National Federation of the Blind

Presents

A GOSPAL & PRAISE FEST

Saturday, April 6, 2024

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM EDT.

We are calling all performers for a Spring Celebration, which is an invitation to praise, worship and gospel musicians near and far to help shed light on blind awareness in Northeast Ohio.

Baby-Boomers, as well as our youth are losing vision at an enormous rate, due to diagnosis , such as, diabetes, arthritis, macular degeneration, COVID, glaucoma, side effects to medication and injuries, to name a few.

Members of the Federation realized the simple truth many years ago that blind people are just people who cannot see—we are not broken sighted people. Blind people are as different as sighted people are; that is, we are a cross-section of the broader society and, therefore, are not all alike as some assume. Blindness is a physical characteristic, but it is not the characteristic that defines us or our future. It is low expectations and misconceptions, not blindness itself, that stand between blind people and our dreams.

Given proper training and opportunity, blind people can and do live the lives we want. It is respectable to be blind, and, with the right tools and techniques, blindness may be reduced to the level of a nuisance or inconvenience. To combat the low expectations, misconceptions, and stereotypes that are the true barriers to achieving our dreams, the blind have organized for the same reasons other minorities have—to make positive social change through collective action.

All performers will be graciously provided with two selections to lift up the word of God through song, dance or by instrumental compilation. For all interested musicians to lend your spiritual talent and support to this crusade, please contact Wilbert Turner at (216) 212-4959 or Suzanne H. Turner at [SMTurner.234@gmail.com](mailto:SMTurner.234@gmail.com) to sign up.

We Thank you!