



## Darrell Keith Heard

Mr. Heard has been a security officer at Tennessee State University for six years and an artist since the age of eight. Darrel came from a long line of artists. His mother and grandfather were artists.

Darrell traced his first painting from a book to show his grandfather and was asked to do it again. His second attempt without tracing received his grandfather's approval.

Darrell decided to pursue his dream of becoming an artist by attending the Nossi College of Arts in Nashville, Tenn., where he specialized in commercial and advertising art. He graduated in 1992. Although his passion has always been oils and pencil, he has done some freelance graphic design in previous jobs.

"I can do all media and I feel like I can run with the best, but I really love seeing if what I create in my mind will be what ends up on the canvas," Darrell stated.

Loosing tract of time and becoming totally absorbed haven't been uncommon for Darrel. When he's not at work, you can find him painting. For more than forty years, art has kept him grounded and focused.

One of his paintings, *Lamb of God*, was a vision for ten years. He credits this to a divine intervention that guides him.

Mr. Heard's love for art continues today. His passion is for all to come and experience the joy of his mastermind creations.

His art will be on display at AWC Library throughout the month of August, 2013.