

The Official Newsletter of Blue Light Ministries

## A message from the Executive Director

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Blue Light Ministries exists to provide spiritual oversight for the members of the Christian Law Enforcement community, to spread the gospel and make disciples of Jesus Christ, and to bridge the gap between members of Law Enforcement and the communities they serve.

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### **Battle to Beat Cancer**

On Sunday March 3rd, the Tulsa Police Department participated in the 1st Annual Battle to Beat Cancer Basketball tournament. Three teams total entered the tournament: Tulsa Police, OU School of Medicine, and OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. At risk youth also participated in the the event, with 2 teenagers added on each team.

The event was inspired by St. Baldrick's Foundation, which is a non-profit organization that raises money for cancer research. Those participating in this event were able to raise over 10k for childhood cancer research!

Although the Tulsa Police basketball team fell short and lost in the championship, it was great for our officers to participate in a community event for a great cause, all the while spending time in a positive environment with at risk youth.



He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. - Isaiah 40:29



# Jobs For Life

Jobs for Life classes, hosted by churches and organizations all over the world, help men and women jdevelop character, become connected to a community of support, and help them obtain far more than just a job. When you participate in a Jobs for Life class you will experience a life filled with confidence, self-control, coaching, learning, and faith.

Executive Director Sean Terrell along with several members of Blue Light Ministries are actively involved in Jobs For Life ministry. At Blue Light Ministries we believe that employment is a key element in restoring communities.



See upcoming events for more information about Jobs For Life classes

> "May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us." – Psalm 90:17



### Romans 13: Authority

#### By Sean Terrell

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to speak to a group of pastors and church leaders about issues related to policing and the African-American community. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what role law enforcement plays in our society and how the church can help participate in the fight for justice in our communities.

Oftentimes when discussing a governmental agency like law enforcement in the context of the church, the conversation at some point or another comes to Romans 13. I believe that this passage is usually taken out of its full context and can easily be abused.

In Romans chapter 13:1, Paul writes "Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established." The word often translated as governing is a word that means surpassing, more excellent, to be better than. So the authority that Paul speaks of is a more excellent, surpassing authority that comes from above.

This is important to understand not just for the citizen but for the governing official also. As law enforcement officers, our authority is not given to us by any official or governing document. Our authority was given to us by God above. The minute we forget that, corruption sets in.

The governing official who not only recognizes the source of the authority but also the responsibility entailed is one who Paul has in mind. In this way, the one in authority was put there by God for your own good (Romans 13:4)



"For the one in authority is God's servant for your good." - Romans 13:4

# **Upcoming Events**

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