ and had an opportunity to meet 3 Barrack Obamas. Each one represented different phases of his life including when he became President of the United States. The student was dressed in suit and tie and gave his own presentation. I learned how amazing Ruby Bridges was and how she had to overcome the mean spirit sting of racism as a little girl just to attend school. Imagine being a 6-year old and seeing adults shout and scream at you all because God made your skin a different color. It caused me to pause and realize that we must continue to pray against the same evils that exist in society today.

We should continue working with students so they can become knowledgeable in what happened in the past as they look to changing the world for a better future. Turning Point Life Church is blessed to be able to be included in this opportunity to be a part of such a positive activity. We should be proud that we can partner with teachers and children in our community.
“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”
Matthew 28:19

"Running the Race"

As we approach our 5th year Anniversary, I am so grateful for this journey because of the privilege of serving with faithful and generous people. The nation of Israel marched for forty years in the wilderness on the way to realizing the long awaited Promised Land. Each day God’s grace would miraculously provide for their needs, He sent them “mana from heaven”. They were totally and utterly dependent on a generous God to be with them as they trusted His will. It wasn’t about their discomfort or them agreeing with His plan; it was about their obedience.

The nation of Israel was totally and utterly dependent upon His provision and guidance for their survival. God wants us to be totally and utterly dependent upon Him alone for our success, just as the nation of Israel. The writer of the book of Proverbs would say it like this some 2900-3000 years ago, “There is one who scatters but increases all the more. And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. The generous man will be prosperous, and the one who waters will himself be watered…” Proverbs 11:24-25. We must seek to be generous as we depend on the Lord.

TPLC, let us be reminded always of our mission to unify in mind, spirit and soul our resources in the church to influence our community.

We pray and hope that the Turning Point Life Church family has a desire to glorify God, as we become a more generous people who bless others. We will humbly allow God to use us as instruments as we minister to a desperate world.

TPLC, let us be reminded always of our mission to unify in mind, spirit and soul our resources in the church to influence our community.

"Come, in worship, let us exalt before the Lord, our Maker."

As we progress toward our 5th year Anniversary, I am encouraged and excited as we strive to continue the path that God has called us to! I believe that the mantra of ‘Full Steam Ahead’ is so appropriate for the work we have yet to do! This means that we must proceed with as much energy and enthusiasm as possible. We have put the effort into launching several ministries over the course of the past years; Men of Victory, HLM Women’s, W.A.Y. Children’s Church, 3LC Young Adults, Discipleship Development, Praise and Worship, Hospitality, Fellowship, He Cares, etc…..now it is time to increase our excitement and level of commitment to make all our ministries even better! The scripture at 1 Corinthians 9:26 ‘Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating air’...

...we must persevere run the race and get back on the path God has called us...

reminds me that I must continue on the path and run the race that God has me on in ministry and it fulfills that purpose.

It tends to be so easy in today’s society to delay and come up with an excuse as to why we are not in the race or on the path that God has called us to. We forget so easy that God has a purpose for our lives and for the ministries that he has called us to serve in.

TPLC we must persevere, run the race and get back on the path that God has called us to or do you want to fight like the boxer beating the air?

May God Bless and give you the energy, excitement and resources to go ‘Full Steam Ahead’!

Sis Betty Peeples
During our family devotions, we were studying the Fruit of The Spirit. Kindness really stood out for Phil and Gage. They decided that since they received kindness from so many others that sharing God’s word was the best way of showing kindness.

Phil and Gage put sweet treats together along with the Word of God and shared them with everyone at church and also at their school to let others know that Jesus is the best Valentine’s ever!

The children of W.A.Y. Ministry had heard of the Underground Railroad but what they did not know was that “Quilts” were used as a form of communication during the Underground Railroad. The symbols were used by conductors to help fugitive slaves flee the South and arrive safely in the North.

The lesson was taught by TPLC Member, Roberta Mathews. The children of W.A.Y. were able to view quilts Roberta had crafted plus paintings she created of different patterns. Roberta shared with the children how Harriet Tubman assisted slaves in escaping to freedom by sharing how the symbols sown onto the quilts were used as markers to assist slaves in knowing which way they should travel. The slaves relied on the symbols for directions to freedom the same as we rely on our Bibles today for direction, safety and refuge.

To gain a North Star and to help the children better understanding of the symbols on the quilts, each child was asked to recognize and locate and identify the different symbols.

“God’s time is always near. He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free.”

Harriet Tubman
Throughout the Bible, God instructs people to set aside special days for rest and remembrance. Yet to him, every day is holy — even if it lacks a holiday, pseudo or otherwise.

“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>April 2017</th>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Palm Sunday</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Resurrection Sunday</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**3LC Young Adult Ministry Sunday**

**Turning Point Life Church** is always looking for articles to publish in our quarterly newsletter. Email your article or idea to Office@turningpointlifecchurch.org. Final newsletter articles are due June 17, 2017.